

**Ione McCormick talks about her nine years of reserve  
and active duty service in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps**

Ione McCormick: My name when I was in the service was Olive Ione Phillips, and my present name Olive Ione McCormick. Address 11203 Southwest Kendrick, Tacoma, Washington. In answer to the questions.

[00:23] Number one, what branch of service did you serve? The Army Nurse Corps.

[00:28] How long? Nine years, which included active duty and reserve.

[00:35] Where? The Philippines, Manila, and the Presidio, San Francisco.

[00:42] What influenced you to volunteer? Patriotism, also having no brothers or sisters who were eligible for the service.

[00:53] What did you do prior to enlistment? Staff duty, Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital.

[1:04] What did you do in the service? Staff and central supply set-up. I set up the central supply for the 313th General Hospital in Manila.

[1:16] Did you expect this experience to prepare you for a career? No.

[1:20] Did it? No.

[1:23] What was your pay? Uh, the best of my memory, \$75 to begin.

[1:30] Were you given equal opportunity for service and education? Yes.

[1:37] What assignments were given to women? Nursing and central supply.

[1:44] What was the nature of your housing? Uh, 25 to a, a long tent, uh, over corrugated tin. Um, also, uh, private, uh, rooms in the nurse's home in San Francisco.

[2:05] Uh, medical care? Uh, the usual care that most army people receive.

[2:14] What was your uniform dress? Uh, olive green, uh, for duty, um, striped brown and white seersucker [coughing].

1 [2:30] What were your memorable experiences? Ship travel and going to  
2 different stations.  
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4 [2:40] Can you compare service careers then with the present? Uh, I really  
5 know not too much about the present.  
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7 [2:51] Did you experience conflict between being feminine and being a  
8 military professional? No.  
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10 [2:59] Did you use the benefit of the GI bill? No.  
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12 [3:03] What demanded the greatest adjustment, uniform dress, living with  
13 others, regulations, lack of freedom, or terminology? If any, terminology.  
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15 [3:16] What was the most unpopular regulation? I really do not remember  
16 of any.  
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18 [3:23] What did you do after your service was concluded? [coughing]  
19 Went back to the, um, civilian nursing field. Well, [inaudible 3:35].  
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21 Speaker: [3:36] How long have you been in the, in the, uh, Overseas Women?  
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23 Ione McCormick: Oh, uh, I joined the Overseas Women, uh, League, in 1976. Met very  
24 interesting people and enjoy it very much. I thank you.  
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26 Speaker: [3:54] What offices have you held?  
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28 Ione McCormick: Uh, office of, uh, vice president.  
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30 Speaker: [4:01] Unit vice president. Unit vice president.  
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32 Ione McCormick: Uh, unit vice president.  
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