ETHEL GLADSTONE SHAPIRO

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DATE OF BIRTH
September 24, 1893

DATE OF DEATH
May 22, 1987

HOMETOWN
Chicago, Illinois

ENTERED THE MILITARY
March 15, 1918

BRANCH OF SERVICE
U.S. Army

UNIT
Army Nurse Corps, 3rd Army Expeditionary Forces

RANK
Nurse

CEMETERY
Section 23, Site 253
Quantico National Cemetery
Triangle, Virginia
BEFORE THE WAR

Ethel Gladstone was born in England in 1893. Gladstone and her family moved to the Chicago area around 1900. Her father, Lemach, passed away in 1908 and her mother, Toba, died in 1912 leaving Gladstone and her five siblings to fend for themselves.

Gladstone took nursing classes at West Side Hospital in Chicago becoming a registered nurse in 1916. In March 1918, with the United States at war with Germany and the Central Powers, Gladstone joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and served with the 3rd Army Expeditionary Forces. With very little training, Gladstone was sent to France, arriving in early summer 1918.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Gladstone was immediately sent to Evacuation Hospital Number 7 in eastern France. Evacuation hospitals were mobile, temporary hospitals where doctors and nurses tended to wounded soldiers. At Evacuation Hospital Number 7, Gladstone and her fellow nurses dealt with the overwhelming number of American casualties resulting from the Battle of St. Mihiel in September 1918.

The operating teams at this temporary hospital faced 170 surgeries per day, while the facility was designed to perform approximately 144 surgeries per day. Gladstone and her fellow nurses received commendations from Major General Charles P. Summerall for bravery and devotion to duty during the Battle of St. Mihiel.
After the war, Gladstone remained in Europe serving as a nurse in the occupied areas of Germany. She and some of her fellow nurses took the opportunity to travel to Paris in February 1919. In April 1919, Gladstone received orders to report to La Baule on the coast of France to prepare for departure back to the United States.

Gladstone set sail on May 15, 1919 from Brest, France on the S.S. *Imperator* arriving in Hoboken, New Jersey on May 22.

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Tents and canteen at Evacuation Hospitals #6 and #7 in Meuse, France, October 14, 1918. National Archives and Records Administration (111-SC-30554).

Nurses at Base Hospital #44, Nievere, France, January 20, 1919. National Archives and Records Administration (111-SC-46425).
**VETERAN EXPERIENCE**

Upon her return to the United States, Gladstone moved to Sacramento, California where she served as a sanitarium nurse. Gladstone married Charles J. Huber in 1922 and they had a child, Robert, in 1926. Charles Huber died in 1940. Gladstone later married Jacob Shapiro and settled in Fairfax, Virginia.

**COMMEMORATION**

Ether Gladstone Shapiro died of pneumonia on May 22, 1987 and is buried at Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle, Virginia.
PROFILE: ETHER GLADSTONE SHAPIRO

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