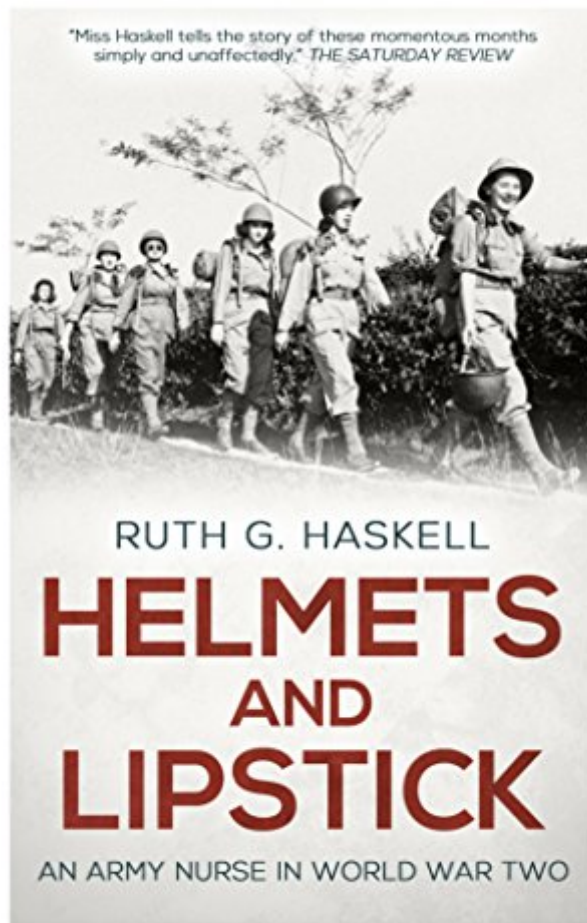




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Helmet And Lipstick: An Army Nurse In World War Two



Synopsis

Our need for many more of these girls is urgent, and this book is intended to tell a bit about the trials and tribulations, the fun and the thrills, to be experienced as a member of the Corps. Helmets and Lipstick is the first-hand account of Second Lieutenant Ruth Haskell, chronicling her time spent as a combat nurse with U.S. troops in North Africa during Operation Torch. Helmets and Lipstick also served as a call-to-action for the nurses in the U.S. who had not yet joined the war effort. From deployment to the journey to North Africa via Scotland and London, Lt. Haskell tells her story with a dry wit and humor, perfectly portraying the comradery between the nurses and the Allied soldiers fighting in North Africa at the time. She provides touching accounts of the lighter side of life in wartime, recalling the card games, dances and even Christmas celebrations that took place. But these nurses were members of the U.S. Army and went through the same trials and tribulations of war as the male soldiers. U.S. troops came under heavy fire throughout Operation Torch and Haskell's group learned to nurse in these nearly impossible conditions, receiving tough training and expected to rise to the same high standards as the soldiers in combat. Helmets and Lipstick, which was first published at the height of the war in 1944, is a classic account of combat nursing in World War Two, an important addition to the literature of the war in North Africa and of the history of non-combatants in the Second World War.

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A little more personal background information would have been nice, but since this was intended as a recruiting tool one can understand why it was omitted. Good feel for the realities of wartime in Great Britain and the hardening of inexperienced medical personnel as battle is met.

Enjoyed the fast pace set through the whole book. Never a dull moment. Brought back memories of the time I served in the military. Was all very realistic and true to the military way of thinking. I highly recommend reading the book.

Nice little book written during the war. Great perspective on a little known aspect of world war 2. Great narrative with equal bits of drama and humor throughout.

A quick and easy read, interesting glimpse into the life of a WW2 nurse. G rated, no profanity that I can remember. It ended a little quickly.

Rich in historical detail. Could not put the book down and had to finish it in one sitting. Definitely a book I want to read again.

A good account of nurses during the war in Africa. The traveling and tending care of wounded soldiers fighting over there during WW1.

A heart touching memoir of a wartime army nurse that will bring you great understanding of the WWII fight in North Africa.

A look at the lives of courageous nurses in war. These women endured the same living conditions as our soldiers while saving their lives and health.

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