WORLD WAR II NURSE BOOKS
Books by & about WWII military nurses, mostly overseas
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Most of these books are out-of-print but available through the Inter-Library Loan Dept. of local & university libraries, and for purchase from online used-book dealers.

Abbreviations:

ANC=Army Nurse Corps
ARC=American Red Cross
ASG=Auxiliary Surgical Group
CBI=China Burma India
EH=Evacuation Hospital
FH=Field Hospital
GH=General Hospital
MAES=Military Air Evacuation Squadron
NNC=Navy Nurse Corps
POW=Prisoner of war
SH=Station Hospital
VRE=Air Transport Evacuation Squadron


Red Cross workers on Trans-Iranian Railroad. Iran, Egypt, mentions 19th SH, 30th SH, 113th SH, 38th SH, 21st SH. (Also see Korson)

Hawaii, 148th GH, ANC history pre & post WWII.

Alaska, Canada, Philippines, 133rd GH.

Baltzo, D. *Celebrating Women In WWII, or When Was The Honeymoon*. 1993.
Nurse cartoons.

Thorough history, many personal stories, worldwide.

Puerto Rico, & stateside during WWII, Navy flight nurse post war.

817th MAES Army flight nurse Europe.

USS Solace, USS Samaritan, USS Bountiful, USS Comfort, Philippines, 2nd GH, 48th Surgical, 95th EH, 38th EH, 33rd FH, 153rd SH, 140th GH, VRE-1, 807th MAES, (Also see Archard, Peto, Haskell, Harper, Fessler.)

England, 67th GH. Very good descriptions of patients’ wounds and care.


Young readers, Albania. (Also see Abbott, Mangerich, et al.)

African-American nurse, 103rd EH, England, France, 159th SH, 181st GH, CBI, 75th FH, Saipan, Okinawa. (Also see Graves, Collins.)


Daly, H.C. “Pat”. *The U.S.S. Solace Was There*. CA, 1991. Navy hospital ship at Pearl Harbor attack & Worldwide. (Also see Cooper, Fessler, Godson.)

Danner, Dorothy Still. *What A Way To Spend A War, Navy Nurse POWs in the Philippines*. 1995. Memoir, Philippines. (Also see Fessler)

Difford, Floramund Fellmeth. *An Angel's Illustrated Journal. It has taken sixty years to explain why she was On the Mactan and not a prisoner.* 2005. Philippines, Australia, SS Mactan. (Also see Korson).

Dobie, Kathryn S. *Her War, American Women in WWII.* 2003. Excerpts of memoirs of military & civilians, 300th GH, 95th EH, 48th SH, 67th EH, 10th FH.


Flanagan, E. M. *Angels At Dawn, The Los Banos Raid.* 1999. Philippines, Navy nurses rescued. (Also see Henderson.)

Flikke, Julia O. *Nurses in Action, The Story of the Army Nurse Corps.* 1943.


Godson, Susan H. *Serving Proudly, A History of Women In The U.S. Navy.* 2001. (Also see Herman, Sterner.)


Gruhzit-Hoyt, Olga. *They Also Served: American Women In World War II.* 1995. Nurses in Hawaii, Philippines, Tinian, Middle East, CBI, Europe, diary of flight nurse as a POW in Germany.


Hager, Alice Rogers, *Wings For the Dragon: The Air War in Asia.* 1945. Journalist writes about CBI, 73rd EH, 20th GH, 803rd MAES, includes flight nurse’s parachute jump in China. (Also see Mosely.)


Henderson, Bruce. *Rescue at Los Banos, The Most Daring Prison Camp Raid of World War II.* 2015. Includes Navy nurses, camp roster, Philippines. (Also see Flanagan.)

Herman, Jan K. *Battle Station Sick Bay: Navy Medicine in World War II.* 1997. Oral histories of nurses, doctors, corpsmen, etc. worldwide. (Also see Godson, Oman, Sterner.)


Kielar, Eugenia M. *Thank You Uncle Sam, Letters of a World War II Army Nurse from North Africa and Italy*. 1987. 67th General Hospital. (Also see Smith.)


Lampier, Audrey. *This Is It, a Story of the 119th Station Hospital*. Army nurse, New Guinea.


807th MAES Albania. (See also Abbott, Mangerich, Gay, Braun, Fessler, Thruelson.)


Macdougall, Walter M. *Angel of Bataan, The Life Of A World War II Army Nurse In The War Zone And At Home.* 2015. Philippines POW Alice Zwicker, 119th SH.


All This Hell, *U.S. Nurses Imprisoned by the Japanese.* 2000. 

Army & Navy nurses in Philippines. 


North Africa and Europe Theaters. 

Moseley, Esther Baer. *Lady, Don’t Stop Here, The True Story of a Young Woman’s Adventures As An Air Evacuation Nurse in the Army Air Corps of WWII.* 1988. CBI, 803rd MAES, includes story of flight nurse parachuting in China. (Also see Hager.) 


18th GH, Fiji and Assam, India. 


Army and Navy nurses, Santo Tomas, Los Banos. 


Yearbook of Army flight nurses, training and overseas. 


Philippines, Baguio, POWs. 

Angels On Board, *Heroic flight nurses of World War II.* 2015. 

Army & Navy flight nurses, worldwide. 


Redmond, Juanita. *I Served on Bataan*. 1943.
Philippines, escaped before nurses were captured. (Also see Jopling, Russell.)


Japanese-American nurses join Cadet Nurse program.


Story of Hortense McKay, ANC. Philippines, Australia, New Guinea, 126th GH. (Also see Jopling, Redmond.)

Through Vietnam War.
Volume 2, through 2000.

North Africa, Italy 56th EH. (Also see Collins.)

Stateside, & SS *Marigold* in Yokohama bringing POWs out of Japan at war's end. (Also see Massman.)


Stevens, Michael E. *Women Remember the War 1941-1945, Voices of the Wisconsin Past*. 1993. Australia, India, 44th GH.


Thompson, Dorothy Davis. *The Road Back, A Pacific POW’s Liberation Story*. 1996. Pre-war & Post-war Philippines, 49th GH. (See Weigand.)


Tubbs, Lucille Rosedale. *Nursing at a Shuttle Bombing Base, Russia 1944*. Poltava. (also see Fessler)


Williams, Winnie S. *I Have A Story To Tell*. U.S., Philippines, post war ANC career.


Recommended books not in Fessler collection:


Books published by the Center Of Military History, U.S. Army:

Condon-Rall, Mary Ellen, and Cowdrey, Albert E. *Medical Department: Medical Service in the War Against Japan*. 1998.


**ADJUNCT BOOKS:**


Bridges, Jean Johnson. *Stand In For A Soldier, A WAC Remembers Service During World War II.* 1997.


Carpenter, Iris. *No Woman’s World.* 1946. Female war correspondent in Europe, 91st EH, 12th FH, 5th GH.


Giles, Donald T. Jr. *Captive of the Rising Sun.* 1994. POW memoirs of Rear Admiral Donald T. Giles, captured on Guam Dec. 8, 1941, and 4 years in Japan POW camp. Includes 5 Navy nurses, sent to Japan POW camp, then repatriated on neutral ship S/S *Griphsolm.* Chapter Notes should be read.


Maisel, Albert Q. *Miracles of Military Medicine.* 1944.
5 Navy nurses included.

Europe, Battalion surgeon, 550th AAA-AW & 30th FH.

British nurse author tells of nurses of the United Kingdom.

American family POWs in Los Banos, Philippines.


Author became Director of the Navy School of Air Evacuation in 1944.


Seagraves, Gordon S. *Burma Surgeon.* 1943.
*Burma Surgeon Returns.* 1946. Doctor in CBI.


Women war correspondents.


Civilian memoir.


France, Germany, 100th Inf. Div.

Well-written diary. (See Kennedy.)

*Since You Asked, Arizona Veterans Share Their Memories*. Cave Creek, AZ, Cactus 