

Service in August 1943. I lived in Asheville at that time. I was sent to Datona Beach Fla. For my basic training. From there I was sent to Camp Blanding near Stark Fla. Blanding was a large infantry base. I worked in the large base hospital as a physio-therapist. I stayed in Blanding for the rest of the war.

I was discharged at Fort Bragg in May of 1946.

I loved every minute of service. I worked hard and obtained the rank of Medical Tech.4.

I received the routine medals, American Theater Service, Good conduct, WW2 Victory medal..

A side note

After hours and on time off was spent playing, basketball , soft ball, and a little tennis. We had a good soft ball team. I was the pitcher, with a very fast pitch. We played against a nurses team on post, and a Jacksonville, Fla. team of WAVES. I must say the WAC team ^{won} almost every time. Some of my team were sent to other detachments in other states. One day I got mail (actually it was sent to our C.O. Then delivered from there.) I wondered what I had done! It turned out to be orders from Head-quarters in Atlanta to report in to Atlanta for a softball team. When I got there two of the girls that had been on my team that had been transferred to other detchments had been called to be on the team also.

WE were to travel all over the 4th Service Command and play at Vet. Hosp^s. We played "pick -up " teams of men that worked at those hospitals, and in some cases vet.

Patients. This was one way to entertain the men coming back from the front lines. We played at every ^{V.A.} hospital in the 4th service command.

I think we won every game. They thought ^{we} we were just a bunch of girls and they would play along. When they saw us whiz the ball around the bases they changed their minds and began to give us a better game.

Another side note.

One day I was behind the hospital where we practiced just playing with anyone that wanted to play. A soldier that was walking past wanted to hit some with us. When he came up to bat I struck him out. After he left some of the men watching ask^{ed} me if I knew who the soldier was, ofcourse I had no idea. They told me it was Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox. The only reason I could possibly strike him out would be because He was used to hitting a fast baseball. Makes a ~~good~~ story anyway.

I also have a picture~~re~~ of our WAC detachment parading In Jacksonville Fla. Armistis Day, In 1944.

I know you only ~~w~~^{ed}anted just the facts. Sorry. Old soldiers don't get ask^{ed} about their service often.



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(Parade in Jacksonville, Fla)

Lucille Higgins Proffitt Carrying the company guidon.