

chlorinated paraffin oil (the two latter made up according to Dakin's formulæ) are likewise supplied by the Abbot Laboratories.

Before applying the Parresine dressing and thin layers of absorbent cotton, the injured part should be rendered perfectly dry. This can most easily and quickly be accomplished with the aid of an electric hot-air hair dryer, but where such an apparatus is not available the physician may dry the wound surface by gentle applications of hot folds of sterile gauze, followed by fanning with a clean towel or fan.

The liquid preparation should be applied at the temperature of from 130° to 140° F., and if an apparatus is not available, it may be applied with a fine varnish brush from 1 to 2 inches in width.

NURSING AND THE WAR.

The King has been pleased to award the Royal Red Cross Decoration to the following ladies in recognition of their valuable services in connection with the war:—

ROYAL RED CROSS.

FIRST CLASS.—Matron Miss Evelyn Brooke, N.Z. Nursing Service; Acting Matron Miss Kate Lowe, T.F.N.S.; Acting Matron Miss Alice Mary Read, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).

SECOND CLASS.—Matron Miss Jessie Bicknell, N.Z. Nursing Service; Sister Miss Louise Brandon, N.Z. Nursing Service; Staff Nurse Miss Beatrice Brooks, N.Z. Nursing Service; Sister (Acting Matron) Miss Louie Alexa McNie, N.Z. Nursing Service, Sister Miss Winifred White, N.Z. Nursing Service.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (2ND CLASS).

On Wednesday last the King decorated the following ladies with the Royal Red Cross:—Matron Mary Barton, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Matron Maud Williams, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Matron Mary Ashlin-Thomas, British Red Cross Society; Sister Cecily Thompson, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; and Staff Nurse Theresa Guinan, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

CHEAP TICKETS FOR WAR NURSES.

The Railway Executive Committee announces that war nurses going on holiday are to be allowed a third-class return ticket on payment of the present-day third-class single fare. The Committee state that the concession will be available for all "women nurses, probationers, and masseuses, whose whole time is employed at hospitals, convalescent homes, &c., recognised by the military authorities, but yet not under military control."

The nurses must travel in uniform, and must obtain their vouchers from the matron or medical officer in charge of the institution where they are working. Such a voucher can only be issued to each nurse once in every six months. The Railway Executive Committee guard their position by the proviso that these facilities may be withdrawn at any time.

WAR MEDALS FOR AUSTRALIAN WOMEN.

The Governor-General of Australia has approved the issue of a medal to the wife or mother or nearest female relative of any member of the Australian Imperial Force and the Naval and Military Expeditionary Forces, including members of the Australian Army Nursing Service and the masseuses.

"The mother of a married officer or soldier will receive a medal, as well as the wife. Bars will be attached to the mother's medal if she has more than one son on service. The medal itself will indicate one son, and for every additional son serving a bar will be issued. If the officer or soldier be a widower, a medal will be issued to his eldest daughter, or if he has no daughter to his eldest sister. In the case of a single soldier, the medal will be given to the mother, or, if the mother is dead, to the eldest sister.

Miss Violetta Thurstan is still suffering from severe shock and overstrain, but she has been well cared for in France, and on its breezy coast enjoyed the best environment for recovery. She is now in England for a few weeks' complete rest. About 30 shells are said to have fallen on the dressing station where Miss Thurstan was at work. Mercifully the one that fell on the tent that she was in did not explode, and the concussion from which she suffered was the result of the fall of a beam on her head, after which she had to walk in drenching rain across fields to the C.C.S., as many another wounded soldier has done.

We are informed by a Sister who has worked at the Ambulance de l'Océan at La Panne that it is only quite recently that the Order of Elizabeth has been instituted. The Queen of the Belgians has given several medals to Belgian and foreign nurses for a certain term of service, and the names of others are down to receive this recognition. This lady writes:—"We were not shelled out of the Ambulance exactly—one shell dropped in the middle of us, but landed in the 'shop'—so the authorities decided all the patients should be evacuated. The evacuation was marvellous, and I do admire Dr. de Page. That evening, till all the patients had gone, he went round the wards and pavilions speaking so nicely to all the patients, and his presence brought order everywhere. I shall always look back with pleasure to my time at La Panne. The organisation was wonderful, and though people came and went, La Panne 'went on for ever,' like a great machine."

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