

R. D. 4 Nurse Serving With D-Day Hospital

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First Lieutenant Emma J. Pflueger, Bethlehem Route 4, is an Army nurse serving in the "D-Day hospital" of the Seventh Army's chain of medical installations which has made beachhead landings at Salerno and Anzio, Italy, and more recently, the Riviera of Southern France.

The 31,577 patients treated during less than 20 months of combat service usually came from forward medical units with nothing more than first aid.

The first evacuation hospital on the soil of Europe, it landed on D-Day at Salerno as a 400-bed hospital, but expanded to almost 1,000. While serving on the Anzio beachhead, the hospital was bombed and suffered 22 deaths.

It followed assault troops in their rapid drive from southern France beachhead to the Rhine and perfected its operation as a semi-mobile "quick-change" unit to keep pace. Tent crews threw up their little city with the speed and skill of circus workmen and the forward detachment was in operation in seven hours.