formation regarding the nurse's part in caring for cardiac conditions—if you can find it. With the exception of chapter 21, nine pages, which is devoted to General Nursing Care, one must search for nursing functions in a wealth of clinical material. The approach is that of a physician, and in spite of a half-page foreword by a nurse, one misses the nursing touch and those details of nursing care which a nurse must practise to make her skills effective with this group of patients. Nursing does not receive separate treatment, not even in the chapter on rheumatic fever. There are no actual patient situations presented and the public health nurse will search in vain for the practical solutions of typical home situations.

This reviewer deplores any textbook for nurses which does not place nursing first throughout the discussion of treatment, and that is not written in complete collaboration with an experienced nurse. This book has much to offer nurses and forms a useful reference, especially the information in the Appendix on low-sodium diet, but the author has missed a wonderful chance to present actual nursing situations in true nursing handbook style and to give practical suggestions for the continuing home care of this very large group of patients—young and old.

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Any Medical Department officer who was in World War II needs very little introduction to the Military Medical Manual. This, the 7th edition, in general format and scope of coverage, is similar to the earlier editions, particularly those published in 1942 and 1945. The content of the volume has been completely revised and much of it rewritten, so that the aim of the publisher "to make the Manual virtually a one-volume professional library for the Army Medical Services officer" is achieved to a remarkable degree.

Those who have not used the volume in the past will find it a valuable compendium of Army procedure, organization, tactics and regulations, particularly as they apply to the Army Medical Services officer. The formal Army regulation type of discussion is avoided, so that the material is much more readable than AR's or the usual memos or bulletins. A generous portion of the volume is given to a discussion of the tactical operation of various parts of the Army. Specific discussion is given to medical tactics and administration. A new chapter, on medical aspects of atomic, biological and chemical warfare, has been added. Even the recently adopted back pressure—arm lift method of artificial respiration is included.

For those who are in the Army Reserve, the volume brings up to date Army regulations and procedures, at least to about the first of 1952. It is to be regretted that the volume does not carry more extensive references to pertinent Army regulations, special regulations, etc., for the benefit of those who desire to go to the official statement.

Anyone who is in the Army Medical Services, the Reserves particularly, or who is waiting for those momentous "greetings," anticipating service in the Army Medical Services, will find the volume well worth the price.

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