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December 19, 1993

Brian Lamb  
Host of "Booknotes"  
C-Span  
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Dear Brian Lamb,

World War II **changed the world** and I changed with it. A child of the depression I graduated December 1, 1941 from the [REDACTED] in Rochester, Minnesota and volunteered for WWII. [REDACTED] is the unedited true story of my life as a combat nurse following assorted Infantry Divisions as they fought their way country to country, year after year.

It's not sophomoric, nor soap operatic. It's the art of surviving a war...keeping your sanity...caring for our wounded.

My self-published (by choice) book is on six continents, sent or taken to these far-flung places by readers. They all say "I laughed, I cried and I couldn't put your book down."

I pray on my semi-good knee that you will steal time to read the enclosures and the book.

Sincerely and hopefully,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Update *to Nov '93*

Old dogfaces keep writing or calling [REDACTED] because "she told it like it really was." A call from the West left her tearful. When she answered the phone, a plaintive, elderly voice asked "Bedpan, is this really you or is this a happy recording?"

After reading [REDACTED] book about visiting [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] a friend from [REDACTED] recalled that [REDACTED] had been built in 1942 on what is now [REDACTED] parking lot. Through [REDACTED] [REDACTED] contacted 25 crew members and found they called their landing craft the USS IVORY SOAP because it didn't sink. In her book, [REDACTED] also tells of visiting wounded American soldiers in a just-liberated hospital in Heppenheim, Germany. When eleven of these survivors held a reunion in Dayton, OH, she attended.

In January '91, a reader sent [REDACTED] a ticket to tour the battlefields in Belgium, Luxembourg and France in the company of 33 other veterans. As expected, memories of a particular crossroad, church or hill are etched in veterans' minds; viewing the scene fifty years later proved highly emotional. Because of their size and geometrical simplicity, the National Cemeteries often proved overpowering, especially when the veterans stood by the graves of their fallen comrades.

[REDACTED] is in libraries at the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is for sale in gift shops at the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] etc and through the fund-raising catalogue for [REDACTED] (to be built at the gateway to Arlington Cemetery).

[REDACTED] called to say his wife, [REDACTED] was at Fort [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] was there. He wanted to confirm the publisher's address as he'd be discussing [REDACTED] on his program that day. Country [REDACTED] called for books to give as Christmas gifts, including one for his buddy [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the New York Times called to chat about her battlefield visit and book.

While attending the [REDACTED] Reunion in Louisville, [REDACTED] practiced her racewalking in the [REDACTED] hotel parking lot in preparation for the [REDACTED] in Syracuse. Alerted by a retired FBI agent who had read her book, the local NBC affiliate interrupted her practice by inviting her for an interview. She surprised them by appearing in her antique uniform and combat boots. Probably because she can still fit into her WWII uniform, [REDACTED] was elected to the board of the [REDACTED] Veterans of WW II.

*quitted*

On May 2, 1992, 6000 people attended the commissioning of the Aegis Missile Cruiser ANZIO in Norfolk, VA. It was an overwhelming ceremony that honored the veterans with a 21-gun salute. First ever for an Army unit. As a gift to the cruiser from the Anzio veterans, Echohawk -- a full-blooded Pawnee, 45th Inf. Division veteran, and national accredited montage artist, painted scenes of Anzio as he remembered it...with a nurse down in front digging a foxhole.

[redacted] has been the banquet speaker for the 32nd Infantry Division, Tri-State reunion, the Michigan Company of Military Historians, Western Michigna Confederate Air Force, 8th Air Force Historical Society in Akron, Fifth Infantry midwest reunion and for dozens of others. She reviewed her book in Jacksonville, FL; Canton, OH; Peoria, IL; and at the Lansing MICHIGAN SALUTE TO WOMEN VETERANS, the Kalamazoo Historical Air Museum 50th anniversary of the landings in North Africa; the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids; the Naval ROTC & Nursing Historical Society, U of Mich., the 101st Airborne Division in Lansing, and the WWII Commemorative Community festivites in Slidell, LA. The list grows.

If you tire of General Whosits or Admiral Tailhook as your banquet speaker, call the [redacted] She'll make you laugh and cry.

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[redacted] is now in its second printing, with more photographs and ultraviolet-treated covers.

Address all orders for [redacted] to:

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**Supplies are limited**

What Readers Think of [REDACTED]

Quelle histoire! Immensely readable. Book arrived Friday. I felt compelled to finish it today (Sunday) before breakfast.  
T.F., Bethesda, MD

Intensely interesting. In my innumerable contacts with you nurses, not a single one of you ever breathed a word about all the difficulties you were having. How could I have been so dumb and insensitive not to have sensed it?

L.E, MD, Bellevue, WA

I want to express not only my admiration ( and respect) for the book but also the opportunity to examine a personality so honestly exposed in the writings. W.S., Temple, TX

[REDACTED] in my view, ranks as one of the most dynamic, 'blood and guts' stories about World War II that I have read. It has these unique qualities: It's by a woman about situations in combat. Not just any woman, but one who is a small-sized stick of TNT, with both courage and caring in magnificent quantities. Celebration of this remarkable book just now is singularly appropriate as we pass through the 50th anniversaries of the seven European Theater battles described in this story."

J. S. F, Far Hills, NJ

The excerpts from your book [REDACTED] ..refer to my father, [REDACTED] ...the excerpts are like a treasure to me.

A.F.H, Sacramento, CA

You indomitable rascal, [REDACTED] I'll be looking for [REDACTED] on the No. 1 list of New York booksellers. I trust that one of these days it will be adapted into a movie.

W. D. MD, Orlando, FL

Could barely wait to read [REDACTED] Mail came at 4 PM. I read most of the night and saved the rest for today. How well I remember the trip from Custer to the SS Elena and the trip from Ferryville to Licata on that boat with all the ammo. [REDACTED] baby, congratulations on having authored a great little book.

R.S., RN, Ft. Pierce, FL

[REDACTED] is a very warm and very moving book. It conveys not only the grim reality of the work you were faced with, but also it provides a realistic view of the total experience of life overseas during World War II. When we talk about World War II, we will certainly tell our students about your excellent memoir.

J.B.L. and D.C.S, Smithfield, RI

We are tremendously impressed with [REDACTED]!!! One soon gets caught up in the vivid portrayal of the grime and guts, the horror and the humor, the tragedy and the triumph, and it demands to be read to the finish without delay. May the sales multiply tenfold!

D.K., Parchment, MI

I love it. I love it. A friend, who teaches at Clermont College, is alerting professors active in Women's Studies to this masterpiece.

C.G. PhD, Cincinnati, OH

I've read [REDACTED] and, as you said, "Historical, hysterical, funny, and very sad." Also, it's so very interesting, being written from a new viewpoint and with your very special and endearing empathy.

W.C.C., Watertown, WI

I finished [REDACTED] last night after a concentrated reading session of a day and a half. You were describing "my war" in a way I've never heard before. You made it more real than newspaper and movie descriptions. I admire you for two reasons; first, that you dared to go, and second, that you actually wrote and published your story. Thank you for your story.

J.M. Kalamazoo MI

What a challenge for an actress to catch your spunk, originality, cleverness, empathy, insight, foresight, maturity, virtue, fairness, unimpressiveness and gutsiness.

C.A. MD.PhD., Redwood City, CA

No wonder your book is going around the world, enthusiastically read. To me it is the most realistic, tender (I shed a few tears), nostalgic and delightful report of those memorable (and forgettable) years of my life.

W.G.R. Naples, FL

Recently read [REDACTED] book review in our STATE NEWSPAPER. It blew my mind!

F.B. Victoria, Australia

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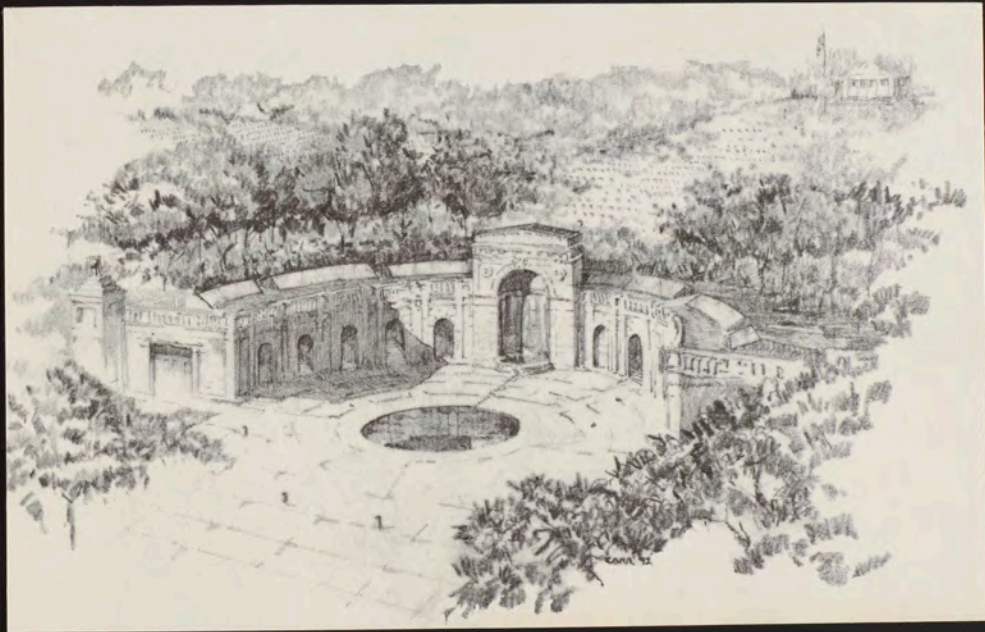
Reviewer: Brigadier General Connie Slewitzke, USA, NC(Ret.) Vice President, WIMSA and former Chief, Army Nurse Corps.

[REDACTED]

234 pages). + 20 pages photos

The title of this book can never describe the caring, competence and professionalism of this courageous Army surgical nurse. Through her letters home, notes and diary, we participate in the campaigns of North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Everyone who reads Ms. [REDACTED] harrowing accounts of combat nursing will identify with the heroism and dedication of this outstanding soldier. Ms. [REDACTED] captivates our interest as she describes the extremely rudimentary living conditions, inhospitable climate and the constant stress of coping with mass casualties, enemy air raids and shellings, often, while very ill herself. We come to know personalities, some never to be forgotten, who add to the misery of war. We identify with her as she comforts the wounded, grieves for the dying and weeps because of man's inhumanity to man. Above all, we learn [REDACTED] is a survivor. She met every challenge with a professionalism that stands out as a shining example for today's military women to emulate.

[REDACTED] and other nurses arrived home without fanfare. They disembarked at a deserted pier at Newport News, Virginia. The final irony was a ride on a filthy, insect infested train. That's how a country welcomed home women of great courage and honor following World War II. Women who gave so much, yet received little or no appreciation or recognition for their service, even to this day. This book should be recommended reading for today's military women.



Sketch of proposed Women in Military Service Memorial, Main Entrance, Arlington National Cemetery. Features include glass tablets at upper terrace, historic Hemicycle, reflecting pool, and Court of Honor. To register or donate, call 1 - 800 - 4 - SALUTE.

Women in Military Service for America Memorial, Dept. 560, Wash, DC 20042-0560

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## Affectionately mentioned by PAUL HARVEY

Laughingly labeled a [redacted] by the troops, June Wandrey recorded WWII from ambulance and tent as her mobile surgical unit followed the infantry.

[redacted] is a nurse's story of a man's war from Fort Custer to Dachau and all the bloody spots in between.

Across North Africa and on to Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, Allach and Dachau, these women fought death, despair, and exhaustion with humor, tears and guts.

From diary and letters and illustrated with 20 pages of never-before-published photographs, [redacted] chronicles Wandrey's coming-of-age while the world learned to capitalize the word Holocaust. Hysterical, historical, funny and sad.

*Please tuck in reunion newsletters*

The Story of a Combat Nurse During World War II



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1/Lt [REDACTED] ANC WWII 46 months

following the infantry.

This is a 73 year old body in a 50 year old uniform.

[REDACTED] 10th Combat Engrs, 3rd Inf. Div.  
Lost both legs on the Anzio Beachhead  
when he was only 19.



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