**Table 1: Nurses' Interviewers Characteristics (N=22)**

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| **Interviewers' Demographics** |  |  |
| **Gender** | **Male**  **Female** | **14%(N=3)**  **86%(N=19)** |
| **Age (Average)** | **During Military Service**  **In Time of Interview** | **25.5 years**  **69 years** |
| **Marital Status during Deployment** | **Single**  **Married** | **19(86%)**  **3(14%)** |
| **Nurses Military Status during Deployment** | **Civilian Reserve Nurse**  **Mandatory Military Nurse** | **20(91%)**  **2(9%)** |
| **Clinical Setting belonging** | **ICU**  **Emergency Department**  **Surgery Intensive Care** | **5(23%)**  **7(32%)**  **10(45%)** |
| **Critical Care Nursing Time Experience** | **During Deployment Time**  **Total Critical Care Nursing Experience 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 |
| Coping with Field Service Challenges | * Improvisation * Maintaining cohesive staff relationships * Emotional/Mental ventilation * Avoidance and denial |
| 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 |