

Interview with Violet Hill Gordon

Violet Hill Gordon: I served in the Women's Army Corps, which originally was the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps.

Interviewer: In what war did you serve?

Violet Hill Gordon: World War II.

Interviewer: And your rank?

Violet Hill Gordon: I was discharged as a Captain. I entered the training for the Officer Candidate class, the first one for women. That meant that I began as an enlisted person for training. At the end of the training period, which was, I believe six weeks; I earned the rank of what was then called, "The Second Commanding Officer".

Interviewer: Where did you serve during your enlistment?

Violet Hill Gordon: My Officer Candidate Training took place in Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. At the completion of that I was assigned to Ft. Huachuca, Arizona where the first detachment of Black women were sent. There I served as the Second Commanding Officer. In other words, I was the Executive Officer.