



My service career began on March 20, 1943 at the Muroc Army Air Base in California, and ended with my retirement from the Air Force Reserve in 1974. During World War II I attended the School of Air Evacuation and became a flight nurse, which led to an overseas assignment in England.

While stationed in England my Air Evacuation Squadron (the 815<sup>th</sup>) was assigned to the 435th Troup Carrier Group. This led to a most memorable experience. We were present at a historical time. We watched the C47s as they flew in formation in preparation for their flight to France and the invasion on June 6, 1944. We all had friends on those planes, and we prayed for the safety of all the men, both paratroopers and crews. I was also assigned to the flight line, to care for injured crew members on their return.

After the invasion we evacuated injured service men from France to England, and after December of 1944 we were in Paris, where we flew service men to New York. After a few months I was assigned to a base in Naples, Italy, from which we flew service men to Casablanca en route to the United States.

I was discharged in 1945, and later joined an Army Reserve Unit, the 302<sup>nd</sup> Field Hospital, which was recalled during the Korean War. We were stationed with the Airborne at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. Taking care of the young paratroopers could be fun, but the polio cases we had at that time were tragic. I transferred to Maxwell AFB and the Air Force in 1950. There I cared for women and children until my discharge in 1953, after which I joined the Air Force Reserve, obtained a degree in Public Health Nursing, and retired from the Air Force Reserve as Chief Nurse of the 36<sup>th</sup> Medical Service Squadron.

I married George Papp in 1962, and had two step daughters. We lived happily in Chicago until George's death in 1985. I now live in a great retirement community.

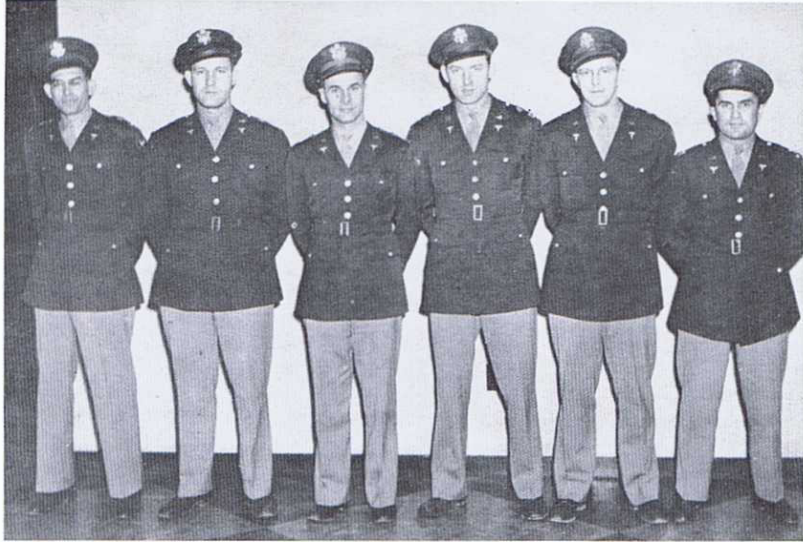
The camaraderie of the service is special. My best friends have been my nurse friends from the service, and I am a member of the Society of Air Force Nurses and the WW II Flight Nurse Association.

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