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## DOROTHY BERRY

Dorothy Berry, a retired brigadier in the Salvation Army who was an early leader in New York City in the rehabilitation of women who were drug addicts, died Sept. 10 at her home in Hebron, Ky. She was 82 years old.

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She was a former member of the New York Council on Drug Addiction and in 1959 received the New York State Welfare Conference Direct Service Award for her help to "women who have been in trouble with the law."

She had no immediate survivors.

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NEW YORK, N.Y. - Brigadier Dorothy Berry, a Greenwich Village native and resident for the first 68 years of her life, died September 10 at her home in Hebron, Kentucky. "Brigadier Dolly", as she was affectionately known, was a pioneer in the field of rehabilitation of women suffering from the consequences of addictive drugs.

After her ordination in 1927, her free hours were spent helping teen-age first offenders assigned to the care of The Salvation Army by city courts and agencies. In the late 1940's, "Brigadier Dolly" began her work with addicts she encountered in the Women's Detention Home, providing them with lodging, employment, counseling and referrals to other rehabilitation resources upon their release. In 1945 she became the director of the Eastern Territory Correctional Service Bureau for Women of The Salvation Army, a post she held until her retirement in 1964.

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Her work with women prisoners and addicts of New York City has earned her love from those she helped and respect from top City officials. At her formal retirement in 1964, when asked about her plans for retirement, the Brigadier exclaimed, "Retirement? Who ever retires in the service of God?"

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NEW YORK, N.Y. - Brigadier Dorothy Berry who for 42 years has given her life through The Salvation Army to the rehabilitation of women in trouble was honored at a farewell luncheon held in a Salvation Army center she helped plan, the Stuyvesant Square Center for women's narcotic treatment.

A Salvation Army pioneer in the field of narcotics, Brigadier "Dolly", as she is affectionately known, was director of correctional services for women at her retirement after 37 years of service in The Salvation Army at the age of 63 on November 1, 1964. Since then she has served as narcotic consultant for The Salvation Army.

She is a native of Greenwich Village where she has lived for most of her 68 years. Brigadier Berry



plans to make future home in Hebron,  
Ky.

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At the farewell luncheon, tributes of appreciation were paid by Colonel William Range, director of operations for Greater New York; Mrs. Rae Lopez, director of Narcotics Anonymous; and the Rev. Lynn Hageman, director of Exodus House.

Highlighting the program was the dedication of "Dolly Berry Chapel" on the center of Recognition of Brigadier Berry's "compassionate service" as a pioneer in providing services to persons suffering from the consequences of addictive drugs." Her admirers also presented her with a gift of money.

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Brigadier Dolly was indeed a faithful servant of the Army as well as ACA. A native of New York's Greenwich Village, where she lived and worked for 68 years, Dorothy died at her home in Hebron, Ky., on September 10, 1983. Truly a pioneer in the field of rehabilitation of female offenders, particularly those addicted to drugs, Dolly Berry was a laborer in a vineyard then unknown. Despite the long history of narcotic addiction in the United States, very few persons had the fortitude to face the problem of dealing with it on a person-to-person basis. Dolly made this her life work with the strong support of The Salvation Army.

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The lifeblood of the Association during those days in which it struggled to keep alive, was based on such as Dolly Berry. Of course, she was not alone—but she was always

there with a helping hand. That's what counts—then and now!

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Lt. Col. Harry Poole was the speaker at Dolly's funeral. The service was conducted by Major Andrew L. Nelson, director of the Correctional Services Bureau, and Major Mary Davis paid tribute to the Brigadier.

In Salvation Army terminology, the Brigadier was "Promoted to Glory" at the age of 82. It was my own good fortune, as a longtime associate executive director of ACA during the days of Dolly's service with the Army, to have known her well. I frequently requested her help and guidance and, as is true with all Salvationists, the word "No" was not a part of her vocabulary. On behalf of the ACA, I salute you, Brigadier Dolly, in your "Promotion to Glory."

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and  
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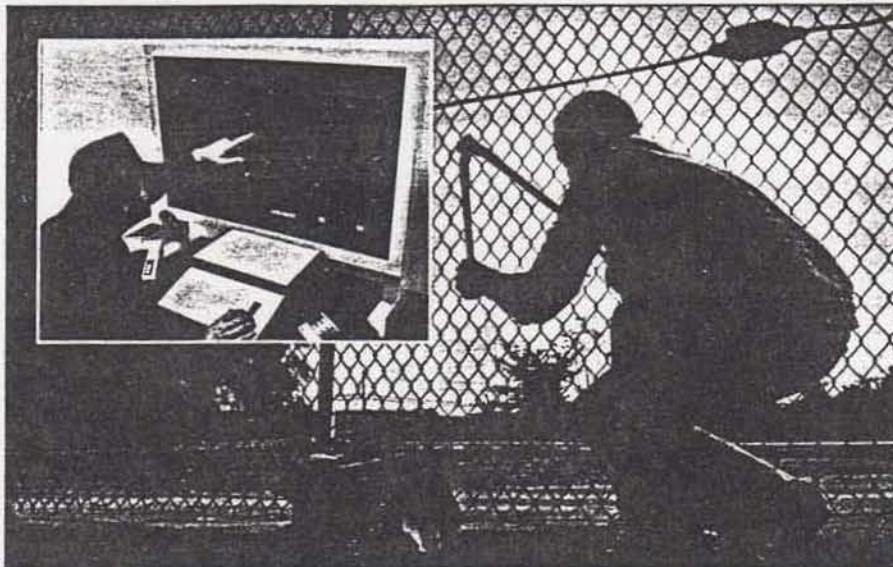
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This article came to our attention by Edward Canty, correctional services coordinator, and Major Norma Roberts, territorial social services secretary in the Southern Territory.

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## Promotion to Glory

### Mrs. Brigadier Douglas Eldredge

BALTIMORE, MD—Dorothy Anita Lawrence was born October 24, 1904, in Cornwall, England, a daughter of Salvation Army officers. She came to the United States with her family.

She married Douglas Eldredge in 1925. They were accepted as cadet-captains on March 20, 1930, and received commissions as probationary-captains on June 19, 1931.

Their appointments were divisional head-

quarters, Washington, DC; Atlanta (#3 Corps), GA; and Baltimore, MD (special work—boys' club).

For 30 years, the Eldredges worked with boys in the Baltimore area. The Eldredge name became a household word as the first club they set up expanded into three. Camp Puh'tok and then Camp Bonkirchen were opened, and boys were helped, strengthened and many saved from lives of crime under the Christian influence of the Eldredges.

Dorothy Eldredge supported her husband in all of the club activities, and undertook many responsibilities on her own. She was one of the few women officers appointed by The Salvation Army to the Boys' Club National Conference, where she played a prominent role.



After the promotion to Glory of her husband, she was honorably retired on Sept. 30, 1966.

Mrs. Brigadier Eldredge was promoted to Glory on Jan. 29, 1984, from Cockeysville, MD. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jean Hoen and Mrs. Evelyn Fugett; two sons, Robert and Gordon; and 13 grandchildren.

Dorothy Eldredge was a concerned, compassionate mother who left a rich heritage to so many, using her life and influence for good across a long span of years. She was a faithful, effective Salvation Army officer and a consecrated follower of her Lord and Saviour.

A memorial service was conducted by Major W. Edward Laity, divisional commander for Maryland and West Virginia Division, and assisted by Major Houston Ellis, secretary of the Southern Trade Department.