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TO MEMBERS OF THE U. S. CADET NURSE CORPS.

# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CADET NURSE

### PRIVILEGES

Under the provisions of the Bolton Act you are entitled to:

- I. Preparation for a lifetime career.
  - A. Books—your tools of the trade.
  - B. Official Outdoor Uniforms—attractive winter and summer uniforms identifying you as a member of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps.
  - C. Indoor Uniforms-of your School of Nursing.
  - D. <u>Tuition</u>—the best nursing education the school of your choice can give you.
  - E. Stipends—a monthly cash allowance for your personal use. \$15 for the first 9 months (Pre-Cadet period); \$20 for the next 15 to 21 months (Junior Cadet period); at least \$30 for the remaining months before graduation (Senior Cadet period).
  - F. Maintenance—the school furnishes food, shelter, laundry, and other essentials for your entire preparation period.
- II. The opportunity to choose the field of specialization which appeals most to you—pediatrics, psychiatry, public health, orthopedics, or any other essential field—secure in the knowledge that you will be well prepared to give useful service in your chosen field.
- III. The opportunity to request assignment for the Senior Cadet period to a Federal nursing service—Army, Navy, veterans, or U. S. Public Health Service hospitals, or hospitals of the Office of Indian Affairs.
- IV. Identification with a distinguished and honored organization—the U.S. Public Health Service—dating back to the birth of our country.
- V. Membership in a proud profession—the nursing profession—with a privileged present and an inspiring future.
- VI. National recognition for rendering a vital war service.

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## RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the provisions of the Bolton Act you must assume:

- I. The obligation to use your educational opportunities to the best of your abilities—to become a superior nurse.
- II. The obligation to wear the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps uniform honorably, with conduct appropriate to the high purpose of the profession which it represents. This implies simple, natural behavior in keeping with the dictates of good taste and the customs of the community in which you live.
- III. The obligation to wear the uniform with pride—with perfect grooming and faultless appearance—to be at all time the model Cadet Nurse. This implies:
  - A. Proper care for your uniform so that it fits and looks well from shoes to beret.
  - B. The correct placing of all insignia on indoor and outdoor uniforms.
  - C. Attention to personal grooming so that your healthly, glowing appearance enhances the uniform.
  - IV. Full responsibility as a mature person in taking the Cadet Nurse Corps pledge and accepting your share of the world's work. Your services are pledged to essential nursing—either civilian or military, as you choose—for the duration of the war.
  - V. The responsibility to add your efforts henceforth to those of the world's greatest pioneers in the battle against disease throughout the world.
  - VI. The responsibility to understand the obligations and requirements of your school, and of the national and State nursing agencies which relate to your professional nurse education.
- VII. The responsibility to understand the provisions of the Bolton Act—to enable you to know what is expected of you and what you may expect of others in all of your relationships as a Cadet Nurse.

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