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FLONOI ADAMS COLLECTION, 1945-1990

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: 1945-1990

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Flonoi Adams (1913-1994) was the son of Jack Adams and Alice M. Harris. He graduated from Crispus Attucks High School in 1930 and attended Purdue University. He married Althera Hollowell on December 25, 1936 and they had two daughters, Charlotte Anne and Janet Marie.

Adams was commissioned as a second lieutenant to Ft. Benning, Georgia in 1943. He went on to serve as a captain in the 21st Infantry Division and was stationed in the South Pacific, including the Philippines, New Guinea, and Japan. He served as liaison officer between U.S. forces and the Philippine's guerilla fighters. After returning home, he was stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado in 1954. For his service he was awarded the Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Korean Service Medal, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

He was appointed vice president of the Indianapolis branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1946 and was named president after McCabe Betty resigned from the position in 1947. In the 1947 primary elections, Adams was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for City Councilman and served as the Democratic precinct committeeman for the 11th Precinct, 5th Ward.

He was a member and trustee of the Greater St. John Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Marion County Christian Youth Council, Southern Cross Lodge No. 39, Young People's Progressive League, Reserve Officers Association, Senate Avenue YMCA, First Baptist Church of North Indianapolis, and Federation of Associated Clubs.

After retiring from military service in 1961, Adams worked as a mail carrier for the postal service. He died of natural causes on September 21, 1994.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials related to Flonoi Adams and his military service during World War II, including his correspondence regarding the war, a photograph and booklet featuring his regiment, his retirement orders, and awards he received for his service. There is also some information regarding the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953 and an Army Reserve Qualification and Availability Questionnaire. His voter registration card and information regarding the Marion County General Election of 1990 is also included.

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