

Frieda Lambrecht
August 31, 1913 – April 4, 1995
World War II

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Frieda M. Lambrecht (August 31, 1913–April 4, 1995)

Conrad J. Lambrecht (December 1, 1911–September 12, 2000)

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Early Life

Frieda M. (Wond) Lambrecht served with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in World War II and the Korean War.¹ She was born on August 31, 1913, in Gelsencherkin, Germany, to Karl Wond and Ida Charcolla.² According to the 1930 US census shown here, her family immigrated to the United States in 1926.³ She became a naturalized citizen in Decatur, IL, in November 1929.⁴ She had two sisters, Marie and Margaret, and four brothers, Carl, Walter, and Henry, all of Decatur, IL.⁵

Prior to her enlistment, Frieda Wond worked for ten years as a nurse at the St. John's Sanitarium in Springfield, IL,⁶ and later as a machine operator for A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co. in Decatur, IL.⁷ A local corn processing company, A.E. Staley founded the Decatur Staleys professional football team -- the predecessor to the Chicago Bears.⁸

Military Service

On February 24, 1945, in Decatur, IL, Frieda Wond enlisted with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), later shortened to the Women's Army Corps (WAC).⁹ A bill establishing the WAAC was introduced in May 1941 by Massachusetts Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers to create non-combatant positions for women in the Army; President Franklin Roosevelt signed the bill into law the following May.¹⁰ Decatur, IL, achieved its WAC recruitment quota for the Army's general hospitals within one week, thanks to Wond and the five other women who enlisted on the same day.¹¹ Wond completed basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, GA. After basic training, she served in Battle Creek, MI, and Valley Forge, PA. From 1950-1952, she served in Fort Bragg, NC.

Marriage

As seen in this marriage record, Frieda Wond married Conrad “Dutch” John Lambrecht -- a Warrant Officer and band leader in the US Army -- on July 6, 1951, in Contra Costa, CA.¹² Unlike the Army Nurse Corps, marriages were permitted for WAAC members.¹³ In 1952, Master Sergeant Frieda (Wond) Lambrecht and Warrant Officer Conrad Lambrecht were stationed as husband and wife in Japan.¹⁴ There she worked as a surgical assistant treating wounded soldiers from the Korean War at the Tokyo Army Hospital.¹⁵ He led the 1st Infantry Division and 24th Infantry Division military bands and spent much of his time working with German citizens to organize concerts with military marches.¹⁶ Under his direction, the military band members performed for the Queen of Holland on the ten-year anniversary of the nation’s independence.¹⁷ They also provided musical accompaniment for the division’s disembarkation in New York City in July 1955.¹⁸

Post Service

Frieda Lambrecht was released from service on October 30, 1952.¹⁹ Conrad Lambrecht served until 1959.²⁰ After their time in the Army, the Lambrechts moved to Umatilla, FL.²¹ Conrad Lambrecht was an avid bowler at Eustis Lanes.²² Frieda Lambrecht continued in the medical field, working at Waterman Memorial Hospital as a surgical assistant.²³ In 1968, she served on the Employee Advisory Committee for Waterman Memorial Hospital. In 1971, she was re-elected for the position on a one-year term.²⁴ The Lambrechts had a dog named Duke.²⁵

Frieda Lambrecht died April 4, 1995, and was laid to rest two days later at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.²⁶ Conrad passed away September 12, 2000. He is also buried in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.²⁷

Endnotes

1 “U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775-2006,” database, *Ancestry.com*, <http://www.ancestry.com> (accessed April 4,

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2 “Deaths, Walter O. Wond.”

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4 “U.S., Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1914-1965,” database, *Ancestry.com*, <http://www.ancestry.com> (accessed April 4, 2017) entry for Frieda M. Lambrecht, NAI Number: 3335533; Record Group Title: Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1787-2004; Record Group Number: 85; Series Number: A4169; NARA Roll Number: 290.

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7 Ibid.

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10 Bellafaire, *The Women’s Army Corps*, 3-4.

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13 Mattie E. Treadwell, *United States Army in World War II Special Studies The Women’s Army Corps* (Washington DC: US Government Printing Office, 1971), 510.

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- 22 Farley, “Lambrecht will be missed.” *Orlando Sentinel*, Newspapers.com.
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- 24 “Hospital Group Elects Members,” *Orlando Sentinel*, September 12, 1971, accessed April 4, 2017, Newspapers.com.
- 25 Mawhinney, “There’s No Politics.”
- 26 “U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775-2006,” (accessed April 4, 2017).
- 27 “U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca. 1775-2006,” database, *Ancestry.com*, <http://www.Ancestry.com> (accessed July 27, 2017) entry for Conrad J. Lambrecht.

LIST OF OUTWARD-BOUND PASSENGERS
 (United States Citizens and Nationals)

Sailing from New York, New York (Date) December, 1954 19

S. S. USNS GENERAL WILLIAM O. DABY (T-AP127) bound for port of Bremerhaven, Germany 385

Line No.	FAMILY NAME—GIVEN NAME ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES	AGE (Years)	SEX (F-M)	U. S. PASSPORT No.	PLACE OF BIRTH DATE AND PLACE OF NATURALIZATION	LENGTH OF TIME PASSPORTS EXTEND TO REMAIN ABROAD
1	JOHNSON, Tiny J. Dossville, Mississippi	22	F	88391	MISSISSIPPI	3 YEARS
2	JOHNSON, Susan D. Same as above	1	F	88391	ALABAMA	3 YEARS
3	JOHNSON, Jodie V. Same as above	2mos	M	88391	ALABAMA	3 YEARS
4	JOHNSTON, Betty J. 914 W. 5th. Ave., Albany, Oregon	29	F	6161	OREGON	3 YEARS
5	JONES, Mary L. 1352 Garfield Ave., Loveland, Colorado	39	F	82666	KENTUCKY	INDEFINITE
6	JONES, Richard D. Same as above	8	M	82666	BRAZIL - USC	INDEFINITE
7	KELLEY, Ily C. Crystal River, Florida	59	F	85045	CALIFORNIA	2 YEARS
8	KILLPACK, Mary E. 1528 Hopkins Ave., Redwood City, Calif.	36	F	88084	VIRGINIA	3 YEARS
9	KILLPACK, Paul A. Same as above	7	M	88084	OKLAHOMA	3 YEARS
10	KILLPACK, Ronald D. Same as above	5	M	88084	PUERTO RICO - USC	3 YEARS
11	LAGASSE, Lorina S. 18 Cottage St., Fairhaven, Mass.	37	F	86825	MASSACHUSETTS	INDEFINITE
12	LAGASSE, Linda M. Same as above	12	F	86826	MASSACHUSETTS	INDEFINITE
13	LAMBRECHT, Frieda M. Morgan & Malaga Rds., Williamstown, N.J.	41	F	88503	GERMANY Nov. 1929 County Court, Decatur, Ill.	3 YEARS
14	LAMONT, Ella A. 313 N. Union Ave., Havre de Grace, Maryland	22	F	87152	MARYLAND	2 YEARS
15	LANDRY, Marjorie A. 22 Eldridge St., Lebanon, N. H.	24	F	90229	NEW YORK	3 YEARS
16	LANDRY, Mary A. Same as above	14	F	90229	NEW HAMPSHIRE	3 YEARS
17	LANDRY, Jane P. Same as above	12	F	90229	NEW HAMPSHIRE	3 YEARS
18	LANDRY, LeRoy K. Same as above	11	M	90229	NEW HAMPSHIRE	3 YEARS
19	LANE, Margaret E. Straughns Mill Road, Pedricktown, N.J.	25	F	500273	NEW JERSEY	2 YEARS
20	LAPKE, Inez H. 302 Broadfoot Ave., Fayetteville, N.C.	35	F	87962	NORTH CAROLINA	3 YEARS
21	SCHAEFER, Janet H. (S/D) Same as above	12	F	87962	NORTH CAROLINA	3 YEARS
22	LAYNE, Rachel (n) Rt. #1, Box 202, Altavista, Virginia	26	F	87307	VIRGINIA	INDEFINITE
23	LAYNE, Virgil D. Same as above	5	M	87307	WASHINGTON, D.C.	INDEFINITE
24	LAYNE, Linda F. Same as above	4	F	87307	WASHINGTON, D.C.	INDEFINITE

