

Once the group was aboard, the nurses' first crucial assignment was counting heads. The crew had just 15 minutes to make what was called an "eyeball assessment" of the hostages and their fitness for flying. The fast check showed that these were "basically healthy people" who had endured stress with remarkable courage.

By the time the plane was in the air, the mood was jubilation. The released Americans roamed the aisles, asking the crew to autograph their copies of Star and Stripes, exploring the flight deck, and getting reacquainted with fellow hostages they had not seen in 14 months of captivity. They wanted to know all the nurse's names and they bombarded the crew with questions: What had been done to free them? Who was playing in the Super Bowl? What was the weather in the states? What was it like to be a flight nurse?

The nurses had much to do. The weaker returnees had to be helped to walk. There were headaches and upset stomachs to attend to. There were Air Force parkas to distribute to cover a wild array of clothing: sandals, sports and T-shirts, Marine fatigues, and turtle necks. None had shoes and when asked why, were told that the Iranians took them away under the impression that the heels might contain radio transmitters.

The nurse's most important job was to listen. Most of the men talked constantly and compulsively about their experiences in captivity; the bad food, the death threats, the solitary confinement. Some talked of being beaten in ways that left no obvious scars. Some told what it was like to be imprisoned in a box for four months, living on nothing but bread and water all that time.

The signs of suffering and insecurity were plain to see. Some talked intensively about their feelings, others brooded and stayed in their seats. The nurses sat with them and urged them to show their feelings. They kept a close watch out for depression. Some were over-excited and others were withdrawn. Some couldn't stop talking about their families and others cried. Some of these people changed completely in the course of the flight. Their expressions, the way they carried themselves and the way they talked improved. The fact they were among friends and were considered important once more did the trick. The landing at Rhein-Main was as emotional as the take-off. They were bewildered by the warmth of their reception at the airport — for some it was a reminder of the Iranian mobs. Some were reluctant to leave their seats. They were assured they were going to a good hospital, would soon be picking up their lives again.

For the flight nurses, it was over. Their job is crisis intervention, continuity of care is the hospital's department. All were weary; within a few hours they were recalled to the base to face the TV cameras and to meet former President Jimmy Carter.

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Air Evac Highlights

The first class of the School of Air Evacuation graduated from Bowman Field, Ky. Feb. 18, 1943.

Bowman Field, Ky. at Louisville was the first School of Air Evacuation.

Lt. Mae Olson was first white woman on Munda, Guadalcanal.

First nurses to return from service in South Pacific, Lts. Seraphine Petrocelli, Regina M. Brown, Gerda H. Bouwhuis arrived from New Caledonia to go through the School of Air Evac. They each received the Air Medal. AP. 1944.

Lt. Elsie Ott was the first flight nurse to receive the Air Medal for a flight from India to the U.S. with five patients. She was an Army nurse with no Air Evac training and had never flown before. She later went through the School and returned to the CBI where she served with the 803rd MAES.

Lt. Regina M. Brown's first trip to pick up wounded in the Pacific was actually the first time she had ever flown in an airplane. The school had not taken time to give the desperately needed trainees flight experience.

Flight Nurses Graduated 1942-1963:

Bowman Fld, Ky. Dec. '42-Oct. '44	1049
Randolph Fld., Tx. Oct. '44-Oct. '50	638
Gunter AFB, Ala. Oct. '50-Oct. '59	1976
Brooks AFB, Tx. Oct. '59-'63	140

Total By 1963.....4,733

Lt. Gerda H. Bouwhuis piled up more fox hole hours than the other girls by spending an entire night in one on Guadalcanal. She watched while American P-38's shot down two Jap zeros.

Lt. Seraphine Petrocelli was stalled on Guadalcanal on the 13th of one month — the 13th being the favorite bombing date for the Japs as Tojo's son was killed on the 13th. A bomb fell about 100 yds. from the fox hole — no injuries.

2nd Lt. Geraldine Dishroon received the first pair of flight nurses's wings from General David Grant, Air Surgeon Feb. 18, 1943 and was the honor graduate.

Lt. Ellen Church was mentioned in a wire service story from Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters. It read like this, "Another woman, who did heroic work yesterday in the drive toward Bizerte was Lt. Ellen Church, a nurse in the Air Evac Unit of the AAF."

Lt. Dorothy P. Shikoski, better known as "Sky" was on her way to pick up a load of wounded on Guadalcanal when the plane developed problems and spun in. Rushing to pull a crew member to safety, she was injured. Instead of abandoning ship, she rushed about gathering up medications which she took into the raft with her. She was awarded the Air Medal for bravery.

Lt. Ellen E. Church was the first nurse employed as an airline stewardess in the U.S. She served with the 802nd MAES in North Africa. She later died as a result of injuries sustained when she fell from a horse.

The 802nd MAES was the first air evac squadron to serve in any theater of war — in North Africa. The 801st followed suit in the Pacific area.

Lt. Catherine Grogan was the first chief nurse of an air evac sqdn. to serve in a theater of war — with the 802nd in North Africa.

Among Air evac nurses at Bowman, the flight time record holder was 2nd Lt. Mae E. Olson — a former hostess with American Airlines with 2,700 hours. Next in line was 2nd Lt. Sylvia E. Antwerp, hostess with United Airlines with 2,200 hours in the air. Third was 2nd Lt. Cora E. Conerly, who compiled her 1,200 hours with Western Airlines.

Members of Michigan's first Chapter of aerial Nurses Corps of America were Lts. Eileen Newbeck, Leora B. Stroup and Margaret Gudobba. This organization was a forerunner of MAE and Lt. Stroup later became the instructor of the Dept. of Aviation Medicine and Nursing at the School of Air Evac, Bowman.

Lt. Ruth M. Gardiner, from the 805th MAES was the first flight nurse killed in combat, in Alaska. She is buried at Arlington Cemetery.

Nancy Leftenant-Colon, was the first black nurse to be commissioned into the Regular Army Nurse Corps.

The 6481st Aeromedical Grp with C-124's evacuated the first 100 patients from Dien Bien Pu, Korea — better known as the Wounded Warriors. Nancy Leftenant-Colon helped with this evacuation.

April 1945, the 806th MAES set a world wide record by evacuating 17,287 patients for that month. This set a record for monthly evacuations in any theater of operations by any squadron and the record still stands today.

Leora Stroup, Assistant Training Officer of the School of Air Evac, had 100 solo flying hours.

Reba Z. Whittle was the first flight nurse to be imprisoned by the Germans and the first repatriated. She died in 1981 of cancer.

First slacks worn by flight nurses were designed by Maj. Mary Leontine and Capt. Ed McBride at Dayton, Ohio. Slacks, not previously worn by ladies, except Marlene Dietrich was a must for flight nurses.

Helena Ilic Tynan was first American woman to set foot on Emirau of the Admiralty Islands in the Pacific.

Dolly Vinsant Shea is the only American woman buried in the U.S. Military Cemetery in Margarten, Holland.

The first medical chests aboard air evac planes was an Army footlocker and each item had to be accounted for after each flight.

July 1945, 4 flight nurses and one flight surgeon were assigned to Berlin, Germany to evacuate Pres. Truman or any American personnel, who became ill during the Potsdam Conference. Nurses assigned were: Lts. Dolores Dilger, Winna Jean Foley, Grace Hawkes and Doris Stock, along with Major Cannon, M.D.

Lt. Florence Twidale flew the first evacuation plane of American wounded from the Continent of Europe to the U.S. in a C-54 with 16 patients. The flight originated at Orly Airfield near Paris, France Dec. '44. T/3 David Winston made the flight with her.

The first organized mass evacuation in the ETO took place Dec. 1943 when the 806th MAES flew 218 patients from Northern Ireland to England in bad weather.

June 6, 1944, the invasion of Europe began. The first authorized air evac from the Normandy beachhead, which started the largest mass evac ever known, began on D-Day plus five.

Flight nurses were the first Army nurses to reach China and Europe after the Invasion. They were the first Army nurses on the beachheads.

The first uniforms for flight nurses were designed at Wright Patterson Field with the assistance of Maj. Wm. Jordan, Capt. Grace Mundell, Lts. Gerry Dishroon and Westmoreland. The uniform was gray blue in color and consisted of an Eisenhower jacket, skirt, trousers and overseas cap. The cap was bound in maroon braid. A blue shirt and maroon tie were worn with it.

The first Trans-Atlantic medical air evacuation from the ETO was made Nov. 1943 by Lt. Jean Bartholomew, who flew with 12 patients to the U.S.

Capt. Grace Mundell, ANC was the first chief nurse at Bowman School of Air Evac and her outstanding work helped set up the school and prepare for the rapid inpouring of nurses. She was replaced by Capt. Mary Leontine, whose operational skills helped shape the school into a model set up.

Maj. Scott Smith was the first Commanding Officer at the School of Air Evac but was replaced by Col. Ralph T. Stevenson, who was responsible for its expansion and development. He was later replaced by Col. John McGraw.

The School of Air Evac was originally called The 349th Air Evac Grp. June 25, 1943, the school was renamed The Army Air Forces School of Air Evacuation.

The first and only glider air evac in the ETO was made March 22, 1945 by 2nd Lt. Suella Bernard, flight nurse and Maj. Albert D. Haug, flight surgeon, members of the 816th MAES, from Remagen, Germany to an evac hospital in France with flying time of 30 minutes.

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Goker was one of the nurses asked to fly to Hanoi, North Vietnam to help evacuate American POWs from Hanoi.

Maj. Marcia Tate participated in Operation Baby Lift — returning Amerasian children fathered by American military men in Vietnam to adoptive parents in U.S.

The first large scale evacuation of sick and wounded during WWII occurred at Guadalcanal in Aug. and Sept. 1942.

Lt. "Tex" Gleason of the 803rd MAES, CBI, parachuted in the mountains of China when the C-47 she was flying in crashed. She found her way to a native village and was taken to Kwielen where contact with the China flight was made. She sustained no injuries other than bruises.

Dec. 2, 1943, the first American nurses allowed in China since the war, flew from Assam, India across the "Hump". The flight which took off in a C-487 plane included Chief Nurse, Audrey Rogers, 2nd Lts. M. Rost, Tex Gleason, M. Duncan, E. Blackburn and R. Smith.

May 18, 1944 the first major catastrophe of the 803rd MAES occurred while in flight. Plane #372 received a radio message asking for the hospital ship to enter Myitkyina, Burma which the Allies captured the previous night. Capt. Collins, flight surgeon, two nurses, Chief Nurse Audrey Rogers, 2nd Lt. E. Baer and Sgt. Miller were the medical team on board. They landed with enemy action still in evidence. As they loaded the wounded, the Japs were strafing the runway and Capt. Collins and Sgt. Miller were struck by shell fragments and the patient on the litter was killed. Lt. Rogers sustained shrapnel wounds to the right knee and thigh. Lt. Baer, who was pushed out of the line of fire was unharmed. The plane was riddled with bullets. They treated each other's wounds, continued to load the injured, and flew the patients to Ledo. They recuperated and returned to duty — later received the Purple Heart.

A woman correspondent visited the 803rd MAES to do an article on the war in Burma. At that particular time, the nurses were in one of their "knitting moods". While going to the point of evacuation, in between trips and even when patients were resting, the nurses calmly and seriously proceeded with their knitting — oblivious to the Japs below, above and all about — plus the nerve shattering fog! Her story ended up being on the subject of "Knitting and the Burma Battlefront!" Returning to the base, the reporter remarked she was ready to go home — she had seen everything!

Chief Nurses-Air Force systems Command 1942-1966 are:

Capt. Grace Mundell — (1942-1943)
Maj. Mary Leontine — (1943-1945)
Maj. Maybelle Embry — (1945-1947)
Capt. Kathleen McNulty — (1947-1948)

Maj. Mary Hoadley — (1948-1951)
Maj. Ethel Kovach — (1951 — became Chief AFNC)
Lt. Col. Frances Lay — (1951-1956)
Lt. Col. Eileen Brimmer — (1956-1958)
Lt. Col. Lucille Slattery — (1958-1962)
Lt. Col. Ellen Respini — (1962-1966)
Lt. Col. Agnes Arrington — (1966)

Capt. Ellen Church, 802nd MAES said her first flight in North Africa was made up of French colonists with flowing robes, bright turbans and black, curly beards. None spoke a word of English nor she French! They soon learned "gum" and "cigarette".

Lt. Jeanette Pitcherella, 803rd MAES was in a place near Calcutta when an engine conked out, necessitating the crew to jump out of the plane. When the excitement was over, she noticed one of her fingers was missing — must have caught in the door!

The oddest airfield in the world was at Wau in SWP. Built on the side of a mountain, it was 1100 yds. long with the upper end 300 ft. higher than the lower end!

The SWPA was the ideal spot where air evac showed its real merit. In the battle of Buna, when the Australian wounded were flown over the Owen Stanley Mts. to Port Moresby; in the capture of Wau; in the struggle for the Markham-Ramu Valley, where hundreds of casualties were brought to Nadzab; in the battle on the Huon Peninsula, and at Aitape, Tadjik and Hollandia. The 804th and 820th MAES did the bulk of the evacuations. They were later joined by the 801st.

Lt. Thelma Le Fave; 820th SWP was one of the first nurses into Tadjik and later was missing in action in the Philippines.

Lt. Laurel Lallatin was one of the first nurses into Tadjik after D-Day.

Capt. Marjorie Graziano, flight nurse with the 2nd Aeromedical Evacuation Sqdn. at Rhein-Main AB, West Germany, was recently presented the Dolly Vinsant Award, which is given annually to the top Air Force evac nurse. The award, presented by the Confederate Air Force, is named in honor of Wilma "Dolly" Vinsant, flight nurse killed in Europe during WWII, while serving with the 806th MAES.

The first flight nurse to board a C-47 bound for France to evacuate wounded American soldiers was 1st Lt. Grace E. Dunnam. On 11 June 1944, she made the first authorized evac trip to Omaha Beach and brought back 18 litter patients.

Ten 816th MAES Technicians were chosen from a group of volunteers to assist with Glider evacuations in March 1945. They were waiting for improvements to be made on the gliders and since only one glider snatch was made were not utilized in this capacity. Some of the techs were Ervin J. Tutaj (deceased), Malcolm E. Williams, Elmer F. Cox, Fred R. Souney, Joe T. Brawner, Sigismund Stempkowski.

The 801st MAES was the longest surviving squadron of those started at Bowman Field, Ky. during WWII. See 801st in Korea.

"Taffy" Logan, flight nurse class of 43G, made a documentary entitled, "Flight Nurse".

Class 43G was made up of an interesting group — 2 returnees from Corregidor — Juanita Redmond and Lucy Wilson Jopling; six Canadian Air Force Nurses, 2 nurses from the Indian Reservation, several ex-stewardesses and pilots.

Charlotte Knight Young, flight nurse wrote an excellent article during WWII entitled "Flight Nurse". She graduated in class of 43G. It is believed that at the time she wrote the article, she was accredited correspondent for the American Nurse's Assn.

1957, the first male nurses were enrolled in flight nursing courses.

Between 1955-1965, with the use of the SAM lung and the work of the SAM polio team the AF moved 530 polio cases requiring respirators with no loss of life.

Dec. '43, 2nd Lt. Alvia A. Hilger made an 8,000 mile round-trip air evac mission from Africa to China and back.

2nd Lt. Lucy M. Wainwright made a 97 hour air evac flight from India to the U.S.

French Flight nurse, Genevieve de Galard-Terrauba, who was trapped at the siege of Dien Bien Phu during the Korean conflict, won the Legion of Honor and participated in "Operation Wounded Warrior" of that war.

Return to Normandy by Jean (Foley) Tierney (806th MAES)

In September, 1984, Pat Mello and I took a memorable trip back to Normandy and the Omaha Beach area. We had no special plans, just wanted to "wing it" and we really did! Everything went well all along the way, the weather was great, the roads are super, and we had a fabulous time. We flew to London (1st class, TWA) with the thought that we might go out to Newbury, however we decided to go to France first. So we took the bus to Portsmouth, arrived there early enough to check into a nice B & B (Bed & Breakfast), then a walk along the sea wall and a visit to the new D-Day Museum. Our first but NOT our last museum visit!

The next day we took the ferry to Cherbourg, the weather was great and the trip fun. We met members of the 10th Armored Division on a reunion trip and they couldn't believe we were on our own. We rented a car in Cherbourg and drove to St. Mere Eglise. There is a good museum there, and a separate building which houses a C-47, the "Argonia." After all these years it is quite a sight.

Then we drove to Isigny and stayed at the Hotel du France, while during the next week we drove 650 km: St Lo, Bayeaux, Port-en-Bessin, Utah Beach, along the highways and byways. If it looked like a road we took it! We spent a day in St Lo, went to church at Notre Dame; we went to Bayeux and saw the Tapestry and visited the huge new Battle of Normandy museum. And while we were in the center of Bayeux, a C-47 flew over! (You'll think I'm kidding!)

It didn't get dark till 9pm so after supper Pat and I would go for a walk around town (Chef du Pont, St Mere Eglise, and Isigny) and we would keep looking up at the sky and thinking "40 years ago we were flying up there." Can you believe it?

We went to the German cemetery at La Cambe, to Pointe du Hoc, Utah Beach, St Marcouf, St Marie du Mont, Barfleur lighthouse. What a panorama of scenery, farms and churches, cows and cabbages, and in the midst of all this there remains German bunkers and blockhouses, and *all those hedgerows!*

I had taken Ed's old aerial map with me with all the airfields marked and although we didn't find any we knew we were in the area of some of them. When we drove along the beach road at Omaha and reached an area dedicated to the 2nd Infantry Division, I was sure I had found old T-1. If you remember that famous photo of the troops coming up that hill from the beach head (I had walked along it 40 years ago!) — the airfield had been to the left. Well, Pat and I went climbing up that hill and when we stood on top and looked out across the channel it was quite a thrill. No one had been able to tell us where T-1 had been, the curator at one place said the first airfield had been at Utah, others said at St Mere Eglise (we didn't believe them!) However, when we later visited the museum at Vierville sur Mer, M. Laveel told us we were exactly right in the location of the field. This is a nice museum, more American oriented than some of the others.

I have left until last to tell you of our visits to the American Cemetery at St Laurent. And I realize that my words are simply inadequate to describe this absolutely stunning place. The sign at the entrance says: Silence and Respect. The grounds, the Chapel, the Memorial, the Garden of the Missing all are beautifully cared for.

We stood along the overlook and looked out over Omaha Beach and the Channel and back towards T-1. All is peace and quietness

Tribute for Flight Nurses Reunion Dinner — St. Anthony Hotel 7 May 1988

Tonight is the grand finale of a super weekend of nostalgia. We have shared memories of a time, a very special time and place on our individual journeys. The reminiscing has been meaningful because we are bonded together as nurses who practiced in a different way — as Flight Nurses.

First, let us pause to honor the memory of those who are not with us — those we loved, served with, and flew with. There were 34 Flight Nurses who gave their lives in line of duty for our country, from World War II to the present time. They paid the ultimate price for the love of God and Country. Though we will never see them again in this life, we shall never forget them.

We honor too, all Flight Nurses, living or dead, who were first sent or volunteered for this new kind of duty even before a School of Flight Nursing was established. They are our real pioneers — the beginning of what we would later become because of their efforts and experiences. Let us thank God for their contributions which exemplify the response to an inner calling to give aid and comfort to the sick and wounded in a totally different setting. In the past 45 years since the Flight Nurse course was established in 1943, over 8,000 nurses have graduated. Some of those classes included members of our sister services and allied countries. From Bowman Field of yesteryear to Brooks Air Force Base of yesterday they will serve as we served, wherever, whenever called.

Since World War II Flight Nurses have seen a vast improvement in modes of transportation. We flew in unpressurized aircraft, goony birds, Connies, C-54's, 97's, and 118's — whatever could be converted for patient transportation. We chugged across the skies over deserts, mountains, valleys, and oceans. Today our Flight Nurses streak across the skies far above the clouds in sleek, pressurized jet aircraft. The Flight Nurses of tomorrow will incorporate much of what has been passed on into preparation for duty on Space Station flights. Whether in the air above the ground or on the earth below — in war or in peace — urgent, priority, or routine flights, patients will always be afforded the very best of care from our Flight Nurses. May God grant them peaceful skies!

We remember, too, the many seen and unseen hands that were necessary for us to fulfill our roles as Flight Nurses. Helping us, of course, were the pilots, flight crews, ground crews, weathermen, inflight kitchens; our right arms, the Medical Technicians (upon whom we relied so heavily) and the hospital personnel at our point of origin and destination. All of these working as a team made this lifeline in the sky possible. In fact, aero-medical evacuation of patients remains a most important mission of the USAF Medical Services today.

Finally, I believe that what all those who went before us, and those who have come after us have done and will continue to do is best stated in this quotation from General David M. Grant:

"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 promise for the sick, wounded, and injured who are sacred charges.

This I will do. I will not falter. In war or in peace."

By Agnes "Kildee" Arrington



Reunion — May 8, 1988, St. Anthony's Hotel. San Antonio, TX — 817th Group



Reunion San Antonio, TX, May 6, 1988 river barge ride.

REUNION PICTURES



814th MAES Reunion — 1946, Chicago, Illinois.



814th MAES — First Reunion, Chicago.



25th Anniversary Flight Nurses, Brooks AFB, 1968



L-R: K. Mayhue, Mary Stehle. San Antonio, 1968



25th Anniversary — Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas — 1968



May 6, 1988 at Memorial Garden adjacent to Edward H. White Museum — Brooks AFB, San Antonio, Texas.



816th MAES F.N. — L-R: Edith Mize Lewis, Jenny Boyle Silk, Louise Anthony deFlon. Jupiter Florida, 1986.

BROOKS AIR FORCE BASE



Flight School 1988 — Rapid Decompression



Equipment Practice



Bivouac 1988 — No Change!
1943

Dorothy White
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C-9 with Jenny Superimposed.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

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Grads 44c Bowman Field — April 2, 1944



JANE WITEK ADRIATICO

Born 25 Jan. 1918 in Chicago, Ill., graduated from Cook Co. School of Nursing in 1943, joined ANC, served as flight nurse stationed in Pacific Theater. Based at Hickam Field, Hawaii and Biak Island, evacuating wounded personnel from Saipan, Guam, Okinawa, Australia and Philippine Islands. Discharged as 1st Lt. after two years active duty. Married Venancio Adriatico, Orlando, Fla., 1947, three children. Pursued a career in real estate, now retired, also active in family businesses of citrus, cattle and nursery. Past Pres. of Goldenrod Civic Club, Polish Nat. All., Lodge #3216, and Cath. Nurses Assn.; Past Vice Pres. of Goldenrod Civic club and Past Chairman of Seminole Co. Democratic Executive Com. Presently an active member of Goldenrod Chamber of Com., Goldenrod Civic Club and Goldenrod Historical Society.



Jane Witek Adriatico

GEORGIA DOXEY ANDERSON

Born in El Centro, California, attended San Diego State University, San Diego County Hospital school of Nursing, graduating in 1941. After joining the Red Cross, she was called to active duty in the ANC to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, February 24, 1942. Graduated from the school at Bowman Field, Kentucky November 1943, assigned to the 812th MAES which was sent to Hickham Field in Hawaii to be based there and evacuate patients from the Pacific islands, including Tarawa, in the Gilberts; Kawajalein, in the Marshalls; Saipan, in the Marianas; Okinawa, in the Ryukyus; Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines. Received the Air Medal and Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and was discharged as a 1st Lt. in 1945. She graduated from UCLA with a B.S. degree majoring in Public Health nursing. Having worked for the Los Angeles County Health Department and Los Angeles Unified School district for twenty five years, she is now retired. She was married to Captain Thomas William Hefferan and Doctor Kermit Anderson. She has one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Bolt, and currently lives in Culver City, California.



Georgia Doxey Anderson

RUTH SMITH ANDERSEN

Graduated from H.S. in 1938, entered Eastern Maine Gen. Hosp. School of Nursing, Bangor, Maine, graduating 1942. Entered the ANC 26 Aug. 1942, transferred to the School of Air Evac. at Bowman Fld., Ky. After graduation took a survival course at Thermal, CA and was assigned to the original 803rd MAES with home base Chabua, India in Upper Assam in the CBI. Flew out of Kweilin Kwangsi Province, China, attached to the 68th Composite Wing of the 14th AF. Due to the arrival of the Japanese troops they were hurriedly evacuated to Chengtu, China. Returned stateside 5 Oct. 1944 to Biggs Fld., TX. Was discharged at the AAF Separation Center, Davis Monthan Fld., Tucson, AZ 25 Jan. 1946 with the rank of 1st Lt. Married and living in Santa Rosa, CA.



Ruth Smith Andersen

HELEN LUKEMEYER ARENSMAN

Born May 20, 1921 — graduated Huntingburg, Ind. HS 1939. Graduated Methodist Hospital School of Nursing Indianapolis, Ind., 1942. Feb. 1943 entered service Army Air Force Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga. Graduated from School of Air Evac at Bowman Field, Ky. April 14, 1944. May 1944-June 1945, served with the 822nd MAES North Atlantic Transport Div. Stationed at Newfoundland, Presque Isle, Maine, Azores, Iceland, Bermuda and Paris, France. June 1945 — transferred to Pac Div. stationed at Hickam Field. Flew to Guam, Okinawa, Kwajalein, Johnson Island, Saipan, San Francisco, Cal. Discharged Feb. 1946. July 20, 1946, married Dr. Ray W. Arensman and they have a daughter Anne Clare and son, Frederick. She did part time OB nursing, receiving her BS in Nursing from Univ. Evansville, IN in 1962. 1964 received her Master's in Education from University Florida at Gainesville. From 1964, worked at various OB Nursing positions until she retired in 1989. Served as Instructor OB Nursing St. Mary's Hosp. in Evansville, IN, was Assoc. Professor OB Nursing Univ. of Evansville, Part time "Mother Infant Care" at St. Mary's Hosp. Still teaches one "Mother-Infant" class a month. Has been active in Red Cross "Teen Health Line" and "Health Fair." Served on the Education committee of Planned Parenthood from 1980-1988.



Helen Lukemeyer Arensman

DORIS KING AVERY

Born in Durham, N.C., Mar 12, 1918. Graduated from Johns-Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in 1942. Head Nurse in Psychiatric Unit there until joining the USAAF in 1943. Assigned to AAF Regional Hospital in Coral Gables, FL as a Psychiatric Nurse for one year. Graduated from Bowman Field in Class 44D. Served as Flight Nurse in SW Pacific Theatre until leaving service Nov 1945. Lt. King received the Air Medal in 1945 for meritorious service and many missions in combat areas. Jan 1, 1946 she married Alden Avery, the pilot on many of her air evac. missions in New Guinea. Employed as Head Nurse at McLean Psychiatric Hospital in MA 1947-1948. Retired to raise a family. Moved to Hawaii in 1952 when husband was recalled by USAF. Worked as an on-call Psychotherapist at Children's Hospital in Honolulu 1967-1976. Worked as a Red Cross nursing volunteer for several years in Honolulu.



Doris King Avery

THELMA VERNON BARNACASTLE

Born in Kansas — 1920, the 5th of eight children. Graduated from Nursing School 1942. Entered the Army in August 1942 — Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. Transferred to Lincoln Army Air Base, Nebraska, October 1942. (Where I met my husband.)



Thelma Vernon Barnacastle

August 1943 sent to Bowman Field Air Evac. School. Received our wings October, 1, 1943. Married A.H. Barnacastle, Jr. October 23, 1943. He was a radar-bombardier-navigator. Assigned 813th and left for P.O.E. January 1, 1944. Destination, Balderton, England.

Was fortunate to visit with two of my brothers during my E.T.O. tour of duty. Our many missions was the flying of patients from battle fronts to England and U.S.A.

Returned to U.S.A. June, 1945 to start the family. Jack, Marsha, Nancy, John and Jimmy. Have added 3 in-laws and 7 Grandchildren.

Returned to nursing in 1962 to save for upcoming college. Retired as Night Director of Nursing — 1979. Have lived in Birmingham since 1956.

DOROTHY BARLOW BARNES

Born in Canton, Texas, August 2, 1920. Graduated from Oklahoma University School of Nursing in 1941, and was employed in Pediatrics at Oklahoma University Hospital. She entered the ANC at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, on August 22, 1942. She was a member of the first graduating class at the School of Air Evacuation in Bowman Field, Kentucky, February 18, 1943, and was sent to England with the 806th MAES. In February, 1944, she married Captain E.G. Shelton in Nottingham, and the resulting pregnancy brought a return to the states in July 1944. She was discharged from the service at Mitchell Field, N.Y. September 15, 1944. She has a daughter, Kathryn, and has worked in Office Nursing and as a School Nurse, earning a B.S. in Nursing at Tulsa University in 1968. She was married to Albert Barnes in 1986.



Dorothy Barlow Barnes

CATHERINE BANIGAN BAUCKE

Born Jan. 11, 1920 in Providence, RI. A graduate of St. Joseph's Hosp. School of Nursing, she enlisted in the AAC Jan. 19, 1943 with her first station being Maxwell Fld. Montgomery, Ala. until Feb. 1944 when she went to the SAE at Bowman Fld., Ky. graduating Mar. 11, 1944 and was assigned to the 818th MAES serving in the ETO. Departed NY Mar. 22, arrived in Scotland April 3. Was stationed in England and France, making flights to NY and Fla. while stationed at Paris, France. Left Belgium on a Liberty ship Aug. 23, 1945, arriving in the US Sept. 25, 1945, was discharged Sept. 25, with the rank of 1st Lt. Received the Air Medal, European and American Campaign Ribbons. April 22, 1945, she was privileged to be home in RI on leave, having transported a plane of battle-front casualties to the states, when a broadcast she had made from a newly-won airstrip within the sound of the guns of Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army on April 8 was heard in this country. Due to funeral of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the program which was to be broadcast April 14th, was not put on the air until the 22nd. As the radio interviewer for "The Fighting AAF" was interviewing her, trucks were backing up to the plane on which she had arrived — the first craft to land on the airstrip — with whole blood donated by resi-



Catherine Banigan Baucke

dents of NYC and Boston, designated for the front lines. She married Maj. Chester Baucke, pilot with 9thTC, Jan. 2, 1946 in CA and they had 4 children. Chester retired with 31 yrs. service with United Air Lines in Chicago and they retired to Punta Gorda, Fla.

FRANCES JAKOBEB BEEBE

Born 27 April 1921 at Hadley, Mass. Graduated from Beverly Hosp., Beverly, Mass. 1942. Joined the ANC with first station AAF Conv. Hosp. (PANCOAST) Miami Beach, Fla. April 1943. Accepted at the School of Air Evac. at Bowman Field., Ky. graduating in the class of 44D. Aug. 29, 1944 was sent to the Asiatic Pacific Theater assigned to the 830th MAES ATC Pacific Div. 1503d. Battles and Campaigns: Bismarck Archipelago, Marianas, So. Philippines. Awards: Air Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, WW II Victory Medal. Discharged from service 31 Jan. 1946 as a 1st Lt. at Cushing Gen. Hosp., Framington, Mass. Worked for one year in the Blood Bank at Robert Packer Hosp., Sayre, Pa. and American Red Cross Blood Bank, Washington, D.C. Married Wm. B. Beebe, lawyer, Aug. 5, 1950 and they have three children Beverly, William and Thomas. Her husband is deceased.



Frances Jakobeb Beebe

MILDRED OSMUN BEEMAN

Born Dover, NJ 2 May 1911. 1936 graduated from Elmira College and Arnot-Ogden Mem. Hosp., Elmira, NY receiving an AB and RN degree in Nursing, specializing in Public Health. When asked by the Red Cross if she would give the Army a year of service in case of an emergency, she said yes. By return mail, she received orders to report to Ft. Dix, NJ as a 2nd Lt. on Jan. 13, 1941. Assigned to Bradley Field, Conn. as Principle Chief Nurse. Sent to School of Air Evac. at Bowman Field, Ky. graduating in the 10th graduating class April 1944. Joined the 826th Sqdn. as charge nurse however the 826th was broken up and most of the girls were sent out as the 830th to the Pacific Theater. She served as charge nurse on Saipan. Returned to civilian life fall of '45. Aug. '47 returned to the service serving as a flight nurse in Weisbaden and Rhein Main.



Mildred Osmun Beeman

Returned stateside 1950, married and her daughter was born in 1951. Now the proud grandmother of two lovely granddaughters.

FRANCES TRITLE BENNER

Born in Springfield, Ohio, attended Wittenberg University and Springfield City Hospital School of Nursing and earned her R.N. and B.S. Degree in Nursing in 1943. She entered the USAAF-NC at Patterson Field in September, 1943. She attended the Air Evac. School at Bowman Field, Kentucky in May, 1944. After assignment at Romulus, Michigan, she was assigned to the 803rd M.A.E.S. in Chabua, India and flew Air Evac. missions in China, Burma and India until December, 1945.



Frances Tritle Benner

She remained on Reserve status until 1954 and served on active duty in the ANC during the Korean war.

She married FRANKLIN BENNER in 1962.

Her professional experience was primarily in Ohio in public health nursing service and education and public health administration. She attended graduate school in Public Health at the University of Minnesota.

In 1981, she retired to be a full-time farm homemaker.

EDITH AHLGREN BOLLINGER

Born in Hudson, Wis. 11 Apr. 1920, graduated from Bethesda Hosp. School of Nursing in 1941. She entered the A.N.C. Feb. 1942 and was stationed at Chanute Field, Ill. Assigned to the 801st MAES at Bowman Field, Ky. Dec. 1942, serving in the South Pacific Theater 16 mos. where they evacuated wounded from island airfields to Base Hosps. She was promoted to 1st Lt. and awarded the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters. Married Capt. Ralph Bollinger, Air Force Pilot, in New Caledonia. 40 yrs. later, their five children, Randy, Barbara, Jack, Jean and Bill surprised them with an anniversary trip to the South Pacific. Ralph flew for an international airline; later working for an oil co., so many places were "home." She earned a Master's Degree in Nursing, working in Public Health and various hospitals, however her primary interests have been family, home and volunteer work.



Edith Ahlgren Bollinger

GERALDINE DISHROON BRIER

Born September 21st, 1916, graduated from the Oklahoma City General Hospital of Nursing in 1940, as their Honor Student. In 1941 she joined the Red Cross and entered the A.N.C., at Will Rogers Air Base, Oklahoma City. She was ordered to Bowman Field, Kentucky, for the starting of Air Evacuation and graduated in the first class on February 18th, 1943. As the Honor Student, she received the first wings and was designated the First Flight Nurse. She was assigned to the 806th MAES, the first into the ETO and flew missions in England, the continent and Trans-Atlantic to the States, earning 3 Air Medals. She married Lt./Col. William Brier and was discharged in September, 1945, continuing as an Air Force wife. In 1964 she was chosen U.S. Lady of the year. On his retirement, she took a Refresher Course and worked in ICU. Now residing in Cheyenne, Wyoming they work part time, help in Red Cross and other volunteer work, travel extensively and visit their five sons and their families.



Geraldine Dishroon Brier

ELEANOR J. BROWNLEE

Born in Brooklyn, New York 27th November 1911. Lived in New Jersey until 1927. Moved to Old Hickory, Tennessee in 1927. Graduated from St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee in 1936, returned to Pennsville, New Jersey. A member of the National American Red Cross since 1936. Various Nursing positions 1936-1939. Assistant Director 1939-1942. Entered ANC February 16, 1942. Assigned Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Transferred to Camp Stoneman, California August 1942 — General duty and Supervisor. Assigned Bowman Field with 349th Evacuation Squadron for Flight Nurse Training July 1943. Graduated October 1943. Assigned Embarkation Station, Camp Stoneman, California. Assigned duty Pacific Ocean Area with 812th MAES. Arrived Hickam Field, Honolulu, Hawaii December 23, 1943. Participated in four campaigns — including Tarawa, Canton, Kwajalein, Guam, Saipan, Okinawa, Manila, Guadalcanal. Awarded: Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster — Asiatic-Pacific campaign Medal with four Bronze Battle Stars — World War II Victory Medal — Three over-



Eleanor J. Brownlee

seas Service Bars. Was discharged as 1st Lieutenant December 28, 1945. Returned to Nursing in various positions including Director of Nursing. Continued post-graduated certificate courses. Retired from Nursing 1975. Was employed at a Library from 1975-1985. Retired in 1985.

MARY ANNE STALLINGS BURR

Born August 18, 1917 Davenport, Iowa. Graduated from Moline, Illinois Public Hospital as a registered nurse and University Arizona with a BS degree in nursing. Volunteered Army Air Force October 1942-Dec. 1945. Graduated from School of Air Evacuation Aug. 1943 Bowman Field, Kentucky.



Mary Anne Stallings Burr

Served in Central Pacific with 809MAES based at Hickam Field, Hawaii logging 1,500 hours. Awarded Air Medal with 5 Battle Stars.

June 17, 1947 married Dr. Burr, Ophthalmologist. They had 3 children — Minda, Sherwood, Bradley and one grandchild, Megan.

Hobbies — politics, raising funds for Republican party, Red Cross Blood Bank volunteer.

MARTHA McDONALD BUSCH

Flight nurse who served in the ETO with the 817th MAES. Married Gerald Busch Sept. 6, 1946, they have six children and are now retired. They spend 50% of their time traveling and 100% enjoying each other.



Martha McDonald Busch

KAY SHUMPERT BUSENLEHNER

Born in Nettleton, Mississippi, December 27, 1918, graduated from South Highlands Infirmary School of Nursing in Birmingham, Alabama, January 1943 — joining the American Red Cross. Worked as Operating Room Supervisor from graduation to my call to active duty October 15, 1943 — was sent to Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida — received orders January 1944 for school at Bowman Field Kentucky for Flight Nurse Training — left for overseas duty March 21, 1944 — being with 818th M.A.E.T. group we flew the wounded from France to area hospi-



Kay Shumpert Busenlehner

tals in England — for a month I flew patients from Europe back to States — due to back injury I was sent home — later in June 1945 released from active duty — I went back to school — due to nursing shortage, in January 1951, I helped organize and set up the School for Practical Nursing at the Daytona Beach Community College, Daytona Beach, Florida, where I taught for twenty-six years — retiring in 1976.

MARGARET LYNCH CALLAN

Grew up on a cattle ranch in Mont., completed elementary school in the local one room school house, then graduated from high school in "town." Graduated from Saint Elizabeth's Hosp. School of Nursing, Chicago, Ill. Joined the American Red Cross in Seattle, Wash., called to active duty 9 June 1943, at Ft. George Wright, Spokane, Wash. 26 May 1944 received her flight nurse wings at Bowman Field, Ky. In Dec. 1944, participated in the 6th Nat. War Bond Drive along with other aeromedical personnel from Randolph Field, demonstrating air evac. techniques in NYC, Boston, Milwaukee and Dallas along with other Army Air Corps Units. Assigned to the 831st MAES, left Dec. 1944 for the Pacific Theater with home base at Hickam Field, Hawaii, flying into Australia, Shanghai, China, Japan, Philippines and various islands of the Pacific area and to Mainland, USA. Received the Air Medal for duty performed between Jan.-Nov. 1945. Discharged Oct. 1946 with the rank of Capt., joining the Army Reserve Med. Corps. June 1953 was recalled to active duty in the AF with assignments in France and Germany. Attended the Advanced Nursing Adm. Course at Brooks Army Med. Center, was assigned as CN of the 11th AMTS, Scott AFB, Ill. from 1961-1963. Was Flight Nurse Adviser to the Minn. Air Nat. Guard Wing and to the AF Reserve Aeromedical Forces in St. Paul, Minn. For this tour of service, was awarded the first oak leaf cluster to her Commendation Medal which she received for CN duty at Etain AF, France. Married Jim Callan, Honeywell Aerospace Eng. in St. Paul in 1966. Retired Jan. 1970 with the rank of Lt. Col.



Margaret Lynch Callan

JOHN V. CANTANDO

John V. Cantando, T/3 820th MAE Sqn. Trained at Bowman Field. Left the country for the SW Pacific Feb. 44 aboard the USS West Point arrived at Milne Bay, New Guinea Feb. 44.



John V. Cantando

Participated in 5 campaigns received the Bronze Star, Air Medal, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Philippine Liberation Medal, Asiatic Theater Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal New York State Conspicuous Service Medal and the American Service Medal. Discharged Nov. 17, 1945.

In 1949, married Flora Caruso, we have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

Joined the Elmira Police Department 4/1/53 and retired 8/31/85. Worked the streets as a foot patrolman and in police cruisers. For the last 15 yrs. I was a communication's officer. Since I retired our big thing is going to our semi annual 820th reunions.

BERNICE SOUTHWORTH CAREY

Born and resided near Kalamazoo, Mich. Graduated from the U. of Mich. School of Nursing in 1943.

Completed basic training for A.N.C. at Greensboro, N.C. Feb. 1944. Graduated from school of Air Evacuation at Bowman Fld., Ky. (Class of 44F) in Oct.

Assigned as replacement to the 801st M.A.E.S. Tanauan Leyte, Philippines May 1945. Flights were made to field hospitals in Southern Islands. Pineapples, bananas and coconuts were a welcome addition to our usual meals of dried foods.

Jan. 1946 our group moved to Clark Fld., Luzon to assist in transporting P.O.W.'s from Japan, moving them from Okinawa to Manila to await passage to the States.

Waiting out a typhoon on Okinawa was a unique experience. TDY for 5 days each in Tokyo and Shanghai were memorable events.

Returned to States for discharge at Camp Beale, CA May 1946.

Married Thomas Carey in San Diego in 1948. Have 1 daughter.

Employed as General duty R.N. at Sharp Memorial Hospital for 18 years.

FRANCES ARMIN CARROLL

Born 1915 at Cleelum, Washington. Graduated from grade and high school at Iroquois, S. Dak. in 1935. 2 years college at Aberdeen, S. Dak. and Santa Monica, CA. Nurses training at Johns Hopkins Hosp. Baltimore, Md. — grad. 1938. Stewardess United Airlines, flight nurse from Feb. '43-May '46, serving at Bowman Field, Ky., Australia, New Guinea, over Bismarck, Archipelago, Randolph AFB School of Aviation Medicine. Served with the 804th MAES in SWPA, receiving the Air Medal. Sept. 1944, went on a Bond Tour of Douglas plants



Frances Armin Carroll

with "Old Miscellaneous," the oldest C-47 Air Evac. plane in SWPA in point of service. Was married 1946 — divorced 1954, 2 children and 13 grandchildren. Served as Occupational Health Nurse for 14 yrs. at Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, CA, Norton Industries in Pico Rivera, CA and Robert Shaw in Long Beach, CA. Retired in 1974.



L-R: Capt. Frank LiBuse, Capt. Gene Glotzbach, Lt. Frances Armin, M/Sgt. J.W. Gibbons, T/Sgt. Wm. Boffa.

MARGARET CAULKINS

Born in Ceres, CA 24 Aug. 1918, graduated from Modesto Jr. College; Highland School of Nursing in 1941, was called by the A.R.C. to the A.N.C. 6 Mar. 1942, was stationed at Letterman Gen. Hosp. in San Francisco. 20 June 1942, she and 20 other nurses were ordered to Camp Stoneman Pittsburg, CA to open a hospital to care for a troop train of soldiers with Strep. Graduated 11 Mar. 1944 from Bowman Field, Ky. as flight nurse attached to the 817th MAES. Was sent to England and France and was active before and after the invasion. We started at the Normandy Beach and advanced inland into Germany flying wounded and prisoners to ETO and U.S.A. until 1946. Graduated from Univ. of CA (UCLA) in 1949 with BS in Public Health Nursing; received Master's Degree in P.H. in 1949 working in San Mateo Co. CA as a Public Health Nursing Supervisor until retirement Dec. 1982. Active as a volunteer.



Margaret Caulkins

ETHEL CARLSON CERASALE

Was born in Blue Island, Illinois 23 August 1921. She graduated from Englewood Hospital School of Nursing in 1942 and joined the American Red Cross, was called to active duty 26 April 1943 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. She graduated from the School at Bowman Field, Kentucky, 21 January 1944, class of 43H, and was sent to England with 815th MAES, flying patients from France after D-Day. On TDY in southern France, kidney problems resulted in her return to the states, February 1945. She returned to flying in November 1946 in the Canal Zone, married Anthony Cerasale, March 1947, and was discharged as Captain, February 1948. Duty as military wife, mother of Steven, Patricia, and Scott, involved stations in Hawaii, Brazil, and others until retirement in Florida, September 1972. She was employed at a nursing home, is Red Cross volunteer, earned an Associate of Arts Degree toward a bachelor's in nursing. She arranged Flight Nurses Association in Florida, May 1986, and became chairman. She was elected President in San Antonio in 1988.



Ethel Carlson Cerasale

DOROTHY REPP CHESNUT

Active duty 12 April 1943. Attended AAF School of Air Evacuation with 820th MAES sent to Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Port Moresby, New Guinea, first home base. My first flight was to Saidor for patients. Between 19 March, 1944 to September, 1945, I had 12 home bases with many RON. Sydney, Australia R&R June 44 and October 44. 1st Lt. February 1945.



Dorothy and Earl Chesnut

Battles and Campaigns: New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Western Pacific, So. Philippines Liberation, Luzon.

Decorations and Citations:

Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon w/1 Silver Battle Star
Philippines Liberation Ribbon w/1 Bronze Battle Star
3 O/S Service Bars
Air Medal

August 1945 joined 804th MAES
Japan Evacuated American-Canadians-

Dutch POW's via C54's
Relief from active duty, 5 January 1946
March '46 stewardess American Airlines
Fall '46 married Earl Chesnut, who passed
away 1988.

Returned to St. Louis University — Completed 1 year of law school
Children: Earl, Mary Rene, Mark
State Public Health Nurse, Teacher — sixth grade, 2 years, Instructor Staff development, 4 years, Genetic Coordinator, Washington University 16 Years service.

S/SGT. B.J. CLARK

Born in Neshoba, Mississippi, June 20, 1918. Joined the army September 12, 1940 at Fort Benning Georgia Station Hospital. In 1942, attended the Fort Sam Houston Surgical School in San Antonio, Texas. In March, returned to Fort Benning Georgia. In August of 1942, went to Bowman Field, Kentucky with a group and formed the 801st Air E Vac. Medical. In January of 1943 went to California and shipped to the South Pacific, landed on New Calidonia, then Guadalcanal, did active duty on seven islands, received seven Campaign stars, Air Medal, four Oak Leaf Clusters. In January 1945, returned to U.S. to Buckingham Field, Fort Myers, Florida. June 1945 went to Maxwell Field, Alabama for a short stay. In September 1945, sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi for discharge. Returned home to Rossville, Georgia married Lillie Daniel October 26, 1942.



S/Sgt. B.J. Clark

HELEN MELISSA CLARK

Born in Cornwall, Conn. 10 Nov. 1912. Graduated from Danbury, Conn. Normal School (now Western Conn. State Univ.) in 1932. Taught in rural schools in Conn. for seven years. She entered the Union Memorial Hosp. School of nursing at Baltimore, Maryland 6 Sept. 1939, graduating in 1942. March 1943, joined the American Red Cross and was assigned to the ANC. Called to active duty at Alexander Army Air Base in La. 1 April 1943. Graduated from the School of Air Evac. at Bowman Field, Ky. 21 Jan. 1944, class of 43H, assigned to the 816th MAES, sailed on the ILE de FRANCE on 13 March 1944 for England.



Helen Melissa Clark

On D-Day plus 4 (10 June '44), she and four other flight nurses were the first to fly to Normandy to evacuate patients. The remainder of 1944 and until VE Day 1945, she flew more than fifty missions earning the Air Medal. Was promoted to 1st Lt. 16 April 1945. Arrived back in the states Oct. '45, discharged 28 Dec. 1945.

Sept. 1946, entered Danbury State Teacher's College, Danbury, CT, graduating June 1947 with a Bachelor's in Education. Taught Fundamentals of Nursing for seven years. Sept. 1954, matriculated at NYU in NY, graduating in Oct. 1955 with a Master of Arts in Education. Taught in the Nursing Science Program at Queens College of C.U.N.Y. (City Univ. of NY) for 15 years, until the program was phased out, then taught in the Home Economics Dept. of Queens College C.U.N.Y. until her retirement 31 Jan. 1977.

BARBARA WATTS CLAY

Graduated from the New England Hospital for Women and Children, Mass., February 1943. I was called to active duty August 2, 1943 — assigned to Drew Field, FL and Hunter Field, GA before going to Bowman Field, KY. I graduated with the 10th Air Evac. class April 14, 1944. We arrived in Italy, June 16, 1944 as replacements in the 802nd Evacuation Squadron. I flew 112 missions in Italy and Southern France. I returned to the states August 31, 1945. I married Louis Clay, May 25, 1946.



Barbara Watts Clay

SALLY ADA SELLECK COATS

Born in Sudbury, Vermont, 23 May 1922. Graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, New York, went on active duty 1 February 1944. From McCook Air Base, went to Bowman Field, graduated, Class 44F; went to Hickam Field 830th MAES, flying Southwest Pacific routes until shortly after VJ Day. Subsequent stations: MacDill, Albrook (flying patients through Central America), Letterman Hospital (joint staffing), Travis AFB flying Korean casualties in CONUS), Walker AFB, New Mexico (married Capt. Roger Coats), Loring AFB, United Kingdom (assigned with Roger), Barksdale AFB, Malmstrom AFB (re-



"Sally" Ada Selleck Coats

tired 1964). Earned bachelor's degree in Health Care Management 1974. Worked since 1967 in gerontology, then 15 years with California Health Care Services. Past 5 years to present working (currently part time) as research analyst for medical projects at Systemetrics-McGraw Hill, in Santa Barbara. Living since 1967 in Santa Ynez Valley, near Santa Barbara.

ELMER F. COX

Born 6 Oct. 1912 at Kansasville, Wis.; son of Francis W. and Margaret Cox. Raised on a farm, graduated from high school at age 15, entered Univ. of Minn. at age 17 as Pre-Med student. Received scattered education at Univ. of Minn. and Univ. of Wis. earning no degree. Basic medical training at Camp Robinson, Ark. Army Med. School, Walter Reed Hosp., Washington, DC. School of Air Evac., Bowman Field, Ky. and Aero-Medical School at Gunter Field, Ala. Was NCOIC of Operating Rooms Drew Field, Fla. assisting surgeons in training surgical techs in Operating Room work. Was with 816th MAES in Europe until his discharge Oct. 1945.



Beverly and Elmer Cox — 25th Anniversary.

Returned to college after the war and ran a grocery store. Reenlisted July 19, 1950 for Korean Conflict doing Air Evac. with 1453d MAES at Hickam, Field flying wounded from Tokyo to Calif. 1954-'58 was NCOIC of Flight Surgeon's Office. Truax Field, Madison, Wis. Left Air Force 1958 to become Hearing Aid dealer and fitter which he is still involved in. Married Beverly Wiseman Jan. 27, 1962 — they have no children. He is a perpetual student and has patented medical equipment. Did a survival test in the Pacific wearing a 40 lb. cast to observe the outcome of "ditching" at sea in a cast. Says he darned near drowned! When not inventing, is interested in music and has his own publishing company known as Seekure Pub.



L-R: Col. John Moore, Elmer Cox

PHOEBE LAMUNYAN COZAD

N-736258 — Rank achieved Capt.
Classification — Nurse, gen. duty; flight nurse; administrative nurse. Served in ETO



Phoebe LaMunyan Cozad

with 819th MAES. After E.T. Day, sqdns. and nurses were being reassigned. Jeanie Brown and I were the only two remaining with 819th. I was reassigned to the 101st Gen. in Berlin. Aug. 10th and 11th, 1945, Charles E. Cozad and I were married. He was A.R.C. Field Dir. I was reassigned to Berlin Hdqtrs. attached to 78th Armored Div. July 1946 was discharged in Frankfurt, Germany and assigned to G1, Berlin Hdqtrs. for civilian employment. Returning to the states, we lived in Montana for two years, then in Calif. where Charles taught and counselled in Vallejo. After completing my B.S. in Public Health Nursing and Fld. Certification, I school nursed and taught in Napa. Our marriage produced 7 children in 7 years. Our youngest was killed by a "hot rod" in 1961. We had 6 children in college at one time, the family has produced a College Professor, Pilot, Forester, C.P.A. Navigator, Lawyer and Nurse Educator. Charles died Oct. 10, 1972. After retiring from Napa School System June 1983, applied to the Peace Corps, was accepted, serving as Health Educator and Senior Nurse from April 1984-June '86 in Fiji. In 1987, reapplied to Peace Corps and was assigned to Antiqua. Sept. 1988, terminated my service with Peace Corps, settling in Chillicothe, Mo. Recently had much needed orthopedic surgery and am recuperating.

KATHRYN HAAS CRANE

Was a member of the 822nd MAES in 1944 and 1945 — stationed in the Azores, Newfoundland and Paris — flying with patients to New York and Miami, an experience I shall never forget.



Kathryn Haas Crane

After my discharge from the Army Air Corps I did a short stint of Private Duty in Cleveland, Ohio, before working as Head Nurse in the Emergency Room of my Alma Mater, Mt. Sinai Hospital. I met my first husband there and was married in 1948. In 1951 we decided to visit Barbara Evans Mercer, an 822nd friend, who lived in Seattle, with the thought of living there. Seattle is now my home.

1951 to January 1956 — worked for Group Health Cooperative as a clinic nurse.

1956 to 1965 was a housewife and mother of 4 girls — Bea, Mary, Sally and Margaret.

1965 to 1985 — Clinic Nurse at Group Health again until I retired in 1985.

Divorced my 1st husband in 1975 and was married in 1981 to Albert Crane. He has 2 sons — one living in Seattle, one in Los Angeles. I have 3 daughters living here in Seattle. The oldest, Bea, lives in Delaware with her husband and 2 children, Gene and Katie — my only Grandchildren.

FLORENCE MONI CRUM

Florence (Moni-Young) Crum. Born in Rossett, PA. May 2, 1917. Graduated from Kings County Hospital School of Nursing in 1937, in Brooklyn, N.Y. Entered service in the U.S. AAF in 1943, with basic training at Drew Field, Tampa. Assigned to B-17 Bombing Range Base at Avon Park, Florida. Volunteered for Medical Air Evacuation and attended School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas. Graduated 8 May 1945. Sent overseas with 830th Air Evac. Squadron, based in France (Orly Field, Paris), flying to Mitchell Field, N.Y. Married Carl Crum in 1946, separated from service and lived in Miami, FL 1946-77. They have two sons and one daughter. Activities in the work field included Hospitals, Private duty, Doctor's offices, First Aid room at Hialeah Race track, with time off for children's infancies. In 1977, they moved to the country are now happily communing with nature.



Florence Moni Crum

LOUISE ANTHONY deFLON

Born . . . June 8, 1916, San Bernardino, California. Education: Graduated High School, Barstow, Calif. 1932; Pre-nursing, Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa; Nurses Training, graduated 1936.



Louise Anthony deFlon

Entered military service September 1942, stationed Basic Flying School, Gardner Field. Served in ETO with 816th MAES. Left Orleans, France, to return to States for surgery on spine at Richmond, Va. General Hospital. March, 1945. Retired, disability June 1946.

Studied San Bernardino Valley College two years. "Law four years, different schools. No degree in law.

Traveled widely over the world after Marriage.

Came to Spain in 1967, liked it so well, immediately bought an apartment, in 1970 (the house that I now live in at Nueva Andalucia, Marbella, Spain.)

Life has been very good to me, even though I've had continuous physical problems.

Military experiences, unusual, privileged to serve, at the time I never realized how very unusual it all was, . . . Just doing our work, exciting, dangerous, losses of dear friends, but all in all NOT TO HAVE BEEN MISSED!

SUELLA BERNARD DELP

Born Waynesville, Oh. March 9, 1919. Graduated from Springfield City Hospital, Springfield, Ohio 1940. Entered service at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. April 1943 entering Flight Nurse School at Bowman Field, Ky. Nov. 1943 graduating Jan. 1944. Feb. 1944 assigned overseas — with 816th MAES in Scotland, Greenham Commons, England — and subsequently to eleven other stations in England, France and Scotland. Flew C-54's on Trans-Atlantic flights with patients and C-47's between France, Germany and England. Flew in the first glider snatch with patients from Remagen, Germany across the Rhine March 22, 1945. Discharged from service Nov. 1945. Has worked in various phases of nursing and now lives with husband, Luther Delp in Carlisle, Pa. They have one son, John.



Suella Bernard Delp

MARION CLARK DUBBS

Born in Newark, NJ. Obtained an R.N. from the Jersey City Medical Center, later received a B.S. degree from Columbia University in New York City.



Marion Clark Dubbs

While teaching at Bloomfield, NJ, joined the American Red Cross in 1942. In 1943 was inducted into the ANC and sent to the Air Evacuation School, Bowman Field, KY. Upon graduation was assigned to 812th MAES, Southwest Pacific Area. Home Base — Hickam Field, Hawaii. Her long flights over the Pacific to forward areas included Canton

Island, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Guam, Saipan, the Leyte Gulf and Okinawa.

She married Capt. Roger Dubbs in Nov. 1944 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Loper in Honolulu with General William Ord Ryan acting for her father. Dr. Loper headed the War Labor Board for the Hawaiian Islands.

Discharged Nov. 1945, became Assistant Dean of Women at Purdue University. Later she and her husband moved to Red Bank, NJ where their three children Roger Bruce Jr., Barry and Cheryl were born. Both sons served in Viet Nam.

Moving to Cincinnati, Ohio in 1952 she was Health Educator for the Hamilton County school system. In 1971 they moved to Lake Forest, IL.

Now retired, Lt. Col. (Ret) Roger and Marion Dubbs, grandparents of three, live in Universal City, TX; the home of Randolph AFB.

RICHARD K. EBERLINE

Richard K. Eberline, served as Surgical Technician, T/3, 820th MAES with 5th A.F., trained at Bowman Field Ky. Sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge on the Luxury Liner USS America on Feb. 19, 1944. Arrived Port Moresby, New Guinea Mar. 13, 1944. Left Holland, N.G. for Leyte Nov. 22, 1944 by boat. Evacuated wounded from Palawn, Mindancac, Panay, Cobu in the Philippines and the PALAU Islands. Left Leyte June 1945 for Okinawa. Flew from Okinawa for Manila where I boarded a Merchant Marine Ship Sept. 9, 1945. Held sick-bay and arrived in San Diego, Oct. 2, 1945. Had sick-bay on troop train to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Decorated with Air Medal, Air Crew Member Badge (Wings), Three Overseas Service Bars, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Ribbon with Bronze Star, Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star. Battles and Campaigns — New Guinea, Bismark Arch, Western Pacific, Southern Philippines and Luzon. Had 498 combat hours. On Okinawa, saw the Green strip down the runway for the Japanese Surrender Sept. 2, 1945. He retired from the V.A. with 33 yrs. Service in 1976.



Richard K. Eberline

GRACE HAWKES EDENFIELD

Born in New Providence, Iowa April 1918. She spent her childhood thru High school in North Loup, Nebraska. Graduated from Lubbock, Texas Sanitarium School of Nursing, (now Methodist Hospital) in Jan. 1941. Joined the U.S. Army, stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark. in the summer of 1941. Transferred to the AF in January 1942 stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. She graduated from Air Evacuation School at Bowman Field, Kentucky in January 1943, was sent to England with the 806th M.A.E.S. in April 1943, flying wounded soldiers from France after D-Day. After a move to Prestwick, Scotland she flew patients transatlantic to New York. Moved to France in



Grace Hawkes Edenfield

December 1944 and flew patients to the Azores. In February 1945 flew patients again on the continent. This continued (the 806th moved 13 times in one year) until March 1946 when she returned to the U.S., stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala. where she met her future husband, Claxton M. Edenfield. After their marriage in June 1946, she retired so she could go with him. After about a year in Hawaii he retired and they returned to the U.S. settling in Tallahassee, Fla. There they raised three lovely children (two boys and one girl).

Claxton died of a brain tumor in 1974, she has lived quietly in the same house with her youngest son, enjoys visits with three grandchildren and occupies herself with feeding wild birds and animals, reading, and working crossword puzzles.

ELSIE BRENNAN EDWARDS

Born in New Haven, Connecticut 13 August 1921. She graduated from the Hospital of St. Raphael School of Nursing in 1942, joined the American Red Cross, enlisted in the ANC and was called to active duty in the Spring of 1943 to Drew Field in Tampa, Florida. She attended Flight Nurses School at Bowman Field, Kentucky and graduated April 1944, was assigned to the 802 MAES Naples, Italy and to the south of France on temporary duty. She evacuated patients from Italy and southern France to station and to general hospital.

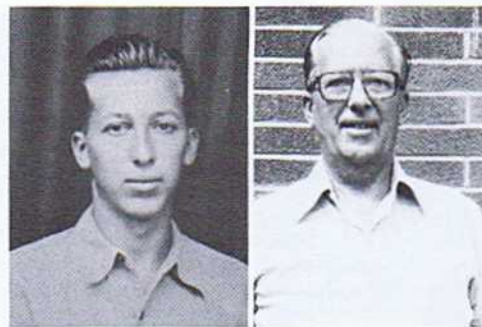


Elsie Brennan Edwards

She married Captain James R. Edwards ("Eddie") of the 62nd Troop Carrier Command on 2 March 1945 in Tarquina, Italy. Returned to the states in 1945 and was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant. Raised Judith, James, John and Jill Edwards. Has been practicing as a Registered Nurse in the geriatric setting for the past ten years.

CLIFFORD J. EMLING

Served in China Burma India Theater as flight technician with 803rd AIR EVAC. SQDN. The 803rd trained at Bowman Field, Ky. Sailed from Los Angeles on the U.S.A.T. George Washington Sept. 1943. Arrived Bombay, India 42 days later and arrived at



Clifford J. Emling

Chabua, India in Dec., home base for the next two years. Jan. 1944, temporarily assigned to Kunming, China and attached to the 14th Air Force. From there, made flights to various air fields in S.W. China.

March 1944, returned to Chabua. During next few months flew regularly to landing strips in Burma, in support of Merrill's Marauders on their march on Myitkyina, Burma, evacuating the wounded to the hospital at Ledo, India. Decorated with the Air Medal. Other awards, Presidential Unit Citation, China War Memorial Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal with three Battle Stars.

Remainder of time in CBI, made Hump flights between Chabua and Kunming, as well as flights to Calcutta, Karachi and other points in India and Burma. Following V-J Day, took part in Rescue Flights to Rangoon, Burma to pick up released military and civilian POWs from Japanese prison camps in Indo-China.

Returned home on the Gen. Hase, sailing Calcutta to NY — fall 1945. Wife's name Marge (Margaret Neeley), 2 children, Lois and David. Employed by General Motors Corp. doing Material Control at the Chevrolet Plant in Cleveland, Oh. Retired in 1982.

JUANITA WILSON ENGELBRECHT

Juanita Wilson born in Covington, TN 21 Sept. 1917. Graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis, TN 1939. Joined the American Red Cross, called to active duty 1 April 1942 at Tyndall Field, Panama City, FL. Married Eugene Engelbrecht Feb. 1943. Graduated from Air Evac. School, Bowman Field, KY March 1944. Sent as a replacement to the 807th MAES, 12th Air Force, in North Africa and then to Italy. Evacuated wounded from Germany, France, Yugoslavia and Italy to Rome, Florence, Naples, Bari and Catania. Received Air Medal and clusters. Relieved from active duty 31 Oct. 1945, rank 1st Lt. Husband's career involved living in Memphis, St. Louis, Chicago and Cincinnati with our four sons Bob, John, Jim and Alan.



Juanita Wilson Engelbrecht, Juanita and Gene

DOROTHY WHITE ERRAIR

Born in Paterson, New Jersey, 24 Jan. 1920, moved to Michigan in 1923, graduating from Providence Hospital, Detroit, in 1942 and joined the ANC in Jan. 1943. She graduated Flight Nurse School at Bowman Field, Ky. in July 1943, was assigned the 807th MAES. Future bases were Bizerti and Tunis in North Africa; Catania, Sicily; Rome, Siena and Leghorn in Italy. The 807th MAETS evacuated British, American, German, and Polish wounded from the Italian front lines to Algiers, Malta and hospitals in the Italian rear areas.



Dorothy White Errair

She returned home after VE Day in August 1945, discharged in December 1945, returning to civilian life worked in the Operating Rooms in hospitals in Detroit and Ann Arbor, Michigan. Her marriage in 1948 to William C. Errair produced 4 sons and 2 daughters. Moving from Michigan to Florida in 1967, she continued working in the Operating Room until she retired in December 1986.

JAN WYATT FAULKNER

After finishing nursing school I joined the military in 1943. Went to Bowman Field in 1944, graduated, joined the 802nd in Italy and Southern France. I returned home in Sept. 1945 and was sent to The School of Medicine in Texas. My next assignment was Robins Fld., Ga., where I met Dwight Faulkner and later married him. My last assignment was Westover Fld. Mass. I flew the Atlantic run from Westover to Germany. In 1948 I resigned and became a military wife. We had three wonderful children. Had some good tours like Germany and Hawaii. My husband retired in 1964, joined Hughes Aircraft in Fullerton, CA and I returned to nursing. After my husband's death in 1977, I worked until 1986. Spend my time caring for home, travel and gardening.



Jan Wyatt Faulkner

AGNES ESTHER FLAHERTY

Born at home in Portland, Maine, the eighth of 11 children. She was raised and educated in Portland, Maine entering The Maine Eye and

Ear Infirmary School of Nursing in 1937. Subsequent to graduation, she worked at the Maine Eye and Ear, a general hospital as an X-ray-technician and an orthopedic nurse.

April 6, 1942 Agnes joined the ANC at Grenier Field, Manchester, New Hampshire, volunteered to go to Richmond AAB in November 1942 when a meningitis epidemic was occurring. In May 1943, she was assigned to the Air Evacuation School at Bowman Field.

She was assigned to the 809th MAETS in the Central Pacific October 1943. September 2, 1945, the 809th was returned to the USA for the separation process.

She graduated from Teachers College, Columbia University 1951, (General Dwight David Eisenhower was president of Columbia) with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health nursing. She joined the Army Reserve Corps which was being organized in 1947 and retired from the Army Reserve as a Colonel.

Staff Nursing in New York during the school years, public health nursing in Flint, Michigan 1951-1952. Recalled to Service in 1953 as an Army Health Nurse at Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Assistant Director of Nursing at Maine Medical Center in Portland 1955-1957.

The Catholic University of America 1957-1960, Master of Science Nursing. Director of Nursing Education at Mercy Hospital in Portland 1958-1961. Executive Director, Maine State Board of Nursing, 1961-1969. Vice President of Nursing, Maine Medical Center 1969-1980. American Nurses Association Activities.

President, District and State Association (Maine.)

Chairperson, Council of State Boards of Nursing for 3 years.

Chairperson and member, Commission on Nursing Service administration; chaired Reimbursement Task Force.

Adjunct appointments at Boston University, University of Maine, Nazareth College Division of Nursing (Michigan).

A Deborah Morton recipient, Westbrook College, Portland, Maine.

Since retirement, coordinated Saco Valley Hospice Program for five years as a volunteer, still serve as a volunteer and on the Board of Directors.

WILMA SHACKLEFORD FORD

Born Knoxville, Tennessee. Graduated from high school St. Petersburg, Florida. B.A. degree University of Tennessee. Graduated from Orange Memorial Hospital, Orlando, Florida. Entered the service September 1943.



Wilma Shackelford Ford

Graduated from Air Evacuation School, Bowman Field, Louisville, Kentucky 14 April 1944. Assigned to the 825th M.A.E.S. Sailed for North Africa July 1944 with Headquarters at Casablanca, French Morocco. Conducted Air Evacuation flights from Casablanca to Azore, Newfoundland, Bermuda and the United States. Transferred to Karachi, Air Base, India January 1945, flying to Abadan,

Iran and terminating Cairo, Egypt. Transferred to Payne Field, Cairo, Egypt June 1945 with flights to Tripoli, Libya terminating Casablanca. Discharged Fort Bragg, North Carolina November 1945.

Married Francis M. Ford at Norman, Oklahoma 1948 where I did graduate medical social work at the University of Oklahoma. After husband was recalled to active duty, October 1950, as a military wife was stationed at Langley Field, Va., Monterey Language School Ca, Wiesbaden, Germany, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., Montgomery, AL, Rhine Main, Germany, Wright Patterson AFB. Oh. (4 times) United Nations Staff, Seoul, Korea. Is Volunteer tour guide Air Force Museum. Volunteer coordinator, Arnold House Heritage Center W.P.A.F.B. Has two married daughters and three grandchildren.

MARGARET (BETTY) RICE FOUT

Born April 24, 1921 in Frederick, Maryland. Attended Hood College and graduated from The Union Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Baltimore, Maryland in 1942. Entered military service 15 March, 1943 and was assigned to Alexandria Air Force Base, Alexandria, Louisiana. After graduating from the School of Air Evacuation at Bowman Field, Kentucky, went to England with the 819th MAETS February 1944. The 819th evacuated wounded from France after D-Day, spent a month in Italy flying patients from the Florence area of combat, flew the Trans-Atlantic run for six months, and when stationed in France evacuated wounded and POWs from Germany. Joined the 811th in June 1945 for duty in the Pacific but we were not called. Discharged as a first lieutenant, December 1945. Married to Murray H. Fout, a lawyer, who saw combat in the Pacific with the Navy. Mother of two children, Anne and John.



Margaret (Betty) Rice Fout

MARYBELLE FRASER SPALDING

Born in Pinole, CA, attended Merritt Hosp., Oakland, CA, graduating as RN, did post-grad work in Pediatrics at LA Co. Hosp. in 1936. Worked at Hilo Mem. Hosp. Hawaii for a year, then to Hoholau Plantation Hosp. as CN for a yr. Toured Europe in 1939, returning to US to



Marybelle Fraser

work at San Jose State College, CA. In 1941, went to Europe via Johnson Line Freighter through the Panama Canal. Before reaching Rio, had had mutiny on board, one burial at sea and 4 sailors in irons below. Entered the service at Preceido Letterman Hosp. Feb. 22, 1942. Set up a base at Camp Stoneman, took care of 200 Tank Corps members with measles. Went to SAE at Bowman Fld., Ky. graduated and became CN for 813th MAES stationed in the ETO. Traumatic experiences of the 813th included the loss of flight nurse, Mary Jackley and technician, John H. Salmi in a C-47 crash and the capture of Reba Whittle by the Germans.

ADA ENDRES FRISK

Born in Seattle, Washington 24 March, 1921. Graduated from the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing, Seattle in 1942, joined the American Red Cross Nurse Corps, was called to active duty 10 May 1943 at Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington. Graduated from the School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Kentucky 11, March 1944, was sent to New Caledonia in the South Pacific, thence to Guadalcanal with the 801st MAES, serving in the North Solomons, Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea and Philippine Campaigns. Returned to the States in March, 1945. Decorated with the Air Medal, other awards Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with 4 battle stars. Discharged May 1945, graduated from University of Washington with B.S. in Nursing 1945, Public Health Nurse in Snohomish County, WA. Married W. William Frisk, 1951 in San Diego, mother of Steven, David, Michael and Martin. Taught maternity nursing in School of Nursing in Green Bay, Wis., was School Nurse in Edmonds and Mukilteo, Washington, many years. Retired June 1984. Elected Commander of local VFW Post 4783 in April 1989. Active in Red Cross blood program locally.



Ada Endres Frisk

Bowman Field 2 July 43. TDY July to Sept. '43 to Dunnellon AAB, FL. Served in ETO with 811th MAES. Following 4 transatlantic flights to clear hospitals in England, flew patients from France to rear echelons after D-Day. Earned Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Honorably discharged 30 Oct. 45. Joined reserves in Brooklyn NAS while working on B.S. and M.A. degrees at T.C., Columbia Univ. Called to active duty 1951 beginning at Hunter AFB Hospital on to Kelly AFB to fly patients from various bases on the west coast to their home states during the Korean war. Discharged as Captain from Kelly AFB 31 March 53. Civilian nursing until retirement included Public Health Nursing, School Nurse Teacher and Nurse Educator. Married CHARLES L. FROST 30 June 56. Three children, Michael, Anne Marie and Kathleen. Enjoying retirement and five grandchildren since 1985.

MARY TAGGART GADDY

(N 787432) Born in Lawrence County, Ill., 15 Nov., 1918. She graduated from The Olney Sanitarium School of Nursing, Olney, Ill. in 1940. Volunteering for military service on 15 April 1943 she reported to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri for active duty. On 28 November, 1943, she was sent to the A.A.F. School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Kentucky where she graduated 21 January, 1944 and was assigned to the 815th M.A.E.S. The unit passed through Camp Kilmer, New Jersey on their way to the E.T.O. and on March 12, 1944, we boarded the Ile De France landing in England 20 March, 1944. After being stationed in England the unit transferred to Orly Field, near Paris, France. On 17 August, 1945, she was married to Sgt. Marian P. Gaddy in Naples, Italy. They honeymooned on the Isle of Capri. Discharged 5 December, 1945 as First Lieutenant at Scott A.F. Base, Scott Field, Illinois. Her present address is Vincennes, Indiana.



Mary Taggart Gaddy

the ANC 6 May 1943 taking basic training at Ft. George Wright. Transferred to Ephrata, Wash. where the unit set up the base hosp. Received orders for School of Air Evac. at Bowman Field, Ky. while stationed at Pocatela, Idaho. Graduated March 11, 1944. Left Camp Kilmer, NJ March 10, 1944 arriving in Scotland 4 April, stationed at Spanhoe, England. Transferred to Cottesmore, where D-Day found her hospitalized with German Measles! On TDY to Orley Field and LeBorgue, transferred from France to Scotland with the 830th MAES making Trans-Atlantic flights. After her discharge at Great Falls, Mont., 13 Oct. 1945, married Eugene Glass Jan. 1946. They had three children, 6 grandsons and one granddaughter. With the help of God and friends, she is running a Nursing Home called Cottesmore, in memory of Gene, who died in 1963.

BETTY BERRY GODIN

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio 27 April 1919. Graduated from Western Pa. Hosp. 1941, joined the ANC and was accepted at the Bowman School of Air Evac. graduating in the third class. Was assigned to the original 803rd MAES stationed at Chabua, India in the CBI. Flew the "Hump," evacuated Merrill's Marauders, met Dr. Gordon Seagraves, visited his Burmese hosp., and was on the 1st medical team into Burma after Gen. Stilwell "walked out." Was assigned to Buckley Fld. in Denver, CO from overseas, met her future husband, Eugene Godin and left her heart in San Francisco, when she married Gene there. Later assigned to the 830th AEG at Hickam Fld., flying the Pacific. Discharged as Capt. 4 Feb. 1948, joined her husband in Japan. A military family for 20 years, one son was born in Madrid, one in Tucson and their daughter in Japan. Lived in Mass., Fla. and are now settled in beautiful NC. She did some part time nursing but enjoys gardening and crafts — calls herself the "happy hooker."



Betty Berry Godin

HELEN KIKLOWICZ FROST

Born 2 April 17 in Yonkers, N.Y. Graduated from Binghamton City Hospital 1940. Joined ANC via Red Cross at Fort Ontario, N.Y. 15 Sept. 42. Applied for Air Evac., graduated at



Helen Kiklowicz Frost

INEZ LELAND GLASS

Born in Tacoma, Wash. 7 Feb. 1922, youngest of 11 children. Attended the College of Puget Sound, graduated from Tacoma Gen. Hospital School of Nursing in 1942, entering



Inez Leland Glass and Granddaughter

ETHEL WRIGHT GORMAN

Born in Noxen, Pa. 1920. Graduated Lehman High School 1937, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital 1942, joined Red Cross May 1943.



Ethel Wright Gorman

Entered Army Air Force July 1943 reporting to Eglin Field, Fla. Graduated School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Tex. Class 44G. Activated Designated Flight Nurse Apr. 1945 1st assignment Stockton Field, Calif. AFATC 9154 — Reassignments were 830th MAE 554th Memphis, 830th Maes, Ft. Dix, 1564th AAB PACD Mather Field, Santa Monica Redistribution Center, 2132 AAF Maxwell Field. Married Capt. G. Ansel Gorman at Maxwell Chapel Nov. 6, 1945. Returned to civilian life. Did only volunteer nursing for 20 years while raising Patricia and Virginia — After refresher course in 1968, returned to nursing specializing in Gerontology. Retired to Florida 1981.



Matilda D. Grinevich

CDR. SOPHIA H. GORMISH

Cdr. Sophia H. Gormish graduated from Jefferson Medical College School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA. As a member of the Navy Nurse Corps was stationed at U.S. Naval Hospitals in Portsmouth, VA; Pensacola, FL; Corpus Christi, TX; and San Diego, CA.



Cdr. Sophia H. Gormish

Received her flight wings at Gunter Air Force Flight School, Gunter, AL, 28 April 1951 — Class of 51-C.

Assigned to VR II Alameda, CA, as a Navy Flight Nurse, flying from Alameda to Honolulu on the Navy's largest plane "Mars" which took off and landed on water carrying dependents.

Transferred to VR VIII-1453rd MAES. Flew from Hickam AF Base in Honolulu to Midway Island to Haneda AF Base in Tokyo, Japan, returning the American Korean casualties to U.S. via Tripler Army Hospital, Oahu; Travis AF Hospital, CA. Also flew to Johnston Island, Wake Island, Kwajalein, Guam and Manila, Philippine Islands.

Selected for school, University of Buffalo, graduated with BS Degree in Nursing Education. Recipient of the Alumnae Association Award for outstanding scholastic achievement.

Assigned as instructor at USNH Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill. Recruiting duty in Pittsburgh, PA, as Nurse Programs Officer.

Selected for school, University of Minnesota, graduated with MS Degree in Nursing Administration.

Assigned as Dependent Supervisor, St. Albans, N.Y. and Chelsea, MA, and as Chief Nurse, Kenitra, Morocco. Returned to U.S. on the Italian ship, "Michelangelo."

Retired in 1973 from USNH Camp Pendleton, CA, as Chief of Nursing Service.

MATILDA D. GRINEVICH

Born 2 Oct. 1915 at Mahanoy City, Pa. Graduated as RN in 1937 from Univ. of Pa.; graduated with BS in Nursing in 1964 from E. Carolina Univ. Served as flight nurse during WWII assigned to the 801st MAES. During the Korean Conflict, was assigned to the 1453rd MATS, Hickam Fld., Hawaii; Chief Flight

Nurse of the 1st Aero-Med Evac during the Vietnam era at Pope AFB, NC; CN 811th Med. Grp. at Loring AFB, Me.; CN Langley AFB, VA; Chief Flight Nurse, 1st Ameg, Pope AFB. Worked as Industrial nurse in NY, NY Daily News, NY, Med. Sec. Nat. Biscuit Co., NY, Dir. Nursing Serv. at Cape Fear Valley Hosp. of Fayetteville, NC, reopened wards and OR at Sheppard AFB, TX. CN 7603rd USAF Hosp. Zaragoza, Spain, Tech Trng., Advanced Nursing Adm. Course in Tex. Has received numerous honors in the nursing field as well as belongs to numerous nursing organizations. Awards: WWII Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Air Medal with 4 OLCs, Korean Serv. Medal, UN Serv. Medal, Army of Occupation Medal plus many others. Has logged 7,000 flight hours flying in C-47s, C-54s, C-97s, C-123s, C-124s, C-130s, helicopters, gliders and PBYS. Honors: ARC, Project officer for "TAC Evac of the Future" Display at the 50th Anniversary of Aerospace medicine and 25th anniversary of flight nursing. Retired from the USAF with the rank of Lt. Col.

WANDA GUSTAFSON

Graduated from St. Barnabas School of Nursing, Newark, N.J. Joined Red Cross and called to duty 24 February 1942 at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Assigned to Bowman Field in October, the 801st in December, and January 1943 sailed to Southwest Pacific. We evacuated patients from Solomon Islands. After 15 months returned to States and to Bowman to learn 'how to.' After several weeks we were pulled from class and assigned various bases when Continental Air Evac was started. After two years of Continental Air Evac, was out of Army for eighteen months. When Korean War started had orders for Japan and the 801st. Retired May 1964 to Kane, Pa.



Wanda Gustafson

Decorations: Air Medal with silver and bronze oak leaf clusters, U.S. Presidential and Korean Presidential Unit Citations, Southwest Pacific and Korean ribbons, each with two battle stars, and Navy Commendation ribbon.

JOSEPHINE COONEY HACK

Born in Mount Kisco, New York March 27, 1923. A graduate of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in New York City in 1943, she practiced nursing there until entering active duty 21 February 1944 at Scott Field, Illinois. Graduating from the Air Evac School at Bowman Field October 1944, Class of 44F, she was reassigned to Scott Field, Illinois until 30 March 1945. The next assignment was to the 830th MAES, Stockton, California. Flew domestic flights until reassigned to Hq. PD-ATC (1500 AAFBU) at Hickham Field, Hawaii on 27 June 1945. She flew the wounded from various Pacific Islands back to the States, including some of the American Prisoners-of-War liberated from Japan. Discharged on 20 March, 1946. Attended Syracuse University receiving a degree in Public Health Nursing. After serving as a Public Health Nurse, she married Eugene Hack and spent the next few years raising three lovely daughters, Nancy, Joanne and Mary Jeanne. Returning to nursing as a Pediatric Nurse in 1958, she retired in 1982. She now resides with her husband in Mahopac, New York and enjoys her three grandchildren.



Josephine Cooney Hack

KATHERINE S. HACK

Born Dec. 16, 1909 in Casey, Ill., with some of life's disciplines coming in the years amid those fertile prairies and historic Lincoln Cos. Hope and beauty are remembered from each spring's long walks in the woods for ferns and wild flowers — bluebells, violets, Dutchman's britches, spring beauties, trillium and may apples. Graduated from HS in Champaign, Ill. and from The Sisters of Mercy at St. Joseph's Hosp., Phoenix, Ariz. as a RN. War and history further expanded that education at the SAE at Bowman Fld., Ky., graduating Jan. 1944, assigned to the 821st MAES stationed in the CBI at Ledo, India in the Upper Assam Valley. Flew 59 combat missions as a flight nurse, was awarded the Asiatic Campaign Ribbon with three battle stars, the Air Medal with OLC and the Distinguished Flying Cross. With the historic event at the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan Aug. 6, 1945, my war ended. Returned to the US relocating in San Francisco March 1946, spending 7 years in



Katherine S. Hack

academia — earned an AB from San Francisco State Univ., BS from Univ. of Ca. at Berkeley, and MA from Stanford Univ. Holds memberships in the Commonwealth Club, life member of the Stanford Alumni Assn. and the AF Assn. Retired from the USAF in 1968 with the rank of Lt. Col.

ADELE BALL HARDENBERGH

Born in Shelton, Connecticut 23 June 1913. Graduated from Danbury School of Nursing in 1935. During her 23 years in the service she received her Basic Tng. at Drew Field, Tampa, FL, served as a general duty nurse at Avon Park, FL, Bolling Fld., D.C. and Private duty nurse for President H.S. Truman's Mother-In-Law at the White House, received her Flight Nurse Tng. at Bowman Fld., KY. Class 44 F, was a Flight Nurse Instructor at School of Aviation Medicine Randolph Fld., Texas, served as a FN during the Berlin Airlift, and throughout her tour of duty at Rhein/Main, Germany. Attended the University of MD and received a B.S. in Nursing Education, was Chief-USAFA Recruiting Program for Nurses, P.T.'s, O.T.'s and Dietitians at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, served as Chief Nurse at Moody AFB, Ga., Forbes AFB, Kansas, and Homestead AFB, FL, was Pacific A.F. Command Nurse covering Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Misawa, Taiwan, Philippines and Vietnam. She retired 1 Aug. 66, in Feb. 67 married a CT sweetheart, N.W. Hardenbergh with two lovely daughters, is now a very happy wife, mother and grandmother.



Capt. Adele Ball in C-82 Rhein-Main, Ger.

SYBIL PEACOCK HARMON

Born Minden, Louisiana, 9 July 1916. Graduated Tri-State Hospital School of Nursing 1938. Flight attendant for Delta Air Lines 1940-1943. Entered the service January, 1944, AAF Regional Hospital, 28th AAF Base Unit, Coral Gables, Florida. Graduated class of 44G, AAF School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas. Special duty nurse to Gen. Hap Arnold January-April, 1945. Promoted to 1st Lieut. Joined 830th MAES, Stockton, Calif. Discharged from service May, 1946. Married Wallace Harmon that same month. Mother of Patricia, Peggy and



Sybil Peacock Harmon

Michael. Employed in obstetrical nursing in delivery room and in supervisory capacity at Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Tex. Resigned from Baylor in 1963. Entered travel business in 1973 as world wide tour escort for large groups. Retired 1985. Now enjoying duplicate bridge, genealogical research and travel.

ARTHUR HEHR

A maverick, mover and shaker, who inherited these traits from his German (Russian-born) father, who came to this country from Russia with his parents and 5 brothers and sisters in 1910. He served as Personnel Sgt. as a Sgt. Maj. with the 816th MAES under the leadership of Maj. Haug, who was instrumental in devising the first Glider Snatch evacuation of the wounded in the ETO. He worked with Maj. Haug on his project, volunteered to "jump" during the Battle of the Bulge breakthrough in response to a call for a medic (permission denied), and May 7, 1945 flew in with a load of bogey wheels and drums of aviation gasoline to Nancy and Kaiserslautern, Germany to evacuate 24 wounded (with no nurse on board) returning to Paris after 8 PM. This was the last load of wounded for the 816th in the ETO.



Arthur and Harriet Hehr

Served 34 years with the Nat. Park Service (wearing the Smokey hat for 12 yrs.) at Glacier NP, Mont.; Grand Teton NP, Wyo.; Lassen Volcanic NP, Calif.; Mt. McKinley NP, Alaska (6 yrs.), Shenandoah NP, Va.; Virgin Islands NP (3 yrs.) buying land for the NPS in the 18 northeastern states, Lake Mead NRA, Nev.; and Chalmette NHP, New Orleans (7 yrs.). Retired in 1974 moving to Santa Fe, hometown of his wife, Harriet. His niece, Angie Dickinson, is his sister's daughter.

CHRISTINE SIMONSEN HENNING

Born in Sutton, Nebraska. She attended Dana College, NE and graduated from Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, NE in 1940. Joined the American Red Cross and volunteered in the A.N.C., May 1943, was stationed at Kern's Field, Utah until she was accepted in the Air



Christine and William Henning

Evacuation School. She graduated 11 Mar. 1944 at Bowman Field, KY. She was assigned to the 822nd M.A.E.S. with the European Air Transport Command. Her awards include the Air Medal and the European and American Theater Service Medals. Married Capt. William W. Henning 3 Mar. 1945, and separated from the Army Air Corps, Aug. 1945. They have 3 sons, William, Jr., John, and Larry.

MARGARET NADEAU HENSEL

Born in Centerville, Minn., on 6 December 1921, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Nursing School in Minneapolis October 1943.



L-R: Doris Benedict, Margaret Nadeau Hensel, Margaret and Leo Hensel.

Margaret joined the American Red Cross and received active duty orders with the ANC in November 1943, along with her best friend, Doris Benedict. They received their basic training at Hammer Fld., CA. They were assigned together throughout their tour of duty. After graduating from Air Evacuation School at Bowman Field, transferred to Randolph Field, Texas and were assigned to the 831st MAES for service in the Pacific theatre. She was discharged in February 1946.

She married Leo Hensel in July 1949 and has four children. She always worked in hospital nursing settings except for three years at a private clinic until she retired. She has remained a Red Cross Volunteer and is an active member of local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts.

It always stimulates for her a feeling of pride, camaraderie, gratitude and humility to recall the great experience — "I was a flight nurse during World War II."

ANNE C. HICKEY

Graduated from the St. Joseph School of Nursing, Lewistown, Montana on 14 May 1940. Returned to Ky., working as Assistant Head Nurse and Operating Room Supervisor at John Graves Ford Mem. Hosp., Georgetown, Ky. Inducted into the ANC 13 Nov. 1943 stationed at Sta. Hosp. AAB, Charleston, SC. 28 Nov. 1943, sent to SAE Bowman Fld., Ky., graduating 21 Jan. 1944, assigned to the 820th MAES serving in the Pacific Theater and participating in the following battles or Campaigns: Western Pacific, So. Philippines, Luzon, Bismark, Archipelap, New Guinea, Central Pacific. Decorations: Asiatic Pacific Ribbon w/b B/S, Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/l B/S. 28 June, 1945 to Debarkation Center in Manila, 1 July 1945 to Hickam Fld., Hawaii, 3 July 1945 to Hamilton Fld., Calif. Stayed at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco, Calif. for R and R and was discharged 25 Nov. 1945 with the rank of 1st Lt.

MABEL JOHNSON HICKS

Served as a flight nurse with the 830th M.A.E. Squadron in Domestic and Overseas



Mabel Johnson Hicks

assignments, was assigned to AAF school of Air Evacuation 827th M.A.E.T Sq., Bowman Field, Ky. and designated a Flight Nurse on May 26, 1944. She was assigned to the 830th M.A.E. Sq. and flew out of Memphis, Tenn. In Dec. 1944 assigned to the Pacific Division, AAF BU, Hickam Field, T.H. The Marines who were wounded at Iwo Jima were brought to Saipan and Guam by the Navy and flown directly to Hamilton Field by changing crews. The wounded were picked up from holding stations on Okinawa and flown out with fighter escort before Okinawa was secured. Other patients were transported from various places such as Leyte, Biak, Los Negros and Tarawa. Manila holds memories for it was in August 1945 that the Atomic Bomb was dropped and returning with patients was put on hold for more than a month. All planes were essential for transporting the Army of Occupation to Japan. Discharged Nov. 27, 1945 at Ft. DeMoins, Iowa. First marriage was to Robert P. Weaver, an AAF Pilot who lost his life while flying the Berlin Airlift Jan. 18, 1949. Robert P. Weaver, son resides in Los Angeles, Calif. A B.S. degree in Nursing was earned at UCLA and M.A. in Health and Safety Education at Calif. State University, Los Angeles. Married to Shelby Hicks, M.D. They met at Bowman Field in 1944 and are happily retired in Merced, Calif. where they restore and fly antique aircrafts of World War II vintage.

FRANCES MARTIN HILL

Born and raised in New Richmond, Wisconsin. School of nursing — St. Mary's, Minneapolis, Minnesota. University of Minnesota after graduation to work and also acquire a certificate in Public Health Nursing. School Nurse in Anoka, Minnesota for one year. Industrial Nurse at Kaiser Shipyard in Richmond, California until called for active duty October, 1943 — at Fresno, California. Air Evacuation training followed at Bowman Field, Kentucky — and continued at Randolph Field in San Antonio, Texas. Flew patients around the United States for several months until receiving overseas orders. Served with 830th Medical Air Evacuation Squadron stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii from January 1945 to December 1946. Flew wounded and ill patients back to the United States from all the Pacific Islands and Japan. Married David Hill,



Frances Martin Hill

Air Force Pilot in 1947 and became an Air Force wife and mother of five children. After living in California, Florida, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Alabama, Japan, Oklahoma, Illinois and Louisiana we retired in Lafayette, Louisiana in 1972.

GERTRUDE DAWSON HILL

Entered ANC Oct. 5, 1942, with her first station being Med. Hosp., Santini at Mitchell Air Fld., Long Island, NY. Graduated from the SAE at Bowman Fld., Ky. May 1943, assigned to the 807th MAES Aug. 1943 in Catania, Sicily flying into Bari, Italy. Was a member of the personnel, who were lost in the Albanian Mts. Nov. 8, 1943 and forced to walk over the mountains in severe winter weather returning to safety 62 days later with physical as well as mental wounds. Except for God and Cpl. Gilbert Hornsby, medical technician on the trek, she would never have survived the ordeal. As they crossed the highest mountain in the Balkans, she slipped during a snowy blizzard and was pulled to safety by the Cpl. Returned stateside Jan. 8, 1944, did stateside air evac and Jan. 5, 1945 was married. Was discharged June 1945. Her husband was recalled during the Korean Conflict, Berlin Crisis and the Vietnam War and was discharged in 1979. During intervals between military service, they owned and operated their own newspaper in Tenn., saw Diplomatic Service with the State Dept. in Calcutta, India, lived in Germany and toured Europe, had a daughter, Candace, who has a daughter Adria. Her husband is now deceased and 7 years ago she received a calling to W.Va. to work for the Lord — is involved with House Bible Studies for Adults, Child Evangelism and Fast Prayer Retreats. Is very busy, happy and healthy working with the homeless and is considering a Chaplaincy.



Gertrude Dawson Hill

HELEN MORRISON HINDMAN

Born in Riverside, New Jersey 12 Sept. 1914. Graduated from West Jersey Hospital School of Nursing and later applied for a commission in the A.N.C. Nov. 1940. Spent two years in Iceland with the 11th Station Hospital 1941-1943. On returning to the states she graduated from Bowman Field, Kentucky



Helen Morrison Hindman

Nov. 1943 and was sent to England with the 813th MAES.

Following World War II she was the O.R. Supervisor at Lackland AFB until she resigned her commission effective March 1950.

She was a military wife for seventeen years continuing to work as a Federal Employee of the Air Force which involved stations in Alaska and the continental United States. Worked for the Veterans' Administration until her retirement in 1970.

Continues to do volunteer work at the local Community Hospital and in a doctor's office. Over the years she has attended college wherever she was stationed and at present still attends classes at her local Community College.

IVALEE L. HOLTZ

Graduated from University of Texas School of Nursing, Galveston, Texas in 1938. Entered Military Service at Hammer Field, Fresno, California in November 1942, graduated from the School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Kentucky November 26, Class of 43 G. Sailed from San Francisco to join the 801st MAES, attached to the 13th Air Force where she flew 800 hours, 250 of which were in combat areas in the North Solomon Islands, New Guinea, Bismark Archipelago, Western Pacific, Luzon and Southern Philippines. Returned to the States on a PB2Y Naval plane and was stationed briefly at McClellan A.F. Base, California before separation from the service.



Ivallee L. Holtz

Worked at Gorgas Hospital, Panama, Canal Zone, returned to active duty at Randolph A.F. Base, Texas October 1951, was stationed Loan, France, Torrejon, Spain, Schilling A.F. Base, Kansas. Was Chief Nurse at Warren A.F. Base, Wyoming for 7 1/2 years before retirement in 1968. Received Air Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Commendation Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with seven Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation ribbon with one Star, American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, National Defense Medal with one BSS, Air Force Longevity Service Award with three OLC, Philippine Independence Ribbon and Armed Forces Medal with one Hour Glass.

DOROTHY SAWYER HOPKINS

Dorothy Sawyer returned to the states where she was assigned to the 801st MAES, in July 1945, was married to Charles D. Hopkins that November, and settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In February of 1947, her husband accepted a position as a sales engineer with Lowrey Electric Co. in Williamsport, Pennsylvania where she gave birth to their son Mark that year, and their daughter Susan three years later. In 1958, Dorothy returned to college to get her Bachelor's degree in nursing and enjoyed a career as school nurse in the local school district for the next eight years.



Dorothy Sawyer Hopkins



Otelia Hovland



Eleanor Farr Jakobek

After her husband's retirement in 1979, they moved to a retirement village in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., where she enjoys playing bridge and visiting with her three grandchildren.

ELEANOR M. HOPPOCK

Eleanor Minta Hoppock, an identical twin, born on a homestead in Colorado on September 29, 1910, moved to Oklahoma when she was two. In 1921 the family moved to Kewanee, Illinois where she finished grammar school and went to high school and in 1930 she entered Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, in Peoria, Illinois and graduated in 1933.



Eleanor M. Hoppock

Until 1943 she worked in the office of Dr. William Cooley in Peoria. In February 1943 commissioned a 2nd Lt. and joined the Army A. Corps at Amarillo Air Force Base in Texas. In August 1943, to Bowman Field for flight nurses training. Assigned to the 809th Air Evacuation Squadron and went to the Central Pacific in October, 1943. Separated from the service in 1945. Spent two years in New York and then to Caripito, Venezuela with Creole Petroleum Corporation as an industrial nurse for two years.

In 1951 was invited to join Regular Army as a Captain. Spent the years until retirement in 1960 at Walter Reed, in Washington, D.C., Fort Clayton in the Panama Canal Zone, William Beaumont, El Paso, Texas, and Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Retired as a Major.

After retirement went back to school and earned a degree in business administration at Texas Western College.

OTELIA HOVLAND

Born in Freeborn County, Minnesota April 23, 1916. Following graduation from the Naeve Hospital School of Nursing worked in an Outpatient Clinic. Joined the ANC May 1945 and was sent to Fitzsimons General Hospital. In 1947 graduated from Flight Nurse School Randolph AFB, Texas, accepted a regular commission and transferred to the Air Force. August 1950 sent to Japan for air evacuation duty with the 801st MAES. Promoted to

Lt Col 1961. Assignments in California, Virginia, Germany, Washington, Texas, Taiwan, and others. Awards — Air Medal, National Defense Service Medal (W/1BSS), Korean Service Medal (W/4 BSS), WWII Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, United Nations Service Medal, AF Longevity Service Award (W/5OLC), Army of Occupation, Distinguished Unit Citation. Retired October 1969 and moved to Colorado Springs. Joined Medical Resources, Inc. and served as Patient Care Coordinator, Director of Professional Services, and Administrator of several 100-bed facilities. Church activities, travel and etc. keep her busy.

PHYLLIS CLAY HURLEY

Born Craig, Colorado 10 Feb. 1921. Graduated from Newman County School of Nursing 1943. Member of American Red Cross. Reported for active duty 4 Jan. 1944 AAF Nurses' Training Detachment, Lowery Field, Colorado. Graduated from AAF School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas 14 April 1945, Class 45-C. Served in Asiatic Pacific theater in 809th MAES and 830th MAES, discharged 1st Lt. 6 March 1946. Married Captain John Hurley 1946. One daughter, Barbara. Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Colorado 1961. Employed in part-time nursing, retired 1976.



Phyllis Clay Hurley

ELEANOR FARR JAKOBK

Graduated from Robert Packer Hosp., Sayre, Pa. as a registered nurse, volunteered for ANC in 1943, was sent to Bowman Field, Ky. for the School of Air Evac, graduating in the class of 44B. Served in the Pacific Theater with the 820th MAES, evacuating wounded from the Philippine Island combat zone. Was stationed in Japan, helped evacuate American POWs from the Japanese mainland to Okinawa, in Okinawa the day Gen. Douglas MacArthur signed the Armistice treaty with the Japanese, also witnessed the devastation of Japan incurred by the Atom Bomb. Returned to Robert Packer Hosp. after the war and worked as a lab. technician advancing to head technician, a position she later attained

at the V.A. Hosp., Washington, DC. Joined a team at the Nat. Institute of Health doing research in cell sizing, formulated a solution which was utilized to complete research on the study of blood disease and was second author of an article describing that work which appeared in the Journal of NY Academy of Science. Married Joseph Jakobek, brother of her Air Evac friend, Fran Jakobek Beebe, in 1958, retired to Wyalusing, Pa. in 1969.

JOAN DENTON JERVIS

Graduated in the first class of Flight Nurses' Training at Bowman Field, Ky. Feb. 13, 1943, was assigned to the 806th MAES after graduation. Embarked for England from Camp Shanks, NY, July 16, 1943 on the SS THOMAS E. BARRY; landing in Liverpool, England July 27th; being stationed at Welford Park, Newberry, England.



Joan Denton Jervis

Left the service Nov. 1945, returning to United Airlines in San Francisco, Calif.; serving in management positions of In Flight Service for 25 yrs. Married James Lester Jervis, 1965, gaining a stepson and stepdaughter, James and Julia, later to become the proud grandmother of Amy and John.

Took early retirement in 1971 to follow her long-time dream of becoming an artist. After 4 yrs. of study at S.F. Art Academy and much hard work at the easel, can claim to have attained that goal.

LUCY WILSON JOPLING

Born in Big Sandy, Texas, 26 Aug. 1917. Graduated from Parkland Hospital School of Nursing in 1939. Joined the Red Cross, was called to Active Duty in ANC 8 Dec. 1940 at William Beaumont Gen. Hosp., in El Paso, Tex. Sent to Ft. McKinley, Philippines Sept. 1941. Bombed the night that Pearl Harbor was. Retreated to Bataan 24 Dec. 1941. Escaped to Corregidor April 9, 1942, and May 3 by submarine to Freemantle, Australia. Back to United States July 1942. Stationed at Shepard Field, Texas. Then to Flight Nurses School in Bowman Field, Ky., finished in 7th class Nov. 26, 1943. Jan. 1, 1944 was sent to



Lucy Wilson Jopling

Pacific as chief nurse of 801st MAES, to replace Margaret Richey, and flew to many islands. Decorated with Bronze Star, Air Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign with 8 battle stars, Philippine Defense, Liberation with two stars, and Independence. In 1945 got to help fly out some prisoners of war! Returned to States in July 1945. Dec. 1945 married XPOW Daniel W. Jopling. As military wife and mother of Suzanne, Michel, Patrick, and Mary we were in Japan 1952-55 and other stations till his retirement May 1961. Then I worked as Civil Service from 1963 till retirement 1980 in 2 military and 2 Indian Hospitals. Is now compiling her autobiography, "Warrior in White."

DOROTHY LONERGAN JOUVENAT

Born — Reddick, Illinois 20 May 1919. Completed the lower grades in Reddick and Nurses Training at St. Mary's School, Kankakee, Illinois. Graduated — Sept. 1940 as a Diploma Nurse.



Dorothy Lonergan Jouvenat

Joined the Red Cross in the fall of 1941 and called to active duty 1 Dec. 1941. Reported to Scott AFB, Ill.



L-R: Betty Wilson, Dottie Jouvenat, Leona Benson

To Bowman Field, Kentucky Dec. 1942. Attached to 802nd Air Evac. Sq., sent to the ETO Feb. 1943, covered the North African, Sicilian, Italian and Southern France Campaigns, were the first Flight Nurses to serve in a combat area. Received the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters - Have, Before Pearl Harbor

Ribbon, ETO Ribbon. After WWII did Office Nursing, Civil Service Nursing at Mitchel AFB, NY, returned to active Duty until discharge July 53. I obtained my wings by going through the School at Gunter, Alabama. Stayed in Flight Nursing 6 months. Chief Nurse at Chanute AFB, Illinois — and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

At Dhahran, met and married John B. Jouvenat, who was salesman for TWA. December 1954 Jack was transferred to Basra, Iraq as District Manager. Jim was born September 1956 and we came back to the states in July 1957.

I returned to Hospital Duty in 1959. Accomplished all my goals, and retired July 1982.

Now retired, enjoying Nature in the foothills of the Chowchilla Mountains, not too far from Yosemite, National Park.

LENORE LARIMER KETCHUM

Born in Aurora, Nebraska, 17 November 1913, graduated from St. Johns School of Nursing in 1941, and was first employed as a Neuropsychiatric Nurse with the Veterans Administration. In December 1942, she joined the Air Corps, graduated from the Air Evacuation School at Bowman Field, Ky. in Jan. 1944, departed for the European theatre on 13 March 1944, and served in the Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns. She was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster as well as the European and American Theatre Service Medals. She was separated from the Service at Camp Beele, Calif. in October 1945. Married to James Ketchum in 1943, she returned to Private Nursing retiring in 1961. Although not active in Nursing she continued education at Calif. State Univ., San Diego and the University of LaVerne, Calif. She is an active member of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.



Lenore Larimer Ketchum

HELEN JOHNSON KIRKLAND

Joined the Army in 1940 with the intention of serving one year. Then, Pearl Harbor! Was stationed at Letterman Gen. Hospital in San Francisco, later transferring to Williams Air Base in Chandler, Ariz. to open the base hospital. Applying for air evac, she was accepted,



Helen Johnson Kirkland, Helen and Clyde

graduated in Jan. 1944 and was assigned to the 813th MAES serving in the ETO. She received the Air Medal and after 150 flights into enemy territory was sent stateside and discharged Nov. 1945. She married Clyde Kirkland and they have three children and 6 grandchildren.

CATHERINE H. KOLITSCH

Born in Appleton, Wisconsin, 4 February 1917. Graduated from Mary Thompson School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois in 1941. Entered Military Service as an Army Reserve Nurse 10 August 1942, and received a crash course in Air Evacuation at Bowman Field, Kentucky from 21 December 1942 to 10 January 1943. As a member of the 801st MAES, sailed for the Southwest Pacific aboard M.S. Tjisadane on 22 January 1943. February, 1943 to March, 1944, engaged in air evacuation of patients from Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands area. Awarded the Air Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters, the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with one star, and received a letter of appreciation from a U.S. Navy Commander. Continued to work as a Flight Nurse in the U.S. after completing the prescribed course at the School of Air Evacuation Bowman Field, Kentucky. Discharged 11 December 1945 as a First Lieutenant. Returned to work at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago, retiring in 1981 with the title of Administrative Nurse III.



Catherine H. Kolitsch

ANN MACEK KRUEGER

Born in Erlauf, Austria 3/26/20. Graduated from St. Agnes School of Nursing, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 1941. Joined American Red Cross and reported for active duty 10/1/42 at Chanute Field, Illinois. Married Gordon Krueger 6/5/43. Graduated Air Evacuation School, Bowman Field, Kentucky 3/11/44. Sent to England with 817th MAES evacuating patients from France after D Day. On TDY with ATC returning patients to US when there was a backlog. Received Soldiers Medal, Air Medal, and five battle stars for campaign participation in ETO. Returned to US 10/45. Discharged 12/45. Mother of 2, Sue Ellen and David. Held 3 reunions of 817th Sq. at my



Ann Macek Krueger

home in '65, '75, '80. Spent 25 years in Psychiatric nursing. Retired in '82.

GRACE HANCE KULICK

Graduated Jersey City Medical Center School of Nursing.



Bivouac - Bowman: L-R: E. Page, P. Leczner, G. Hance, M. Herbstreit

Entered U.S. A.N.C. April, 1943.



803rd Buddies — F.N. Reunion 1988. L-R: R. Boyd, G. Kulick, E. Page, M. Barsby, R. Savickis.

Served at Station Hospital, Columbia Army Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina.

Flight Nurse training at Bowman Field, Kentucky — completed April, 1944.

Air evacuation of wounded back and forth across the U.S. until air departure for Asiatic Pacific Theater — Jan., 1945.

Overseas station: Chabua, India. From there evacuated sick and wounded across "the hump" from China into India and across India for return to U.S.

Picked up P.O.W.s in China for return to U.S. via India and Chinese troops for flights within China.

Return flight to the U.S., Dec. 22, 1945, was across the Pacific with two iron lung patients from the Philippines.

Battles and Campaigns: Central Burma
Decorations and Citations: American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, World War II Victory Medal

Discharged: Feb. 1946; Married: 2 children; B.S. Ed. N., M.S. Ed. N. — University of PA; Retired from State of Connecticut.

MABLE STRUBE LADA

Graduated from nursing at Parkland Mem. Hosp., Dallas, Tex. with Psychiatric training at Menninger's Clinic in Topeka, Kans. Entered military service 10 Jan. 1941 at Ft. Lewis, Wash. The newly constructed hosp. there was soon filled with soldiers and nurses during an epidemic of Measles and Nasopharyngitis. Transferred to Roswell, NM, Hobbs, NM, applied and was accepted at Bowman SAE, Ky., graduating Jan. 1943, assigned to the 813th MAES attached to the 439th TCG in Newark, England in the ETO. Flew into France and Belgium, later was assigned to the 816th



1st Lt. Mable Strube receiving Air Medal and Bronze Star from Col. David H. Baker at Ladd AFB, Alaska

and 811th sqdns. Stateside did air shows to promote air evac. At Brookley AFB, flew air evac to Panama and Puerto Rico receiving a letter of appreciation from Public Health Commander in Panama. In 1950 while stationed at Ladd AFB, Alaska, was awarded the Air Medal for the period of 21 Jan. 1944-27 Feb. 1945 while serving in the ETO during WWII. Graduated from college with BS in Nursing, BA degree in Education and Master's Degree in Education. Taught in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Was a vol. for an archaeological dig at Eglond, Israel. Has traveled extensively, collected shoulder patches and chevrons, retired with the rank of Major.

MARILYN HAGLUND LANE

Registered nurse, graduated as flight nurse from the School of Air Evacuation at Bowman Field, Ky. class of 1944F. Served in the ETO with the 811th MAES evacuating casualties from Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland. Married Robert Lane.



Marilyn Haglund Lane

MARJORIE BURGER LAWS

Born Mar. 11, 1919, graduated as registered nurse from Colorado Training School, Denver Gen. Hosp., Denver, Colo. Entered ANC July 30, 1942 at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas serving in Sta. Hosp. to Aug. 13, 1942, transferred to AAFB Lincoln, Neb. Aug. 31, 1942 to July 24, 1943. Graduated from the School of Air Evac



Marjorie Burger Laws

at Bowman Fld., Ky. 30 Sept. 1943, assigned to 813th MAES Nov. 10, 1943, ordered to Camp Kilmer, NJ Jan. 1, 1944. Departed for England on Queen Mary 19 Jan. 1944, arriving England 30 Jan. 1944. Stationed at several bases in England and was in Paris from 28 Sept. 1944-28 Jan. 1945, when she returned to England. 24 Sept. 1945 returned to USA on Queen Mary and was discharged on 17 Nov. 1945. I am proud to have been a member of the 813th. Memories of our times together will never be forgotten. Here's to the Officers, Doctors, Nurses, Technicians — we had a great team. Awards and decorations include the Air Medal with cluster and 5 battle stars.

RUTH BANFIELD LOWDERBACK

Born in Hartford, Conn. January 18, 1918. Studied Nursing at Hartford Hospital School of Nursing graduating in 1939. Studied Public Health Nursing at Simmons College in Boston. Worked in Public Health Nursing until being called to active duty in the A.N.C. Stationed at Bradley Field, Conn., Drew Field, Florida, took the Flight Nurse Training at Bowman Field, Kentucky, Class of 44E. While at Drew Field, she married Charlie Lowderback. She was reassigned to Hawaii the 830 MAES Hickum Field flying evacuation missions throughout the Pacific Area. She was discharged at Fort Dix, NJ Dec. 45.



Charlie and Ruth Lowderback, Wedding day Oct. '44

Awards were Air Medal, Asiatic Pacific with 1 Battle Star, WWII Victory Medal, American Theater.

Returning to Hartford with her husband, she raised three sons — Gary, Glen and James. She worked at the Hartford Hospital in IV Therapy and Blood Banking.

MAUDE VERTREES McCALLA

Nickname, "JACKSON" — entered the AAF May 1943, stationed at Newport, Ark., Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Fla.; Sheppard AAB, Wichita Falls, Tex. Graduated from AAF School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Fld., Tex. Class of 46A on March 26, 1946. Was assigned to the 830th MAES, Topeka AA Fld., Kansas with assignments at Warner-Robbins



Maude Vertrees McCalla

AFB, Macon, Ga. and Westover AFB, Mass. Did Continental Air Evac of patients returning from overseas bases. Discharged from service May 1948. Married George McCalla.

LOIS WATSON MCKENZIE

Born 2 May 1920 at Chicago, Ill. graduated from Evangelical Hospital (School of Nursing) in 1942 and entered active duty on December 1, 1942 at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. While there, she met and married her husband, Nolan G. McKenzie. Both soon transferred, he to become a B-24 pilot and she to flight nursing at Bowman Field in Louisville, Kentucky.



Lois W. McKenzie

Assigned to 807th Air Evac., she was sent to Sicily and flew patients from Italy to North Africa. She was one of the infamous crew that spent nine weeks missing in action in Albania and walked out with the help of the underground, returning to Allied Control in January of 1944.

After returning to the states, she transferred out of Air Evac. and joined the 197th General Hospital that was sent to St. Quentin France, just in time for "The Battle of the Bulge."

With experience of transport on a Merchant Marine ship, the Air Force, and a Troop Carrier, she finally came home in style on the Queen Mary, a luxury ocean liner. What she remembered was the playing of the American, British, and French National Anthems before the evening movies.

She and her husband were on leave at State and Madison Streets in Chicago when victory with Japan was declared. Was discharged a First Lieutenant in November 1945. Following a year of college and the arrival of children, Phyllis Ann, Paula, and Scott, she returned to active nursing in 1955 as a psychiatric nurse at the Topeka Veteran's Hospital in Topeka, Kansas, retiring in 1980. She now resides in Topeka, Kansas where she and her husband hope to spend their fiftieth anniversary on a trip around the world!

MARIE WERNER McMARTIN

Born Sept 5, 1914, Hamilton, Ont., Can.; m. James MacMartin, Mar. 31, 1956; edn; RN, Elyria Mem. Hosp., Elyria, Ohio 1940; AA



Marie Werner McMartin

(honors) UC Berkeley, 1955; nutrition cons. No. Am. Coll. of Natural Health Sci., San Rafael 1981. Career: capt. US Air Force 1945-52, charge nurse various hosp. wards USA and overseas 1945-49, flight nse. Pac. and Alaska routes USAF 1949-52; occasional pvt. duty nsg.; nutrition consultant, 1980-; lectr. Nat. Conv. of Pure Water Inc., S.F. 1980; organizer/pres. Central Coast Chapt. National Health Fedn. (non-profit), 1987-; awards: Civil Air Patrol fliers Wings awarded by Lt. Col. Earle Johnson (1943), numerous dog tng. awards, owner/tnr of 1st Shetland Sheepdog in history of Am. Kennel Club to win all 3 training titles (CD, CDX, UD, 1930's), appreciation for contbns. to student speakers Lions Club; mem.: Women's Internat. Bowling Assn. (Alameda Co. publicity chair 1960s, numerous bowling trophies No. and So. Calif. 1960's-80's), Indep. Order of Foresters, Santa Maria (secty., bull. ed., co-organizer/secty. I.O.F. State Bowling Tournament 1969-79), Toastmasters Internat. (1983-); publs.: (booklet) Does Your Pet Itch? (1986), articles in health oriented mags.; rec.: photog., organic gardening, semi-classical music.

MARIAN MEEKS MACEK

Native of Georgia, was born on 21 January 1922. She graduated from Duke University School of Nursing in 1943 and entered the A.N.C. in January, 1944. She graduated from the School of Air Evacuation on 3 October 1944, Class 44F. She served at Stockton Field, California from March, 1945 until June, 1945, flying patients returning to the states to state-side hospitals. In June, 1945, she was sent to Hickam Field, Hawaii with the 830th MAES, flying patients back to the states before and after V-J day. She was discharged as Captain on 6 May 1946. In 1947 she married Kenneth Macek, a Career Army Officer, and they had four children. Among many interesting assignments were tours in Brazil and Bolivia. Colonel Macek (deceased November 1987) retired in 1972 and they moved to North Carolina in 1982.



Marian Meeks Macek

THEDA PATRICK MADIEL

Graduated from Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky 1942. My father was a career Army soldier and I had grown up an Army "brat" so it was natural to join the A.A.C. February 1943 reported to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; Graduated from school of Air Evac, Bowman Field, Kentucky, November 1943. Overseas to African Middle East and Asiatic Pacific Theaters with 805th Squadron January 1944. Returned Stateside December 1944. Married handsome pilot, George Madiel, October 1945. Discharged from service as First Lt. January 1946. Received Diploma in Anesthesiology December 1947, under G.I. Bill. Mother of two sons, George Jr. and Michael. We remained in Air Force 22 years



Theda Patrick Madiel, 805th F.Ns 1986 Reunion, 2nd Row — R.P. Madiel

and moved often. Retired from Public Health nursing in 1981. Since 1950, our 805th nurses have exchanged round robin letters and have had frequent reunions where we happily relive our wartime adventures and escapades.

JOAN STEEN MAKI

Born in Isle of Wight, England and was raised in Renovo, Pa. In 1935, she graduated from Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing, and following graduation was employed as a staff nurse at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.



Joan Steen Maki

In October 1941 she was called at active duty with assignment to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

In July 1943, she was transferred to the Army Air Corps Nursing Service in Miami Beach, Fla.

In 1945, was reassigned to the school of Air Evacuation Randolph Field, Texas, graduating July class 45G. In 1946, she became assistant chief flight nurse, duty station 830th M.A.E.S. in Topeka, Kansas. In 1947, she was transferred to 830 M.A.E.S. at Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts as assistant chief flight nurse.

Joan Steen married O.A. Maki in 1947 and separated from the service in April 1948 as a Captain A.N.C. (Major U.S.A.R.).

Duty as military wife, mother of Duff and Dianne, carried her to Oklahoma, Kansas, Florida and Japan. In Japan, she attended the University of Maryland.

In 1963, the family retired in Florida. She was employed as a school nurse for elementary and senior high school in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

MARGARET ALDERMAN MALONEY

Born Oct. 2, 1919 at Bradley Junction Fla. Graduated from the Munrow Memorial School of Nursing, Ocala, Fla. Feb. 1942. Graduated from Bowman School of Air Evacuation in the fifth class 1943. Married John L. Maloney 1945 on Island of Saipan. John



Margaret Alderman Maloney

passed away Nov. 1986. The couple have three children: Judith, John and James.

ELSIE OTT MANDOT

Elsie Ott Mandot, called St. James, Long Island, NY home back in 1943. Graduated from Smithtown High School in 1933. Graduated from Lenox Hill Hosp. NYC as a registered nurse. Enlisted in the ANC Sept. 1941 and was stationed at New Orleans. Feb. 1942 left for India where she was stationed with the 1st TCC. Was selected to make a 10,000 mi. evac trip from India to Walter Reed Hosp. at Washington, DC, traveling with five seriously ill men with only the aid of a male medic. This was her first plane ride. While on two weeks leave at home following the trip, she learned of the air evac program at Bowman Field, Ky., applied and was accepted. She was awarded the Air Medal for her spectacular feat, the first woman to receive this award. Following her course in air evac, she returned to Chabua, India with the 803rd MAES.



Receiving 1st Air Medal ever awarded a female — Bowman Fld., Ky. 1943

ESTHER L. MANION

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, 23 January, 1909. Marital status — single. She graduated from St. John's Hospital Nursing School; St. Louis, Missouri, 1929 and joined the American Red Cross in 1942. Called to active duty May 1, 1943 at Classification Cadet Center, Nashville, Tennessee. She graduated from School at Bowman Field, Kentucky, May 1,



Left, Esther L. Manion. Right, Esther with Bob Barker, Miss Universe Pageant at St. Louis, Mo.

1944; 828th A.E.T. Squadron. Went on detached service to Army Hospital Coral Gables, Florida until September, 1944. Was sent to England on tour of duty until 1945. Duty in States evacuating patients to Army Hospitals for special care and treatment. Discharged in August 1946 — 2nd Lt. Returned to civilian nursing and Red Cross volunteer until retirement in 1978.

MARY NEAL MANIS

Born 1916, graduated High School Ironton, Ohio 1934; Schirman Hospital of Nursing, Portsmouth, Ohio, 1937; nursing included two years as hostess on T.W.A.; graduated from flight school Bowman Field December 1943, assigned to 812th M.A.E.T.S. flying patients from South Pacific Islands to Hickam, received Air Medal 1944. Graduated from Baldwin Wallace College, B.A. in Psychiatry 1949; did this type of nursing at V.A. Hospital, Los Angeles until 1956 when she married George E. Manis, founder and president, Model Engineering and Mfg. Co., Huntington, Indiana. Remained in A.F. Reserve until 1969, discharged as Major; duties including evacuating Vietnam casualties Yokoto A.F.B. Tokyo to Hamilton A.F.B., Calif. from Rhein Main, Germany to McQuire A.F.B. Now lives in Hemet, Calif. since 1971, involved in Hospice, Red Cross, County Health Dept. and victims of abuse; is an active member of the United Methodist Church where she has found peace and joy through Jesus Christ and hope for the world to come.



Mary Neal Manis

MARY FEENEY MANSON

Born 20 Mar. 1921 in Skaneateles, NY. Completed nurses training in 1942 from Beverly Hosp., Beverly, Mass., joined the American Red Cross, entering the service Nov. 1943. She received basic training at Drew Fld., Tampa, Fla., was assigned to Avon Park, Fla. AFB. In May 1945, while home on leave in Skaneateles, NY, received a telegram to report to Randolph Fld., Tex. for flight nurse training. Following graduation from the AAF School of Aviation Medicine was assigned to 830th MAES, Fort Dix, NJ. Served in the ETO Sept. 1945-June 1946 at Orly Fld., Paris,



Mary Feeny Manson

France with TDY assignments to Villa Coublay, France and Weisbaden, Germany. Discharged as 1st Lt. June 1946. Married Wayne A. Manson in 1949. He served as Hospital Administrator in Auburn, NY, Charlottesville, Va., Grove City, Pa., Nyack, NY and in Bath, NY from 1957 until his retirement in 1976. Wayne died in May 1989. She has worked in various areas of nursing — Doctor's Office, Histology Lab, Staff and private duty nurse. In 1959 employed as a staff nurse at Bath VAMC until retirement in March 1981.

ELIZABETH HARRINGTON MARTINSEN

Graduated from the Yale School of Nursing, June 1942, and in Nov. was inducted at Bolling Field, Anacostia, Virginia. After graduating from the S.A.E. Bowman Field, April 1944, was detailed to Memphis, and was sent to the Pacific Theater with the 830th MAES. She evacuated patients wounded in Saipan, Guam, Leyte, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa to Hawaii and San Francisco. After the war, she obtained an M.Sc. in Library Service from Columbia University and spent the remainder of her working life as a Medical Librarian with the Armed Forces Medical Library, the U.S. Public Health Service and as Director, Hawaii Medical Library. She also served with The U.S.I.S. in Addis, Ababa, Ethiopia. Now retired with her husband, John Martinsen, on 17 acres near the Cherokee National Forest in Tenn., she is involved in numerous community activities. The Martinsens have two daughters and two grandchildren who live in Texas.



Elizabeth Harrington Martinsen

JOHN MATRISE

Entered the service on the day war was declared. Arrived in Liverpool, England in early 1942 and was assigned to the 18th Troop Carrier Squadron. Landed in Oran, North Africa in late 1942. Volunteered for air evacuation experiment. Began evacuating wounded from Algiers, Casablanca, Tunisia and Bizerte to hospitals in Morocco. With the successful evacuations, squadrons were formed in the U.S. and were soon on their way throughout the war zones. Became part of the 802nd on their arrival overseas and was soon flying as a



John Matrise

team with the wonderful nurses of the 802nd. From Agrigento and Palermo, Sicily, into Salerno and Anzio, Italy and up into Florence and Siena, evacuated over 170,000 wounded without a loss of life. Decorated in 1945 with the Air Medal and Six Oak Leaf Clusters. When the war ended returned to San Antonio, Texas. Discharged in late 1945.

BARBARA ANN EVANS MERCER

Born January 6, 1920 in Akron, Ohio. Nursing graduate from City Hospital of Akron in 1942. Enlisted in Air Corps in July, 1943. Graduated from flight nursing school, Bowman Field, Kentucky, April, 1944. Did air evac on Azores to Newfoundland run from June, 1944 to January, 1945. Assigned to Bermuda Miami-New York flights in early 1945 and Paris, June-October, 1945.



Left: Bobby Evans gives Sarah Hooks a ride. Right: Barbara and Lee Mercer

Married Lt. Lyle Mercer September 21, 1945 in Paris, honeymooned at his Berlin station. Discharged as 1st Lt. in November, 1945, moved to Seattle in 1946. Three children. Completed B.S. degree in nursing at University of Washington. Worked as general duty and administrative nurse in hospitals for eight years. Taught nursing at Seattle Community College for 26 years. Retired in 1985. Volunteer as food consultant and babysit two young grandchildren.

BERYL LAIRD MILLER

Born in Webster, Wisconsin June 17, 1918. She graduated from Roseland Community School of Nursing in Chicago, Illinois, August 1941. Went into service July 1, 1942. Sent to Rantoul, Illinois. From there to Bowman Field, Ky., for flight nurse training in 1942. Was assigned to the Original 801st M.A.E.T. Squadron from Bowman Field, Ky. Arrived in Tontouta, New Caladonia, on February 14, 1943. Flew the Solomon Islands, Bouganville, Guadalcanal, from January 15, 1943, to April 8, 1944, with the 13th Air Force. Received air medal with silver cluster — Asiatic Pacific Combat Badge. Returned from the Pacific to Bowman Field, Ky., to be graduated with the Class of 44E on October 3, 1944. Flew the U.S. until my discharge in 1945. Remained in the Reserves until May of 1953 as First Lieutenant.



Beryl Laird Miller

Married Dr. Robert J. Miller in Oklahoma City in 1950. Two sons, Michael and Paul.

At present am employed at Reedsport Hospital Extended Care Facility.

ROY W. MILLS

Roy W. Mills graduated Air Evacuation School, Bowman Field, Ky. 26 May 1944. Upon returning from leave of absence he discovered that his squadron was shipped out after D-Day leaving him behind. Two weeks later was ordered to Whitehorse, Canada as a replacement in the Air Transport Command as a Flight Technician. Patients were transferred from Canadian Bases to Great Falls, Montana. A year later was transferred to Elmendorf Field, Alaska. Flew Air Evacuation Missions to Seattle-Tacoma, Wash. area. Late 1946 transferred Hq. Command, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC. Assisted in activation of Air Evac. Unit for patient pick-up for transporting to Walter Reed and other hospitals (served D.C. area and nearby states). 1951 served one year in Greenland. Returned to Bolling. Served at National Airport, Pentagon (V.I.P. Medical Clinic), and also NCOIC at Bolling AF Base Dispensary. Retired there as Senior Master Sgt. (E-8) in 1964. He and wife, Marie, live in Orlando, Fla. Both enjoy traveling.



Roy W. Mills

JOSEPHINE SANSONE MOFFAT

Born Milwaukee, Wis. Oct. 4, 1915. Graduated from Lincoln H.S., Misericordia School of Nursing with Post Grad. studies in Pediatrics from Children's Mem. Hosp. Chicago, Ill. Was pursuing a career in surg. nursing when WWII started, joined the AAF 1942-1946, attended flight nursing course at Bowman Fld., Ky. Feb. 1943, arrived in Africa, assigned to the 801st MAES. Campaigns: Normandy, N. France, S. France, Rhineland, Tunisian, Sicilian, Italian. Decoration: Air Medal. Was instrumental in teaching and training newly arrived flight nurses to the overseas assignments, the fundamentals of overseas air evac. Remained in the Reserves and was recalled during the Korean Conflict serving as supervisor of medicine and surgery at Fitzsimmon's Gen. Hosp. Retired 1952 with the rank of Major. Post war activities involved polio victims in Iron Lungs



Josephine Sansone Moffat

and specialized in open heart surgical nursing in Denver and Santa Monica. 1962 moved to Oakland, Ca. working at Providence Hosp. 13 yrs. In 1975 was appointed Utilization Review coordinator, a position she held 6 yrs. until retiring due to ill health in 1981. Enjoys good food, wine, antiques and the opera. Sept. 17, 1943, married Lt. John F. Russo in Palermo, Sicily, who died June 6, 1944 during D-Day landings. May 15, 1946, married Cpt. Edward P. Moffat in San Francisco, Ca. He died April 14, 1966 in Oakland, Ca. They have 3 sons, Edward, John, Jos., one daughter, Marie and 9 grandchildren.

EDNA BRACKETT MOON

Born in Palmyra, Maine, on May 14, 1920. She graduated from the Rhode Island School of Nursing in 1941, joined the A.N.C. at Grenier Field, New Hampshire on September, 2, 1942. Transferred to the School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Ky. on August 10, 1943, graduated September 30, 1943. She left Camp Stoneman on December 15, 1943, arrived at Hickam A.F.B. on December 21, 1943 with the 812 M.A.E.S., where she worked with patients flying from Tarawa, Guam, and Guadalcanal back to Hickam A.F.B. or the United States.



Edna Brackett Moon

Met and married 1st Lt. Howard E. Moon while both were stationed at Hickam A.F.B. on April, 11, 1945 and now have four daughters.

On August 16, 1945, reported to Hamilton Field, California for duty from which station she was honorably discharged November 24, 1945.

She was awarded the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with four bronze stars, the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the World War II Victory Medal.

LORINE GUGEL MOORE

Born Frankenmuth, Mich. 10 Oct. 1922. Graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing at Saginaw, Mich. 1943, entering the USAF March 1944 at Patterson Fld. Ohio. From April 1944 to May 1945, did general duty at Patterson Fld. Graduated from School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Fld., Tx. July 1945 and



Lorine Gugel Moore

was assigned to the 830th MAES at Ft. Dix, NJ. From Sept. 18, 1945 to March 1947, served with the 830th at Paris, France.

Returned to Westover Fld., Mass. serving until 7 Mar. 1948 as a flight nurse. From 8 Mar. 1948 to Nov. 1948 did gen. duty at AFB Westover. Was discharged at this time. Met Alvin Moore, Jr., AF pilot in the Azores and they were married Oct. 27, 1947 at Barrington, Mass. They have 3 children, Michael, Audrey and Paul. Alvin retired from the AF in 1963 and works full time with the Chrysler First Corp. She works part time at a local Spencer, Okla. hospital.

CLARA MORREY MURPHY

Born 15 September 1918 in Ripley, Michigan, received her RN Diploma at St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Hancock, Michigan September 1939. She entered the Civil Service, was stationed at the U.S. Marine Hospital in Detroit when the United States entered World War II, transferred to active duty in the ANC, was sworn in as a 2nd Lt. at Selfridge Field 7 March, 1942. She volunteered for "Air Ambulance Nurse," and in December 1942, was assigned to Bowman Field the school for Flight Nurses, was assigned to the 802nd MAES which was hurriedly activated, left Bowman on Christmas Day, on to staging areas and then by convoy to Oran, N. Africa. Home bases were Algiers, Tunis, Licata, Palermo, Naples, Rome and finally Siena where VE Day was happily celebrated. She returned to the Flight Nurse School at Randolph, graduated in September 1945 and remained on as an instructor. She married Capt. Robert E. Murphy of Ahmeek, Michigan 19 April 1947 in the Chapel at Randolph. She separated from the ANC in August 1947 to accompany her husband on his military assignments at UCLA, Maxwell Field, Andrews, Johns Hopkins Univ., Wright-Patt and Brooks. She completed her BS degree at Johns Hopkins in 1956. Col. Murphy retired in 1968 and they are now residents of Air Force Village II in San Antonio.



Clara Morrey Murphy. Clara and Robert Murphy

Awards: Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, E.A.M.E. Theater Ribbon with 10 battle stars, the Commendation Ribbon, and the Meritorious Service Unit Insignia.

JOSEPHINE MALITO NABORS

Born in Girard, Ohio March 19, 1920. She graduated from St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in 1941. Joined the Red Cross and was called to Active Duty February 1942 at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Graduated from Air Evacuation School Bowman Field, Kentucky October 1943, married James Nabors October 13, 1943. Sent to South Pacific December 1943 with the 812th Squadron flying wounded soldiers from the battle fields to base hospitals on Guam and Oahu. Was the first nurse to land on Okinawa D-Day plus seven to pick up wounded service men.



Josephine Malito Nabors

Earned Air Medal in 1945 and was discharged in February 1946. She and her husband have two daughters and five grandchildren. She worked in various hospitals as a private duty nurse and is still active as a Red Cross Volunteer.

STEPHANIE MYSKOWSKI NEBERGALL

Born in Dickson City, Pa., 24 May 1915. She graduated from Scranton State Hospital School of Nursing in 1936. She married Cpl. Lawrence Borgia 10 October 1943, who was killed in a plane crash, 24 December 1943. She entered the U.S. Army, 1 May 1945, at Fort Dix, N.J., was stationed at Mitchell Field, N.Y., Will Rogers Field, Okla and Brook Field, Texas. She graduated from Randolph Field Air Evacuation School, San Antonio, Texas, 16 August 1946, then sent to Hickam Field, Hawaii with 830th MAES, flying patients from Japan/Philippines to the U.S. Married on Iwo Jima, 17 April 1948 to Lt. Clarence Nebergall, divorced 1973. Discharged as 1st Lt., 24 August 1948. Settled in Long Beach, Ca., mother of 2 daughters and grandmother of 4 grandsons. She worked at a hospital/OB Dept for 10 years, retired in 1981. She is a hospital volunteer since 1987, and enjoys conventions and single life.



Stephanie Myskowski Nebergall

MIRIAM CASE NELSON

Born in Blaine, Maine, 28 November 1915. She graduated from Maine Eye & Ear Infirma-



Miriam Case Nelson

ry, General Hospital, in 1940, joined the American Red Cross in 1943 and went on active duty 26 April, 1943 in the station hospital of the Advanced Flying Training School at Turner Field, Albany, Georgia. She graduated from Air Evacuation School at Bowman Field, Kentucky, 26 May 1944 and was sent overseas with 826 MAETS and stationed in the Azores, flying patients from Europe and the Mid-East. She was discharged as 1st Lieutenant, Dec. 1945. She received the Air Medal, American Campaign, European-African Middle Eastern and WW II Victory Medals.

She was married to veteran Frank Nelson, Feb. 1946, mother of Susan and Peter and was employed at Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine for 26 years, retiring as an evening charge nurse of the Neonatal Intensive Care nursery in 1980. Husband died in 1987.

THETA PHILLIPS NOWLIN

Received her nurse's training in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1941. Served three years in the AAF graduating from flight nurse's school at Bowman Field, Ky. in the class of 44-H. Served in the South West Pacific Theater with the 820th MAES. Received the Air Medal and the Philippine Presidential Citation.



Theta Phillips Nowlin

Married her high school sweetheart, Harry Nowlin in 1946. Worked for 32 years on the Obstetrics Ward in various Hammond, Indiana area hospitals. Her husband is deceased.

IRENE M. OLSON

Born in Coulter, Iowa 9 December 1912. She graduated from St. Catherine's School of Nursing, Omaha, Nebraska in 1941 and joined the ANC 8 July 1942. Assigned to the Base Hospital at Camp Crowder, Mo. for three months, then to the Air Force Base Hospital, Topeka, Ks. Graduated from the School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Kentucky, 26 May 1944. Evacuated patients to Base Hospitals before being assigned to Randolph Field, Texas Oct. 1944 with the 831st MAES, then to Hickam Field, Hawaii, January 1945. Flew into Biak, Manus, Johnson, Guam, Saipan, Kwajalein, Okinawa, the Philippines and to Hamilton Field, California. As the result of a Japanese air attack on Biak, she was wounded and



Irene M. Olson

received the Purple Heart, 26 March 1945, was discharged 28 January 1946, joined the V.A. Hospital, retiring June 1973. In 1948 joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve, was assigned to various units in Omaha, Neb. before joining the 507th Medical Service Flight, June 1965. A unit she helped organize and was assigned Chief Nurse, with increased staff the 28th MAES was formed. She retired as Lt. Col. 1972 Is active in the Reserve Officers Association, has held state and local chapter offices. In 1986, she received the ROA "Minuteman of the Year" from the Omaha Chapter, was honored for her volunteer work by St. Catherine's Alumnae Association in 1982, receiving the "Spirit of Mercy" award. In May 1989 she earned her 2500 hour pin for volunteer work at Mercy Care Center. Received a B.S. from the College of St. Mary, Omaha, Neb. and a B.S. in Fashion Arts from Woodbury College, Los Angeles, California.

GEORGE OLTEAN, SR.

George Oltean (Sgt. T-3) was inducted Oct. 1941. Received Medical training at Rockford, Ill. Transferred to Portland, Oregon and attached to Flight Surgeon's Office. Sailed from Ft. Dix, N.J., Aug. 1942 to England with 35th Troop Carrier Sqdn. Then sailed to Africa where the 802nd MAES was formed in Algiers. Sailed to Italy and based in Sicily, then Palermo, Naples, Lido, Rome, and Siena, Italy. Decorated with the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters; European T. O. Ribbon; Presidential Unit Citation; and Good Conduct Medal. E-DAY occurred during a furlough home and with more than enough points was discharged Sept. 1945. Married in May 1946 to Marybeth and recently celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary. Retired and free to travel, Akron, OH being home base. With son George in Breckenridge, Co., son Donald in Wichita, Ks., and daughter Karen in Lakewood, OH, keeps them traveling. Attend all 802nd reunions held in Breezwood, Pa.



George Oltean, Sr.; George and Marybeth Oltean

EVELYN HILL PAGE

Born 19 Jan. 1921 in Ripley, Tenn. Graduated as registered nurse from the Baptist Mem. Hosp. Memphis, Tenn., 1942. Joined the



Evelyn Hill Page. Lt. Evelyn Hill and Lt. Robert Page Wedding day

American Red Cross in 1942, volunteering for active duty in the A.N.C. March 1943. Did general duty at Walterboro, SC AFB and Lake Charles, La. AFB until transferred to Bowman Field, Ky. for School of Air Evacuation, graduating 14 April 1944. 22 July 1944 married Lt. Robert Page in the Bowman chapel. On TDY to Coral Gable, Fla. until receiving orders 22 Jan. 1945 for China, Burma India Theater arriving at Chabua, India 11 Feb. 1945 by way of Bermuda, Azores, Casablanca, Cairo, Karachi. Did Air Evac with the 803rd MAES, participating in the latter phases of the Burma Campaign. Received the Asiatic Pacific Theater Service Medal with one Bronze Star.

Flew over the Hump to China to accompany a female civilian employee of the American Embassy in Chungking, China, to the states. Flew home in the C-54 of General Patrick Hurley, US Ambassador to China, who was being recalled by Pres. Truman. In Chungking, attended a reception given by Generalissimo and Madame Chiang-Kai-shek and have their signature on my "Short Snorter" bill. Admiral Chester Nimitz met the plane in Honolulu, also have his signature. Discharged at Pentagon, Washington, DC Oct. 1945, with the rank of 1st Lt.

The Pages have three children — Robert, Jr., John and Janet. Retired Jan. 1981 from VAMC Bath, NY with 23 yrs. service.

MARY NEWELL PALMER

Born February 5, 1921. Graduate of Jackson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Miami, Fla. Sept. 1943. Entered service February 1944. Stationed at base hospital Hunter Field, Savannah, Georgia until May 1945. Graduated Air Evac School at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, July 1945. Stateside air evac before assigned to Karachi, India with 830th MAES, October 1945. Attached to 1264th AFB, Payne Field, Cairo, Egypt 1946. Most unusual flights — evacuating members of the Ridley Commission from Tehran and a mental patient from Asmara, Eritrea. Most unusual event — attending Shah Pavlevi's birthday ball as a guest of a Bactiari tribesman. Stationed at Rhine Main AFB and Weisbaden, Germany for air evac, hospital and administrative duties. Received commendation ribbon. Returned stateside 1947. Stationed at Warner Robins AFB and discharged December 1948. Married Truman Palmer. Two children, Carol and Bill. Employed in Coronary Care unit for twelve years in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Member of the Paleontological Research Institution.



Mary Newell Palmer

EULALIA SHEPARD PARENT

Born in Springfield, Ma. 10 May 1914. Graduated from Mercy Hosp. School of Nursing in 1936 in Springfield, worked in surgery at Harrington Hosp. in Fitchburg, Ma., before volunteering for service with A.N.C. in 1943 through the American Red Cross. Commis-



Eulalia Shepard Parent

sioned Jan. '44, she was assigned to Westover AB in Chicopee, Ma. until May 1945. Graduated from the Army Air Force School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Tx. class of 45H and received her designation. She was then assigned to Ft. Dix AAB, Trenton, NJ with the 2nd MAT ATC in the 830th MAES, evacuating incoming patients from the ETO from Mitchel Fld., NY to gen. hosps. nearest their homes. On the return trip, pts. from the Pacific Theater were enplaned at Hamilton, Fld. and brought to the east coast. She was separated from the service as 1st Lt. Jan. 1946. Did volunteer work for the Bloodmobile for 15 yrs., private duty and 12 years as an Occupational Health Nurse in Industry (Converse).

GERALDINE CURTIS PEDONE

Born in ElReno, Oklahoma, 22 February 1919. Graduated from Enid General Foundation School of Nursing, Enid, Oklahoma, September 1940. Joined the Army Air Force at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, 2 March 1942. Transferred to Bowman Field, Ky. on Christmas Eve 1942 for Air Evacuation School. Graduated in the first class 18 February 1943. Was assigned to the 806th Medical Sqd. Air Evacuation Transport, 349th Air Evac. Group. Went TDY to Dunnellon, Florida from 19 February 1943 to 12 April 1943. Left Bowman Field, Ky. 5 July 1943 to Camp Shanks, N.J. for duty in England. Married Lieut. Vito S. Pedone 28 September 1943 in Reading, England. Because of pregnancy, left England May 1944 for Mitchell Field, N.Y. for discharge from service 17 August 1944. Our son, Stephen P. Pedone, a Lt. Col. in the Air Force, was born 30 Nov. 1944. We have 3 grandchildren. Col. Pedone stayed in the Regular Air Force, we were fortunate to live in many countries, including England, Italy, Germany, VietNam and Japan. Since 1966 we have lived in Crystal City near Pentagon and retired from Air Force in 1972. Now we are wine importers of French, German, Italian, Australian and Chilean wines. Very interesting, a lot of traveling and we work together.



Lt. Vito S. Pedone and Lt. Geraldine Curtis on wedding day. Vito and Geraldine Pedone

RUTH SPEIDEL PENN

Born in Iowa June 1, 1915. She graduated from Iowa Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in 1940. After working two years as charge nurse and assistant night supervisor at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, she joined the Army Air Force with first duty at Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1942, graduating from the School at Bowman Field, Kentucky in 1943, and was sent to England with the 811th MAES. She flew patients from France and Belgium after D-Day, and across the Atlantic from Scotland. She was one of the first to pick up troops in Germany after our troops invaded that country, and was discharged as captain in February 1945.

In July 1946 she married Eugene C. Penn, M.D. and in 1953 they moved with their children Patricia and Robert to Aurora, Colorado. She worked in her husband's office as nurse-bookkeeper, then corporation secretary-treasurer when two doctors joined them. She retired with her husband in 1987.

PAULINE LECZNER PETERSON

Born in Indiana County in Pa., graduated from Indiana Hosp. School of Nursing in 1942, worked in Pittsburgh, Pa. at the Magee Hosp. Aug. 1943, she decided to join the A.N.C. and was assigned to Orlando, Fla. Sta. Hosp., AAF, School of Applied Tactics. Feb. 1944 transferred to Bowman Field, Ky. for flight nurse training, graduating in class 44C, April '44. From Bowman, she was sent to Memphis, Tenn. flying on the mainland, returning patients to hospitals near their homes. Next move was to Hamilton Field, Ca. where she joined the 829th MAES and went to Honolulu over the ocean serving in the Pacific Theater evacuating the wounded. She was awarded the Air Medal and found seeing that part of the world exciting. In their free time, the nurses dined and danced at the officers club and swimming in the ocean was great fun. She married Robert Peterson and they have three children.



Pauline Leczner Peterson

GEORGE RADNICK

George Radnick, 13041710, enlisted 16 January 1942, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Basic, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, January 20. April 5, 1942, transferred to Will Rogers Air Base, Oklahoma City. Transfer 10 June 1943, Muskogee Air Base, Squadron D, 349th Base unit. Certificate of Disability for Discharge 15 February 1945, Muskogee, Oklahoma, the State which gave of its generosity and warm hospitality to servicemen traversing its beautiful land. I shall always remember you, Oklahoma!

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George Radnick

MARGARET RICHEY RAFFA

Margaret A. Richey Raffa, a native of Texas, graduated from Hendricks Memorial Hospital, Abilene, Texas in 1936. Joined the AAC May 26, 1941 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

In 1942, reported to Bowman Field, Kentucky for Air Evacuation duty, the school was not organized at that time, was assigned as Chief Nurse of the 801st M.A.E.S. with 23 nurses.



Margaret Richey Raffa

In January 1943, was sent to the South Pacific Theater assigned to the 13th Air Command, flew from New Caledonia to Gaudalcanal to pick up sick and wounded, returned them to rear hospital. In fourteen months this squadron evacuated more than 40,000 patients from the forward area.

Returned to Zone of Interior in March 1944. Went through School of Air Evac. then assigned as Chief Nurse of 830 Squadron at Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1949 I was assigned at Wiesbaden, Germany and in 1950 was assigned to 1st Med. Air Evac. Sq. at Rhine Maine, Germany to fly the European Theater.

After 27 years of military service, retired as a Lt. Col. from Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas. Decorations: Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters — Presidential Unit Citation.

Returned to San Antonio, Texas and in 1972, married James E. Raffa. Moved to Austin for 11 years. I now reside at Air Force Village I in San Antonio, Texas.

POLLY CURRY RANKIN

Served in China, Burma, India Theater with 803rd MAES under the command of Maj. Morris Kaplan. Left Bowman Field August 1943 for Camp Anza, Ca. for overseas embarkation. Left Camp Anza for CBI 7 Sept. 1943 arriving Calcutta, India 6 Nov. '43. Sqdn. consisted of five flight surgeons, 25 flight nurses (five of whom served as stewardesses with American Airlines). One supply officer, four supporting sergeants, 24 trained medical technicians, 35 general supporting groups, totaling ninety-four personnel.



Polly Curry Rankin

Flew patients from 20th Gen. Hosp. at Ledo, India to Calcutta and Karachi. Many of these patients being sent on to the zone of the Interior. 803rd carried 35,000 patients the first year.

ALIZE V. RAVEN

Born on 22 Feb. 1921 in Montvale, VA. She graduated from Maryland General Hospital School of Nursing Baltimore, MD in 1943, entered the service 15 Nov. 1943. She graduated from the School of Air Evacuation at Bowman Field, KY 29 July 1944, class of 44-E. Spent some months flying with the 4th Ferrying Group out of Memphis, Tenn. Then was sent to Hickam Field, Hawaii 15 Feb. 1945, assigned to 830th MAES, flying the Pacific route. Separated from active duty on 23 Jan. 1946 at Fort Sheridan, IL. Married Weston F. Raven 4 Sept. 1946. Mother of Karen, John, Sally, and grandmother of 8. During the years did some nursing as time allowed. Life member and past commander of American Legion Post #7 in Caro, Michigan.



Alize V. Raven

ANNA MARGARET MCKEE RAY

Born in Greenup, Kentucky on May 1, 1916. She moved to Waltham, Massachusetts in 1928. She graduated from Massachusetts General Hospital in 1937, and acquired a Certificate of Public Health Nursing from Simmons College in 1938. She graduated from Bowman Field, Kentucky in the Fourth Class and was sent to Dunnellon, Florida on



Anna Margaret McKee Ray

detached duty until January 1944, then went to Guadalcanal as a replacement in the 801st Air Evacuation Squadron, a part of the 403rd Troop Carrier Group. She met Jesse A. Ray, a pilot and married him after they were discharged in 1946. She graduated from Boston University with a B.S. in Nursing in August 1946 and then did School Nursing until retirement. They have one son, Harry.

PAULINE (SWISHER) BENSON-RICHARDSON

Having graduated in the Class of 44E, I was assigned to a squadron based at Romulus AFB in Michigan. I criss-crossed the United States for six months. Meanwhile, I married a B-24 Bomber pilot, Richard J. Benson, in January of '45 and was separated from service in June of '45. I am the mother of three wonderful children, Karol, David and Bruce, and three grandsons. I became widowed in '86 and remarried a retired college professor, David Richardson, in 1989. Moving around the country during the intervening years, I was always able to do nursing — staff, office and community health — or volunteer nursing. I am now retired with my hobbies. I have been quite involved with church activities as volunteer co-ordinator and past board president of a church with over 500 members. I enjoy living in Charlotte and don't miss those cold, Northern winters!



Pauley Richardson

MARIA GARCIA ROACH

Graduated from Charity Hospital School of Nursing and the C.H.S.N. graduate school of Anesthesia, New Orleans. 1942 while serving as instructor in anesthesia there, was called up for active duty as anesthetist for the 24th Gen. Hospital (Tulane University Unit). In 1943 entered School of Air Evac., Bowman Field, Ky. On graduation assigned to the 808 Squadron. Served overseas in Africa, India, Italy, and Brazil. Awarded the Air Medal and a bronze star. 1944, while overseas, married E. Hugh Roach of the British Colonial Administrative Service. 1945, returned to the U.S., assigned as instructor in Air Evac. at Randolph Field, Tex. Discharged Dec. 1945 as a 1st Lt. 1946 appointed F.S.S.O. U.S. Foreign Service. 1947



Maria Garcia Roach

Opened U.S. Information Service in Accra, Gold Coast. 1948, returned to the U.S. with my husband then attached to the British Embassy, Wash. 1953, immigrated to Canada with my husband (a business executive) where we now reside permanently.

MARTA ARMSDEN ROBINSON

Received her nurses' training at Sisters of Charity in Mobile, Alabama, and earned a Bachelor's of Science at Spring Hill College in Mobile before she joined the A.N.C. June 1943 at Sampson, New York. Graduated from Flight Nurse school at Bowman Field, KY, and served with the 810th MAES in Europe. Participated in the transport of sick and wounded during the Battle of Britain and the Normandy Invasion. Duties included evacuation of casualties from the UK to the US via Greenland, Iceland, and Newfoundland. She remained in Europe working out of stations in Germany. Later she was sent to Itazuke, Japan, for flights to Hawaii. Discharged as 100% disabled in 1965, for a condition which may have been a result of injury while chief nurse of a psychiatric section in Germany. Returns to Fitzsimons General Hospital frequently for additional treatment.



Marta Armsden Robinson

DOROTHY NORDENHOLT ROESSLE

Born on Staten Island, N.Y. graduated in 1942 from the Lenox Hill Hospital school of nursing in N.Y. City. Gerda Mulack, a flight nurse who was killed in New Guinea, was her "big sister" in nursing school.



Dorothy Nordenholt Roessle

Her first military assignment was Spence Field, Ga. She graduated from Bowman Field in 1943, was assigned to the 823rd MAES who initiated the transportation of wounded by air within the continental United States. Afterwards she was assigned to the Pacific area with flights to the Hawaiian islands, the Marshalls, Marianas, Philippines, New Guinea, and Australia.

After discharge from the service in Oct. 1945, she was engaged in the transportation of displaced persons from various European

and Mediterranean countries. Later she traveled to South American countries as a ship's nurse.

Marriage to Dr. Elwood Roessle was in 1954. She has two children Peter and Barbara.

ETTA MOSKOWITZ ROSENTHAL

"Mosky" graduated from Bowman Field, Ky. and was sent overseas immediately. Was one of three nurses on board of U.S. ship and cared for needs of 7,000 troops which included primary contingent of WACS and the Prime Minister of Australia. Served in SWPA as Flight Nurse and later as Chief Nurse of 804th MAES 54th TCC 5th AF. Flew all through New Guinea and Philippines to evacuate wounded; was amongst first Americans into Manila after Philippines were captured, and then into Tachikawa, Japan, to evacuate prisoners of war. Received Air Medal for 100 hours of combat flying. Returned home from Tokyo, Japan Dec. 1945 receiving discharge at Ft. Dix, NJ. A month later sailed to England via Grace Lines to bring back first group of war brides. N-788279



Etta Moskowitz Rosenthal

ROBERTA S. ROSS

Born 2 May 1917 in Wilmette, Ill. Graduated from St. Mary's Hospital school of nursing in Rochester, Minn. 1939, employed by United Air Lines as stewardess from Feb. 1940-Nov. 1942 when she married Lt. Carleton P. Ross. Her husband was sent to the ETO for the invasion and she joined the ANC being inducted into the service 15 Dec. 1943 at Greensboro, NC. Graduated from the Bowman Fld. SAE and was assigned to the 821st MAES which was stationed at Ledo, India in the CBI. Flew mission into Myitkyina, Burma near the Irrawaddy River. Awards and medals include the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, DFC, China War Memorial medal and the Asiatic Pacific Theater ribbon. Was discharged 21 Nov. 1945.



Roberta S. Ross

CONSTANCE OESTRIKE RUDOLPH

1921 — Born in New York state.



Constance Oestrike Rudolph

1942 — Graduated from Vassar Brothers School of Nursing, Poughkeepsie, New York.

October 1943 — Volunteered as a nurse in the AAF. Assigned to Patterson Air Base, Fairfield, Ohio.

December 1943 — Transferred to Tinker Air Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

March 1944 — Accepted for Flight Nurses training at Bowman Field, Louisville, Kentucky, graduating class 44D 26 May, '44.

December 1944 — Assigned to duty in the Pacific Theater at Biak, in the Dutch East Indies with 830 MAES. Flew evacuation trips to Tarawa, Guadalcanal, Los Negros, New Caledonia, Leyte and Honolulu.

March 1945 — Evacuated casualties from Guam, Saipan, Leyte, Manila, Kwajalein, Okinawa and Bataan with stop off bases at Johnston Island, Honolulu and Hamilton Field, California.

January 1946 — discharged from the Service

1946-1948 — Staff Nurse with the U.S. Public Health Service Hospitals, Norfolk, Virginia and Staten Island, New York. Organized and was Charge Nurse of the Emergency Room-Out Patient Department in Norfolk, Virginia.

1948 — Married Otto W. Rudolph. Two daughters, Peggy and Barbara.

1949 — Staff Nurse during the polio epidemic, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

1960's — Staff Nurse, part-time, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut.

Military Awards: — American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 4 battle stars, Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, Air Medal, World War II Victory Medal

EUGENE RYBOWIAK

Arrived Bowman Field, Kentucky, December 1943. Left Bowman Field, May 1944. Arrived Bombay, June 1944 aboard the U.S.S. Randall. Home Base was Ledo. T/3 assigned to 821st MAES.



Eugene Rybowiak. Gene and Rose Rybowiak

Flew to Chabua, Calcutta, Agra, Karachi, Shingowiang, Myitkina, Moguane, Bhamo, Katka, Nampkan, Lashio and parts of China.

Decorations: Air Medal with 2 cluster, D.F.C., China War Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with three battle stars.

Evacuated Mars Task Force, Chinese, British, Indian, Ghurkas and Japanese P.O.W.'s. Returned to U.S., November 1945.

ETHEL KOVACH SCOTT

Born in Yonkers, NY, grew up in Ohio and Michigan, graduated from Owendale High School in Michigan, received her RN from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, Detroit, Michigan and her BSN from Catholic University, Washington, D.C.



Ethel Kovach Scott

Entered the AAF at Chanute Field, Ill. in Feb. 1942. In October she was assigned to Bowman Field and to the 801st AMES which was deployed to the South Pacific in Jan., 1943, participating in the aeromedical evacuation of combat wounded from battle area to hospitals.

After the South Pacific Tour, was assigned back to Bowman Field to attend the Flight Nurse Course, with subsequent assignments including Chief Nurse Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons, Chief Nurse Ferrying Division, ATC, Chief Nurse Pacific Air Transport Command. For 5 years she was instructor of the Flight Nurse Course and assisted in the preparation of the Flight Nurse Manual.

She was assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General in the Assignment and Education Division, and then as Deputy Chief, Air Force Nurse Corps. In 1963 she was appointed Chief, Air Force Nurse Corps serving until her retirement in 1968 with the rank of Col.

Her decorations include the Legion of Merit, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one star, American Campaign Medal, Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, and the Air Force Longevity Award with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

MARTHA J. TARANTA SERVATIUS

Graduated from Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in



Martha J. Taranta Servatius

1938. Joined the American Red Cross and was called to active duty December 4, 1941 at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey. Transferred to AAF School of Air Evac. at Bowman Field, Kentucky May 10, 1943 graduating July 2, 1943. Assigned to 808th Air Evac Transport Squadron. Assigned to North Atlantic Flight Wing Command. Left U.S.A. October 14, 1943. Returned April 4, 1945. Flew patients from India through Central Africa. Later North Africa and Italy.

Grounded for a year on return to U.S. then flew throughout states. Grounded and stationed at Craig AF Base, Alabama 1949. Discharged 11 October 1949. Captain USAF (AFNC). Decorations, European, African, Campaign w/1 bronze star, Asiatic, Pacific Campaign w/1 bronze star, Distinguished Unit Badge, Air Medal.

Employed as an industrial nurse with a petro-chemical company, retired in 1983.

GWEN RAMSAY SHEPPARD

Born in Canada 4 August 1919. Graduated from Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing Kalamazoo, MI 1942. Entered ANC at Chanute Field, Ill. 2 Jan. 1943, becoming a U.S. citizen while there. Graduated from Air Evac School at Bowman Field, Ky. 11 March 1944 with the 817th MAES. Arrived in Barks-ton Heath, England 3 April 1944. Was on TDY at a B-24 bomber base at Norwich, England, two weeks prior to D-Day. While there, flew daily in the Forming Ship, attended all briefings and debriefings. Returned to Barkston, began flying patients from France. TDY to ATC 1 August 1944 to fly Trans-Atlantic flights with patients from Scotland to Iceland to Newfoundland. The 817th was transferred to Dreux near Paris where they evacuated wounded from France and Germany back to England. Received the Air Medal 9 Feb. 1945 as well as the ETO Ribbon with five battle stars. Was promoted to 1st Lt. 16, Feb. 1945. TDY at Orly Field, Paris flying Trans-Atlantic — Orly to Azores to Bermuda and on to Miami. Returned to U.S. Oct. '45 receiving discharge 1 Dec. '45. Married, Donald Sheppard (RCAF Bombardier) and they have a daughter and two grandsons. Worked in small Royal Oak, Mich. hospital, did volunteer work with Girl Scouts and Civilian Defense.



Gwen Ramsay Sheppard

AGNES G. SHURR

Agnes G. Shurr, Navy nurse attached to VR-8, stationed at Hickam, AFB, Hawaiian 1953 during the Korean Conflict. They were there to help evacuate S. Korean casualties from Japan to Travis AFB, Ca. with a stop over at Tripler Army Hosp. in Hawaii. This photograph pictures her with a colleague on duty with VR-24 at Port Lyautey, French Morocco, a French Air Base where they followed the 6th Fleet to evacuate casualties.



Agnes Shurr kneeling, Clarissa Shaw, standing. Navy flight nurses.

JENEVIEVE L. BOYLE SILK

Born and schooled in Wisc., received her Commission in the USAAF 22 March 1943 and was assigned to duty at the Station Hospital Jefferson Barracks, Mo. In November 1943 she was transferred to Bowman Field, Ky., AAF School of Air Evacuation, graduated 21 January 1944 and was assigned to the 816th MAES for duty in the ETO.

Overseas duty included flights from the Normandy invasion beaches, Trans-Atlantic flights, and flights from Germany and Belgium. Received the Air Medal and four battle stars.



Jenevieve L. Boyle Silk

11 May 1945 she married, Lt. Col. Joseph M. Silk! In June 1945 her transfer to the 806th MAES, kept her in the ETO until late December 1945 when she made her last Trans-Atlantic flight back to the USA for an honorable discharge, effective 22 Feb. 1946.

As an Air Force wife she lived at Wright Field, Oh, Montgomery, Ala., Japan, Washington D.C., and Edwards A.F.B., raising four children, (Sally, Patrick, John, and Julie) helping in school programs and as a Red Cross Volunteer.

LOIS ROY SIMINSKI

Being a flight nurse was a pleasure. I enjoyed transporting patients from the front lines and the Trans-Atlantic flights, with the 819th MAES in the ETO. The travel and meeting new people was especially rewarding. I



Lois Roy Siminski

love dancing and there was always a good dance band at the officer's club.

I always felt flying personnel were special and exciting — so much so, that I joined TWA as a hostess. Next, I did polio nursing. While at the School of Air Evac at Bowman Field, Ky., I met my future husband, Edmund J. Siminski, who was a glider pilot. We married after the war and have had a good life together. We have two sons and 3 grandchildren — each is a joy. I did rehabilitation nursing prior to retirement. We enjoy retirement.

EMMA BOWEN SIMPSON

Entered the U.S.A.F. at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, April 1, 1943. After Air Evacuation Training at Bowman Field, Kentucky, was sent to the European Theater of War in June, 1944. I was attached to the 802nd Air Evacuation Squadron, later transferred to the 807th Air Evacuation Squadron. We flew patients from near the front lines to hospitals in Italy and France. Met Cal J. Hundrup, a C-47 pilot, we were married in Moultrie, GA Sept. 1945 and had four sons: Daniel, Michael, Richard and David. I have lived in Idaho since 1950, in the same house since Jan. 1955. Carl died in 1971, and I married Carey Simpson in 1980. Between us we have eight sons, 26 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



Emma Bowen Simpson

ETHEL GUFFEY SIMPSON

Born Shawnee, Okla. Dec. 20, 1915. Graduated from St. Anthony School of Nursing Okla. City 1938. Did Private Duty in Okla. City for 2 and one half years. When the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor, volunteered for AAF, was inducted 17 March 1942 at Will Rogers Field, Okla. City, Okla. 24 Dec. 1942 sent to School of Air Evacuation Bowman Field, Ky., graduating 18 Feb. 1943. Sent to ETO July 1943 with 806th MAES. Spring of '44, attended School for American doctors and nurses at Shrivenshaus, England. Made flights into Normandy, Holland, Rhine Crossing, Berlin and Prison camps at Barth and Stalag #1. Served as Chief Nurse from May-Nov. 1945. Received the Air Medal. Married Richard Simpson 23 July 1945 in Paris, France and they have two



Ethel Guffey Simpson. L-R: Ethel Guffey Simpson, Anne Grace Ranahan, Jean Foley Tierney

sons — Richard and David and six grandchildren.

MARY LEONTINE SLEEPER

Born Pembroke, Mass., 10 April 1909. 1931 graduated from New England Hospital for Women and Children. After joining American Red Cross was called to active duty as 2nd Lt. ANC Reserve Nov. 19, 1940. Sent to Fort Banks, Mass. 25 Nov. 1940, Camp Edwards, Mass. 7 Feb. '41, Barksdale Field, La. 13 June '41 and promoted to 1st Lt. 10 Aug. '41. 25 Sept. '41 sent to Camp Clairborne, La. as Ass. Chief Nurse and 16 Apr. '42 to Hendricks Field, Fla. as Chief Nurse. 12 Dec. '42 received certificate of Proficiency in Defense against chemical attack. 27 Jan. '43 transferred to 349 Air Evac Group, Bowman Field, Ky. to help organize School of Air Evacuation. 15 June '43 promoted to Capt., 11 Mar. '44 graduated School of Air Evac. 10 Apr. '44, promoted to Major and later married John T. Sleeper. 29 Sept. '44 School was moved to Randolph Field, Tx. 10 Oct. '44 Received Army Commendation Ribbon for Meritorious Service for organizing the office of the Chief Nurses' Office Course, maintaining a high level of courtesy and discipline and displaying outstanding ability and sound judgement from 27 Jan. '43 to Oct. 10 '44. Transferred to Mitchell Field, N.Y. 10 April '45 to be near ailing parents. Discharged 27 July '45 Fort Dix, N.J. having attained the rank of Lt. Col.



Mary Leontine Sleeper. Ted and Mary Sleeper

LAVERN DITMORE SMITH

Born in McKeesport, Pa., 13 Jan. 1918, graduated from McKeesport Hosp. School of Nursing in 1942, joined the ANC at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa., 10 July 1942. Stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and Langley AFB, was chosen for Air Evacuation School at Bowman Fld., Ky., graduated 13 Aug. 1943 and assigned to the 809th MAES, 7th AF., based at Hickam Fld., Hawaii. Flew into Gilbert Islands in Nov. 1943, next was Marshall Islands, then on to Marianas (Saipan, Guam, Tinian). Flying into Guam, had two Navy Hellcats (fighter) as escorts, one on each side of their plane. Flew into Leyte, Philippines and Clark Fld., Manila. ROned there at St. Joseph



Lavern Ditmore Smith

Academy. During a bombing raid, a bomb came through the ceiling over the altar, the only damage was to the ceiling; it was a miracle.

Evacuated wounded of all services from Iwo Jima. Decorated with Air Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal with 3 Battle Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal with 2 Battle Stars. After the surrender of Japan, was sent stateside and discharged at Ft. Dix, NJ 12 Dec. 1945. Married James Smith Nov. 1946 and they have one son, Shannon J. and 3 grandsons. She returned to private duty nursing, is now retired living in Ark. Has a twin brother — LaRue Ditmore, Sgt. Maj. USMC, Ret.

SHARON L. SPROWLS

Was on active duty with the Navy Nurse Corps from 1973-75, sustaining a service connected disability. Holds the rank of LCDR in the Navy Reserves. Is currently a RN/BSN/REMT-P, working for an air ambulance service, Southflite Aeromedical Services out of Mobile, Ala. She has been flying six years, logging 1000 hrs. in rotor craft and 300 hrs. in fixed wing transports. Is Associated with local scene/trauma calls and hospital to hospital transfers.



Sharon L. Sprowls

EDNA N. GOLDBERG STATMAN

Born in Pontiac, Michigan on January 14, 1920. Graduated from the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1941. Returned home to Detroit, Michigan to work in the operating room until entering the ANC at Chanute Field, Illinois in March 1943, then transferred to Bowman Field to join the 817th Air Evacuation Squadron in November 1943. Left for the European Theater in March 1944. Stationed in England until D-Day then transferred to LeMans and Dreux, France, flying missions in Europe and Transatlantic. The squadron received the Presidential Citation and Air Medal. Discharged at Camp Kilmer in October 1945. Moved to California and worked until marriage to Solomon Statman, M.D. in 1947. Retired to devote time to raising three children. Volunteered to teach Red Cross Nursing Classes, and was Project Director of screening for the Women's Job Corps



Edna N. Goldberg Statman

program for twelve years. Now the grandmother of eight lovely grandchildren.

MARY OLDEHOFF STEHLE

Entered ANC July 1943. Graduated from Bowman SAE April 14, 1944, assigned to the 824th MAES doing stateside air evac at Palm Springs, Ca. and then with the 830th MAES in the Pacific Theater. Awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Asiatic Pacific ribbon with 5 battle stars. Married Kenneth Stehle in 1945 and they have two daughters, Madelyn and Diane. They lived in NJ until Ken's retirement from Exxon, then moved to Holmes Beach, Fla. She remained in the reserves retiring as Lt. Col. and was awarded the AF Commendation Medal. She and Charlotte McFall Mallon were instrumental in starting the World War II Flight Nurse's Assn. in May 1948 and she presently is Secretary of the association. Her hobbies are traveling and duplicate bridge.



L-R: Mary Oldehoff and Mildred Miller. L-R: Mary Oldehoff Stehle and Mildred Miller Barsby

HELEN DEBELLIS STOCKWELL

Graduated from Immanuel Hospital Nursing School, Omaha, Nebraska in 1941, and began active duty in 1942, first at Camp Carson, then at Pueblo, Colorado, where she married a bomber pilot, who was killed in action. She was transferred to the Air Evacuation School at Bowman Field, Kentucky in 1943, was assigned to the 813th squadron and sent to England, where she flew patients from France and Germany to Army hospitals in England.



Helen DeBellis Stockwell

She returned to the States in December, 1945, continued duty first at Langley AF Base, then with the 830th Air Evac Unit at Lowry AF Base, Colorado, where she married an Air Transport Pilot and was discharged as a captain in December, 1948.

As a military wife she lived in Japan, Canada, and Washington D.C., where two sons, Michael and Timothy were adopted, before military retirement in 1960.

She was employed in a workshop for mentally handicapped adults. In 1983 she married Richard Stockwell, a semi-retired college

teacher and works as a volunteer with the Literacy program.

JEANNE SULLIVAN STRATHMAN

Jeanne Ann (Sullivan) Strathman of Bridgeport, CT was inducted into ANC 22 July 1943 at the station hospital AAF Technical Center, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Assigned to the Army Air Force School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Louisville, KY on 3 April 1944. After graduation shipped to Chabua, India with the 803rd MAES. Discharged 9 Jan. 1946 as 1st Lt. Married Lt. Norman R. Strathman 11 Sept. 1945 in Chabua, India. Raised six children, Ann and Susan, Rocky River, OH, Michael, Houston, TX, Joseph Findlay, OH, Jane Columbus, OH, John, Denver, CO. At Home 1011 Fox Run Road, Findlay, Ohio

MARY WILSON SULLIVAN

Born Dec. 1920 in Hartford Conn. Graduated from Hospital of St. Raphael New Haven Conn. in 1942. She was a member of The American Red Cross. Appointed to the ANC in Aug. 1943, reported for active duty at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida on Aug. 2, 1943 accompanied by Elsie Brennan, a classmate at St. Raphael's. Enroute met Barbara Watts from Mass. The three of them served together until discharged from the service, have remained friends in close contact since. Also stationed at Hunter Field, Ga. Graduated from School of Air Evacuation on May 2 1944, was assigned to 802 MAES in Naples Italy. Evacuated the last wounded from Anzio. She was also stationed in Rome, Sienna, Rosignano and Northern Italy. Was on detached service in Istres France Sept.-Nov. 1944. Discharged from duty Oct. 31 1945 as 1st LT.



Mary Wilson Sullivan. Harold and Mary Sullivan

Married Harold Sullivan Sept. 1947. They have two sons and four grandchildren. Returned to Nursing 1954 at St. Raphaels (NB-NBICU Nursery).

DORIS NYLANDER TALLMADGE

Graduated from St. Luke's Hosp. Davenport, Iowa. Joined the ANC 29 April 1942 at Camp Crowder, Mo. Discharged 4 Dec. 1945 at Chanute, Ill. with the rank of 1st Lt. Was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Service medal. Graduated from the Bowman School of Air Evac 1 Jan. 1944, assigned to Flt. C of the 805th MAES. Stationed in Accra, Ghana West Africa — flew into Khartaum, Sudan and Karachi, India. Stateside was stationed at Memphis, Tenn., Ft. Dix and Long Beach. Now living on Battlemeat Mesa at Parachute Co. after 35 years west of Littleton, Co. Her husband is retired and they have five children. She is still working with no plans to retire.



Doris Nylander Tallmidge

SOPHIA TERRAS

Sophia Terras — Graduated from Overlook Hospital School of Nursing, Summit, N.J. in 1932. Joined the American Red Cross, was called to active duty September 1, 1942. Initially assigned to Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S.C., in 1943 applied and qualified for training in the School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky. After graduating March 14, 1944, was assigned to the 801st Air Evacuation Squadron in the Southwest Pacific Theatre. The islands we were stationed or flew into were Guadal Canal, Biak, Bougainville, New Guinea, Philippines, Okinawa and Japan. December 22, 1944 was awarded Air Medal by Commanding General of the Thirteenth Air Force for operational flight missions from April 10, 1944 to June 7, 1944. Was shelled by the enemy while participating on an operational flight on Luzon and was entitled to the bronze star to the Philippines Liberation ribbon. After discharge in January 1946, worked as Industrial Nurse in Summit, N.J. until retirement in October 1976.



Receiving Air Medal — Sophia Terras

WINNA JEAN FOLEY TIERNEY

Born 29 Oct. 1921 Memphis, Tenn. Graduated from Baptist Mem. Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. 1942 — joined American Red Cross and was called to active duty 1942. Graduated from the School of Air Evacuation at Bowman Field, Ky. in the first class 18 Feb. 1943 was



Winna Jean Foley Tierney

assigned to the 806th MAES. Served in ETO July 1943-Nov. 1945. Sept. '44-Feb. '45 flew the Transatlantic route from Prestwick, Scotland to Paris to the Azores, Iceland Labrador. Total flying hours — 1091. Awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Married Edward Tierney 26 June 1946 and they have three sons — Tom, Brian and Tim. They have one granddaughter.

PATRICIA THOMPSON TWIST

Born in Newcastle, Ind. on Halloween, 1920. Received R.N. from Reid Mem. Hosp. School of Nursing in Richmond, Ind. Dec. 1942. Graduated in first class of 349th Air Evac Group April 1943. Sailed with the 804th MAES from NY June 1943 for Brisbane, Australia. Stationed at three different bases in New Guinea. Earned the Air Medal 1944. Stationed at Biak in the Dutch Archipelago from Sept. '44 until Jan. '45, where we evacuated patients from the battles of Palau and Leyte Gulf. Moved to Mindoro, Philippines in Jan. '45 for the evac of patients from the battle for the Philippines.



Patricia "Pat" Thompson Twist. John and Pat Twist

Married Capt. John Twist of 90th Bomb Grp., Nov. 1944 at Sydney, Australia. They have three children.

Returned to US with patients Feb. '45. Discharged from service Jan. '46 at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

HELENA ILIC TYNAN

Born in Omisalj, Otoak Kak, Yugoslavia, on December 1, 1920. Mother, my brothers, John and Thomas and I joined father in New York City, on September 7, 1929. I graduated from Lenox Hills Hospital School of Nursing in June 1942, and went on active duty in March 1943. My first post was the Don Ce Sar Hospital, St. Petersburg, Florida and then McDill Field, Tampa, Florida. I saw a notice on the bulletin board regarding the formation of classes for a School of Air Evacuation at Bowman Field, Kentucky, applied and graduated in December 1943, class of 43G, assigned to 801STMAES, arrived in Noumea, New Caledonia, then to Espiritu Santo, Guadalcanal Biak, Tanuan, Leyte. We advanced as our forces took the Island. I received an air medal



Helena Ilic Tynan. Helena and Harold Tynan

with two clusters, was separated from service in December 1945, then graduated from Columbia University in 1948 with a B.S. degree in Public Health and Industrial Nursing.

My first job was with Pan American Airlines. I went to Randolph Field, Texas for refresher course in Air Evacuation in December 1948, and fell in love with San Antonio. I met my husband when I was hired to establish an industrial nursing program for the City Public Service, the Local utility. We were married two years later. Harold and I have three sons, Hal, Sean and David, four grandchildren, Tara, Katie, Shauna, and Kyle, and another due in November. My life has been good, Thank the Lord.

CLOVER MAE HURSEY URY

Born in Albion, Ind. Moved to Wyandotte, Mich. 1920's. Graduated Meth. Hosp., Fort Wayne, Ind. 1939. While on staff of Harper Hosp., Detroit, Mich., joined American Red Cross. Inducted into Army Air Force, 16 Jan. '43 at Selfridge Field, Mich. Sent to Chanute Field and from there to School of Air Evac. Bowman Field, Ky., graduating March 11, 1944 Class 44B. Married Cadet Harvey E. Ury the same day. Departed the ETO with 817th MAES 23 March, '44 arriving before Easter 1944. Received Air Medal, ETO Ribbon with 5 Battle Stars. Discharged Fort Dix, NJ 19 Dec. '45. Returned to nursing and married life in NY. Retired in June 1980 — now resides in Sun City, Ariz.



Clover Mae Hursey Ury

ELEANOR PACELIA VICK

Eleanor Pacelia Vick born in Hartford, Conn., and graduated from the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing in 1940. She was private duty and staff nurse until joining the ANC in May 1943, and assigned to the station hospital, T.S., AAFTC, at New Haven, Conn. (Yale University). In Feb., 1944, she was sent to Air Evacuation School at Bowman Field, Ky., and graduated May, 1944. On May 9, 1944, she married then Lt. John Vick at Belleville, Ill. Assignments followed at Romulus, Michigan (MAES 824), White Horse, Y.T., and Anchorage, Alaska (MAES 830). Discharged as



Eleanor Pacelia Vick

1st Lt. on Dec. 15, 1945, she returned to Conn. to careers as "company" wife, mother of Betty, John, and Tim, and later, school nurse in New Jersey, and, eventually, Colorado. She and husband John have been actively retired since 1979.

RITA SHEA VOLLENDORF

Graduated from Hahnemann School of Nursing in Worcester, Mass., her home town. Did civilian nursing for a year before accepting a Commission in the ANC Feb. 1944. Graduated from the School of Air Evacuation at Bowman Fld., Ky. and served overseas 2 years, flying the "HUMP," evacuating patients from battlefields in Europe and North Africa. While on TDY at the 1451st Med. Air Evac. Sqdn. Kelly, Fld. flew C-54's on 3 day flights on the Alcan Run — servicing the MATS Detachment in Alaska and Canada, met 1st Lt. William G. Vollendorf, pilot on the Alcan Run and married him April 3, 1949.



Rita Shea Vollendorf. Maj. Gen. Raymond Bliss and Rita Shea

LOUISE JOHNSON WAGNER

Born in Davis, West Virginia, October 1914. Graduated from Paterson General Hospital School of Nursing in 1935, was a surgical nurse until February 1942, when she joined the Military at Mitchel Field, Long Island. She graduated from the School of Bowman Field, Kentucky, July 2, 1943, sent to Natal, Brazil with the 808th MAES, then to North Africa, and Italy. She returned to States in May 1945, and to flying in 1947 at Topeka, Kansas and Westover A.F.B., Mass. She married Jack Wagner October 1947, and was discharged as Captain, May 1948. Duty as military wife, mother of Gary and Sandra, involved stations in Hawaii, Texas, Delaware, retired to Florida in 1966.



Louise Johnson Wagner

MERRIAN LAUTENBACH WALSH

Merrian Lautenbach Walsh born 19 January 1918 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Graduated Blodgett Hospital School of Nursing Novem-



Jack Walsh and Merrian Lautenbach

ber, 1940. Began active duty ANC 2 February, 1942. Spent two years at Chanute Field, Illinois, then graduated from Bowman Field Flight Nurse School March 1944. Assigned 817th M.A.E.S. and left immediately for overseas. Began evac missions shortly after D Day while stationed in England. Moved to France 14 October 1944. Missions usually required flying into forward areas with supplies, picking up patients at field hospitals and flying with them to England. Went on detached service with ATC on two occasions and made six Atlantic crossings with patients in C54's.

After VE day the 817th was ordered to the Pacific Theatre, but while awaiting shipment the war ended and the 817th arrived in N.Y. 12 Oct. 1945. While overseas she met Jack Walsh, a navigator from Rochester, N.Y. They were married in March, 1946, have two grown children, and are now enjoying retirement.

HELEN HUNTER WEANT

Born in Sloan, Iowa, 24 February 1920. She graduated from Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in 1941, joined the American Red Cross, was called to active duty October 1943, going to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas to be inducted and on to AAF Base Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She volunteered for Air Evacuation and entered AAFAE School at Bowman Field, Louisville, Kentucky, 349th AE Group, graduating July 1943. After 6-8 months of detached service in Dannelon, Florida, she was sent to Guadalcanal with 801st Medical AE Sqd., attached to 13th Air Force in April 1944. Later moved to New Guinea and on to Leyte, Philippines, flying to outlying islands bringing patients and prisoners of war to base hospitals. On November 27, 1945, she was discharged as 1st Lt. at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois. On February 1, 1946, she married Robert Weant, whom she met on Guadalcanal. They have one son, Robert, Jr., and 2 daughters, Jane and Masha and 6 grandchildren. They reside in High Point, North Carolina and both are semi-retired.



Helen Hunter Weant

EVELYN GOODMAN WEBB

Born in Fort Thomas, Ky. April 2, 1920 and grew up as an Army brat! Graduated from Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, D.C. 1942. Entered the ANC April 1, 1943 at Drew Fld., Fla. Attended School of Air Evac at Bowman Fld., Ky. Discharged from service to Randolph Fld., Tex. Dec. 1945. Married E.G. Sharschaug Sept. 1945 and we had one son, Arne. Was widowed in 1980 and remarried Howard D. Webb Aug. 1987. Have been living in Ames, Iowa 44 yrs. N-787344 Attained the rank of 1st Lt.



Evelyn Goodman Webb

B. MARIE FARMER WEITZ

Born 1 Sept. 1920 in Wilson, NC. Became RN in 1941, joined the Red Cross and ANC, assigned June 1942 to Lawson Gen. in Atlanta. Was transferred to Ft. Bragg, NC, was assigned to the 65th Gen., the Duke Unit. Accepted at School of Air Evacuation at Bowman Fld., Ky., graduating Aug. 1943, served in the Pacific with the 809th MAES, based at Hickham Fld., Hawaii, island hopping the entire Central and South Pacific. Awarded the Air Medal, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with 4 battle stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Discharged at Ft. Bragg, NC Sept. 1945. Marriage plans ended tragically when fiancé was killed on his way to my home. In 1946, the Red Cross assigned her to the polio epidemic at Los Angeles Co. Gen. 1947-1952 was airline stewardess with Pan-Am based in San Francisco — flew into Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Wake, Guam, Midway, Philippines, Japan, China, Singapore, Thailand, Calcutta and New Delhi. Forced to give up flying due to back problems, stemming from Canton Island service. Attended Med. Secretary School and ran the office for 11 Anesthesiologists in San Francisco. Aug. 1959 married Dr. Marion G. Weitz, lived in Napa, Calif. and in 1962 her daughter, Sabrina was born. Marriage ended in divorce in 1973. Active in Med. Aux., women's golf, water skiing and oil painting. Do volunteer work, and travel only in the US. In 1966, she and Peg Maloney hosted a 3-day 809th reunion in Carmel, Calif. with 11 attending.



B. Marie Farmer Weitz

JOAN KOSTER WESTRATE

Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, July, 1919. Graduated from Blodgett Hospital School of Nursing in 1940, joined the ANC in 1942 and was sent to Chanute Field at Rantoul, Illinois. She graduated from the Flight Nurse Training School at Bowman Field, Kentucky, in 1944, was sent to Grantham, England with the 817th MAES. There were Transatlantic flights in C-54s from Scotland to New York and, after D-Day, flights from England to France. Later, after moving to France, there were flights into Germany and from France to England. There were also flights from Paris to New York. With V-E Day the 817th was readied for duty in the Pacific but with V J Day the squadron shipped back to the States. Joan and Bill Westrate were married in 1947 and have six children. They live in Cassopolis, Michigan.



Joan Koster Westrate

TRUDE McNALLY CHAMPLIN WHITE

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 15 August 1918. Graduated in 1940 from Philadelphia General Hospital, School of Nursing. Married Gerald H. Champlin, July 1941 in Baltimore, Maryland. In June 1943, she was accepted in the ANC, Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, California, assigned to McClellan Air Force Base Hospital, Sacramento, California. Graduated from the AAF School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Kentucky, class of 43-H. She was a member of the 820th MAES, Southwest Pacific, discharged December 1945. Received B.S., P.H.N. from Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, Texas, in July 1956; M.P.H. from University of Texas in 1973. During this time she was employed as an Industrial Nurse at Dow Chemical (1957-1961); Supervisor of the TB Control Program, Region III, Texas Department of Health (TDH); and Generalized Public Health Nurse Consultant for TDH in Austin (1972-1977). From 1977-1982 she was the Regional Nursing Director for Public Health Region 11, TDH. She's been a member of the Texas Public Health Association from 1968 to present; appointed a Fellow Member in 1981 for both TPHA and the Southern Branch of American Public Health Association (APHA); appointed Honorary



Trude McNally Champlin White

Clinical Assistant Professor, Nursing College, Texas Woman's University in Houston; a member of the U.S.-Mexico Border Public Health Association, Philadelphia General Hospital Alumni Association, American Nurses Association, and the Texas Nurses Association. She retired as of 1982.

LAURA RICE WHITEHEAD

Graduated from the SAE Bowman Fld. 1943, assigned to the 810th MAES 9th TCC in the ETO. Stationed in N. England, Bottesford near Nottingham, Aldermaston, near Reading, England, Orly AAF, France. Campaigns: Normandy, N. France, Rhineland, Adennes with 4 bronze stars and the Air Medal. Mother of 3 daughters and one son. Retired but became bored, returned to work in a doctor's office 2 days a week. While in the ETO, she visited Gen. Omar Bradley's headquarters near St. Lo, France, a beautiful chateau overlooking the English Channel, which had just been captured two days before. The general was at the front, so she was assigned his quarters for the night with 2 guards at the door. Unable to sleep, she wandered the halls with the guards close behind. She evaded the guards and ended up on the beach which looked peaceful, only to learn it had been mined. Offered a ride to the front lines by a war correspondent, she accepted and witnessed first hand the death and devastation of war. When she returned to her base, she had been reported as missing in action! She would love to hear from old friends. Feels she is a very liberated lady. Life has been good to her.



Laura Rice Whitehead

GRACE DUNHAM WICHTENDAHL

Received my nurses training at Leo N. Levi Hosp., Hot Springs, Ark. Entered military service 9 Oct. 1939 as C.C.C. nurse, Army and Navy Hosp. Hot Springs, Ark.



Grace Dunham Wichtendahl

Graduated from Flight Nurses School, Bowman Field, Ky., in the second class. Was assigned Chief Nurse of 806th M.A.E.S. Our squadron left the U.S. July 1943 for the European theater. I returned to U.S. June, 1945.

Assigned to Flight Nurses School, Randolph A.F. Base as instructor Oct. 1945 while on a "Victory Bond Drive." I met and married my husband, Herbert B. Wichtendahl. Was discharged from the service in 1946.

My "claim to fame" during WWII, 806th Squadron, made the first authorized evacuation of patients from France, after D-Day. I was the nurse.

GEOFFREY PAUL WIEDEMAN

Born London, England, 9 March 1917, English Parents. Moved to St. Raphael, France, 1923. Attended French schools and graduated from the College de Draguignan 1934, Baccalaureate in Philosophy. Emigrated to the United States in August 1934 on a student visa. Attended University of Vermont, BS 1938 — MD 1941. Became United States citizen 14 July 1942. 1st Lt. AUS July 1942 to Brigadier General, USAF, February 1970. Retired April 1974. Practiced as Civil Service Staff Physician from August 1974 to March 1, 1989. Now retired. Decorations include Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with Cluster, Philippine Liberation with 2 Bronze Stars, Air Force Occupation Medal (Japan), Theater Ribbons, 49 combat missions in Air Evacuation SWPA. Graduated School Aerospace Medicine Feb. 1943. Assigned to 804th AES, Bowman Field, Kentucky. Australia — New Guinea — Biak — Peliliu — Okinawa — Tachikawa. Assumed command Nadzab, New Guinea when Maj. Miller injured in aircraft accident. Deputy Surgeon — Continental Air Command, Michel Field — Nov. 1946-50 Deputy Surgeon, 3rd Air Force, South Ruislip, England, 1950-54 Surgeon General's Office, Washington, D.C., 1954-58 Command Surgeon, EASTAF, McGuire AFB, 1958-61 National War College, Ft. McNair, 1961-62 (Outstanding Graduate) Commander, Tachikawa Hospital and Surgeon 315th Air Division and Kanto Base Command. Tachikawa AFB, Japan, 1962-65. Commander, School of Health Care Sciences, Sheppard AFB, Texas, 1966-69. Command Surgeon, Hq. Air Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas, 1969-74. Staff Physician, USAF Clinic, Brooks AFB, Texas, 1974-89. (Civil Service)



Geoffrey Paul Wiedeman

CHARLOTTE SHERWOOD WIEHRDT

Born in 1917, Hunt, Arizona, a stage coach stop. Graduated St. Joseph School of Nursing, Phoenix, 1937. Assisted with first insulin shock treatment, did Surgical nursing. Married Paul Hendricks 1940, who was killed in 1941. Active duty January 1942, Luke Field, Arizona — flying instructions, Sky Harbor. Graduated Bowman Field, December 10, 1943, married Leonard Wiehrdt, December 11, Richmond, Va. Joined 807th, Catania Sicily, replacing



Charlotte Sherwood Wiehrdt

nurses downed in Yugoslavia. Campaigns: Naples-Foggia, Southern-France, Rome-Arno, North Appennines, Po Valley, Germany. Air Medal with three clusters. June 1944 flew 75 hours, 10 min. with 76 landings. Leonard in same theaters, fighter pilot.

Military wife of test pilot, Muroc and Wright-Patterson, McDill, Sioux City, Japan, Pulloch, Germany, Richards-Gebaur. Six daughters, 27 grandchildren. Leonard flew Air America, Vietnam. Family lived in Thailand. I worked with surgical team in Can Tho, Vietnamese Hospital. Leonard crashed in Laos.

Worked ASU Health Center and hospice. Served LDS church mission. Uniform in museum, March AFB, Calif.

RUTH RICHARDS WILLIAMS

She and good friend, Edna Wood were working in a hosp. in Morristown, NJ in 1943, when they read an article in the AF Magazine about an Air Evac Squadron in the South Pacific. As a result of the article, they joined the ANC 5 Jan. 1943 and applied for the SAE at Bowman Fld., Ky., were accepted and graduated Jan. '44. They were sent to the Pacific Theater as replacements with the 801st MAES, the same sqdn. they had read about in 1943. Sailing from San Francisco Mar. 1944 on the S.S. Lurline, she arrived in New Caledonia 14 days later. Stationed on Guadalcanal, attached to the 13th AF, evacuated pts. from the Solomon Islands. Later on Biak, flew into Pelelieu, Leyte, Zamboanza, Quezon City, Manila and Cebu. Took a plane load of lepers back to their colony, helped evacuate POWs from Battan and Corregedor, who had been on the Battan Death March. Went on Rand R at Tusculum Red Cross Home in Sydney, Australia. Returned stateside 18 Nov. 1945, stationed at Camp Stoneman, Calif., was discharged 3 Feb. 1946 at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Awards: WWII Victory Medal, Air Medal, S.P. Theater Campaign Medal, 6 Bronze Stars, 3 overseas service bars and the Philippine Liberation Medal.



Ruth Richards Williams

WILHELMINA DUNKER WILLIAMS

Born 4 Feb. 1918 in NY, NY. Graduated from Bellevue School of Nursing in 1939 in NY, NY. Served in the ANC from July 1943-Nov. 1945. Was a flight nurse in the ETO assigned to the 818th MAES. Worked as Public Health and School Nurse for 23 years following her military service.



Wilhelmina Dunker Williams

LEONA M. WINWOOD

Served as a flight nurse in the ETO with the 815th MAES. Returned from the service to Portland, Oregon. Due to ill health moved to Santa Monica, Calif., worked in the Operating Room at St. John's Hospital but as the climate did not agree with her health, moved to Burbank in the San Fernando Valley — health improved. Later worked in surgery at St. Vincent's Hosp., Portland, Oregon until she took early retirement — just felt burned out. Moved to Bellingham, Wash. to be closer to her sister, who lives in Canada. Hobbies are her home, flower garden, friends and just growing old gracefully and ignoring health problems which still plague her.



Leona M. Winwood

JEAN BOOCHEROFF WYCKOFF

Born 30 Oct. 1921. Academic: Nursing diploma, Riverside Hosp., Toledo, Ohio 1942; Bachelor's degree Univ. of Pittsburgh,



Jean Boocheroff Wyckoff. Michael and Jean Wyckoff

1948; Master's — Univ. of Pittsburgh, 1954; Doctorate — Texas Woman's Univ. 1980. Career: Nurse, Doehler Die Casting Co., Chicago, Ill., 1942; Air Force Nurse 1943-46 serving with the 819th MAES in Central Europe. Was presented the Air Medal by Eleanor Roosevelt; V.A. Hosp. Pittsburgh, Pa. 1955-58; Health Center Director, El Central College, Dallas, Texas 1966-84 — was its first director. Family: Husband, Michael, passed away May 1988 while vacationing in Spain. They have 2 sons, Stuart and Arthur, daughter, Karen and 1 grandson. Received the American College Health Association's highest honor — the Olie B. Moten Award — only the third person to receive this coveted award. In addition, the Association's Jr. and Community Colleges in Dallas, Tex. named her an "Emeritus," the highest honor the colleges bestow. Retired in 1984.

MARY ELLEN YOUNG ZAITZ



Mary Ellen Young Zaitz

IN MEMORIAM

T/3 EUGENE T. BARR

Medical technician, killed in action in the Pacific Theater, while serving with the 801st MAES. His loss was felt by all.

T/3 DELBERT V. BEERY

Med. technician, serving with the 820th MAES in the Philippines, was killed in action 3 March 1945, when the air evacuation plane in which he and Martha Black were flying, struck a mountain. He was trained and advanced to technician after arriving in the Philippines and was a valued addition to the Sqdn.

T/3 ORLA BILLITER

Med. Tech. missing in action, 21 Jan. 1944 while he and Thelma Lafave were on an air evacuation mission with a load of pts., with the 820th MAES in the Philippines. Was trained and advanced to technician after his arrival in the Philippines and was a valued member of the group.



T/3 Orla Billiter

2ND LT. MARTHA F. BLACK

Flight nurse killed in action 10 Mar. 1945, was assigned to the 820th MAES in the Pacific. Was on an air evac mission with T/3 Delbert V. Berry and a plane load of patients when the plane crashed during a storm. Plane was later found on a mountain in the Philippines. She graduated from Air Evac at Bowman Field, 21 Jan. 1944. Serial number N787995. Martha, who had a sunny disposition and wonderful smile was the 2nd casualty of the 820th. Bad weather caused the planes to circle around in the worst fog they had seen. Others sought other places to land. For days, planes searched for the missing plane, locating it in rough terrain and thick jungle foliage. "We mourned the loss of Martha — her smile we would never see again."



2nd Lt. Martha F. Black

2ND LT. DOROTHY M. BOOTH

Flight nurse from South Hills, Pa., serving in Catania, Sicily with the 807th MAES, was killed Feb. 24, 1944 in the crash of a C-47, one hour after take-off when it crashed into a mountain in Sicily with 19 litter patients on board, enroute to Algiers, North Africa. Prior to this, Dottie had been seriously injured in a jeep accident and was encased in a body cast and was being sent stateside to recuperate. Lost in the same accident were Elizabeth J. Howren, flight nurse and S/Sgt. William Fitzpatrick, technician, all 807th personnel. With the US Flag flying at half-mast and taps in the background, Dottie was laid to rest along with her friends in the Military Cemetery near Pontelivvia, Sicily.

CAPT. VERA BROWN

Flight nurse killed in action during the Korean Conflict 26 Sept., 1950.

ELLEN CHURCH

Was the first airline hostess. She was working in San Francisco as a registered nurse in 1930 when she read that Boeing Air Transport Airline was adding a new 14 passenger plane from San Francisco to Chicago. She contacted the airline with the idea of using nurses on flights to attend to rider's needs. On 15 May, 1930, Miss Church recruited 7 more nurses and started the airline stewardess-hostess-attendants as we know them today. During WWII, she joined the ANC and flew air evac missions in the Mediterranean with the 802nd MAES, later was transferred to England along with 2 other nurses to set up Air Evac there. After the war, she was Hospital Administrator of the Union School of Nursing in Terre Haute, Ind. Some years later while riding a horse, was thrown and killed.

2ND LT. VIVIANNA CRONIN

Flight nurse with the 818th MAES in the ETO, who was killed in Scotland Aug. 28, 1944. Roommate and dear friend of Inez Leland Glass.



2nd Lt. Vivianna Cronin

HUGH CRUMAY, M.D.

Lt. Col. of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Harvard Medical School, attended the school of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas and the school of Air Evacuation at Bowman Field, Kentucky. He went overseas with the 804 Medical Air Evacuation Squadron. Later he was transferred as C.O./to 820th MAES, and was in the Southwest Pacific Theatre from Australia, New Guinea and Philippines to Japan. In 1945, he was sent to the Far East Air Force Headquarters. He was one Flight Surgeon that was very enthused about air evacuation, was very proud of his flight nurses and referred to them fondly as "pistol packing mamas". After their outstanding performance, he felt it was unfortunate that nothing had been published about them. He was loved and respected by all, who served with him.



Hugh Crumay, M.D.

He died February 27, 1988 and was buried at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery where he had been discharged from service.

LOUIS EILENBERGER

Ground crew member assigned to the 820th MAES was drowned in the surf at Dulag, Leyte 17 Feb., 1945.

CPL. EDWARD RAYMOND FERRIS

Killed in action while serving in the Korean Conflict, 8 Dec., 1950.

DR. JOHN FISSELL

Flight surgeon with the 816th MAES stationed at Prestwick, Scotland. Was killed when his plane crashed enroute to Prestwick

from NY, where he had just been married. His plane with all on board vanished after crashing into a mountain.

S/SGT. WILLIAM FITZPATRICK

Medical technician from Georgia, serving with the 807th MAES in Catania, Sicily, was killed in action Feb. 24, 1944 while flying in a C-47 from Catania, Sicily to Algiers, North Africa with a load of 18 litter patients and flight nurse, Elizabeth J. Howren. One hour after take-off, the plane crashed into the Sicilian Mountains killing all on board. Flight nurse, Dottie Booth was also a patient on board. The loss of three of its personnel was a big blow to the 807th and they still remember the ride up the hillside behind the jeep carrying the caskets. With the American Flag flying at half-mast and taps playing in the background, they were laid to rest in the Military Cemetery near Pontelivvia, Sicily. May they never be forgotten.

2ND LT. RUTH M. GARDINER

The first flight nurse to be killed in a theater of operation in WWII, in Alaska, 27 July, 1943. Hailing from Indianapolis, Ind., she graduated from Philadelphia Gen. Hosp. in 1935. She attended the School of Air Evac at Bowman Field, Ky., graduating in the first class Feb. 1943, later serving with the 805th MAES. The Gardiner General Hosp. in Chicago, Ill. is named in her memory.



2nd Lt. Ruth M. Gardiner

2ND LT. CHRISTINE GASVODA

Flight nurse killed in action in the ETO 12 April, 1945, when the C-47, which was a part of the 817th MAES six-plane flight crashed into a mountain somewhere in Germany. There were no patients on board and the plane had a cargo of gasoline. She was awarded the Air Medal prior to her accident. Chris was from the Upper Peninsula (Houghton), Michigan. She worked in a Chicago hosp. prior to enlisting the Army Nurse Corps and was a very talented singer.



2nd Lt. Christine Gasvoda

CAPT. DOROTHY A. GIFFORD

Flight nurse killed in action or in an accident while serving in Vietnam, 11 May, 1964.

1ST LT. BURTAN A. HALL, M.D.

First flight surgeon from the Bowman Field School of Air Evac to be killed in action.

KATHERINE JEANNE TOLEN HARRIS

Born April 13, 1919 in Langdon, ND and later moved with her family to Minneapolis. Graduated from St. Catherine's Hospital School of Nursing in 1939, and entered the Army on May 9, 1941. Had assignments to various locations before completing Bowman's Air Evac School and sailing to England on the Queen Mary. Along with others, was photographed for Look Magazine's July 11, 1944 article "Invasion Heroine: the flying nurse". Received the Air Medal for her flights with the 813th. Continued on active duty after WWII, transferred to the Air Force, flew evac flights from Kelly during the Korean War and resigned as a Major on May 4, 1953. Had married Julius L. Harris in 1951, and elected to become a homemaker and mother. Did a very good job of it. Has been deeply missed by her family and friends since April 25, 1989, when cancer caused this dear lady's death.



Katherine Jeanne Tolen Harris

ALBERT DONALD HAUG, M.D.

Born Dec. 3, 1906 Concordia, Kansas. Died March 19, 1986 at Wenatchee, Wash. Was the CO of the 816th MAES in the ETO. He formulated and perfected a plan for a glider snatch evacuation from inside Germany, across the Rhine R. into France, escorted patients on one of the two gliders.



Albert Donald Haug, M.D.

His Medical Training and history are as follows: Cert. S. 50. b 06 Concordia, Kan. MD Northwest 1934, intern. 1933-34. Res. Surg. 1934-35 (both at St. Luke's Hosp. Chicago). Fell. Surg. (Lahey Clin. Boston) 1935-37. Fell. Surg. Path. (New Eng. Deaconess Hosp.)

1946. Staff Surg. (Deaconess Hosp.) (St. Anthony's Hosp.) (both in Wenatchee). Maj. MC AUS 1942-45. ACS (F). Retired Wenatchee Valley Clin. 9th and Chelan 98801 (206) 663-8711.

2ND LT. JEANNE HERKO

Flight nurse serving with the 814th MAES in the ETO, was killed in action 9 Feb., 1945 while returning to Ramsbury, England from Italy.

2ND LT. ELIZABETH J. HOWREN

Flight nurse from New Castle, Ind., serving with the 807th MAES in Catania, Sicily, was killed in action Feb. 24, 1944 when the C-47 in which she and S/Sgt. William Fitzpatrick were escorting 18 litter patients crashed one hour after take-off in the Sicilian Mts. killing all on board. A friend, Dorothy White remembers the somber ride behind the jeeps carrying the caskets up the hillside to the Military Cemetery near Pontelivia, Sicily — where the American Flag flew at half-mast. As taps sounded on that sunny day, the Mediterranean Sea seemed bluer than ever before. The pain of the loss of a friend lingers still after 45 years. May she never be forgotten.

T/3 JOHN HUDSON

Medical technician, serving in the Pacific Theater disappeared in a thunderstorm flying from Mindoro to Leyte on 12 March 1945.

2nd LT. MARY E. JACKLEY

Flight nurse from Sterling, Ill., who was killed in action in a plane crash in Scotland, while serving with the 813th MAES, 27 July 1944. She is buried in the National Cemetery in Epswich, England. Our sqdn. mourned the loss of a friend. May she rest in our hearts.



L-R: Helen Johnson, MaryBell Fraser, Margaret Galloway, Mary Brown, Jeanne Tolen, Mary E. Jackley, killed in action in plane crash in Scotland July 27, 1944.

LT. ROBERTA T. JILL

Flight nurse during the Korean Conflict, was killed in action 13 July, 1956.

2ND LT. SELMA KAYE

Flight nurse with 818th MAES ETO. She met with a tragic suicide death after WWII. Dear friend of Inez Leland Glass.

2ND LT. ELSIE D. KEASEY

Flight nurse killed in action May, 1944.

CAPT. MARY T. KLINKER

Flight nurse killed April 4, 1975 while evacuating Amerasian children, fathered by military men stationed in Vietnam, on Operation Baby Lift. The babies were enroute to adoptive parents in the U.S.

LT. THELMA LAFAVE

Born 31 July, 1920 in Gagetown, Mich. One of 13 children, graduated from St. Josephs School of Nursing, Pontiac, Mich. Volunteered for active duty in the ANC, 30 Sept., 1942. Graduated from the School of Air Evac at Bowman Fld., Ky., was assigned to the 820th MAES, served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater with Port Moresby, New Guinea as her first base. She was one of the first nurses into Tadjji after D-Day. Was reported as missing in action 25 Jan., 1945 in the Philippines — SOS was heard near Tachloban, Leyte but the plane was never found. She was the first casualty of the 820th and her loss was an emotional time for all — she was well liked and had beautiful expressive blue eyes — they talked for her. May she remain in our hearts forever.



Lt. Thelma Lafave

PFC. WILEY COHN LOGGIN

Killed in action Sept. 26, 1950 while serving in the Korean conflict.

CAPT. SARA E. LONG

Flight nurse killed in action while serving in the Korean Conflict Sept. 26, 1950.

1ST LT. ALEDA E. LUTZ

Born 9 Nov., 1915 in Freeland, Mich., attended Arthur Hill H.S., graduated from Saginaw Gen. Hosp. School of Nursing 1937, joined the ANC at Selfridge Fld. 10 Feb., 1942. Volunteered for flight nurse school and was assigned to the 802nd MAES which was activated before the class graduated and was sent to North Africa. She served through the North African, Tunisian, Sicilian and Southern Italian Campaigns. Was killed in action 1 Nov., 1944



2nd Lt. Selma Kaye



1st Lt. Aleda E. Lutz

on her 196th air evac mission in Southern France while evacuating 15 patients from Luxeuil to Marseilles, France. She is memorialized by having a Hospital Ship, a C-47 air evac plane, Miss Nightingale III (which was donated by the Women's International Bowling Congress, Inc.), the Veteran's Hosp. of Saginaw Co., and the Women's American Legion Post No. 544 all named in her honor. She is buried in an American Cemetery in So. France. Posthumously, she was awarded the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters and the DFC for "outstanding proficiency and selfless devotion to duty."

1ST LT. VIRGINIA McCLURE

Flight nurse killed in action while serving in the Korean Conflict Dec. 22, 1952.

T/3 WILLIAM M. McMULLEN

Flight technician killed in action July 1945.

2ND LT. KATHERINE SHAFER MAYHUE

Flight nurse who graduated from Bowman Field 14 April 1944, was assigned to the 823rd MAES doing continental air evac until sent to the Pacific with the 830th stationed at Hickam Field. Married after the war and they had two children, Dorothy and Alan. Was instrumental in helping to obtain addresses for WWIIFNA roster.



2nd Lt. Katherine Shafer Mayhue

2ND LT. BEATRICE MEMLER

Flight nurse with the 804th MAES, killed in action with a plane load of 40 patients off the island of Mindanao, Philippines, 1945, just before the war ended. The plane went into a mountain possibly due to poor visibility and everyone perished. She was one of 5 flight nurses lost in the 804th and 820th squadrons which were near each other. She is posing in front of wrecked Japanese fighter plane in New Guinea. The metal from these cockpits were used by the enlisted men to make watch bands and they bolted flight wings onto them.



2nd Lt. Beatrice Memler

SGT. RALPH MOWRY

Medical technician with the 804th MAES, missing in action 6 March, 1944 on a flight from Nadzab in the Pacific to Saidor South West Pacific.



Sgt. Ralph Mowry

This 21 year old young man planned to become a doctor after the war and was engaged to be married. His death was a real loss to that which makes up America.

LT. LILLIAN L. MUELLER

Flight nurse killed in action or in an accident while serving in Vietnam, July 13, 1956.

2ND LT. GERDA MULACK

Flight nurse serving in the South West Pacific area with the 804th MAES, evacuating the wounded from the front lines to field hospitals, was killed in action in New Guinea 5 March, 1944. She hailed from Newburgh, NY and was on a routine mission from Nadzab to Saidor, stopping off at Finachafen, loaded supplies and took off encountering bad weather. Permission to land was granted and they were never heard from again.



Left to Right: Gerda and fox hole buddies Dottie Swanson and Leona Lund.

JEAN LAUBER NORSTROM

Was born in Birmingham, Ala. 29 Aug., 1918 in the South Highlands Infirmary from which she graduated as a R.N. 1943. Appointed as a Red Cross Nurse, joined ANC Apr. 26, 1943. Was assigned to the Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., where she applied for air evac training at Bowman Field, graduating Apr. 1944. Assigned to the 814th MAES attached to 437th TCG in ETO. Was based at Ramsbury, England; flew from England, France, Italy and to the U.S. by way of the Azores and Newfoundland, with a total of 509 combat hrs. Overseas 18 mos., attained rank of 1st Lt., was discharged at Ft. Sheridan, Ill. 21 Dec., 1945 working at the Miami (nautilus) V.A. hosp. Married Milton D. Norstrom in Chicago 18 Jan., 1947, they have two sons, Scott and James and two grandchildren. Worked at Field's Medical Center in Blue Island, Ill. for 12 yrs. She passed away Feb. 1988.



Jean Lauber Norstrom. Milt and Jean

SGT. ROBERT OLIVER

Medical technician serving in the SWP, disappeared along with another tech and flight nurse on a flight from Pelalieu to Leyte, Jan. 1945.

1ST LT. MARGARET F. PERRY

Flight nurse killed in action while serving in the Korean Conflict Dec. 22, 1952.

2ND LT. CATHERINE PRICE

Flight nurse assigned to the 817th MAES, killed in action July 1944 between Iceland and Newfoundland with a load of 18 litter patients. Was on a Trans-Atlantic flight in a C-54. Awarded the Air Medal posthumously. Katie was from North Liberty, Indiana, did general duty at Harper Hosp. in Detroit, Mich. prior to enlisting in the Army Nurse Corps.

THE LAST MERCY PLANE

By Alice Fraser in memory of Catherine Price

One of the stars in our service flag has turned from blue to gold. A nurse's cap has been laid aside, God gave



2nd Lt. Catherine Price

her a crown to hold.
 She offered her life for her country, just as every American should;
 She sat by the cot of the wounded, their suffering she understood.
 She traveled thru miles of terror, she wiped the tear-filled eyes;
 She silently prayed for her wounded boys, as she flew the darkened sky.
 And the boys on board that mercy plane, had faith in her gentle hand.
 But why it had to be Catherine, we may never understand.
 When we talk of the brave and courageous, we naturally think of the men
 But our girls are winning a star and a stripe, when they offer their life for a friend.
 Our girls can take their orders, and they can lift up our flags.
 And after this war is over, may their sacrifice make things right.

JEAN MOORE RICHMANN

Was a TWA Hostess prior to enlisting in the ANC Aug. 1943. Graduated from Bowman Field School of Air Evac., serving with the 812th MAES in the Pacific Theater based at Hickam Fld., Hawaii. Married Herbert Richmann upon her return to Illinois, they had a daughter and son. She died of cancer in 1971. We miss her.



L-R: Marion Clark Dubbs and Jean Moore Richmann

T/3 JOHN H. SALMI

Medical technician from Glendale, Calif., who was killed in action in a plane crash in Scotland 27 July, 1944 while serving with the 813th MAES. He was killed in the same crash as Mary H. Jackley, flight nurse.

SGT. JULIUS MACK SATTERFIELD

Was a college student working as Dir. of Winston Salem, NC Boys Club and married to Grace Boyd, R.N. in 1942 when he enlisted in AAF, was sent to boot camp at Keesler Fld., received Radio Operator training at Scott Fld. After graduation, sent to CBI with 2nd TCS in Yankai, China. Sent to Dinjan, India for food dropping mission for operation "Gallahad,"



Sgt. Julius Mack Satterfield

code name for Merrills Mauraunders. Earned DFC with cluster, Air Medal with 2 clusters, Asiatic Ribbon with 2 bronze stars, India-Burma Ribbon with 2 battle stars, Purple Heart and the Chinese War Medal with Wings, posthumously. On one mission, he heard Jap fighters on the radio and went forward to warn the pilot. As he bent over to talk, enemy fire struck him in the back killing him instantly. His body protected the pilot, who was injured seriously. The AAF knew him as a soldier — we knew him as a hero.

2ND LT. "DOLLY" WILMA VINSANT SHEA

Born in the Rio Grande Valley to Dr. and Mrs. W.J. Vinsant 20 Feb., 1917. Due to her small size and doll like features was called "Dolly". Her formative years were spent in San Benito, Tx. which was known as a new frontier. It was a time of struggle for the residents. The environment and her family helped instill in her the traits of inner strength and caring. Graduated from John Sealy Hosp. in Galveston, Texas, putting her skills to work with Braniff Airlines as a flight attendant. Joined the Army Nurse Corps, graduated from the first flight nurse class at Bowman Field, Ky. Feb. 1943. Spent 2 years in ETO with 806 MAES in the midst of combat, evacuating wounded soldiers from the battlefields to hospitals behind the lines. 16 Jan., 1945 married Maj. Walter Shea, AF Navigator from Bronx, NY. April 14, 1945, Maj. Shea learned his wife of 4 months had been killed in action over Germany. She is the only woman buried in the U.S. Cemetery in Margarten, Holland. Her heroism earned her an Air Medal, Red Cross Medal, a Special Citation from Pres. Harry Truman and Purple Heart. The Dolly Vinsant Mem. Hosp. in San Benito bears her name.



2nd Lt. "Dolly" Wilma Vinsant Shea

SGT. FRANK SORRELS

Medical technician killed in action while transporting patients aboard a C-54 on a Trans-Atlantic flight to Iceland. The entire crew was lost. Frank was assigned to the 816th



L-R, Back Row: Cpl. Harry Boggs, Hubert McMahan, Joe T. Brawner, Fred R. Souney. Front Row, L-R: Elmer Cox, Frank Sorrels, killed in action, Aaron Kagen. Kneeling: Malcolm Williams.

MAES but was on TDY to the 817th at the time of the accident.

SGT. FOSTER JUNIOR STEELE

Medical technician killed in action while serving in Korea, 26 Sept., 1950.

T/3 ARTHUR D. STEINER

Medical technician killed in action Feb. 1945.

LEORA STROUP

Brought up around Cleveland, Ohio, died Feb. 13, 1985 at the age of 84 due to complications due to diabetes. She was one of the founders of The School of Air Evacuation at Bowman Field, Ky. serving as Assistant Plans and Training Officer there. An avid flyer, she had 100 hours of solo flying time to her credit. Prior to her military service, served as a vocational nursing supervisor in Detroit, Michigan and on the teaching staff of Wayne University. Formed the first chapter of Aerial Nurses Corps in the state of Michigan.



Leora Stroup

After WWII, volunteered for Public Health Nursing in Korea serving 18 months under Gen. Arthur McArthur. Due to failing health, she went to Cleveland to live with her sister, Olive A. Hay and apparently returned to college. Founder of a Nursing School at Fort Hays State College which later became Fort Hays State University and is one of the seven universities in the state of Kansas. For three months, she was the only instructor of the college — later she became its head, a position which she retained until her retirement in 1971. In 1981 a nursing building at the college was dedicated in her memory and named the Stroup Hall. She married late in life and her husband predeceased her.

CAPT. CAROLYN M. WAGNER

Flight nurse killed in action or in an accident while serving in Vietnam 11 May, 1964.

2ND LT. MILDRED W. WALLACE

Flight nurse killed in action 30 Jan., 1944.

1ST LT. GRAYOE E. YOUNG

Flight nurse killed in action or in an accident while serving in Vietnam 26 Oct., 1956.

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