George knew this wouldn’t work. So he went to work. He took two top secret studies: one was a Marine Corps study on casualties in a combat situation, and the other an analysis of the casualties that resulted outside of Stalingrad between the Russians and the Germans. He mixed the two studies, adjusting the figures for modern firepower in Stalingrad with a result of a horrendous number of casualties. “But what was even more important, these casualties without treatment would almost all die.”

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