ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 29th March 1919

CHILD SERIOUSLY SCALDED.- A sad accident happened on Tuesday night by which **Ronnie BALL**, the three year old son of Mr. Absalom BALL, of St. John's-road, was very seriously scalded, and is in hospital. It appears that the child's bath had been partially filled with boiling water in the kitchen, and as the mother turned round to get some cold water to put into it, the youngster fell in and received very bad scalds all down its left side as well as both arms, whilst the father (who fortunately happened to be present), had his right hand burnt in rescuing it. Both parents immediately applied sweet oils to the child's body and did all that was possible until the arrival of Dr. KENNEDY, who directed that the sufferer should be taken to the County Hospital where it received every attention, hopes being entertained for its recovery. The child was known to a good many people in the neighbourhood and much sympathy has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. BALL, the father having only just recently been released from his military duties.

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