

MORE NURSES FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY, U.S.A.

Our armed forces need more nurses! By June 30th, 1944, 12 months hence, the ranks of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps must be 66,000 strong in order to ensure care for the millions of men who will be in training or overseas by that time.

Nearly 31,000 American nurses, according to the latest information, are already serving gloriously in military areas. Their contribution to winning the war is definite, soul-satisfying, essential and irreplaceable.

To meet the quotas, some 2,500 nurses must sign up *each* month between now and June 30th, 1944. To do so is both a privilege and an obligation for eligible nurses. The American Red Cross has set up recruiting offices in local chapters in nearly 400 cities throughout the country. It checks the records of nurses, and forwards the lists of eligibles to the Army or Navy Nurse Corps (according to the nurses' stated preferences) for assignment.

To be eligible for military service, a nurse must be:—

1. A high school graduate.
2. A graduate of an approved school of nursing.
3. A registered nurse.

She must also be physically fit and of good character. In addition—for the Army, a nurse must be:—

1. Under 45 years of age.
2. Single or married.
3. A citizen of the U.S.A. or of a co-belligerent country.

For the Navy she must be:—

1. Under 40 years of age.
2. Single.
3. A citizen of the U.S.A. for at least the last 10 years.

Directors of nursing services, officers of nursing organisations and other advisers are urged to help nurses think through "Where am I *most* needed?" They are urged to encourage all but indispensable nurses on nursing staffs who are eligible, and all private duty and other nurses who are eligible in their areas to join the A.N.C. or the N.N.C.

Civilian patients need nursing care. But the wounded and sick in the armed forces have a prior claim which no patriotic nurse can ignore.

British nurses please note preceding paragraph. There are still quite a number who, so far, have failed to respond to the needs of the armed forces.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Families' Association; Nettleden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—Miss O. M. Knott, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital, and was engaged in Private Nursing following her training. Miss Knott has been Sister, Male Ward and Out-patients' Department at the North Cambridgeshire Hospital, Wisbech; Night Sister and Assistant Matron at the Memorial Hospital, Finchley; Deputy Sister-in-Charge at St. Michael's Hospital, E.M.S., Colchester, Essex; and Matron, Home for Aged People of Jewish Faith, London, N. 3. Miss Knott did Housekeeping at Walton Sanatorium, Derbyshire.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

General Infirmary, Leeds.—Miss A. D. Lawrence, S.R.N., has been appointed Second Assistant Matron. She was trained at Prince of Wales's General Hospital, London, N.15, where she was later Staff Nurse, Holiday Relief Sister, Ward Sister, and Sister-in-Charge of the Private Wing. Miss Lawrence has also been Night Sister at the Children's Heart Hospital, West Wickham, Kent, and Home Sister at the County Hospital, Lincoln.

Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium, Leicester.—Miss Dorothy Blanchard, S.R.N., has been appointed First Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Batley and District Hospital, Yorks, and has been Sister Housekeeper at the North Staffs Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on July 23rd. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Register of Nurses.

The Chairman presented the Register of Nurses for 1943 in three volumes, containing names as follows:—

General Register	90,754
Male nurses	434
Mental nurses	4,530
Nurses for mental defectives ...	262
Sick children's nurses	3,571
Fever nurses	8,950

108,501

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £2,100 for Weekly Salaries, £900 for Postage, £90 for Insurance Stamps, and £30 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Estimates totalling £308 18s. 4d. were accepted for stationery.

It was agreed that the Minister of Health be asked to sanction a reversion to the original fee of 2s. 6d. in place of the present fee of 2s. for the retention of the names of Registered Nurses on the Register, also that a charge of 2s. 6d. be made for each original Certificate of Registration and 1s. for each original permit for the Registered uniform.

Registration.

It was agreed that Miss A. M. Rose be invited to serve on the Committee, in the place of Mrs. Whitehurst, resigned.

Applications for approval for Registration were:—General Register, by examination, 7; by reciprocity, 4; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 15, by reciprocity, 1. Total 28.

It was agreed that 99 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was reported that copies of the Registers of Nurses have been received from the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and the General Nursing Council for Eire.

It was reported that matters in regard to the setting up of the List of Trained Nurses in accordance with the requirements of the Nurses Act, 1943, are under consideration.

Education and Examination.

Male Nurses to be Included in the General Part of the Register.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee it was agreed that the Minister of Health be informed that the Council recommend that the names of Registered Male Nurses be entered upon the General Part of the Register and that the Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses be abolished.

It was recommended that the use of the word "Supplementary" in connection with the Special Parts of the Register be discontinued, and that the Minister of Health be asked to take steps to amend the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, and the Rules of the General Nursing Council accordingly.

It will be necessary to consult with the General Nursing Councils for Scotland and Northern Ireland before approaching the Minister of Health.

It was reported that in accordance with Section 14 of the Nurses Act, 1943, the Committee has considered the

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