THANK YOU - ALL NHS & SUPPORT STAFF

Previously the Special Newsletters featured pictures of the ongoing fight against the Covid-19 coronavirus. This is now extensively covered by the media. Our tribute to all medical and support staff in hospitals continues with a selection of historic photographs including many from the First World War. This period took place during the first quarter of the life span of our Institution founded in 1897 to become the Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers (IHVE).

Army Hospital Ward in France with stove heating. American Soldiers in festive mood celebrating in December 1918 after the Armistice signalled peace.

Brighton Royal Pavilion Music Room used as a hospital ward for wounded Indian servicemen 1914-16. Note the ornate electric chandeliers (originally gas).
HOSPITALS HEATED BY SOLID FUEL STOVES

Medical Training Lecture Hall at Netley Military Hospital near Southampton before 1902 with a solid fuel heating stove (left foreground) and gas lighting.

Hospital near the Somme in northern France 1914-18 with stove heating.
HOSPITAL DEPARTMENTS HEATED BY RADIATORS

Nightingale Ward at St Thomas' Hospital London with radiator heating about 1914
The Ward was named after Florence Nightingale 1820-1910 in recognition as the founder of modern nursing

Operating Theatre at Netley Military Hospital near Southampton heated by radiators 1917
Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway Road, London in 1912. Boilers fired by hand

Mobile Operating Unit No.1 - Boiler car, sterilising unit 1914-18
HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR TREATING THE WOUNDED

Soldiers, victims of mustard gas, having saline bath treatment (notice plumbing) 1914-18

The Royal Hospital, Haslar, Gosport 1914-18. Wounded patient having galvanic "four-cell" treatment combining electrical energy and hydrotherapy but only on the limbs
MOBILE MEDICAL TREATMENT AND TRANSPORT

Medical Unit vehicle complete with solid tyres British Sector western front 1914-18

Carriage in Ambulance train with tiered bunk beds somewhere in France 1914-18
Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway, London, about 1912 showing cooking ovens

Beaufort War Hospital Bristol in 1914 with boiling pans and food preparation tables
THE HOSPITAL LAUNDRY-MIXING MACHINE & HAND POWER

Craiglockhart Hospital Laundry, Edinburgh with many hands to the linen 1890s

Longrove Mental Hospital Laundry Room, Epsom, Surrey 1910
Note the maze of hot and cold water pipes. The hospital closed finally in 1992

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