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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Mallie Ivie WAF Collection
Identifier:	NASM.2004.0052
Date:	(bulk 1948-1951)
Extent:	0.47 Cubic feet ((1 flat box))
Creator:	Ivie, Mallie J., 1930-1975
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Mallie Irene Ramona "Mona" (Botello) White, Gift, 2004

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Biographical / Historical

Mallie J. Ivie (1930-1975) was born in El Paso, TX. On 6 October 1948, she became the second woman to join the armed forces in Texas after they began a recruiting drive on 27 September of the same year. She had just graduated from Austen High School that May. She enlisted in the Women's Air Force (WAF) for a three year term, although she left before her third year was completed. She served as a reconnaissance technician at Lowry Field in Denver, CO before she was transferred to Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, KS on 6 August 1949. On 24 October 1949 she was again transferred, this time to Barksdale Air Force Base near Shreveport, LA where she was promoted to Corporal.

Scope and Contents

This donation includes a scrapbook and two yearbooks, one from Lowry Air Force Base in 1949 and the other from Barksdale Air Force Base in 1950. The scrapbook was compiled by Corporal Ivie and relates to her time with the WAFs, including both service-related and social activities. Included in the scrapbook are numerous newspaper clippings related to the WAFs, as well as personal correspondence (including letters from her brother who served in the Marines and from her future husband, Ray Botello), and black and white photographs of her fellow airmen. There is also various memorabilia from her social activities.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Women and the military

Types of Materials:

Scrapbooks
Yearbooks -- 1950-2000

Names:

Women's Air Force (WAF)