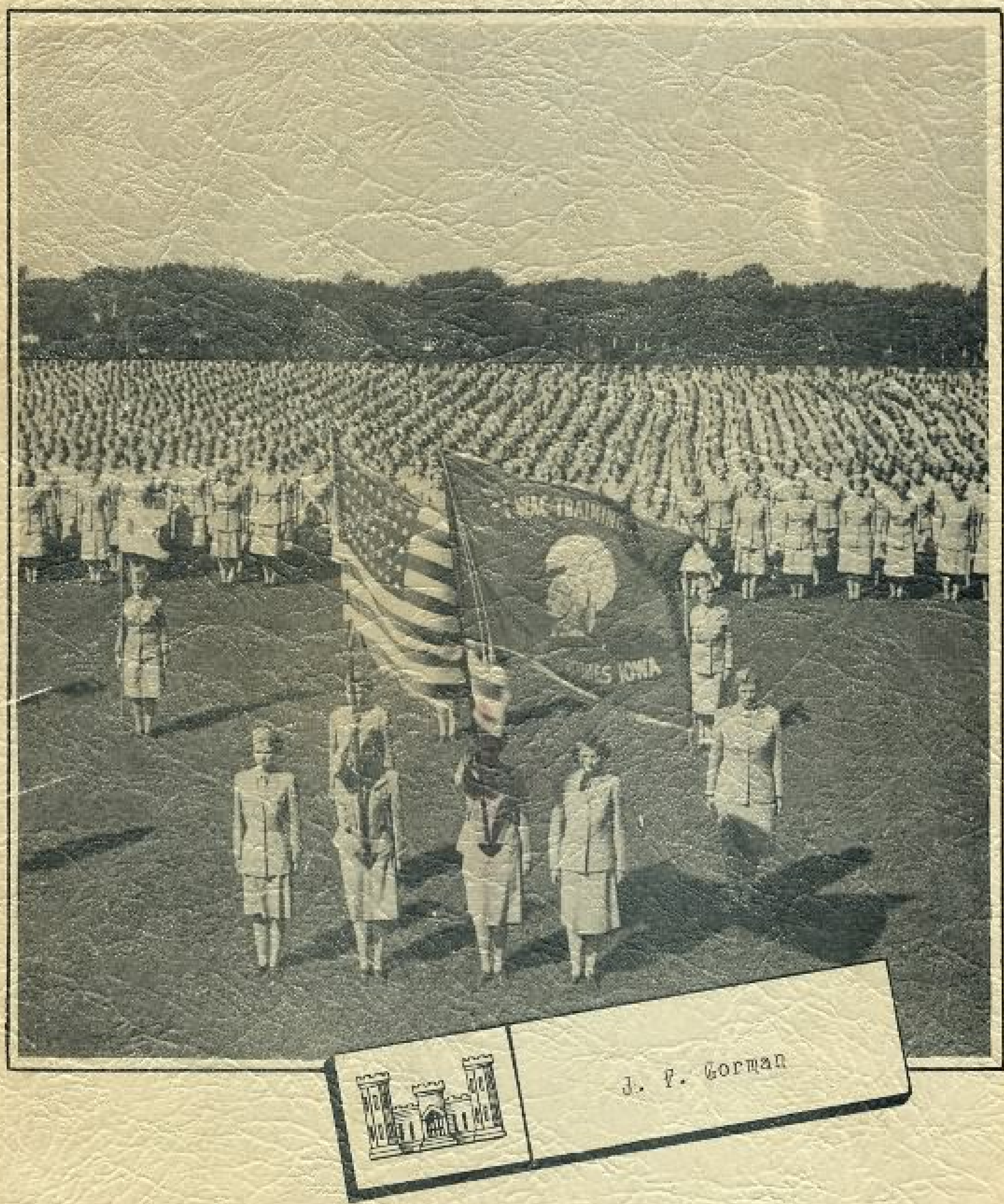
WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS



WAC DETACHMENT

9812th TSU-CE

MANHATTAN DISTRICT

SAVE

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE
MANHATTAN DISTRICT
OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

14 May 1946.

TO MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS, MANHATTAN DISTRICT.

The members of the Women's Army Corps have been on continuous service with Manhattan District for more than three years and, in recognition of the manner in which the women of the Army distinguished themselves, my personal appreciation is conveyed to each of you of the WAC Detachment for your very able assistance in the successful accomplishment of the Atomic Bomb program.

Members of the Women's Army Corps were charged with a major portion of the responsibility for preserving project security through the precise handling of technical reports and classified material pertaining to the development of the Atomic Bomb. You were chosen from among countless women volunteers as having the experience, judgement, earnestness, and sincerity of purpose so symbolic of the Corps. The success of the Atomic Bomb is sufficient proof of the manner in which you performed your individual assignments, and the group record of the WAC Detachment needs no embellishment.

Personnel on duty with Manhattan District can point with justifiable pride to contributions made in all fields, and enjoy the satisfaction derived from the feeling that no assignment anywhere exceeded in importance the accomplishment of their mission with the Atomic Bomb Project.

The Manhattan District and the War Department are both proud and grateful for your very loyal and able services.

K. D. Nichols
K. D. NICHOLS,
Brigadier General, C. E.,
District Engineer.

The Present and the Former Director of the WAC

Col. Westray Battle Boyce

Colonel Westray Battle Boyce became Director of The Women's Army Corps 12 July 1945, succeeding Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby. In the Army she was perhaps best known as WAC Staff Director in North Africa and Italy, the first woman to serve in that capacity overseas.

She returned to the U. S. in August of 1944 and was assigned to War Department General Staff. In the spring of 1945 she was assigned to the Office of the Director, WAC, as Deputy to Colonel Hobby.

Colonel Boyce was in charge of the Insurance section of the Federal Works Administration in Washington, D.C. when she joined the WAAC in 1942. She was a member of 2nd OCS Class.

The Colonel is a native of North Carolina where the Battles have lived for almost 200 years. Her unusual given name came into the family when a Battle ancestor married Harriet Westray. Colonel Boyce attended the University of North Carolina, she is a widow, and her only daughter, Westray Battle Boyce, Jr., is a student at Sweet Briar College, located in Virginia.

Col. Oveta Culp Hobby

On 15 May 1942, Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby was sworn in as Director, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps by Secretary of War Henry Stimson, and she served in that capacity until retired 12 July 1945.

In July 1941 Oveta Culp Hobby was called upon by the War Department for a special mission to organize the Women's Interest Section in the Bureau of Public Relations. When the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was created, Oveta Culp Hobby was asked to stay on and help organize this new Women's Army.

After four years of service Colonel Hobby saw the Women's Army Corps grow to adulthood and how ably she filled the position as Director is attested by the fact that she was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the first woman to be so recognized in World War II.

Colonel Hobby was born in Texas. She is married to William Pettus Hobby, former Governor of Texas, and is the devoted mother of Jessica and William Pettus Hobby, Jr. She attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, and the University of Texas Law School.

DATA ON THE WOMENS ARMY CORPS

The Women's Army Corps (WAC), originally created as the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps by Public Law 554, 77th Congress, approved on May 14, 1942, became part of the Army of the United States when Public law 110, 78th Congress, was signed by the President on July 1, 1943.

The purpose of the Corps was to make available to the national defense, for the duration and six months, the knowledge, skill, and special training of the women of this nation.

To be eligible for enlistment, applicant must have been between the ages of 20 and 50; an American citizen, with at least two years of high school or equivalent, and with no children under 14 years of age, unless the full care and custody of the children had been in other hands for all of eighteen months prior to making application for enlistment. The general standard of the Army medical examination applied for all women in the Army, with due consideration being given the difference in physical characteristics.

Basic training for women in the Army was six weeks, during which the transition from civilian to military life was made. The basic military program was, with some adaptation, the same as the first six weeks of military training given to men in the Army.

In the course of training the women were taught military customs and courtesies, something of the organization of the Army, defense against chemical and air attack, first aid, barracks sanitation, and how to wear and care for the uniform.

The first training center was established at Fort Des Moines, Iowa; then, as the Corps expanded, additional centers for training were established as follows: Second, Daytona Beach, Florida; Third, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; Fourth, Fort Devens, Massachusetts; Fifth, Ruston, Louisiana, with sections at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and Monticello, Arkansas.

DATA ON THE WOMENS ARMY CORPS

Following basic military training, the woman soldier was assigned directly to a post, camp or station somewhere in the United States; or given additional training in one of the basic technical courses conducted at the training center; or sent to a specialist school. Fort Des Moines had three basic technical courses, Motor Transport, Cooks and Bakers, Army Clerks. To women who could qualify and desired assignments in an Army General Hospital, the Enlisted Medical Technicians School, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, offered technical courses in medical training lasting three to four months. The Army sent enlisted women to advanced specialist schools including; the Army Finance School, the Photo Lab Technician School, the Armored Parts Clerical Course; the Signal Corps School, the Engineers School, and the Investigators School at the Military Police Training Center.

The first class of officer candidates began on 20 July 1942, at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. This class and eight succeeding classes were made up of eligible women selected directly from civilian life. The tenth and all subsequent classes were composed of women selected from the ranks of the Corps. The last and final class of officer candidates, the sixtieth was commissioned on 17 November 1945.

At peak strength of approximately 100,000 (93,000 enlisted women and 6,800 officers) members of the Women's Army Corps were serving at more than 400 installations in this country and in all theaters of operation. They performed practically every type of task except actual combat. The women of the Corps were serving with Army Ground Force installations, with the Army Air Forces, the Ordnance Department, the Corps of Engineers, Chemical Warfare Service, the Military Intelligence, Signal Corps, the Provost Marshal General's Office, in Civil Affairs and with The General Staff Corps. WACs were present at many of the historic moments of the war. Twenty-seven of them operated the switchboard at the Potsdam Conference; 422 worked on the Atomic Bomb Projects; others were present at the meetings of the Big Three at Yalta, in Canada, at Potsdam, at the German surrender at Rheims, and at the Japanese surrender at Baguio, P. I. At present, WACs are serving as legal stenographers and aides at the War Crimes trials in Germany and Manila.

Many provisions and regulations pertaining to enlisted men in the Army are exactly the same for women. Pay for members of the WAC is the same as that of men for the corresponding grade and rank, items of clothing and equipment are furnished without cost, planned recreational activities including Service Clubs, Post Exchanges, and theaters are utilized by WACs, Army chapels are equipped for services of all faiths, complete medical care is afforded, the educational facilities of the U. S. Armed Forces Institute are open to the WAC, and the "GI Bill of Rights" applies equally to men and women.

WACs are separated from the service at one of the following Separation Centers and generally at the one nearest their homes: Fort Dix, New Jersey; Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Fort Sam Houston. Texas; and Camp Reale. California.

History of the WAC by Calendar Dates

14 May 1942 Congress approved Public Law 554 creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

14 May 1942 Oveta Culp Hobby was sworn in as Director of the WAAC.

20 Jul 1942 330 enlisted women and 440 officer candidates began training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

26 Oct 1942 President Roosevelt approved the Pay Bill amendment equalizing the rate of pay for women with that of the men in the Army and establishing commissioned and enlisted grades comparable to that of men.

2 Nov 1942 First officer candidate class made up entirely of enlisted women began training at Fort Des Moines.

27 Jan 1943 First contingent of enlisted women to serve outside the continental United States arrived at Allied Headquarters at Algiers.

21 Apr 1943 First Wacs reported for duty with Manhattan District at Santa Fe, N.M.

1 Jul 1943 Public Law 110, making the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps a component of the Army of the United States rather than an "auxiliary" was signed by the President. From this date it was known as the "Women's Army Corps."

5 Jul 1943 Director Hobby took oath as Colonel in the Army of the United States.

7 Jul 1943 Service Medal was authorized for wear by women who served in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and continued to serve in the Army under the WAC.

29 Jul 1943 Large contingent arrived in England for duty with the 8th Air Force.

15 Oct 1943 Vanguard, consisting of one WAC officer and two WAC sergeants arrived in India with CBI Hdqrs.

15 Nov 1943 First Detachment of Wacs arrived in Italy.

29 Dec 1943 First detachments arrived at Cairo, Egypt, for duty with Hdqrs.

26 Jan 1944 The first Wacs to be sent to the Pacific Area were the four WAC officers who arrived on this date in New Caledonia.

15 Mar 1944 Five Wacs arrived in Australia forerunner to several contingents.

17 Mar 1944 First Detachments arrived in Hawaii

18 May 1944 First Detachments arrived in New Guinea.

2 Jun 1944 First detachment arrived for duty in Labrador.

15 Jul 1944 Large group left for Normandy, France, later going to Paris.

13 Sep 1944 Air Transport Command detachment arrived at Casablanca, Africa.

26 Sep 1944 First Air Transport Command Detachment arrived at Accra, African Gold Coast.

16 Oct 1944 Detachment arrived at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory of Canada.

15 Nov 1944 First two WAC officers arrived in Chungking, China.

28 Nov 1944 Vanguard arrived on Leyte in the Philippine Islands.

1 Jan 1945 Colonel Hobby awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

2 Jan 1945 First members of an ATC WAC Detachment arrived in Bermuda.

7 Mar 1945 First Wacs arrived in Manila.

14 Apr 1945 First Wacs arrived at Ladd Field, Alaska.

17 Apr 1945 School for Personnel Administration for officers, opened at Purdue University.

12 Jul 1945 Colonel Hobby retired to inactive status. Lt. Colonel Westray Battle Boyce became Director of WAC with rank of Colonel.

Jul 1945 Third WAC Training Center at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., closed and consolidated with Ft. Des Moines.

3 Aug 1945 First Contingent of Wacs arrived in China.

29 Aug 1945 Enlistments in the Women's Army Corps were closed.

26 Sep 1945 Ft. Des Moines, Iowa designated as Sixth WAC Separation Center.

11 Oct 1945 WAC Officers School for Personnel Administration, Purdue University, closed.

17 Nov 1945 Sixtieth and final class of officers commissioned at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

15 Dec 1945 WAC Training Center at Fort Des Moines discontinued.

31 Jan 1946 Fort Des Moines closed as a Separation Center.

9 Feb 1946 Last contingent of Wacs returned from the Pacific area.

11 Feb 1946 The War Department announced a plan to utilize Wacs until 30 September 1946, or for the duration plus six months, to meet the critical shortage of skilled personnel.

15 Feb 1946 The Personnel Center at Fort Des Moines was closed and the last Wacs left immediately thereafter.

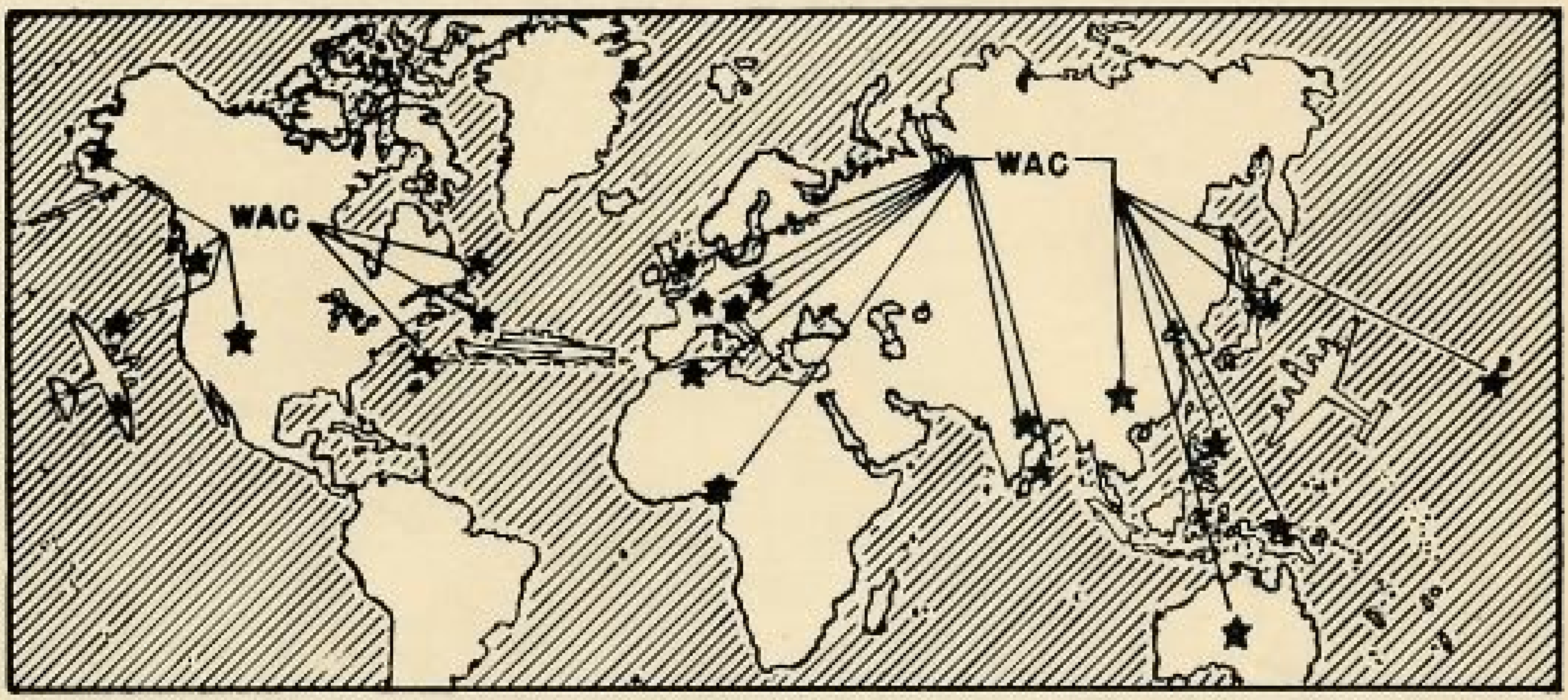
25 Mar 1946 The War Department announced a plan to assemble a unit of 600 Wacs for duty in the European theater.

1 Apr 1946 A small unit consisting of 85 enlisted women and two officers is enroute to Shanghai, China.

21 Apr 1946 Third Anniversary of assignment of WAC personnel to Manhattan District.

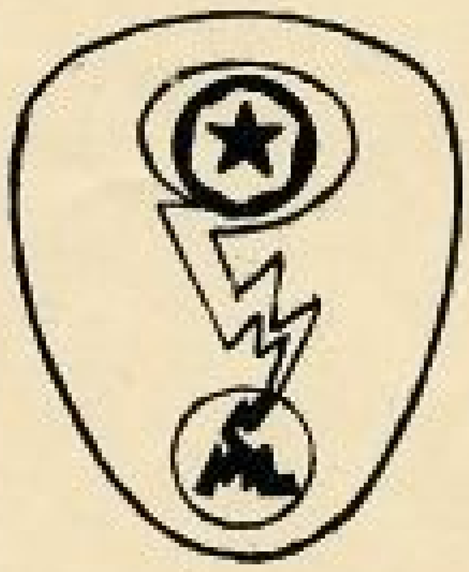
14 May 1946 Fourth Anniversary of the Women's Army Corps.

Around the World With the Women's Army Corps



Although there were many willing and capable volunteers, not all of them were sent overseas. However, nearly 16 percent of the Army's 100,000 WACs did go, and some have had more than two years of overseas service. In theaters outside this country, members of the Corps served in Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Italy, North Africa, Alaska, Belgium, the Netherlands, East Indies, Scotland, Germany, England, France, New Guinea, Egypt, India, China, Ceylon, Australia, Hawaii, African Gold Coast, Labrador, British Columbia, Yukon Territory, Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines, Japan, Korea, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Austria. Duty aboard hospital ships and troop transports and transport planes completes the WAC saga of world-wide service, land, sea and air. Over 8,000 the largest number in any one overseas theater, were serving in the European Theater of Operations just after V-E Day. At the same time there were approximately 5,600 in the Pacific Theater.

The Manhattan District Shoulder Patch



The Manhattan District patch has a blue field representing the universe, a small Army Service Force star signifying command, and a question mark in white surrounding the Army Service Forces star to indicate secrecy cloaking the Manhattan Engineer District. The tail of the question mark becomes a lightning stroke, hitting and splitting the atom.

The Knoxville News-Sentinel

FURY OF ATOM-BOMB BLAST BEYOND JAP UNDERSTANDIN

How New Bomb Works Is Still Hidden Secret

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

9 August 1945

I wish to express to you, the military personnel of the Manhattan Project, my official and personal appreciation for the industry, ability and attention to duty under most trying conditions which you have displayed since the inception of the project. Without you, this project could not have achieved success. Your devotion to duty and particularly your conscientious efforts to maintain the vital security of the project have been of the highest order. You have every right to be proud of the vital role which you have played in this development which has culminated in the use in combat against Japan of the greatest weapon man has ever forged. Our achievement could not have been realized but for your individual effort. The saving in American lives will be your reward.

L. R. GROVES
Major General, U.S.A.

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

7 August 1945.

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF CLINTON ENGINEER WORKS:

Today the whole world knows the secret which you have helped us keep for many months. I am pleased to be able to add that the warlords of Japan now know its effects better even than we ourselves. The atomic bomb which you have helped to develop with high devotion to patriotic duty is the most devastating military weapon that any country has ever been able to turn against its enemy. No one of you has worked on the entire project or known the whole story. Each of you has done his own job and kept his own secret, and so today I speak for a grateful nation when I say congratulations and thank you all. I hope you will continue to keep the secrets you have kept so well. The need for security and for continued effort is fully as great now as it ever was. We are proud of every one of you.

ROBERT P. PATTERSON,
Under Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE
MANHATTAN DISTRICT
OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

8 August 1945

TO ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, MANHATTAN DISTRICT.

1. The War Department has extended to all military and civilian personnel of the Manhattan District its heartiest congratulations for meritorious service performed in producing the atomic bomb.

2. Major General Leslie R. Groves has asked me to express to you the deep appreciation felt by the War Department and by himself for the unselfish and untiring effort you have made and the magnificent results you have achieved.

3. Our first objective has been reached, we must press on lest the Jap catch his breath. Remember, he is a tenacious fighter and he has not yet quit. Let us produce with unslackening zeal and speed so that final victory cap be won at the earliest possible moment.

K. D. Nichols
K. D. NICHOLS,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
District Engineer.

A message from

The DIRECTOR, W.A.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS
Office of the Director
WASHINGTON 25

SAVE

6 September 1944

A MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS
ASSIGNED TO THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT PROJECT

It is certainly with pride, and a deep feeling of gratitude to each one of you that I send this message.

The security measures that still involve the Manhattan District Project, the great responsibility that each one of you will always have, set you apart as very special and honored heroines in World War II.

Your devotion to duty, the sacrifices you have made, the daily soldier privileges that you have forfeited and your loyalty to the security measures necessary, will be proudly recorded in the history of the Women's Army Corps. You have established a very enviable record, and you may justly feel that, in selflessly serving your country, you have made a valuable contribution to the struggle that brought Victory to our Cause.

My warmest greetings to you all,

Westbrook Pegler

WESTBROOK PEGLER
Colonel, GSC
Director, Women's Army Corps

The proud record of service of the WAC Detachment with Manhattan District is unsurpassed, and you are taking your place in history along with others who contributed to the success of the Atomic Bomb program.

You achieved your record over a period of more than three years by displaying sincerity in unexcelled devotion to duty; by being trustworthy and reliant; and by practicing sound integrity until the mission was completed.

With admiration for your excellent performance under difficult conditions, and with great pride in the accomplishments of the enlisted women and officers, I subscribe myself.

Arlene G. Scheidenhelm

ARLENE G. SCHEIDENHELM,
Captain, WAC,
Commanding.

Manhattan District

WAC DETACHMENT

Early in 1943 preliminary construction work for Manhattan District was well under way and as work progressed, the volume of classified information, regarding all phases of the project increased proportionately. Since it was to the best interests of the government to have a minimum number of individuals handle the classified documents, a letter from the Adjutant General dated 3 June 1943, gave authority for the establishment of a Manhattan District Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Detachment to utilize women in uniform who had skills, training, and experience principally in the clerical field.

This original authority for a unit of seventy-five members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was soon filled. The volume of work had increases; also the number of Manhattan District Area Offices in which Women's Army Corps members were used, and as a result allotments were increased progressively until Manhattan District had authority for a total of 425 enlisted women.

During 1944 and 1945 all WAC recruits who entered the Army under general assignment at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, were interviewed, by special arrangement, and selections were made to meet the various requirements of the District.

The first enlisted woman assigned to the Manhattan District WAC Detachment on 25 June 1943 was Myrtle L. Hayes, who served as First Sergeant for more than two years. Among the first twenty-five enlisted women to report to Manhattan District, the following are still present for duty: Minnie L. Barclay, Shirley A. Sherman and Elizabeth E. Young.

The first Commanding Officer, 1st Lieutenant Frances W. House, was appointed in June 1943. Captain, then First Lieutenant, Arlene G. Scheidenhelm was assigned to the District in September 1943, and succeeded Lieutenant House as Commanding Officer of the WAC Detachment in March 1944. The District Office at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, also served as WAC Headquarters for enlisted women stationed at Pasco, Washington, Chicago, Illinois, New York, New York, Washington, D.C. and Los Alamos, New Mexico. Even before the WAC Detachment was authorized for the District, and as early as April 1943, there were WACs stationed at Los Alamos, New Mexico, as part of the 4817th SCU, Eighth Service Command. These WACs later became part of the District WAC Detachment. After 1 February 1945, the entire military complement of Manhattan District was designated by the Chief of Engineers as the 9812th TSU-CE.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT WAC DETACHMENT

Quarters for Manhattan District WACs were varied. In Pasco, Washington and Oak Ridge, Tennessee, government dormitories were utilized; enlisted women at Los Alamos, New Mexico were housed in comfortable barracks, and those in New York City were assigned hotel space under government contract.

Maximum strength for the detachment was reached in August 1945 when the roster included 422 enlisted women, representing every state in the union.

Members of the Women's Army Corps Detachment constituted a specialized group of chief clerks, stenographers, telephone operators, scientific technicians, clerks general, and teletype and cryptographic technicians. Stationed in numerous isolated locations, to them was assigned the task of handling detailed records, technical reports, and secret information pertaining to the development of the Atomic Bomb.

A number of enlisted women developed new skills in various fields as a result of assignments with Manhattan District. Enlisted women became skillful in technical duties as follows: metallurgy technician, entailing work in ceramics, plastics, and powdered metals; electronics technician, pertaining principally to the construction of electronics equipment; photography dealing mainly with metallurgy, entailing a knowledge of metals; and spectroscopist technicians covering advanced work with the spectroscope.

In recognition of the superior performance on an especially difficult task, the 9812th TSU-CE was awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Award. The members of the detachment receiving individual awards include twenty women who have been presented with the Army Commendation Ribbon and one who has received the Legion of Merit.

INSIGNIA

MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT AWARD

PLAQUE

(G.O. 13)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,
Washington 25, D.C.,
13 August 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 13

MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE AND STAR.--1. Pursuant to the provisions of War Department Circular No. 345, 23 August 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 9812th TSU-CE, Manhattan District, for outstanding devotion to duty and maintenance of a high standard of discipline during the period, 7 October 1944 to 30 November 1944.

2. A star, in lieu of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, is awarded to the 9812th TSU-CE, Manhattan District, for outstanding devotion to duty and maintenance of a high standard of discipline during the period, 1 December 1944 to 31 May 1945.

3. All military personnel who are assigned or attached to the above organization are entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Unit insignia only so long as they remain assigned or attached to that organization.

E. REYBOLD
Lieutenant General
Chief of Engineers

LATEST AUTHORITY FOR WEARING UNIT INSIGNIA

In War Department Circular No. 54, dated 22 February 1946, a change was announced regarding the authority for wearing the insignia of the Meritorious Service Unit. Military personnel assigned or attached and present for duty with Manhattan District, for a minimum total of 60 days during the period 7 October 1944 to 31 May 1945, are authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Unit Insignia as a permanent part of the uniform. Individuals who were not assigned or attached and present for duty for a minimum total of 60 days during the period of the award are not eligible to wear the insignia as a permanent part of the uniform but may wear the insignia as a part of the uniform only during the period they are assigned or attached to the organization.

United States of America

WAR
DEPARTMENT

ARMY SERVICE FORCES ~ CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Manhattan District

This is to Certify that

The Special WAC Detachment

has participated in work essential to the production of the Atomic Bomb, thereby contributing to the successful conclusion of World War II. This certificate is awarded in appreciation of effective service.

6 August 1945

Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War

Washington, D. C.

WAC DETACHMENT, NEW YORK, N.Y., 1945 and 1946

Back; Case, Passino, Mobley, Wendland, Webster, Letcher, Corrette, McCarthy, Toombs, Fish
Middle L-R; Welch, Eichler, Norton, Kennedy, Jackson, Tetrault, Kabala, Evans, Vosen
Front L to R; Marcoux, Wilson, Carrier, Lt. I. Delfs, Pietraskiewicz, Theban, Brachin

Back L to R; Josephine Kabala, Grace Letcher, Audrey Marcoux, L. Corrette, D. Toombs
Middle L to R; V. Eichler, R. Maddix, N. Tetrault, J. Kettle, E. Pickett, Martha Felton
Front L to R; Corrine Webster, Jane Amenta, Lt. S. Jackson, H. Vosen, Barbara McCarthy

U.S. Army Insignia

Insignia of the Women's Army Corps is the head of Pallas Athene, Greek goddess of wisdom, who in peacetime was the patron of spinning and weaving and all the womanly arts and who, in time of war, was the Goddess of Victory. Her Roman name was Minerva; her modern American name is WAC. Although originally the Pallas Athene was worn by all members of the WAC, since September 1943 it has been replaced by many for the insignia of other branches of the Army to which they have been assigned.

The Corps of Engineers, the oldest professional technical service of the Army, was founded on 16 June 1775. The turreted castle was adopted in 1839 as the principal insignia of the Corps. Legend says the design was based on the castle which guarded the gates of the fortified city of Verdun in France. At the same time the Engineers adopted the colors of scarlet and white which are also in use today. The motto of the Corps is "Essayons", meaning "Let us try".

Officer Candidate School

Selections were made from among Manhattan District personnel to fill several vacancies in the WAC Officer Candidate School. Candidates derived from enlisted women in the District included Catherine E. Filippi and Sarah T. Halgren. Both were commissioned as Second Lieutenants upon completion of their Officer Candidate training.

Overseas Service

A number of enlisted women have served in units outside of the continental limits of the United States. Overseas service was performed as follows: Betty Tracy Snyder and Olive C. Boyd in London; Edythe M. Connerton in Paris; Phyllis J. Lester in Canada; June C. Reed in Brussels and Paris; and Marion W. McMonagle in New Guinea.

Hanford Engineer Works

Audrey Boyles

Martha Browne

Lila Cornwell

Dolores Erickson

Catherine Filippi

Martha Gorder

Sarah Helgren

Katherine Hammell

Hazel Laity

Lena Lawson

Phyllis Lester

Inez Melvin

Clarabel Mills

Hazel Newton

Denise O'Brien

Mary O'Herron

Zelma O'Quinn

Antionette Orio

Ida M. Paar

Reba M. Parks

Vivian Parry

Alice Quesnel

Helen Reynolds

Shirley Sherman

Hope C. Sloan

Amelia Smith

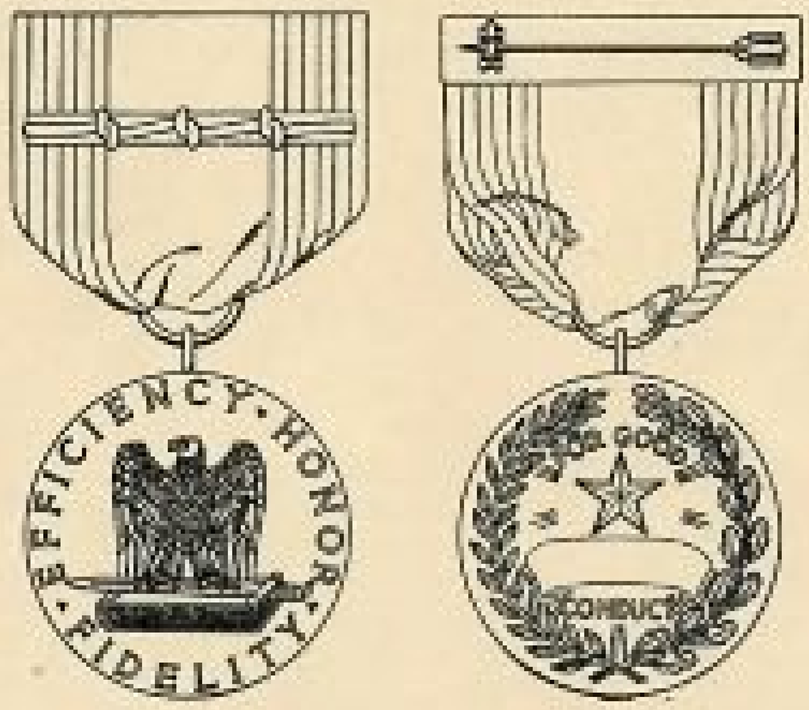
Pearl Smith

Dorothy Varner

Mildred Veatch

Winifred West

Awards and Decorations Earned by the WAC

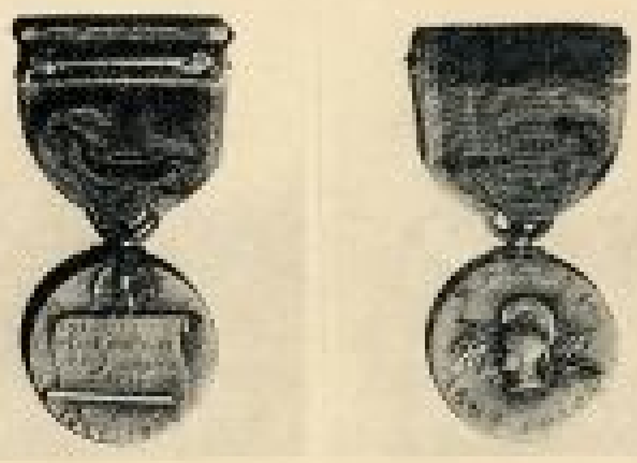


GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

A Good Conduct Medal may be awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity to each enlisted man or woman of the Army of the United States who - -

1. On or after 27 August 1940, has or shall have completed 3 years of active Federal military service, or - -

2. Between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946, both dates inclusive, has served a period of 1 year of continuous active Federal Military Service.

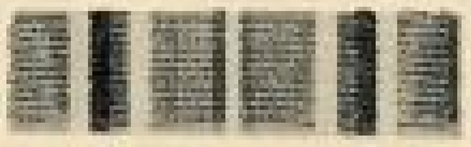


WAC SERVICE MEDAL

The Women's Army Corps service medal is awarded to those who, having served between 20 July 1942 and 31 August 1943 in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, subsequently served in the Women's Army Corps.

ARMY COMMENDATION RIBBON

The Commendation Ribbon may be awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States serving in any capacity with the Army for meritorious service rendered since 7 December 1941, not in sustained operational activities against an enemy nor in direct support of such operation.



AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

The American Campaign Medal is authorized for award to members of the land and naval forces of the United States, who, during any period from 7 December 1941 inclusive, and a date six months subsequent to the termination of the present war served honorably on active duty in the continental United States for an accumulative period of one year.

WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL

The World War II Victory Medal may be awarded to all members of the armed forces of the United States who served honorably on active duty at any time between 7 December 1941 and the date of the termination of hostilities in the present war. This latter date means the date of termination hereafter proclaimed by the President or by Congress.

WAC ANNIVERSARY PARTY, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE,

14 May 1945

UPPER SECTION

Back lft to rt; Guenther, Sowers, Gibson, Hayes, Etzler, Eldred, Jordan, Peters
Front; Goodman, Young, Glancey, Scheidenhelm, Filippi, Mitchell, Vosburgh, Russell

MIDDLE SECTION

Back row lft to rt; Granger, Vaughan, Grace, Neass, Gray, Francis, E. Yates, Opie
Middle row; Sharp, Cahill, Shields, Weaver, Bennett, Bishop, Curtis, M. Yates
Front; Creed, Guth, Gulick, Scheidenhelm, Eringer, Prendergast, Thomas, Bernard

LOWER SECTION

Back L to R; Koetitz, Parry, Hill, Hayes, Sugarek, Weaks, Leibbrandt, Toombs, Carver
Middle row; Fall, Heine, Maynier, Kaufer, Boesel, Glos, Kennedy, Palmer, Herbert
Proffitt, Flechtner, Lester, Filippi, Scheidenhelm, Brown, Amenta, Farrell, Bristow

WAC DETACHMENT, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, 1944

Back; Dixon, Barclay, Snyder, Hicks, Paris, Weaks, Hayes, Smith, Bertnik, Monforte, Sherran
Middle L-R; Thomas, Vosburgh, Brachin, Mitchell, Jackson, Russell, Stearns, Bernard, Guth
Sharp, Corbett, Flechtner, Farrell, Shields
Front L-R; Varuzzo, Curtis, Young, Chiacchiaretta, Bishop, House, Scheidenhelm, Haynier
Guenther, Gibson, Wendland, Connerton

WAC DETACHMENT, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, 1946

Back left to rt; Offerman, Pickard, Putts, Willis, Weaks, Paris, Herbert, Grace, Proffitt
Middle lft to rt; Laurent, Carver, Pope, Snell, Gray, Jordan, Peters, Reith, Bethell, Opie
Glancey, Fall, Guth, Flechtner, Scheldenheim, Redenius, Sharp, Widmer, Weaver, Spencer

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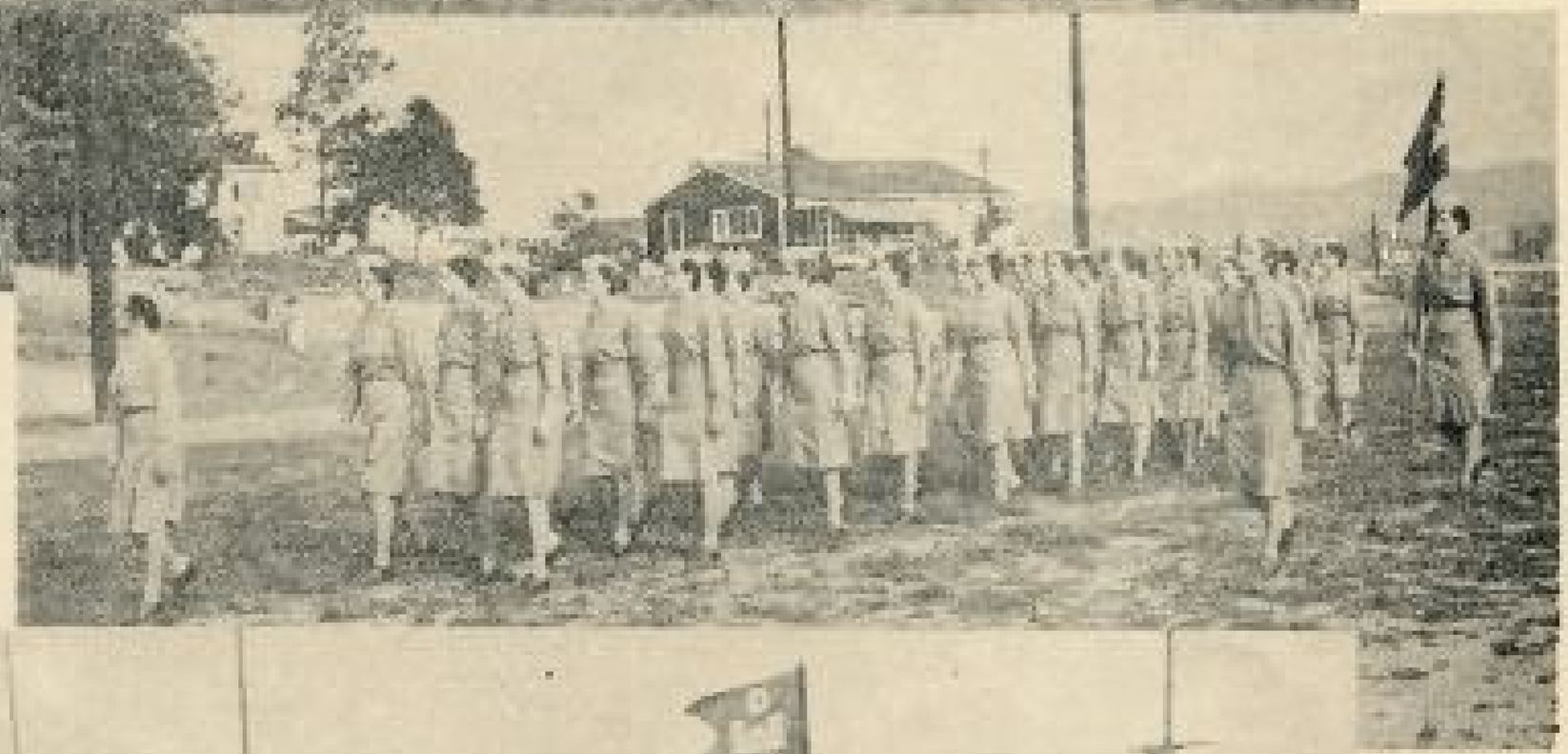

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STATUS OF THE WAC AS OF

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The Chief of Staff has approved the policy that the War Department seek early legislation establishing a small Women's Army Corps in the Regular Army and authorizing Reserve status to honorably discharged members of the presently constituted Women's Army Corps upon their individual request.

A planning group is currently at work in the War Department preparing the necessary plans on which to base the proposed legislation.

When the bill is prepared it will require Congressional action in order to become effective as statutory law.

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ATOMIC ENERGY

By Dudley Clapp

WHEN EINSTEIN came out with his weird revelations
About relativity's ramifications,
It called for a change in our thinking so drastic
We felt at the time it was simply fantastic.

By abracadabra of pure mathematics
He somewhow equated kinetics to statics;
Foretold the releasing of nuclear forces,
And said that each pound equalled millions of horses.

Some thirty years after this startling prediction
The physicists proved it was not a mere fiction;
They found in the targets which they had bombarded
The energy gained was the matter discarded.

They couldn't use power from smashing the atom
Because it took high speed projectiles to bat 'em
And cyclotrons huge were required to shatter
An infinitesimal portion of matter.

But when they discovered uranium fission
Which shoots as it were, with its own ammunition,
They'd only to concentrate just the right fraction
To set off a powerful chain-type reaction.

Along came the war and the scientists reckoned
If all of this force could be loosed in a second
A bomb might be made which would be so effective
It's use would assure us of any objective.

U-235 is a tough one to gather.
The job had the scholarly boys in a lather.
They set to work madly (but very discreetly),
Forsaking their ivory towers completely.

And so with the help of the Navy and Army
And lots of civilians—who thought they were balmy—
And spending a couple of billions of smackers
They made up their bombs to be dropped by attackers.

A college professor you think is a dreamer?
Just see the shellacking they gave Hiroshima.
The people, who figured these fellows were wacky,
Were lucky they didn't live near Nagasaki.

All this brings about–an acute situation.
We've got to have peace between nation and nation.
Atomic bombardment—unless we can ban it—
Will blow the inhabitants off of this planet.