

# Women In War



1st Lieut. Mary Jane Mattorn, WAC PIO correspondent shakes the hand of Col. Charles D'Orsa in Korea, 1953.



Master Sgt. Carolyn James and Corp. Louise Farrell debark to join the 8th US Army in Korea, 1952.

## Korean War

With the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, women were called back to active duty for the first time, some involuntarily. Army nurses were in greatest need with hundreds volunteering to serve in the combat theater. Many more women served in noncombat



Members of the 1st MASH, X Corps perform an operation on a wounded soldier near the front lines in Korea, 1951.

settings but faced difficult circumstances because of staff shortages. Nurses served at field, station, evacuation, and mobile army surgical hospitals (MASH) on the Korean peninsula. Other Army women were stationed in Japan in direct support of the combat theater as medical technicians, supply specialists, record keepers and administrators. Concurrently women were adjusting to recently desegregated units.