

MORE NURSERY UNITS FOR CHILDREN FROM TARGET AREAS.

More "nursery units" for children under five years of age are to be set up in private houses in reception areas. People with medium-sized and large houses will shortly be asked by the local maternity and child welfare authorities if they will take a group of four, eight or twelve little children from target areas.

Cots, bedding and equipment can be supplied by the Ministry of Health and the Maternity and Child Welfare Authority will appoint paid nurses or helpers. There will be one nurse or helper for a group of four children, two where there are eight children, and three where there are twelve. Billeting allowances will be paid at the rate of 8s. 6d. a week for each child and £1. 1s. od. a week for each nurse or helper, or if the householder is prepared to keep an account of the cost, it will be met as a charge on the Government Evacuation Scheme.

The accommodation needed for a group of four children consists of rooms for a day nursery and a night nursery, a bedroom for the nurse and some portion of the garden, or other outside playing space. It will be necessary for the wife of the household to provide help with the washing and mending, and take charge on the nurse's day off.

These nursery units will be used for young children from evacuation areas who are motherless, or whose mothers cannot possibly take them away themselves, or send them to friends or relatives in safer areas. They will be in addition to the residential nurseries - now totalling 325 with accommodation for 10,000 children - which have been established in large houses.

A number of nursery units are already working successfully. In some cases the former "Nanny" of the family has come back to take charge.

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