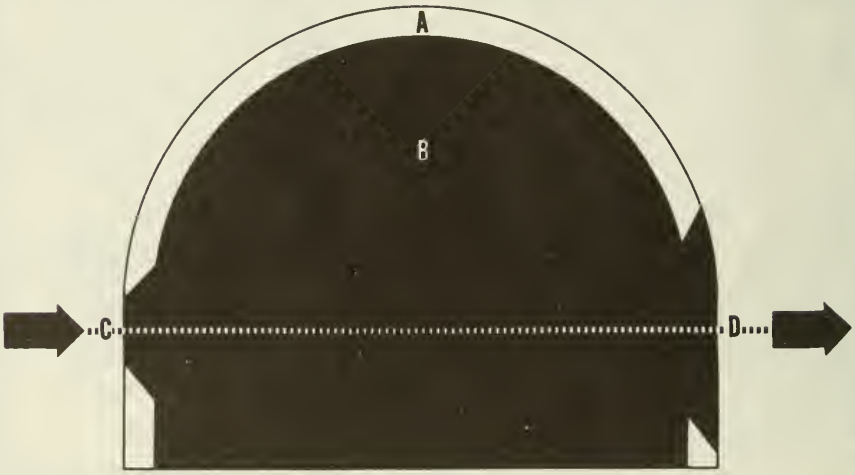
PERFORATING MISSILE WOUND OF THE SKULL



A = Cranial vault. B = Cranial cavity. C = Entrance. D = Exit.

Arrows indicate missile path.
Entrance is often smaller than exit because of bullet "mushrooming" or tumbling and/or secondary missiles.
Note "coning," "cratering," or "beveling" of the bone.
The diameter of the hole is smaller on the impact side. (The same differences of diameter apply to a glass pane.

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