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ABSTRACT

Provisional and rough estimates are given of the probability that random hits, by a caliber 0.30 rifle-bullet, Ball M2, will incapacitate men. The estimates are based on estimates by Dr. A. J. Dziemian of the Biophysics Division at Edgewood of the fractions of total projected body area on which hits would result in particular types of disability within times of 30 seconds, 5 minutes, and 30 minutes after wounding. The duties of the target troops are those either of infantry in assault, of infantry on the defensive, of infantry in reserve, or of supply troops. At ranges below 300 yards the probability that a random hit will incapacitate an infantryman in assault within 30 seconds is found to be about 0.61, within 5 minutes 0.73, and within 30 minutes 0.89. Against defensive troops the probabilities are somewhat lower, against reserve and supply troops somewhat higher.
1. INTRODUCTION

The numerical probability that a random hit by a rifle-bullet will incapacitate a soldier has long been needed for effectiveness and operational studies, as well as for purposes of design. No published incapacitation criterion appears to be appropriate. The availability of some reasonable numerical criterion, even if it is rough and provisional, is in particular currently desirable in view of the possibility that dart-firing hand-weapons may be effective in combat. It is necessary to know how effective conventional bullets would be, in comparison with the novel weapons in order to determine the desirability of the novel hand-weapons.

Some discussion of prior wounding and incapacitation criteria may be desirable. An old criterion of wounding power is the 58-foot-pound rule which states in its crudest form that missiles with 58 foot-pounds of kinetic energy do not kill, and that those with more than 58 foot-pounds do kill. This criterion, which appears to have been borrowed from a more plausible doctrine employed by the German Army at the beginning of the present century, was perhaps never intended to be more than a rule of thumb applicable to lead spheres weighing about half an ounce and about half an inch in diameter. A scientific study by a French Officer, Colonel Journee, did not particularly support a 58-foot-pound rule rather than a 35-foot-pound or a 115-foot-pound rule. Colonel Journee's program, fired through human and equine corpses, covered a range of weights and velocities of various lead and jacketed projectiles without reaching any single specific numerical, energy criterion. Reflection about some generally recognized wounding situations indicates that no simple energy criterion can be generally valid. A two-hundred-pound football player, falling three feet upon a tough opponent and hitting him with 600 foot-pounds of kinetic energy,

1 H. Rohne, Schiesslehre fur Infanterie, 1906, p. 68, "To put a man out of action, according to the views prevailing in the German Artillery, a kinetic energy of eight meter-kilograms is sufficient."

2 Colonel Journee, Revue d'Artillerie, Volume 70, April-September 1907.
frequently causes no injury or incapacitation at all. On the other hand a mere woman, pushing a dagger with a force of approximately twelve pounds for a distance of about six inches into a man's chest, can kill him by an expenditure of only about six foot-pounds of energy. It would be unnecessary to argue here against the general validity of a rule so clearly inconsistent with experience and apparently based upon no scientific data, were it not for the fact that a 58-foot-pound "rule" is still used by some weapon analysts. Although roughly applicable to un-stabilized fragments of particular weights, the "rule" is particularly inapplicable to darts with knife-like cutting fins and may be inapplicable to bullets.

Measurement of the wounding power of missiles in terms of their penetration through wood has provided a still older, and perhaps superior, criterion. But the one-inch value through pine that is usually used appears to rest upon no more valid a foundation than some Danish experiments, through pine and into live horses, performed sometime before 1867 when they were quoted without detailed reference by Brevet-Colonel J. G. Benton in a textbook intended for cadets of the U.S. Military Academy. Projectiles that would penetrate 0.31 inches of pine were said to produce only slight contusions of the skin; projectiles that would penetrate .63 inches of pine would produce dangerous but not disabling wounds; projectiles that would penetrate 1.2 inches of pine would produce very dangerous wounds. Since the date of the Danish experiments must have been earlier than 1867, it appears possible that the projectiles referred to had diameters of the order of 0.7 inches, a common caliber for military muskets in the early nineteenth century.

Quantitative scientific work appears to have started with Burns and Zuckerman in England who made an analysis of the quantitative


requirements for wounding and by Gurney\textsuperscript{5} who suggested in 1944 from hydrodynamical considerations that $mv^3$ might be a more suitable criterion than kinetic energy for the ability of projectiles to wound humans. Work was also carried on\textsuperscript{6} by the Princeton Department of Biology under the auspices of the National Research Council, of which an important report was made by McMillen and Gregg\textsuperscript{6}. McMillen and Gregg classified wounds into those that were "light" and into those that were "either fatal or severe". The latter class of wound would be caused, they assumed, by projectiles\textsuperscript{6} reaching certain vulnerable regions inside the body after traversing protecting layers of skin, soft tissue, and bone. By making use of the measured retardations of steel balls in skin, soft tissues, and bone and by employing the known geometry of the body and its organs they arrived at numerical probabilities that random hits, by steel balls on a human target, would cause fatal or serious wounds.

Since the McMillen and Gregg results related only to spheres, some generalization was necessary before the results could be applied to non-spherical fragments. The generalization, based upon equivalent penetrations, was made\textsuperscript{7} in Ballistic Research Laboratories Technical Note No. 370. The fragments contemplated were non-stabilized.

Experiments performed in 1951 by the Biophysics Division, Chemical Corps Medical Laboratories, at the Army Chemical Center at the request of the Ballistic Research Laboratories resulted in rough numerical probabilities that random hits on a man by non-spherical, non-stabilized fragments would cause incapacitation. These early experiments appear

\textsuperscript{5}Gurney, R. W. A New Casualty Criterion. BRL Report No. 498, 1944.

\textsuperscript{6}McMillen, J. H., and J. R. Gregg. The energy, mass and velocity which is required of small missiles in order to produce a casualty. Missile Casualties Report No. 12, 1945, National Research Council, Division of Medical Sciences, acting for the committee on Medical Research, Office of Scientific Research and Development.

\textsuperscript{7}T. E. Sterne, "A Provisional Casualty Criterion", BRL Technical Note No. 370, March 1951.
to have been the first incapacitation, rather than wounding experiments, to have been carried out with fragments and live animal targets. The wounds were assessed in terms of the probable incapacitation that they would have caused in men, although the results were not transformed from the geometry of the test animals employed (goats) to the geometry of men. Although the results were rough they were largely experimental and were therefore objective in a manner in which no previous incapacitation data had been. The results were cast into a form suitable for quantitative use in weapon evaluations by one of the authors in Ballistic Research Laboratories Technical Note No. 556 and in Ballistic Research Laboratories Memorandum Report No. 591. The experimental data employed were published in Chemical Corps Medical Laboratories Research Report No. 99.

The preceding historical account leads one to the formal incapacitation studies that have been carried out for several years by the Biophysics Division. In May, 1952, a formal cooperative program was agreed upon by the Chemical Corps, Medical Services, and Ordnance Corps to determine by experiment the numerical probabilities that a man would reach a specified level of incapacitation after he had been struck at random by fragments, bullets, or blast waves having specified physical characteristics. Basic incapacitation studies have been carried out, under the agreement, by the Biophysics Division, Chemical Corps Medical Laboratories, on non-stabilized fragments of various sizes. This work has been performed much more carefully and deliberately than any previous incapacitation work, and the complete


results of the studies on the first two fragments to be experimented with, namely an 0.85-grain steel sphere and a 16-grain steel cube, have already been published. 11, 12, 13

2. THE EDGEOOD INCAPACITATION EXPERIMENTS AND CONCEPTS, AND SOME RESULTS

Fragments of known material, shape, mass, and striking velocity are fired from guns at experimental animals, and the wounds are carefully studied. Hits are obtained on all important regions, and through all important body organs. The wounds are medically studied. The rates of loss of velocity by similar fragments as they traverse known thicknesses of skin, muscle tissue, bone, and other types of body tissue are independently measured by special retardation experiments. Next, by the help of detailed anatomical drawings, the surface of the human body is divided conceptually into small areas on which the consequences of impacts, by individual fragments, are separately considered.

For each position of fragment impact that is contemplated, the tissues and structures that would be hit are predicted along with the remaining velocities of the fragment. From the nature of the structures traversed, and from the remaining velocities along the path of the fragment, the severity and nature of the human wound that would result are predicted on the basis of the medically studied wounds in the test animals. This is done for all areas of the body surface, and for a number of different directions of impact.

11 H. Fiege, L. Angelone, M. A. Vaughn, A. J. Dziemian, "Incapacitation Produced by a 0.85-Grain Steel Sphere at 3800 Feet per Second". Chemical Corps Medical Laboratories Research Report No. 246, February 1954.
On the basis of experience with the wounded test animals, and of surgical or medical experience with human incapacitation by wounds, wounds of specific ages are classified into Functional or Disability Groups. Wounds are characterized by their location, by the types of tissues and by the identity of organs or other structures traversed, as well as by the severity and type of damage. The Functional or Disability Groups, on the other hand, are defined in terms of incapacitation, as related to the behavior of the extremities. In the Edgewood results relating to 0.85-grain spherical fragments 10 Functional Groups were employed, defined in Table II of Reference 12, and reproduced in this report as Table 1.

In Reference 13, relating to the 16-grain steel cube, 16 Disability Groups were employed, defined in Table I of Reference 13, reproduced in this report as Table II.

The difference between the definitions of the Functional Groups in References 11 and 12 on the one hand, and of the Disability Groups in Reference 13 on the other is understood to have been due to a natural process of evolution that permitted Dr. Gould, the principal medical assessor in the 16-grain studies, to employ a somewhat more highly refined classification than the system that had been pioneered by his predecessor, Dr. Herbert Fiege, for the 0.85-grain studies. The 0.85-grain workers employed 10 Functional Groups, while the 16-grain workers employed 16 Disability Groups.

"Loss" in Tables I and II means loss of the use of an extremity, and does not necessarily involve the structural loss of the extremity, or even the wounding of the extremity. An explanation, by the use of an example, of the concepts of "fine" and "coarse" muscular coordination has been suggested by Dr. Herget. We have all of us, at one time or another, sat in such a position that the blood supply to a leg was interfered with, and the leg "went asleep". In this state we can still hobble about - i.e. we still have coarse function. We would not be able accurately to kick a football with that limb - fine function is temporarily absent.
A particular wound, after a certain time, may be evaluated as falling into a particular Functional Group, for example into Piege's Group IV. At a later time the impairment of functioning of the extremities, due to the same wound may have become more serious and at the later time the wound may thus fall into a new Functional Group, for example VII. The

**TABLE I**

**FUNCTIONAL GROUPS ASSIGNED TO WOUNDS BASED ON THE EFFECT ON THE EXTREMITIES**

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<td>Loss of fine muscular coordination in one arm or partial loss of fine muscular coordination in both arms.</td>
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<td>Loss of fine muscular coordination in both legs, or total loss of one leg.</td>
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<td>Total loss of one leg and loss of fine muscular coordination of other leg.</td>
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<td>Total loss of one arm or loss of fine muscular coordination in both arms, or loss of fine muscular coordination in both legs and partial loss of fine muscular coordination in both arms.</td>
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<td>VII</td>
<td>Total loss of both legs.</td>
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<td>Loss of fine muscular coordination in all extremities.</td>
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<td>Total loss of both legs and partial loss of fine muscular coordination in both arms.</td>
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<td>Total loss of both arms or all extremities.</td>
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* The loss of fine muscular coordination of an extremity implies that coarse muscular coordination still exists and likewise, the total loss of an extremity implies the absence of both fine and coarse muscular coordination.
### TABLE II

DISABILITY (FUNCTIONAL) GROUPS BASED ON EXTREMITY BEHAVIOR, AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO EXPERIMENTAL WOUNDS (WOUND CLASSES)

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<td>+ = loss of fine muscular coordination (weakness), with maintenance of coarse extremity function</td>
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<td>++ = total loss of extremity function, both fine and coarse coordination</td>
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Functional Group 'to which a given wound falls thus depends upon the
time that has elapsed since the wound occurred. The times selected by the
Biophysics Division are 30 seconds, 5 minutes, 30 seconds, 12 hours,
24 hours, 48 hours, and 5 days. Each wound, among those contemplated
through the elements of area of the human body surface, is assessed as
falling into one of the ten or sixteen Functional Groups for each of these
seven times. Surveying the entire body surface, adding together all the
small elements of area into which it has been conceptually divided, and
averaging over the different directions of impact, the research workers
of the Biophysics Division eventually arrive at a table like Table IV
of reference 12, giving the fraction of the total projected body area
upon which a hit, by a fragment with specified physical characteristics
and striking velocity, would produce wounds in each of the Functional
Groups I through X, at each of the seven times after wounding. Thus,
for an 0.85-grain spherical steel fragment striking at 3800 feet per
second, 2.7% of the projected body area is found to be such as to yield
wounds in Functional Group IV twelve hours after wounding; 0.1% of the
body area is found to yield wounds in Functional Group V twelve hours
after wounding; 9.4% of the area is found to result in wounds in
Functional Group VI twelve hours after wounding, etc. After twenty-four
hours, the corresponding percentages are different, being then 12.3%, 1.6%,
and 6.1% respectively. Table IV of reference 12 actually contains 7x3x10 =
210 entries in all for the 0.85-grain sphere; corresponding to all combi-
nations of seven times, three striking velocities, and ten Functional
Groups. The percentage, of the total projected body area, listed in the
table can be interpreted as the probability that if a man is hit at random
by a steel sphere of the specified size and striking velocity, the
resulting wound will be in the specified Functional Group within the
specified time after wounding.

There has next been introduced the concept of four standard stress
situations. "Incapacitation" of a soldier refers to his inability to
carry out certain duties. To "incapacitate" a soldier means "to deprive
him of capacity", and the activities, for the doing of which his
capacities have been removed, must be specified before his "incapacitation"
can have a specific meaning. The actions with respect to which
incapacitation should be defined relate to the soldier's combat duties, which are various and depend upon the tactical situation as well as the soldier's military assignment. After consultation with combat officers, the workers in the Biophysics Division selected four important and typical stress situations: the assault, the defense, the reserve, and supply. Infantry soldiers during an assault were considered to require the use of their arms and legs. An ability to run was very desirable, and to move about was necessary. The use of at least one arm was necessary and of both arms was desirable. Without the ability to move about, a soldier could not participate in an assault; and if he could not use hand-operated weapons, his presence and his motion were alike futile. Wounds in Fiege's functional groups I through X were therefore assigned the percentages of incapacitation, or "weights", in Table V of reference 12 which is reprinted below as Table III.

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In references 12 and 13 the word "assault" is described as "offense". The authors here use the word "assault", as suggested to them privately by Colonel A. B. Del Campo, because they believe it to correspond more closely than the word "offense" to the stress situation that was contemplated by the Biophysics Division. It will be noticed that wounds in Functional Groups I and II are considered not to incapacitate the assault soldier at all, while wounds in the higher Functional Groups incapacitate him by 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100%. The 100% incapacitation corresponds to Functional Group VIII, VIII, X, and X, and thus involves the total loss of the use of both legs, the total loss of the use of both arms, or the loss of fine muscular coordination in all extremities.

In the same way, a standard "defense" situation was considered in which the soldier would not need to move so long as he could operate hand weapons. Locomotion, although desirable, was not necessary to the performance of some valuable duties. The notion involved is that an enemy soldier on the defensive, attacked by our troops, can be effective in helping to stop our advance without the need for his moving, so long as he can operate weapons. It will be noticed that different percentages of incapacitation were assigned to the various Functional Groups in the "defense" situation in the table, from those in the "assault" situation.

The third stress situation considered was that of troops held in "reserve". These reserve troops were conceived to be troops ready for combat and close to combat but not yet committed to combat. They are in battalion or divisional reserve, and once committed have then to participate either in an assault, or in defense. It seems reasonable that such troops, required to be capable of more numerous possible activities than troops already specifically committed to assault or defense, will in general be more vulnerable to incapacitation by wounds than troops in "assault" or "defense" situations.

The final stress situation was that of "supply", which included vehicle drivers, ammunition handlers, and a variety of other personnel, possibly far from combat. The Biophysics Division considered that such troops are very vulnerable to incapacitation; they need to use all extremities, and any wounds in Fiege's Functional Groups III through X are considered to incapacitate them completely.
The percentages of incapacitation assigned in reference 13 to Gould's sixteen Disability Groups are as follows:

**TABLE IV**

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1 T. E. Sterne, "A Provisional Criterion for Incapacitation by a Dart: II (U)". NRL Memorandum Report No. 918, August 1955.
TABLE VI
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TABLE VII
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With the probabilities $G_i$ in Table V that bullet-hits will produce the various Gould Disability Groups in the various times, and the probabilities $P_i$ in Table VI of incapacitation*, one obtains the probabilities $P$ of Table VII that a random hit by a caliber 0.30 rifle-bullet, Ball M2, on a man in any one of the four stress situations will incapacitate him within 30 seconds, 5 minutes, or 30 minutes at ranges up to 300 yards.

$$P = G_{I I} P + G_{II} P + G_{III} P + \ldots + G_{XVI} P$$

* All results relating to the incapacitating power of fragments will probably have to be transformed to the basis of the Fiege Groups because the 0.85-grain fragment was evaluated in the Fiege system while fragments later worked on have been evaluated on the Gould system. It is hoped that Table VI in the present report may assist in the transformation of all incapacitation data to the Fiege system.