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During war and peacetime, military nurses tended to the medical needs of the United States Armed Forces stateside, overseas, and on the front lines. This presentation will provide brief histories of the Navy Nurse Corps and Army Nurse Corps, useful finding aids, and how to request records. The Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) of Army and Air Force Nurses may have been lost, burned, or damaged in the 1973 National Personnel Records Center fire.

Fortunately, the National Archives at St. Louis houses non-OMPF records that may supplement the deficit the fire caused. The National Archives collection of Navy Nurse Corps and Army Nurse Corps records contain genealogy rich content of place and date of birth, photographs, handwritten letters and typed correspondence to friends and families, awards and citations earned, job duties, facts pertaining to death in service/killed in action, and beneficiaries.
Anna Csar graduated with a Bachelor's in History and minor in Anthropology from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and has worked for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) since 2012. She is an Expert Archives Technician at the National Personnel Records Center and is currently cross-training in archival reference at the National Archives, St. Louis. She is a subject matter expert on Navy and Army Nurse Corps military personnel records.
America's Military Made the Call: Hello Nurses!

Anna Csar, Archival Reference Technician
National Archives at St. Louis
Civilian Nurses in Federal Service

• Worked for the Department of the Navy/Army/War/VA, etc.

• Public Health Service could be both
  • Cadet Nurse Corps*
  • To request records of civilian nurses in federal service, contact:

National Archives at St. Louis
Attn: RL-SL
P.O. Box 38961
St. Louis, MO 63138

*available at NARA on Ancestry.com
Brief History of the Nurse Corps

- Army Nurse Corps was established in 1901 as a permanent corps of the Medical Department
- Navy Nurse Corps was established in 1908 as a part of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
  - The Sacred Twenty were the first members of the Navy Nurse Corps.
- At the beginning of the United States Nurse Corps, nurses were not considered much more than uniformed civilians, but by WWI, they were invaluable to the Armed Forces.
- The American Red Cross* recruited nurses in WWI and WWII
  - Military – Navy, Army, & Air Force
  - Civilian – private sector and federal

*available at NARA on Ancestry.com
Brief History of the Nurse Corps

- In 1920, Army nurses were made officers with relative rank starting with 2nd Lieutenant
- In 1942, Navy nurses were made officers with relative rank starting with Ensign
- Army Air Force had its first class of flight nurses graduate in 1943
- Navy had its first class of flight nurses graduate in 1944.
- The Air Force Nurse Corps officially separated from the ANC in 1949
- In 1955, the ANC and AFNC accepted males; 1964 for NNC
Brief History of the Nurse Corps

- Racially segregated until 1948 – Executive Order 9981
- The Army Nurse Corps only had 14 Native Americans during WWI
- The Army Nurse Corps started appointing black nurses during WWI and by WWII there were thousands
- The Navy Nurse Corps started appointing black nurses during WWII, but there were only four:
  - Phyllis Mae Daley Hanson, Ensign SN 434250
  - Edith Mazie Devoe, Ensign SN 466726
  - Helen Fredericka Turner Rogers, Ensign SN 460932
  - Eula Loucille Stimley, Ensign SN 460911
The 1973 Fire at the National Personnel Records Center

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• The records on Army Nurses were the second largest in bulk (next to Commissioned Officers) in the 201/Personnel files category for the World War I period.

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*2017 Virtual Genealogy Fair, Session 4 video
Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF)

- Always request an OMPF first

- If Army/Army Air Force/Air Force, the file may not have been damaged at all.
  - If the file was damaged or affected by the fire, you will be notified.

- Because of the rolling accession date, more OMPFs become archival each day.
  - The accessioned files are records of military service members whose date of separation from service was at least 62 years ago.

- Note: Non-accessioned records are subject to access restrictions imposed under Department of Defense Privacy Act rules.
OMPFs may contain:

- Military Service Dates
- Disciplinary Action(s)
- Character of Service
- Promotions and Reductions
- Oaths and Appointments
- Duty Stations and Assignments
- Awards/Letters of Commendation
- Foreign or Sea Service
- Military Schooling and Training
- Photographs
- Discharge or Separation Document
  - DD Form 214, Report of Separation, was not used until January 1, 1950.
Navy OMPF - Enlisted

- An index of enlisted records for WWI and Pre-WWII
  - National Archives catalog
  - Full Name, Date of Birth, and Date of Enlistment
- Navy Nurses during WWI may not have had an enlisted OMPF unlike most enlisted Yeomanettes
Navy OMPF - Officer


May contain:

- Appointments/Oaths of Service/Resignations
- Fitness/Efficiency reports
  - Could list where a nurse was stationed
- Telegrams and correspondence
- Photographs
What if the OMPF is not archival?

The Freedom of Information Act allows the release of certain non-archival record documents and information which is transcribed, photocopied, or a combination of both, in order to comply with your request.

- Name
- Branch of Service and Serial/Service Number(s)
- Dates of Service
- Duty Status
- Rank/Grade
- Source of Commission
- Assignments & Geographical Locations
- Military Education
- Decorations and Awards
- Photographs
- Place of Entry and Separation

If veteran is deceased:
- Place of Birth
- Date of Death
- Location of Death
- Place of Burial
How can you request an OMPF?

• Standard Form 180
  • If the record is potentially fire-related, NA Form 13075 will allow for additional information needed for record reconstruction.

• Certain Persons of Exceptional Prominence (PEPs) are on the NARA catalog.

NNC Lt. Ruth W. Tempero, SN 231889, Navy OMPF

NNC Ensign Susan M Levine, SN 712898

Colonel Ruby Bradley, SN N-702770, ANC, OMPF

Captain Mary T Klinker, AFNC, OMPF
Navy Nurse Corps
Professional Jackets
RG 52 Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

- AKA “Navy Pro Jackets”
- As of August 2018, newest accession at the National Archives at St. Louis
- Date range: 1908–1950s
- Very similar to Navy Officer OMPFs
  - There may even be crossover
- Contain personnel documents of nurses serving in the Navy Nurse Corps
- Dates of service and type of discharge on front side of personnel jacket
Navy Pro Jackets

May contain:

• Applications for Appointment
  • Civilian education
  • Prior military service
  • Federal service

• Title (Reserve Nurse/Chief Nurse/Nurse/Flight Nurse, etc.)

• Service Number (may have been retroactively given)

• Health Surveys and Physicals

Eleanor M. Chin Schwartz Navy Pro Jacket

Ethel Jean McCormack Navy Pro Jacket
Navy Pro Jackets

May contain:

- Training Cards
- Officer Personnel Data / Professional Qualifications Record Cards
- Nursing Organizations

Clara Snedgrass Schwartz Navy Pro Jacket

Lou Willa Waunita Harriman King, SN 241241, Navy Pro Jacket
Navy Pro Jackets

- Appointments/Oaths of Service/Resignations
- Stations while in service, mailing addresses before and after service
- Fitness/Efficiency reports
- Hand written letters and typed correspondence from the veterans and the Navy Nurse Corps
- Addresses of Next of Kin and Beneficiaries

Ensign Donna Bell Swaney Scoggin, SN 171258, Navy Pro Jacket
Navy Pro Jacket

- Birth, marriage, and baptism records

Certificate of Birth

Of
Clara Isabelle Snodgrass

Date of Birth: January 29, 1923
Sex: Female

Place of Birth: 1463 Avenue H, Beaumont, Texas

Name of Father: Thomas Burton Snodgrass

Birthplace: Spartanburg, South Carolina

Age of Father: 45

Social Security Number of Father: 3

Military Service: None

Social Security Number: None

Age of Mother: 47

Social Security Number of Mother: 2

Military Service: None

Social Security Number: None

Number of Children Born to this Mother Including Present Birth: 2

Profession: Attendees

J. A. J. B. M.

Date of Report: January 31, 1923
Registration Number: 66

Issued by the Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Beaumont, Texas, 1923

7th day of March, 1945

Mary I. Richardson

N.B.: This report must be preserved.


Above and middle: Certificate of Birth and Marriage License of Clara Snodgrass Schwartz Navy Pro Jacket.
Navy Pro Jackets

- May contain photographs

Ensign Katherine Emilie Scobaria, SN 288198, NNC Pro Jacket

Ensign Marie Schwartz, SN 232045, NNC Pro Jacket

Ensign Nina Klemenok, SN 325437, NNC Pro Jacket

Ensign D B S Scoggin, SN 171258, NNC Pro Jacket

Ensign Nina Klemenok, SN 325437, NNC Pro Jacket

Ensign Eleanor M. Chin Schwartz, SN 232141, NNC Pro Jacket

Lou Willa Waunita Harriman King, SN 241241, NNC Pro Jacket

Nurse Nora Reardon, NNC Pro Jacket

Nurse Esther Klein, NNC Pro Jacket

Lt. Commander Ethel McCormack, SN 64326, NNC Pro Jacket
VA Master Index File

- Name(s) – Maiden/Married/Remarried
- Address
- Service number if applicable
- Dates of birth, death
- Branch of service, unit, rank
- Entrance and discharge dates
- VA claim (C/XC) number
  - C means Claim
  - XC means Deceased Claim
- Information can lead to other records
  - Deceased Veterans Claim File
  - Return of the Nurse Corps
  - Official Military Personnel File
  - Navy Pro Jacket

Handout: VA Master Index File Codes & Prefixes
VA Master Index File

- RG 15 Department of Veterans Affairs
- NAID 76193916
- Contains cards for more than 34 million veterans in both the Prior Wars - 1940 and World War II through 1972
- Prior Wars available in the Public Research Room and on familysearch.org
- WWII microfilm is available to the public by request only
Service Number - Army

- Prior to 1918, enlisted service numbers were not issued
- Prior to 1922, officer service numbers were not issued
- Prefix A, N, or AN
  - MN for Male Officers of the Army Nurse Corps
- Enlisted SN has 7-8 digits
- Officer SN has 3-7 digits

Example snippet of an Army Officer Register List: Captain Adolpha M. Meyer, SN N-732164, was from St. Louis, MO, and was a POW in the Philippines during WWII.

Service number finding aids and primary sources:
- VA Master Index File
- U.S., Select Military Registers, Army*
- Deceased Veterans Claims (XC Files)
- Nurse’s Medical Cards 1912–1939
- World War II Army Nurse Cards

*available at NARA on Ancestry.com
World War II Army Nurse Cards
NAID 4693991

- Indexed as of July 10, 1944
- May contain:
  - Name
  - Service number
  - Rank
  - Address
  - Name changes
- When requesting, give all surnames known.
- Not all Army nurses who served in WWII will be in this series
Service Number - Navy

- Prior to 1919 service numbers not given to Naval personnel
- Prefix or Suffix N or W
- Enlisted SN has 7 digits
- Officer SN has 5-6 digits
- May be found on ancestry.com under [Navy Register: Officers of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps]*
  - There may be a designator number listed
  - Navy Nurse Corps officer designator numbers start with 290X (2900, 2903, etc.)

*available at NARA on Ancestry.com
Nurse’s Medical Cards 1912–1939

- Department of the Army, Office of the Adjutant General
- Microfilm available for use in the Public Research Room
- Excellent auxiliary record for ANC Official Military Personnel Files affected by the 1973 fire
  - Covering Pre-WWI, WWI, and Interwar years before WWII
Nurse’s Medical Cards 1912–1939

• May contain:
  • Full/Christian Name and Age
  • Race/Ethnicity and Nativity
  • Rank, Service Number
  • Unit and regiment affiliations
  • Medical and dental diagnoses & treatments, cause of [hospital] admissions, complications, and events leading to a nurse’s demise
  • 3rd Party Personal Identifiable Information (PII)

Related record groups:
  • Return of the Nurse Corps
  • WWI pay cards & vouchers
**Army World War I Nurses Pay Cards, 1917–1921**

**NAID 1488383**

- Auxiliary record used to reconstruct vital military data that may have been destroyed in the 1973 fire
- Information found:
  - Name
  - Rank/Title
  - Duty Component
  - Final Pay Date
- Gives information about the Disbursing Officer (BY WHOM PAID) required for ordering World War I Nurses Final Pay Vouchers, 1917–1921 NAID 1561423

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**Pay Card of Anna L Davis, Nurse, ANC**
### World War I Nurses Final Pay Vouchers, 1917–1921

**NAID 1561423**

- Auxiliary record used to reconstruct vital military data that may have been destroyed in the 1973 fire
- Full Name
- Rank/Title
- Organization
- Date of oath and entry into service
- Date of separation from active duty
- Station locations for duty and separation from service
  - Useful for requesting Return of the Nurse Corps records

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Return of the Nurse Corps
NAID 3370993

• The files are WWI era, ranging from 1917–1921.
• Most records contain a range of dates, spanning one month to four years.
• Nurses' first and last names are listed on each return sheet within categorical groupings such as: Chief Nurse, active duty nurses, reserve nurses, and unit losses.
• Information can be found regarding: rank, transfers, illnesses, deaths, marriages, promotions, discharges, and leave.
• It may contain miscellaneous documents and orders.
Return of the Nurse Corps
NAID 3370993

• Military installations may have been the same location, but the name changed over time.

• For example, Base Hospital No. 21 (Washington University Medical School Unit, St. Louis, MO) took over No. 12 British General Hospital, Rouen, France, in 1917.
Return of the Nurse Corps
NAID 3370993

• RG 64 Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789 - ca. 2007

• The first section is arranged in alphabetical order by bases, camps, forts, and military installations within the United States, the Hawaiian Territory, and the Philippine Islands

• The second section is arranged in alphabetical, then numerical order, by name of overseas military installation associated with the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.) and the British Expeditionary Forces (B.E.F.)
  • Includes red cross hospitals

Instructions on Return of the Nurse Corps records.

1. The return will give, in two groups, the names of all the nurses who have been on duty with or assigned or attached to the organization during the month or any part of it. In the first group, under the heading “Belonging to the formation at the end of month” written across the face of the return, will be recorded, in alphabetical order, all the nurses on duty with or under assignment to the formation at midnight of the last day of the month, whether present or absent. In the second group, under the heading “Losses since the preceding return,” will be recorded all nurses who, having been on duty with or under assignment to the formation during any part of the month, have on or before midnight of the last day thereof been relieved from such duty or assignment.

2. All changes in the status of the several nurses which have taken place since the preceding return, with the date of the change in each instance, will be indicated under Remarks.
Death in Service

Personnel records may only mention death without listing the reason of demise:

- Killed in Action
- Died of Wounds
- Died in Service
  - Accidents
  - Suicide
- Disease

Records directly relating to Death in Service:

- Burial Case Files, 1915–1939
- Individual Deceased Personnel Files, 1940–1970s
  - Mortuary/Casualty Files
- Deceased Veterans Claims (XC Files)
- Official Military Personnel Files
- Navy Nurse Corps Professional Jackets

WWII Army IDPF of 2nd Lt. Laverne Farquhar, SN N-734732, ANC
Burial Case Files
1915–1939
NAID 595318

- RG 92: Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General
- All branches
- Also known as “293 Files”
- May contain:
  - Reports
  - Telegrams
  - Other documents relating to burials of service personnel
  - Organization, service number, and XC number
Burial Case Files 1915–1939

NAID 595318

May contain:

• Correspondence
• Headstone applications
• Graves Registration Service forms

Army Nurse Corps, reports

Ester Amundson as having died at Base Hospitl. # 35. All her effects were cared for at that Base. They have no record of any other Base Hospitl.

19/1/23.

E. B.
Burial Case Files 1915–1939
NAID 595318

Gold Star Mothers documents may contain:

- Itineraries
- Photographs
- Additional documents about the Mother/Sister’s pilgrimage

American Gold Star Mothers
OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.
NEW YORK STATE

Quarter Master General
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of my beloved daughter.

Name of Mother: Mrs. A. J. Amundson

Address: 843 3rd Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Name of Decedent: Esther Amundson

Army, Navy, Marine: U.S. Army Nurse

Stationed at: Base Hospital No. 35

Lost at Sea: Among the Missing

Place and Date of Death: Base Hospital No. 35, Oct 24, 1919

Where Buried: St. Michael Cemetery, Minneapolis

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. A. J. Amundson

Burial Case File of Nurse
Esther Amundson, ANC
Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs) 1940–1970s

- Army
  - Only have A-L, M-Z still with the service department, but can be requested through National Archives at St. Louis

- Air Force
  - For deaths stateside

- Navy

- All branches
  - Mortuary Files for Vietnam

- 2014 Virtual Genealogy Fair, Session 14
  goes more in depth

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On 4 April 1975, Capt Mary Therese KLINKER was manifestled aboard the C-5A Galaxy flight from Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Saigon, SVN to CONUS. At 16:00 hours (local), the aircraft departed SVN with 77 manifestled US passengers and crewmembers aboard. The aircraft experienced inflight trouble approximately twenty minutes out and tried to return to Tan Son Nhut for an emergency landing. The aircraft crashed approximately 2 miles NE of Tan Son Nhut.

On 5 Apr 75, '76 human remains pouches were received in two increments and each pouch assigned a consecutive examination number. These remains were assigned NAM-66 00337-75 (A) and when received the pouch was tagged "UTB KLINKER."

CLASSIFICATION OF REMAINS:

These are the incomplete remains of an adult Caucasian female in the early stages of decomposition and exhibiting multiple fractures and mutilated areas and missing the right arm and hand at the shoulder.

FURTHER DETAIL OF IDENTIFICATION:

The physical and dental anatomy of these remains were thoroughly studied and charted on the applicable forms. The race, height, hair color and dental anatomy correspond favorably with the recorded physical/dental data for Capt KLINKER, Mary Therese (see summary).

Post mortem fingerprints and footprints were taken from these remains at this command. The left index print matches that on DD Form 2PF for Capt KLINKER, Mary Therese.

Air Force Vietnam Mortuary File of Captain Mary T. Klinker, AFNC

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WWII Army IDPF of 2nd Lt. Laverne Farquhar, SN N-734732, ANC
Deceased Veterans Claims
(XC Files)

- RG 15 Department of Veterans Affairs
- Successor series to “Pension Files”
  - 1898–1945
  - National Archives, Washington, D.C. also has pension files for previous years
  - Those not accessioned by the National Archives can be requested from the VA directly
- Death in and out of service
C/XC file number may be found:
  - VA Master Index
XC Files

May contain:

- Correspondence to and from beneficiaries
- Vital records
- Medical records
- Dates of military service
XC Files

May contain:

- Affidavits
- Changes of address
Where can you begin your military nurse research?

**National Archives at St. Louis**
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P.O. Box 38757
St. Louis, MO 63138

- Ancestry.com and Fold3.com
- U.S. Army Medical Department Office of Medical History
- Naval History and Heritage Command
- Memoirs and Biographies
- Local Historical Museums and Societies
- Army Nurse Corps Association
- Navy Nurse Corps Association
- History Hub
Questions?

Anna Csar
Thank you for attending!
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