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500,000 CHINESE WOUNDED TREATED BY MEDICAL CORPS

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Hankow, Oct. 7.—Medical Service authorities of the Chinese Army today told the United Press that approximately half million wounded have been treated by the various military hospitals since the beginning of the war.

Seventy-five per cent of the total have been already discharged of whom all, except about 5 per cent, returned to the fighting lines leaving approximately 100,000 at present hospitalized.

One of the chief problems faced by the medical authorities is to keep the severely wounded soldiers evacuated from the base hospitals, which might possibly fall into the hands of the Japanese and which is especially difficult since such hospitals are naturally crowded with freshly wounded Chinese soldiers from the front.

At present the medical authorities are busy evacuating the wounded from Wuhan, of whom 10,000 were evacuated in the past fortnight, and over 800 are being evacuated daily by the Peking-Hankow railway to Sian, while others are being removed by boats and trains to Changsha. This leaves only about 4,000 wounded Chinese soldiers in Wuhan.

Still Room

It is understood that there is still room for from 10,000 to 15,000 wounded in southern Hunan in the event the Pinghan railway is cut.

Of the total number hospitalized only about 7,000 have died, 8,000 were discharged as disabled and unfit for further military service, while only 5,000 were discharged and did not return to their regiments.