

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Surgeon General's Office,

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 1868.

SIR:

A copy of Circular No., of the Surgeon General's Office has been this day mailed to your address.

It is very desirable that the Medical and Surgical History and Statistics of the late war should be made as complete and accurate as possible, both for the credit of the Government and of the Medical Profession of the United States, and for the advancement of the science and art of medicine and surgery.

You are therefore respectfully invited to transmit to the Surgeon General of the Army such information bearing on the subject as may be in your possession, with the assurance that you will receive due credit for the same, and that it will be recommended to Congress that a copy of the work when published shall be sent to all those who have materially assisted in furnishing data for its compilation.

The kind of information especially desired is as follows:

1st. Concerning cases of recovery after penetrating wounds of the Cranium, Thorax, Abdomen, or large joints.

2d. Cases of recovery after gunshot fractures of extremities, in which the limb has been preserved.

3d. Cases in which Amputation, Excision, Resection, Trephining; or Ligation of Arteries have been performed.

4th. Cases in which missiles remain lodged in the body.

In all these the following things should be stated:

The name, former rank, company, regiment and age of the man, and the place and date of injury; the anatomical location of the wound or operation; the date at which you examined it, and the exact condition of the parts at that time. Also the effect which it has produced upon the man's general health; upon his use of his limbs, and upon his nervous system,

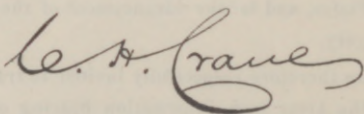
*Circular letter similar to this, dated
January -, '66 - Mr. Roller has them.*

respiration and digestion. If the name of the operator, the length of time required for the repair of the injury, the character and practical value of the apparatus or artificial limb employed, and other points which readily suggest themselves, can be furnished, they will add much to the value of the report.

Information is also requested as to the deaths of soldiers absent on furlough, which may have occurred in your neighborhood; in such cases the name, rank, company and regiment of the man, the date and place at which he was furloughed, and the date and cause of his death, are desired.

Contributions of photographs and casts showing results of injuries, and of pathological specimens, are also invited for the benefit of the Army Medical Museum, in this City.

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. H. Crane". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Assistant Surgeon General, U. S. Army.