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**BAKER, CAROLINE CAHOONE**

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Served in Africa and England in the Women's Army Corps [WAC] during World War II.

DESCRIPTION: Childhood and early married life; joined WACs on May 3, 1944; believed she could do a man's job; traveling to Des Moines, Iowa to WAC recruiting office; basic training; disrespect toward WACs by townspeople in Des Moines; sense of patriotism among WACs; difficulty working alongside civilian women employees; class distinctions in London; work as file clerk in Rosecrans Field, Missouri; overseas duty in Accra, Gold Coast, Africa; filing by numerical system; Accra as supply line to Burma; living in Accra; two-day layover in Casablanca on way to London; work with mail and records in London; move to Paris; return to U.S. on French ship; hurricane; damaged ship docked in the Azores; return to U.S. on the carrier *Enterprise*.

[Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by James Leyerzapf, April 26, 1989]