

# Biographical Data Form

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Veteran  Civilian  BETTI BIRENBAUM HANDLER

Place of Birth Austria Birth Date 1918

Race/Ethnicity (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Branch of Service or Wartime Activity US Army Nurse Corps

Commissioned  Enlisted  Drafted  Service dates 1942 to 1945

Highest Rank 1st Lieutenant

Unit, Division, Battalion, Group, Ship, etc. (Do not abbreviate.) 20th Field Hospital

following Gen Simpson's 9th Army

War, operation, or conflict served in WW II

Locations of military or civilian service So. Carolina, France, Belgium

Germany

Battles/campaigns (please name) Normandy, Battle of Bulge

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Medals or special service awards. If so, please list (be as specific as possible):

Promoted from 2nd to 1st Lieutenant

\_\_\_\_\_

Special duties/highlights/achievements Army Nurse Corps in

20th Field Hospital

Was the veteran a prisoner of war? Yes  No

Did the veteran or civilian sustain combat or service-related injuries? Yes  No

Interviewer (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Additional Service History Information

Branch of Service or Wartime Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioned  Enlisted  Drafted  Service dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Unit, Division, Battalion, Group, Ship, etc. (Do not abbreviate.) \_\_\_\_\_

War, operation, or conflict served in \_\_\_\_\_

Locations of military or civilian service \_\_\_\_\_

Battles/campaigns (please name) \_\_\_\_\_

Medals or special service awards. If so, please list (be as specific as possible): \_\_\_\_\_

Special duties/highlights/achievements \_\_\_\_\_

Was the veteran a prisoner of war? Yes  No

Did the veteran or civilian sustain combat or service-related injuries? Yes  No

### Additional Biographical Information

At Normandy Invasion had to climb <sup>a</sup> rope ladder to top of steep cliffs.

Fellow soldiers were very protective of female nurse.

After 3 days travel in train without facilities, on K-Rations I was constipated and finally found outhouse toilet - when bomb went off close-by and scared the "s. t" out of me, I shared this experience with my fellow nurses as a good sense of humor is important to get through stressful situations.

Casualties didn't think of nurses as females or sex objects, but as mothers trying to take away their pain and make them better.

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first middle last maiden name

Place of Birth Austria Birth Date 1918

Race/Ethnicity (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Branch of Service or Wartime Activity ARMY NURSE CORPS

Commissioned  Enlisted  Drafted  Service dates MAY 1943 to JAN 1946

Highest Rank First Lieutenant

Unit, Division, Battalion, Group, Ship, etc. (Do not abbreviate.) 20<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital France, Belgium, Holland, Station Hospital, Key West, FL; Hospital Train - East to West Coast

War, operation, or conflict served in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany

Locations of military or civilian service Key West, FL; Charleston, WV; East to West Coast on Hospital Train

Battles/campaigns (please name) France, Belgium, Holland, Germany  
Field Hospital

Medals or special service awards. If so, please list (be as specific as possible): European - African-Middle East Campaign, WWII Victory; Commendations from 20<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital

Special duties/highlights/achievements Army of Occupation - taking care of EX POW's and over 1000 patients from Concentration Camp - Surgical Nurse

Was the veteran a prisoner of war? Yes  No

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