

TABLE 34.—Fractures of long bones of United States veterans of the World War, by condition on first examination, by location of fractures, and deaths, as of January 1, 1926 \*

| Condition on first examination  | Location of fracture |       |        |                  |         |       |        |                 | Total  |
|---|----------------------|-------|--------|------------------|---------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------|
|   | Femur                | Tibia | Fibula | Tibia and fibula | Humerus | Ulna  | Radius | Radius and ulna |        |
| <b>Associated conditions:</b>   |                      |       |        |                  |         |       |        |                 |        |
| Osteomyelitis.....  | 309                  | 380   | 110    | 372              | 465     | 95    | 73     | 97              | 1,899  |
| Osteomyelitis and shortening, osteomyelitis, shortening, and deformity..... | 551                  | 111   | 12     | 267              | 190     | 21    | 21     | 73              | 1,246  |
| Osteomyelitis, shortening, and ankylosis.....                               | 115                  | 13    | 2      | 31               | 29      | 2     | —      | 6               | 198    |
| Osteomyelitis, shortening, deformity, and ankylosis.....                    | 89                   | 17    | 1      | 60               | 31      | 1     | 8      | 12              | 219    |
| Osteomyelitis, deformity, and ankylosis.....                                | 72                   | 47    | 11     | 68               | 132     | 12    | 23     | 26              | 391    |
| Shortening.....   | 689                  | 68    | 16     | 230              | 160     | 32    | 27     | 38              | 1,260  |
| Shortening and deformity.....   | 543                  | 76    | 11     | 346              | 204     | 29    | 65     | 129             | 1,463  |
| Shortening, deformity, and ankylosis.....                                   | 68                   | 8     | 2      | 39               | 27      | 4     | 6      | 16              | 170    |
| Shortening and ankylosis.....   | 93                   | 11    | 2      | 27               | 45      | 3     | 3      | 8               | 192    |
| Deformity.....  | 117                  | 197   | 102    | 382              | 465     | 157   | 217    | 347             | 1,944  |
| Ankylosis or ankylosis and deformity.....                                   | 124                  | 80    | 40     | 157              | 308     | 49    | 76     | 143             | 977    |
| Not stated.....   | 2,368                | 1,281 | 934    | 2,506            | 2,332   | 786   | 837    | 1,425           | 12,449 |
| Deaths.....   | 168                  | 50    | 24     | 126              | 112     | 24    | 35     | 67              | 606    |
| Total.....  | 5,306                | 2,339 | 1,267  | 4,611            | 4,440   | 1,193 | 1,391  | 2,407           | 22,954 |
| <b>Bone graft, plating or nerve involvement:</b>                            |                      |       |        |                  |         |       |        |                 |        |
| Nerve involvement.....  | 398                  | 160   | 154    | 284              | 981     | 294   | 233    | 344             | 2,838  |
| Bone graft with nerve involvement.....                                      | 8                    | 2     | 1      | 8                | 21      | 13    | 20     | 18              | 91     |
| Bone graft.....   | 46                   | 20    | 2      | 47               | 20      | 30    | 22     | 26              | 195    |
| Bone graft with nonunion.....   | 16                   | 12    | 1      | 23               | 30      | 7     | 7      | 22              | 118    |
| Bone graft with nonunion with nerve involvement.....                        | 1                    | 3     | —      | 5                | 17      | 3     | 7      | 16              | 49     |
| Nonunion with nerve involvement.....  | 11                   | 1     | 9      | 17               | 67      | 37    | 22     | 39              | 263    |
| Nonunion.....   | 58                   | 40    | 23     | 67               | 98      | 64    | 23     | 94              | 465    |
| Faulty union.....   | 171                  | 51    | 17     | 165              | 100     | 47    | 50     | 26              | 677    |
| Plating.....  | 198                  | 7     | 2      | 34               | 21      | —     | 8      | 13              | 193    |
| Wiring.....   | 6                    | —     | —      | 2                | 1       | —     | —      | 4               | 14     |
| Not stated.....   | 4,315                | 1,903 | 1,034  | 3,805            | 2,972   | 693   | 974    | 1,688           | 17,365 |
| Deaths.....   | 168                  | 50    | 24     | 126              | 112     | 24    | 35     | 67              | 606    |
| Total.....  | 5,306                | 2,339 | 1,267  | 4,611            | 4,440   | 1,193 | 1,391  | 2,407           | 22,954 |
| <b>Shortening:</b>  |                      |       |        |                  |         |       |        |                 |        |
| Under 1 inch.....   | 874                  | 213   | 26     | 618              | 427     | 53    | 78     | 169             | 2,458  |
| Under 2 inches.....   | 854                  | 35    | 11     | 224              | 142     | 12    | 17     | 54              | 1,349  |
| Under 3 inches.....   | 243                  | 8     | 2      | 43               | 49      | 6     | 4      | 22              | 377    |
| Under 4 inches.....   | 62                   | —     | —      | 2                | 15      | —     | —      | 7               | 89     |
| 4 inches or over.....   | 16                   | —     | 1      | 1                | 4       | 1     | —      | 1               | 24     |
| Amount not stated.....  | 106                  | 35    | 4      | 94               | 35      | 13    | 26     | 26              | 339    |
| Not stated.....   | 2,983                | 1,998 | 1,197  | 3,503            | 3,656   | 1,084 | 1,230  | 2,061           | 17,712 |
| Deaths.....   | 168                  | 50    | 24     | 126              | 112     | 24    | 35     | 67              | 606    |
| Total.....  | 5,306                | 2,339 | 1,267  | 4,611            | 4,440   | 1,193 | 1,391  | 2,407           | 22,954 |

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