

# WE ARE TRYING TO FIND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND WOMEN

Over one hundred thousand women educated for women's supreme war work—nursing—are lost to the profession today, lost to the vital service they might give their nation in its hour of great peril, because no one knows where to find them.

This particular plea is for the skills possessed by you hundred thousand graduates of schools of nursing who, because you have turned to other activities, have not kept up your registrations and professional-organization affiliations, thus are not on any lists.

You are an incomparable national resource.

You are needed because the Army and Navy are asking for 3,000 nurses a month to care for our fighting men.

As unmarried nurses under forty leave to join the military services, our hospitals are being left dangerously understaffed. Some face closing because of the nursing shortage. In others one night nurse may be left with as many as forty patients, a number of them seriously ill, in her care.

What if we should have an epidemic? What if there should be a flood or other disaster? Suppose enemy planes should bomb one of our cities and injure many people?

Every effort is being made to step up student enrollment in schools of nursing. Nurses' aides are proving a splendid help. Practical nurses and other auxiliaries are being given more and more to do. But every hospital needs enough graduate, technically trained nurses to balance its less experienced workers. The need is now. You inactive nurses who are ready today to give skilled services offer the logical answer to the nation's nursing

needs. You render a direct service to the war effort when you release a nurse, perhaps younger or without family ties, to join the military forces. Will you step forward?

Through the coupon at the bottom of the page, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING offers readers a chance to say:

"Here are my nursing skills, America! I want them to help win this war for human freedom."

*Will each and every graduate nurse, not now active in her profession, please fill in all the blanks and mail the coupon to the Editor?* And if you, the reader of this page, are not a nurse, but have a neighbor who is, please take this magazine to her today and ask her to fill out the coupon.

The coupons will be given immediately to the National Nursing Council for War Service, which is just around the corner from GOOD HOUSEKEEPING's main office in New York City. The Council will make every effort to put you who sign in touch with hospital, public-health association, or other agency that needs the services, either paid or volunteer, you can give.

Here are basic facts that will enable you to weigh honestly your own potentialities and availability:

1. Age, measured in years, is no longer a handicap. Any nurse of any age will find a welcome in her profession today if she has retained the attributes of a good nurse, which are: health, stamina, poise, mental alertness, adaptability, good humor, and an honest concern over other people's troubles.

2. Techniques of nursing have changed, and you will need at least some retraining. "Refresher" courses of from four to twelve weeks have

been offered in connection with schools of nursing. This plan has, however, placed too great a burden on some few hospitals, and in some areas the "refreshing" now will be done in hospitals without student nurses. Some of these are even training "on the job."

3. Even though you can spare only part time from your home, you may find a place. So great is the need for the graduate nurses' skills, that many hospitals offer half-day schedules, business hours, or a five-day week to women who must be at home when husband or children are there.

4. Registration, subject to widely differing state laws, may prove a knotty problem after years of inactivity. The National Nursing Council for War Service has called into conference secretaries of all State Boards of Nurse Examiners in an effort to see that, at least for the duration, a nurse licensed in one state may practice in any. The Council is advising the nurse who has a diploma but never has passed State Board Examinations to take them if she can, as the simplest answer to questions of status and pay. However, the unlicensed graduate nurse who does not wish to take examinations may still be highly useful.

If you are among the hundred thousand still lost to the war effort, will you not take the first step toward putting your desperately needed skill at the service of your country by filling out the coupon below? Every graduate nurse who fills out the coupon can be sure that the National Nursing Council for War Service, which now has units in every state and in many communities, will do its best to find a place for her.

## "HERE I AM, AMERICA"

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street number \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Graduate of what school of nursing? \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you registered? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ In what state or states? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Can you leave home? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, in what hospitals of your community would you be willing to serve? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many hours a day? \_\_\_\_\_ Days a week? \_\_\_\_\_ Night? \_\_\_\_\_ Day? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Volunteer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Current rates? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please describe any problem that would need settling before you return to nursing \_\_\_\_\_  
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