PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES CORPS STATUS

Federal Aid Continues for C. N. C. Members

President Truman has set October 15, 1945, as the final date for new admissions to the Cadet Nurse Corps. This action, the White House said, permits "orderly termination of an important wartime activity." It added:

"The U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps has contributed greatly to meeting the needs of the Nation for nurses... military and civilian. The Corps has made a substantial contribution to health in wartime. Its graduates will continue in the days of peace to serve the health needs of our veterans and civilian population."

The President's action means that the 30,000 Cadet Nurses recruited by August 20 for Fall classes will receive Federal aid to graduation.

Health Program Will Put You in Top Form

Your career as a nurse will be based on the task of building—or rebuilding—sound bodies and minds for your patients. But what about your own health? Do you wake up in the morning eager for the day's new experiences? Do you eat well? Do you take time off for recreation and play?

To help Cadet Nurses achieve the glowing health they need, the U. S. Public Health Service has formulated a Health Program for Student Nurses.

Copies of this program have been sent to all Schools of Nursing participating in the Corps.

The program outlines preventive and curative measures to protect the physical, mental, and emotional health of student nurses. It was drawn up by leading Public Health Service officers and outstanding medical specialists throughout the country.

We believe that most Schools of Nursing will want to adopt the health program. The decision is left with Administrators and Directors. If your school adopts it, you have a responsibility to assist in assuring the success of the program.

You must not let any abnormality in your health go unnoticed. As you teach your patients, recognize the wisdom of following the doctor's orders faithfully. No matter how small your symptoms may seem, report them. Good nurses are still in great demand. The United States Government is helping provide them by financing your education. You can do your part by keeping well... above-average well.

Secure a copy—discuss it in your student government association meetings—cooperate with your School.

Your health is your most valuable possession. Guard it carefully!
CADET PARADE

CITATION . . . Los Angeles Cadet Nurses received official plaudits for their part in the city’s Memorial Day parade. Wrote the Grand Marshal: “It is a pleasant duty to congratulate you upon the strength, professional and military marching order, uniforms and evidence of training of participating Cadet Nurses. We were proud to have them in line.”

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ROYAL WELCOME . . . Cadet Nurses from Freedmen’s Hospital School of Nursing, Washington, D. C., found a warm reception at the Third Baptist Church on the Corps’ Second Birthday. The pastor held up his usual punctual services to pose for a picture with them, based his sermon on service to mankind—using the Cadet Nurse Corps as an illustration, then called upon the Cadet Nurses themselves to sing the Corps’ new hymn. Founded in 1894, Freedmen’s is one of America’s oldest and largest Schools of Nursing for Negro girls.

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CITIZENSHIP . . . A nurse first, a full-fledged American next, C/N Gerda Furtih, a student at California Hospital School of Nursing, Los Angeles, became a citizen of the United States on Friday, July 13. Fleeing Nazi-held Vienna, she arrived in this country in 1939, joined the Corps three years later.

ONE-THIRD . . . of the Tommerup triplets — Myrtle, Margaret, and Minnie — enrolled at the Sacred Heart School of Nursing at Havre, Mont. The other two are just as pretty. Now Junior Cadets, they seek a future with the Army Nurse Corps or in Public Health Nursing.

PAY-OFF . . . According to Leaves, Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, long hours of drilling to the “Hut-two-three-four” of a Civil Air Patrol lieutenant were rewarded by five-minute flights in his four-seater plane. The eight girls who found themselves in the clouds were members of an advance military drill squadron which received citations for excellence at a State-wide review.

NOMAD AND NAMESAKE . . . Launched by Corps members, the S. S. Coastal Nomad slid down the ways July 9 in Wilmington, Calif. Arriving in Los Angeles, its sponsor, C/N Alyce Valandry, a Sioux Indian, and maid-of-honor, Rowena Pentewa, a Hopi, are greeted by Chief Richard Davis Thunderbird. Both Cadet Nurses are from Sage Memorial School of Nursing, Ganado, Ariz. . . . Named for the Corps, a B-29 superfortress was dedicated at Wichita, Kans., July 1. Cadet Nurses from the Wesley Hospital School of Nursing there sped it on its way.

IN MEMORIAM . . . With deep sorrow, we announce the death of Senior Cadet Eleanor Trofka, Misericordia Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in an automobile accident June 3, 1945. Miss Trofka—characterized by her classmates as an ideal nurse—was buried in the gray and scarlet of the Cadet Nurse Corps.

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SCHOLASTICS . . . Brunette mother and blonde daughter are both Cadet Nurses at American University, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Grace R. Price is president of the spring class; Donna Jean, 18, is enrolled in the next group. Both plan to enter the Navy Nurse Corps, but if quotas are full, would like to try public health nursing together.

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GOURMANTISE . . . To Senior Cadets of Cornell University-New York Hospital, New York City, travel difficulties are no problem at all. They’re touring the world . . . gastronomically. “Thus far we have been to three dinners, arriving always on the first possible night after the issuance of our Cadet stipends. We have sung with the Swedish at a smörgasbord, eaten in the traditional oriental style at an Indian curry shop, and met an imaginary Alp at a Swiss inn.”

Marching Along Together

The Corps goes on. And so does the NEWS! To keep it of and by, as well as for, Cadet Nurses, we need to know what you’ve done, what plans are up your sleeve. News items, poems, glossy photos, articles, cartoons . . . what have you . . . will bob up in the pages of the NEWS . . . if you send them to us! Deadline for the November issue is October 10.
MAIL CALL

When soldiers or sailors take time to write a letter, it's a sure sign they mean what they say. Here's their comment on us.

To his sister Loraine, a Cadet Nurse at the Lenox Hill School of Nursing in New York City, Lt. (j.g.) Stephen McGrath wrote after Iwo Jima:

"There is a terrible need for nurses—I can think of Marines I have just less than a week ago treated in one way or another. These boys were absolutely mutilated and it will take months of excellent post-op nursing care to bring these fellows anywhere near health. I only hope it can be done... for they deserve the best.

"My only thought for you, and you can quote this if you so desire to your group, when you feel you are not suited for the work—remember those 20,000 casualties on this island, 4,200 of which are dead. Of the remaining, 18,000 are boys who will need a terrific amount of medical and nursing follow-up. Nursing care is an essential, not only physically in a 4-day post-op laporotomy but mentally in a 6-months-old bilateral amputation. Don’t give up."

A soldier, APO 850, saw five Senior Cadets pictured in an old newspaper.

"I resolved then and there that it was my duty to let you know how I felt about it all. So he put the name of each in his cap, pulled that of Christine Stergiou, Nashua, N. H., Memorial School of Nursing, and wrote:

"You girls command my deepest respect and sympathy. Respect, yes: for the efficiency and skill with which you perform your duties and so constituting the main reason why you girls have won the affection, admiration, and gratitude from us men in the Armed Forces. It is only with the respectful sympathy that we have to regard these girls, who selflessly devote most of their time to the care of the sick and wounded and who get so little help in doing so."

When a Cadet Nurse asked him for his opinion on the work of the Corps, General Mark W. Clark wrote her:

"By lightening the burden of nurses in hospitals within the United States, the Cadet Nurse Corps has made it possible to augment the staffs of Army hospitals, both in this country and overseas. You who have joined the Cadet Nurse Corps have made a very definite contribution in the war effort and I would like to express my gratefulness to the Cadet Nurse Corps."

SOUTHERN SONGBIRDS... The Cadet Nurse Choir of Grady and Piedmont Hospital Schools of Nursing is already an Atlanta, Ga., institution. Student Nurses using kitchen and gym facilities of friendly Central Presbyterian Church said they wanted to sing, too, began rehearsal under the direction of the Church's own choirmaster. Organized in September 1943, they are claiming laurels as a "first" in the Cadet Nurse Choir field. Any contenders?

Birthday Remembrances for the C/N Scrapbook

The Nation's First Lady, Mrs. Truman, shaking hands with Cadets of Independence, Mo., after cutting their birthday cake, signing autographs and posing for snapshots... the pretty Junior Cadet from St. Agnes in Philadelphia who sliced the Corps' cake at the Army Nurse Show there... the gracious hospitality of Mary Pickford and her two-year-old daughter entertaining student nurses from Los Angeles at Pickfair... Atlanta Cadet Nurses' tour of Lawson General Hospital, tea afterwards with the chief nurse... a trim line of gray and scarlet as Cadet Nurses marched in to evening services in Phoenix' Encanto Park Shell... the gay picnic celebration of Senior Cadets at Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah... New York student nurses scurrying to and fro selling slices of "The Largest Birthday Cake in the World" at the Times Square Birthday-Bond rally.

CADET NURSE CREED

As a Cadet Nurse, I will try to be:

C—Competent in action
A—Alert to conditions
D—Determined in manner
E—Eager for perfection
T—Teacher of health.
N—Never forgetful
U—Unselfish in service
R—Reliable in duty
S—Sincere at all times
E—Ever-reaching to God for strength and support.

C/N Lois Frank King,
Good Samaritan
School of Nursing,
Lexington, Ky.

OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT... Sponsor of the Cadet Nurse Corps, Congresswoman Frances Payne Bolton (R., Ohio) left August 12 with other members of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee to visit war-torn Europe, the Near East, Algiers, and Casablanca.
REQUIRED READING

Directed to Senior Cadets and on the "must" list for Pre- and Junior Cadets is this recent letter from Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service.

August 17

Dear Senior Cadet:

At this time I should like to congratulate all members of the Cadet Nurse Corps, especially those of you who are Senior Cadets. The Corps is doing a splendid job, and continues to merit the gratitude of all America. As young women capable of assuming, under supervision, the duties and responsibilities of graduate nurses, I have heard nothing but praise for your contribution to America at war. In the Federal services ... in public health nursing agencies ... and in your home or other civilian hospitals where you are giving vital nursing service, your supervisors and patients are enthusiastic about your ability and your spirit.

The Public Health Service is confident that you will justify the faith placed in you when you entered the Corps. We know you will keep the pledge you made at the time—the promise to continue in military or civilian nursing for the duration of the war.

We have not passed the crisis in our needs for civilian nursing service. It is imperative that every one of you as young graduates, accept a position which is essential to our nursing service in this National emergency. You should go to your local Procurement and Assignment Service Committee, War Manpower Commission, and find out if you will be classified as essential in the position you are considering or have accepted. This will assure you and those who have invested in your future that you are worthily fulfilling your Corps' pledge. A limited number of carefully selected recent graduates with exceptional ability may be recommended by the Director of the School of Nursing for essential postgraduate study. If you are in this group it is necessary that you be classified as essential for postgraduate study.

On the whole health front we still have a tremendous task to do. It is important that all of us do our share. I am looking to you, as is our whole Nation, to continue to maintain our essential civilian nursing service at a safe level.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Surgeon General.

"Women of Achievement" Serve North and South

chosen a "typical Cadet Nurse" by Vassar Dean Mildred Thompson, novelist Fannie Hurst, and opera star Gladys Swarthout, Beatrice Graham Whitney was presented with the $1,000 "Woman of Achievement" award June 27 at Boston's celebration of the Corps' Second Birthday.

Helen Hayes, Benny Goodman and Saxophone Sextette, Massachusetts' Governor Tobin, and Boston Mayor Kerrigan, as well as Army and Navy representatives were also on hand to add their good wishes.

Senior Cadets from McClosky General Hospital, Temple, Texas, and Harmon General, Longview, stood in for 21 Army Nurses at a group "Women of Achievement" award August 11 in Dallas ... personal appearance request by Army Nurse Corps.

Accent on Scholarship

It's Phi Beta Kappa honors for C/N Barbara Ann Kiesling, University of Wisconsin School of Nursing, Madison, initiated last spring by this highest of collegiate honor societies.

In announcing the July Dean's List (top 10%), the University of Cincinnati included two Cadet Nurses—sophomore Margaret Niesen of Milwaukee, and junior Mary Boggess, Orange, N. J.

C/N Corrine June Hoffman—second youngest student in her class—was recently initiated by the University of Missouri's chapter of Pi Delta Mu, National science honorary.

COULD THIS BE YOU?

By Jean McConnell

but this patient doesn't have any pulse!

In a recent radio address, Miss Lucille Petry, Director of the Corps, congratulated all of you "Cadet Nurses who stuck by your posts during the uncertainties facing the program at the close of the war. Your spirit and determination has been inspiring."