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COLLECTION SUMMARY SHEET

COLLECTION: Mary Fourqurean Fry Collection

ACCESSION NUMBER: (354) 60

DONOR: Mary Fourqurean Fry Fritch

DATE OF GIFT: January 1977

SIZE: 1 box (200 items)

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1942-1946

BIOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT SUMMARY:

The collection contains material donated by Mary Fry Fritch relating to her World War II service in the Women's Army Auxilary Corps and the Women's Army Corps. Mrs. Fritch enlisted in 1942 and was a member of the first WAAC Officer Training class at Des Moines. She served as a company commander at Camp Upton, N.Y. (1943-1944), and at Naples, Italy(1944-1945). She retired from service in 1946.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND ARRANGEMENT:

The collection consists of clippings, photographs, programs, pamphlets, correspondence, and poetry which document WAAC and WAC enlistment procedures and Officer Training Program; life at Camp Upton N.Y.; overseas service at Naples, Italy; and the development of the WAC Mothers Club. The material is arranged chronologically and by subject.

RESTRICTIONS: none

LOCATION: Vault, 3rd level

COLLECTION REGISTER AVAILABLE: yes

MARY FOURQUREAN FRY COLLECTION

Introduction

The Mary Fourqurean Fry Collection documents the World War II service (1942-1946) of Mary Fry Fritch in the Womens Auxilary Army Corps and the Womens Army Corps. The collection consists of approximately 200 items, including clippings, photographs, pamphlets, programs, and correspondence.

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Biographical Sketch

- 1910 Born in Halifax County, Virginia
- 1928 Graduated form Collegiate School for
Girls, Richmond, Virginia.
- 1928-1933 Attended Bouve School, Boston,
Massachusetts. Received B.S. in
Physical Education from the College
of William and Mary Richmond
Professional Institute
- Assistant to the Dean, Bryn Mawr College,
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Head Coach
at Collegiate School
- 1942 Enlisted in Womens Army Auxilary Corps.
Commissioned 2nd Lt. Member of
the first WAAC Officer Candidate
Class at Des Moines
- 1943-1944 Company Commander, Camp Upton, New York
- 1944-1945 Commander, 6670th Headquarters Company,
Naples, Italy.
- 1946 Retired from WAC

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Scope and Content Note

The Mary Fourqurean Fry Collection documents Mary Fry Fritch's World War II career in the Womens Auxilary Army Corps and the Womens Army Corps. Spanning the years 1942-1946, the material is arranged chronologically by place of service and includes clippings, photographs, correspondence (letters, cards, and telegram), pamphlets, commencement and other programs (with the original signature of WAC commander Oveta Hobby and Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers), radio broadcasts, and poetry.

The collection contains one document box of material relating to WAAC enlistment proceedures; the WAAC Officer Training Program at Des Moines; WAC life at Camp Upton, New York; overseas service at Naples, Italy; and a small amount of information concerning the V-E Day celebration in Italy and Mrs. Fritch's retirement from service.

The collection also includes clippings and correspondence which document the development of the WAC Mother's Club, a national organization which included Mrs. Fritch's mother among its state leaders.

MARY FOURQUREAN FRY COLLECTION

Container List

Box 1

- F-1 ENLISTMENT & TRAINING, 1942-1943.
Clippings, July 1942-Feb. 1943.
(42)
- F-2 ENLISTMENT & TRAINING, 1942-1943.
Programs, Cards, I.D., Newsletters.
(11)
- F-3 ENLISTMENT & TRAINING, 1942-1943.
Radio Broadcasts, July-Sept. 1942.
(14)
- F-4 ENLISTMENT & TRAINING, 1942-1943.
Graduation Program, Aug. 24, 1942.
(1)
- F-5 CAMP UPTON, N.Y., 1943-1944. Clippings,
1943. (5)
- F-6 CAMP UPTON, N.Y., 1943-1944. Programs
and Cartoons. (5)
- F-7 CAMP UPTON, N.Y., 1943-1944. Newsletters,
Oct. 1943-Jan. 1944. (5)
- F-8 NAPLES, ITALY, 1944-1945. Clippings.
(14)
- F-9 NAPLES, ITALY, 1944-1945. Telegram and
Postcards. (5)
- F-10 NAPLES, ITALY, 1944-1945. Programs,
I.D., Cards. (15)
- F-11 NAPLES, ITALY, 1944-1945. Poetry, Mary
Nason & others. (3)
- F-12 V-E DAY, 1945. Clippings. (3)
- F-13 V-E DAY, 1945. Programs. (4)
- F-14 RETIREMENT, 1946. Orders and Citations.
(6)
- F-15 WAC MOTHERS CLUB. Program, 1944. (1)
- F-16 WAC MOTHERS CLUB. Correspondence, 1943-
1944. (5)

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Container List (continued)

Box 1

F-17 WAC MOTHERS CLUB. Clippings, 1943-1944. (15)

Publications

Box 1

As You Were [A book of, by, and for the women of the 2629th WAC Battalion]. Rome, Italy, 1945.

Beachheads and Mountains--the Mediterranean Campaign. U.S. Army, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 1945.

Mauldin, Bill. Mud, Mules, and Mountains [With an introduction by Ernie Pyle]. Italy, 1945. (Transferred to Library).

Mauldin, Bill. This Damn Tree Leaks. Reprinted from The Stars and Stripes, Mediterranean. Italy, 1945. (Transferred to Library).

Time. January 17, 1944. (Featuring a cover story on Oveta Hobby).

We Also Can Serve. Womens Army Corps, 6670th Headquarters Compnay, 1945. (2 copies).

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Separation Record

Photographs

Location: Photograph Room, uncataloged drawer

1-18 Enlistment and Training, Des Moines, 1942

19-41 Camp Upton, New York, 1943-1944

42-48 Naples, Italy, 1944-1945

49 Wac Mothers Club, n.d.