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Amputated legs and feet in a pile at a Civil War army hospital. About 60,000 surgeries were conducted during the American Civil War and about a quarter of them were amputations. The large number was in part due to the large number of wounded and the limited time to care for everyone, and newly minted doctors. Many of the doctors had never conducted a major operation or done dissection.

For more on amputations during the American Civil War go to:

<http://www.pbs.org/mercy-street/uncover-history/behind-lens/surgery-civi...>

<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/lifeandlimb/maimedmen.html>

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