WOMEN IN COMBAT: HISTORY & DEBATE

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

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PRE-20TH CENTURY


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See also:
-Bibliographies in Women-Civil War.

20TH CENTURY


Female combat pilots, WWII.

Examination of Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Military.


See photo p. 63 of "Soldaderas."

Personal narrative of various women who underwent combat.


See also:
-Bibliographies on Desert Storm in Iraq; Operation Just Cause in Panama; and Internment of Soldaderas in Mexico.

“THE DEBATE”


Army (May 1971), p. 17, in which General Westmoreland said “...there is no possibility that women will be used in combat or combat-related jobs.”


Soldiers (May 1973), p. 5, which cites DA MSG 041557Z Aug 1972 and indicates that the Equal Rights Amendment may open combat roles to women. See also pp. 8-9, in which Brigadier General Mildred Bailey speaks out on the question of combat roles versus combat zones.


See also a 1972 Army War College student paper by LTC Edith Hinton, "Utilization of WAC Personnel in TDA & TOE Units." On p. 2, she notes that the noncombatant status of WAC personnel is governed by Army regulations, not federal law.