

REGULATIONS FOR WEARING THE BADGE
OF THE RED CROSS NURSING SERVICE.

Each nurse receiving a badge should make every effort to protect it against misuse and loss. In order to do this we call your attention to the regulations governing its use as approved by the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, April 23, 1921, and revised on vote of the Committee December 8, 1931.

FIRST: It may be worn by an enrolled Red Cross nurse only, and then as a badge and not as a pin.

SECOND: When in uniform the Red Cross nurse may wear her badge:
(a) With an indoor uniform to fasten the collar in front.
(b) With an outdoor uniform it may also be used to fasten the collar.
(c) It may be worn two inches below and three inches to the left of the lower left hand point of the collar.

THIRD: It may be worn at a Red Cross function with civilian clothes or with evening dress. When worn in this way, it must not be used as a pin but should be worn on the left, in relatively the same position as described in (c) above.

Your attention is directed to the paragraph regarding the badge in A.R.C. 703, the circular of information for nurses desiring to enroll with the Red Cross:

"Approved applicants for enrollment will receive a numbered appointment card and badge, record of which will be kept on file by the Local Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service and by the Nursing Services of National Headquarters and the Branch Offices. The badge and the card will remain at all times the property of the American Red Cross, and in case of resignation or annulment of appointment both the badge and card are to be returned by the nurse to National Headquarters. This may be done through the Branch Office or the Local Committee. In the event of death, they should be returned by a relative, or by the administrator of the estate. The use of the badge is protected by an Act of Congress, and it must not be worn by any other than the person to whom it is issued. When a nurse is accepted for enrollment her badge is issued, together with regulations for wearing it. Duplicate badges to replace those lost or destroyed will be issued upon receipt of a written statement of the nurse, and the payment of \$1.00."

Please remember that this badge is symbolical of service and professional attainment, and should be carefully safeguarded. We realize from the large number of requests for duplicate badges, that many of the originals are in the possession of persons not entitled to them, and that in many instances these persons have no knowledge of the meaning of the badge or of the regulations for its use. Should, therefore, any knowledge come to you of a person wearing the badge whose right to wear it you question, will you not do your share to help, by obtaining the name and address of that person and reporting to your Local Committee, to your Branch Office Director, or to Red Cross National Headquarters?