2.4 The Western Front, 1914-18: Wounds and Their Treatment: 10-minute Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 10 minutes on this pack.

1 Give the most common single cause of wounds suffered by soldiers on the Western Front.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Name two treatments a wounded soldier might receive at a Regimental Aid Post before being evacuated further back along the chain.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

3 Name the poison gas, first used from July 1917, that caused severe blistering of the skin and lungs and could remain dangerous in the soil for days.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

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4 Name the type of gas, introduced by German forces in December 1915, which was more lethal than chlorine and harder to detect because it was almost odourless.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 Describe two features of wound excision as a method of treating contaminated wounds on the Western Front.

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

shell and shrapnel fragments (accept artillery fire) **B1**

Answer: Shell and shrapnel fragments

Question 2

basic first aid and a dressing applied to the wound **B1**

morphine given for pain (accept splinting of an obvious fracture) **B1**

Answer: First aid with a wound dressing, and morphine for pain (or splinting).

Question 3

mustard gas **B1**

Answer: Mustard gas

Question 4

phosgene gas **B1**

Answer: Phosgene gas

Question 5

feature 1 identified, e.g. dead and contaminated tissue was carefully cut away back to healthy, bleeding tissue **B1**

supporting detail for feature 1, e.g. this removed the bacteria-carrying dirt, mud and fragments driven into the wound, reducing the risk of infections such as gas gangrene **B1**

feature 2 identified, e.g. the wound was usually left open rather than stitched closed immediately **B1**

supporting detail for feature 2, e.g. this let any remaining infection drain rather than being sealed in, and the wound could be closed safely a few days later once it was clean **B1**

Answer: Any two features, e.g. cutting away dead/contaminated tissue back to healthy tissue, and leaving the wound open before delayed closure once clean.

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