

Dr E Fulton Risdon – The lost medical illustrations

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Dr E Fulton Risdon graduated from the University of Toronto in dentistry in 1907, and in medicine in 1914. Between 1916 and 1918 he worked at the Queen's Hospital, Sidcup, England with Drs Ivy, Waldron, Gillies, and Kazanjian.

The medical illustrations published here for the first time are Risdon's own case records from World War I. They are taken from a series of posters made by Dr Risdon showing war injuries of the face.

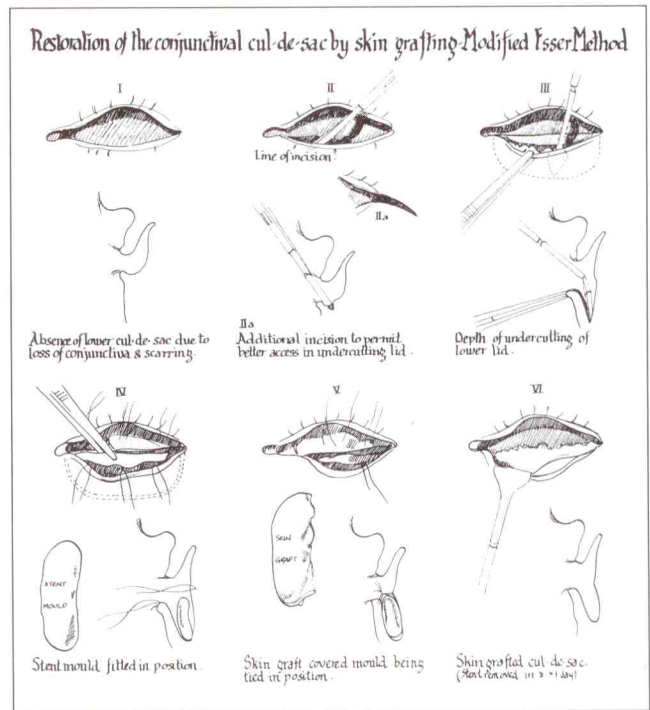
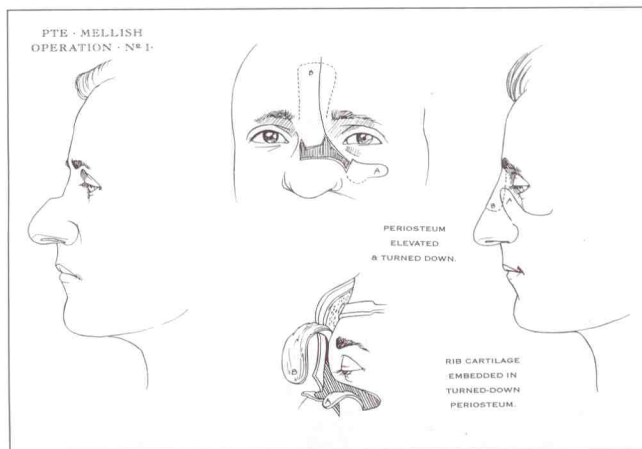
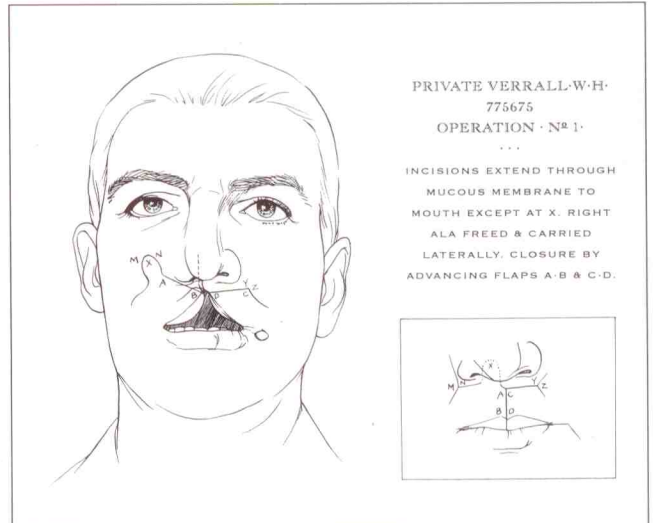
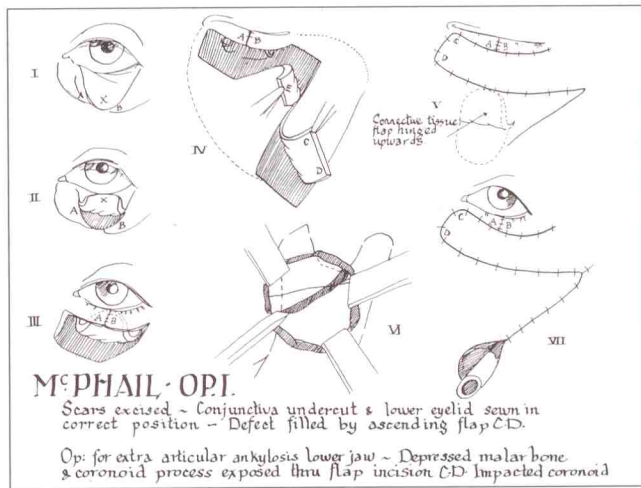
The original drawings have been lost, but I received photographs of the drawings in 1986 from Dr WK Lindsay. These are the only artefacts of Fulton Risdon's practice known to have survived.

Working from photographs of drawings often faint and needing magnification, medical illustrator Karen Visser faithfully reproduced Risdon's case drawings in both content and style.

The names LD Sava and DE Coles appear in some of the drawings as the original illustrators but were not known to present day illustrators I have spoken to.



This is an example of photographs and an illustration from the earliest known plastic surgery display in Canada



I hope they would have been pleased that their work is now published here. The drawings were made possible by the generous support of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons.

FURTHER READING

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