

Basic Detail Report



Title Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Uniform

Date 1943-1945

Primary Maker Helen Ida Lister

Medium machine sewn wool, cotton, silk, plastic, metal

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Description WWII Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) uniform belonging to

Helen Lister (1904-1999) of Devon, Milford, Connecticut. The uniform consists of

(a) jacket, (b) U.S. Army Branch Insignia lapel pin, (c) Field Artillery Branch

Insignia lapel pin, (d) World War II Victory Military Ribbon bar pin, (e) Army Good

Conduct Military Ribbon bar pin, (f) bar pin with World War II American

Campaign Military Ribbon and European-African Middle Eastern Campaign

Military Ribbon, (g) shirt, (h) tie, (i) and pants. (a) Jacket is a U.S. Army Olive Drab

Wool Field Jacket Specification 437; this short hip-length, long sleeved jacket

type is sometimes referred to as an "Ike Jacket." The jacket was manufactured

by the New Bedford Clothing Co. and constructed from 18 oz serge wool in Olive

Drab shade 33 with a cotton liner of the same shade. The jacket has 4 pockets, 2

exterior and 2 interior breast pockets, and features the following closures: 14

total plastic buttons: 6 x front closure, 2 x 2 cuffs, 1 x 2 shoulder loops. 1 x 2 front

pockets; one metal pressure snap at the waistband; and 2 metal buckle/strap

adjusters, 1 at each hip. The jacket features the following patches: Honorable

Discharge Emblem sewn over the proper right breast pocket, Enlistment Stripe

and Overseas Service Bars on proper left sleeve at wrist, and, on the proper right

shoulder, the Division Insignia for the 84th Infantry Division "Railsplitters" patch

featuring a white axe splitting a rail on a red ground. (b) US Army Branch Insignia

lapel pin, round gold colored non-ferrous metal pin featuring the initials "U. S."

(c) Field Artillery Branch Insignia lapel pin, round gold colored non-ferrous metal

pin featuring two crossed field guns. (d) World War II Victory Military Ribbon bar

pin, is 1 3/8 inches ribbon consisting of the following stripes: 3/8 inch double

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rainbow in juxtaposition (blues, greens, yellows, reds (center), yellows greens

and blues); 1/32 inch White 67101; center 9/16 inch Old Glory Red 67156; 1/32

inch White; and 3/8 inch double rainbow in juxtaposition. (e) Army Good

Conduct Military Ribbon bar pin, 1 3/8 inches ribbon consisting of the following

stripes: 1/16 inch Soldier Red 67157; 1/16 inch White 67101; 1/16 inch Soldier

Red; 1/16 inch White; 1/16 inch Soldier Red; 1/16 inch White; center 5/8 inch

Soldier Red; 1/16 inch White; 1/16 inch Soldier Red; 1/16 inch White; 1/16 inch

Soldier Red; 1/16 inch White; and 1/16 inch Soldier Red. (f) Double bar pin with

the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Military Ribbon and World War II

American Campaign Military Ribbon. The European-African Middle Eastern

Campaign portion of the ribbon features 4 stars and is 1 3/8 inches wide and

consists of the following stripes: 3/16 inch Brown 67136; 1/16 inch Irish Green

67189; 1/16 inch White 67101; 1/16 inch Scarlet 67111; inch Irish Green; center 1

/8 inch triparted Old Glory Blue 67178, White and Scarlet; inch Irish Green; 1/16

inch White; 1/16 inch Black 67138; 1/16 inch White; and 3/16 inch Brown. The

American Campaign portion of the ribbon is 1 3/8 inches wide and consists of

the following stripes: 3/16 inch Oriental Blue 67172; 1/16 inch White 67101; 1/16

inch Black 67138; 1/16 inch Scarlet 67111; 1/16 inch White; 3/16 inch Oriental

Blue; center 1/8 triparted Old Glory Blue 67178, White and Scarlet; 3/16 inch

Oriental Blue; 1/16 inch White; 1/16 inch Scarlet; 1/16 inch Black; 1/16 inch

White; and 3/16 inch Oriental Blue. (g) Khaki colored long sleeve button up shirt

with brown plastic buttons and an embroidered tag (see marks) at the interior

upper center back. There are buttoned-down shoulder straps on each shoulder.

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(h) Khaki colored tie. (i) The pants are U.S. Army Specification PQD 353B

Trousers manufactured by the International Tailoring Co. from 18 oz. serge wool in Olive Drab 33. The trousers feature a button fly closure, gas flap behind front fly, button hole closure on left rear pocket, and suspender buttons on inside waistband.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (Jacket (a) CB length x Shoulder width): 24 3/4 × 18in. (62.9 × 45.7cm) Primary Dimensions (Shirt (g) CB length x Shoulder width): 30 1/2 × 16in. (77.5 × 40.6cm) Primary Dimensions (Pants (i) inseam length x waist circ.): 31 × 31in. (78.7 × 78.7cm)