

Basic Detail Report



Title Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Uniform

Date 1944-1948

Primary Maker Helen Ida Lister

Medium machine sewn wool, cotton, plastic buttons, metal snap

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

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

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(a) jacket, (b) long sleeve shirt, (c) necktie, (d) 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 Sigmund Eisner Company 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. (b) Shirt is a long-sleeved button-up type constructed from cotton in a light khaki color with brown plastic buttons and 2 patch pockets on the chest. The back of the collar and upper back of the shirt have a hand-sewn tuck shortening the circumference of the neck. (c) Necktie is constructed from cotton in a light khaki color. (d) Pants are U.S. Army Olive Drap Wool Field Trousers Specification 8-152 manufactured by the Sidor Pants Company. The pants are constructed from 18 oz serge wool in Olive Drab shade 33 and feature a plastic button-fly closure and 5 pockets.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (Jacket (a) center back length x shoulder width): 24 1/2 × 18in. (62.2 × 45.7cm) Primary Dimensions (Pants (d) inseam length x waist circ.): 31 × 30in. (78.7 × 76.2cm)