

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE NURSING COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL HOSPITALS WHEN MOBILIZED.

1. When orders have been issued for the General Hospitals to be mobilized, the Committee will make arrangements to meet every day in some rooms or hall adjacent to the hospital.

2. Some of the Committee will always be on duty during the day; a roster will be arranged of those who are willing to attend, and the hours they will be able to give.

3. They will receive all articles of food and clothing which are sent to them for the patients, and will acknowledge them and forward them to the hospital.

4. Some arrangement for transport, such as a light cart, a stove, and other necessary cooking utensils should also be provided.

5. Some of the most useful and important duties of the Committee will be in the work rooms where additional articles, similar to those provided by the Working Guilds, can be made, bandages rolled, splints covered, tray cloths made, and small articles washed and repaired. The Secretary or some other member of the Committee should obtain a list every morning from the Matron of the hospital, of the probable requirements for the day.

6. The Committee should select some of their members to act as visitors to the Wards, but this permission should be very carefully guarded as on former occasions the intrusion of unauthorised persons into Military Hospitals has caused great inconvenience not only to the authorities but also to the patients. No ladies, except those selected by the Committee and approved by the Administrator of the Hospital, should be placed on the regular visiting list.

The number of visits and the hours during which visits may be made to the Hospital will be decided by the Administrator, by whom visiting passes will be issued.

Authorised visitors before going into wards will ascertain from the Sister in charge if there are any which it would be inexpedient to enter, and also any patients whom it would be undesirable to visit, and they should be guided by her decision.

7. No food of any kind should be taken into the wards by the visitors, but newspapers and books, flowers, pipes, tobacco, cigarettes, writing paper and envelopes might be distributed by the visitors to those patients allowed to receive them.

ARMY ORDERS.

In the Army Orders, 1913, under Regulations for Members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service who desire to volunteer for Active Service, the following appear:—

The members of the Territorial Force Nursing

Service will be allowed to volunteer for active service at home and abroad when not required for duty in the Territorial Force General Hospitals, under the following conditions:

1.—Subject to the sanction of the War Office, they will be allowed to offer their services to assist in any war in which this country is neutral, under the British Red Cross Society or under other organizations that may be approved by the Foreign Office.

2.—They will also be permitted to offer their services, if required, for campaigns in which this country is engaged, with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, or under the British Red Cross Society; provided that application is first made to the War Office through the Principal Matron.

3.—Members wishing to volunteer should apply for permission to their Principal Matron, who, after a personal interview, will select the most suitable candidates and forward their applications to the Matron-in-Chief, stating their qualifications for such service, their rank in the Territorial Force Nursing Service, and if they have had any previous war service or military training.

4.—Permission to serve will be given to a certain number, not exceeding twelve in each hospital, of those who have been selected by the Matron-in-Chief, and their names will be forwarded to the organizations requiring their services, subject to provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES.

1.—What conditions would lead you to suspect that the drainage of a house was in an unsatisfactory state? What steps would you take in the matter?

2.—What are the advantages of breast feeding over artificial feeding of the infant and how would you satisfy yourself that the infant was progressing favourably?

3.—What are the manifestations of the disease called Rickets? What is the cause of this disease, and what are the evil effects to which children affected by this disease are often disposed in after-life?

4.—How may an epidemic of Typhoid be caused, and what steps should be taken to discover the cause of infection?

5.—Mention some of the common errors in feeding children about one year old. Sketch roughly a suitable diet for a child of that age in a working-class family.

6.—If you discovered in a family you were attending, a child who was either blind, deaf or dumb, or epileptic, how would you act in its interest?

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