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The Angel of Dien Bien Phu: The Lone French Woman at the Decisive Battle for Vietnam (Hardback)

By Genevieve De Galard

Naval Institute Press, United States, 2010. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 231 x 157 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Genevieve de Galard was a flight nurse for the French Air Force who received the name of the Angel of Dien Bien Phu during the French war in Indochina. She volunteered for French Indochina and arrived there in May 1953, in the middle of the war between French forces and the Vietminh. Galard was stationed in Hanoi and flew on casualty evacuation flights from Pleiku. After January 1954 she was on the flights that evacuated casualties from the Battle of Dien Bien Phu. Her first patients were mainly soldiers who suffered from diseases but after mid-March most of them were battle casualties. Sometimes Red Cross planes had to land in the midst of Vietminh artillery barrages. On March 27, 1954, when a Red Cross C-47 with Galard aboard tried to land at night on the short runway of Dien Bien Phu, the landing overshot and the plane's left engine was seriously damaged. The mechanics could not repair the plane in the field, so the plane was stranded. At daylight Vietminh artillery destroyed the C-47 and damaged the runway beyond repair....



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