

GEORGE C MARSHALL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
COLLECTION SUMMARY SHEET

COLLECTION: SUSANNA P. TURNER PAPERS
ACCESSION NUMBER: 125
DONOR: SUSANNA P. TURNER
DATE OF GIFT: 5/88
SIZE: One box
INCLUSIVE DATES: 1942-1946
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
AND ARRANGEMENT: This collection is arranged chronologically.
RESTRICTIONS: NONE
LOCATION: Vault - upper level
COLLECTION REGISTER AVAILABLE: Yes

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TURNER (SUSANNA P.) 1913- . Correspondence, 1942-1946. 1 box.

Biographical Sketch

Susanna P. Turner (1913-) was a member of the WAC's during WWII. She received a B.A. in English from Hollins 1935, an M.A. in English Literature from Columbia University 1936, and attended a summer session at Harvard University 1940.

While in the military she was a member of the first Officers Candidate School for WAC's in 1942, one of ten selected for Command and General Staff School, and retired as a Lt. Col. in 1946. During this time she taught new enlisted women in Des Moines, Iowa, worked at the Pentagon first as Staff Director of Ordnance then of the Signal Corps, was stationed at London, Versailles, Berlin, and back again to the Pentagon.

Following her military service she became Head of St. Catherine's School in Richmond, Virginia. Later she worked in the administration of an Episcopal college in Liberia, West Africa, and then for Total Action Against Poverty established under President Johnson's Economic Opportunity Act. Finally, Susanna retired in 1978 following 36 years of service to her country.

Scope and Content Note

The Turner collection is arranged chronologically and consists of personal correspondence and a few newspaper articles. The majority of the folders contain personal correspondence from Susanna to her mother, Mrs. Joseph A. Turner, who lived in Roanoke, Virginia. The letters were written from a variety of locations at which she was stationed between the years 1942-1946.

The letters describe life at Officers Candidate School, military duty in the United States and abroad, and compared her personal experiences in England, France, and Germany.

Container List

Box/Folder

1	1	Ft. Des Moines, July 1942
	2	Ft. Des Moines, August 1942
	3	Ft. Des Moines, September 1942
	4	Ft. Des Moines, October 1942
	5	Daytona Beach, November-December 1942
	6	Washington, D.C., January-February 1943
	7	Army Admin. School, Denton, TX, July 1943
	8	Ft. Des Moines, July 1943
	9	Washington, D.C., August- December 1943
	10	Ft. Des Moines - Ft. Leavenworth, Jan-March 1944
	11	Ft. Leavenworth - Ft. Oglethorpe, May 1944
	12	England, June-July 1944
	13	England, August-December 1944
	14	England, January-March 1945
	15	France, March-June 1945
	16	Germany, July-August 1945
	17	Berlin, August-October 1945
	18	Berlin, November 1945 - February 1946
	19	Washington, D.C., September 1946
	20	Newspaper articles