



American Theater
Campaign Medal



World War II
Victory Medal



Dorothy Rosa Schellenberger
Sergeant, Women's Army Corps
1 July 1943 – 7 January 1946



WAC Service Medal

Dorothy was born on 17 October 1921 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. As a young girl she lived with her family in Brookdale, on Alburts Route #1, in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. She attended grades 1–8 at Lehigh Church School in Brookdale from 1927 to 1935, and graduated from Allentown High School in 1939. After high school she continued to live in Brookdale and worked at American Dry Cleaners in Allentown where she operated a clothes pressing machine until she entered the Service. Dorothy enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) as a Private on 1 April 1943. The WAAC was started on 14th May 1942 as a non-combatant service to enabling the release of able-bodied men in the Army for combat. The "Auxiliary" part of the title signified that the WAAC was not part of the Army, but merely authorized to serve with the Army. Dorothy's initial assignment was to Daytona Beach, Florida, where she underwent administrative training and where she worked until 5 August 1943. She was then transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where she continued to work in an administrative billet. Two months prior to her transfer, on 1 June 1943, the WAAC was re-designated as the Women's Army Corps (WAC), giving its members full military status. Their monthly pay was lower than the men of the Army, ranging from \$50 for an Auxiliary (equivalent to a Private) and \$78 for a Leader (Sergeant). Dorothy rose to rank of the Sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood and served there until the end of her enlistment and discharge on 7 January 1946. Dorothy earned the American Theater Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal for her service. After she was discharged, Dorothy returned to live in Brookdale. At some point Dorothy attended Allentown Business School and started a career working as Secretary/Registrar at Allentown Trade School, which later was re-designated Lincoln Technical School in South Whitehall, until her retirement. Dorothy enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, quilting, and knitting, making some of her own clothes. She also enjoyed playing piano, card playing, and antiques. Dorothy married **George Samuel Newhard Jr.** (4 Feb 1920 - 11 Feb 2000) in November 1949. George also served in the Army during World War II. She and George initially lived in Northampton, Pennsylvania, George's home town, and in 1957 bought a home in Fullerton, Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania, where she lived until her death. She died in Allentown on 18 May 1990 and is buried alongside George at Hillside Cemetery in Fullerton. Dorothy and George had no children. Her parents were **James Ash Schellenberger** (19 August 1893 – 23 September 1979), who served in the Army during World War I, and **Anna H. Boyer** (25 July 1893 – 1 November 1978). Dorothy had a sister **Jean Sarah** and three brothers: **James Ash Jr.**, **Paul Joseph**, and **William Morris**. Dorothy's brother Paul served in the Navy during World War II.