

Joseph Drake

Inoculations

There was a big marquee put up for the Medical Officer. So he took the opportunity in first two weeks of giving us all jabs in the arm. We had about five different lots all pumped into us within them first two weeks, so it wasn't a very pleasant two weeks. A lot were out to t'wild and he finished up with his marquee full of invalids coming round after the injections they'd had for malaria and all these type of illnesses which you were likely to get when you go abroad. They had to wait so many hours before they could give you another one, three days sometimes before they could carry on with next one. So we were paraded into the MO's marquee. I always remember that one bloke out of our tent, a big tall thin lad, every time the orderly got hold of his arm he used to faint and he used to go down on to the floor but they used to follow him down and still put it in.