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**And Still, They Served:**

**Black Servicewomen**

**in World War II**



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# “V for Victory” Campaign

## World War II Victory Campaign Poster Stamp

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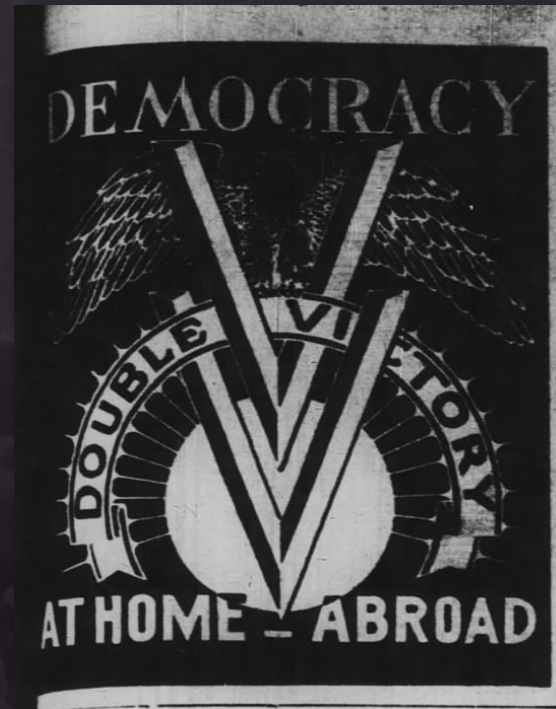




# Double V Campaign

The **Double V Logo** was first used in the *Pittsburgh Courier* newspaper on February 7, 1942

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## ALL AMERICANS CAN RALLY AROUND THE “DOUBLE V” SLOGAN

Many inquiries have come to the Editors asking for an interpretation of the “Double V”. This campaign launched by The Courier is simply an effort to put into a plain everyday symbol the hopes and aspirations of a racial group who is and continues to be the most loyal segment of the American population.

The “Double V” is a victory slogan adopted by Negro America as an expressions of its traditional patriotism to the ideals of the “Four Freedoms” expressed by President Roosevelt as representing the aims of the democratic forces fighting the Axis hordes that would enslave mankind.

The “Double V” stands for victory against the enemies abroad and for ~~the~~ against the forces at home who would deny the Negro full and free participation in every phase of national life. Therefore, the Negro is fighting on two fronts: as armed soldiers on the far-flung battlelines and as production soldiers on the assembly lines at home to help make this country of ours secure from without and a real democracy within.

The “Double V” combines in very terse fashion the aims and ideals of all men, black as well as white, to make this a more perfect union of peace-loving men and women, living in complete harmony and equality. THAT IS THE MEANING OF THE “DOUBLE V”.

The *Pittsburgh Courier* publishes an editorial explaining the meaning of the **Double V Campaign** on March 21, 1942

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Women's Army Auxiliary Corps

Women's Army Corps

Company 2  
3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment  
First WAC  
Training Center

Fort Des Moines, Iowa  
July 24, 1944

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**Women Accepted for Volunteer  
Emergency Services (WAVES)**

Lieutenant Junior Grade  
Harriet Ida Pickens

and Ensign Frances Wills

First African American women to be  
commissioned into the U.S. Navy's  
WAVES, or Women Accepted for  
Volunteer Emergency Service

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Women's Army Auxiliary Corps

Women's Army Corps

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune (left)

CPT Dovey M. Johnson (right)

A luncheon at the  
First WAC Training Center  
Fort Des Moines, Iowa

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## Women's Army Auxiliary Corps

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Auxiliaries Ruth Wade

and Lucille Mayo servicing trucks

December 8, 1942

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# Women's Army Auxiliary Corps / Women's Army Corps



Thelma Roush (left)



Mildred L. Epps (right)

Changing a truck tire in a garage

WAAC Training Center  
Fort Des Moines, Iowa

*U.S. Army Women's Museum*

Claire Beecher (left)



Nancie E. Ellison (right)

Classroom discussion about supply record keeping

WAAC Training Center, Fort Des Moines, Iowa

*U.S. Army Women's Museum*

Women's Army Auxiliary Corps

Women's Army Corps

WAAC cooks prepare  
dinner for the first time  
in a new kitchen

Fort Huachuca, Arizona  
December 5, 1942

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# Army Nurse Corps

## Black Servicewomen

### Overseas

U.S. Army nurses,  
newly arrived, line the  
rail of their vessel as  
it pulls into port of  
Greenock, Scotland,  
in the European Theater  
of Operations

Greenock, Scotland, UK

*National Archives*





# Army Nurse Corps

## Black Servicewomen Overseas

Lt. Florie E. Gant

Tending to  
a patient at a  
prisoner of war  
hospital

Somewhere in England, UK  
October 7, 1944

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## Women's Army Corps

### Black Servicewomen Overseas

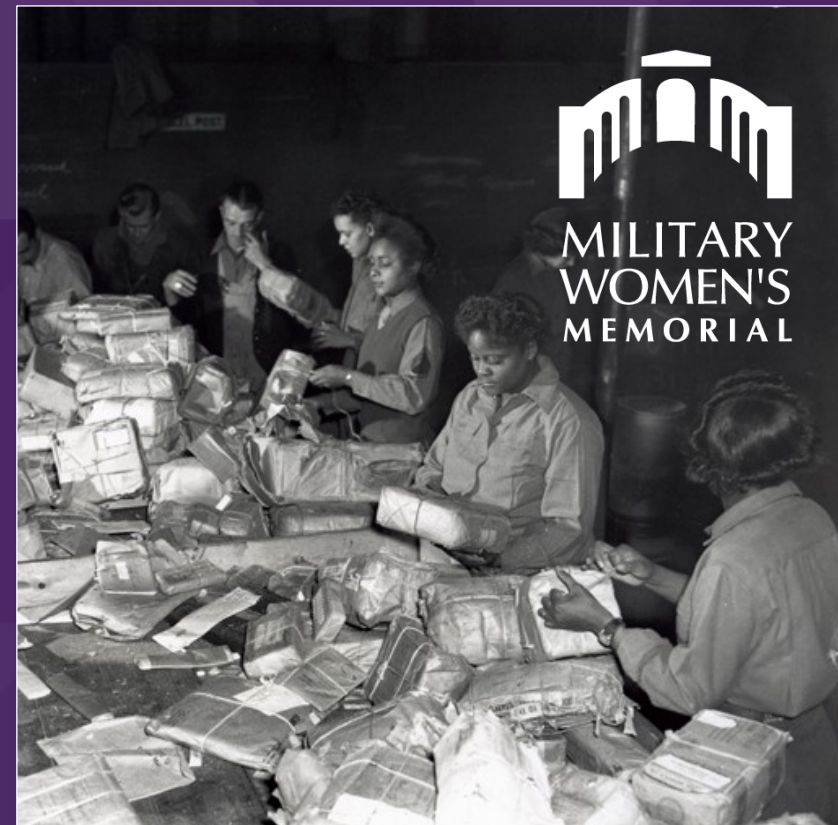


Major Charity Adams

Inspecting servicewomen of the  
6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion

Birmingham, England, UK, 1945

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## Sorting packages

Women's Army Corps members  
of the 6888th Central Postal  
Directory Battalion

Birmingham, England, UK

*U.S. Army Women's Museum*



# Women's Army Corps

## Black Servicewomen Overseas

### VE Day Parade

Members of the  
6888<sup>th</sup> Central  
Postal Directory  
Battalion

Birmingham  
England, UK  
May 13, 1945

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**Women's Army Corps**

**Black Servicewomen Overseas**

### **Documentary**

**The Six Triple Eight: No Mail, Low Morale.**

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**9 minute or 16 minute**

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# Military Service

## A Vessel for Civil Rights

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune

Civil Rights activist  
1949

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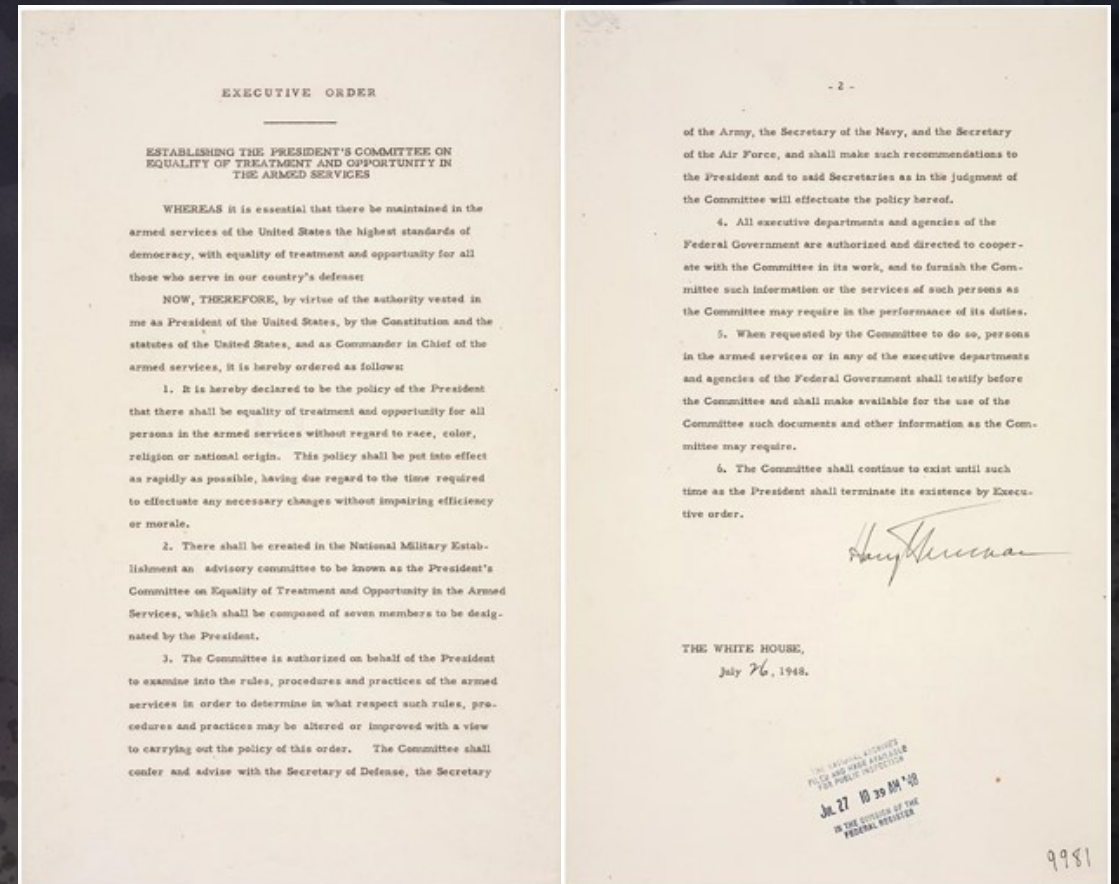
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### Executive Order 9981 • July 26, 1948

President Harry Truman issued an executive order abolishing segregation in the Armed Forces and ordering full integration of all services. Executive Order 9981 stated that:

“There shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed forces without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin.”







# Profiles of Courage

Research one of the following women to create a profile:

1. CPT Della Raney (Army Nurse Corps)

2. MAJ Charity Adams Earley (Women's Army Corps)

3. LTJG Harriet Ida Pickens (WAVES)

4. 2LT Elinor Powell (Army Nurse Corps)

5. CPT Dovey Johnson Roundtree (Women's Army Corps)

6. Ensign Frances Wills (WAVES)







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