

THIRTY MINUTES DIANA WILL NEVER FORGET

DIANA BOWRON, a 22-year-old British nurse, told yesterday of her efforts to save President Kennedy's life.

She was one of the duty nurses in the emergency section at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, when the dying President was rushed there on Friday.

Nurse Bowron, from Buxton, Derbyshire, who arrived in the United States only three months ago, told of the drama there 48 hours earlier.

"All I noticed at first was the big official car. Then I spotted Mrs. Kennedy. "President Kennedy was lying with his head slumped in her lap. She was cradling his head. There was blood pouring from his wounds down her legs."

The unconscious President was wheeled into the emergency operating room, Then began the most dramatic 30 minutes in Nurse Bowron's career.

"There was blood all over his neck and shoulders," she said. "There was a gaping wound in the back of his head.

"The doctors tried everything," she said. "They performed a tracheotomy to help his breathing, they tried massaging his heart manually."

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"At the beginning Mrs. Kennedy just sat on a chair at the side of the room, not saying anything—just staring into space. All she asked for was a glass of water.

"When the room became crowded someone led her outside.

"She didn't come back until the doctors finally decided President Kennedy was dead.

"Then she stood by the table, lifted his hand and kissed it. She took off her wedding ring and slipped it on his finger."

Yorkshire-born Miss Bowron helped to lift the President's body into the bronze casket which had been brought in.

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