

good deal of practice was necessary to detect these variations in the appearance of the burns, and a careful and observant nurse could obtain *infinitely* better results than one who was less particular.

At the hospital in Paris where I went to see this treatment carried out I saw some wonderful cases apart from the gas-burns of the soldiers. One was a workman who had been injured in an explosion in a munitions factory. On the first occasion on which I saw him (the day after his admission) his head was swollen to twice its natural size. His entire face was covered with an ambrine dressing, the only opening being at the mouth. It was extraordinary to remark the ease with which the dressing was peeled off, and the fact that a fresh dressing could be re-applied with practically no pain to the patient. (The fact that these dressings are almost, and sometimes *quite*, painless, both in application and removal, is one of the wonderful features of the ambrine treatment.) After a lapse of four days I saw the patient again. The swelling had practically disappeared, and the wounds, with which his face was covered, appeared to be perfectly "clean"—so different to the aspect of burns dressed by the usual methods.

Another case was a baby of a few weeks old, whose mother had upset some hot soup over its little back and legs. It was really touching to remark how its screams of pain subsided as it felt the soothing effect of the ambrine application, and it was carried off looking quite contented, although fully a third of its total skin area was swathed in wadding and bandages.

The three principal features of ambrine are: its painlessness; the fact that burns treated in this way are followed by very little, and sometimes no, scarring; and the rapidity with which the burnt tissues regain a healthy condition.

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The foregoing notes do not profess to be anything but a rough *résumé*, from memory, of some of the inventions I saw during the war. I feel that an apology is due to the authors of these wonderful discoveries for such a cursory description of inventions, each of which could only be done justice to in an article to itself.

#### PRESENTATION.

Mrs. M. Friman and Miss A. Johnston, of the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham, have each been presented with a silver salver by the Board of Management for their share in the care of 1,230 wounded soldiers who have been nursed back to health at the institution.

## HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King has been pleased to award the Royal Red Cross Decoration to the under-mentioned ladies in recognition of their valuable services in connection with the war, some of whom were decorated at the recent Investiture:—

### Bar to Royal Red Cross.

FIRST CLASS.

Miss M. L. Hughes, Head Sister, R.N. Hospital, Plymouth.

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Miss C. C. Renwick, Superintending Sister, R.N. Hospital, Gibraltar.

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SECOND CLASS.

Miss A. Chirnside, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S.; Miss M. S. C. Gubb, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S.; Miss M. C. R. Bere, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S.; Miss B. Sandes, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S.; Miss B. M. Martin, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S.; Miss M. L. Hocking, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S.; Miss M. J. Roberts, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S.; Miss D. G. Bryant, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S.; Miss E. J. Williams, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S. Reserve; Miss M. Symonds, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S. Reserve; Miss H. F. Wells, Nursing Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S. Reserve; Miss M. M. Tolhurst, Sister, R.N. Hospital, Hull; Miss S. Smith, Sister, R.N. Hospital, Hull; Miss F. E. Barnes, V.A.D., Nursing Member in Charge, Naval Base Hospital, Poole; Miss E. Edwardes, Matron, R.N. Convalescent Hospital, Malvern; Miss I. Fyfe, Matron, Smiley Cottage Hospital, Larne; Mrs. A. E. Skinner, Head Sister, R.N. Hospital, Chatsworth; Miss K. Nichols, Sister-in-Charge, R.N. Auxiliary Hospital, Truro; Miss E. B. Meeson, V.A.D. Nursing Member, R.N. Hospital, Chatham; Miss M. Marshall, V.A.D. Nursing Member, R.N. Hospital, Granton; Miss L. A. Brooks, Sister, S. John V.A.D. Hospital, Hull; Mrs. B. B. Atkinson, Acting Nursing Commandant, St. John V.A.D. Hospital, Hull.

### The Military Medal.

Sister Helen Hansen, Sister Leonora Herrington, Canadian Army Nursing Service.

### Bar to the Royal Red Cross.

Sister Evelyn Luard, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

### The Royal Red Cross.

FIRST CLASS.

*Territorial Force Nursing Service.*—Sister Mary Coulson, Canadian Army Nursing Service; Matrons Helena Dulmago, Jean Cameron-Smith, and Nella Wilson, and Sister Martha McBride.

### The Royal Red Cross.

SECOND CLASS.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.*—Sister Jean Buckham, Sister Helen Cameron, Sister Louise Tabor, Staff Nurse Dorothy Botting, and Staff Nurse Margaret Phee.

*Territorial Force Nursing Service.*—Matron Eliza Moseley, Sister Ellen Hall, and Sister Ada Murgatroyd.

*British Red Cross Society.*—Matron Henrietta Barry, Assistant Matron Ruby Ingram, Sister Rosetta Nelson, and Miss Phyllis Turner.

*Voluntary Aid Detachment.*—Miss Mary Arbuthnot.

*Canadian Army Nursing Service.*—Sister Gertrude Donkin, Sister Edith Hibbs, Sister Sarah Johnson, Sister Bernadette Lonergan, Sister Olive Mackay,

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