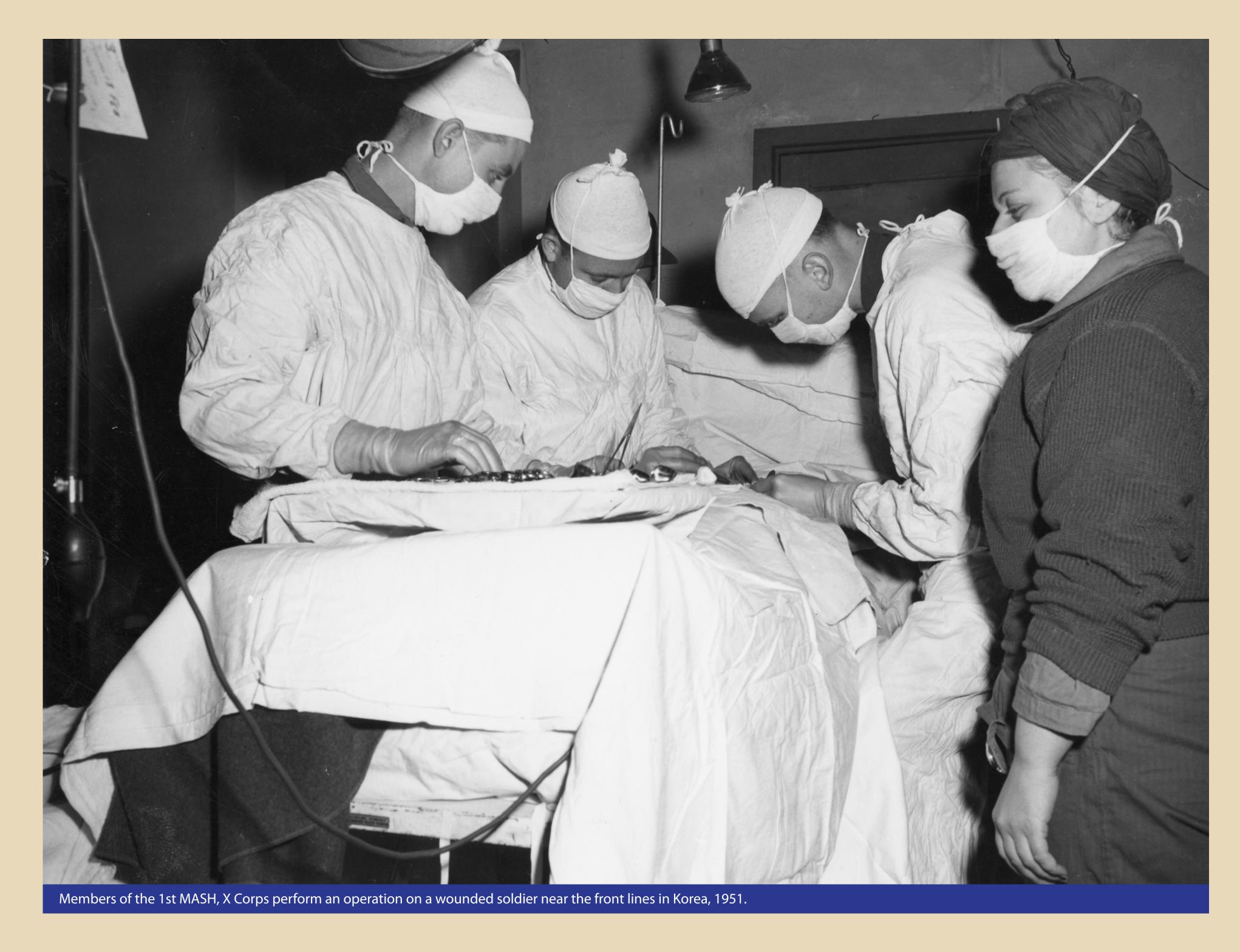
1st Lieut. Mary Jane Mattorn, WAC PIO correspondent shakes the hand of Col. Charles D'Orsa in Korea, 1953.





Korean War

With the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, women were called back to active duty for the first time, some involuntarily. Army nurses were in greatest need with hundreds volunteering to serve in the combat theater. Many more women served in noncombat

settings but faced difficult circumstances because of staff shortages. Nurses served at field, station, evacuation, and mobile army surgical hospitals (MASH) on the Korean peninsula. Other Army women were stationed in Japan in direct support of the combat theater as medical technicians, supply specialists, record keepers and administrators. Concurrently women were adjusting to recently desegregated units.