World War II Nurse Books

WORLD WAR II NURSE BOOKS
Books by & about WWII military nurses, mostly overseas

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.

Alphabetical by author
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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

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Aye, Lillian. *Iran Caboose*. 1952. Red Cross workers on Trans-Iranian Railroad. Iran, Egypt, Mentions 19th SH, 30th SH, 113th SH, 38th SH, 21st SH. (Also see Korson)


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.


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.)

Haskell, Ruth G. *Helmets and Lipstick*. 1944. 
North Africa, 48th Surg. Hosp. (Also see Archard.)


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.)


Army and Navy nurses worldwide.

Stories of WWII including Army nurse in England.

Army and Navy, flight, hospital ships, worldwide

Youth Fiction.


Philippines escape, Flight Nurse, 801st MAES, Pacific, (Also see Russell, Redmond.)

802nd MAES, Flight nurse, North Africa, Italy, France.

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.)

Mentions 153rd SH, 171st EH, 10th EH, 14th EH, 73rd EH, 20th GH, 16th EH, 38th EH, 95th EH, 12th GH, 26th GH, Mactan. Worldwide. (Also see Aye.)


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


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.


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.)


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. See Moore, Szecsy.


New Hebrides, New Guinea, Philippines, Germany, England, France, Italy, North Africa, Okinawa, New Caledonia, USS Consolation, CBI, India, Japan, 81st FH.

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

Through Vietnam War.

Schwartz, Doris R. *My Fifty Years in Nursing*. 1995. Stateside, & *SS Marigold* in Yokohama bringing POWs out of Japan at war’s end. (Also see Massman.)


Sterner, Doris M. *In And Out Of Harm’s Way, A History Of The Navy Nurse Corps*. 1996. Comprehensive. 2 chapters for WWII. (See Fessler, Herman & Godson.)

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


Szeczy, Elsie M. *Cadet Nurse Corps in Arizona, A History of Service*. 2016. Also see Moore, Robinson.


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:**
Charleston, Helen Geisler. *Remembering the Winged Angels of WWII.* Kindle.
McWilliams, Tennant S. *The Chaplain’s Conflict, Good and Evil in a War Hospital, 1943-1945.* 2012. 102nd EH, European theater. (also online: History of the 102d Evacuation Hospital – https://history.amedd.army.mil/booksdocs/wwii/bulge/102dehhistory.pdf)

**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 Gripsholm. Chapter Notes should be read.


O’Connor, Mary. *Flying Mary O’Connor, The Story of a Pioneer Stewardess*. 1961. Author became Director of the Navy School of Air Evacuation in 1944.

*Burma Surgeon Returns*. 1946. Doctor in CBI.
France, Germany, 100th Inf. Div.