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Women's Army Corps (WAC)

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Nov 5, 1918 - Aug 21, 2007

BIRTHPLACE: Newton, KS

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: Brg. General

DIVISION: Women's Army Corps (WAC)

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Elizabeth P. Hoisington was born November 3, 1918 in Newton, KS to a family with Military background. Her grandfather, Colonel Perry Milo Hoisington, helped organize the Kansas National Guard. She was a 1940 graduate of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Hoisington enlisted in the WAACs in November 1942 and completed her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. At the time, women were required to serve in units before they could apply to Officer Candidate School (OCS), so Private Hoisington went to a WAAC aircraft early warning unit in Bangor, Maine. The company commander recognized her talents and made her the first sergeant soon after her arrival. She later said that she then sought out the most grizzled male first sergeant she could find and asked him to teach her what she needed to know. She said that he did such a good job that when she reached OCS she never had to open a book. Hoisington was commissioned in May 1943 as a WAAC third officer. When the auxiliary became the Women's Army Corps (WAC) a month later, its officers changed to standard army ranks, and Hoisington became a second lieutenant. She deployed to Europe, serving in France after D-Day. Hoisington continued her career after World War II and advanced through the ranks to colonel as she commanded WAC units in Japan, Germany, and France and served in staff assignments in San Francisco and at the Pentagon. Hoisington was selected by President Nixon, in 1970 as one of the first two women to be awarded the title of brigadier General. Hoisington is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Courtesy of Wikipedia and foundationofwomenwarriors.com .