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“Mary E. Kelly”

Kelly was a Des Moines native who served in Japan and Korea during World War II in the nursing corps. This looks like a “filler” piece for a newspaper and indicates that currently Kelly, 50, is deputy director of the WAC, headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. Her brother Edward J. Kelly still lives in Des Moines.

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MARY E. KELLY—A native of Des Moines, she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps as a private in January, 1943, and took her basic training at the former WAC Training Center at Fort Des Moines.



The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Kelly, she had been graduated from Roosevelt High School and had obtained a bachelor of arts degree in personnel management from the University of Maryland in 1935.

LT. COL. KELLY

During World War II, Miss Kelly was adjutant of an Army General Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and after World War II served in Japan and Korea. After returning from Korea, Miss Kelly, who had risen to the rank of lieutenant colonel, was director of instruction at a Women's Army Corps Center at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

Today, Colonel Kelly, 50, is deputy director of the Women's Army Corps with her headquarters in Arlington, Va. She lives in Alexandria, Va. Miss Kelly is a sister of Edward J. Kelly, jr., Des Moines attorney.