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Col. (Ret.) Alice L. Montgomery

Class of 1933

Alice Montgomery was appointed a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Forces in 1941 and served continuously until retirement in 1965. During her long career, Montgomery served as follows: chief nurse, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; instructor, Department of Nursing, Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama; officer in charge, General Nursing Section, Gunter; chief, Medical Service Support Career Control Branch, Office of Surgeon General, Headquarters, USAF; consultant in nursing, Office of Surgeon General, Headquarters, USAF; chief nurse, 3345th USAF Hospital, Chanute AFB, Ill.; chief nurse, 7520 USAF Hospital, South Ruislip Air Station, Middlesex, England; and chairman, Department of Nursing, Wilford Hall USAF Hospital, Lackland AFB, Texas.

Her military medals include the Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal and Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster.

In March 1963, Montgomery was promoted to colonel, the highest rank a woman could receive in the Air Force Nurse Corps. She was one of just five colonels among the more than 3,000 nurses.

She passed away Feb. 1, 1996.

Additional education: Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing (Philadelphia)

