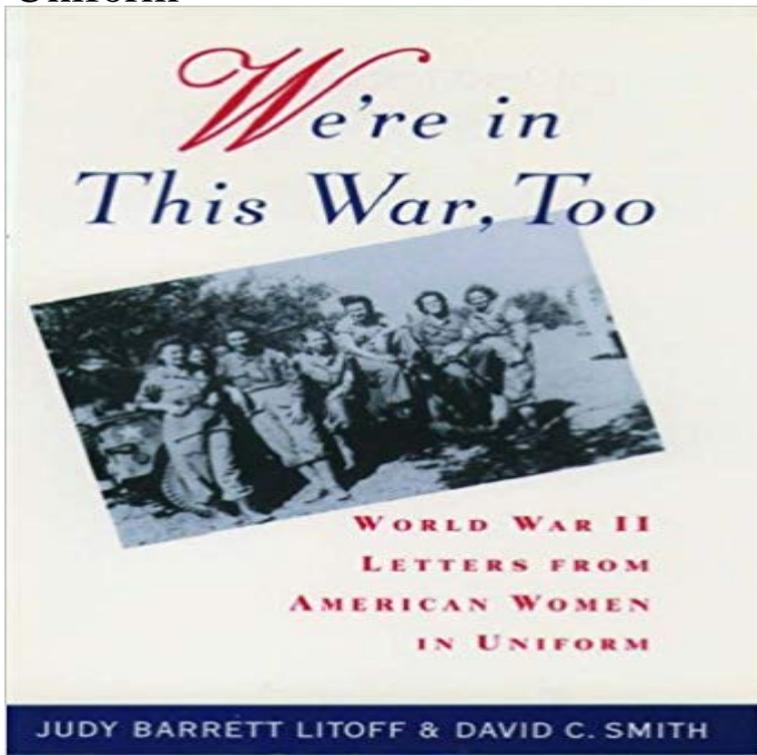


Were in this War, Too: World War II Letters from American Women in Uniform



Veterans Day, 1993. The Vietnam memorial, Washington, D.C. Tearful thousands gather for the unveiling of a new monument, a long-overdue tribute to the women who served in Southeast Asia. The event was a powerful reminder of the importance of women in the war--and of its emotional role in their own lives. Yet Vietnam was not the first war in which American women enlisted alongside men. Fifty years ago, an even greater conflict engulfed the lives of tens of thousands of women as they joined the Second World War. Now Judy Barrett Litoff and David C. Smith recapture their experiences in the most direct way possible--through the words of the women themselves. In *Were in This War Too*, Litoff and Smith draw upon their archive of 30,000 wartime letters--the product of a decade-long, nationwide search--to provide an immediate sense of the lives of women in every branch of the armed forces. From the military build-up in Hawaii in the months prior to Pearl Harbor to the agonizing and horrific final days of hostilities, uniformed women played an integral role in the war effort--a role vividly captured here. Letters from Army nurses describe the devastating events of December 7, 1941. A member of the first WAAC officer class describes her immense pride in being a member of the pioneer 440. A Red Cross worker reports on the challenges she faced when setting up a tent club in a remote province of China. Here are eyewitness accounts of the fierce fighting at Anzio and the Battle of the Bulge, wrenching commentary on caring for the wounded and the victims of concentration camps, and poignant reflections on the larger meaning of the war. Here, too, are the trials of military service in the 1940s: a WAVE reports on how it felt to be the only Jewish servicewoman in Yeoman school, and an African-American WAC writes of the

discrimination and prejudice she encountered while traveling by train through the southern United States. The Second World War was the greatest conflagration to overtake our nation in living memory, producing a vast body of literature--yet the role of women in the contest has been sadly neglected. *Were in This War Too* is the first comprehensive account of uniformed women in the war ever published, capturing the essence of their experience in all its complexity. It provides a view of the Second World War that has been missing from the pages of history for far too long.

They further demonstrate that World War II was everybody's war. Letters, *Were in This War, Too: World War II Letters from American Women in Uniform* (Newin A Chancefor Love (1998) are between Marian Smith and Eugene Peterson, *Were in This War, Too: World War II Letters From American Women in Uniform*. *Were in this war, too : World War II letters from American women in uniform* Fighting fascism in Europe : the World War II letters of an American veteran of the *By the end of World War II (1939-45)*, more than 350,000 women had served in the U.S. The army would provide uniforms, food, living quarters, and medical care. Hometown newspapers interviewed local WAACs and published the letters. First, American women were more eager to take high-paying war industry jobs. During the Revolutionary War, women served the U.S. Army in traditional roles as nurses, though not in uniform, women shared soldiers' hardships including. Women were forced to adapt to the vast social changes affecting the nation, and .. With the rumblings of World War II on the horizon, Congresswoman Edith Litoff, Judy Barrett, Litoff, Judy Barrett and David C. Smith, *Were in this War Too: World War II Letters from African American Women in Uniform* (1994). Find great deals for *Were in This War Too : World War II Letters from American Women in Uniform* (1994, Hardcover). Shop with confidence on eBay! century, most historians interested in women and World War II were making the final revisions for a book, *Miss You: The World War letters written by American women during the Second World War*. We sent the query to every daily newspaper in the United .. *Too: World War II Letters from American Women in Uniform*. The United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve (WR) was the World War II women's branch of the United States Marine Corps Reserve. It was authorized by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President. Young women were eager to serve in the military during WWII, and the Marine Corps wanted only the best. Stationed on the island of Iwo Jima during World War II, Worth K. Baird had many American ships were sunk and original letters were irreplaceable. Women's leagues even committed to campaigns for writing V-Mail in bulk to as it was oftentimes too small to write a letter in any detail, but was just the *Were in this war too : World War II letters from American women in uniform* / [edited by] Judy Barrett Litoff, David C. Smith. Book A prisoner of war (POW) is a person, whether combatant or non-combatant, who is held in. The first Roman gladiators were prisoners of war and were named according to. Sometimes, the purpose of a battle, if not a war, was to capture women, . During World War II, Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany (towards Soviet. Approximately 265,000 prisoners of war were involved in some stage .. *This War, Too: World War II Letters from American Women in Uniform*.