

# ISLAND NURSE A VETERAN OF THE KOREAN AIR LIFT

## Has Made Daily Flights Since Sept. 1950 With Air Evacuation Squadron

Peace talk in Korea has not made any significant difference in the duties of the group of Army and Air Force nurses now serving in the Korean area. One of these nurses, a native of Kilmuir, P.E.I., Lt. S. Katherine MacDonald, has been on the Korean airlift and has made daily flights from Korea to Japan since September, 1950.

As a flight nurse with the U.S. Air Force, her duties frequently take her to within hearing range of artillery fire, when they land on make-shift air strips to pick up patients, casualties of the United Nations troops, from aid stations behind the fighting lines in the combat zone.

Sometimes the landing field is on a muddy rice paddy. Sometimes it is a reservoir area among the hills. Once, on a mercy mission from Seoul it was on an island of refuge south of Korea; when, in addition to their regular duties

several planes voluntarily evacuated one thousand orphans and abandoned children picked up by soldiers in the shattered city of Seoul. This mission was organized by an army chaplain.

### Presidential Citation

Lt. MacDonald is a member of the 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron, which along with two other Air Force groups "received the first presidential citation awarded to any unit since the outbreak of the Korean conflict." "The three units were cited for operations in the Chosen Reservoir" and other areas.

"The 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron was cited for the gallantry and heroism displayed while participating in battle casualty evacuation operations in Korea." "The squadron was responsible for the evacuation of 1,442 casualties," following severe fighting operations, "from Suwon and Kimpo airstrips. This operation was carried out under the fire of large concentrations of enemy troops in the surrounding areas. The squadron was responsible for evacuating the war and weather casualties from Hagaruri and Kato-ri airstrips".

The citation reads in part: "The members of the 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron in both these operations unhesitatingly risked their lives again and again in order to provide the necessary medical attention to the wounded members of the United Nations Forces." Day after day there was little opportunity to eat or sleep.

Lt. Col. Allen D. Smith, Commanding Officer of the 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron, when he received the Presidential Citation for his organization, remarked: "Our nurses and medical technicians have really worked hard to earn it. It is very gratifying to see their efforts rewarded in this manner."

Quoting the "Airlift Times", Japan, "The 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron is the only unit of its type assigned to the FEAF combat cargo command."

### F. W. C. Graduate

Lt. Katherine MacDonald, mentioned above, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. N. MacDonald, Kilmuir, P.E.I. She is a graduate of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, and Dalhousie University, Halifax, and received her M.N. from Yale School of Nursing, New Haven, Conn. She entered the Army Nurse Corps during World War II.

Prior to being transferred to the Korean area, Lt. MacDonald was an instructor at the School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Recently she was the nurse on duty on the Korea to Japan flight when a news reel was being made for civilian defence in which the photographers were focusing their attention on one of the battle casualties, following his progress from the time his injury was received in combat until he reaches his destination in the U.S. Army hospital nearest to his home. One of the photographers was heard to say, "This story doesn't have to be written, it writes itself."

### W. I. Convention

The 24th annual district convention of Avonlea, Stanley Bridge, Mayfield, Bayview, New Glasgow, St. Ignace, Anglo-Rustico, Oyster Bed Bridge, Wheatley River and Ebenezer Institutes was held in Wheatley River Hall recently with Ebenezer the entertaining institute.

With Mrs. Frank McRae in the chair as President, the meeting opened by all singing the "Ode" and repeating the creed in unison. Mrs. George Dickleson of New Glasgow very capably presided at the organ for the afternoon and evening sessions.

After calling the Presidents of the different Institutes to the platform the President then called on Mrs. Norman McRae for the address of welcome which was graciously responded to by Mrs. M. J. Dickleson of Avonlea Institute. Minutes of last year's convention were read by the Secretary Miss Helen Ford and Roll Call was answered by over 80 delegates. Each Institute Secretary gave an interesting report on the work being done by her Institute.

An invitation to hold the 1952 Convention in Stanley Bridge was extended by the Stanley Institute. This invitation was accepted and the following officers were elected by the nominating committee:—

Mrs. Elmer Fyfe, President.  
Mrs. Dr. Fleming, Secretary  
Treasurer.

The Resolution Committee namely: Mrs. Roy Woolner, Mrs. Philip Matheson and Mrs. Dr. Fleming brought in the following resolutions:

Be it resolved that the thanks of this convention be extended to the officers for the efficient way in which they have conducted our meeting today and also to the Ebenezer W. I. members for the gracious and sumptuous manner in which they have entertained us. Be it further resolved that our thanks be extended to Miss Heather MacLean, Mrs. Gordon MacMillan, Mrs. George Dickleson and Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod and all others who in any way contributed to the success of this convention.

Resolved that in future those



April 1951. Chow! "There is no place to eat here except outside the tent," writes Lieut. Katherine MacDonald, formerly of Kilmuir, P. E. I. (in foreground). The men in the background are using a jeep for a table. "The food is good, though!"



March, 1951. A typical Japanese woman and her two baby sons. She enjoyed having her picture taken. "The baby carrying method," writes Lt. MacDonald, "seems like a good one—both hands are free for other things."



May, 1951. Taken from the door of a medical evacuation plane, this picture shows a load of ambulatory patients backing up to the ramp by the side of the plane.

reading the reports from the different Institutes read them from the front of the hall.

Resolved that this convention go on record as being opposed to any change in our present district conventions unless such change is brought about by the members of each Institute and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the annual convention at Charlottetown.

During the afternoon Miss Heather MacLean gave a very interesting talk on color combinations, crocheting and embroidery. She also showed a number of articles which could be made for bazaars gifts etc.

She explained the suggested new set-up of rallies and district conventions and solicited support for the fund to provide for a new radio system for Sanitorium patients. The programme of the after-

noon continued with a duet by Mrs. Lorne MacEwen and Mrs. Ray Douglas—Harbour Lights.

Duet by Betty and Marilyn Ford—The Blue Skirt Waltz (encored).

A sing song led by Mrs. George Dickleson. Recitation by Pearl Nicholson; Mayfield and a short playette by two girls from St. Ignace Institute—"Girls Will Be Girls". A song contest was put on by Oyster Bed Bridge—Institute following this a lovely supper of ham, salads, rolls and cakes was served to all present by ladies from Ebenezer W. I. Shortly before the evening session opened the cake, cookies, and rolls left over from the supper were sold by auction. Mrs. Newton MacLure acting as auctioneer. \$4.95 was realized from this sale.

The evening session opened by singing the Island Hymn after which the President called on Mrs.



April, 1951. Kimpo A. F. B. near Seoul, Korea. Medical Technician S/Sgt. Davis and Lt. MacDonald on a Russian tank. Bombed administration building can be seen in the background.



April, 1951. Near Piesan, Korea. Placing war casualties on truck. Each truck accommodates twelve litters (six on top, six on bottom), the ends of the litters being tied to the truck with rope. A canvas canopy covers the top. The hospital is located about twelve miles from the holding tent at the air strip. "These patients," writes Lt. MacDonald, "are still in combat clothing. They already received first aid farther north."



April, 1951. Korean women near Pusan. "These women don't use their hands to support loads, but in this case the subject was distracted when I got her picture," writes Lieut. MacDonald. Their shoes are rubber-like flats with turned-up toes. The Japanese wear the wooden gatas, with thong separating the great toe from the others.

Gordon MacMillan from Cornwall to show her slides on her beautiful flower garden. These slides were very much enjoyed by all who had the pleasure of seeing them.

The second highlight of the evening came when the President called on Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod for an address on her trip to Copenhagen in 1950. This talk proved very inspiring when she graphically described many of the places she had visited including a visit to her old home in England and stated to the audience that in comparison with some of the countries she had visited we should realize we are indeed living in a land of milk and honey.

Following Mrs. MacLeod's address Mr. Douglas MacDonald gave a very amusing monologue followed by a chorus by the C. G. I. T. girls of Wheatley River accompanied by Mrs. Harold Chandler. After collection had been taken the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

### FLAGS FOR CHILDREN

TORONTO, Aug. 16—(CP)—Union Jacks for every one of Toronto's 57,000 schoolchildren will provide Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh with a red, white and blue welcome when they visit here Oct. 5. The Board of Education has recommended purchase of six-by-eight-inch flags at an estimated cost of \$2,200.



April, 1951. Another view of bombed administration building, with S/Sgt. Davis in foreground.



April, 1951. Near Pusan, showing a typical Korean thatched roof. The child ran back when Lieut. MacDonald tried to take his picture.



February, 1951. Waiting for patients at Pusan, Korea. Seen in the picture are Capt. Wilfong, Lt. McCarthy, Lt. Chicken and Lt. MacDonald.



April, 1951. Kimpo air force base near Seoul. The front battle line at this time was on the hilltop shown in background. In the photograph, artillery smoke is slightly visible in the Korean war. It was retaken last summer, lost again last December and again retaken in February of March. The landing strip, however, could not be used due to severe bombing by United Nations planes before the field up in December. It was made available again last April.

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