

## ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL

This week's veteran is Vivian Kiesecomb Wendling.

Vivian Kiesecomb joined the Army Nurse Corps at Camp Grant, Illinois, as a 2nd Lieutenant on March 15, 1943, during World War II. She had attended nursing school at Huber Hospital in Pana, IL, graduating in 1941 after graduating from Assumption High School in 1938. Why did she join? Vivian wanted to help.

On October 12, 1944, Vivian landed in Liverpool, England. Ultimately, she was stationed in the Army Hospital at Rouen, France. After being there for about a year, she volunteered to join the 164th General Hospital which was being trained to go to the Pacific Theater to treat wounded from the Japanese War. However, the Japanese surrendered, August 14, 1945, so the 164th was sent home from Marseilles, France, on August 24, 1945. Upon returning to the States, Vivian was sent to Gardiner General Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. It had been the Chicago Beach Hotel, but was commandeered by the army for use as a hospital. Vivian was discharged at Camp Sybert, Alabama, on January 11, 1945.

Vivian was married to Carl Wendling in Maroa, Illinois, in 1950. She has one son and two grandchildren. She worked as a nurse at Memorial and St. Mary's Hospitals until 1970.

Thank you, First Lieutenant Vivian Kiesecomb Wendling, for what you gave for us.