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RANK: First Lieutenant, Army Nurse Corps

ORGANIZATION: 81st Station Hospital

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: North African and Mediterranean Theaters of Operations

- The following excerpt is directly from an original wartime letter written by Frances. This is the only letter from Frances in the site curator's possession.
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Frances writes a friend in the United States:

“Jan., 14, 1944

‘Somewhere in N. Africa’

100 A.M. Nite Duty.

...It is almost a year overseas for me. It's been fun and I haven't regretted a moment of it. It's been mighty rough going a lot of times but we've lived thru it every time. Especially the air raids. I have visited and seen a lot of interesting places and things such as Oran, Algiers Tunis, Bizerte, Carthage, the Roman ruins, the beautiful Cathedrals at Carthage and Tunis...As for souvenirs over here, they are very expensive. Everything is sold for 3 times its' value...However, I have sent a few boxes of stuff home for the relatives and family.

Christmas was as pleasant as it could be over here. We had midnite Mass in our church tent. It was very beautiful, with the singing and all. Well, write again soon!

Love to all

Frances”

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- Frances made it through the Second World War but when she passed away is unknown.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime period film in the public domain that covers the Army Nurse Corps (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/TheArmyNurse1945>
 - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Frances' wartime organization, the Army Nurse Corps (reader discretion advised):**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Army_Nurse_Corps