

Handout 2: What did the wounded soldiers face during the Civil War?

Instructions: Respond to the following questions based on the materials presented in the “Maimed Men” exhibition section (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/LifeandLimb/maimedmen.html>).

1. *“The Limbs of soldiers were in as much danger from the ardor of young surgeons as from the missiles of the enemy.”* Whose quote is this?

What does the quote tell you about what happened to soldiers in the war after they were wounded?

2. How did the advances and limitations in Civil War medicine shape the treatment of wounded soldiers?

3. Examine the photos and illustrations in the “Maimed Men.” Explain what these images tell you about the state of medical care during the Civil War that the words alone could not?

4. What new understanding have you gained about treatment of wounded soldiers in the Civil War ?