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BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

Blood given by the American Red Cross is now being received in large quantities in Britain.

On arrival, the wooden cases containing the precious bottles are opened and ~~various~~ severe tests are made. A sample is withdrawn from the selected bottle by syringe and inoculated into a bacteriological growth.

Then the inoculated bottles are placed in an incubator at blood temperature. ~~After~~ If, after a week's incubation they have shown no strength of bacteria, then the bottles of blood plasma and the batch from which it came are judged sterile and are issued forthwith to the transfusion centres.

More than 1000 litre bottles of this blood have been sent, representing 2000 individual donors.

~~The value of blood transfusion has been very great in cases of shock. Air raids have produced a vast number of these cases and the giving of blood plasma acts almost like magic, and with the greatest possible speed.~~