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Freeman, Viola Pyle, d.1991
Scrapbook and Photographs, ca. 1942-1945

DESCRIPTION

This collection includes 11 officially released photos of U.S. Women in the Army Airforce Corps, 1943-1945, and one scrapbook of newspaper clippings kept about Tucson women who served in the military during World War II. Photos are from Davis-Monthan Air Force base, Tucson, and include posed images of Air Force women at work in jobs held by women during World War II. These included working in clerical positions and in air traffic control or relaxing in the recreation room by listening to the radio, and reading, or at prayer in the base chapel. Some photos are of the women modeling the latest in their uniforms.

1 box, 2 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Viola Freeman (Mrs. Safford Freeman), who lived with her husband and family in Tucson, kept a scrapbook about the activities of women in the military during World War II when her daughter, Dorothy, served in the WACs.

In 1942, during World War II, that the Army finally established the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) and then the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) with the Navy establishing the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES). In 1943 the Marine Corps created the Marine Corps Women's Reserve and the Coast Guard established the Women's Reserve (SPARs). Women served as nurses, clerical workers and in the Airforce they flew as civil service pilots flying stateside missions as ferriers, test pilots and anti-aircraft artillery trainers. By the end of the war women were filling shore billets in a large variety of jobs in communications, intelligence, supply medicine and administration. Women served as storekeepers, clerks, photographers, pharmacist's mates, and cooks, at home and over seas.

RELATED MATERIAL

PC 051 : Freeman photograph album, 1910-1915, and AV 0297 Oral History Interview

ACQUISITION

Donated by Viola Freeman on December 30, 1960.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Cecilia Aros Hunter in March 2010.