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# WAAC FROM DENVER WAS ONLY WOMAN AT AFRICA CONFERENCE

## Capt. Louise Anderson Was Given Trusted Task of Taking Shorthand Record of Parleys Held to Shape War Programs for Year.

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It was a manifestation by her immediate superiors of her ability to record accurately what was said and done and to keep strictly confidential what happened in the little villa in Casablanca.

Her father, a retired naval technician of more than thirty years of service, received the news of his daughter's assignment in north Africa as a shock, but a pleasant one.

### DIDN'T EVEN TELL PARENTS ABOUT PROMOTION.

"Well, well!" exclaimed the elder Anderson. "I didn't know. Louise doesn't tell us much—just something of her life in north Africa, the country and how she is enjoying her work. Nothing of this, nothing to indicate she was expecting this assignment, if she was when she wrote her last letter which reached our home last week."

"Did she tell you she was a captain now?" Anderson was asked.

"A captain? No she didn't; no, she didn't say a word about that."

Anderson began to realize that something very much out of the ordinary had happened to his daughter and to his family. He chuckled, and then exclaimed:

"I realize it was an honor, a very great honor. I'm delighted. Mrs. Anderson will be delighted, too. We'll both be very happy about it."

### TOOK SECRETARIAL COURSE IN DENVER.

Of her background, her father said:

She is 32, blond and blue-eyed, 5 feet 6 inches tall. She weighs 118 pounds. Born in Lewes, Del., she went to grade school in New Orleans, Barnes, Kan., and Aurora and Arvada, Colo.

In 1928, she was graduated from North high school. Subsequently she studied shorthand and took a secretarial course at a Denver commercial college. She took special courses at Denver university, but did not graduate. In the local offices of the United States reclamation bureau she did clerical and stenographic work.

### IS PROFICIENT IN MANY SPORTS.

Captain Anderson is athletic. She is a swimmer and a golfer. She plays tennis, skates, skis, rides horseback, bowls and fences and took a course in rifle marksmanship. And she can cook—the culinary art having been learned by night attendance at cooking school classes at Opportunity school while she worked days.

She and her family have lived in

Denver, Aurora and Westminster.

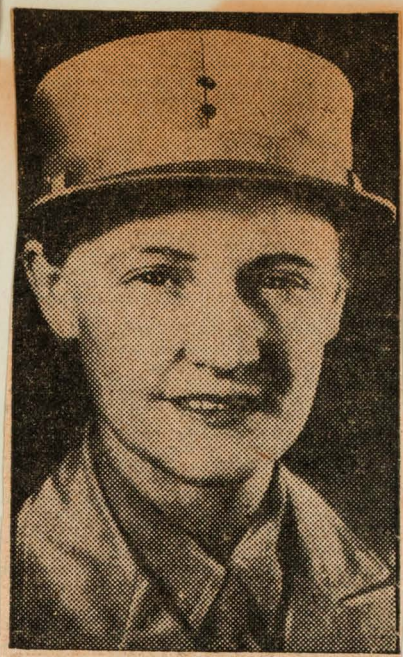
When the Waacs were formed, she began to talk about enlisting. Her father encouraged her. Last July, she enlisted in Denver and was sworn in by Col. Thomas N. Gimperling, in command of the Denver army recruiting service. She was sent to Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

### WON COMMISSION LAST SEPTEMBER.

There, on Sept. 12, 1942, she was commissioned a third officer, the equivalent of a second lieutenant. Miss Dorothy Laureen Starbuck was commissioned at the same time. Both were members of the second class at Fort Des Moines.

Dec. 1, 1942, she and four other lieutenants of the Waacs arrived in London. They were there for a fortnight, and then sailed for north Africa on an assignment that was to lead to international fame for Captain Anderson. When she was elevated to the rank of captain is not known, but it was since her arrival in north Africa, announced in a delayed dispatch from Allied headquarters there on Dec. 23. Upon her arrival with the others in north Africa, she told newsmen:

"This country is more beautiful than I expected. I was looking for a jungle, I guess. Where," she asked an army officer who met her and the others, "is the battle front and in what direction, please, east or west?"



**CAPT. LOUISE ANDERSON**  
Of Denver, who won world renown and performed a memorable task when she, as a Waac officer on duty in north Africa, was called on to make the stenographic report of the historic, war strategy conferences of President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and other United Nations leaders at Casablanca, French Morocco.

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**CAPT. LOUISE ANDERSON**  
of the Waacs, a former stenographer in the Denver office of the United States reclamation bureau, who made the shorthand record of what President Roosevelt said and Prime Minister Churchill said at Casablanca, French Morocco. She was the only woman present at the conference.