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## Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

World War II affected not only Riverside Junior College students but the faculty as well. This week we present the story of Assistant Librarian Ruth Bollinger Walton who joined the Women's Army Corp in 1944.

It is 4 years and 51 weeks until RCC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 13, 2016.



**Pfc. Ruth B. Walton**  
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Enjoys Army Life***

Pfc. Ruth B. Walton, former assistant librarian at Riverside Junior College, who joined the WACS early last summer, has been stationed at Arlington Hall, Virginia, since completion of her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa in September. She is now with a signal service battalion and writes that Army life offers new and varied experiences which could not be duplicated in civilian life. Because of her nearness to Washington, D. C., she spends most of her free time sight-seeing and visiting sessions of Congress.

A uniform, she says, gains one admission to many places of interest and those in the service are welcomed cordially. In short, she finds the life of a Wac to be "tops".

**During World War II, a number of Riverside Junior College faculty served in the military. In 1944, Ruth Bollinger Walton (Assistant Librarian 1931-46) joined the Women's Army Corps. This March 5, 1945 "Arroyo" article reported on her Army experiences.**

The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our intention is to give everyone a weekly glance at the many people and events that have been a part of the college.

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