OVETA CULP HOBBY COLLECTION

ACCESSION NUMBER 270

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COLLECTION SUMMARY SHEET

COLLECTION: Oveta Culp Hobby Collection

ACCESSION NUMBER: 270  INCLUSIVE DATES: 1942-1992

DONOR: William P. Hobby  RESTRICTIONS: None

DATE OF GIFT: October 15, 1997  LOCATIONS: 1 flat box, 9 folders

SIZE: 1 flat box, 9 folders  COLLECTION REGISTER AVAILABLE: Yes

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL FEATURES: The items in this collection were received from the estate of Oveta Culp Hobby, first Director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, and represent the work of Colonel Hobby in this service from 1943 through the 50th anniversary of the Women's Army Corps in 1992.

SUBJECTS: Of special interest in the collection are a hand-made congratulatory booklet in honor of Oveta Culp Hobby receiving the Distinguished Service Medal; a Certificate of Appreciation for service rendered as a member of the Red Cross Board of Governors to Mrs. Hobby from E. Roland Harriman; a Christmas card from Mamie Eisenhower; a telegram from Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall; and newspaper clippings and black and white photographs of Colonel Hobby and her service with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

FORMS OF MATERIAL: The Collection includes letters, photographs, a poster, newspaper clippings, cards, a telegram, a hand-made booklet, and a hardback book on Oveta Culp Hobby's service with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

ARRANGEMENT:

Folder 1 - Illustrated hard-back book, Around the World in 13 Days
Folder 2 - Photographs
Folder 3 - Hand-made congratulatory booklet
Folder 4 - Letters with attached photographs; 4 Efficiency Rating Forms
Folder 5 - Cards, and a telegram from Secretary of Defense Marshall
Folder 6 - Newspaper clippings
Folder 7 - Sketch of Oveta Culp Hobby by Private Morris Silverstein
Folder 8 - Large Photographs
Folder 9 - Women's Army Corps Poster, “Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory”
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<td>Photographs (6) of Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, 1943-1944, [n.d.]</td>
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<td>- “July 5, 1943, Mrs. Hobby Gets WAC Eagles. Director Oveta Culp Hobby of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps takes Oath of Office as Colonel in the Army of the United States, as she becomes Commandant of the newly created Women’s Army Corps. Left to right: Brigadier General E. B. Lewis, Acting Adjutant General of the Army; General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff; Colonel Hobby, and Lieutenant General Brehon B. Somervell, Commanding General, Army Service Forces.”</td>
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<td>- “First WAAC unit in overseas service in North Africa, attached to the headquarters staff of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander of Allied Forces there. Taken as they embarked for their North African assignment. Director Oveta Culp Hobby of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, returns the salute of Leader (Sgt.) Anne M. Bradley and compliments her on the appearance of the platoon at a review. 1943.”</td>
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<td>- “Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby, left, Director, USWAC, [United States Women’s Army Corps] as she chatted with WACS of the London Detachment during her tour of the ETO [European Theater of Operations.] Left to right: Colonel Hobby, Private Leona Movela, Moreanville, Louisiana; Corporal Sarah M. Morris, of Birmingham, Alabama, and Private First Class Nelsa Baker, of Rochester, New York,” January 19, 1944</td>
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<td>- Unidentified photograph of Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby and President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a car, [n.d.]</td>
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five Women’s Army Corps officers, [n.d.]

Hand-made Congratulatory Booklet in honor of Oveta Culp Hobby receiving the Distinguished Service Medal. Made of poster paper, handwritten, with drawings; bound with red yarn, January 8, 1945

Letters with Attached Photographs and 4 Efficiency Rating Forms, 1943-1976

- 4 Notices of Official Efficiency Rating for Helen D. Gruber, Administrative Assistant, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Office of the Director WAC [Women’s Army Corps], April 1, 1943, June 10, 1943, July 7, 1944, September 21, 1944
- Letter, Roland E. Harriman, Chairman, The American National Red Cross, to Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, commending her on her service with the Red Cross, with Certificate of Appreciation, and a photographic proof of Oveta Culp Hobby, September 8, 1955
- Letter, John W. Perry, Colonel Army, Retired, to Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, enclosing two photographs with his handwritten captions on the back, December 8, 1976

Photograph caption handwritten on the back: “Paddy didn’t know this one was being taken. Col. Hobby did. He looks as if he was going to come out fighting, don’t he? Col. Paddy Flint, England 1944, Col. Hobby. Paddy was killed around St. Lo, Normandy, in the fall of 1944.”

Photograph caption handwritten on the back: “Paddy Flint and Col. Hobby. He is presenting her with a rose. Still has his knife in his hand. Paddy is a character I will never forget. A Soldier’s soldier. This picture was posed. London, England, 1942. Paddy was killed in Normandy somewhere around St. Lo in the fall of 1944. He was commanding a Regt. at the time.”

Telegram and Cards, 1951-1992

- Telegram, Office of Secretary of Defense [Marshall] to Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, accepting an invitation to attend and speak at a conference. September 14, 1951
- Small Calling Card reading Mrs. William Pettus Hobby
- Christmas card to Oveta Culp Hobby from Mamie Eisenhower, 1976
- 50th Anniversary card saluting the Women's Army Corps Women Soldiers, United States Army, 1942-1992
- Program of Events and Menu, WAAC-WAC, U.S. Army, Golden Anniversary 1942-1992

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Newspaper Clippings, 1942-1943
- Newspaper clipping, “What The WAACS Will Do” by Oveta Culp Hobby, in “This Week” magazine with “The Dallas Morning News,” September 6, 1942
- Newspaper photographs (4) of Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby visiting Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, in “The San Antonio Express,” July 17, 1943

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Black and White Pencil Sketch of Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby by Private Morris Silverstein

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Large Photographs (2)
- Photograph of a soldier and a WAC [woman in the Women’s Army Corps], standing in front of a church, unidentified, [n.d.]
- Photograph of six WACS [women in the Women’s Army Corps] looking out of the back of a truck, unidentified, [n.d.]

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Women’s Army Corps Poster, “Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory”
The following items have been removed from the collection to the Marshall Museum.

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS:

- Women's Army Corps Seal
- U.S. Insignia
- Colonel Insignia
- WAC Insignia
- War Department Identification Card
- WAC 50 Years of Service Commemorative Magnet
- WAC 50 Year Commemorative Pin
- George Catlett Marshall AUSA Medal for Selfless Service to the United States (1978)