Dear Mom,

I went on duty for the first time today. We get up at 5:30. The bugle alarm reveals all as if and that it's the troops are marching down the road. There are only a few barracks across the street and the hospital all alone at the top of a hill. We truly have to walk miles if we don't get the bus.

We go on duty at seven. I am on a surgical ward - unlike civilian hospitals, the patients have already breakfasted and they also made their own beds. When able, and police the ward. The nurses tend to the sick ones. The nurses tend to the sick ones.

I am off 9-1 today. Then work until seven that night. Once the patients are up and about they are given passes to go to the PX, commissary, and learn into town. The meals are excellent and I am glad...
We are wearing our white civilian uniforms until our service uniforms come in. We have to buy our uniforms - have a uniform allowance - also our LT have a uniform allowance. Also our bars I had to borrow a white captain another nurse for duty.

Well mom and dad - I am getting into the routine. The jungle wakes us up and puts us to sleep.

How is everything at home - please send me brother Ray's address.

Love

Mary

Initialled our inoculations - up al. Diphtheria, tetanus, needles for hot countries and cold countries - which will it be? My arms are sore.