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Army Nurses' Perspective of the War

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AERIAL VIEW OF A PART OF THE LEDO-BURMA ROAD. 28 JAN. 1945.

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OPENING THE CHINA LIFELINE FROM BURMA AND INDIA.

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SIGN AT THE CHINA-BURMA BORDER AT WANTING, CHINA.

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Nearly all the time I spent at the 20th General, I worked on the psychiatric wards. The two locked wards, B-6 and B-7, were joined together by a common office. B-6 is shown here on the right, though all that is visible is the doctor's office. At Christmas time, huge festoons of tea leaves hung between the posts on the porch, with huge wreaths also of tea leaves, tied with big red bows. The flowerbed in the front of the building had many zinnias in it, cared for by the patients.



Courtyard scene. Between the two wards was a courtyard in which the patients from the locked wards were allowed. Here, also, they built flowerbeds.

You are cordially invited
to attend the wedding
of
Lt. Berenice E. Webster
to
Capt. Arthur L. Germain
on Saturday
September the eighth

at 4 p.m.
in the

Twentieth General Hospital
Military Chapel

Reception in the
Officers' Club

Bridal Gowns Made of Indian Saris in Assam

Gowns worn by the bride and her attendant had been fashioned by the bride from Indian saris, when First Lt. Bernice E. Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Webster, 210 North Sixth street, became the bride of Capt. Arthur L. Germain of Spencer, Mass.

Lt. W. H. Shamburger officiated for the service September 8 in the chapel of the Twentieth General hospital at Ledo, Assam, India. The bride was given in marriage by Col. John R. Mitchell of the hospital staff.

The bride's gown was of silvery white sheer material made with long sleeves and long full skirt, and worn over satin, with fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of white native flowers. Her only jewelry was a crystal necklace which belonged to the bridegroom's mother.

Her attendant was Lt. Signe S. Cooper whose gown was of silk chiffon in an orchid shade. She carried a basket bouquet of huge yellow flowers and orchids. Lt. Robert Lowe was best man.

After a reception in the Officers' club, Capt. and Mrs. Germain left for a trip to Dighai, India.

The bride is a graduate of Michael Reese hospital in Chicago and before entering service was employed here and in Chicago. Capt. Germain is with the engineering corps maintaining the Ledo road.

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THE WEDDING

3 September, 1945



On September 8, 1945 Lt. Berenice Webster and Capt. Arthur Germain were married at the 20th General Chapel. Berenice was given in marriage by Col. Mitchell, and Capt. Bob Lowe, of Arthur's company, and I were the attendants. Our dresses were made by Berenice out of Indian saris which we got at Darjeeling, hers being of sheer woven silver with the veil of the same material, and mine of orchid chiffon. Berenice carried white flowers with ferns, and I carried a bouquet of huge yellow flowers with orchids.