

LIST No. IV A  
FILIPINA NURSES WHO SERVED  
AT BATAAN AND CORREGIDOR 1941 & 1942

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

11 August 1945

General Douglas MacArthur, O-57  
Commander In Chief,  
USA Forces, Pacific,  
APO 500- c/o Postmaster,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear General MacArthur!

I am enclosing a list of Filipina Nurses who were attached to our Army hospitals located on Bataan and Corregidor.

The names of these nurses were furnished me by Captain Josephine M. Nesbit, Army Nurse Corps, who was the Assistant Chief Nurse in Manila prior to declaration of War and who served on Bataan and Corregidor and later interned at Santa Tomas.

These Filipina Nurses unquestionably served loyally and effeciently and perhaps you may be able to give them some deserved recognition

Sincerely,

/s/Norman T. Kirk,  
/t/NORMAN T. KIRK,  
Major General, USA,  
The Surgeon General.

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1 American Citizen - Filipina Mestiza

) Evacuated to Fort Mills, Corregidor,  
 HOSPITAL #1 ) When Bataan Fell.

1	Amalia F. Barrera	Ft McKinley when war began
2	Socorro Basan	Joined after December 8, 1941
3	Gregoria I. Espinosa	Ft McKinley when war began
4	Anna L. Kayan	Joined after December 8, 1941
5	Benilda Castaneda	Joined after December 8, 1941

) Evacuated to Fort Mills, Corregidor,  
 HOSPITAL #2 ) When Bataan Fell.

1	Maureen Davis	American Citizen. Corregidor when war began
2.	Lucila F. Barrera	Ft Stotsenberg when war began
3	Paula B. Budano	Joined after December 8, 1941
4	Lumen B. Cruz	Joined after December 8, 1941
5	Feliza M. Cnan	Joined after December 8, 1941
6	Cleopatra Q. Dulay	Joined after December 8, 1941
7	Herminia D. Espejo	Joined after December 8, 1941
8	Salustiana F. Go	Ft. Mills, Corregidor, when war began
9	Florencia M. Gacayan	Ft McKinley when war began
10	Adelaida T. Garcia	Ft McKinley when war began
11	Federica M. Garcia	Ft McKinley when war began
12	Bagangsilang Gempesaw	Joined December 23, 1941
13	Genoveva Lara	Joined after December 8, 1941
14	Sustines A. Lorenzana	Ft Mills, Corregidor, when war began
15	Lida V. Macasa	Ft Stotsenberg when war began
16	Esperanza Ona	Joined after December 8, 1941
17	Anita Profetana	Joined after December 8, 1941
18	Perfecta Quintos	Ft Stotsenberg when war began
19	Juana C. Ranada	Joined after December 8, 1941
20	Beatriz Sarmiento	Ft Mills, Corregidor, when war began
21	Caridad N. Singson	Joined after December 8, 1941
22	Pura Santa Maria	Joined after December 8, 1941
23	Rebecca J. Salvacion	Ft Mills, Corregidor, when war began
24	Catalina Tolentino	Joined after December 8, 1941
25	Marina Villanueva	Joined after December 8, 1941
26	Esperanza Valido	Ft Stotsenberg when war began

/s/ Josephine M. Nesbit,  
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 Captain, Army Nurse Corps

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EXCERPTS FROM LETTER FROM JOSEPHINE NESBIT,  
CAPTAIN, ARMY NURSE CORPS - FORMALLY CHIEF  
NURSE AND ASSISTANT CHIEF NURSE ON BATAAN  
AND CORREGIDOR AND ONE OF THE 68 ARMY NURSES  
LIBERATED FROM SANTO TOMAS

---Is something being done in official circles to give the loyal little Filipina nurses recognition? There were thirty one of them in Bataan when the surrender came April 9, 1942. One, Maureen Davis, is a Filipina Mestiza-American citizen and is in Los Angeles awaiting acceptance in the A.N.C.---

---They were heroines as much as the rest of us and I feel they are very deserving of any consideration we can get for them. They were loyal as they could be to us while we were interned in Santo Tomas. They, many of them, sent us toilet articles, money and fruits whenever they could get the things in to us. And as soon as they could come into camp after our release they were right there to rejoice with us. They suffered a great deal during those long years of war and are still having many hardships to endure. If we can give them a little public praise and a medal of some kind I'm sure we will never regret it.---

---Some of them took Mrs. Ida Hube, our angel, and housed herein Holy Ghost Convent to save her from the Japs at the last battle. Mrs. Hube is still there but not too well. She also should be given a Congressional Medal or something for befriending us all when her own well being was greatly endangered.---

---Some were in Stotsenberg, some in McKinley and some on Corregidor when war began and had served as civilian nurses with the Army. Others came when the emergency arose and we called through the Filipino Red Cross for help. Miss Tinaowan (I'm not certain about the spelling) was in charge of the Red Cross Nursing Division and co-operated in every way possible to give us help. She also is worthy of a citation. She came to our assistance again after the Japs shelled Santo Tomas, and sent nurses into our camp to run the hospital.

---I'm enclosing the list of names and many of them are working in hospitals which I'm sure our Army has organized in the Philippines.---

*John*