

specialities are excluded. The subject is approached in a way that British textbooks might well follow—it commences by describing the hand signals by the surgeon to his assistant for instruments, ligatures, sutures. It goes on to teach suturing and knotting—one handed, two handed, or with instruments. The advice throughout the volume is essentially practical and the illustrations are profuse and, step by step, teach the operative technique in the way that one expects of American illustrations and diagrams.

It is very unfortunate that dollars are scarce.

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### *Correspondence*

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THE following letter of appreciation has been received by the Director-General, Army Medical Services, from Major-General D. R. Thapar, *C.I.E.*, *O.B.E.*, Deputy Director of Medical Services, Southern Army, India. Major-General Thapar during his stay in Europe visited a number of military medical installations in both the United Kingdom and Germany.

"MY DEAR GENERAL,

Before I leave England, I would like to express my most grateful thanks for your courtesy and hospitality during my stay in this country.

It was very nice of you indeed to have made all arrangements for the quick visits to your most instructive Institutions. To say the least, I have learned a lot and hope that I shall be carrying back my impressions and represent them successfully to my Director-General.

I hope there will be more and more co-ordination between our sister services to the mutual benefit of the Medical Services.

With kindest regards."

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) D. R. THAPAR.

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### *Extracts from the "London Gazette"*

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(1) HONOURS AND AWARDS

(a) *R.A.M.C. and R.A.D.C. (T.A.)*

The King has been graciously pleased to confer "The Efficiency Decoration" upon the following officers of the Territorial Army:

(i) *Royal Army Medical Corps*

Maj. A. H. Heathcote

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