



This photograph shows a Navy nurse speaking with a patient. The image was taken aboard USS *Repose* (AH-16) in October 1967, when the ship was operating in the South China Sea, a few miles off the coast of Vietnam. The nurse prepared the patient, a service member, for travel back to the U.S. for further treatment. Laws that barred women from serving at sea meant that Navy nurses were the only women eligible for sea duty until laws changed in the late 1970s.

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