**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
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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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