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## **FIRST-AID MANUAL FOR FIELD PARTIES.**

### **FIRST AID.**

First aid is the giving of immediate treatment by persons to sufferers from accident or those overcome by sudden illness before regular medical or surgical care can be obtained.

No positive line of procedure can be laid down for any particular case, since the circumstances surrounding each accident or illness are necessarily different. The first-aid worker must use common sense and, if he can not follow exactly the methods suggested, should adopt the ones most practical to relieve the patient and prevent a bad condition from becoming worse.

The object of first aid is to give the right kind of assistance before the doctor can be reached, during which time bleeding must be controlled, broken bones and dislocated joints so fixed that they can cause no further injury, pain relieved as much as possible, and the patient made as comfortable as can be without endangering his safety.

Where a doctor is not available, some person, preferably with a knowledge of first aid, should be designated to have charge of all such work.

In all serious cases, or cases which may develop into serious conditions later on, the patient should be taken to a doctor or a doctor brought to the patient as soon as it can be done. When a doctor is sent for he should be informed of the nature of the accident or illness, in order that he may bring with him such medicine and instruments as may be required.

The person rendering first aid should not get excited, but should perform his work in a calm, collected manner, as only in this way can proper treatment be given and the injured person inspired with confidence in the ability of the person aiding him.