**Table 1: Demographic Characteristics of Interviewees (N=22)**

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| **Gender** | **Male****Female** | **14% (N=3)****86% (N=19)** |
| **Average age**  | **During military service****At time of interview** | **25.5 years****69 years** |
| **Marital status during deployment** | **Single****Married** | **19 (86%)****3 (14%)** |
| **Military status during deployment** | **Civilian reserve nurse****Mandatory military nurse** | **20 (91%)****2 (9%)** |
| **Clinical setting belonging** | **ICU****Emergency Department****Operating Room** | **5 (23%)****7 (32%)****10 (45%)** |
| **Years of critical care nursing experience** | **During deployment** **Total after deployment**  | **4.4 years****22.4 years** |
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**Table 2: Themes and Subthemes that Emerged in the Study**

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| Main Themes | Subthemes |
| Field Service Challenges  | * War service without military experience
* Water supply and difficulties in maintaining bodily hygiene
* Exposure to harsh war scenes
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| Coping with Field Service Challenges | * Improvisation
* Maintaining cohesive staff relationships
* Emotional/Mental ventilation
* Avoidance and denial
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| Nurses need for recognition of their contributions  | * Organizational and management aspects
* Contribution to helping the wounded
* Expectation of acknowledgement and recognition from military and governmental authorities
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