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NEWSLETTER

WORLD WAR II FLIGHT NURSE ASSOCIATION

Response Sheet for February 21, 2011

Today's date 3/20/11

Your Squad # 810

First, middle, maiden, last name VIRGINIA ^{caroline} Russell Reavis B.D. 10/6/20

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 YOUR 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.

✓ **YES**, as a Member, I give my permission to continue plans for the "Legend of the Flight Nurses of World War II" Web site, and funding the expenses of such web site by future donations and the present funds in the WWII FNA checking account. I **DO** want to continue the WWII FNA Newsletter until the last Flight Nurse has left.....If more funds are needed Melinda will apply for a Government Grant. Your comments, also use back side of paper:

Your dedication to WWII FNA is appreciated by all of us I'm sure. We never realized we were pioneers, but we were wasn't our most of this information would have been lost had it not been for you, so yes keep it

NO, I do NOT give my permission for this idea of a Web site.

Up 4 thanks - I always enjoy your news letters.

Ever

MAIL TO:

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I'm so sorry for your loss + yes it is tuff, but you got out + did something, busy is good.

I am sending you a copy of a letter I received from Hans de Broek I answered it + received another this month. haven't had a chance to make a copy of this one but want to get this in the mail to you so these are the questions he asked.

Flight Nurse Questions:

Where and how did you live while in England? Tents? Nissen huts? local?

Did you see anything of the build-up for the Air invasion?

Were all flights C patients to Aldermaston?

Was there a big Hospital?

Were Flight Nurses ever teamed to go with two or three Nurses on a flight?

Did you move to the European main land to be stationed there? If so where?

Did your husband witness the accident you were involved in?

Trop Carrier questions

Did your husband fly with the same crew most of the flight?

What were the markings (numbers) on his plane?

Did he tell about his flights to Holland, Bastogne, Normandy or the Rhine Mission?

So tell your grandsons (I loved that story) they are beginning to collect data about flight nurses in other countries.

I will write him + clear up some of the questions - and I did get to see the Flight Nurses section at the Air Force Museum in Dayton. I'll tell you what I thought some day, don't know write it.

Thank you again for everything you do, I just finished the book, Albanian Escape, what a wonderful bunch of people + that was your Mothers Sgt -

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January 14, 2011

Dear Mrs. Reavis,

My name is Hans den Brok. I live in the Netherlands. For ten years I've been researching the Troop Carrier actions in Europe during World War 2. My main focus was the Holland operation of September 1944. I recently finished a book about the C-47 losses in that operation. This enables me to spread my research activities. The Rhine mission of March 1945 is something I will try to do an in depth research in, as well continuing on the Holland research.

I am also launching a website I the following weeks. (www.airbornetroopcarrier.com)

I am writing this letter as part of a research on a C-47 accident in December 1944. I started this after receiving photos from a glider pilots daughter showing a burning C-47. The tail number was visible and I started to find detailed information. Yesterday I received a report of what happened and I started to search for the Flight Nurse who was on that flight. Her name was Virginia C. Russell. A search on the internet brought me to a website providing your war time memories and two photos. I read the story and there are similarities. I do believe that you were the Flight Nurse who was on the C-47s that was photographed by the glider pilot. This happened at Aldermaston airfield and the plane was 73rd TCS (code on nose CN).

I would be very pleased when you could confirm that you were on that flight (actually, confirming your name would be enough).

I am going to work with the photos and information for an article on my website. I would be pleased when you could provide photos (scans through e-mail might be easiest). The story will give brief report of what happened as it is mentioned in the report written by the pilot, co-pilot and navigator and will give the names of the crew. Some of the photos I have will be added. It would be great when I can add a photo of you as well.

I am also interested in your late husbands part in the war. I understand he flew with C-47s. Do you know which squadron or group? Do you happen to have photos of C-47s, gliders and the men and women who flew them.

To be honest, this is my first and most detailed look into the flight nurses and I hope to be able to honor them as well on my website.

I'm looking forward to hear from you.

Best regards,

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WASHINGTON

1 December 1943

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EXTRACT

11. Pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 2, sub-paragraph 8, Army Regulations 35-1180, dated 10 October 1942, the following-named members of the army nurse corps (female), who are nonflying personnel, are required to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights, effective 1 December 1943 to 30 June 1944.

Chief Nurse

	Dickinson, Jean T.	1st Lieut.,	N-703630	
	Allen, Elizabeth W.	2nd Lieut.,	N-755142	D
	Anderson, Evelyn D.	2nd Lieut.,	N-739708	D
	Armsden, Marta K.	2nd Lieut.,	N-731981	
	Benish, Gertrude B.	2nd Lieut.	N-759439	
—	Burgess, Julia M.	2nd Lieut.,	N-755194	
	Clark, Martha I.,	2nd Lieut.,	N-759466	
—	Croce, Eva,	2nd Lieut.,	N-736347	
	Cruthirds, Gertrude I.	2nd Lieut.,	N-732540	
	Donohue, Mary C.,	2nd Lieut.,	N-720508	
	Horde, Virginia M.,	2nd Lieut.,	N-727361	D
<i>WA</i>	Jones, Naomi J.	2nd Lieut.,	N-734860	
	Keasey, Elsie B.,	2nd Lieut.,	N-727071	D
—	Kinkola, Lillian M.	2nd Lieut.,	N-788295	D
—	Wiseman, Emma Lewis	2nd Lieut.,	N-735045	
	Macmillan, Carol E.,	2nd Lieut.,	N-788296	D
	Mathews, Ella E.	2nd Lieut.,	N-788297	D
<i>WA</i>	Milligan, Florence M.	2nd Lieut.,	N-732518	
<i>WA</i>	Rice, Laura A.	2nd Lieut.,	N-759470	
<i>WA</i>	Rogers, Wilhelmina A.	2nd Lieut.,	N-788300	
	Russell, Virginia C.	2nd Lieut.,	N-744977	
<i>WA</i>	Senko, Nadia	2nd Lieut.,	N-788301	
	Steffens, Irene E.	2nd Lieut.,	N-734436	D
<i>WA</i>	Surgalia, Francis H.,	2nd Lieut.,	N-704130	D
	Tarney, Lucille V.	2nd Lieut.,	N-788303	D

ORg. 810 *RB*

By command of General ARNOLD:

OFFICIAL:

s/ John H. Walls
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This is a true copy:

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