







Dottie and two friends
giving us that old
"the best dressed women
in America" deal. Made
all the papers and
that sort of stuff.
check that one on
the right, kula kula!!
taken at Langley Field,
Easter 1944.





1ST LIEUTENANT DOROTHY L BURTON ARMY NURSE CORPS

To you who answered the call of your country and served in its Armed Forces to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of a grateful Nation. As one of the Nation's finest, you undertook the most severe task one can be called upon to perform. Because you demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further exalting our country in peace.

Harry Truman



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Langley Field, Va.

This is to certify that BURTON, DOBOTHY L. 2nd. Lt. Army Nurse Corps
N-761863
has completed a four 4 week course of Basic Military Training and has evinced
technical and tactical proficiency in all Basic Medical Department Subjects.

William A. Wilson

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United States Army

This is to certify that

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Dorothy Hall

GROVE, Okla. — Dorothy L. Hall, 76, Grove, died at 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997, at Tulsa Regional Medical Center after a long illness.

Mrs. Hall was born Jan. 22, 1921, at Pittsburgh, Penn. She received her nursing diploma from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in 1943. Her nursing career began during World War II. She was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, attached to the Air Force. In 1945 she was graduated from the school of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, San Antonio, as a flight nurse. She spent nearly four years in the Pacific Theatre, assigned to the 8-30th Medical Air Evacuation Squadron.

She married James R. Hall Jr. on March 8, 1947, at Riverside, Calif. He died Jan. 7, 1983.

In June 1950 she received a bachelor's degree in biological science and psychology from University of Tulsa. After receiving her degree, she worked at Central State Hospital, Norman. She directed a school of psychiatric nursing. Prior diploma programs in Oklahoma did not include psychiatric training.

She later went to work in the central office of the Department of Mental Health, Oklahoma City.

In 1966 she became director of nursing at Eastern State Hospital, Vinita, and began a licensed practical nursing school there. After nine years, she left the hospital to head the practical nursing program at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami. That program was transferred to the area v-tech school and the Eastern State Hospital school was discontinued. Next, NEO A&M began an associate degree nursing program, which Hall headed for 15 years.

She attained a masters degree in psychology at Pittsburg (Kan.) State University and had done graduate work in psychiatric nursing at University of Colorado and at University of Maryland. She retired from that role in 1982.

In 1983 she served as interim director of nursing at Eastern State Hospital for about six months. She later served as coordinator for Grand Lake Mental Health Center's seven-county area, before returning to Eastern State Hospital in 1991.

She worked in admissions for two years, then was named coordinator of nursing education, her most recent position at Eastern State Hospital. She retired in 1986.

Survivors include a son, James Raymond Hall III, Prague, Czech Republic; a daughter, Kimberly Hall, Grove; and a grandchild.

Services are pending with Hinderliter-Woodard Funeral Service, Grove.

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Spring 1946 taken at Heston Field Hawaii
following a trip with the first portable
lung patient. The men were med techs
& electronic techs specially trained
to operate the lung. The patient
was a Navy Lieutenant who had been
I picked him up in Japan, and
took him to Guam in Koroalein
when he remained for a week. K5
The lung was brought from Koroalein
to Kwajalein then from Kwajalein
to Hawaii. When he later arrived in
N.Y. his home he died Lt Dorothy Hall ANC

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Dorothy Hall

On January 22nd 1921 at 22:45pm a new baby girl was born in Pittsburg, Pa., who would someday grow up and become one of the most influential Nurses in the State of Oklahoma relating to Mental Health.

As a young girl growing up in Pittsburg, Pa Dorothy had hopes and dreams of being successful in her life. Every morning she would set out in front of her house watching the nurses walk from their dormitories to the hospital. Dorothy knew as a child she wanted to become a Nurse. One day something happened that made that dream more meaningful. When Dorothy was 10 years old her mother died of pneumonia. She then lived with relatives to help raise her. In 1943 she received her nursing diploma from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. Dorothy then entered military service January 1944. A nursing career that began in Pennsylvania in the midst of World War II took Dorothy Burton Hall, RN to exotic places, brought romance and adventure, and eventually led her to Oklahoma and many years of service in mental health. Her nursing career would span 50+ years. She was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, attached to the Air Force. In July 1945, she graduated from the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Tx as a flight nurse.

She spent nearly four years in the Pacific Theatre, assigned to the 830th Medical Air Evacuation Squadron. On Kawjalein in the Marshall Islands, she met B-29 pilot from Oklahoma Capt. J.R. Hall of Fairland. (He retired as a Lt. Colonel).

This real-life storybook romance took place in a wedding in 1947 at Mission Inn the Flyers' Chapel in Riverside, Ca, where many service men and women took their vows. "All our squadrons were still in the Pacific," Mrs. Hall recalls, so it was a quiet wedding."

Her unit of 145 flight nurses had been preparing for an invasion of Japan. However, the atomic bomb was dropped before they arrived in the Pacific Theatre, bringing the war to a swift conclusion. Some of her friends flew back to the United States with Americans liberated from Japanese prisoner of war camps. Dorothy cared for casualties in the area from other causes. The nurses were not in the area affected by radiation.

Both J.R. and Dorothy were discharged from service at about the same time, and they enrolled at the University of Tulsa. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and he graduated with a degree in Political Science.

He then enrolled at the University of Oklahoma law school. In 1950, Mrs. Hall joined the Department of Mental Health, working at Central State Hospital. She was one of only a few RNs in Oklahoma with experience in psychiatric nursing. At the time, Oklahoma was spending \$ 1.53 per patient per day.

A building was constructed at the hospital for training nurses in a program called the School of Psychiatric Nursing. At the time, only diploma programs in nursing were available in Oklahoma, and they did not include a psychiatric rotation.

For about 18 months, Mrs. Hall directed the training program at Central State Hospital. About two years later, Oklahoma Baptist University of Oklahoma began Bachelor's programs in Nursing. The program at Central State was discontinued.

Mrs. Hall next worked in the Department of Mental Health Central Office in Oklahoma City. By this time, her husband had established a law practice in Miami and was serving in the Oklahoma Legislature. She was spending weekends in Miami and riding a train out of Afton, Ok to Oklahoma City on Mondays.

The Department of Mental Health had never had a nurse in the offices before this. Only six registered nurses were employed in Oklahoma mental hospitals to oversee 10,000 patients. This included four hospitals-Eastern, Taft, Central and Western- and schools for the mentally retarded at Enid and Pauls Valley. (The latter two were later transferred to Department of Human Services. Taft was closed and its patients were sent to Eastern.

"We began recruiting nurses for hospitals. I recruited, prepared a budget, and set up training and orientation programs," Mrs. Hall said. "This was begun under Dr. Charles Oberman. Later Dr. Hayden Donahue became commissioner. He had been a flight surgeon in North Africa during the war. We had a lot in common."

Dr. Donahue was brought to Oklahoma to see that a mental health law was written. He and J.R. Hall authored the legislation which established the Department of Mental Health as a separate entity. It had been under the Department of Public Affairs.

By mid-1955, Mrs. Hall had experienced enough morning train rides. She "retired." That lasted about 6 months. Did private duty for prominent Skelly family in Tulsa, Ok. In 1956 Dr. Donahue asked her to be the Director of Nursing at ESH.

"The day I came to work, 2793 patients were in the hospital," she recalls. Some of the wards held 50 to 60 patients. There were only two RNs on staff besides Mrs. Hall. While in Nursing Administration she made rounds on all 63 units, including each time before her two children were born.

"We had no licensed practical nurses, so we started an LPN School," Mrs Hall relates. "I recruited staff, and we were contracted with the Claremore hospital for affiliation. Most of those who took the training were aides, already experienced with psychiatric patients. We graduated 3 classes, and most of those people were stable, long-term employees, the 'cream of the crop' "she says. After 9 years as Director of Nursing at Eastern State Hospital she was asked to take over the Practical Nursing program at NEO A&M College in Miami, Ok. After a year, that program was transferred to the area Vo-Tech school, and NEO began an associate degree nursing program, which she headed for 15 years.

Meanwhile, she had attained a master's degree in Psychology at Pittsburg (Kansas) State University and had done graduate work in psychiatric nursing at the University of Colorado and the University of Maryland.

Once more, Mrs Hall retired at the end of 1982. Only a few days afterward, her husband died of a heart attack. In 1983, Dr. Frank James, Department of Mental Health Commissioner, had her help out at ESH, and she served as interim Director of Nursing for about 6 months.

She later served as coordinator for Grand Lake Mental Health Center's seven-county area before returning to ESH in 1991.

She worked in admissions for two years, then was named coordinator of nursing education at ESH. She retired from her nursing career in 1995 after 52 years of nursing. Dorothy Hall passed away on January 23rd, 1997.

She was survived by son James Raymond Hall III, daughter Kimberly Hall Grove, Oklahoma and granddaughter Heather Roach

