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Doris Alfreda Brown and George Christoffersen Collection

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Biographical Note

Technical Sergeant Doris Alfreda Brown served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. She was born August 28, 1918 in Cleveland, Ohio to William E. Brown and Olive B. Brown (née Pawby). She grew up in the suburbs surrounding Cleveland and was an avid sportswoman. Brown briefly worked as a drill press operator before enlisting in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps on December 12, 1942. She served as an airplane mechanic at Bainbridge Army Airfield before transferring to the 3341st Signal Service Battalion, Army Post Office 887 where she served in the Advanced Section, Communications Zone European Theatre of Operations Headquarters in France.

Honors and awards include: three Overseas Service Bars, a Service Stripe, Good Conduct Medal ribbon, and a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Corporal George Christoffersen served in the Army during World War I. He was born to Chris Christoffersen and Marie Mary Christoffersen in June 1899 in Grand Island,

Nebraska. On July 16, 1917, he enlisted at Grand Island, Nebraska as a Private in the Nebraska National Guard 5th Regiment, Company M. Christoffersen was honorably discharged due to a Service-Connected Disability on July 30, 1917. He reenlisted on August 21, 1917 at Grand Island, Nebraska. After training at Camp Cody, New Mexico, he served in the American Expeditionary Force in France. His assignments included the 134th Infantry Regiment, Company M, and Prisoner of War Escort Company 262, Army Service Corps. He was honorably discharged October 18, 1919.

Private First Class Bertha L. Evans served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. She was born on January 22, 1913 in Denver, Colorado. She worked as a bookkeeper in San Francisco, California before enlisting on September 1, 1943. Evans departed for Europe on August 7, 1944 to serve as a supply clerk in the Women's Army Corps Detachment Headquarters Company in France. She returned to the United States on October 28, 1945 and was honorably discharged at Camp Beale, California on November 5, 1945.

Honors and awards include: World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, and a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Service Ribbon.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Doris Alfreda Brown and George Christoffersen Collection contains military records, newspaper clippings, and correspondence related to the life and military service of Doris Alfreda Brown, George Christoffersen, and Bertha L. Evans. Christoffersen served in the United States Army during World War I, and Brown and Evans both served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. The collection contains materials dating 1917-1947, with the bulk of the materials dating from 1941-1947. The collection also contains artifacts and photographs related to Brown's life and military service, including patches and medals, that have been separated from the collection. Archivist could not find any relation between collection creators.

Arrangement

The collection arrived in no discernable order. PMML staff have organized the collection by individual into three series:

Series One: Doris Alfreda Brown

Series one consists of military records and documents related to Brown's time in the service and her personal life before enlisting. Includes special orders, pay record, temporary passes, personal correspondence and newspaper clippings. Arranged by

subject within each subseries and chronologically therein. Documents range from 1931-1947.

Series Two: George Christoffersen

Series two consists of documents related to Christoffersen's military service. Includes military records, special orders, temporary passes, and newspaper clippings. Arranged by subject and chronologically therein. Documents range from 1917-1921.

Series Three: Bertha L. Evans

Series three consists of Evans' Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge certificate dated 1945.

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Separations

| Item ID | Call Number | Description | Location |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------|
| Military-Related Artifacts | | | |
| 800336001 | REALIA 05064 | Dog tags "Doris A Brown" | |
| 800336002 | REALIA 05065 | Army Good Conduct Medal ribbon, Doris A. Brown | |
| 800336003 | REALIA 05066 | U. S. Army Enlisted Rank Insignia - Technical Sergeant patch, Doris A. Brown *DUP | |
| 800336004 | REALIA 05066 | U. S. Army Enlisted Rank Insignia - Technical Sergeant patch, Doris A. Brown *DUP | |
| 800336005 | REALIA 05067 | Advanced Section Communications Zone Europe, U. S. Army patch, Doris A. Brown | |

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| 800336006 | REALIA 05068 | U.S. Army Overseas Service Bars patch (3 bars), Doris A. Brown |
| 800336007 | REALIA 05069 | U.S. Army Service Stripe patch, Doris A. Brown |
| 800336008 | REALIA 05070 | U.S. Army Meritorious Unit Commendation patch, Doris A. Brown |
| 800336009 | REALIA 05071 | Leather wallet, stamped "HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE U.S. SERVICE." Originally contained Item ID#s: 800336108, 800336109, 800336110, 800336111, 800336114 |

Biographical Artifacts, Doris A. Brown

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| 800336010 | REALIA 05072 | 1941 East Liverpool Ohio Girls Tri-State basketball medal *DUP |
| 800336011 | REALIA 05072 | 1941 East Liverpool Ohio Girls Tri-State basketball medal *DUP |
| 800336012 | REALIA 05073 | 1941 East Liverpool Ohio Girls Tri-State basketball pin |
| 800336013 | REALIA 05074 | 1941 Girls Softball Tournament All-Star medal |
| 800336014 | REALIA 05075 | 1941 Girls Softball Tournament Champions medal with bracelet in box |
| 800336015 | REALIA 05076 | 1931 National Marble Tournament medal |
| 800336016 | REALIA 05077 | American Legion pin |
| 800336017 | REALIA 05078 | Girl Scout pin |
| 800336018 | REALIA 05079 | Embossed metal address plaque |

800336019 REALIA
05080 Embossed religious plaque

Photographs, Doris A. Brown

800336020 PHOTO
04924 Cleveland Girl Scouts camp counselors and staff, with "Marne Crampton - 'Piper'" on verso, 1934

800336021 PHOTO
04925 Woman smoking cigarette with Eiffel Tower in background, c.1940s

800336022 PHOTO
04926 Undated photograph: girls basketball team, with Doris A. Brown in middle of first row

800336023 PHOTO
04927 Undated photograph: Doris A. Brown with dog in snow outside residential home

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Subjects

United States--Armed Forces--Women
United States. Army--Infantry
World War, 1914-1918
World War, 1939-1945
World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons
World War, 1939-1945--Women--United States

Container List

| Box | Folder | Item ID # | Title | Dates |
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| | | | Series I: Doris Alfreda Brown | 1931-1947 |
| | | | Military Documents | |

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|----------|---|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| SM 10 | 1 | 800336024 | Special Orders 185, Transfer to 3341st Signal Service Battalion, Army Post Office 887 | 12/10/1944 |
| SM 10 | 1 | 800336025 | Soldier's Individual Pay Record booklet, with Immunization Register | 5/31/1944- 11/13/1945 |
| SM 10 | 1 | 800336026 | Temporary Pass | 11/30/1945 |
| SM 10 | 1 | 800336027 | U.S. Riviera Rest Area Courtesy Pass Card | 8/27/1945 |
| SM 10 | 1 | 800336028 | Hotel Alhambra Mess card | c.8/1945 |
| SM 10 | 1 | 800336029 | Troop Assignment card | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 1 | 800336030 | Headquarters Command Women's Army Corps Mess pass | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 1 | 800336031 | Hospital Discharge from Veterans Administration Hospital Oakland 12 due to "Maximum Hospital Benefit" | 2/21/1947 |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336032 | Heart-Shield Bible | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336033 | Name card "Doris A. Brown" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336034 | Name card "Helen D. Steir Lieutenant, W.A.C. Army of the United States" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336035 | Name card "Raymond M. Browne" with signature on verso | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336036 | Name card "Robert R. Tucker" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336037 | Name card "Gwendolin M. Terry" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336038 | Name card "Justine Mary Meyers" *DUP | u.d. |
| SM | 2 | 800336039 | Name card "Justine Mary Meyers" *DUP | u.d. |

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| SM 10 | 2 | 800336040 | Name card "John Lee Kelly" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336041 | Name card "Rosalie Conrad" *DUP | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336042 | Name card "Rosalie Conrad" *DUP | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336043 | Name card "Melvin A. Azman" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336044 | Name card "Janet I. Mason" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336045 | Name card "Lenore V. Duffield" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336046 | Name card "Clyde I. Hooker" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336047 | Name card "Margaret W. McKean" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336048 | Name card "Dorothea F. Nahrstedt" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336049 | Name card "Rudolph Krall" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336050 | Name card "Betty G. Plies" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336051 | Name card "Floyd W. Perry" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336052 | Name card "Dorothy Virginia Flower" *DUP | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336053 | Name card "Dorothy Virginia Flower" *DUP | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336054 | Name card "Pearl Waltermire" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336055 | Name card "Ellen Channell" | u.d. |

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| SM 10 | 2 | 800336056 | Name card "Kathryn Hoene" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336057 | Name card "Stanley F. Pengal" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336058 | Name card "Margaret Kausek" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336059 | Name card "Betty Lucille Critzer" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336060 | Name card "Anna C. Cerjan" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336061 | Name card "Mary Jeannett Luikart" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336062 | Name card "Alida W. Kower" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336063 | Name card "William W. Werts" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336064 | Name card "Ruth Louise Grove" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336065 | Name card "Dorothy Sternberg" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336066 | Name card "Elwood C. Sulzer" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336067 | Name card "Neddy L. Gerjevic" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336068 | Name card "Allen F. Hulsman" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336069 | Name card "Lenore Isabelle Tiffany" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336070 | Name card "Jeanne Marie Heick" | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 2 | 800336071 | Name card "Betty Tucker" | u.d. |

Military-Related Documents

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| SM 10 | 3 | 800336072 | Membership Book, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America. Occupation listed as "Handing Out Tools" | 7/26/1942 |
| SM 10 | 3 | 800336073 | "Aux. Doris A. Brown Starts WAC Duty." <i>News-Herald, Willoughby</i> . Newspaper clipping announcing that Brown joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps with occupation of airplane mechanic | c.1942 |
| SM 10 | 3 | 800336074 | Clipping (possibly from a high school yearbook), with photo of Brown and sister. Caption states that Brown is a Women's Army Corps Sergeant with occupation of airplane mechanic | c.1943 |
| SM 10 | 3 | 800336075 | Red Cross Certificate of Membership | 1944 |
| SM 10 | 3 | 800336076 | Ticket stub for Royal Cinema in Langres, France | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 3 | 800336077 | Postcard fragment, with photo of Short Mayo Composite planes, with note on verso | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 3 | 800336078 | Business card for Cyril Dixon, Royal Air Force entertainer, with note and cartoon on verso | 1944 |
| SM 10 | 3 | 800336079 | Official T.S. Card (Tough Shit), with various names and addresses written on verso | 1/20/1946 |

Biographical Documents

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| SM 10 | 4 | 800336080 | To Doris A. Brown from Brown family: regarding her experience at summer camp | 7/9/1931 |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336081 | To Doris A. Brown from Brown family: regarding her experience at summer camp | 7/12/1931 |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336082 | To Doris A. Brown from Grandma and Grandpa: regarding her experience at summer camp | c.1931 |

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| SM 10 | 4 | 800336083 | To Doris A. Brown from Helen and Minnie: Christmas card with note on envelope | 12/22/1941 |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336084 | Letter fragment from Doris A. Brown to her aunt: regarding current family life and recent happenings | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336085 | To Grandma from Doris A. Brown and sisters: Valentine's Day card | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336086 | To Miss O. Pawby from Eva: postcard greeting | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336087 | To Miss O. Pawby: unsigned postcard greeting | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336088 | Birth Certificate "Doris Alfreda Brown," photocopy | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336089 | Business card "Le Steak de Paris," New York City, NY | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336090 | "Gems from the Bible," Bible study pamphlet | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336091 | "Casey's Daughter at the Bat," poem by Al Graham | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 4 | 800336092 | <i>Broadcaster '36</i> . Shore High School, Euclid Ohio senior yearbook | 1936 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336093 | "Villages to Pick Marble Champs," newspaper clipping, unidentified source | c.1931 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336094 | "Children Own Euclid Beach," newspaper clipping, unidentified source | c.1931 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336095 | Guest, Edward A., "Vision," newspaper clipping, unidentified source | c.1931 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336096 | "Shore After Crown," newspaper clipping, unidentified source | c.1936 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336097 | "Shore Quint Rules Eastern Conference Loop," newspaper clipping, unidentified source | c.1936 |
| SM | 5 | 800336098 | "Arcades to Meet Tonight," <i>Painesville</i> | c.1941 |

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| 10 | | | <i>Telegraph</i> , newspaper clipping | |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336099 | "Arcadians Take 2 From Lakewood," <i>Painesville Telegraph</i> , newspaper clipping | c.1941 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336100 | "Arcade Game Ends In Tie After 17 Innings," <i>Painesville Telegraph</i> , newspaper clipping | c.1941 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336101 | "Arcades Extend Win Streak," <i>Painesville Telegraph</i> , newspaper clipping | c.1941 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336102 | "Arcades To Play Strong Cleveland Team Tonight," <i>Painesville Telegraph</i> , newspaper clipping | c.1941 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336103 | "In Warren Tourney Arcade Girls Advance," <i>Painesville Telegraph</i> , newspaper clipping | c.1941 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336104 | "Arcadians Play Niles," newspaper clipping, unidentified source | c.1941 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336105 | "Arcadians To Play Final Game Tonight," <i>Painesville Telegraph</i> , newspaper clipping | 1941 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336106 | "Arcadians Win Warren Softball Championship," <i>Painesville Telegraph</i> , newspaper clipping | 9/12/1941 |
| SM 10 | 5 | 800336107 | "4 Named On All-Star Team," <i>Painesville Telegraph</i> , newspaper clipping | c.1941 |

Series II: George Christoffersen

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| SM 10 | 6 | 800336108 | Honorable Discharge certificate (originally in leather wallet, Item ID# 800336009) | 7/30/1917 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336109 | Honorable Discharge certificate (originally in leather wallet, Item ID# 800336009) | 10/18/1919 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336110 | Notarized letter stating that Christoffersen was in good health before enlisting (originally in leather wallet, Item ID#800336009) | 8/21/1921 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336111 | Note from Chris Christoffersen stating that his son, George, has permission to enlist | u.d. |

(originally in leather wallet, Item ID#800336009)

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| SM 10 | 6 | 800336112 | 134th U.S. Infantry Company "M" Roster | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336113 | Soldier's Individual Pay Record | 11/15/1918 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336114 | General Orders No. 38-A: thanking the American Expeditionary Forces for their service (originally in leather wallet, Item ID#800336009) | 2/28/1919 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336115 | Prisoner of War Escort Company 262 Army Service Corps Roster | 8/8/1919 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336116 | Handwritten order from Captain John Waun(?), Prisoner of War Escort Company 262, to deliver prisoner of war "Heidke" to Corporal Christoffersen | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336117 | Advertisement fragment for Bunte Bühne theatre company at 45th Prisoner of War Company in Langres, France, with partial note on verso | 3/1919 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336118 | Temporary Pass | 6/1/1919 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336119 | Temporary Pass to visit Langres, France | 8/3/1919 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336120 | Temporary Pass to visit Chateauroux, France | 9/19/1919 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336121 | Temporary Pass to visit Coblenz, Germany | 9/26/1919 |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336122 | "Letters From Our Lads on the Front," unidentified source | u.d. |
| SM 10 | 6 | 800336123 | Newspaper clipping in French advertising upcoming shows at Alhambra theatre | u.d. |

Series III: Bertha L. Evans

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| SM | 6 | 800336124 | Enlisted Record and Report of Separation | 11/5/1945 |
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