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PRESS NOTEPERMANENT COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN DOCTORS
IN THE ARMY

Women-doctors are for the first time to be granted Regular-Commissions in the Army Medical Corps on same terms as men, according to a notification published today in the Gazette of India. The Corps forms part of the Regular Army. Hitherto, women doctors joining the Army Medical Corps were granted only Emergency Commissions and Short-Service Regular Commissions. This new decision removes their present disabilities and gives them equality as provided in the Constitution.

During World War II, many Indian women had served in the Army Medical Corps in all theatres of War, both at home and overseas. After Independence, women doctors continued to serve the Armed Forces but they were granted only Short-Service Commissions for limited periods. Now they will be eligible to hold Regular Commissions. The Army is now open to women doctors as a permanent career, thus providing another field of employment to them.

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