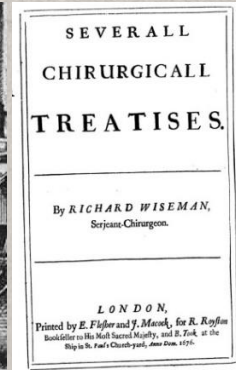
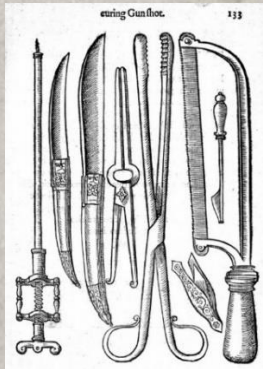




English Civil War Wounds and Surgery



The following information has been kindly shared by
Professor Steve Rutherford following his talk
to Friends of Millbank on 30 June 2023

Treating and surviving battlefield wounds in the British Civil Wars

Many of the aspects of 17th Century surgery covered in Steve's talk are available in his series of short blogs on the website of the 'Civil War Petitions' website, set up by Prof. Andrew Hopper (now at Oxford University):

1. The physical impact of gunshot wounds in the British Civil Wars

<https://www.civilwarpetitions.ac.uk/blog/manie-dangerous-woundes-and-shotts-the-physical-impact-of-gunshot-wounds-in-the-british-civil-wars/>

2. Wounds, battlefield trauma, and their survivability in the British Civil Wars

<https://www.civilwarpetitions.ac.uk/blog/wounds-battlefield-trauma-and-their-survivability-in-the-british-civil-wars/>

3. The personal cost of war: injuries from firearms and their treatment during the Civil Wars

<https://www.civilwarpetitions.ac.uk/blog/the-personal-cost-of-war-injuries-from-firearms-and-their-treatment-during-the-civil-wars/>

Two key reference sources are Dr Eric Gruber von Arni's books '**Justice to the Maimed Soldier: Nursing, Medical Care and Welfare for Sick and Wounded Soldiers and their Families during the English Civil Wars and Interregnum, 1642-1660**' (Routledge, 2001), and '**Hospital Care and the British Standing Army, 1660-1714**' (reprinted as '**Justice For The Maimed Soldier 2: Army Hospital care from the Restoration to 1714**'). Dr Gruber von Arni (retired senior army nurse) is the foremost expert on nursing care in the 17th C, and has extensive knowledge of surgical procedures. See relevant books and publications at:

<https://www.abebooks.co.uk/book-search/author/eric-gruber-arni/>

You can view the recording of Steve Rutherford's talk on our Members' Area.

See <https://www.friendsofmillbank.org/talks-2023/>



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Relevant publications by Steve Rutherford



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1. ***Ground-breaking pioneers or dangerous amateurs? Did early-modern surgery have any basis in medical science?*** In: Pells, Ismini, ed. *New Approaches to the Military History of the English Civil War - Proceedings of the First Helion & Co. 'Century of the Soldier' Conference*. Solihull: Helion and Co, 2016; pp. 151-183. <https://orca.cardiff.ac.uk/id/eprint/101352/>
2. ***A new kind of surgery for a new kind of war: gunshot wounds and their treatment in the British Civil Wars.*** <https://orca.cardiff.ac.uk/id/eprint/101353/> Chapter 3, in: David Appleby & Andrew Hopper (eds). *Battle Scarred* <https://academic.oup.com/manchester-scholarship-online/book/18361>



¹ See: <https://profiles.cardiff.ac.uk/staff/rutherfords>

