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00:00		START OF RECORDING
00:00		Pat is attending nursing school at Philadelphia General Hospital
1:30		Sulfur drugs are being used in the hospital to save two men who were suffering from plaguing injuries from a football game.
3:22		Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and Pat applies in 1943 for the service, gets accepted, and goes to Ft. Bellvar in Virginia
4:50		She then moved to upstate New York and learns the ways of the army in her nursing unit.
5:37		Pat's nursing corps is ordered to go to Mitchell Field and crosses the ocean on the St. Mary, famous for its luxuries, but has been stripped down for this particular voyage to make room for passengers.
6:30		She comments on the route taken while crossing the Atlantic Ocean. They zigzagged to avoid enemy submarines and lived by blackout at night to avoid enemy aircraft before finally arriving at the Firth of Forth.
10:18		Moved down through the midlands to Nottingham (by Sherwood Forest) where they set up camp.
12:24		Men are plagued by CLAP, which is fixed by the miracle of sulfur drugs. Pneumonia and Typhoid Fever are treated successfully as well.
16:00		Nursing units train at Cullandugno Wales by hiking with gear up a mountain to prepare for once they cross the channel.
19:25		The unit crosses the channel in British ships where the nursing unit stays below deck sleeping in hammocks. They finally arrive 20 days after D-Day on Normandy Beach.
25:00		The unit gets into trucks and travels towards St. Maraglees. Pat's unit was mistaken for soldiers and taken to St. Lo where the fighting

was instead of the Normandy Penninsula. Fortunately, the mistake was realized before they reach the center of the battle, and they were able to turn around and head the right way.

- 33:00 The nursing corps sets up a unit for minor wound but faced many worse problems instead. Alcohol used for treatment was also being drunk by officers and patients, causing more problems.
- 37:42 A soldier who was a glider pilot was wounded during battle by some shrapnel, and Pat treated him. Later on he invited her to a dance, and they became good friends until he died later on in battle.
- 40:10 Pat saves a soldier who had his throat previously slit while fighting.
- 43:38 She talks about how nurses were only supposed to date officers.
- 44:10 Pat and her unit are sent to Antwourpe in Belgium where they take over an abbey and turn it into a hospital.
- 47:20 Buzz bombs are the first attempts at guided missiles by the Germans, who were attacking the British. A Buzz bomb blew up a movie theater, killing Pat's Master Sergeant who was taking the day off.
- 52:40 Pat gets to go home around the summer of 1945 after she was married in Paris at the end of the War.
- 57:10 Pat describes the meeting of her husband and gives details on the wedding in Paris.
- 65:30 She tells about transportation during the War and draws the interview to an end.
- 68:30 END OF RECORDING**