

ville General Hospitals, all in Nashville, are conducting several lecture courses jointly.

Summer Preclinical Program at Goucher

Goucher College, Baltimore, Md., will again conduct a summer preclinical program from June 12 to September 2. The program is administered under the joint auspices of the schools of nursing of Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Church Home and Hospital in co-operation with Goucher College. Students must be accepted for admission by one of these participating schools of nursing.

Jessie B. Black, Associate Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service at Johns Hopkins, will be dean, with a faculty of fourteen others.

Cook County School Experiments with Phonographic Recordings

The Cook County School of Nursing began the first of a series of recordings of doctors' lectures in March in order (1) to preserve the information which has been assembled for the course in "Introduction to Medical Science," by Dr. Arthur Bernstein, who has taught this course from the time it was organized, and (2) to experiment in the use of the technic of phonographic recordings as related to the teaching program in the school of nursing. This series of recordings was approved by the Board of Directors of the school.

The recorded lectures are not intended to replace doctors' lectures in the curriculum. They are admittedly a makeshift to be utilized during the period of wartime conditions; considerable study and practice will be necessary in order to use the technic wisely.

Four faculty members who accompanied the

physician to the studio for the recording are serving as a committee to determine ways to improve the technic and content of the lectures and to assure that the students receive the maximum benefit from the recorded lectures.

The records will be audited by the faculty and by groups of students who have already had the course.

The nurse proctor of the course is responsible for supplementing the recorded lectures with outlines and illustrative material.

Housing Enlarged Classes

Texas.—The Victory Hotel, adjacent to the campus of Baylor University, Dallas, has been purchased by the university to be renovated and remodeled as a residence for student nurses admitted in June. The average prewar enrolment of the school of nursing was 165; the present enrolment is 196. The purchase of the hotel will enable the school to increase the enrolment by approximately fifty.

New York.—The Adelphi College School of Nursing, Garden City, Long Island, dedicated two new residence halls on May 6. These dormitories, each housing 100 students, were constructed, furnished, and equipped under Lanham Act funds.

Each building has fifty double bedrooms, laundry, lounge, reception room, and study lounge with kitchenette. After the war, the college proposes to purchase the buildings from the government, making them available to all students in the college.

Three hundred thirty-five students are enrolled at Adelphi; 303 are in the Cadet Nurse Corps.

The college used the dedication ceremony to interpret collegiate nurse education and the vital war need for nurses to friends, college personnel, and the community. Eminent speakers were present.

With Army and Navy Nurses

Five More Nurses Receive The Purple Heart

The Purple Heart has been awarded to five more Army nurses for wounds received as result of enemy action in Italy. They are: **Second Lt. Irene V. Barton** (County Hospital School of Nursing, Anderson, S. C.), **Second Lt. Ruby L. Hoppe** (University of Missouri School of Nursing, Columbia, Mo.), **Second Lt. Helen A. McCullough** (Baylor University School of Nursing, Dallas, Tex.), **Second Lt. Frances V. Raymond** (St. Paul's, Dallas, Tex.), **Second Lt. Ruth C. Sobeck** (Shady-side, Pittsburgh, Pa.). (See also the May *Journal*, page 497.)

Army and Navy Need More Nurses

On May 5, it was announced that the authorized strength of the Army Nurse Corps has been raised to 50,000 to meet the needs of an increased number of hospital trains planned for service, added station and general hospitals, and nursing service aboard ships.

Present strength of the ANC is 38,500. The authorized strength of 50,000 is a ceiling. Actual appointment of nurses will be determined by the needs

of the Army in relation to casualties, and by the rate civilian nurses are declared available by the Procurement and Assignment Service of the War Manpower Commission.

According to a release of April 17, an additional 1,800 Navy nurses must be procured to meet the Navy's June 30 quota; another 2,000 nurses will be needed by December 20.

New state quotas will be released soon. The number of nurses still to be assigned to meet the January-June quotas is shown on page 596.

Recent ANC Promotions

Eight more nurses now wear the silver oak leaf. They are **Lieutenant Colonels Edna L. Mahar** (Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.), **Ruth C. Anderson** (Cushing General Hospital, Mass.), **Lila A. Condon** (Camp Lee, Virginia), **Beatrice M. Quin** (Batty General Hospital, Rome, Ga.), **Edna M. Rockafellow** (Thayer General Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.), **Harriet M. Whitney** (AAA Regional Station Hospital, Coral Gables, Fla.), **Alice A. Becklen** (Fort Bragg, N. C.), and **Harriet P. Hankins** (AAA, Greensboro, N. C.).

The gold oak leaf now appears on the shoulders of

Majors **Jessie E. Locke** (Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa), **Margaret M. Kennedy** (Winter General Hospital), **Bernice W. Chambers** (Shepard Field, Texas), **Edna M. Aycock** (155th General Hospital), **Elizabeth Hansbrough** (Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio), **Alice C. Wickward** (Hq. 2d Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colo.), **Ruth Y. Ritenour** (Maxwell Field, Ala.), **Mabel Embery** (Randolph Field, Tex.), **Mary R. Leontine** (AAF School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Ky.), **Maude Bowman** (Stark General Hospital, S. C.), **Pruella H. Drodgy** (Tilton General Hospital), **Gertrude S. Evert** (Camp Myles Standish, Mass.), **Margaret M. Millington** (Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N. C.), **Mary Miller** (Camp Shanks, N. Y.), **Madolin E. Milheim** (Camp Stewart, Ga.), **Doris E. Medlin** (Camp Kilmer, N. J.), **Agnes A. Maley** (Camp Blanding, Fla.), **Marjorie Peto** (2d General Hospital), **Caroline C. Hageman** (Camp Rucker, Ala.), **Marie E. Reiners** (Kearns AAF, Utah), **Mabel G. Stott** (Lawson General Hospital, Ga.), **Alta Berninger** (Ft. Benning, Ga.), **Evangelina A. Poyet** (Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Ga.), **Mary B. Schick** (Ft. Jackson, S. C.), **Willie P. Harris** (Camp Van Dorn, Miss.).

Recent Promotions in the Navy Nurse Corps

On the first of April 173 Navy nurses who were ensigns of the Regular Corps and 209 who were ensigns of the Reserve Corps were promoted to the rank of lieutenant junior grade.

Two Army Nurses Retire

Captain Anna Louise Barry (Kings County, New York), who entered the Army Nurse Corps in April 1918 and served overseas with Base Hospitals 37, 118, and 69, is retired after twenty-five years of active service in both the United States and the Philippines. She was serving as principal chief nurse at Deshon General Hospital at Butler, Pa., at the time of her retirement.

Captain Helena Clearwater (Army School of Nursing, Walter Reed General), who retired April 30, served in the United States and in the Philippine Department. She was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. She was awarded the Legion of Merit and was cited by Lt. General Delos C. Emons. At the time of her retirement she was principal chief nurse at Rhoads General Hospital, Utica, N. Y.

All Army Nurses To Be in Olive Drab

Olive drab uniforms for Army nurses have been authorized for wear within the continental United States as well as in overseas theaters. Two complete olive drab uniforms will be issued by the Quartermaster Corps to every Army nurse not yet equipped.

Appointments to Air Evacuation Units

From ANC headquarters comes word that, at the present time, the Army Air Forces are not planning to establish new air evacuation units necessitating

the assignment of nurses but replacements will be required from time to time for those units already in service.

It is planned to train one hundred nurses from Army Air Force installations every eight weeks, the nurses to be selected from those applying for the School of Air Evacuation. After their training is completed, they will be returned to their original station until a replacement is needed in one of the active units already established.

The transfer of nurses from the Ground and Service Forces to the Army Air Forces is completed in the same manner as the transfer of any officer, enlisted man, or WAC. It can be done only by the mutual concurrence of the two commanding generals concerned; that is, the commanding general of the Air Forces, General Arnold, and the commanding general of the other service involved.

At the present time the Army Air Forces are not assigning nurses directly to their service from civilian life.

Army Nurse Christens Destroyer

The destroyer U.S.S. "Hyman" was launched in April after being christened by **Second Lieutenant Edwige Brechon Hyman**, whose husband, Lieutenant Commander Willford Milton Hyman, USN, went down with the destroyer "Sims" in the battle of the Coral Sea and was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism. Lieutenant Hyman is a graduate of the Auburn City Hospital School of Nursing, and is now stationed at England General Hospital, Atlantic City.

Pledge of the Army Nurse

The recently released pledge of the ANC makes one feel that there is no need for worry about the type of women who care for our soldiers at home or abroad.

As an Army nurse, I accept the responsibilities of an officer in the Army Nurse Corps. I will give faithful care to the men who fight for the freedom of this country and to the women who stand behind them. I shall bring to the American soldier, wherever he may be, the best of my knowledge and professional skill. I shall approach him cheerfully at all times under any conditions I may find. I shall endeavor to maintain the highest standards possible in the performance of my duties. I shall appear fearless in the presence of danger and quiet the fears of others to the best of my ability. My every criticism shall be constructive. The reputation and good name of the Army Nurse Corps and of the nursing profession shall be uppermost in my thoughts, second only to the care of my patients. I shall endeavor to be a credit to my country and to the uniform I wear.

Copies of this pledge, suitable for framing, will soon be available at the office of Colonel Florence A. Blanchfield, Army Nurse Corps, 1818 H Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

Army Nurses on the "Tasman"

Sixteen Army nurses serving on the S.S. "Tasman" feel that, since they were the first complete American staffed unit to be assigned to any hospital ship in their theater of war, they should be duly



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Left: Ens. Elsie Lentwyler (Ft. Dodge, Iowa) and Ens. Kay Crane (Boston, Mass.) are among the Navy nurses who are caring for the wounded at Tulagi. Right: Lt. Gladys Pilger, ANC (Buffalo, N. Y.), helps give plasma to a wounded soldier in Italy.



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recognized. The *Journal's* statement in December 1943, page 1144, was all wrong. First Lt. Margaret L. Lomen, from South Dakota, is chief nurse, and the other fifteen nurses come from Oregon, California, Canada, Ohio, Indiana, Idaho, Washington, and Massachusetts.

The "Tasman" is not, in a true sense, a U. S. Army hospital ship; it is a Dutch ship, operating inter-island as a hospital evacuation ship, assignment of personnel made from the theater involved.

For many months before going aboard, the Army nurses now serving on the "Tasman" had special training. They had to be able to swim, and with their clothes on. They trained corpsmen and taught them hospital procedures, learned to climb up and down rope ladders and row a lifeboat, learned routines for all emergencies, made their own surgical supplies, and finally cleaned the ship from top to bottom.

At present they have seven wards on various deck levels and care for all types of patients. They have learned to rub backs equally well in an upper or lower bunk, and know many "cures" for seasickness, although none of them has been so afflicted.

They are all proud of their assignment, their medical officers and detachment, and want *Journal* readers to know that there are sixteen nurses on the hospital ship "Tasman" which sails its course somewhere in the South Pacific.

Nurse-dietitians in the Southwest Pacific

From Lieutenant Colonel Jane Clement, Director of the ANC in the Southwest Pacific Area, comes word that nurses are being given courses in dietetics to aid that branch of the Medical Department. Says Lieut. Colonel Clement:

The art of cooking dehydrated foods is in a class by itself. They can be made very palatable if the cooks have knowledge of the background of the food they are preparing. Never have I tasted better doughnuts made with

powdered eggs and milk, shoe string potatoes, onions, carrots, in fact, every vegetable the girls cooked, and all were dehydrated. . . . We trained fifty-two nurses as dietitians. This will be a great asset, especially in the advance areas where small hospitals have no dietitians assigned, to have a nurse trained to help in the preparation of patients' food.

Army Nurses Stationed in China

Nine Army nurses stepped off a transport in China several weeks ago, the first to be assigned to hospital units there. (Flight nurses have been evacuating wounded from China for some time.) Having served in hospitals in Assam while their units were being established in China, these Army nurses now are working side-by-side with Chinese nurses who have been caring for sick and wounded American troops there. First Lieutenant Essie Chevalier (Galveston, Tex.) is chief nurse of this unit.

Army and Navy Nurses Tell Us

On May 4 more than one hundred mothers of Army and Navy nurses now serving overseas attended a tea given in their honor by the Nurse Recruitment Committee of the Brooklyn Chapter, American Red Cross, and organized the "Mothers Club of Nurses in Service." Lt. Myrtle E. Eville, just returned from Sicily, and Major Kathleen H. Atto, Assistant Superintendent, ANC, represented the daughters in service.

Plans are being made to include nursing subjects in the courses offered through the Armed Forces Institute. When the plans materialize, nurses will be able to work toward a degree in nursing while still on active duty with the Army.

Band arrangements of the "Song of the Army Nurse Corps" for Army bands may be secured by writing to the ANC Headquarters Office. (See the March 1944 issue of the *Journal*, page 293.)