

The boss of the crew was the first to reach the injured man. He knew what should be done, but he had studied a method of artificial respiration which has now become extinct and is no longer used. Therefore, I felt it my duty to take over the job and use a method which was more modern and which is the accepted method. I might say that the boss used an old method in which he pressed on the back and then reached under the hips and elevated them, and then started the process over again. I immediately say that this was contrary to the method of resuscitation which I had been taught in Dr. Allen's First Aid class. Therefore, I told him to open the injured man's mouth, and I would administer the artificial respiration. There was a third man near by who timed me in my first minute of work on the injured man. It so happened that I used 13 resuscitation movements, which is the equivalent to that in the Red Cross book. After he had timed me for the first minute I told him that I had my correct timing and that he should then go to the highway and stop a car so that in case we were able to bring the injured man back to consciousness he could be transferred to a hospital immediately. The first car he stopped was to be sent to telephone for a doctor to come to the place of the accident.

I worked at this same rate on the patient for approximately 12 minutes, and at this time he started groaning and trying to move. When he started breathing he began coughing up blood which I could tell was from a lung injury. Therefore, I thought it best not to move the patient until further aid could arrive. I continued helping him to breathe by the use of artificial respiration, and he revived quite readily after once starting to breathe. It wasn't long until he was breathing well enough so that he wanted to be moved.