

1                   **Interview of retired Colonel Edythe Jean Hathaway on her long career**  
2   **in the Army Nurse Corps**

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4Ruth Stewart:                   This interview today is of Edythe Jean Hathaway on – in San  
5   Antonio, Texas, for the WOSL on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007.  
6   Interviewers are Ruth Stewart and Trish Martin. Jean, start out by  
7   telling a little bit about your early life – where you were born, how  
8   you lived and your years there.  
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10Edythe Jean Hathaway:       Okay. I was born, uh, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1923 in Joplin, Missouri to  
11   Gertie Bird Fetty, F-E-T-T-Y and Victor Gilmore Fetty. My  
12   mother died in 1930; my father in 1962. I went to school in Joplin.  
13   We lived real close to the grade school, about two blocks, so we  
14   could run back and forth for lunch. Had a great time. Graduated  
15   from high school in Joplin in 1941. I wanted to be a detective  
16   because my father was one, but he would have nothing to do with  
17   that. So, I went into nurses' training, since I'd been taking care of  
18   sick animals and sick friends. St. John's Mercy Hospital. I  
19   graduated there in 1944.  
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21Ruth Stewart:                   [1:29] Is that in Joplin?  
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23Edythe Jean Hathaway:       Joplin, Missouri. It was a mercy hospital. We used to think that  
24   was a misnomer at times.  
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26Ruth Stewart:                   [chuckle]  
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28Edythe Jean Hathaway:       We joined... I joined the army as soon as I got my state board  
29   results; and was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant on 7 February 1945.  
30   Went to basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado, doing push-ups in  
31   the snow.  
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33Ruth Stewart:                   [2:00] What made you chose the army as a career?  
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35Edythe Jean Hathaway:       Well, my father had been a gunner in WWI and we were a patriotic  
36   family. And I thought it was what I should do. I tried to join the  
37   cadet corps, but there were only two of us in the class that wanted  
38   to join. So, they wouldn't do that for two. So, as soon as I got  
39   state board, I talked a couple of friends into going down. One  
40   thought she wouldn't be admitted to the army because she didn't  
41   see very well. But they told her they were using the braille system.  
42   [chuckle] So, she went in with me.  
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1 My first assignment was at O'Reilly General Hospital in  
2 Springfield. Had a very interesting assignment to the plastic  
3 surgery ward. It was an officer's ward. They had a little trouble  
4 getting them to go to bed at 10:00. They'd play bridge in the  
5 bathroom. And if they went to the club, I'd set out APC's and  
6 vitamins for them to take before they'd go to bed, so they wouldn't  
7 have a headache the next morning.  
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9 I volunteered, uh, to go overseas; and I left there in August. And  
10 uh, I went over as a casual with several doctors. I was the only  
11 nurse.  
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13Ruth Stewart: [3:39] What does that mean that you went as a casual?  
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15Edythe Jean Hathaway: Uh, no other group of nurses went with me. I just went as a single.  
16 It was an interesting assignment though at Fort, uh, Sill. We had,  
17 uh, we were making... Most of them were pilots who had been  
18 severely burned and we were making plastic eyes and uh, replacing  
19 ears and uh... These fellas were really great troopers.  
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21Trish Martin: [4:20] Where was that?  
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23Edythe Jean Hathaway: O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield. I think they later turned  
24 it over to a church group.  
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26Ruth Stewart: [4:31] That's Springfield, Missouri?  
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28Edythe Jean Hathaway: Uh-huh. Springfield, Missouri. From O'Reilly we went to Camp  
29 Beale, California to prepare for overseas duty. We boarded the  
30 hospital ship Marigold, headed for the Philippines, with about 400  
31 nurses – or women. We had some Red Cross. We were housed in  
32 a monastery when we got to Manila. They had removed all the  
33 plumbing the day bef-, before we got there, so... We were there V-  
34 J Day, so we went into town to celebrate; and uh, mainly to find a  
35 job.  
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37Ruth Stewart: Let's go back to this business of the housing. You said that they  
38 removed all the plumbing. [5:22] What was that about?  
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40Edythe Jean Hathaway: Yeah, it was a monastery.  
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42Ruth Stewart: [5:24] It was what?  
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1 Edythe Jean Hathaway: A monastery – it’s called Novaliches Monastery in the Philippines  
2 [Lausanne 5:30]. And the Japanese had taken out all the plumbing.  
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4 Ruth Stewart: Ahh.  
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6 Edythe Jean Hathaway: They had one holer in the back with only the backrest to it. So, we  
7 were very anxious to get into town to go to a nice facility. When  
8 we got into town, [chuckle] you walk in and men and women go in  
9 the same door. And you’re almost – little privacy, but we were  
10 happy to get into town.  
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12 Ruth Stewart: [6:10] So, what did you do then besides enjoy the facility there  
13 when you went into town?  
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15 Edythe Jean Hathaway: Well, when we went back, we had to go in a dump truck or we  
16 rode in in a truck. On the way back, we, uh, picked up a Japanese  
17 who had a hand grenade with him in the grotto, but he was too  
18 weak to throw it, so the men turned him over to the military. And  
19 uh, from the Novaliches, we went up to Yokohama Harbor; got  
20 back on the Marigold; and we had to stay out in the harbor until we  
21 could get a Japanese pilot to guide us through the mine fields.  
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23 We sat up hospital in, uh, at Yokohama Harbor to process our, our  
24 POWS; and uh, get them ready to go back to the States. Several of  
25 us were assigned to teams to go out to the mountains to these  
26 prison camps and, uh, assist the doctors and corpsmen in getting  
27 the patients ready. I went to a place called [RokuRoku 7:38]. It  
28 was up in the mountains, which was a officer’s camp with Marie  
29 [Huddock 7:47]. She was with the old 42<sup>nd</sup> General. And they had  
30 come up from, uh, Australia. All of the 42<sup>nd</sup> nurses were kind of  
31 atovaquone-tanned and kind of thin. So here I was, kind of plump  
32 and pink from the States.  
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34 Ruth Stewart: Atovaquone...  
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36 Edythe Jean Hathaway: Atovaquone-tanned, yeah.  
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38 Ruth Stewart: [8:11] From the medication for malaria?  
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40 Edythe Jean Hathaway: Yeah, from the medication, yeah. Yeah, we were all on  
41 atovaquone. I joined Colonel French, uh, his team to process  
42 several of the prisoners in the Osaka area. We were billeted in the  
43 new Osaka Hotel. We stayed all night at this [RokuRoku 8:39]  
44 camp, so Colonel French stayed outside our door to guard us. And

1 uh, we were billeted in this place that had a mosquito net that  
2 dropped from the ceiling and then they had tatami mats that we  
3 slept on. Had a few fleas, but otherwise we had a pretty good  
4 night.  
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6Ruth Stewart: [9:01] What was the name of the mats?  
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8Edythe Jean Hathaway: Tatami... Tatami mats – Japanese mats. Needless to say, these  
9 prisoners had been there, most of'm for 3-1/2 years, so they were  
10 really glad to see us. Some of them were in pretty fair shape,  
11 because the Red Cross had dropped supplies and they'd been  
12 eating and were in fair shape. Some of'm were sick from  
13 overeating. Then when I went...  
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15Ruth Stewart: [9:38] Now what was your role? I'm not really clear. You went  
16 into the prisoner of war, where our sold-...  
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18Edythe Jean Hathaway: ...our prisoners of war.  
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20Ruth Stewart: ...allied prisoners were housed.  
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22Edythe Jean Hathaway: Uh-huh.  
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24Ruth Stewart: [9:50] And so then you went in with a team of doctors and  
25 nurses...  
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27Edythe Jean Hathaway: Yeah, we took, you know... We did a physical on them and got  
28 them ready to ship back to Yokohama to get on board the ship to  
29 go home. And uh, most of'm were in pretty good shape. Uh, Fred  
30 Garrett was one that had been, uh, had had his leg amputated. He  
31 was, uh, on the Bataan Death March. And they had removed his  
32 leg with a samurai sword without any anesthetic. But he insisted  
33 on marching when they raised the American flag over the camp.  
34 He was quite a young man.  
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36 We went back to Osaka and had, uh... I have a clipping there, uh,  
37 volunteers included about 56 British. These were fellas who  
38 stayed behind to process, uh, prisoners to take back home. One  
39 Australian; one from New Zealand; and one without a country.  
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41 And uh, they – army commander General Robert Eichelberger, uh,  
42 was planning a great celebration and dinner with music on  
43 September the 4<sup>th</sup> for men who made their way to Yokohama. But  
44 they voluntarily returned to Osaka that night to organize the

1 evacuation of the other prisoners. And we traveled by train, truck  
2 and walked up the mountain for several – to some of these camps.  
3 Most of them were captured on, uh, 9 December 1945.  
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5 We toured a hospital in Kyoto where many of the Hiroshima  
6 victims were being cared for. This was a horrible site. Then we  
7 went to the Miyako Hotel. [chuckle] We were told that a couple of  
8 the GI's had taken over the hotel to, uh... We were supposed to  
9 talk'm into going home. [chuckle] They invited us for dinner and  
10 uh, they had one room full of C-rations, one room full of, uh, pear,  
11 apples and Asahi beer and Suntory whiskey. And uh, they were  
12 having a very good time, but we talked'm into going back home.  
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14Ruth Stewart: [12:37] These were American soldiers that had just sort of hold up  
15 and prepared for a long, good life?  
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17Edythe Jean Hathaway: Yeah, they were walking around with a sword on the side, you  
18 know. Just sort of, if they needed anything they'd go downtown  
19 and write a check – Mickey Mouse or something – Joe Palooka.  
20 Maybe we shouldn't tell that. But they were livin' it up.  
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22 When we got back to Yokohama, we soon moved up to Tokyo;  
23 took over St. Luke's Hospital; and, uh, this was the 42<sup>nd</sup> General  
24 Hospital. I was assigned as head nurse to a dermatology and  
25 [cytology 13:29] ward. Fortunately, I had a very nice southern  
26 gentleman as a ward officer, because as a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant, I hadn't  
27 seen a lot of these problems that these soldiers were having.  
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29 Quite a few of them had jungle rot cause they couldn't shave; and  
30 their beards were caked, so we did a lot of debridements and, uh...  
31 It's when penicillin first came out. And we were giving penicillin  
32 around the clock. They called me the, "queen of darts" or "tail  
33 gunner" in those days. The old members of the 42<sup>nd</sup> were getting  
34 ready to go home, so Marie, who had been with me, received her  
35 bronze star just before she left. And uh, I was to get mine later.  
36 Mine went to a nurse with a similar name. She objected, but they  
37 made her take it anyway. [chuckle]  
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39 I had enough points and I had planned to go home anyway. My  
40 dad had remarried when I graduated from training. And I thought  
41 they were having a few problems and I was ready to go home  
42 anyway. So, I went back to work on OB at St. John's Hospital.  
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44Ruth Stewart: [15:04] What year was that then?

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2 Edythe Jean Hathaway: That was in 1946 in May. I was separated. I got married that year  
3 and, uh, moved to Newton, Kansas. And uh, one of the nuns who  
4 was in charge of OB got sick and they asked me to please come up  
5 and take care of her – take care of the ward. So, I did. And we  
6 traveled back and forth, but my husband and I decided a mutual  
7 parting. We were too independent when we got married, I think.  
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9 So, I volunteered for Korea in, uh, 1950. And uh, my first stop  
10 was at Fort Hood. This was 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 1950. And I was on  
11 general duty there and, uh, left in 25 February for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Station  
12 Hospital.  
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14 Ruth Stewart: [16:15] That was still 1950?  
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16 Edythe Jean Hathaway: In '51.  
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18 Ruth Stewart: 51.  
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20 Edythe Jean Hathaway: Yeah.  
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22 Ruth Stewart: [16:20] And you went where then?  
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24 Edythe Jean Hathaway: 3<sup>rd</sup> Station Hospital in Korea – Pusan, Korea. I worked on a  
25 contagion unit and had a smallpox hut later. I volunteered for the  
26 first mash, but I went south to Kotido. This was a prison island – it  
27 was the 64<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital. Each nurse was assigned one to two  
28 wards with 100 beds each with North Korean, South Korean,  
29 Chinese, Christians and communists. And some of'm were pretty  
30 sick. They were anywhere from age 5 to 85. We were trying to  
31 find...  
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33 Ruth Stewart: [17:11] What were the conditions that they all had?  
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35 Edythe Jean Hathaway: Most of'm, 85% of'm had TB, I think. And we were trying find a  
36 treatment for, uh, a disease called paragonimus westermani. This  
37 is caused from ingesting raw river snails. And uh, I had an  
38 excellent ward officer who was really interesting. And we had  
39 Korean doctors and Korean nurses who worked with us.  
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41 While we were there, they had, uh – the prisoners had captured a  
42 general. So, we had, uh, a day or two where we had to sniff, uh,  
43 gas when they went into retrieve him. But uh, everything worked  
44 out alright. We were there until the end of hostilities. And then I

1 came home to Fort Huachuca, Arizona, which was a great  
2 assignment. That was 25 September 52. And they closed that post  
3 and I volunteered to go to Fort Irwin, California, which is out in  
4 the desert. And uh, if they would let me return if they reopened.  
5 So, they did. While I was at Camp Irwin, it was about 114 in the  
6 shade; and not much shade. But we had a great time.  
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8 Went back to Fort Huachuca when they opened. And while I was  
9 there, they needed some nurses to go to Tooele Ordnance Depot to  
10 replace some civilians. So, I was on TDY there for a couple of  
11 months.  
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13Ruth Stewart: [19:16] Now why was it you wanted to go back to Fort...  
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15Edythe Jean Hathaway: Huachuca?  
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17Ruth Stewart: Huachuca.  
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19Edythe Jean Hathaway: Oh, I loved Fort Huachuca.  
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21Ruth Stewart: [19:24] What was it that...  
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23Edythe Jean Hathaway: While I was there... Of course, I knew a lot of the natives and uh, I  
24 had, uh, rented a cottage up in one of the canyons. And uh, we just  
25 had a real, real fun time there.  
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27Ruth Stewart: [19:41] What kind of recreation?  
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29Edythe Jean Hathaway: Horseback riding, hiking in the mountains, the Huachuca  
30 Mountains and uh, it was close to Tombstone, Arizona. And at  
31 night we would drive to Nogales, Mexico for dinner, [McCavern's  
32 19:59]. Things were much nicer then than they are now. The only  
33 thing is [chuckle] when I worked OB, we'd have these people sit  
34 outside the gate until they were ready to deliver and then they'll  
35 come in and say, "We're an emergency." So, if they're born in the  
36 States, they become American citizens, which isn't quite right.  
37 Makes for a busy evening though, sometimes.  
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39Ruth Stewart: [20:39] Was that coming from Mexico?  
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41Edythe Jean Hathaway: Yeah mm-hm, Mexico. And then the nearest hospital was 35 miles  
42 to Bisbee, so a lot of the people out the east gate used to come  
43 there instead of going to Bisbee too. So, we kept pretty busy on  
44 OB.

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2 In June of '57 I went to, uh, the 20<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital and was head  
3 nurse of the nursery there. While I was there, I attended the  
4 preemie course down at Landstuhl for a couple weeks. Then I  
5 came back to BAMC and went to several of the courses. I've  
6 attended, uh, head nurses' course and, uh, mass casualty course  
7 and uh, chief nurses' course. I was assigned to BAMC in '63 as a  
8 nurse supervisor. And then, in 64, 5 January, I went back to Zama,  
9 Japan and was head nurse in the nursery there.  
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11 Ruth Stewart: [22:16] You went back to where now?  
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13 Edythe Jean Hathaway: Zama, Japan.  
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15 Ruth Stewart: [22:25] And when was that?  
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17 Edythe Jean Hathaway: 5 June 64. I have all those dates, I think, on that record.  
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19 Ruth Stewart: [22:36] But you returned to Japan to do what then? What was the  
20 focus of your return?  
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22 Edythe Jean Hathaway: I was assigned, uh, as the head nurse of the nursery.  
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24 Ruth Stewart: [22:58] And living in Japan, how did you find that?  
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26 Edythe Jean Hathaway: We really, uh, had a pretty nice setup, because we had quarters  
27 close to the hospital and uh, they had a medical lab and they were  
28 doing quite a bit of research on, uh, vein replacement and ser-, uh,  
29 different things with serum. So, uh, we were right outside the club,  
30 so we got all of our meals at the club. And uh, had a nice little, uh,  
31 Japanese girl who would come in and clean for you and make up  
32 things. She'd cook lunch if you decided to come home for lunch.  
33 But uh, it was a nice assignment. We had a lot – did a lot of  
34 traveling.  
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36 Ruth Stewart: [24:21] So, most of your experience then, not all of it, but most of  
37 it was related to, uh, obstetrical – perinatal I should say. Is that  
38 right?  
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40 Edythe Jean Hathaway: [laughter] I went, I went in as an OB nurse, and uh, my first  
41 assignment was, of course, the plastic surgery ward. And then  
42 when I was in Korea, I was on the contagion ward. And uh, after I  
43 went to the preemie course though, we uh, I was assigned to the  
44 nursery again.



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2 In uh, '67, I went to, uh, the 103<sup>rd</sup> Station Hospital in Heidelberg,  
3 Germany. And uh, I had to live on the economy because I had a  
4 couple of dogs with me. [chuckle] A friend of mine had been to  
5 Vietnam and asked me to keep her dogs. So, I had my dog plus  
6 hers. So, I had to hire a dog walker. Fortunately, the dog walker  
7 was a female butcher. And she used to fix little packages for a  
8 picnic when they'd go for a walk up in the mountains. I lived right  
9 next to the Odenwald – uh, the woods, the forest. And in the  
10 evening, I'd come home and would walk the dogs and stop by a  
11 wine stube and have a glass of wine. The dogs would have a little  
12 picnic and then we'd come back home again. It was a real nice  
13 assignment.  
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15 Let's see, where are we? [pause]  
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17Trish Martin: Back to [Inaudible 26:07]  
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19Edythe Jean Hathaway: [chuckle] Yeah, I had requested to go back to Fort Huachuca  
20 because I bought some property there when I came back in, uh,  
21 1970. In November, I was assigned to Fort Huachuca.  
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23 Just got my yard all fixed up and uh, was pretty well settled in and  
24 they said, uh, "We'd like for you to go to Tripler." And everybody  
25 wanted to go to Tripler. I said, "Okay, but I'll have to do  
26 something with my pets." So, I had to take my dog home to my  
27 step-mother; and I went to Tripler. I was there two years. Had a  
28 beautiful home out in the – on the windward side. Had a lot of  
29 company. Had a nice young Filipin-, or older Filipino man who  
30 did all of the gardening and taking care of the place. I had an acre  
31 of banana trees, papayas; and it was like living in paradise. It was  
32 really great.  
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34 I extended for a year, but the higher headquarters was abolished  
35 and my replacement [chuckle] came in and I went home to, uh,  
36 Reynolds Army Hospital in Fort Sill, uh, where I stayed until I  
37 retired – '73 to '76. I retired in June of '76 with much fanfare and  
38 lots of parties.  
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40Ruth Stewart: [28:12] And that was your retirement?  
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42Edythe Jean Hathaway: Mm-hm.  
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44Ruth Stewart: It was June of...

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2Edythe Jean Hathaway: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1976.  
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4Ruth Stewart: So, you've had a lustrous career of going to a lot of interesting  
5 places that some people would not consider all that great. And you  
6 loved all of them.  
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8Edythe Jean Hathaway: We had a great time and I met some very interesting people. And  
9 uh, we've always had a pretty good time.  
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11Ruth Stewart: [28:43] Do you have contact with some of the people from your  
12 past?  
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14Edythe Jean Hathaway: Oh yes, yep, yep. I still, uh, correspond with some of the people I  
15 was with in Germany.  
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17Ruth Stewart: [28:58] Military or civilians?  
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19Edythe Jean Hathaway: Both.  
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21Ruth Stewart: [29:08] And when you came back then in 1976, is that when you  
22 came to San Antonio?  
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24Edythe Jean Hathaway: Mm-hm. Yes uh, I had a friend who needed to be close a medical  
25 facility. I had bought a lake lot up in, uh, LBJ Lake that I had  
26 planned to live – where I had planned to live. But, until we moved  
27 into, uh, a place in San Antonio to be close to the medical center.  
28 She later had a stroke and passed away in '77. And uh, I was  
29 pretty well settled into San Antonio, so I sold my lot up at the lake.  
30 As you get older, you can't be too far out in the country. [chuckle]  
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32Ruth Stewart: [30:02] So, you've maintained then your life or developed a life in  
33 San Antonio...  
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35Edythe Jean Hathaway: Oh yes.  
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37Ruth Stewart: ...that has continued to be an interesting life?  
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39Edythe Jean Hathaway: Yes, I'm busier now than I ever was. I'm the night driver and I  
40 take a lot of friends to different clinics and appointments.  
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42Ruth Stewart: [30:28] What do you do for fun?  
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1Edythe Jean Hathaway: Uh, dig in the dirt. [chuckle] I do a little gardening and uh, I have  
2 pets, so I keep pretty busy.  
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4Ruth Stewart: [30:45] And you do belong to WOSL?  
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6Edythe Jean Hathaway: Oh, you bet I do. [laughter]  
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8Ruth Stewart: [30:49] Do you belong to any other, uh, veterans associations?  
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10Edythe Jean Hathaway: Oh yes. I'm a life member of VFW, American Legion,  
11 Williamsburg Foundation.  
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13Ruth Stewart: Williamsburg.  
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15Edythe Jean Hathaway: Uh, there's a few other things, I don't know. Anyway, I keep  
16 busy.  
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18Ruth Stewart: [31:18] Are you just a dues-paying member or are you active? I  
19 know in WOSL you're active, but do you attend meetings for these  
20 other organizations?  
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22Edythe Jean Hathaway: Unfortunately, the American Legion meets on the same day that  
23 WOSL does – the second Saturday of each month. So, I keep up  
24 with'm by newspaper and phone, but that's it. And I'm a member  
25 of VFW at large, so I don't go to their meetings.  
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27Ruth Stewart: Okay. [31:52] Would you say generally – you said about your life  
28 in the military and your assignments that they've all been great  
29 assignments. Um...  
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31Edythe Jean Hathaway: Some people wouldn't think they were so great, but life is what  
32 you make it, you know?  
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34Ruth Stewart: And obviously you've contributed a great deal and your experience  
35 with the POWS.  
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37Edythe Jean Hathaway: That was a fantastic assignment. That was one that I...  
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39Ruth Stewart: [32:15] Tell us a little more about that.  
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41Edythe Jean Hathaway: These fellas, you know, who had been prisoners 3-1/2 years were  
42 so polite and so interesting. I had a book called, uh, it was one of  
43 Donald Blanding's books called *The End of the Road*. And uh,  
44 they wanted to read something, you know, from the States. So, we

1 passed it around. And several of'm had written in it. Commander  
2 Lineberry was captured on 9 December; and he had written in it.  
3 And then, uh, this young man was a little bit, uh, nervous and I –  
4 maybe a little psychotic – but anyway, he had written all through  
5 the book, you know, about long he'd been there...  
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7Ruth Stewart: [33:11] You mean they made notations as they read in the book.  
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9Edythe Jean Hathaway: Yeah, they'd written... All of'm made a notation in the book. And  
10 uh...  
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12Ruth Stewart: [33:18] Do you still have that book?  
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14Edythe Jean Hathaway: I loaned it to somebody and I'm trying to find out where it is.  
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16Ruth Stewart: That would be a valuable – invaluable book.  
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18Edythe Jean Hathaway: Yeah, Doris and saw it and I think [Mim Young 33:27] had it. So,  
19 uh, I'm still looking. But it's a nice... And every place I went, uh,  
20 usually somebody wanted to see it; and has written something in it.  
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22Ruth Stewart: Mm-hm.  
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24Edythe Jean Hathaway: So, it's kind of a nice diary.  
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26Ruth Stewart: Sure.  
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28Edythe Jean Hathaway: We weren't allowed to keep a diary when we first went in in '45.  
29 And we weren't allowed to take too many pictures, you know,  
30 until after the war. So, uh, my albums are a little empty for that  
31 period of time.  
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33Ruth Stewart: [34:07] What do you – would you say was your most momentous  
34 experience or situation in your time in the military?  
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36Edythe Jean Hathaway: Uh, the trip to the [RokuRoku 34:20] prison camp with the POWS;  
37 and watching them raise the flag on that camp. I had, uh, an older  
38 step-brother. My dad didn't remarry until I graduated from  
39 training. And uh, my oldest step-brother was in the Seabees; my  
40 younger step-brother was in the air force; and my little brother, my  
41 own brother, was in the navy. So, we were pretty well represented.  
42 And uh, my dad had been a machine gunner in WWI. It was a  
43 pretty patriotic family.  
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1Ruth Stewart: [35:05] Is there anything else you want to record here for us today?  
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3Edythe Jean Hathaway: Can't think of a thing.  
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5Ruth Stewart: This has been a very interesting experience that you've discussed  
6 with us. So, I appreciate it.  
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8Edythe Jean Hathaway: It's sort of dry. [laughter]  
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