

Introduction

These papers were published in the Journal of the Royal Army Medical Corps in the months following the Falklands War. In many respects they reflect medical practice at the time. Unfortunately, they also draw attention to lessons we seem compelled to relearn on a regular basis.

There are, essentially, two groups of papers. The first, personal experiences provide a vivid description of life as a medical officer in conflict twenty five years ago. The second are papers which review particular areas of the practice of military medicine and surgery. Where appropriate, these are accompanied by a modern commentary.