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COLLECTION SUMMARY SHEET

COLLECTION: Rebecca L. Brockenbrough Papers

ACCESSION NUMBER: ~~355~~ 64

DONOR: Rebecca Leigh Brockenbrough

DATE OF GIFT: August 30, 1977

SIZE: ~~1 box, 264 photos~~ .5 lf.

INCLUSIVE DATES: June 16, 1942- October 9, 1945

BIOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT SUMMARY: Miss Brockenbrough served as a WAAC during World War II. She was in the first OCS class at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She worked as a mail censor for Army mail. She was Stationed in Paris and England. Commissioned August 29, 1942; returned from abroad October 11, 1945.

The items of the collection were collected during World War II when Rebecca Brockenbrough served as a WAAC. In Rebecca's letters she thoroughly describes the WAAC life in training and as officers. Her photos of friends are good references for WAAC uniforms. While stationed overseas she gives an excellent account of V-E Day in Paris (May 6, 1945).

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND ARRANGEMENT: The correspondence and clippings are contained in one document box. The letters are arranged chronologically divided by months (June 16, 1942-October 9, 1945). Newspaper clippings were photocopied and separated from letters and arranged chronologically by months (June 18, 1942-April 14, 1945). 14 photos were separated from letters and placed in library's photograph collection. 249 photos were removed from photo albums and placed in library's photograph collection. Inclusive photo accession numbers: 4183-4446.

RESTRICTIONS: none

LOCATION: Archives vault

COLLECTION REGISTER AVAILABLE: yes

## REBECCA LEIGH BROCKENBROUGH PAPERS

### Introduction

The Rebecca Leigh Brockenbrough Papers consists of letters, photos, and newspaper clippings concerning the activities of the WACs during World War II. The inclusive dates are: June 16, 1942 - October 9, 1945. The letters and clippings are separated within the collection and arranged chronologically. The photographs are cataloged in the library's photograph collection.

The items were collected by Rebecca L. Brockenbrough while she served as an officer in the WAC. The letters are useful for the study of WAC life during training and as officers. The photographs depict WAC life, uniforms, and buildings.

A special chronological listing of the folder contents follows the container list.

There is also a photograph separation record within the register. For a more detailed description refer to the individual photographs in the photograph room.

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Biographical Sketch

- June 17, 1942 - Recruited at Camp Lee, Virginia.
- July 20, 1942 - Training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.
- August 29, 1942 - Graduated from OCS at Fort Des Moines.
- September, 1943 - Training at Camp J. T. Robinson, Arkansas.
- February, 1944 - Stationed at Camp Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.
- April, 1944 - Stationed in Salisbury, England as mail censor.
- November, 1944 - Stationed in Paris, France.
- October 11, 1945 - Returned to the United States.

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### Scope and Content Note

The collection includes letters, photos, telegrams, and newspaper clippings (photocopies). All material concerns the WAC during World War II; their training and duties as officers. The letters were written by Rebecca Brockenbrough to her sister Elizabeth Brockenbrough. Rebecca Brockenbrough wrote regularly starting with her initial experiences at Camp Lee, Virginia, and ending with her return to the states on October 11, 1945. Certain sections of the letters were blacked out by Rebecca L. Brockenbrough for personal reasons. The letters and newspaper clippings were separated and arranged chronologically by months. The newspaper clippings are photocopies and focus on WAC activities in training and service abroad. The inclusive dates of the clippings are: June 18, 1942 - April 14, 1945. Fourteen photos were separated from the three correspondence notebooks. The remaining 249 photos were separated from photo albums. The photos are individually described on each small photo folder and grouped by fives in large photo folders. The pictures illustrate WAC activities in training camps (majority of photos focus on training) and traveling abroad.

Special interests: description of training camps and WAAC routine in early stages of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp. Rebecca L. Brockenbrough was in Paris, France, on V-E day (May 6, 1945) and her description is very good on the joyous celebrations of the French.

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Container List

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
1	June 16, 1942 - July 29, 1942. (16)
2	August 1, 1942 - August 29, 1942. (24)
3	September 2, 1942 - September 28, 1942. (22)
4	October 3, 1942 - November 30, 1942. (21)
5	December 6, 1942 - December 28, 1942. (11)
6	January 6, 1943 - January 31, 1943. (12)
7	February 4, 1943 - February 26, 1943. (20)
8	March 1, 1943 - March 31, 1943. (20)
9	April 5, 1943 - April 21, 1943. (13)
10	May 1, 1943 - May 30, 1943. (18)
11	June 3, 1943 - July 28, 1943. (31)
12	August 1, 1943 - August 29, 1943. (19)
13	September 1, 1943 - September 24, 1943. (12)
14	October 8, 1943 - October 25, 1943. (12)
15	November 8, 1943 - December 26, 1943. (23)
16	January 10, 1944 - February 26, 1944. (23)
17	March 1, 1944 - March 30, 1944. (16)
18	April 9, 1944 - May 31, 1944. (34)
19	June 12, 1944 - July 28, 1944. (21)
20	August 2, 1944 - August 31, 1944. (20)
21	September 1, 1944 - September 30, 1944. (16)
22	October 6, 1944 - October 30, 1944. (16)

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>
1 23	November 4, 1944 - November 26, 1944. (23)
24	December 2, 1944 - December 30, 1944. (15)
25	January 1, 1945 - January 31, 1945. (23)
26	February 1, 1945 - February 28, 1945. (29)
27	March 3, 1945 - March 31, 1945. (34)
28	April 2, 1945 - April 30, 1945. (11)
29	May 1, 1945 - May 30, 1945. (34)
30	June 3, 1945 - June 30, 1945. (31)
31	July 5, 1945 - July 29, 1945. (36)
32	August 5, 1945 - August 31, 1945. (23)
33	September 8, 1945 - October 9, 1945. (14)
34	Newspaper Clippings (photocopy). June 18, 1942 - July 27, 1942. (31)
35	Newspaper Clippings (photocopy). August 8, 1942 - August 30, 1942. (27)
36	Newspaper Clippings (photocopy). September 3, 1942 - December 31, 1942. (12)
37	Newspaper Clippings (photocopy). January 24, 1943 - October, 1943. (15)
38	Newspaper Clippings (photocopy). February 11, 1944 - December 23, 1944. (4)
39	Newspaper Clippings (photocopy). January 13, 1945 - April 14, 1945. (9)

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Itemized container list

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Western Union Telegram, June 16,1942  
Acceptance into the WAAC, July 9,1942  
Information for WAAC enrollees-equipment needed for training  
Postcard, July 19,1942 (2)  
Letter, July 20,1942  
Postcard, July 23,1942 (2)  
Letter, July 23,1942  
Photo #4183  
Photo #4184  
Postcard, July 26,1942  
Postcard, July 29,1942

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Postcard, August 10,1942 (2)  
Photo #4185  
Photo# 4186  
Letter, August 1,1942  
Letter, August 3,1942  
Postcard, August 6,1942  
Letter, August 8,1942  
Photo #4187  
Photo #4188  
Postcard, August 11,1942  
Postcard, August 13,1942  
Photo #4189  
Letter, August 15,1942  
Postcard, August 17,1942  
Postcard, August 21,1942  
Letter, August 22,1942  
Postcard, August 28,1942  
Letter, August 29,1942

B-1/F-3

Postcard September 2,1942  
Letter, September 3,1942  
Postcard, September 6,1942 (2)  
Postcard, September 8,1942  
Postcard, September 9,1942  
Letter, September 11,1942  
Letter, September 16,1942  
Postcard, September 18,1942  
Postcard, September 19,1942  
Letter, September 23-24,1942  
Postcard, September 23,1942  
Letter, September 27,1942  
Postcard, September 28,1942

B-1/F-4

Letter, October 3,1942  
Letter October 12,1942  
Letter, October 14,1942  
Postcard, November 1,1942  
Letter, November 2,1942

Photo #4190  
Letter November 5,1942  
Postcard November 6,1942  
Letter November 8-9,1942  
Letter November 14,1942  
Letter November 18,1942  
Photo #4191  
Letter November 22,1942  
Letter November 24,1942  
Letter November 27,1942  
Letter November 30,1942

B-1/F-5

Letter December 6,1942  
Letter December 13,1942  
Postcard December 15,1942  
Letter December 21,1942  
Letter December 24,1942  
Letter December 26,1942  
Western Union Telegram December 28,1942

B-1/F-6

Letter January 6,1943  
Letter January 10,1943  
Letter January 13,1943  
Letter January 18,1943  
Letter January 16-24,1943  
Letter January 27,1943  
Letter January 31,1943

B-1/F-7

Letter Febuary 4,1943  
Postcard Febuary 6,1943  
Letter Febuary 7,1943  
Letter Febuary 11,1943  
Letter Febuary 14,1943  
Postcard Febuary 11,1943  
Letter Febuary 17,1943  
Letter Febuary 21,1943  
Postcard Febuary 25,1943  
Letter Febuary 26,1943

B-1/F-8

Letter March 1,1943  
Letter March 4,1943  
Letter (unidentified) March,1943  
Letter March 10,1943  
Letter March 14,1943  
Letter March 21,1943  
Letter March 24,1943  
Letter March 28,1943  
Letter March 31,1943  
Photo #4192

B-1/F-9

Letter April 5,1943  
Postcard April 5,1943  
Letter April 12,1943  
Letter April 16,1943  
Letter April 18,1943  
Letter April 21,1943  
Photo #4195  
Photo #4194

B-1/F-10

Letter May 1,1943  
Letter May 4 -5,1943  
Letter May 8,1943  
Letter May 12,1943  
Western Union Telegram May 15,1943  
Letter May 16,1943  
Gift card  
Postcard May 20,1943  
Letter May 22,1943  
Letter May 26,1943  
Letter May 30,1943

B-1/F-11

Postcard June 3,1943  
Letter June 4,1943  
Poem for WAC Branch no.3 June 22,1943  
Letter June 24,1943  
Company award to CO signed by all members of Branch no.3  
Letter June 27,1943  
Letter June 30,1943  
Letter July 6,1943  
Letter July 10,1943  
Letter July 14,1943  
Photo #4195  
Letter July 17,1943  
Photo #4196  
Postcard July 24,1943  
Letter July 25,1943  
Letter July 28,1943

B-1/F-12

Letter August 1,1943  
Letter August 5,1943  
Letter August 7,1943  
Letter August 10-11,1943  
Letter August 16,1943  
Letter August 18,1943  
Letter August 21,1943  
Letter August 24,1943  
Letter August 29,1943

B-1/F-13

Letter September 1,1943  
News release received September 2,1943  
Letter September 4,1943  
Letter September 8,1943  
Letter September 12,1943  
Letter September 15,1943  
Letter September 18,1943  
Western Union Telegram September 24,1943

B-1/F-14

Letter October 8,1943  
Letter October 12,1943  
Letter October 16,1943  
Letter October 20,1943  
Letter October 23,1943  
Postcard October 25,1943

B-1/F-15

Letter November 8-9,1943  
Letter November 15,1943  
Letter November 18,1943  
Letter November 21-22,1943  
Letter November 28-29,1943  
Letter December 6,1943  
Letter December 10,1943  
Postcard December 14,1943  
Letter December 17,1943  
Letter December 21,1943  
Christmas card from Lt. Cora M. Foster 1943  
Postcard December 26,1943

B-1/F-16

Letter January 10,1944  
Postcard January 17,1944  
Photo #4197  
Letter January 20,1944  
Letter January 22,1944  
Letter January 30-February 2,1944  
Letter February 5,1944  
Letter February 10-12,1944  
Letter February 16,1944  
Letter February 19,1944  
Postcard February 22,1944  
Letter February 26,1944

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Letter March 1,1944  
Letter March 3,1944  
Letter March 6,1944  
Letter March 12,1944  
Letter March 16,1944  
Letter March 19,1944  
Letter March 21,1944

Change of address postcard March 23,1944  
Moon forwarding letter March 28,1944  
Letter March 28,1944  
Letter March 30,1944  
Western Union Telegram No date

B-1/F-18

Letter April,1944 no date  
V-mail April 9,1944  
V-mail April 12,1944  
Letter April 15,1944 from 'Steffie'  
Letter April 16,1944  
V-mail April 23,1944  
Letter April 24-May 2,1944  
Prescription for lozenges  
V-mail May 6,1944  
V-mail May 9,1944  
V-mail May 12,1944  
V-mail May 14,1944  
Letter May 20 ,1944  
Letter May 23-24,1944  
Letter May 27,1944  
V-mail May 31,1944

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Letter June 12,1944  
Letter June 17,1944  
Letter June 24-25,1944  
V-mail June 26,1944  
Letter June 30,1944  
Program of Luncheon on July 4,1944  
Letter July 7,1944  
V-mail July 13,1944  
Letter July 16,1944  
Letter July 20,1944  
Letter July 23,1944  
Letter July 28,1944

B-1/F-20

Letter August 2,1944  
Letter August 8,1944  
Letter August 13,1944  
Letter August 16,1944  
Letter August 20,1944  
Letter August 23,1944  
Letter August 27,1944  
V-mail August 31,1944

B-1/F-21

Letter September 1,1944  
Letter September 6,1944  
Letter September 10,1944  
Letter September 15,1944  
Letter September 17,1944

Letter September 22,1944  
V-mail September 26,1944  
V-mail birthday card September 19,1944  
Western Union Telegram September 27,1944  
V-mail September 27,1944  
V-mail September 30,1944

B-1/F-22

Letter October 3,1944  
V-mail October 6,1944  
Letter October 9,1944  
Letter October 12,1944  
Letter October 16,1944  
Letter October 19,1944  
V-mail October 22,1944  
Letter October 26,1944  
Letter October 30,1944

B-1/F-23

Letter November 4,1944  
Letter November 11,1944  
Letter November 14,1944  
V-mail November 16,1944  
Memo on Bayeux Tapestry November 18,1944  
Letter November 19,1944  
Program for Royal Artillery Orchestra November 19,1944  
Letter November 22,1944  
Program of recital at Holy Trinity in France on November 22,1944  
Program of Thanksgiving day services at Holy Trinity in France  
Letter November 26,1944  
Envelope November 27,1944  
V-mail November 29,1944

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V-mail December 2,1944  
Letter December 6,1944  
Letter December 10,1944  
Letter December 17,1944  
Western Union Telegram December 13,1944  
V-mail December 19,1944  
Letter December 25,1944  
V-mail December 30,1944  
V-mail December 30,1944

B-1/F-25

Letter January 1,1945  
Letter January 6,1945  
Letter January 11,1945  
Letter January 14,1945  
Letter January 18,1945  
Letter January 19,1945  
Copy of "God Save Our King" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."  
Letter of confidence to military forces from Dwight Eisenhower  
Letter January 23-24,1945  
Letter January 29,1945  
Letter January 31,1945

B-1/F26

Letter Febuary 1,1945  
Letter Febuary 4,1945  
V-mail Febuary 8,1945  
Letter Febuary 11,1945  
V-mail Febuary 13,1945  
Letter Febuary 15,1945  
Letter Febuary 18,1945  
Western Union Telegram Febuary 20,1945  
V-mail Febuary 21,1945  
Letter Febuary 23,1945  
V-mail Febuary 28,1945  
Letter Febuary 28,1945

B-1/F-27

V-mail March 3,1945  
Letter March 5,1945  
V- mail March 6,1945  
Letter March 8,1945  
Letter March 11,1945  
Letter from Prudence Puluis March 13,1945  
V-mail March 15,1945  
Letter from Prudence Puluis March 18,1945  
Letter March 18,1945  
V-mail March 23 ,1945  
Letter March 25,1945  
Letter March 27,1945  
Letter and envelope March 28,1945  
Letter March 29,1945  
Letter March 31,1945

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Letter April 2,1945  
Letter April 7,1945-April 8,1945  
Letter April 13,1945  
Letter April 21,1945  
V-mail to RLB from Arch Harrison April 28,1945  
V-mail April 30,1945

B-1/F-29

Letter and envelope May 3,1945  
Letter May 3,1945  
Letter May 4,1945  
Letter May 6,1945  
Newsletter about V-E day May 8,1945  
Letter May 9,1945  
Letter May 12,1945  
Letter May 15,1945  
Letter May 17,1945  
Letter May 22,1945  
Letter May 26,1945  
Letter from Prudence Puluis May 27,1945  
V-mail May 30,1945

B-1/F-30

Letter June 3,1945  
Letter June 6,1945  
Letter June 8,1945  
V-mail June 10,1945  
Letter June 13,1945  
V-mail June 15,1945  
Letter June 19,1945  
Letter June 21,1945  
Letter June 25,1945  
Letter June 27 ,1945 and envelope  
Letter June 28,1945  
V-mail June 29,1945  
Letter June 30,1945

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Letter July 5,1945  
Letter July 7,1945  
Letter July 10,1945  
Letter July 12,1945  
Letter July 14,1945  
Letter JULY 17,1945  
Postcard July 20,1945 (2)  
Letter July 21-23,1945  
Postcard July 22,1945  
Postcard July 22,1945 (2)  
Postcard July 24,1945  
Postcard July 25,1945  
Program of excursion to Grasse  
Program of excursion to Monte-Carlo  
Letter July 25,1945  
Letter July 29,1945

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Letter August 5,1945  
Letter August 8,1945  
Letter August 11,1945  
Letter August 15,1945  
Letter and envelope August 15,1945  
Letter August 18,1945  
Letter August 25,1945  
Letter August 28,1945  
Letter August 31,1945

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Letter September 8,1945  
Letter September 14,1945  
Letter September 18,1945  
Letter September 23,1945  
Letter September 30,1945  
Western Union Telegram October 9,1945

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Newspaper clippings, June 18, 1942-April 14, 1945

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SEPARATION RECORD

COLLECTION: Rebecca L. Brockenbrough

ACCESSION NUMBER: (355) *64*

The following items have been removed from the collection:

Description of items	Location
<p>PHOTOS Separated from correspondence. Photos are from training camp at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. Alot of parades, people, uniforms, and buildings.</p>	4183-4197
<p>PHOTO. 8x10 picture of " Sargeant Buttons", WAC mascot dog.</p>	4198
<p>PHOTOS Originally in photo album. Photos are from Ft. Des Moines, Iowa training camp; Conway, Arkansas; Salisbury, England; Paris, France.</p>	4199-4446

SEE ALSO

ORAL HISTORY—Rebecca Brockenbrough  
By Eleanor Stoddard

94-59, Box 1, Interviews