

## Major Charity Adams

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Major Charity Adams served as the Battalion Commander of the only African-American Women's Army Corps unit to be deployed overseas during World War II. Entering the WAC with the first Officer Candidate class in July of 1942, Adams rose in the ranks and quickly proved she was qualified for greater responsibility. Commanding the 6888<sup>th</sup> Central Postal Battalion (nicknamed the six triple eight), Adams and her 800 troops were first stationed in Birmingham, England. Shortly after, they moved on to Rouen, France and finally Paris. The 6888<sup>th</sup> was responsible for redirecting the mail for over seven million allies in the European Theater of Operations. They worked three eight-hour shifts a day, averaging 65,000 pieces of mail per shift. Although faced with the hardships and inequalities of segregation in the United States Army, Major Adams and her battalion not only accomplished their mission but earned the respect of their fellow soldiers.

