COLLECTION: Mary Fourquean Fry Collection

ACCESSION NUMBER: 35460

DONOR: Mary Fourquean 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 Auxiliary 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 FOURQUEREAN FRY COLLECTION

Introduction

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

1910  Born in Halifax County, Virginia

1928  Graduated from 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 Auxiliary 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 Fourquerean Fry Collection documents Mary Fry Fritch's World War II career in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and the Women's 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 procedures; 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.
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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.  
     (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)

     (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)
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.


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. Women's Army Corps, 6670th Headquarters Company, 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.