

ALDERSHOT - ATOMIC REHEARSAL  
FOR DOCTORS.

Before many high ranking officers in the Aldershot area, a large but harmless firework is used to simulate the effect of an atomic explosion.

The Royal Army Medical Corps lay on an exercise to demonstrate the effects of radiation, heat-flash and blast on troops carrying out routine duties.

These mock casualties are well versed in the Army tradition of making its exercises as realistic as possible. The soldiers are showing the grim results of an atomic burst at various distances and in differing circumstances, for quite often simple materials such as tent canvas or corrugated iron will offer some degree of protection, even though it falls on you.

The underlying reason behind the demonstration is the need, (in these days of nuclear warfare), for men and women of all arms of the service to understand and apply the principles of first-aid without relying as previously on the Royal Army Medical Corps.

While doctors will still concentrate on dealing with the major injuries and cases which call for surgical operations, all troops are being trained to give early first-aid and so save many lives which otherwise might be lost for the lack of a little skill and attention.