

## CIVIL NURSING RESERVE.

The following circular has been issued from the Ministry of Health:—

### THE STAFFING OF AUXILIARY HOSPITALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY HOSPITAL SCHEME.

1. The Minister of Health brings to the notice of the Local Emergency Organisation the arrangements which have been made with the War Organisation of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem with regard to the setting up of auxiliary hospitals for service and other cases transferred from Emergency Hospitals.

2. The War Organisation have undertaken full responsibility for the staffing and running of these auxiliary hospitals, and the administrative work will be carried out by the County Committees of the War Organisation, who are in touch with the Ministry's Regional Officers.

3. It is understood that the establishment of each unit (which, in most cases, will not be less than 50 beds) is to be one commandant, one sister in charge, one or possibly two other trained nurses, and a number of Red Cross and St. John members, and arrangements will be made for the services of a medical practitioner to be available, whose nomination will be reported to the Local Medical War Committee concerned. The County Commissioners and the Lady County Superintendents of the Order of St. John and the Regional Representatives of the British Red Cross Society are being asked to consult those responsible for the allocation of nursing staff in E.M.S. hospitals, first-aid posts, mobile units and casualty trains, before (1) any trained nurse now working in such a hospital or first-aid post, etc.; or (2) any other member of the Civil Nursing Reserve (whether or not called up for duty) is taken to staff an auxiliary hospital.

4. They will consult with the Regional Nursing Officer as regards (1) trained nurses in E.M.S. hospitals who are not registered members of the Civil Nursing Reserve; and (2) members of the Reserve registered for whole-time mobile service, whether trained nurses, assistant nurses or nursing auxiliaries. They will consult with the Local Emergency Organisation as regards members of the Reserve registered for immobile service (whole-time or part-time) of all three grades. (As regards any permanent nursing staff or member of the Civil Nursing Reserve at hospitals included in the London Sector Scheme, the County Commissioners and Lady Superintendents or Regional Representatives will consult with the Sector Matrons concerned.) Members of the Reserve who can be released for this work will not resign from the Reserve, but will be regarded as seconded from it, on the understanding that should the nursing needs of the Emergency Hospitals or the first-aid posts suddenly increase to an extent which it is difficult to meet from the remaining resources of the Reserve, the War Organisation will be prepared to return such members as they can spare from the immediate needs of the auxiliary hospitals.

5. In general, it is hoped that no difficulty will be placed in the way of the release to auxiliary hospitals of staff whose services can conveniently be spared, having regard to the amount of work which appears likely to fall on the hospital in the immediate future, or who can be readily replaced. The general bias should be in favour of release whenever this can be done without serious inconvenience to the Emergency Hospital and first-aid, etc., services. In particular, it should usually be possible to release members of the Order and the Society who are members of the Civil Nursing Reserve, if they are standing by and there is no immediate prospect of their being called up for duty. This will apply both to immobile members of the Reserve in

districts where there seems no likelihood of heavy hospital work, and to mobile members in Regions where at present there is a considerable surplus in this category over probable needs in the near future. It may also be possible to release immobile members, even though they have been called up for duty, if they can be replaced by mobile members from the Regional pool, and Local Emergency Organisation should consult with the Regional Nursing Officer on this when considering any application for the release of such immobile members. It must be remembered, however, that accommodation would be necessary for the mobile members.

6. The War Organisation have instructed their Regional and County representatives to take steps to discourage any members of the Order and Society from resigning from the Reserve for the sake of being employed in auxiliary hospitals, and the Minister trusts that with the full co-operation and consultation of all concerned the staffing arrangements can be made in such a way as to enable the existing resources of trained and nursing auxiliary staffs to be used to the best advantage.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Poole Joint Sanatorium.**—Miss Nancy Price, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Staffordshire General Infirmary and at the Nottingham General Hospital; and has been Organiser, Civil Nursing Reserve, Middlesbrough; Matron at the Poole Sanatorium (prior to commencement of present Joint Scheme); Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at the New Burslem, Haywood and Tunstall War Memorial Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent; and Assistant Matron at the City Sanatorium, Yardley Green Road, Birmingham.

### ASSISTANT MATRON AND SISTER TUTOR:

**Infectious Diseases Hospital, Darlington.**—Miss M. Atkinson, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Doncaster, where she was later Staff Nurse, and at the Plaistow Hospital, London. Miss Atkinson has also been Staff Nurse at the City Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Staff Nurse at the Cameron Hospital, West Hartlepool; Theatre Sister at the Stockton and Thornaby Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees; and Sister, Isolation Hospital, Nottingham. She has done Private Nursing, and holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the North Riding Infirmary, Middlesbrough.

### HOME SISTER.

**Leyborne Grange Colony for Mental Defectives, West Malling, Kent.**—Miss E. M. Woodcock, S.R.N., R.M.N., has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury; Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone; and at the Maternity Nursing Association, Myddelton Square, London. Miss Woodcock has been Staff Nurse and Private Nurse at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital; Charge Nurse at St. Audry's Hospital, Melton, Suffolk; and Administrative Sister, Brentwood Mental Hospital.

### SISTER TUTOR.

**Middleton-in-Wharfedale Sanatorium, near Ilkley, Yorks.**—Miss C. V. T. Bell, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at the Willesden Hospital, Harlesden Road, London, and has been Staff Nurse at Colindale Hospital, Hendon, and Ward and Theatre Sister at Elswick Sanatorium.

### THE PASSING BELL.

It is with deep regret we record the death on September 3rd, 1940, in India, of Miss Elizabeth Kelly, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Trained at the Poplar Hospital, Miss Kelly was appointed Staff Nurse, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, January 17th, 1936, and promoted Sister, January 17th, 1937. Miss Kelly served at Woolwich and proceeded to India in 1937.

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