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**Denver, Colorado Unit**

Transcript of an Oral History Reminiscence

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PREFACE

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| **E** |  | **MARJORIE UARNER**  **Denver Unit** |
| **4** | **MU:** | **This is Tape No. E From the Denver Unit. My name is Marjorie Uarner, and I joined the Denver Unit of WOSL in** |
|  |  | **1971. I was president From 1974 until 1976, and I ’ve** |
| **B** |  | **been president since 198E. I was a member oF the Army** |
|  |  | **Nurse Corps. I Joined in 1949, and retired in 1971.** |
| **B** |  | **During my nurse’s training, I was a member oF the Cadet** |
|  |  | **Nurse Corps, and decided when I graduated that I would** |
| **10** |  | **pay back the Army For the money they gave me For my** |
|  |  | **nurse’s training; and oF course, I joined also For the** |
| **1E** |  | **adventure oF it.** |
|  |  | **Prior to enlistment, I went to Junior college one year,** |

14 and worked at various Jobs such as grocery store, drug store— that type oF thing.

16 During the service, I did general duty and then the Army sent me to Finish my bachelor’s degree and I went into

18 teaching; and did mostly surgical-type nursing in my general duty. I was supervisor at a couple oF hospitals,

SO and then went back into teaching; and then I was Director oF the Critical Nurse Corps, which is equivalent to the

EE Civilian Practical Nurse Corps. My last duty assignment prior to retirement— I was Assistant ChieF Nurse at

S4 Fitzsimmons when Rita Geis, who did Tape No. 1, was ChieF Nurse.

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26 During my twenty-two years in the Nurse Corps, I had many, varied assignments; although stateside I was only

28 stationed at Brook General Hospital, and later, Brook Army Medical Center and Fitzsimmons in Colorado. Then

30 the Army sent me to complete my bachelor’s degree; and then sent me For my master’s degree in nursing.

32 My overseas assignments were Germany, Puerto Rico For two years Cl enjoyed that— great climate), and during war

34 time: Well, I guess I shouldn’t say war time, either. During the ’conFlicts,” I was stationed in Korea and in

36 Uietnam.

During my length oF service, I lived in various types oF

38 housing; nurses’ quarters, quonset huts, and also oF course, lived oFF post. Our uniForm dress varied From

40 pinks and greens, Fatigues, and probably the poorest— in which most people looked not very well— was the uniForm

42 designed by Hattie Carnegie.

During my Army Nurse Corps career, CoF course many, many

44 memorable experiences), I think probably one I remember most, Cvividly, anyway, and not a particularly memorable

46 except that— well, it was memorable, too) was that during our intake oF casualties, I was going to take a young

48 man’s blood pressure and reached under the covers For one arm, and the young man had no arm. So I reached For the

50 other arm, under the covers, and the young man had no extremity on that side. I think that probably was a very

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5B shacking experience to me, and I still remember it. During Uietnam, uie tack the M.U.S.C. Hospital Cthe

1. **Medical Unit, Self—Contained) down to the Delta, and of course, that was an interesting experience.**
2. **Comparing service careers then with the present: That’s kind of difficult to do because I’ve been away from it**

58 for so long now that I ’m really not that knowledgeable on the service; except that back then I think there was a

50 little more togetherness. But I think some of this could be attributed to the fact that back then, most of us

62 lived on post, and now personnel can live off post. Probably more men now than we had serving.

64 As far as adjustment is concerned, I don’t think I really had any adjustment. Nurses training was a rather

66 disciplined area, and we lived with different peoples, regulations; so I don’t think we had any kind of

68 adjustment, particularly.

As I stated, I retired in 1871, and shortly after that I

70 took a real estate course and found out that really wasn’t my thing. I did some volunteer work, golfing,

72 that type of thing. I have enjoyed being a member D f

UIDSL, I think basically because of the association with

74 friends and acquaintances. I’ve met many new people, not only in our own unit, but at our conventions, so it has

76 been very worth while for me.

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This concludes Tape No. From the Denver Unit.

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