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Have we enough nurses for national defense?

What is being done to improve nursing standards?

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## In the Army

Private John Stevens was groping his way through a gray smother of fog. His breath came chokingly and he could not see at all. His whole body ached with a curious, heavy fatigue. Far away, he seemed to hear people moving. So the maneuvers were on! He must find his outfit. Pvt. Stevens tried to drag himself forward. A searchlight swung through the fog and turned into a shaft of pain. Pvt. Stevens groaned. A steadying hand was laid on his forehead, and close to his ear a quiet voice said, "You're all right now. Just take it easy."

Pvt. Stevens, fighting his way out of the anesthetic after an emergency appendectomy, clung to that voice. It made sense in a very confused and uncomfortable world. He relaxed. The fog swirled around him, but there were breaks in it. Things began to sort themselves out. There was that cramp that doubled him up — was it only last night that he and Taffy were roughhousing a little before "lights out"? The Sarge had been decent. And he knew just what to do. Then the Medical

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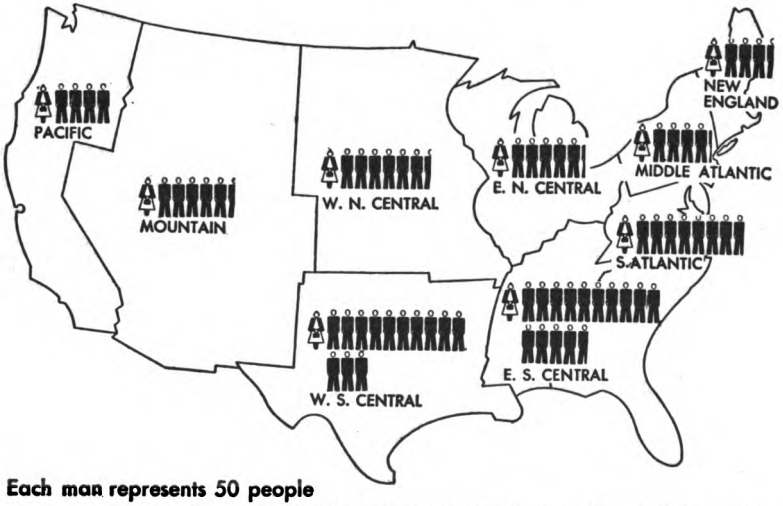
The mushroom growth of communities in which defense industries and cantonments are located has been accompanied by serious problems of sanitation and health. It has necessitated the appointment of special public health nurses to supplement local public health nursing staffs.

## POPULATION PER NURSE IN 1940




Each man represents 50 people

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### New Demands

Civilian hospitals throughout the country have been taxed to capacity since the defense boom began. Better filled pocketbooks of farmers, wage earners, and white collar workers, as well as 3-cents-a-day hospitalization plans (7,500,000 people are now subscribers) have brought more patients to hospitals and clinics for operations and treatments, neglected in leaner times. In addition to the salaried services nurses are rendering in hospitals, defense areas, and communities, they are called upon to teach classes in home nursing and to give volunteer direction to millions of citizens who are eager to be prepared to serve in case of acute emergency.

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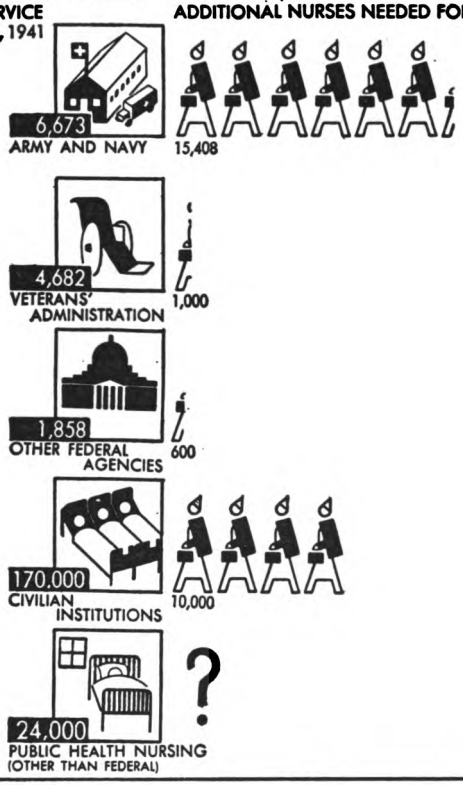
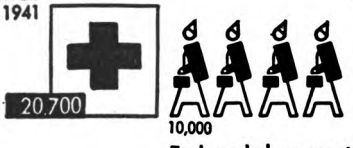
## REGISTERED NURSES




## STUDENT NURSES




## FIRST RESERVE OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

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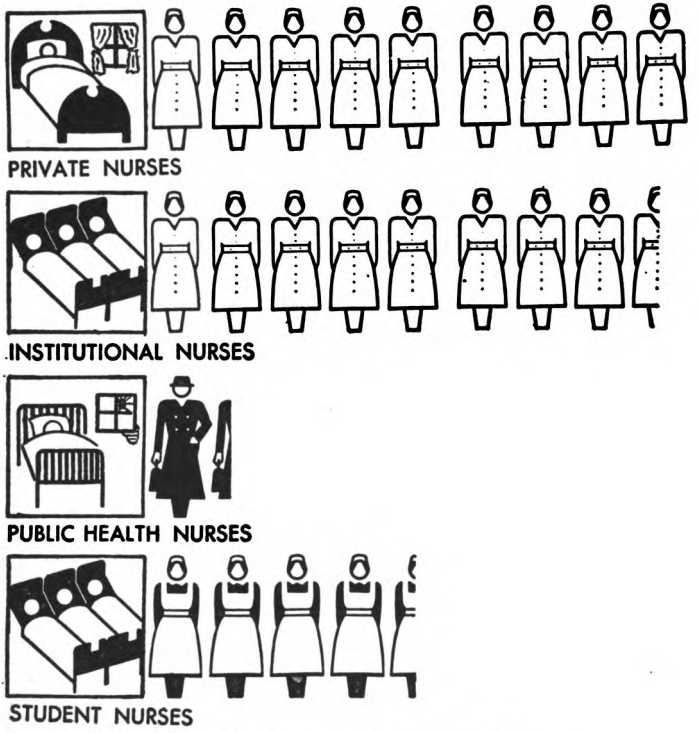
simultaneously with scarlet fever, or the whole family is stricken with influenza.

On the shoulders of the private duty nurse rests the responsibility for the comfort of her patient. Sometimes she is alone in the home with the patient and his family, far from

## WHERE NURSES WORKED IN 1940




Each symbol represents 20,000 nurses

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doctors, a hospital, and other nurses. In some institutions and in thinly settled communities, the physician may visit the patient only occasionally, relying on the nurse to make careful observations and report them to him, to carry out his orders with promptness and accuracy, to keep his patient comfortable and content, and to handle any emergency which may arise.

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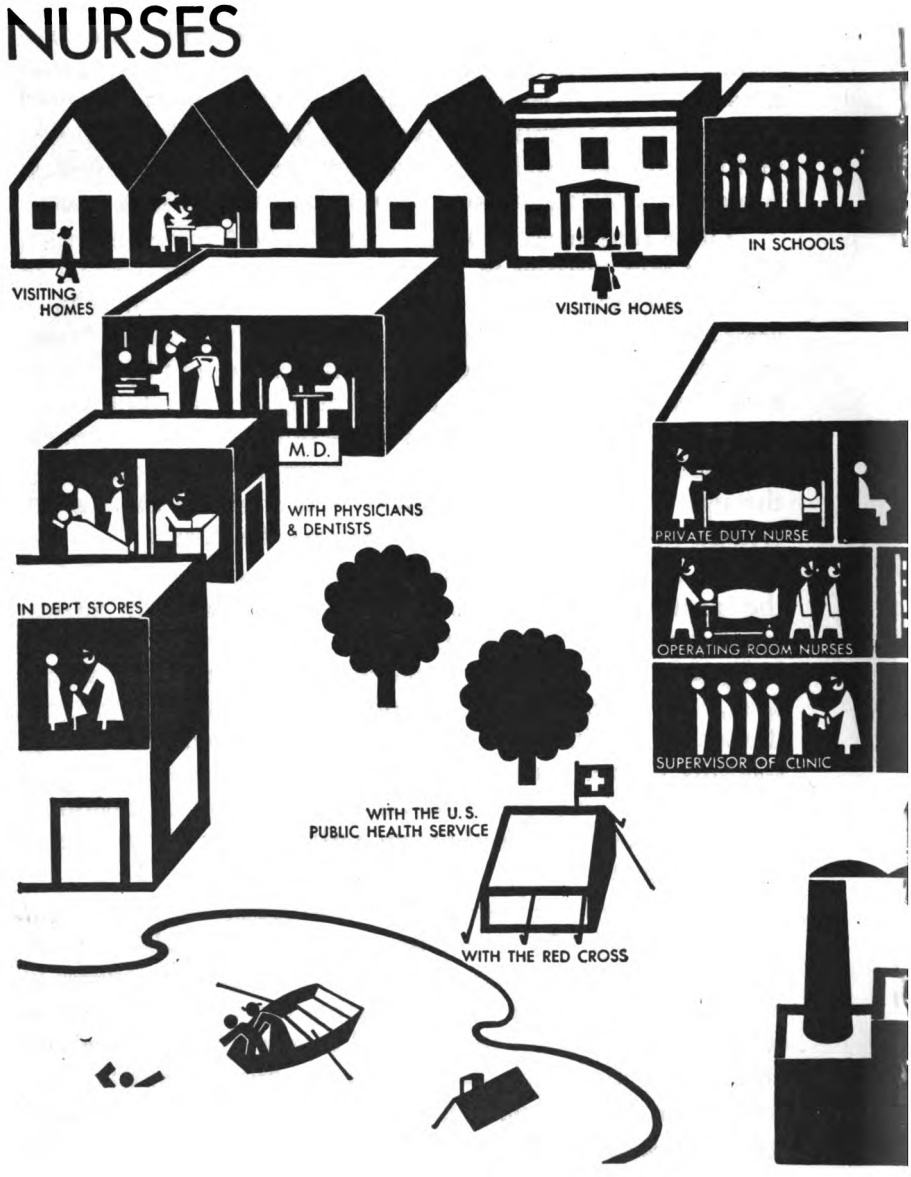


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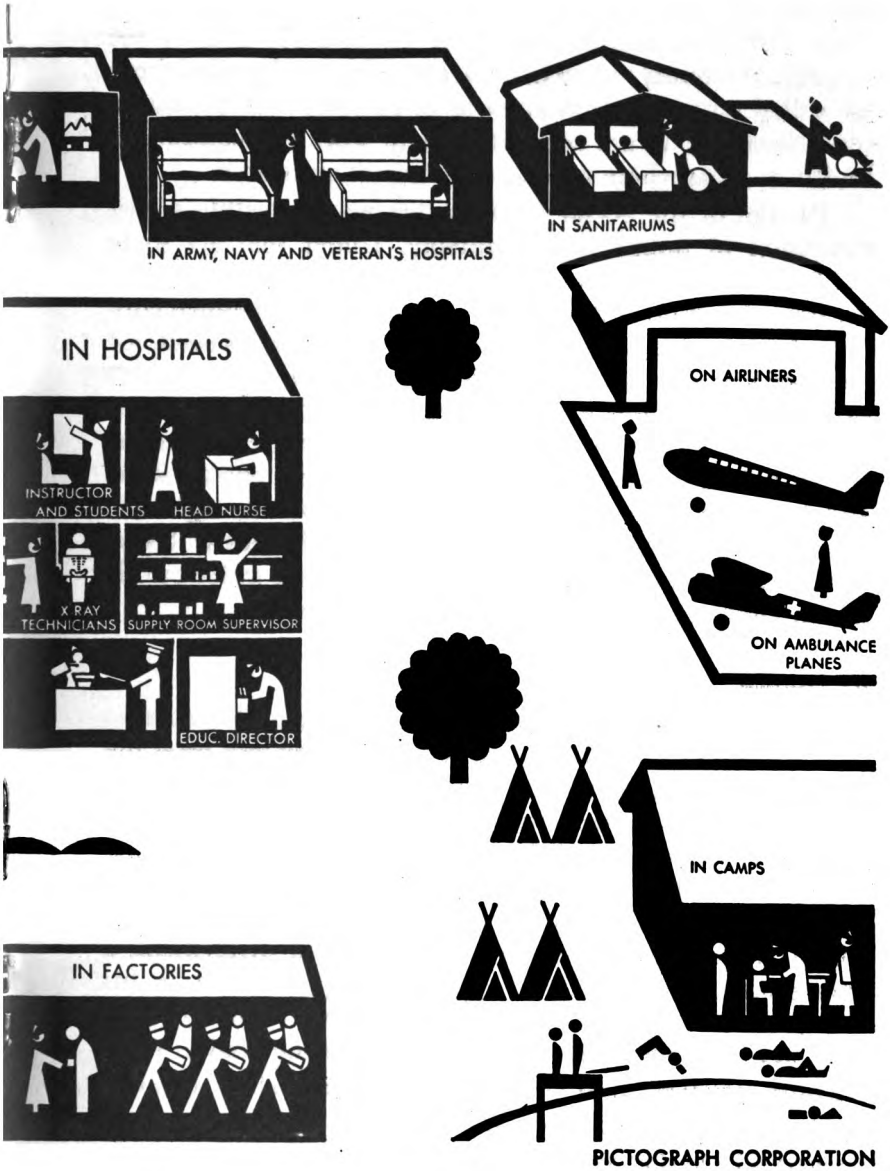


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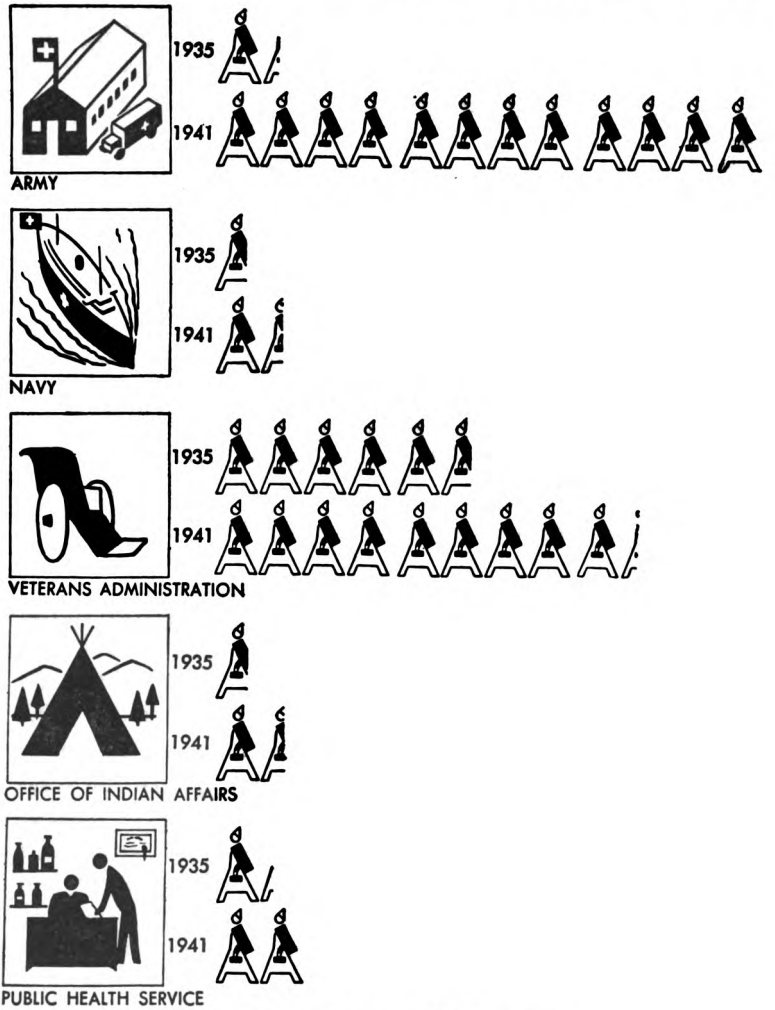


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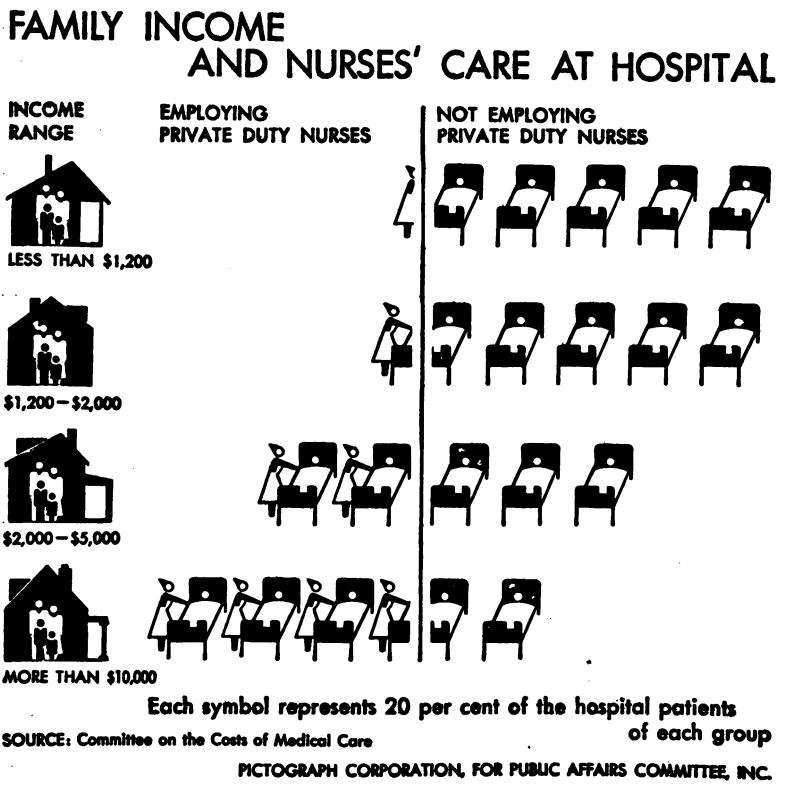
in recent years, to adjust service to the patient's actual needs, and so to distribute cost. Community nursing councils and services, which have been organized in various parts of the country — Detroit; Alameda County, California; Chicago;




Cincinnati; Cleveland; New Haven; and Boston — are giving effective help to patients in providing them with nursing service according to their needs and for their pocketbooks.

## Ways of Meeting the Cost

Some effort to bridge the gap between the need for private duty nursing in the home and the family's ability to pay for it has been made through the visiting nurse and the hourly nurse. The services of the visiting nurse are available to fam-

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