

DOCUMENTS.

20. A candidate for the Australian Army Nursing Service will be required to produce the following documents:—

- (a) An extract from the register of her birth, or, if this is not obtainable, a declaration made before a magistrate giving the date of her birth.
- (b) A statement signed by the candidate showing whether she is single, married, or a widow, whether a member of a sisterhood or society, and giving particulars of the place and duration of her hospital training, which must have included at least twelve months in a duly recognised civil general hospital, where adult male patients receive medical and surgical treatment, and in which a staff of Nursing Sisters under a Matron is maintained.
- (c) Certificates of efficiency in medical and surgical nursing from the Medical Officer under whom she has served.
- (d) A recommendation from the Matron of the civil hospital at which she was trained.
- (e) A certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner registered as such in the several States of the Commonwealth of Australia, that she is in good health and physically fit for duty in the Australian Army Nursing Service.

MEDICAL EXPERIENCE.

21. A candidate must state, in addition, her experience in—

- (1) Hospital supervision.
- (2) Duties of a superintendent.
- (3) Execution of medical orders.

CERTIFICATES.

22. The certificates of age, and qualifications in original, must accompany the declaration form when signed and returned.

Note.—This declaration form will be supplied to candidates by the District Principal Medical Officer.

EFFICIENTS AND NON-EFFICIENTS.

23. Members will be classified as "efficient" or "non-efficient," to be reckoned from July 1st each year until June 30th following. In order to be reckoned as "efficient," the conditions prescribed in these regulations must have been fulfilled.

DISCHARGE.

24. The Principal Medical Officers of States are required to bring forward from time to time for discharge such Nursing Sisters as they may consider to be medically or otherwise unfit for service in the Australian Army Nursing Service.

REQUIREMENTS OF EFFICIENCY.

25. No Nursing Sister under the Australian Army Nursing Service shall classify as an "efficient" on July 1st of each year, unless during the previous year she has fulfilled the regulations laid down from time to time for such "efficiency" in such places and under such circumstances as may be determined in the rules regulating this branch of the Service.

A Nursing Sister of the Australian Army Nursing Service to classify as an efficient will be required to—

- (a) Qualify in First Aid.
- (b) Attend annually three out of four lectures on

Organisation of Military Hospitals, Hygiene, and Military Surgery.

The certificates of efficiency will be issued annually by the Principal Medical Officer of each State, and countersigned by the Director-General Army Medical Services.

PAY.

26. Pay will only be issued to the Australian Army Nursing Service when members are called out for duty, and will be at the following rates:—

1. Lady Superintendent, £100 per annum.
2. Matron, £60 per annum.
3. Nursing Sisters, £40 per annum.

ALLOWANCES.

27. The only allowances which may be granted to Lady Superintendents, Matrons, and Nursing Sisters of the Australian Army Nursing Service when called out for duty are:—

1. Public quarters or their equivalent, with fuel and light.
2. When rations are not supplied in kind, 3s. per diem: but when such are supplied, 1s. 6d. per diem only will be allowed for extra rations.
3. Clothing allowance at the rate of £1 for every three months of service or part thereof.

UNIFORM.

28. A regulation uniform similar to that of the Army Nursing Service (Imperial Service) will be worn upon military duty, for which a capitation allowance of £1 per annum may be granted to each "efficient" when duly provided on the Military Estimates.

A badge for the Australian Army Nursing Service will be adopted and worn at all times when in uniform.

LIABILITY FOR SERVICE.

29. The Australian Army Nursing Service, or any portion thereof, may be called up for duty in case of war or any national emergency, and shall thereupon become subject to the like conditions as those prescribed for the military forces of the Commonwealth, and remain subject to such conditions so long as they continue on actual military service.

30. Any regulations in force in any State under any of the State Acts hereinbefore mentioned, which are inconsistent with these regulations, are hereby revoked to the extent of such inconsistency.

Infectious Pneumonia Recognised.

The increasing prevalence and death-rate of infectious pneumonia is recognised by the State Health Department of New York in its monthly bulletin by the announcement that hereafter it will be given a separate column in the bulletin, and be the subject of distinct notice. Hitherto it has been grouped in the reports with other "acute respiratory diseases." The term will be used as including only acute lobar pneumonia, and not catarrhal or broncho-pneumonia. The bulletin says: "While many prefixes to this name appear on our death returns, it is pretty safe to say that physicians generally understand the distinction as to the infectious disease we desire to specially record."

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