



CADET NURSE CORPS NEWS

"In consideration of the training, payments, and other benefits which are provided me as a member of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps, I agree that I will be available for military or other Federal, governmental, or essential services for the duration of the present war."

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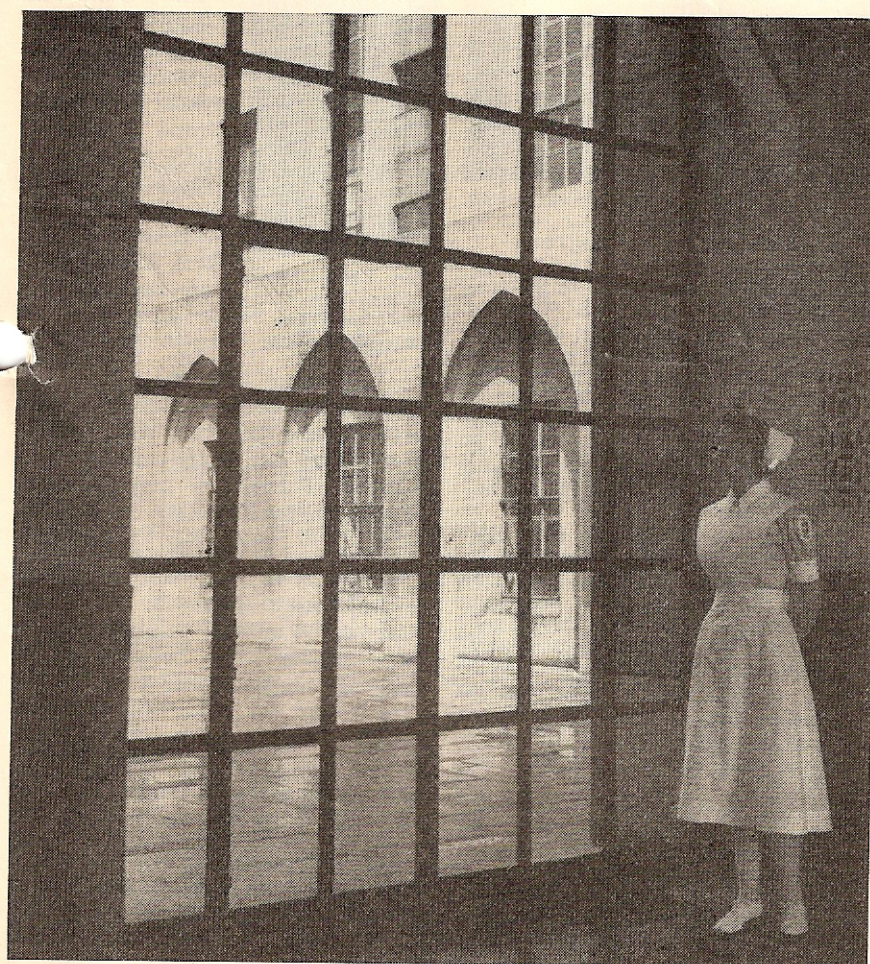
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HAPPY NEW YEAR



SURGEON GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO CORPS

The Cadet Nurse Corps has reached the half-way mark. For 2½ years the loyalty and inspired enthusiasm of Corps members has set an unparalleled war record. In another 2½ years the last Cadet Nurse will graduate. The full peacetime value of work begun under pressure and stress of war has now been determined. America depends on Cadet Nurses to continue the prevailing high standard of essential service in hospitals where the situation remains critical.

Today we stand on the threshold of a New Year . . . before us a new world where peace, gained at high cost, must be maintained. Your youth, energy, spirit, and knowledge are needed to help cement this peace.

You are learning to understand and exercise judgment in meeting human problems. Because it is your job to heal, nationalities can make no difference. Human boundaries do not exist. We must think in terms of one world, and must fight prejudice, hate, and disease, along with all other enemies of peace.

By your tolerance, your willingness to serve, you can inspire all Americans working together for world peace.

Cadet Nurses everywhere, students and graduates alike, can attract other superior girls to a nursing career— young women capable of shouldering their share of the many responsibilities of the post-war world.

May we all resolve to work together for world happiness and world peace.

"I solemnly pledge myself before God . . . to practice my profession faithfully . . . I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession . . . With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care."

—Florence Nightingale.

Thomas A. Barran
Surgeon General.

TRIBUTES . . .

From Major General Norman T. Kirk,
Surgeon General of the Army—

"Now that the great national emergency has come to an end, I should like to take this opportunity to thank you and the members of your organization for the magnificent contribution of the Cadet Nurse Corps to the Medical Department of the Army.

"I do not need to repeat the many nice things that you already know about your grand Corps, but two outstanding contributions they have made to this country come readily to mind: 1. They stabilized the civilian homefront nursing service at a time when the military demands would have disrupted a less efficient organization. 2. They assumed nursing responsibilities in Army hospitals second only to our own Army nurses. By so doing they endeared themselves not only to the professional personnel of our hospitals, but to the patients over whom they so carefully watched.

"Again let me thank you, both personally and as the Surgeon General of the Army. It was a job well done."

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From Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire,
Chief of the Navy's Bureau of
Medicine and Surgery—

"It is with regret that we write the last set of orders for a Cadet Nurse to proceed to a naval hospital for her Senior Cadet period. However, this feeling is mixed with a great deal of gratitude because it is further evidence that we do not have the hundreds of sick and wounded pouring into our hospitals and requiring the nursing care that the Senior Cadet Nurse can give.

Since April 1, 1944, nearly 1,100 Cadet Nurses from schools of nursing in 40 States and the District of Columbia have been assigned to naval hospitals for their Senior Cadet period. They have given expert nursing care to critically ill patients and assisted the members of the Nurse Corps in the administration of the wards and the instruction of the members of the Hospital Corps.

The enthusiasm, desire for knowledge and never-flagging interest of these student nurses has undoubtedly acted as a stimulus to all connected with the naval hospitals. In this way, as well as through the many hours of nursing care, they have contributed to the recovery of our men.

May we take this opportunity to thank the members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps, those who served in naval hospitals and those who remained at home to release Senior Cadets and graduate nurses for service.

MEMO TO YOU—

From Lucile Petry



With the rapid demobilization of women in the armed services, the national spotlight is no longer focused on uniforms. Rather than assign your Cadet Nurse uniforms to mothballs—and oblivion—you can make them over into attractive civilian suits with minimum effort and expense. A noted fashion editor suggests removing epaulets, pocket tabs; change the buttons. If you want more complete variation, remove collar and lapels—you will have a good looking cardigan suit. Remove epaulets from your reefer, add a fur collar; consider dyeing all three pieces an exciting new color.

National Health Program

In a message to Congress on November 19, President Harry S. Truman requested adoption of a National Health Program. Citing basic national health problems, he proposed a five-point program to solve them:

1. Federal financial and other assistance for the construction of needed hospitals, health centers and other medical, health, and rehabilitation facilities.

2. Expansion of public health, maternal and child-health centers so that no area in the Nation would be without the services of a full-time health officer and other essential personnel, essential public health services, or sanitation facilities.

3. A broad Federal program to strengthen professional education in medical and related fields, and to encourage and support medical research.

4. Prepayment of medical, hospital, nursing, and laboratory costs to insure ready access of everyone to all necessary medical, hospital, and related services, through expansion of our existing compulsory social insurance system. This is not socialized medicine.

5. Protection of workers and their families against loss of wages from sickness and disability.

Said the President, "Appreciation of modern achievements in medicine and public health has created widespread demand that they be fully applied and universally available. By meeting that demand we shall strengthen the Nation to meet future economic and social problems; and we shall make a most important contribution toward freedom from want in our land."

Cadets Here and There

From Butler County Memorial Hospital, Butler, Pa., comes the news that a total of \$2,550 worth of Victory war bonds have been sold in the hospital . . . due to the efforts of Cadet Nurses.

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Cadet Nurses serving at Madigan Hospital Center, Fort Lewis, Wash., have been given the opportunity to serve on hospital trains, caring for patients being shipped to hospitals nearer their homes. This is the first time that any nurses, other than Regular Army nurses, have accompanied patients on hospital trains.

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Mary Van Lonhuyzen

Mary Jane Van Lonhuyzen graduated from Butterworth Hospital School of Nursing, Grand Rapids, Mich., in December 1944, is now a Public Health nurse serving with U. N. R. R. A. in Europe, commissioned Junior Assistant Nurse Officer (second lieutenant, R.).

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A group of Cadet Nurses on a train wrecked near Appleton, Wis., administered first aid to the injured passengers. Thirty-five persons were admitted to the hospital.

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Cadet Nurses of the Elizabeth General Hospital, Elizabeth, N. J., received a full military salute from Admiral Halsey when he returned to Elizabeth on November 7 . . . a fitting reward for a faithful group of girls who have been practicing military drill under the guidance of the New Jersey State Guard.

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Members of the Cadet Nurse Corps and Red Cross Nurse's Aides were honored at a "coffee" given by the H. F. Long Hospital in Statesville, N. C.

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Senior Cadet Nurses at the Newton D. Baker General Hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va., have published a book entitled, "The K-Det" commemorating their experience at the army hospital. This book, written in diary form, is smartly illustrated—will serve as a memento of this interesting period in their lives.

God's Angel in Disguise

By Joseph P. Kiefer

The world may view her as a glamour girl,
This charming nurse, arrayed in spotless
white.

And yet, her inner beauty, like the pearl,
Lies humbly hidden, far from human sight.

There is no glamour in the broken lives,
That lean upon the nurse for strength and
aid;

No glamour in the surgeon's bloody knives,
Which halt disease in bodies God has made.

Each mortal ill to which mankind is heir
Is hers to witness and to bring relief.
The dying find sweet solace in her prayer,
While broken hearts find comfort in their
grief.

Upon the battlefields in distant lands
Her smile brings sunshine to our fighting
men.
She binds their gaping wounds with skillful
hands,
And guides them on their way to health
again.

There is no glamour there amid the fray,
No rest from warfare's cruel and bloody
sights.
Without reward she wends her weary way
Along the ghastly scenes of endless nights.

The crash of bombs, the rain of screaming
shells,
Do not strike terror in her brave young
heart.
Amid the horrors of a thousand hells
She nobly stands . . . God's angel set
apart!

Dear nurse! No service cross may grace
your breast,
About your neck no medals may be hung.
To you no public praise will be addressed,
No epic of your actions will be sung.

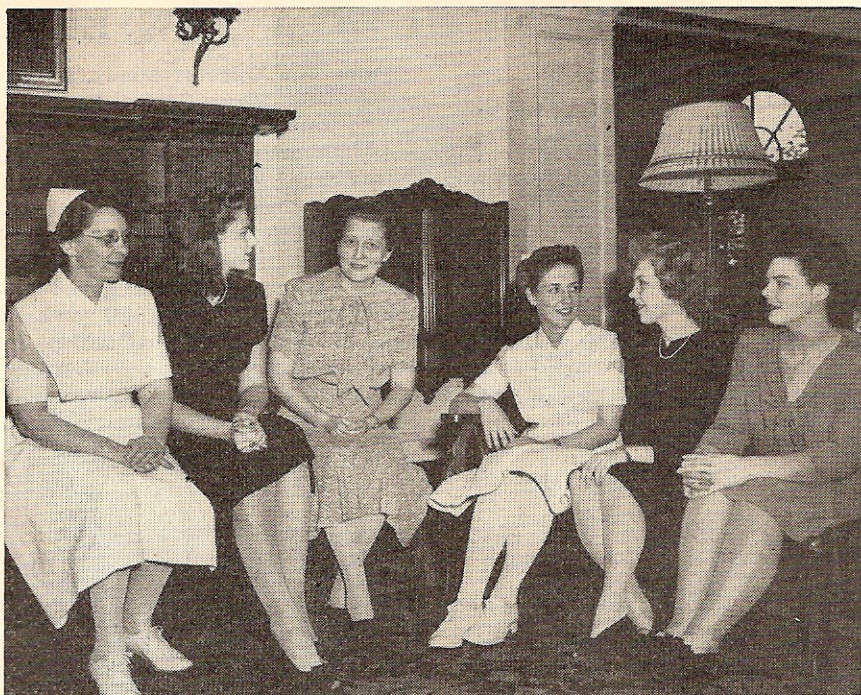
In room and ward, upon the battlefield,
You labor on, unmindful of the cost.
Who can recount the, bodies you have
healed?
Or name the souls you helped from being
lost?

The world may soon forget. But One above
Will always know each tiny hidden deed
That you perform, through charity and love,
For His poor children in their hour of need.

So work and pray until earth's day is done.
A life of love and mercy never dies!
The seeds of kindness, planted one by one,
Will bloom eternally in paradise.

Beyond the silent tomb and mournful sod
The souls you served will some day realize
That you, who walk the streets of heaven
with God,
Once walked the wards . . . an angel in
disguise!

Dedicated to the Sisters of St. Joseph
and the graduate and student nurses at the
heeling (W. Va.) Hospital, this poem is
reprinted at the request of Wheeling Cadet
Nurses so that it may be shared by all.



Officers of newly formed Student Union at Indiana University Training School for Nurses are shown in conference on their organization's plans with Miss Cordelia Hoeflin, third from left, director of school.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION STARTED AT INDIANA UTSN

Students in the Indiana University Training School for Nurses, a division of the University's Medical Center in Indianapolis, have established The Student Union . . . the first step in organizing self-government policies.

Composed of 257 student nurses, the Union has as its additional objectives the fostering of cooperation and unity among the students and faculty . . . stimulation of individual responsibility and loyalty, . . . adherence to the ideals and standards of the school and of the nursing profession. Pre-clinical students become members on completion of their probationary period.

The union is headed by a student council consisting of the presidents and two representatives from each class, and three representatives of the pre-clinical class. Those elected to the council by the various classes determine the officers; seniors receiving the highest and next highest votes become president and vice president, respectively; juniors receiving the highest votes are nominated for second vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Council members serve as chairmen of the union committees which include social activity, publicity,

Recent C. N. Marriages

Marie Elizabeth Brown, Atlanta, Ga., to Lt. Edward Carr Smith.
Addie Owen, Inverness, Fla., to Neal Evans Lake.
Mary Helen Price, Allentown, Pa., to Pfc. Kenneth C. Clark.
Viola Louise Johnson, Parkview Hospital, Pueblo, Colo., to Anthony Blattner.
Teresa Anne Rollins, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C., to John Henry Hook.
Florence M. Siket, Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., to Lt. William W. Ballner.
Julia Marjorie Porter, Wilbraham, Mass., to Lt. Raymond Trombley.
Nancy Jannette Bahnson, Bethlehem, Pa., to Marvin Stanley Schumacher, USN.
Anabel R. Weiss, Philadelphia Jewish Hospital, to S/Sgt. Daniel Comer.
Catherine Hardin, General Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., to Edwin McElyea.
Carolyn Wilgus Kent, Atlanta, Ga., to Pfc. Cecil Gascoyne Butt III.
Eustelle Tischhauser, Glockner Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo., to James Vernon O'Rourke, S2/c.

orientation, financial, judiciary, infirmary, affiliation, recreation, legislation, executive, and religious.

More About the Uniform

Because new Cadet Nurses have been disappointed on learning that they will not receive the official outdoor uniforms, the following poem was written by Mrs. Norman Parsons, mother of a Cadet Nurse.

To Jean, on her disappointment at not getting her Cadet Uniform:

So today brought disappointment
 To my little nurse-to-be?
 Our good old Uncle Sammy
 Had to "call a halt"—did he?
 No doubt he feels his share is done
 When he provides the books
 It's up to ma and pa and you
 To worry 'bout the "looks."
 And that, I'd say, is fair enough,
 And no calamity
 You'll still be mighty sweet to us,
 And just as fair to see!
 And that fine day when you are
 capped
 Our hearts will swell with pride
 And joy for you will be greater, too,
 Than a uniform could provide.
 Of course, it would be swell, I know,
 To strut in uniform
 And after all you'll get that, too,
 But in another form!
 For what could give more joy to be
 And what a prettier sight
 Than a cheerful, happy, little nurse
 In a uniform of white!
 So thanks to good old Uncle Sam
 For helping us at all—
 He might have closed his books, you
 know
 And never heard our call.
 So uniform—or not—go on!
 Work for *the one all-white*
 And before you know, all three years
 will go
 And you'll be a nurse all right!
 —Mom.

GET A NEW LINE . . . FOR 1946

From The Voice of Mercy, school paper of the Mercy Central Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich., we reprint the following article written by Bernadette Schaaf, '47.

"Susie Perkins, student nurse, chewed the tip of her pen, gazed hungrily at her friends surrounding her in the chart room and launched the conversation with—'Say, did you kids hear the latest about that patient in two? Well, they say . . . !' A windy monologue begins and Susie, satis-

fied with the interest she arouses, continues, 'And what'd you think about the new intern? They say . . .'

Poor Susie! Whether she is on duty or off, she constantly talks "hospital." When Susie goes home to visit, her family hears about Susie's patients all the while Susie is at home. At night Susie dreams about her patients. During the day, she talks about them. Susie is in a rut. Susie needs a new line!

GOOD MORNING!

By Jean McConnell



Compare yourself with Susie Perkins, student nurse, and ask yourself these questions.

Do I talk constantly?

Most of all, do I talk about others; especially my patients, other nurses, doctors?

Do I, as a student nurse and a prospective graduate nurse, practice a good, moral code of ethics?

If you are one of those unlucky individuals who can think of nothing but your patients to talk about, perhaps you need a change. Learn to knit, embroider, make a dress for

yourself. Bowling, skating, walking, horseback riding are all good healthy sports. Reading good books will not only increase your knowledge, but your powers of conversation. Meet new people. Get a new slant on life; and don't sit back with a Susie Perkins' smile and gripe, 'But I work too hard. I don't have time.' There is always time for something you really want to do. The next time you feel the urge to render the complete histories of your patients, think twice. Don't be another Susie Perkins!"