



Colonel Frances M. Yoniack

Colonel Frances M. Yoniack was born April 20, 1918 in Greenvale, Colorado. She enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on September 14, 1942 and received Basic Training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She was commissioned upon graduation from the WAAC Officer Candidate School at Fort Des Moines on February 16, 1943.

In September 1943 she was assigned duty as Supply Officer for the 21st WAC Regiment, Third Women's Army Corps (WAC) Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

She remained at Fort Oglethorpe until March 1945. She then returned to Fort Des Moines and was one of the last officers to leave when the WAC Center there closed.

She served as Chief of the Special Service Branch at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. She was then assigned as S-4 Women's Army Corps Training Center at Fort Lee, Virginia.

In 1948, Yoniack was selected as Acting aide-de-camp to Brigadier General R.C.L. Graham Commanding General of Fort Lee, in addition to her duties as S-4.

Colonel Yoniack commanded a WAC detachment at Fort Riley, Kansas in 1950 and later served as Deputy Commander of the WAC Center at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

She also served in Orleans, France as Executive Officer, at the Quartermaster Division Headquarters and was instrumental in activating the WAC detachment of the 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt, Germany.

In 1965 she served a tour in Washington as Special Assistant for Audits with the Supply and Maintenance Command and later Executive Officer of the Command Management Office of the Quartermaster General.

Colonel Yoniack served as First U.S. Army WAC Staff Advisor at Fort Meade, Maryland from June 1967 to June 1969. Her next assignment was WAC Staff Advisor at Headquarters U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany from June 1969 to April 1971. Her last assignment before retirement was a second tour as the WAC Staff Advisor, First U.S. Army from July 1971 to May 1973.

Her military awards include: the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Women's Army Corps Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal and Nation Defense Service Medal.

She died on September 9, 1988 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.