

[Romy Davis] I didn't know much about the mail because I didn't work in it much. But there was a backlog of mail that soldiers had not received, like over a year. And they had to get it out.

And I don't know how many months stacked up that they were. But the girls seem to have gotten it out and far less time than was expected.

And the government was proud of their behavior and put in every effort to get the mail to the men.

[Historian] What was your role in dealing with the mail? What did you do?

[Romy Davis] I sorted some of it. But I don't know much about the mail because I was outside in the car driving people around most of the time, learning how to drive in other cities and taking them where they needed to go because they would give you the instructions and tell you what to do and you have to try to follow.

But sorting the mails, I don't remember sitting too long in the barracks, sorting mail, sending it to different places. I don't remember much about the mail, because I was never tied to the mail. I was always in the motor pool.

And I don't know if it was in England or France, where we sorted mail. And I think we went to England first. And I didn't like England, of course because it was too cold. I was so miserable the whole time, and I was sick with the influenza, sick with something.

Damp, you know. And I, I just was not well at all.

I don't know if anybody else remembers that or not, but that was a dampest place, coldest situation I think I've ever experienced.

[Historian] Once the war was over, and you were home, what happened to the 6888s?

[Romy Davis] Oh, I corresponded for years with most of the people that I associated with in Triple 8, and the people I met in Switzerland, people I met in France for years, at least 20 years we corresponded, but I don't have anything to show.

Maybe one or two letters, you know, can be found in the house somewhere.

I moved several times and lived a long time too afterwards. But I enjoyed, I enjoyed the people.

[Historian] When you got disbanded, when they disbanded the WACS. What was that like for you?

[Romy Davis] An emptiness. Now what are you going to do?

But I got a job. I went to school, went to a fashion school, and I spent three years there in New York at Traphagen Fashion School, one of the big schools there.

I wasn't worried even then because I was black.  
Some of the teachers were prejudiced, but it didn't hurt me.  
Then I understood the situation.

[Historian] Could you explain that? What do you mean you understood the situation?

[Romy Davis] What it would be like. I didn't expect it.

I thought people would be proud, you know, and open.  
But there were still some people, and there are still some today, who don't want to be near you or be part of what you were part of. And so I didn't have any fears. I didn't care anymore why people would be like that.

I often wonder why they would be so prejudiced and nobody had ever done anything to them.