

The hospital conditions are very bad according to Florence. There are lots of horrible injuries to cope with and she has written the letter to show the people in England how bad the hospital conditions are. She has to deal with 540 men arriving last minute and has very little time to prepare for their arrival: “No time to move them”. Florence gives a sense of how horrible it is as she talks about all the injuries in a very graphic way “an average of three limbs per man” and she also describes a man who has “stumps for arms”.

Florence had little notice (“half an hour”) to prepare for the wounded. She also had little time for herself “wish I had time”. It is also horrific there “horror and misery”. The numbers of wounded are very high – “250 more”. Also the other British nurses are very “difficult to manage”. It is also extremely busy: “every 10 minutes...they have to cram lint” into wounds. There is “no room for the Corpses”. They also have to deal with the cruelties of war – the balls “go in where they like”, and see a range of awful injuries “leg amputated”