

Heffner, Elizabeth M.

Army Nurse Aids Soldier In Many Ways

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A U. S. ARMY GENERAL HOSPITAL, England.—Second Lieutenant Elizabeth M. Heffner, of 1845 Richmond Avenue, Bethlehem, is the nurse in charge of a surgical

ward in this United States Army General Hospital in England. Her duties consist of assisting the ward officer with dressings, administering medications, managing the wardmen and keeping administrative records.

Lt. Heffner stressed the importance of the psychological as well as the physical care of the

patient. "When we receive battle casualties from the front, they arrive tense and nervous," she said. "They need quiet and to be made as comfortable as possible. The Army nurse must not only give the wounded patient good nursing care, but she must also help put his mind at ease by talking with him."

When Lt. Heffner goes off duty at

night, one may sometimes see her with a soldier's shirt or field jacket over her arm. She is taking these articles of clothing to her quarters where she will either press or repair them or sew on needed stripes.

After having received her training at the Allentown Hospital, Allentown, Lt. Heffner remained there doing general duty nursing until

March, 1943, when she entered the Army Nurse Corps. Besides her regular duties, she sings with the hospital choir. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heffner of the above address.

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