

EDEXCEL GCSE

HISTORY

PAPER 1: Thematic study and historic environment Option 11: Medicine in Britain, c1250-present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914-18: injuries, treatment and the trenches

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Sources for use with Section A.

Source A: Article from the *Leigh Chronicle* in August 1915, describing the support provided by the motor ambulances.

Source B: Kate Luard, a Sister serving on the Western Front kept a diary of her experiences during the Battle of Passchendale, 1917

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‘The motor ambulance for wounded soldiers at the Front subscribed by the people of Leigh... It has cost about £600, and will accommodate four lying-down cases, or eight to ten men standing. Owing to the heavy roads in Flanders the chassis is similar to those built for heavy haulage motors, the usual chassis being too light.’

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Everything has been going at full pitch – with the 12 Teams in Theatre only breaking off for hasty meals – the Dressing Hut, the Preparation Ward and Resuscitation and the four huge Acute Wards, which fill up from the Theatre; the Officers’ Ward, the Moribund and German Ward. Soon after 10 o’clock this morning he [Fritz] began putting over high explosives. Everyone had to put on tin hats and carry on. They burst on two sides of us, not 50 yards away – no direct hits on to us but streams of hot shrapnel. they came over everywhere, even through our Canvas Huts in our quarters. Luckily we were so frantically busy. It doesn’t look as if we should ever sleep again. Of course, a good many die, but a great many seem to be going to do. We get them one hour after injury, which is our ‘raison d’être’ for being here. It is pouring rain, alas, and they are brought in sopping. (July 31st, 11pm)



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