

Figure 4-98. Immobilization of fractured ribs with cravats,

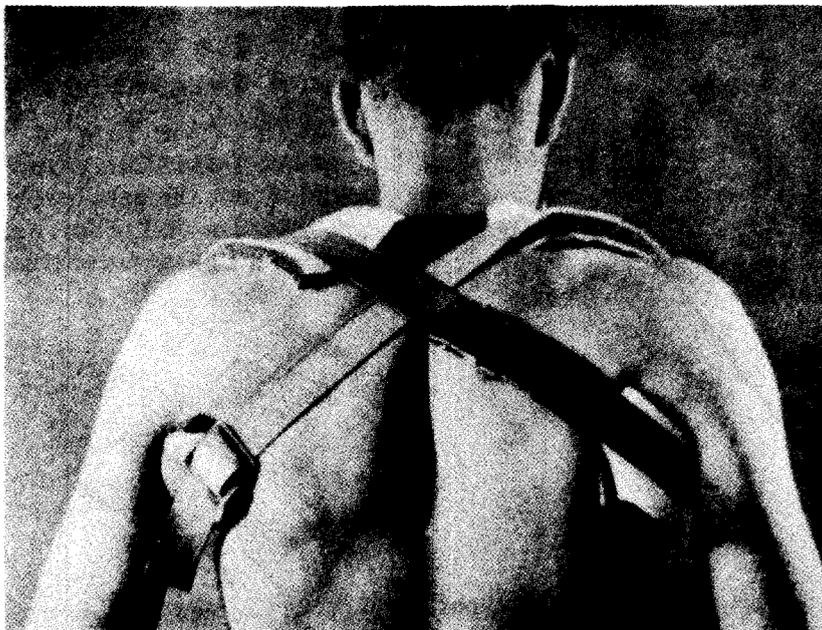


Figure 4-99. Method of immobilizing clavicle.

the chest or by applying three triangular bandages, folded as cravats, **around** the chest (fig. 4-98). These are applied when the patient has forcefully exhaled the air from his lungs. Bandages are applied tightly enough to give support but not so tightly that the rib may pierce the lung.

g. *Fractures of the Clavicle.* When the clavicle (collarbone) is fractured, the break is easy to

detect. The shoulder on the injured side droops, bending the broken ends of bone upward and causing a noticeable deformity. The arm on the injured side cannot be raised and the patient usually supports it at the elbow with the opposite hand. The injured part is immobilized temporarily by one of the following methods :

- (1) Supporting the arm in a triangular band