



BIOGRAPHY

A DOCUMENTED ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMAN

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NORMA GREENE

2 LT Norma L. Greene was one of the earlier Nurses to be assigned to Tuskegee's Army Base. She was from Elkins, West Virginia and a 1936 Graduate from St. Philip Hospital School of Nursing in Richmond, Virginia, thus joining three other St. Philip Graduates who were assigned to Tuskegee Army Air Field.

According to *Blacks in the Army Air Forces During World War II* by Alan M. Osur, "Police in Montgomery beat an Army nurse from Tuskegee Field when she refused to get off a bus as ordered by the driver..." Reportedly Norma Greene was that nurse and the incident was documented in correspondence between the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, Inc. and the U.S. Army Administration. Reportedly, 2LT Greene was dressed as a civilian as she returned from a shopping trip in Montgomery, Alabama. She was not allowed to board an express bus because she was told she was a "local" passenger. The Montgomery Police was called. She was arrested and the police said she had not been "mistreated in any way." The charges were dropped.



Later, 2LT Greene joined two of her other nursing sisters on the base for an assignment to join the first group of nurses to go to Liberia.

It was mentioned in the 1977 Tuskegee Airmen Convention Booklet that she had joined the Lonely Eagles Chapter.

DOTA Norma Greene is listed on page #162 of the "Known Participants" in the Ted Johnson database.

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