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RESPONSE SHEET #4 - PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN

ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY OR COMMENT ON....

ANYTHING AT ALL....I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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First, middle, maiden, last

name EMMA A RASPET Katula

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED FROM LAST NEWSLETTER yes no

New address here: _____

Telephone number changed

yes NO

New telephone number is _____

We want to start collecting all members' birth dates: YOURS 12-10-20

Please write back:

I have an article for the Newsletter: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY: First thing I do want to
tell you Melinda - Thanks what
joy I get when I get your news
letter!!!

Now at this age memories of
being a flight nurse with the 809th
Nurses brings me much joy. To know
each and all of the nurses was a
privilege? Other than caring for
the soldiers we cared for the

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French Catholic Nuns who were abused
by the Japanese when they took
over the peace island of Tarawa.

These nuns were there in Tarawa
for years. We also cared for
the native men who were suffering
with elephantitis with draining lesions.
We taught the young native women
how to care for these lesions.
They were good students, not
knowing our language. They learned
by observation.

I would like to know who
the nurse who was with me on a
flight to one of the many islands
in Solomons. We had to sleep in
a pop tent with tiny lizards crawling all
over our tent.





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It is so good to
write all these memories
I hope someone else will enjoy
them
Emma Raspet Katola

met.


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Response Sheet for May 13, 2011

Today's date May 28, 2011 Your Squad # 809

First, middle, maiden, last name Emma Ann Raspet Katoka

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY yes **no**

IF YES.. Please fill in BELOW:

New address here: _____

Telephone number changed yes **no** New telephone number _____

**IF YOU AN INTERESTED FAMILY MEMBER,
FILL IN THE ABOVE WITH YOUR ADDRESS.**

FOR FUTURE MAILINGS

WRITE DOWN YOUR COMMENTS, I WANT TO HEAR FROM ALL OF YOU.

I am sending this article which describes our purpose very well.

While stationed in Guadalcanal, mother sent my brother's APO number realizing the number was much like mine. My brother Bob Raspet was a Marine with the amphibious corp. I went to headquarters, found out it was an island about an hour away. I took a plane ride there - they had moved out. I spent a whole day waiting for a flight back. The island was preparing for the next

MAIL TO: group of Marines Two days later
WWII FNA my brother came
Dorothy Errair to visit me. He was
4020 Rich Drive told I was
Waterford, MI 48329 hooking for Sam

What a great day!

hooking for Sam

Flying Nurses

EVACUATE WOUNDED

by AIR



HEAD NURSE: Miss Frances Morgan of Dallas, Texas, heads the group of nurses who arrived here recently to aid in evacuation of wounded soldiers. (BRIEF photo.)



BACK FROM THE BATTLEFRONT: These young and comely Army flying nurses, pictured above, recently returned from a flight Down Under where they cared for wounded soldiers stricken during the invasion assault on the Gilberts. Reading left to right, Lts Madellne Harris, Agnes Flaherty, Mary Esther Pratt and Eleanor Hoppeck. (BRIEF photo.)

A HUGE, four-engined Skymaster C-54 settled down in Hawaii, loaded with American soldiers who only 36 hours before were in the bloody invasion assault on Makin island. The men were flown from Makin by a Navy plane and relayed to a Honolulu hospital for treatment. It was a trip covering more than 3,000 miles and is considered a record for air evacuation.

Aboard the airliner were three army nurses, especially trained for this type of work at Bowman field, Kentucky, part of the group of 25 nurses who arrived in Hawaii recently for the express purpose of bringing wounded soldiers back safely to home bases.

These "bomber hostesses" figure greatly into the future plans of the 7th AAF, now that the drive to erase the Jap blight from the Pacific has started, and hundreds of girls such as these are being graduated almost weekly from mainland schools to help and comfort American fighting men on all world fronts.

As 1st Lt Frances Morgan, of Dallas, Texas, chief nurse of this group remarked a few days ago: "Our work is just beginning, and we expect to be in the thick of things as long as one enemy soldier is left in the Pacific."

The ease and care with which this air evacuation, the first to operate in the Pacific area, is handled by these young and capable girls (age 23 to 35) has brought nothing but praise from high army officials who have watched them at work first hand.

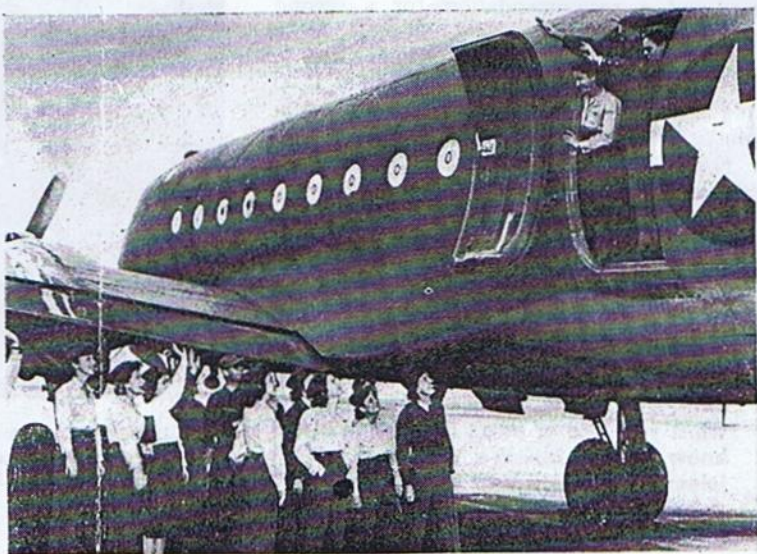
In a statement issued to a press correspondent who made one of these trips with the girls, Col Andrew Smith, chief flight surgeon for the 7th AAF had this to say:

"The sight of women nurses close to the battle area was not only a pleasant surprise but a boon to morale, and all of us, especially the soldiers, will be eternally grateful for the work they are doing."

The local unit which consists of nurses, medical officers and enlisted technicians, was the 9th group to graduate from the school and is commanded by Major A. D. Henderson of Mobile, Ala.



WOUNDED RETURN: Makin casualties, arriving at APO 953, are removed from a hospital transport plane in quick time. (Signal Corps photo.)



MERCY FLIGHT: Lts Lynn Doherty, Emma Raspel and Technician Carl Soukup, wave goodbye to fellow workers from the huge Skymaster, which a few minutes later roared down the runway to take flying nurses to the aid of wounded service men in the South Pacific. Some evacuation cases were returned to Honolulu in less than 40 hours. (BRIEF photo.)