

Sottolano, Lena

Nurse in Italy



Second Lieut. Lena Sottolano, of the U. S. Army Nurses Corps, daughter of Mrs. Palma Sottolano, of 306 West St. Joseph Street, Easton, is serving with a base hospital at Peninsular base headquarters, Italy, the section public relations office has announced, according to word received by her sister, Mrs. Charles Merollo, of West Bangor.

Lt. Sottolano, a graduate of the Nazareth High School, a member of the Class of 1932, has been overseas since August, 1943, serving in North Africa and Italy. She is also a graduate of the School of Nursing of the Allentown General Hospital, Class of 1937.

The Army Hospital to which she is attached has provided care for 19,000 patients and 17,000 out-patients in nineteen months of actual operation. A large number of the admissions were battle casualties in North Africa and Italy.

The unit was organized and activated at Camp Rucker, Ala. on June 25, 1942, and was shipped overseas in January, 1943. Stationed first at Tiemcen, Algeria, it was moved to Italy in December, 1943, setting up operations in battle-torn barracks that had been used first by Italian troops, then German, and last British troops. With a rated capacity of 500 beds and expansion facilities for 500 more, the hospital most of the time has had a census of 975.

Col. Harold L. Gess, U. S. Army Medical Corps, of Seattle, Wash., is the commanding officer. The hospital is an important unit of the Peninsular Base Section, and of the services and supply organization for the Fifth Army, the ground

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