

## *One Woman's Army* Discussion Questions

- Did you enjoy this book? Why or why not?
- What did you think of this book as a choice for our Postal Museum book club?
  - Do you feel that this book was an appropriate choice for this program? Why or why not?
- Did you like the narrator (author)? Why or why not?
- Do you think the narrator did a good job balancing personal reflection with factual accuracy?
  - What challenges might there be in reading memoirs vs. biographies?
  - Why might the narrator censor some of the memories?
  - What did you like or dislike about the narrative style?
- How did the expectations of Charity Adams Earley as the first black woman US Army officer in WAC differ from other military members?
- How did Charity Adams Earley's experiences reflect the broader social issues of race and gender in the 1940s?
  - Did anything about her experiences surprise you? What did or did not?
- Why was the primary mission of the 6888 considered so vital to the morale of American soldiers in Europe?
- How did the work of the 6888 sorting through millions of undelivered pieces of mail contribute to the war effort? Has this reframed your understanding of WW2 history, and if so, how?
- How did Adams Earley demonstrate resilience and determination in the face of adversity?
- How did the social and political climate of the time influence the treatment of African American women in the military?
- Why do you think this story has been overlooked for so long?
- How can we ensure that stories like this are not forgotten and continue to inspire future generations?
- Why might it be a challenge for museums to share a story like this one?
- This book was recently adapted into a movie— *The Six Triple Eight*. Has anyone watched it?
  - What did you think?
  - Did the film accurately portray the history as shared by Captain Adams Earley?