The Army Nurse during the recent war was at work in every quarter of the globe, serving on land, on the sea in hospital ships and in the air, evacuating the wounded near her place. Because of the rough conditions under which she frequently served, she was not quite so fashionable and yet dispensed, to purity, unsullied by the field and to a莱世 blood, whatever women had done since time immemorial was often necessary, because the French Nightingales of this war served in armed combat almost from the first. Several, in fact, gave their lives in the line of duty. Six nurses were killed in the hospital of a field on the Asiatic battlefield. An Army hospital ship, the first of six similar vessels, has been named in honor of one of these heroic women, Lucretia B. Sargent, an Army general's daughter. The town of Chicago has been named for the first.

Below: Music plays a substantial part in the wounded fighting at a general hospital in France. Army Nurses were on duty only a few hours after Yozu landed.

Decorations meted out to the gallant nurses included one Distinguished Service Cross awarded to Col. Florence A. Blanchfield, Superintendent of the ANC, who was promoted to the rank of major general from first lieutenant's few hundred to more than 15,000; two Distinguished Flying Medals of Merit; five Silver Stars; 15 Bronze Stars; 393 Air Medals and 329 citations of commendations.

Among those receiving the Silver Star were three members of the ANC who were cited for their coolness and efficiency during a concentrated shelling of a field hospital area during action on the Fifth Army's Anzio-Nettuno beachhead. Despite the fact that several nurses were killed and many other military personnel wounded, they were right with their work of mercy. Power lines were cut and the doctors and nurses tended and evacuated the wounded by flak-laden trucks.

Even when danger from the enemy was not acutely in itself, Army Nurses frequently suffered privations and hardships in order to bring comfort to the fighting forces. They lived in tents in the midst of winter, they washed and did their laundry in tents, they struggled with tropical jungles. Through it all, they kept smiling, fully the Army and in their presence very a present with the lore of that which was often less than pleasant.

In addition to the medical care which members of the ANC gave to American soldiers, their service extended to wounded of tragically displaced warships which were forced to leave their home port.

Many suffered from lack of medicine, of clothing, of ammunition and Army nurses used what help they could in handling that public care.

Not all nurses served on shore. Thousands were stationed on hospital ships at home, on the coast, the Mediterranean and who were wounded or ill.