

The following table shows the disposal of the 147 cases on their discharge from hospital :—*

DISPOSAL OF CASES.

Total Cases.	To Con. Depot and thence to duty.	Direct to Base Depot.	Invalided to the United Kingdom.
147	117	14	16

As the reason of the operation was to render men fit for service in France, it will be necessary to examine the reason for discharging sixteen cases to home hospitals.

REASON FOR TRANSFER TO HOME HOSPITALS.

One case (1)	. . .	Suppuration.
One case (2)	. . .	Post-operative thrombosis of the left femoral vein, after an operation for right inguinal hernia.
One case (3)	. . .	Severe double coxa vara, discovered only after the operation.
One case (4)	. . .	Hæmaturia and cystitis. Recognised only after operation, but probably pre-existing.
One case (5)	. . .	Pneumonia. (Post-operative.)
Two cases (6, 7)	. . .	Debility.
Nine cases (8—16)	. . .	All had been operated upon for some days, and were doing perfectly well. They would all, in the ordinary course, have been discharged to the convalescent depot, but, owing to an urgent order to clear the hospital to make room for wounded, they had to be evacuated.

If the last nine cases be omitted, only seven cases out of 138 had to be evacuated, and of these two (Nos. 3 and 4) were on account of unrecognised pre-operative conditions, and not to post-operative complications.

It will be noticed that only one case had to be sent home on

* Cases of inguinal hernia in which other operations were employed, and cases of femoral and ventral hernia are not included in these figures.