

During the past year an average, each month, of 425 Red Cross public health nurses assisted with the care of the civilian population. Forty-five of that number served in camp communities on an emergency and supplementary basis, providing bedside nursing, prenatal, maternity, and infant care for the wives of soldiers and sailors.

### HOME NURSING

Face to face with the shortage of doctors and nurses, and moved by the instinct to protect their homes, women and girls on a mass scale qualified for Red Cross Home Nursing certificates after a course of study. Taught by many thousands of graduate nurses and home economists, the students learned to give simple bedside care to sick loved ones, and to promote family health through prevention of illness, and proper sanitation and food. This informal home guard also has encouraged community health and helped protect the nation against the threats of wartime epidemics.

## TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

### NURSING SERVICE

Chapters having major Recruitment Committees†.....	343
Nurses enrolled†.....	87,700
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Nurses assigned to Army and Navy†.....	50,000
Home nursing certificates issued*.....	400,000

\*Mar. 1, 1943—Feb. 29, 1944

†As of Feb. 29, 1944

