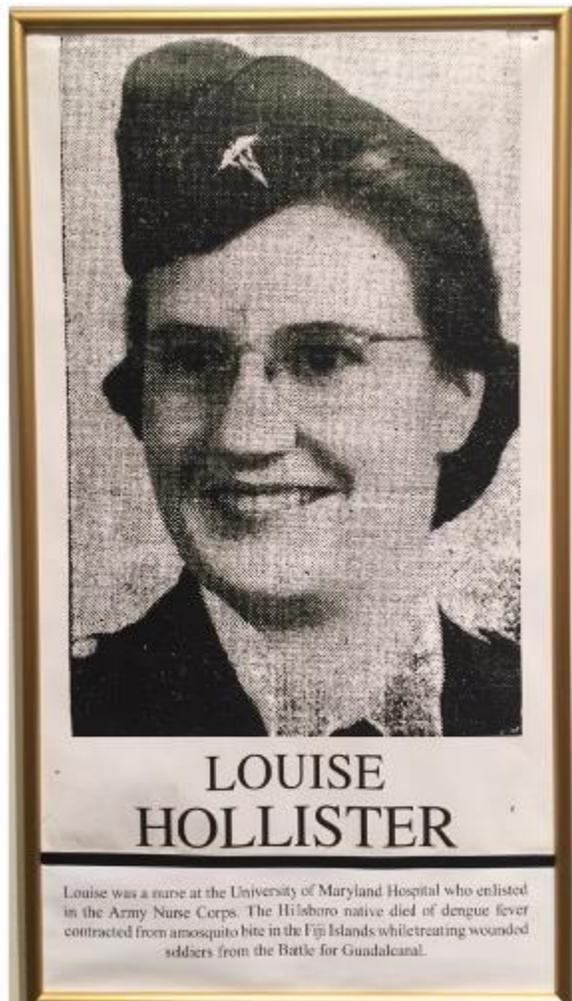


2LT Louise Hollister- Research Sources and Excerpts

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Rural Life Museum Exhibit, Denton, MD

Museum of Rural Life – WWII Exhibit



Maryland School of Nursing Archives

<https://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/museum/virtual-tour/military-history/wwii/>

In April 1940, following the outbreak of war in Europe, the U.S. Surgeon General asked the University of Maryland to help form a Medical Reserve Corps. Two years later, dozens of School of Nursing graduates were activated for duty with the 42nd and 142nd General Hospitals and went on to serve in Australia, the Philippines, Fuji, and Japan. Eventually, more than 150 graduates served in various branches of the armed forces, both at home and abroad. **Louise Hollister, Class of 1939** and a member of the 142nd General Hospital, suffered a severe brain hemorrhage in August 1943, becoming the only School of Nursing casualty of the war.

<https://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/media/son/about/living-history-museum/A-Timeline-of-Nursing-History.pdf>

1941 - The United States enters World War II. Some 140 School of Nursing graduates serve in the armed forces and national service organizations, both at home and abroad. The University-organized 42nd and 142nd General Hospital units, which include 22 and five graduates respectively, serve from April 1942 to August 1945. One graduate, Louise Hollister, Class of 1939, dies while serving in Australia.

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50 BULLETIN OF THE NURSES' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

THE HOLLISTER MEMORIAL

The Hollister Memorial Fund at present amounts to \$551.21.

Because numerous friends have indicated a desire to make yearly contributions until the fund is sufficiently large to provide an income which can be utilized for a definite purpose, the fund is being kept open.

On October 30, 1947, the Chairman of the Committee, Ethel M. Troy, attended graveside services in the Denton, Maryland, Cemetery, where Miss Hollister's body had been brought for its final resting place.

*Hollister, Louise Margaret

*Deceased.

REUNION OF CLASS OF 1939

Nancy Craven Sheppard, '39

The place was the same — the Emerson Ballroom — the time was much later — some ten years later — when a small group of the class of '39 again enjoyed the annual Alumnae banquet and dance and celebrated its tenth year reunion. We remembered and relived the good times, laughed about the more difficult ones, and regretted that all the members of our class couldn't be with us for the evening. Margaret Wilson Webster, Margaret Culler Zell, Dorothy Danforth Hope, Lola Marshall Mihm, Marguerite Foster, Thelma Doyle Inskeep, and Nancy Craven Sheppard were those present.

Everyone enjoyed notes and letters from some of the other members of the class who were unable to be with us. Margaret Beall Johnston wrote that the distance from California was too great for her to be with us. Mary Clark Harris sent best wishes from East Hartford, Connecticut, where she is busy with her family of three nice youngsters. Dorothy Shaff Walker remembered us from Boston and sent her hopes that we have a happy evening. Margaret Bennington Megenhardt was unable to leave her ill mother. All wished to be remembered to the Alumnae and hope to be with us for our next reunion.

Louise Hollister was there in the hearts of every member of the class. Her place of honor will never be filled.

The American Journal of Nursing

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Hollister, 2nd Lt. Louise M., ANC. "From the **Pacific: Army Nurses Write Us.**"
American Journal of Nursing, November 1943, p. 1026.

From the Pacific Army Nurses Write Us
Author(s): B. M. Davis

Source: The American Journal of Nursing, Vol. 43, No. 11 (Nov., 1943), p. 1026
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Since I joined the ANC in February 1942, I have had many experiences long to be remembered. As we traveled across the USA it was a great thrill just to see my own country for the first time, despite its being but a "bird's-eye view" from a train window.-Then we sailed.

As we crossed to this tropical island, we saw the beautiful country in all its native beauty-coconut groves, pineapple and sugar cane fields, native villages, and, of course, the natives. All along the way we received a welcome in their native tongue. When we arrived at what was to be our hospital (two warehouses), we found that all offices were in tents and all personnel lived in tents; soon the hospital spread there too.

On that first day I was shown to the end of one of the warehouses and told that it was to be the operating room. I immediately began to order the things I would need first in case of emergency. On the fifth day we had our first operation-a laminec-tomy on a critically ill patient. After a time the patient was well enough to go to the States.

On that first day, I had to take the instruments in covered containers to the mess "tent" kitchen to sterilize them, while "mess" was being prepared. Two motors outside the window furnished current to run the suction machine and portable field lamps. We were soon able to get a small electric sterilizer, also run by current supplied by motor. For dry sterilizing, a large "delouser" was used. On our tenth day we were set up well enough to do five operations in less than four hours. We still remember those days and how much joy we had in watching things grow into a hospital in buildings. Today we have a nice setup with the latest equipment.

The most impressive thing to me has been our religious services. At first, they were held out-of-doors and as the meeting went on and one looked out into the hills around, one could not help seeing the manifestation of God's handiwork here on earth. To me, it made His presence more near than I had ever experienced before in the most beautiful churches. Besides the regular Sunday morning services, our chaplain holds a vesper service on Sunday evening as well as a Bible class that same evening and again on Wednesday. It has been my privilege to attend them all regularly.

-Louise M. HOLLISTER, 2nd Lieut., ANC, General Hospital Unit 142.

142nd General Hospital Unit - Googled

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Google Images

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<https://www.news-star.com/news/20170908/cards-n-time-142nd-general-hospital>

THE SHAWNEE NEWS-STAR

. RNs of 142nd General Hospital, Fiji, circa 1943



6. 142nd Gen. Hosp., Fiji, 1943, 75 officers, 120 RNs, 500 enlisted men



<https://www.med-dept.com/articles/ww2-military-hospitals-pacific-theater-of-operations/>

142d GEN HOSP – 26 May 42 New Zealand – 43 Fiji – Nov 44 India (ex-217th GEN HOSP, activated 1 Jun 41, supplied cadres for other units, 28 Feb 44) (new 142d GEN HOSP activated 20 Apr 42)

<https://history.amedd.army.mil/booksdocs/wwii/MedConslt1/figures/fig201.jpg>



FIGURE 201.—142d General Hospital area, Fiji Islands.

<https://history.amedd.army.mil/booksdocs/wwii/MedConslt1/CH06.htm>

The 250-bed 71st Station Hospital and two 500-bed general hospitals--the 18th from Johns Hopkins Hospital and the 142d from the University of Maryland--occupied Viti Levu in the Fiji group in June and July 1942 in support of the task and garrison forces (fig. 201). These hospitals received a number of Marine, Navy, and Army casualties from the Guadalcanal and New Georgia operations, but, with air evacuation to Fiji almost negligible, the seriously ill and wounded patients had been treated during their passage through higher Army and Navy echelons, and thus the great bulk of work done in the Fiji hospitals was of the routine station hospital variety. Although important investigations on malaria were carried out, a large number of highly qualified specialists in all branches of medicine were relatively inactive, and during this period of inactivity there existed an urgent need for such specialists in all hospitals in the forward area.

Before the opening of the 20th Station Hospital on Guadalcanal in February 1943, the sick and wounded of all Army troops on that island were cared for in provisional hospitals for combat troops, which were not supplemented by specialist teams, or the casualties were evacuated to the rear. The 20th Station Hospital made an outstanding contribution to medical care in the area, but it had neither enough professional personnel nor beds to meet the demands placed upon it. As a result, large-scale evacuation from Guadalcanal was necessary.

<https://ww2db.com/images/5c1938157a27a.jpg>

Caption US Army medical facilities, Fiji, 1942-1944 ww2dbase
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Denton Journal

Denton Journal, 6 March 1936

Miss Louise M. Hollister, a student nurse at the University of Maryland Hospital, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hollister.

Denton Journal, 24 Oct 1942

ing in 1938. She is stationed somewhere in the Pacific.

Dear Daddy and Mot'ier:

Time has certainly flown since I last wrote so I decided to write before I retire tonight.

We have been kept very busy for which I am glad. Nothing is worse than to have nothing to do but to think of home and all of our good times.

Moonlight nights are so beautiful here. You just can see for long distances and you could read if it were necessary.

The rains are terrific here but they help our grass and flowers. We almost hate to see them come.

I can't think of sufficient words to describe the sunset that we saw this evening. They change in color every minute and with the palm trees in the foreground, it is beautiful.

I have a little kitten now which is gray. We saw it with a mouse yesterday morning. The mice become so desperate at times that they eat chewing gum if left lying around.

My radio works nicely here.

I have my room fixed so it looks a little like home. I have learned to drive nails straight without bending them.

You ought to see a native riding horseback with an umbrella hooked on his back. They are so queer that they drink milk from the green coconuts and eat the meat from the ripe ones. Bananas and coconuts are so good when they ripen on the trees.

Well the breeze just blew my light out so I'll sign off for now.

Lots of love,

Louise.

For several weeks we are planning to print excerpts from letters of former students of C. H. S. who arc with our urmed forces over seas. This week's letter is from Lt. Louise M. Hollister R. N. who graduated from C. H. S. in 1933 and from the Uni- versity of Maryland School of Nursing in 1938. She is stationed some- where in the Pacific.

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Louise.

Denton Journal, 10 April 1943

tions for next year but her ambition is to do office work which concerns typing and bookkeeping. Lots of luck in the future, Mary Anna!

C. H. S. Alumnae Presents Books

Louise Hollister, a C. H. S. alumnae now Lieutenant Hollister on active duty abroad, has donated several books to the library and to the Victory Book Campaign. Among these are best sellers by famous authors. To mention a few, "The Star-Gazer" is a biography of the famous scientist, Gallileo; Richard Wright's "Native Son", a mystery centered in Chicago; "As I Remember Him"; and a book of Chinese Poetry and Prose. Translated by Arthur Waley and containing many colored illustrations, this is the first book of Chinese poetry that the library has put on its shelves. Most of these books, how-

ever, will be sent to Service Libraries for soldiers and sailors. We wish to thank June Hollister, who brought her sister's books to the library.

Girls Athletic News

"Come girls, how about a little run around that track". This is what you hear after taking some other strenuous exercise. It is okay for limbering up at that time, but just wait until you try to get out of bed the next morning.

We are very glad to be outside again, and having soft-ball in full swing. The Phy. Ed. classes are planning to play inter-mural games of soft-ball every Friday, as they did in field-ball. This is going to be very interesting and exciting, as nearly everyone dearly likes softball. We are planning to keep the same teams and leaders.

[As I remember him: The biography of R.S. Hardcover – 1940](#)

A discreet autobiography (using R.S. instead of his name), this book is the story of a son of German immigrants who graduated from Columbia with degrees in medicine. It includes coverage of his colleagues and the development of American medicine. This book won a National Book Award

[Denton Journal, 31 October 1943](#)

SERVICES HELD FOR NURSE WHO DIED IN FIJI ISLES

Funeral services for Lieut. Louise M. Hollister, who died at the 142nd General Hospital at Suva, in the Fiji Islands, during the war, were conducted at the grave in Denton cemetery by the Rev. Thomas J. Turkington, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Denton.

Lieutenant Hollister of the Army Nurse Corps, whose remains were recently returned with other war dead, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hollister, who live near Denton. The officiating minister also sang a solo.

Denton Journal, 5 November 1943

The last will and testament of Louise M. Hollister was brought into Court by the custodian and same stands for probate Tuesday, November 9th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Denton Journal, 9 November 1943

LOUISE M. HOLLISTER

late of Caroline county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are warned to exhibit the same to the subscriber with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, on or before the 12th day of May, 1944, or they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons owing this estate are required to make prompt settlement.

Given under my hand this 9th day of November, 1943.

LEVI HOLLISTER,

Executor.

Relatives

June Hollister - Sister

[June Hollister in the 1940 Census | Ancestry® - Ancestry.com](#)

https://www.ancestry.com › usa › Maryland › June-Hollister_57pj2x

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View June **Hollister's** 1940 US census record to find family members, ... When June **Hollister** was born about 1927, her father, **Levi**, was 40, and her ... In 1940, she was 13 years old and lived in **Hillsboro, Maryland**, with her father and mother.

Elisabeth Hollister Dulin - Sister

<https://www.myeasternshorem.com › Obituaries>

Sep 18, 2008 - **QUEEN ANNE** Elisabeth Dulin of **Queen Anne** died Wednesday, Sept. ... Dulin was the daughter of the late **Levi Hollister** and Helen Candy Hollister. ... **MD 21629** or to the **Hillsboro-Queen Anne** United Methodist Church, P.O. ...

Elisabeth Dulin

QUEEN ANNE Elisabeth Dulin of Queen Anne died Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008, at the Caroline Home for Hospice in Denton. She was 89.

Born in Havelock, Neb., Mrs. Dulin was the daughter of the late Levi Hollister and Helen Candy Hollister. She moved to Maryland as a young girl.

After graduating from Caroline High School in Denton, Mrs. Dulin worked for Mr. Horace Morgan as a bookkeeper, starting in 1938. She was still working for the same company, presently Talbot Ag Supply, when she retired in July 2008 for health reasons. She was a member of the Hillsboro-Queen Anne United Methodist Church. Her husband, Ellwood Dulin, died Aug. 14, 1991.

Mrs. Dulin is survived by one daughter, Louise D. Kolakowski of Cordova; one granddaughter, Sandra L. Schisler and her husband, Thomas, of Chincoteague, Va.; two grandsons, Phillip Brian Kolakowski and his wife, Joni L. of Cordova, and Mark S. Kolakowski and his wife, Jona; two sisters, Sara Whiting of Towson and June Glacier of Little Rock, Ark.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests sending memorial donations to the Caroline Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 362, Denton, MD 21629 or to the Hillsboro-Queen Anne United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 267, Queen Anne, MD 21657.