

TABLE 22.—*Percentage distributions of body area and of wounded- or injured-in-action cases, by anatomic location, U.S. Army, in the Civil War and World Wars I and II*

Anatomic location	Body area ¹	World War II			World War I ⁵	Civil War ⁵
		Total ²	European theater ³	Mediterranean theater ⁴		
Head, face, or neck.....	12.0	14.7	13.6	14.0	11.4	10.7
Chest.....	16.0	10.4	10.7	10.2	3.6	11.7
Abdomen.....	11.0	5.6	5.3	4.7	3.4	6.7
Upper extremity.....	22.0	27.9	27.4	29.2	36.2	35.7
Lower extremity.....	39.0	41.4	43.0	41.9	45.4	35.2
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Based on a study by Burns and Zuckerman of the surface area of the human male body. The percentages shown represent proportions of total body area.

² Based on consolidations of various Army and theater reports and special studies encompassing some 460,000 wounded or injured in action.

³ Based on consolidations of data from the First, Third, Seventh, and Ninth U.S. Field Armies.

⁴ Based on experience of the Fifth U.S. Army during 1944.

⁵ Distributions based on number of wounds, not wounded men.

Source: Medical Statistics Division, Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army.