



# BIOGRAPHY

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## ABBIE EDITH VOORHIES



Abbie Edith Voorhies was born August 20, 1915 in Louisiana. She was a graduate of Kansas City General Hospital Nursing School in Missouri. Her first job was with Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. She said she joined the military after hearing that nurses in the Army Nurse Corps (ANC) were not discriminated in pay as she was in Louisiana. This Second Lieutenant was transferred from Camp Livingston in Louisiana where she was chosen to escort four other nurses to Tuskegee Army Air Field (TAAF). She was a medical nurse who was a night nurse on wards three and four.

She married Mac Ross on June 3, 1943 in Michigan. He was a member of the 99th Pursuit Squadron. He was one of the five who was in the first class of Tuskegee Army Flying School graduates which included Benjamin O Davis, Jr. It was less than one year later that her spouse, Captain Mac Ross, was reported killed in July of 1944 in Europe " in a crash while on a local transition flight during the squadron's conversion from P-40 to P-51 aircraft." He had been the 332nd Fighter Group Operations Officer overseas. The Rosses had no children. The Mrs. Ross had been promoted to First Lieutenant by March 15, 1946 and was one of the first five nurses who was transferred from TAAF to Lockbourne Army Air Base (LAAB) as the Tuskegee base was closing. She eventually was promoted to Captain.

This widow later remarried Melvin DeVerges on December 21, 1947 and they had two sons Ronald and Donald. They settled in Los Angeles, California. The former Army Nurse Corps Captain died on February 26, 2020 and her remains are located at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City, California.

DOTA Abbie Edith Voorhies is listed on page #416 of the "Known Participants" in the Ted Johnson database.

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