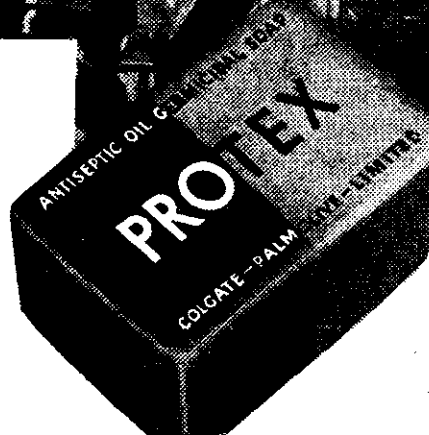




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Many girls who would normally have entered the nursing profession have responded to the call for women for the forces. What will these girls do when they receive their discharge at the end of hostilities, or even earlier? The nurses want them to transfer to the hospitals, and so, during the approaching campaign in Wellington, some will be visiting the Wrens, Waacs and Waafs to make their appeal personally, to tell them of the desperate need, of the value and interest of the work, and of the fact that many trained nurses cannot be released for further specialised training as there are not enough to fill their places.

Visits will also be paid to girls' secondary schools to urge the importance of starting a definite career immediately they leave school, and to point out the net advantages of the nursing profession—facts frequently overlooked by girls when considering the merits of different careers. For this purpose figures will be prepared illustrating the point that nurses are not poorly paid, when compared with typists, etc.—not when such items as board and uniforms are taken into account. In some districts "Hospital Saturdays" are going to be conducted, when secondary school-girls will be shown over the hospitals, and will see the nurses at work. They will have explained to them the opportunities for travel that are open to New Zealand nurses, who have no difficulty in getting a position anywhere in the world, so highly-rated is our nursing standard, and also the varied courses such as maternity, Plunket, and so on, that can be undertaken after the general training.

The national campaign will begin early in October.

[Our pictures tell their own story. They show nurses off duty as well as on duty, with children, with soldiers, and in a women's ward.]