

considered. Nursing station appointments require at least two years experience and preference will be given to nurses with public health training. Address inquiries to the Staff Selection Committee, International Grenfell Association, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

So! Uncle Sam Needs Nurses!!

Everywhere we nurses hear this plea: "Uncle Sam Needs Nurses!" Over the radio, in the magazines, the same plea. In the latest *American Journal of Nursing* there is a statement that there are 50,000 qualified nurses needed, and at least 10,000 immediately for Army service. Is it fair that the small accredited schools are not allowed to aid their country by giving their services? Let me cite an example to show you what I mean.

Miss X, graduate from an accredited school, making above 90 per cent on state board examinations, applied for enrolment in the Red Cross, so she could serve her country in the Army. She was turned down because she graduated from a small hospital with a daily average of 40+ during her training.

Should not the fact that Miss X is a graduate from an accredited school of nursing make her eligible for the Red Cross? Why should small schools maintain the standards set up by the state board of examiners if their students are not allowed to serve their country in an emergency? Why shouldn't graduates from small schools be given an opportunity to work along with graduates from a large hospital, and let them prove that they are as well trained, and as capable, even though the daily average number of patients is below 50? They all take the same state board examinations!

This is America, not Europe!!!—R.N.

This *is* America. Therefore each state has its own nurse practice act. Many of these acts were framed by people who were concerned with the needs and resources of the state but failed to take into consideration the needs of the nation as a whole.—EDITOR

Do Sign Your Letters!

In one week, the *Journal* received three anonymous letters which, of course, we cannot publish. Sign your letters, if you expect

the editor to publish them. Your name will be withheld if you wish.—THE EDITORS.

Columns of Men—Only One Woman!

When I went for my physical examination for the Army Nurse Corps, I found columns of men waiting to enlist in the Army. I was embarrassed to find that I was the only nurse applying that day. Why? The ANC salary is only \$70 with full maintenance, but that's better than some positions pay. Right now, positions are plentiful, with fairly good salaries, but that won't keep up if our country isn't sufficiently staffed to cope with war. Nurses as a professional group cannot only help "keep them flying," we can "put them back to flying."—E. M. J., American Red Cross, First Reserve.

On the Home Front

Nurses of the Second Reserve, American Red Cross Nursing Service, have a great contribution to give in maintaining the morale and unity of the nation. One nurse, who has two small children, has given of her time and energy in an evening class in home nursing. The women of that one class were able to care for minor illnesses of their families; and during the flu last winter three women reported that after taking the course they had no colds in their families all winter. One woman reported caring for a daughter with scarlet fever and seeing that daughter recover. She also reported that no other member of the family contracted the disease. She had learned how to protect herself and her family.

Another nurse who has a family of seven to care for gave two hours a week to teaching home nursing classes. Her class was a group of young mothers. She was able to give more than theoretical teaching to her class. Her own knowledge and experience in bringing up her own family brought to the women practical skills and methods in caring for their families.

Women are eager to have such knowledge as they recognize the needs of their families and desire to be prepared for whatever may come.

I appeal to those Second Reservites to rally to the call of Red Cross service to humanity.—E. W. G., Massachusetts.

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