

## *At Random*

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Helicopter evacuations of casualties have saved hundreds of lives in the Korean war. The ever-handy "egg-beater" is the safe answer to all evacuation problems. Here an American 'copter sets down in a frozen paddy-field to collect Australian stretcher-cases handed in by mates of Third Battalion, R.A.R.

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### MOUNTAIN WARFARE

THE "Medical" problems of Mountain Warfare have probably varied little over many decades and even centuries. As Time, the scientific methods of control of disease and modern methods of transportation have progressed, so the actual difficulties have perhaps diminished. But with our modern ideas of the standards of medical and surgical treatment and the desire for the maximum elimination of shock and its sequelæ the medical difficulties of mountain warfare have probably not appreciably decreased.

From the days of Alexander and Hannibal, Wellington and The Corsican, Cumberland and Robert The Bruce; from the actions of Spion Kop, Dargai and Monte Bello the main problem for the Regimental Medical Officer or Field Ambulance Commander, or their equivalents, of the evacuation of battle casualties and sick from mountain pickets and down precipitous slopes has probably remained and still remains much the same. In the end the main problem and solution is the hand carriage of casualties by the personal effort of the medical unit or Regimental Stretcher Bearer.

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