

The foot hung by a piece of skin about 4 inches above the ankle. When in the sick bay I called out for a knife. Mr Beatty, the surgeon stopped it saying 'what are you going to do with a knife?' 'Cut my foot off, it is of no use.' I say. About an hour after the doctor laid me on the table. 'Cut where you please. During the amputation I said to the ship's company, 'My men it is nothing to have a limb off, you will find pleasure when you come here, men, to get rid of your shattered limb.'

Andrew Phelling was burnt in the face, neck, breast and thighs by an explosion of one of the main guns. He survived but David Morris was less fortunate who was fatally injured in the same accident. Severely burnt over his forehead, face, neck and over the whole of his chest and back. He was bled but after a fortnight died.

William Shoveller

Activities

You are the Surgeon's mates. What wounds are brought to you for treatment? How do you treat them?



Treatment often consisted of bleeding the patient which they thought would put the body back into balance. Severe injuries usually led to an amputation.

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