

**Interview of Mary Duncan Clark
on her twenty-eight year career in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps**

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5 Interviewer: What is your name?
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7 Mary Duncan Clark: My name is Mary Duncan Clark.
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9 Interviewer: [00:05] When did you join the Denver Unit of WOSL?
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11 Mary Duncan Clark: It was early in the '70s.
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13 Interviewer: [00:12] Were you in the Service?
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15 Mary Duncan Clark: Yes, I was in the Army Nurse Corps.
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17 Interviewer: [00:18] Uh, what made you decide to come in the Army Nurse Corps?
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19 Mary Duncan Clark: My friends who were members.
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21 Interviewer: [00:25] What did you do before you came in the army?
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23 Mary Duncan Clark: I went to nurse's training and then I worked a few months at the Indiana
24 University Hospital.
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26 Interviewer: [00:34] What were your duties in the service?
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28 Mary Duncan Clark: I started out as a Staff Nurse, went to Supervisor, Chief Nurse of Vietnam
29 in the Nha Trang in '64 and '65 and Chief Nurse in [inaudible 00:46] in
30 '68 to '70.
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32 Interviewer: [00:48] How long were you in the service?
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34 Mary Duncan Clark: Twenty-eight years.
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36 Interviewer: [00:51] Where did your travels take you?
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38 Mary Duncan Clark: England, France, Germany, Japan, Vietnam, Fort Dix, Fitzsimons three
39 times, and [inaudible 1:01] again.
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41 Interviewer: [1:03] What kind of housing did you have?
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43 Mary Duncan Clark: Billets.
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1Interviewer: [1:09] What was the nature of the medical care available to you?
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3Mary Duncan Clark: Very good.
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5Interviewer: [1:14] What was your uniform dress?
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7Mary Duncan Clark: Nursing uniform, fatigues, dress uniforms.
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9Interviewer: [1:21] Uh, can you relate a couple of your more exciting experiences to
10 me?
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12Mary Duncan Clark: Traveling overseas, I traveled with one of my friends who was a nurse and
13 we visited Germany, Italy, Greece, Africa, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Turkey,
14 Asia, and then came back through Greece, Italy, and Germany. We were
15 told by some of the military that we were risking our lives if we went
16 through Lebanon and some of those countries that was communist and
17 they didn't, uh, allow uniforms there. Military. We went, uh, anyway, but
18 we, when we packed our suitcase, we had, um, purchased some Kotex and
19 Tampax and decided we'd put our uniforms in the bottom of the suitcase,
20 then our civilian clothes, and then this Tampax and, and Kotex on top, and
21 maybe they wouldn't look. Well, when we went through, we opened our
22 luggage, and they didn't even look at, and just looked at'm and didn't
23 touch anything. And no examination was made. We couldn't laugh at
24 them at that time, but when we arrived back to our quarters, we had a very
25 good laugh over that. Then in, uh, I enjoyed very much working on the
26 Board in Japan helping with the orphans from the American military men.
27 We helped them be adopted and helped raise money to have a place for
28 them to stay, eat, and sleep. And that's about it.
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30Interviewer: [3:17] What was the greatest adjustment you had to make when you came
31 in the service?
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33Mary Duncan Clark: Uh, I didn't have any, I don't think. Really.
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35Interviewer: [3:26] Did you plan on making, uh, the Service a career when you first
36 joined the army?
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38Mary Duncan Clark: Yes, uh, in a way, right after the war, uh, D-Day, I decided I was gonna
39 make a career.
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41Interviewer: [3:45] What didja – did you after your service was concluded?
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43Mary Duncan Clark: I'm working now at home and at, at my business.
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1Interviewer: [3:55] What has being a member of WS – WOSL meant to you?
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3Mary Duncan Clark: I've seen many people you do not meet with at other organizational
4meetings.
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6Interviewer: Okay, thank you very much.
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