

Sphagnum Moss Information Sheet.



Women collected Sphagnum Moss from the Moor for cleaning and sorting.



Princetown's Imperial Hotel was a major collection centre where the moss was prepared to be shipped to war.



Preparing the moss for shipping



Packing the dressings for shipment.

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Sphagnum moss can be found from Okehampton to near Exeter; Miss Wells of Belstone, daughter of famous surgeon, Sir Spencer Wells, noted it first on Belstone Moor; she gathered some, dried it and sent it to a Scottish expert; at Okehampton supplies were dried in the Drill Hall and sent to Miss Buller in Exeter who wants as much as can be sent; Highlanders had known about it for generations and scottish soldiers put handfuls in pockets as they marched to battle.