



The Military Nurse - Past Present and Future

*Lives Dedicated to Service in a Service
Dedicated to Life*

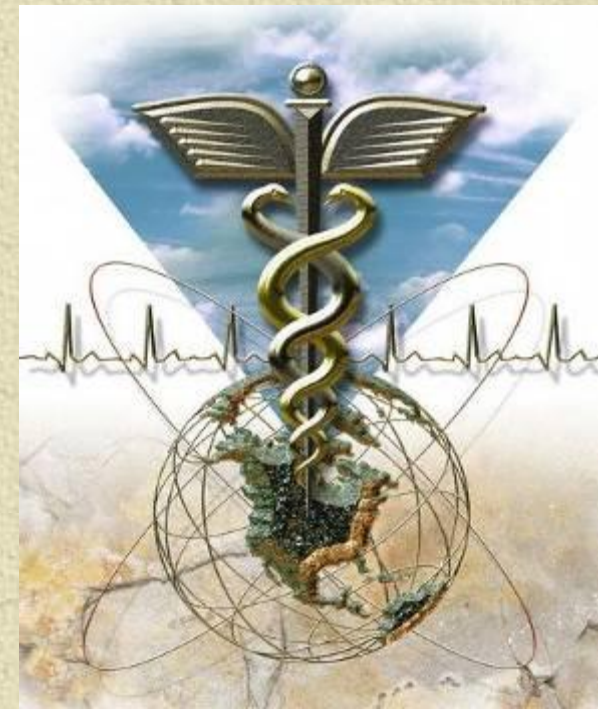
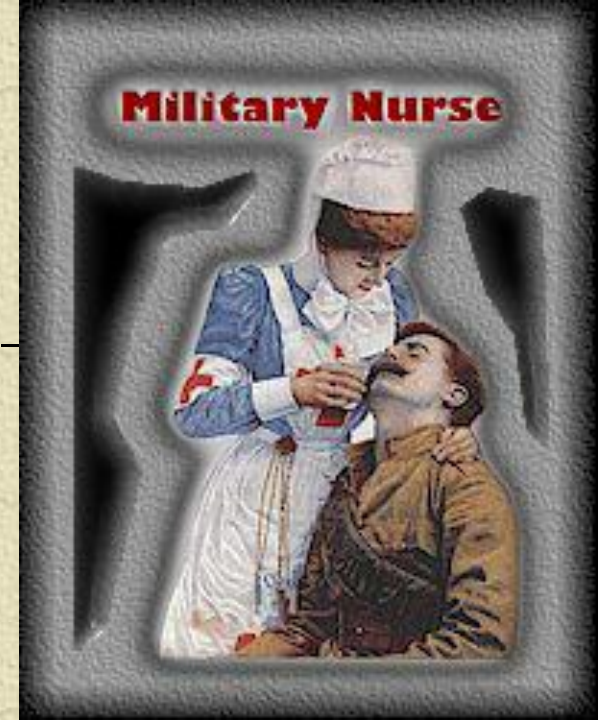
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Military Nursing

- ✧ The Oldest Art
- ✧ A long Rich History
- ✧ The American Army Nurse
- ✧ Lessons Learned
- ✧ Wartime shortage
- ✧ Flight Nursing
- ✧ Impact on the field
- ✧ Future



Excerpt from: A Cultural Milieu

Project by Vickie Green

✧ **“The American Military Nurse represents the authentic self of bravery, care and compassion. Her writings reveal the human aspects of war that are seldom exposed due to their realism and tragic endings.**

In the dark, ugly aftermath, the nurse provides a light; to ease pain and fear, restore individuality and treat each patient compassionately to the best of her ability. Through the solace of writing, the nurse faces her own aftermath; finally able to release her own emotions, which seem trivial in the face of her fallen companions.

I have a strong passion for nursing, and place my feet in the footprints of those before me. I have a keen regard for military nursing for the bravery and courage it takes to straddle both worlds of life and death in the name of civil duty. “ Vicky Green 2001

Knight Hospitallers Order of the Maltese Cross (Male Nurse Order)



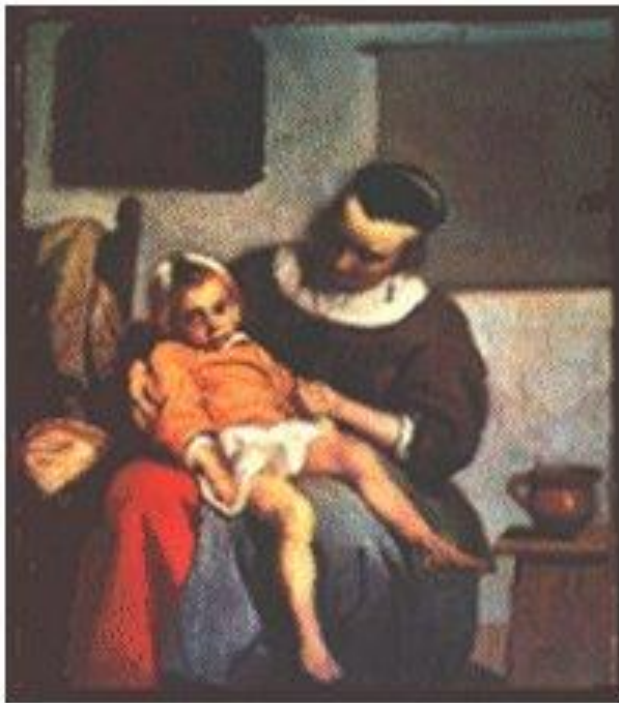
Tiffany Panels of early military nurses



Male Nurses Dixmont Hospital in Pennsylvania



GROUP OF MALE NURSES, DIXMONT HOSPITAL, DIXMONT, PA.
J. H. S. Herbert E. Sloan



NURSING: THE OLDEST ART
An Illustrated History

By M. Patricia Donahue

The C.V. Mosby Company
Available Spring, 1985

***The Oldest of
the Medical
Arts?***

Wartime Nurse Leaders



*Mary
Bickerdyke*



*Anna
Turner*



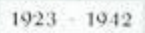
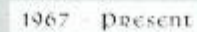
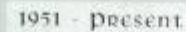
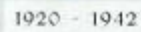
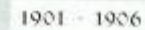
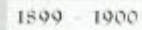
*Florence
Nightingale*

Nurse Corps Insignias



Left to right: Navy,
Army, Air Force







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A WORD OF THANKS

BY oversubscribing the 1943 War Fund you have proved again that your American Red Cross is truly a people's partnership...Your generous support enables you to share...in supplying blood plasma to wounded fighting men...in bringing new hope to forlorn prisoners of war...in shouldering many personal worries of our soldiers and sailors and in providing help and comfort for their families...in serving suffering humanity throughout the world...To you who have made this partnership possible—THANKS!

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through the years...*

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need
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WW II in the Philippines

Bataan Corregidor Nurse POWs



The Bataan Nurses after release from captivity in the Philippines.

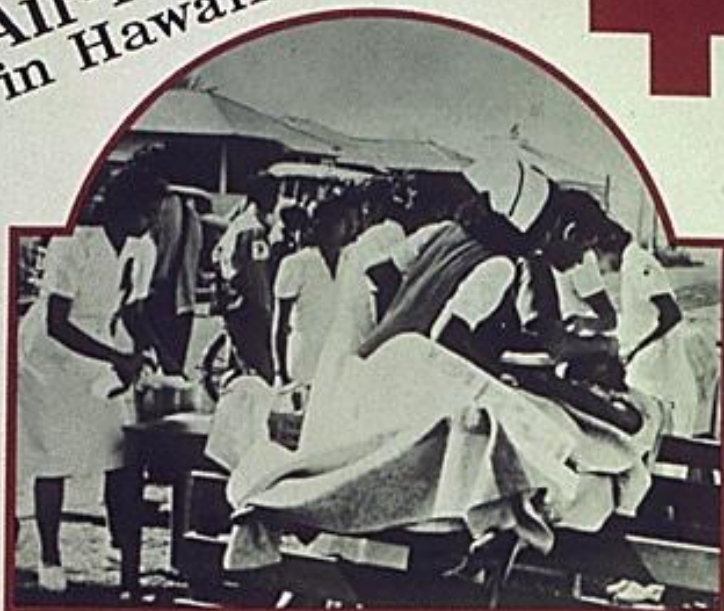


Honored or Paraded?



Posters are the Media
of Choice during the
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Air-raid
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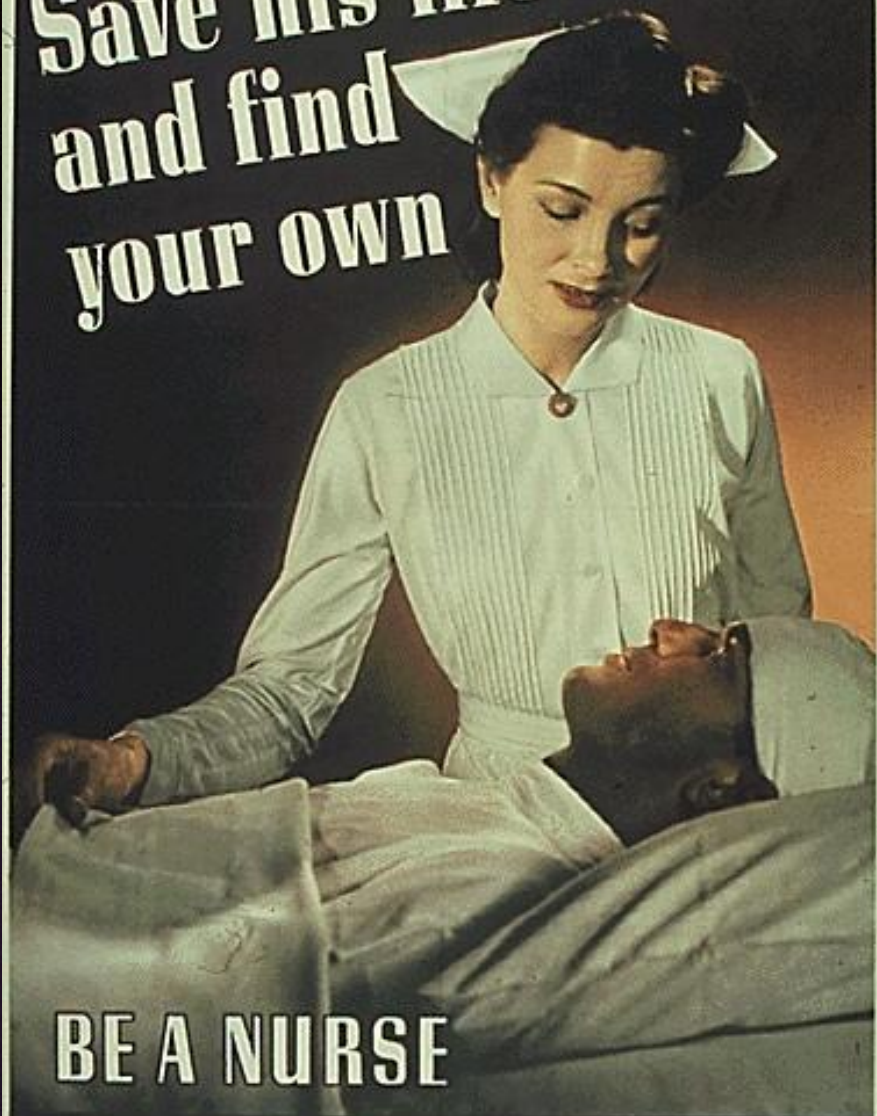
VOLUNTEERS HELP RED CROSS NURSES TEND THE INJURED.
AMERICA NEEDS 100,000 NURSE'S AIDES.

Serve your Country
as a
Red Cross Volunteer
NURSE'S AIDE

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Save his life...
and find
your own



BE A NURSE

WRITE TO STUDENT NURSES, 1790 BROADWAY, N. Y. C.

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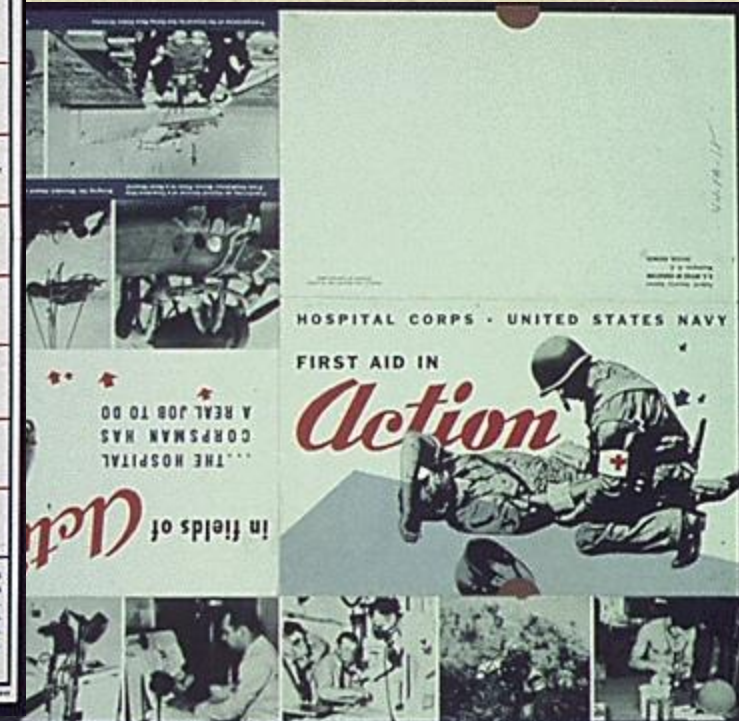
Serve your country
Prepare to

Prepare for a civilian job!

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Early on, men had the opportunity to serve as Hospital Corpsmen before the Army let them serve as nurses.



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HOSPITAL CORPS

UNITED STATES NAVY

*Pictures worth a
thousand words*



"Blood Saves Lives," by Jox Schlackert, 1948.



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WANTED: 50,000 NURSES

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The WWII Nurse
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*Serve your Country in the
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**Free Training... with pay... in the
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You're a lucky girl if you can qualify as a Cadet Nurse, lucky in no more different way...

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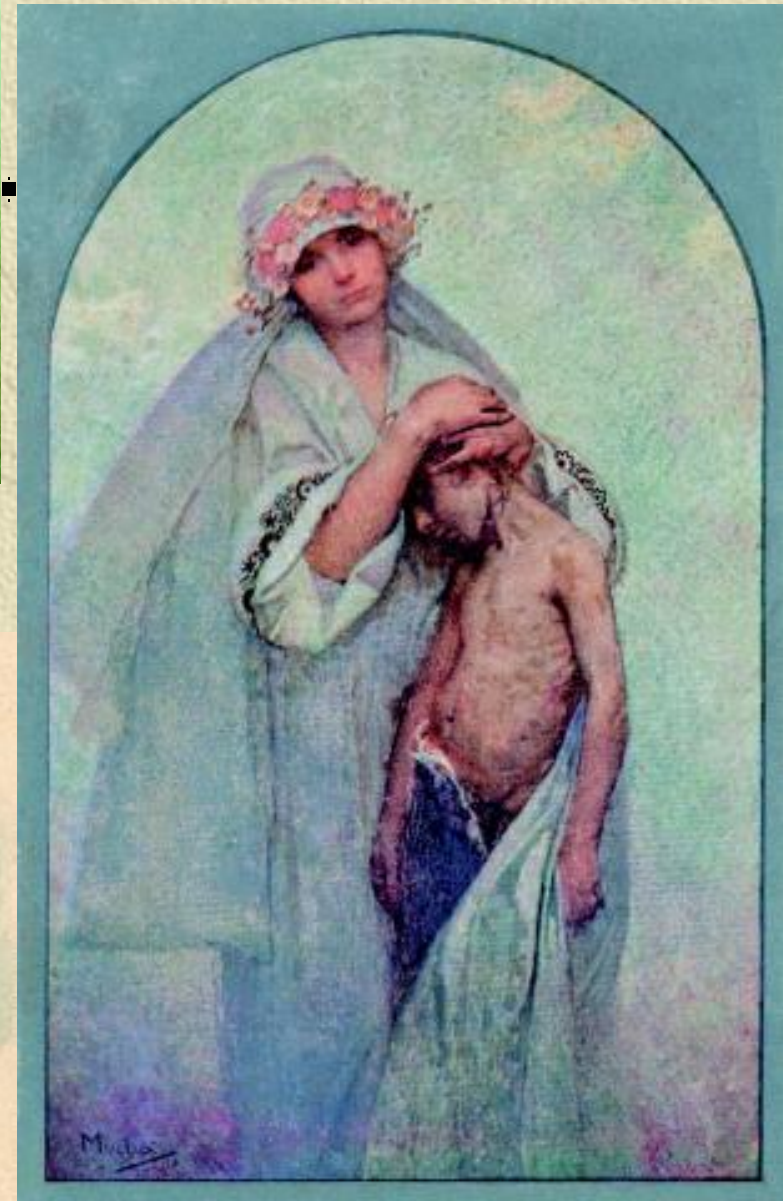
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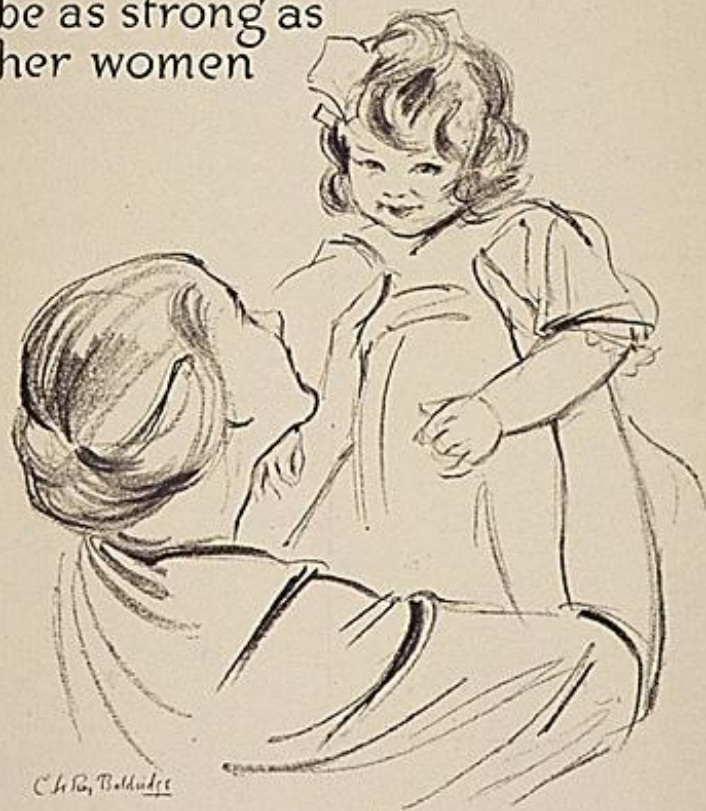
***Yes, Dr. Sam
Need's you***



The Art of Nursing



America will
be as strong as
her women



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Women's Bureau
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Advances towards equality



There's work to be done
and a war to be won...

NOW!

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WONDER BREAD
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8 Ways!



Nursing in Media

The Rose of No Man's Land

Words by Jack Caddigan
Music by James A. Breunlin

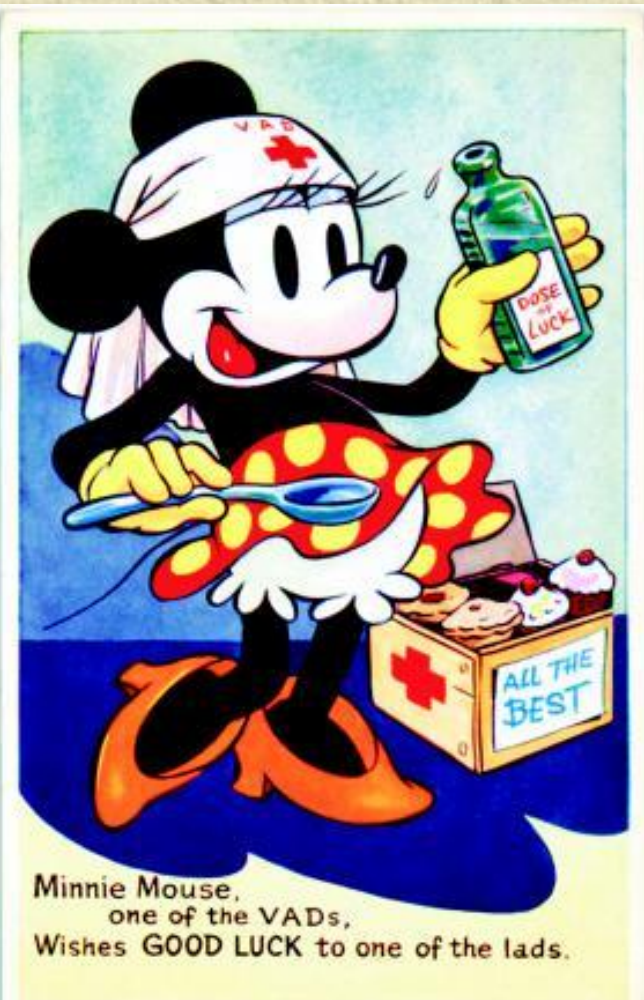
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THE FURIOUSLY
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Minnie Mouse,
one of the VADs,
Wishes GOOD LUCK to one of the lads.

"I'd rather be with them...
than waiting"



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WOMAN LEARNING TO WORK
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MACHINES... NOW
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FOR PEARL HARBOR WOMEN STAYED THE HEART OF THEIR HUSBANDS.
THEY'RE A BRIGHT TEAM ON RADAR SUPPORT ASSEMBLIES FOR BOMBERS.



EFFICIENCY PLUS: FEMALE TAPPING MACHINE OPERATORS DO AND MAKE SPECIAL
THINGS ON THE 7:1 HOUR SHIFT THAT MEN ON THE 8 HOUR DAY SHIFT.



HEAVY LINE-ASSEMBLY LINE: THEY'RE MAKING ELIG-
TRICAL SUB ASSEMBLIES IN CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION.

WOMEN MUST KEEP 'EM ROLLING

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Old
Glory



*Flag left
waving after
the bombing of
Pearl Harbor
December 7th
1941*

Military Nurse Books

"An important corrective to the current historical record . . . and a worthy memorial to those who died in action." —Jill Ker Conway, author of *The Road from Coorain*



AND IF I PERISH

FRONTLINE U.S. ARMY NURSES
IN WORLD WAR II

EVELYN M. MONAHAN AND ROSEMARY NEIDEL-GREENLEE

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In and Out of Harm's Way

A HISTORY OF
THE NAVY NURSE CORPS



Captain Doris M. Sterner NC USN (Ret.)



Media

Postcards of Nursing



A WORLDWIDE TRIBUTE

Michael Zwerdling





*As they saw ...
they drew and
they remembered*







U.S.A. IN ACTION

OFFICIAL PICTURES FROM WORLD BATTLEFRONTS



AD FROM AMERICA. This great war photograph, taken half a mile behind the front lines at Santa Rita, Italy, matches the dramatic pictures which photos sent from home show where the difference between life and death for our Americans.

aid. Having sufficient medical supplies when they are needed has cut the mortality rate among our wounded to an all-time low. That's a place where the supply line is a true lifeline.



HOLD THE LINE. Left: Officers of Submarine, a pregnant soldier, instructions from an airplane. The strategic nature of the battle. Right: Corps equipment of all sorts to reach the soldier in need to keep them with groups of our soldiers fighting their way through these lands on this terrible front.



WAR WOUNDS HEAL. Right: These 1,000 lb. "jugs" will soon be carried over top-hill territory in American planes and dropped where they'll do the most good. Just arrived from an Ordnance Depot in the U.S., they are stored here in temporary storage to be sent back "home" to Australia.



TRANSPORTATION 'DOWN UNDER.' Above: We thought we'd see something to help push the picture around from Australia. Equipped with rail, we wheels the low, low loads brought over to us by train, saving time and expenses. (Please notice time, each)



CUSTOM BY JAP. Right: Chemical Warfare Service, now wears a Japanese decomposition suit captured in the Submarine. Suit is thick, heavy rubber throughout, and of one-piece construction. (Close and get work at his feet are the only separate items.)



U.S. ARMY
OFFICIAL POSTER



AN ARMY IS AS STRONG AS ITS SUPPLY LINE



Nurse Recruits Step Up!





Nursing School





*Always be
prepared*



The wounded have to
be retrieved from the
front line

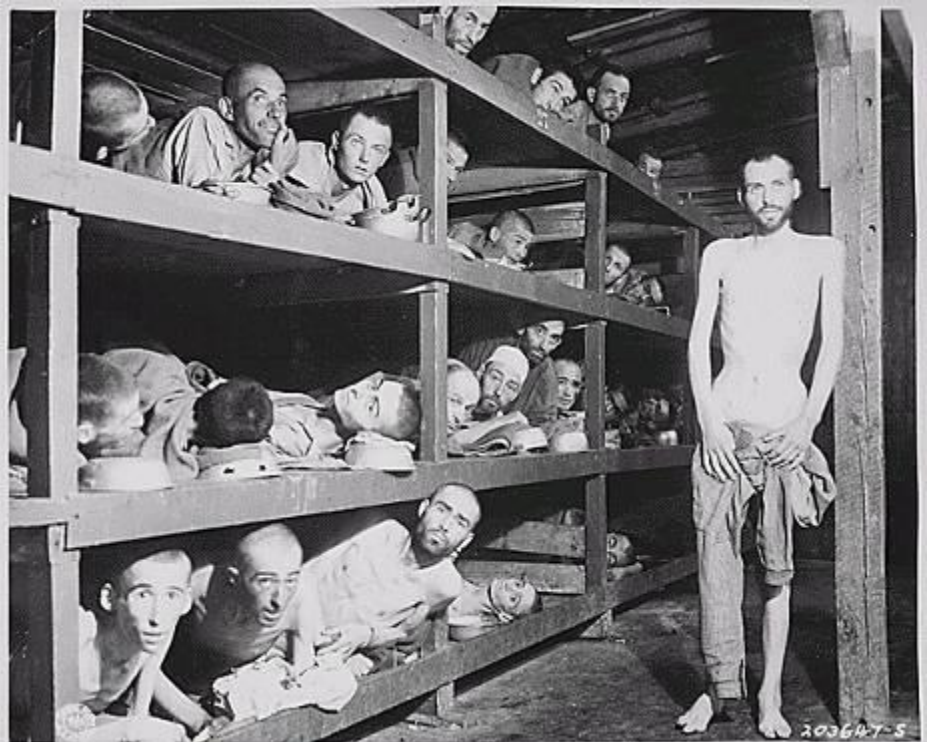


Improvisation
is the Key!



Snapshot's of War





The Horrors of War

A Boy Died Last Night



A boy died last night. It doesn't make much difference now about his name. The important thing is that he died in poignant and awful loneliness, out somewhere on a waste of sand, out in a starless silence, ten thousand miles from home.

"Missing in Action," read an obscure line in this morning's communique. That was all. Now he lies there, crumpled beside the twisted wreckage of his plane, riding high in the sunlit heavens. The fine head and the shining face and the broad shoulders remain only in a picture that looks out upon a quiet living room on a shaded street an eternity away.

Last night, in those agonizing hours of unspeakable isolation, he went through a thousand deaths without the one thing that might have helped a little—the sound of a familiar voice, the pat of a friendly hand.

The pain was terrible enough. But there was that dreadful burden of thought in those endless last hours. Mom and Pop. The flowers blooming again in the back yard. The good old roadster in the driveway. That last sweetheart kiss at the station. Those dances last summer. That half-finished letter in his blouse. All those plans for the future. Couldn't somebody find him, please?

Too much for you, all that! But it really happened last night, just like that. If people could only understand it, if they could just grind deep into their thinking the stark, terrible reality of it, every petty, selfish interest would be swept away. They would sacrifice anything, just to make themselves worthy of that boy. They would rise up and demand that their government take anything, everything needed, take away every last penny of profit, render uncertain every commonplace comfort, and easy security just to avenge that boy.

He died last night, you see. There's no getting around that.

—The Louisville Courier-Journal

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Vietnam Women's Memorial in D.C.



Six of the 64 women who died in Nam





Never give Up!

The Women's War Memorial

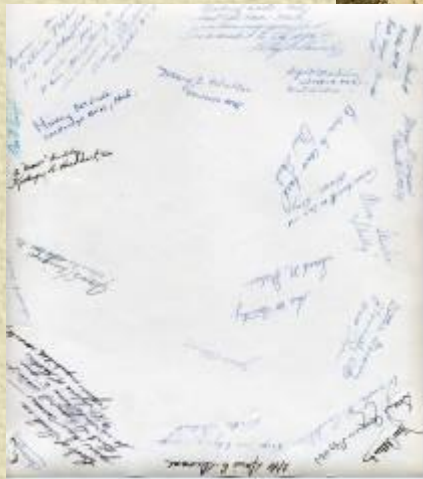


Life of a Flight Nurse



Spotlighting
Elvera E. Lindholm Cook
the inspiration for this
project.

Air Force Flight Nurse Graduation 1954



Complete Aero-medical Battalion Graduating Class





FLIGHT NURSE'S CREED

I WILL SUMMON EVERY RESOURCE
TO PREVENT THE TRIUMPH OF DEATH
OVER LIFE.

I WILL STAND GUARD OVER THE
MEDICINES AND EQUIPMENT EN-
TRUSTED TO MY CARE AND INSURE
THEIR PROPER USE.

I WILL BE UNTIRING IN THE
PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES AND
I WILL REMEMBER THAT, UPON MY
DISPOSITION AND SPIRIT, WILL IN
LARGE MEASURE DEPEND THE MORALE
OF MY PATIENTS.

I WILL BE FAITHFUL TO MY
TRAINING AND TO THE WISDOM
HANDED DOWN TO ME BY THOSE
WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE ME.

I HAVE TAKEN A NURSE'S OATH.
REVERENT IN MAN'S MIND BECAUSE
OF THE SPIRIT AND WORK OF ITS
CREATOR FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.
SHE, I REMEMBER, WAS CALLED "THE
LADY WITH THE LAMP."

IT IS NOW MY PRIVILEGE TO LIFT
THIS LAMP OF HOPE AND FAITH AND
COURAGE IN MY PROFESSION TO
HEIGHTS NOT KNOWN BY HER IN HER
TIME. TOGETHER WITH THE HELP OF
FLIGHT SURGEONS AND SURGICAL
TECHNICIANS, I CAN SET THE VERY
SKIES ABLAZE WITH LIFE AND PROM-
ISE FOR THE SICK, INJURED, AND
WOUNDED WHO ARE MY SACRED
CHARGES.

THIS I WILL DO. I WILL NOT
FALTER IN WAR OR IN PEACE.

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THIS BOOKMARK IS TO HELP
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THE DEFENSE EFFORTS OF YOUR
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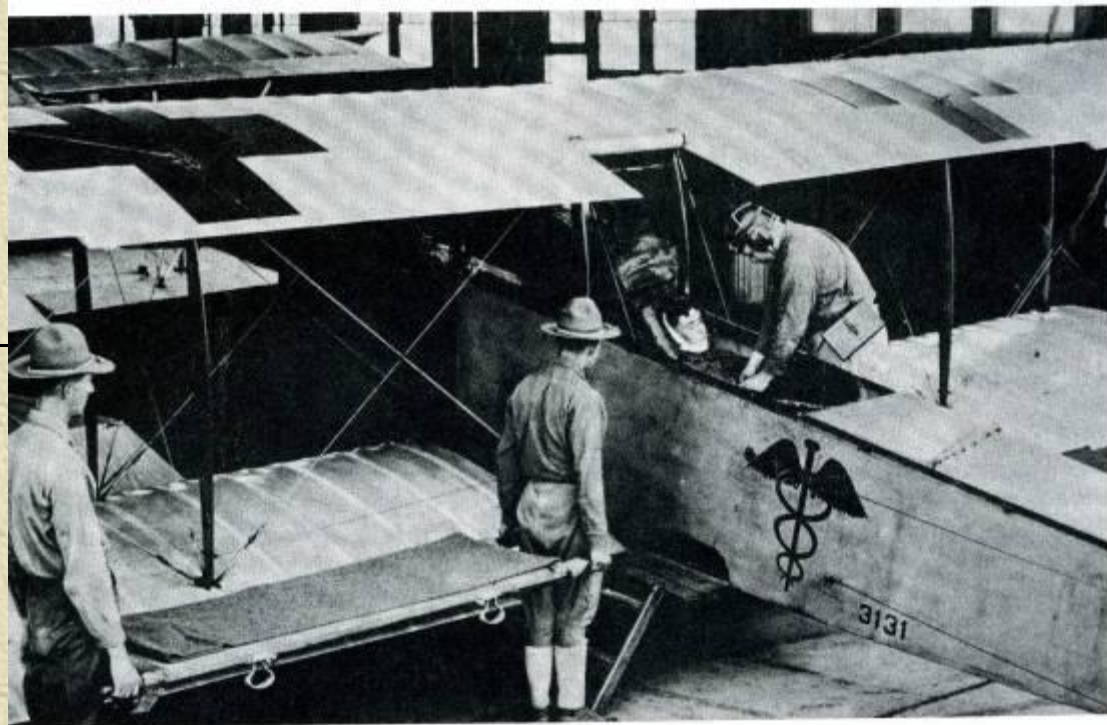
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AIR UNIVERSITY
USAF SCHOOL OF AVIATION MEDICINE
Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama



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*A Rich
History*



Aeromedical Evacuation
—Then And Now





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WRITE TO:

Flight Crew Creed

WELCOME TO McGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE



HOME OF
1611th AIR TRANSPORT WING (M)
HQ. ATLANTIC DIVISION (MATS)
4709th AIR DEFENSE WING
108th FIGHTER BOMBER GP. NJANG

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- To my crew members, who expect me to exercise my best judgment and leadership.
- To my coworkers, who constantly are striving for greater achievements in the Military Air Transport Service.
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To discharge these responsibilities, I will at all times observe the highest standards as an officer of the U. S. Air Force, and as a professional transport pilot.

*I will never knowingly jeopardize the safety of a flight by undertaking a risk to satisfy personal desires, nor will I fly when my mental and physical condition might lead to additional risks.

*I will use all means at my disposal to assure the safety of every flight.

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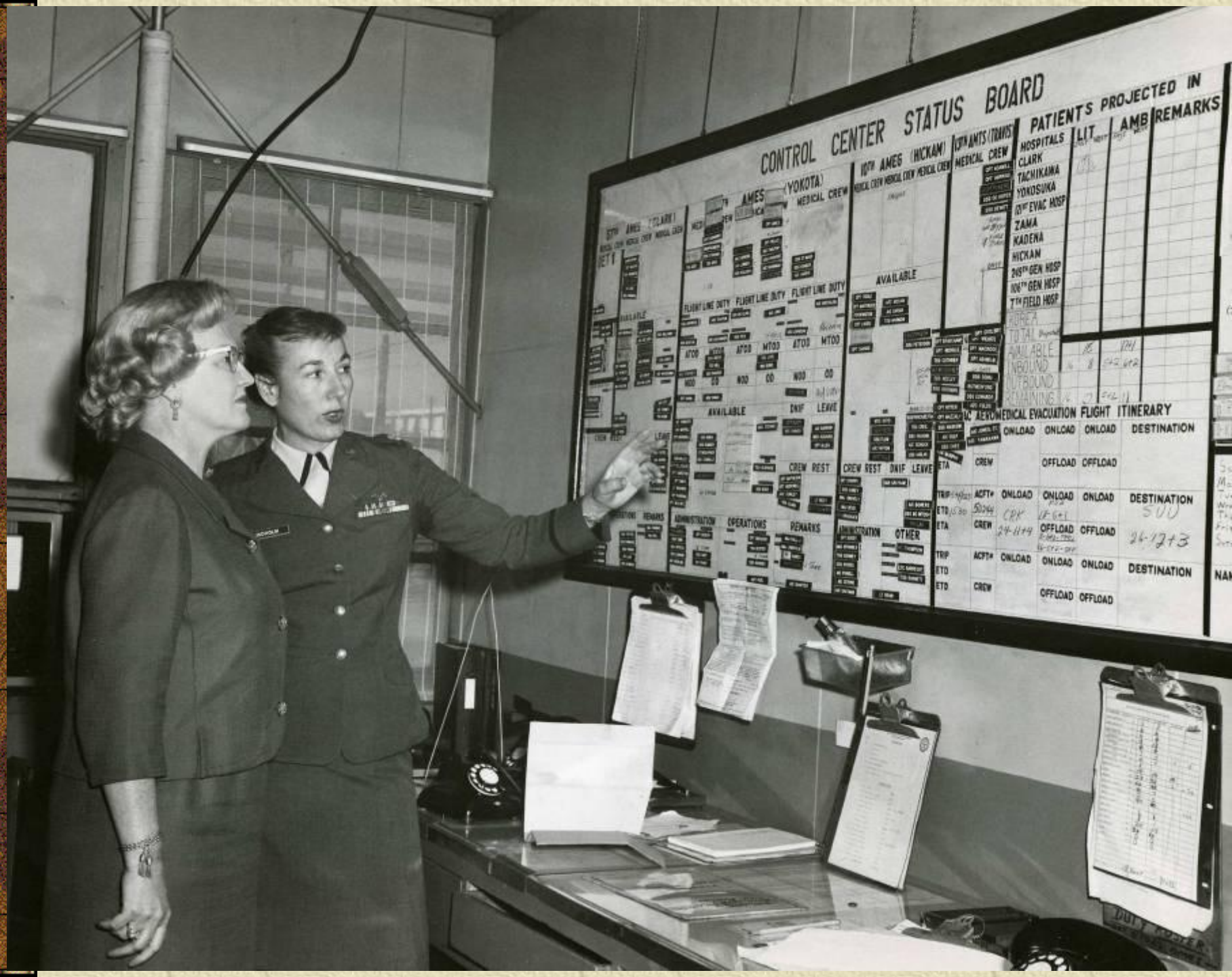
*I will conduct myself, both on duty and off, to reflect credit upon myself, my uniform and my country.

*I will constantly strive to keep my standards high.

*I pledge adherence to these principles so that I may contribute my part to a safer and more efficient Military Air Transport Service, and advance the dignity of my profession.

Flight Nursing Office





The Aero-Medical System



*On the Tarmac at Tachikawa
Air Base Japan*



Testing the Engines



C-131A Designed for a Special Purpose



All Aboard MAC flight*

*“Red Cross
Volunteers with
Snacks and
Beverages for the
Wounded”*

**“MAC stands for
Mobile Air
Command”*



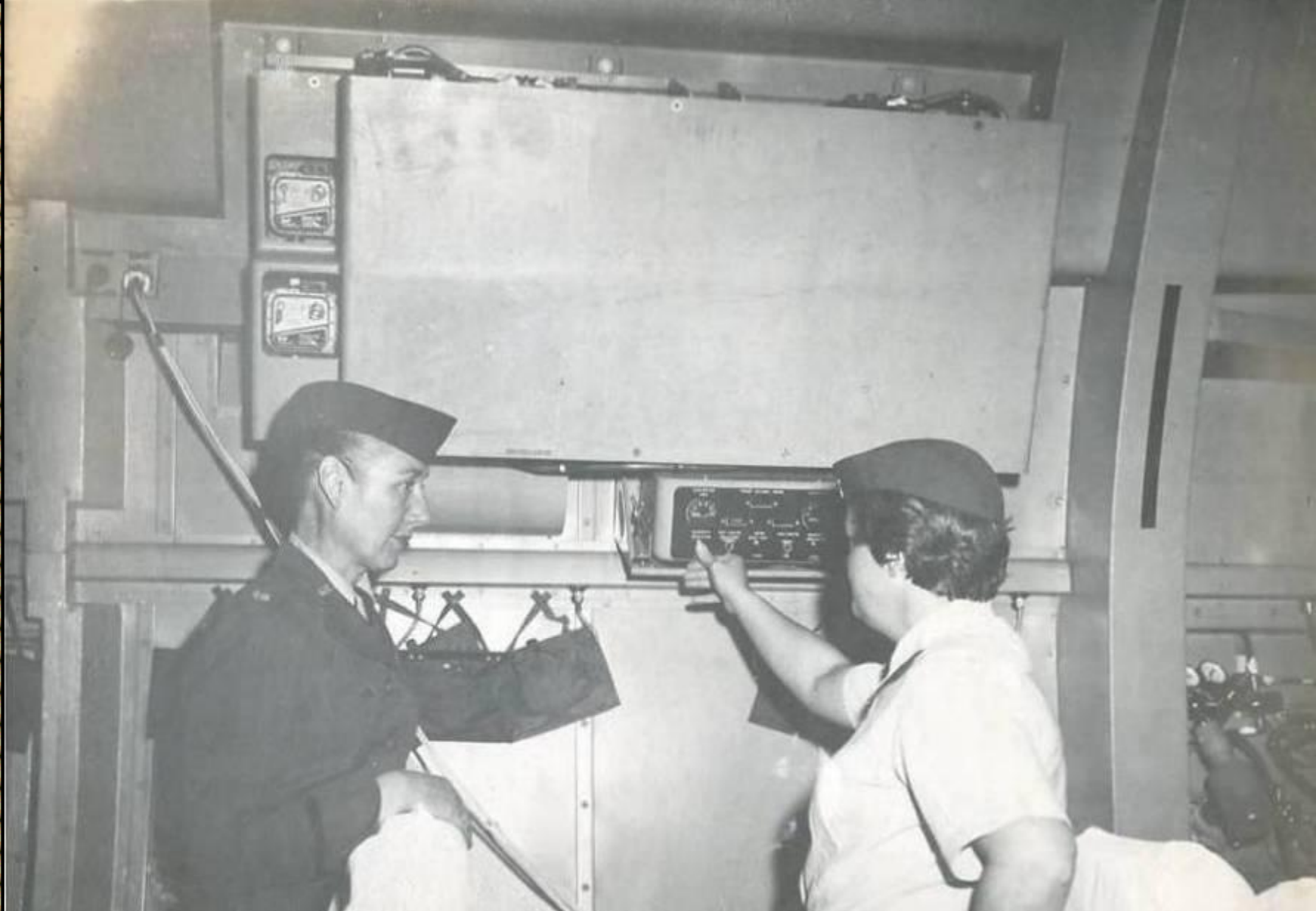


THE RED CROSS AT TACHIKAWA A.B.

Red Cross...

Serving the patients and the crew





Lindy doing preflight checks

Last Minute Preparations



“Another litter patient on his way up!”

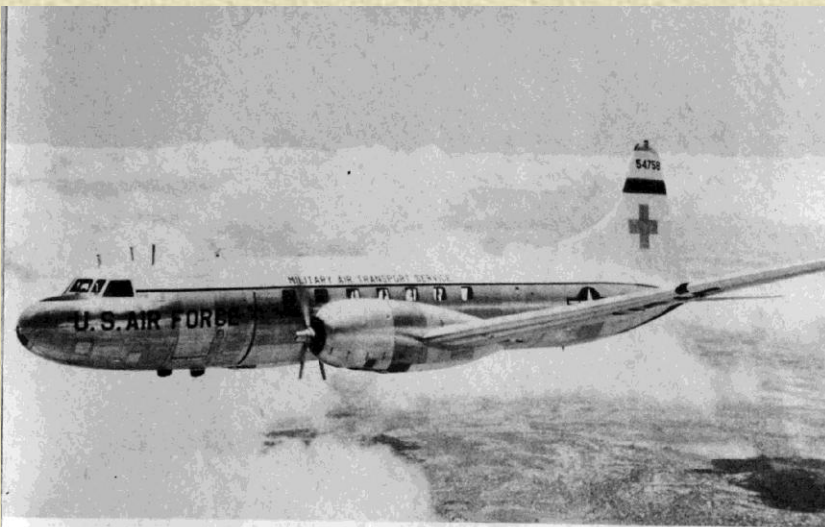
(Lindy's notes on back of picture)



Carrying a TB patient up the ramp to the interior of our C-131A. A/C in background is a C-118 (DC-6) This is what we fly to Newfoundland, Germany and such.

(note on back of picture)





BE OUR GUEST

13TH AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORT SQUADRON

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MISSION

"To provide medically acceptable air transportation for expeditious movement of patients within the areas designated by higher authority. Conducts systematic ground and flying training for all assigned personnel. Accomplishes specific missions as directed by appropriate authority."



● SALTON SEA

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"The Samaritan" is powered by two Pratt and Whitney R-2800-99W engines, which develop 2500 horsepower per engine. This enables us to attain true air speeds of 240 to 275 miles per hour, depending upon our altitude.

Your flight crews are proud of being a part of the Military Air Transport Service (MATS), and as "MATS-MEN," are very highly qualified in every aspect of the aircraft operation under all flight conditions.

Your medical crew consists of a registered nurse and two medical corpsmen. All have received extensive specialized training for in-flight medical care and treatment. They are highly qualified and more than happy to attend your needs.

If you should care to nap during flight, we recommend keeping your seat belt fastened. This will eliminate the necessity of disturbing your rest should flight conditions, such as light turbulence, be encountered which require their use.

If you desire, you may keep this pamphlet as a memento of your flight. It is our sincere hope that your trip with us will be fondly remembered.

13th Aeromedical Transport Squadron (Light)
Military Air Transport Service
Travis Air Force Base, California

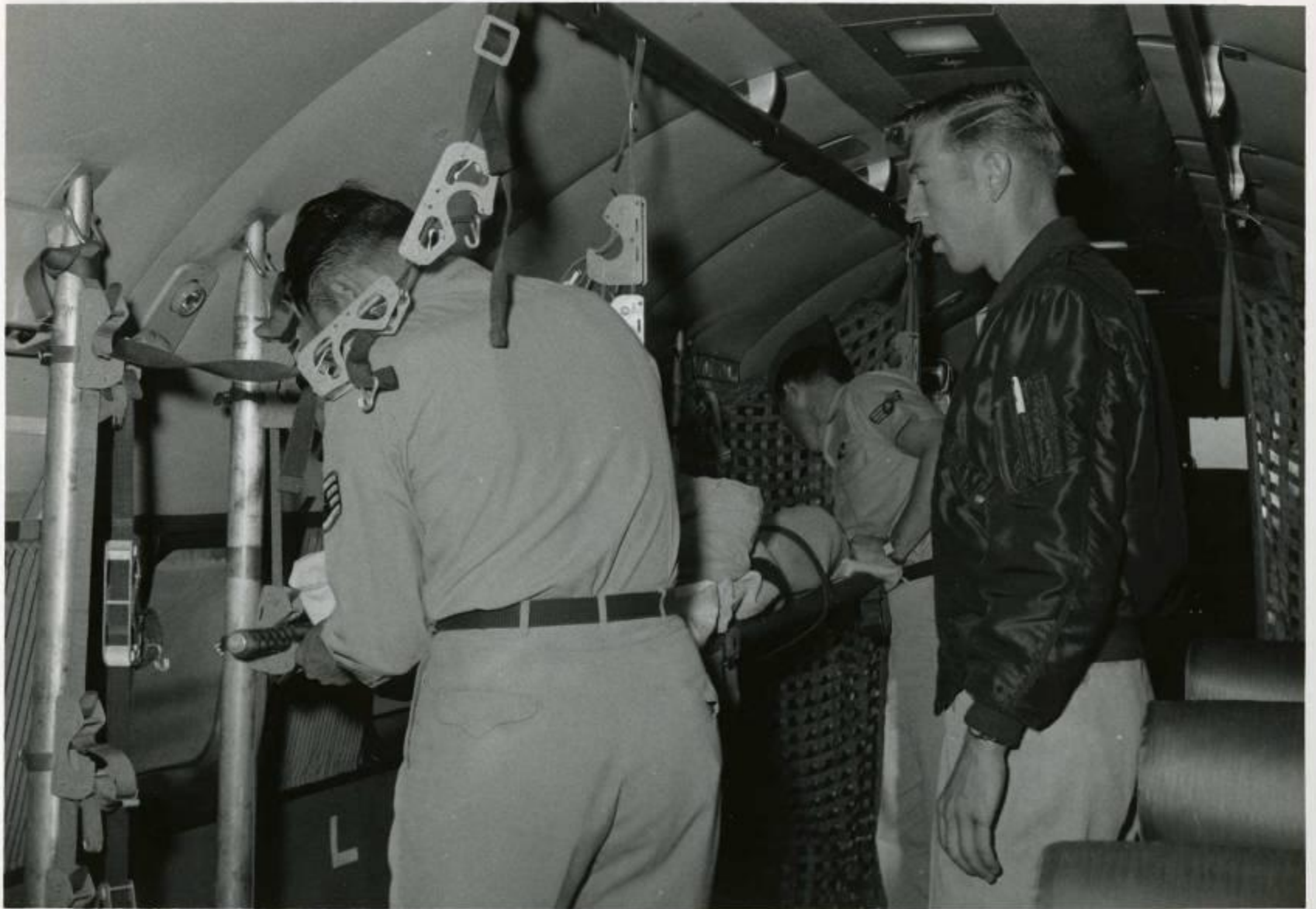




Lindy Tracking Patients

Giving Patient Report





Securing the passengers for the journey...

You're going to be just fine!



*Flight nurse rounding on her patients
and assessing circulation of one...*













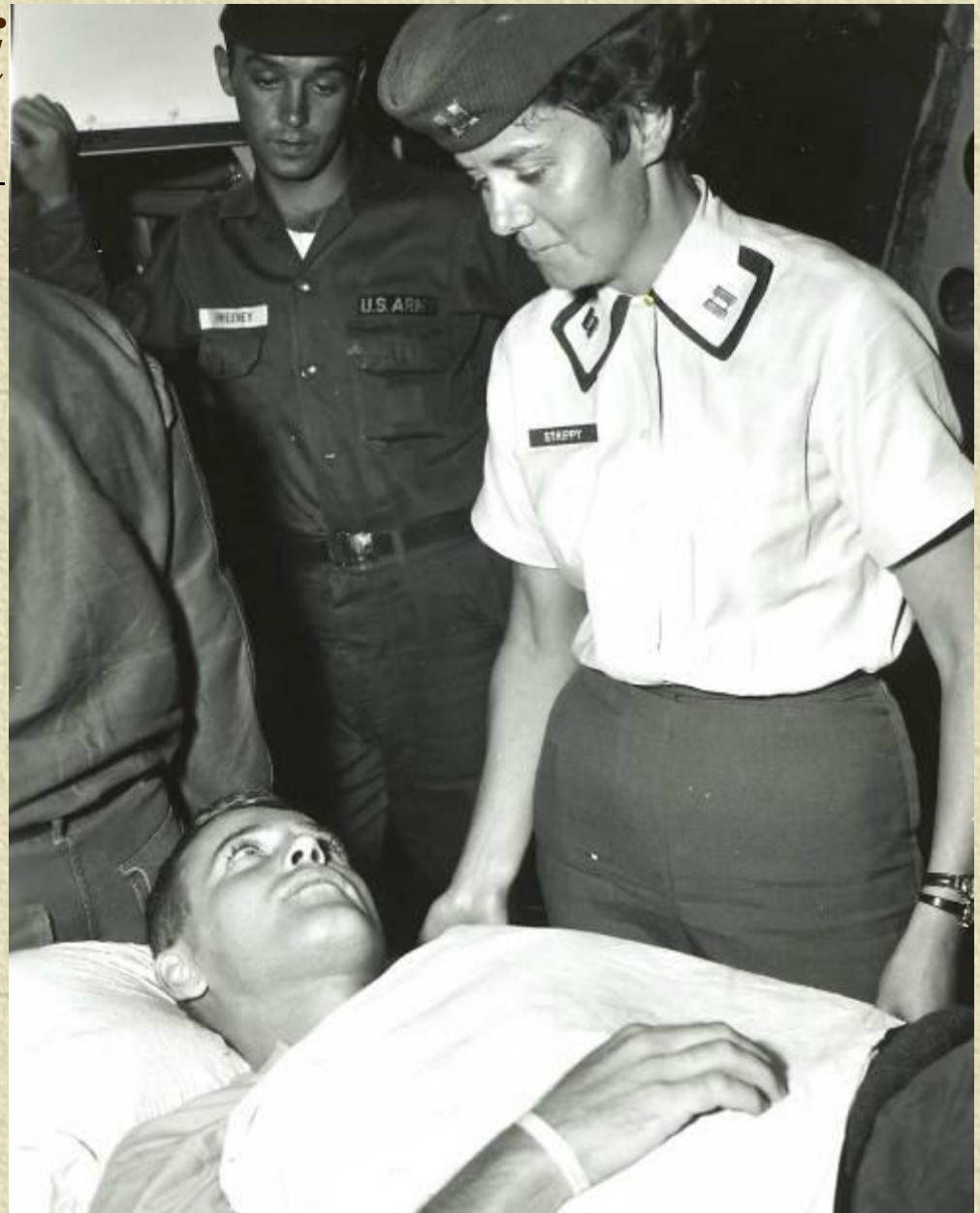
Going Home is always Good News!





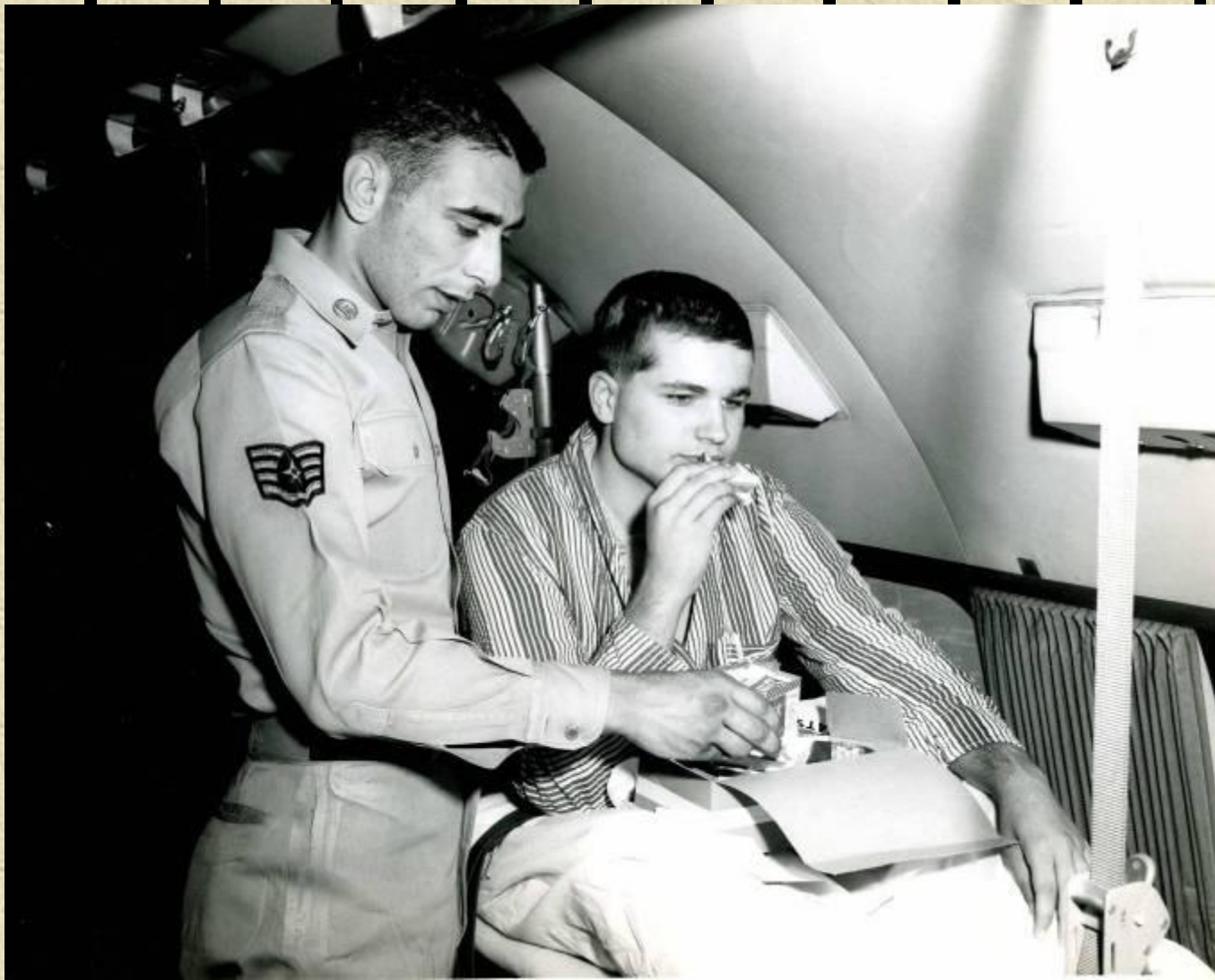
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*Later he will
only remember
looking into the
eyes of an angel!*



“One of our med techs assisting a litter patient with his in-flight lunch.”

(Lindy's notes)







*Ready for transfer to
ground transportation*



Medics Unload the Patients



“Loading of a patient into a bus ambulance.”

(Lindy's note on back of picture)





“Fire fighting crew – always on standby while we land, take-off, on and off load patients , re-fuel and seems they’re just isn’t anytime when they are not around.”

(Lindy’s notes on back of picture)



Officer promotion – another motivation for a job well done!



Chief of Nursing, Vietnam 1967



1925-1991
Lt. Colonel/
Elvera E. Lindholm-Cook
(Inset) 1967 as Chief Nurse of
Medical Vietnam and 125 nurses
1965-67 - on board C-141 Starlifter
at Tan Son Nhut Airbase, Vietnam
1967. Photo was in Stars &
Stripes Jan 15, 1967.

(Other) 1972 as Chief Nurse
of the Aeromedical Staging
Facility @ Travis AFB, Ca. just
prior to her retirement after
20 years active duty. Died of
breast cancer in 1991 as
result of Agent Orange Exposure
in Vietnam

(Photo from the Stars and Stripes Jan 15, 1967)

Flight Nurses take Pride in their job!



*Sometimes we Play, Sometimes its **REAL!***



The USO: A long History of Support to our troops





Family members of
Author

Naval Nurse Training at Fleet Hospital Camp Pendleton

(Pictures of Slideshow editor at large)



CASUALTY
RECEIVING











COL Edwin J. Cook and LTCOL Elvera Lindholm-Cook



Dedicated to a True Ambassador for Nursing

*And to all of those who will have the
opportunity to follow in her footsteps...*
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