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New Rights Afforded Women's Army Corps

More Patriotic Women Needed for Task Ahead

WAAC has a military mission . . . it is composed of women, serving with the army to fill non-combat jobs and thus release thousands of soldiers for active duty against the enemy.

Our army has thousands of important administrative and specialized jobs that must be filled by persons in uniform and under discipline. The rate of WAAC enlistments must be increased in order to fulfill the purpose of the organization, which is:

"A corps of women in military uniform and under military discipline organized for non-combat service with the army."

Women have proved beyond any doubt that they can perform many duties as efficiently as men. In certain types of work they are even better qualified than men. In all armies of the United Nations women are rendering war service to speed the day of victory. For this reason the army gladly accepted the formation of the WAAC. Commanders of Army Posts throughout the country have requested WAAC units in a total far greater than the authorized strength. Our overseas forces are also requesting units of the WAAC to be assigned to duty with their forces.

Specialists

Like the soldier, the WAAC performs many military assignments which require secrecy. For instance, WAAC's are engaged in coding and decoding secret communications and messages of great importance.

Women in uniform, under proper military discipline, are the guarantee of military security. The WAAC's are trained in highly specialized duties. Therefore, their availability for duty can be assured, since like the soldier she is on a 24 hour call. Our WAAC training centers are in operation to provide a constant flow of specialized members to qualify in war jobs. These centers are open to all members of the corps who qualified through aptitude tests.

Congress recently passed a bill changing the WAAC to the WAC. You're in the army now!—or will be on September 1. The change brings added benefits, greater responsibilities. You as WAAC's have won them because you have earned them. Commanders in the field have urgently requested 600,000 more. A great need for more WAAC's, soon to be WAC's, still exists. Thousands more of patriotic women are needed to fill the army jobs, release more men for combat duty to provide the manpower and speed the day of unconditional surrender.

SLOCUM HONORS ITS SOLDIER WOMEN; FORMAL DEDICATION OF WAAC BARRACKS



Colonel Bernard Lentz, Commanding Officer, makes a formal presentation to signify the official opening of the new WAAC barracks. Second Officer Mary L. Tucker, Detachment Commander, accepts the key, as her Executive Officer, Third Officer Marjorie C. Power looks on. The scene takes place at the entrance of the WAAC Administration Building.

A MESSAGE FROM THE C.O.

Shortly there will be a significant change in the name of your organization. Although only one letter will be deleted, the change has many results. Namely, that the women in khaki are no longer an adjunct of the Army of the United States; for soon they will be an integral part of it, serving shoulder to shoulder with men in uniform and subject to the same army rules and regulations. Under the new reorganization plan, you as members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps will have many of the rights, privileges and benefits that other components of the United States Army now enjoy, as well as their dependents and beneficiaries. The main objective is still to provide a steady flow of trained soldiers to the fighting front by relieving them from non-combat duties, and WAAC officers will replace officers of the United States Army who are performing operational or administrative jobs.

I as commander of this Post and your "boss" wish to officially welcome you to your new home. The esprit de corps that you have displayed as WAACs has been exemplary and proved conclusively your merit and capabilities to those who have been skeptical as to a woman's place in the current war.

I am proud of each and everyone of you and to you and your Detachment Commander 2nd Officer Tucker and Executive Officer, Third Officer Powers, its "Welcome Home."

BERNARD LENTZ
Colonel, T.C.
Commanding

"County Fair" Display On WAAC Assignments

Files of khaki-garbed women will march down to the dock at Fort Slocum today from their new, green-shingled barracks on the hill above the sea wall.

That march will mark the opening of an all-day program to dedicate the new WAAC barracks. At 10 A.M. the WAAC troops meet First Officer Elizabeth C. Strayhorn, assistant to the director and representative of Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby. The petticoat army will form on the dock to welcome First Officer Strayhorn, and escort her to the parade grounds, where a military demonstration will be staged, encompassing all the things in which the girls have been indoctrinated—close order drill, formations, physical training, gas mask drill, demonstration of training methods, and detachment drill.

Girls living in Westchester, interested in observing army life first hand in conjunction with a desire to enlist in the WAACs, will be in attendance at the dedication ceremony and to spend the day on Post.

The program will be highlighted by a "County Fair" display of the various WAAC assignments, including bookkeeping, comptometer operating, clerking, typing, carrying messages, working as laboratory technicians, stenographers, telephone operators, mess attendants, motor transport operators and special services.

Inspection

At the conclusion of the parade ground ceremonies, a procession of women's troops will be formed, led by 2nd Officer Mary Tucker, detachment commander of the WAAC at Slocum, assisted by 3rd Officer Marjorie Power. Accompanied by the Fort Slocum Band, under the direction of Tech. Sgt. A. M. Small, they will proceed to the new barracks.

Overlooking the Sound, the three structures, which were begun May 19—mess hall, barracks, administration and recreation building—will undergo their first inspection.

The recreation and administration building includes a large recreation room, with a small combination library and canteen in one corner. A commanding officer's office, to be occupied by 2nd Officer Tucker, an orderly room, heater room, supply room and officers' quarters have been built into the structure. Occupying the south end of the building, officers' quarters include three bedrooms, bath and

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Women in Khaki

It's a proud day for the Fort Slocum WAAC contingent. Their smart step, neat uniforms, the glow of their faces and a fast beating pulse, fairly says, "We have done it." My! What a job they have accomplished! The many hours of drill, coordination and the patience they have displayed, to pivot with the right foot at the right time, to waltz to the rhythm of the Post Band and to catch the precise cadence of the Lentz-Cadence System. Many of the guests assembled here today have come from afar to see their own daughters participate in the big home-coming event. A program has been arranged and packed with a lot of wallop. Most eventful is that they are able to proudly show off a brand new home, situated on a most beautiful site on David's Island.

The important factor is that morale is high, for here at Slocum these women have been indoctrinated in things military as well as human characteristics so essential to the correct performance of their various assignments.

So that you will know just a little more about the Fort Slocum WAAC's . . . may we present some of them to you.

CORP. BESSIE LAMM . . . hails from Philadelphia, Pa. and loves the life of a WAAC. It is easy for her to remember when she joined, as it has a two-fold significance—New Year's day and her birthday! What a grand resolution to start the New Year right! Bessie trained at Daytona Beach, Fla. and became personnel clerk for the headquarters company. She is now carrying on in the same capacity at Fort Slocum and expects to get out of the WAACs just what she puts into it. Right smart thinking.

AUX. GLADYS KOTTER . . . enrolled in April at Salt Lake City. She had her basic at Rushton, La., and is now assigned to Special Service. Gladys was assistant professor of Elementary Education at the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. She has a yen for travelling, having spent two months in Alaska and eight months in the nine South American countries. Now that she is 'In,' it is her desire to see more of the world. Her ambition is to go 'over.'

AUX. MARION GRIFFIN . . . Jersey Cityite, enlisted in April and is now working in the supply office of the

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2nd Officer Mary L. Tucker

Det. Commander Former
Teacher, Home Economist

Fort Slocum extended a welcoming hand on May 27th to 2nd Officer Mary Laura Tucker, the Commanding Officer and representative for the WAAC Detachment, which was to invade the sanctity of one of our oldest army posts . . . a post which enjoys many fine traditions.

Mary Tucker must have held her breath when she took the final stretch by boat, to reach her new exclusive home, the inimitable David's Island. Barracks of red brick covered with deep green clinging vines, spacious lawns, magnificent trees, smartly trimmed hedges . . . and adding to this setting, military customs, courtesy and an esprit de corp unexcelled on any post.

This must have challenged her determination to the 'nth degree, to live up to that famous Fort Slocum motto—"Leave the place a better place than you found it . . . leave your organization a better organization for having belonged to it." It was now up to her!

From that first day, the WAACs were being sent here from their various basic training centers and administrative schools, including red heads, blondes, brunettes, tall, short, slender, plump, good natured, quick tempered, of all ages . . . WAACs whom she had never seen before. It was her job to supervise, advise, instruct and mould these fine ambitious patriotic girls into the kind of WAACs Fort Slocum had expected when it had so warmly extended a welcoming hand.

Music Instructor

Tucker has a fine understanding of human nature and a genuine personal interest in each girl. Her experience in civilian life has added measurably to her pleasing personality and ability to succeed in this undertaking. She is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Music and instructed music in the public schools for four years. She has an unusually melodious, impressive voice and loves to sing. On WAAC outings and at the barracks, this Officer cheerfully sings requests, and joins with the WAACs in their harmonizing moments. 2nd Officer Tucker studied at Columbia University, taking graduate work in foods, applying this ability as Home Economist for the General

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WAAC CEREMONIES

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small living room. Engineers have thoughtfully provided a completely equipped beauty shop, which will be run on a concession basis, designed as a morale builder for fastidious and glamour-conscious WAACs.

Domain of female culinary artists, the mess hall holds 14 large tables with benches, a large kitchen, refrigerator and storeroom.

"We hope to have a touch of domesticity in curtains at the windows, a touch of hominess in flowers on the tables, as well as food served family style," said Officer Tucker.

Constructed on the site of a 1917 stable, the barracks sleeps 94 of the skirted army at a minimum; but if occasion arises, bunks for 110 may be arranged. Rooms for non-commissioned officers have been provided, besides modern showers, baths and laundry rooms.

New Quarters

Heretofore quartered in the Post Hospital Annex on the opposite end of the island, WAACs are anxious to move in and are enthusiastically proud of their new home. According to 2nd Officer Tucker, they have invaded their future quarters with soap and water each day this week to give the place a thorough going-over before they set up housekeeping, besides dabbing odd touches of paint here and there.

"They feel that the more they do toward getting it into condition, the more they'll enjoy keeping it nice," she said, adding that a color scheme of white ceilings and peach walls has been tentatively decided upon to blend with the light blue-grey woodwork.

"No chintz bedspreads, though," laughed Officer Tucker. "It's to be strictly G.I. The only decoration in the barracks will be curtains over the wall lockers and over the racks above the beds holding clothes. I feel that it's only fair to girls who are giving up so much at home, to have the place as much like home as possible, still preserving the military aspects of things."

She mentioned with little-girl delight that a new phonograph and radio combination, records, divans, chairs, lamps, piano, sheet music and games have been purchased for the recreation lounge, where WAACs will be able to entertain their dates in a comfortable atmosphere.

Games

"When the basement is put in, we'll have our own game room there," she reported, "with pool tables, dart games and so forth."

2nd Officer Tucker will lead off the second part of the dedication program, which begins at the new barracks, with the dedication song, which up until today is to be "God Bless America." Immediately following the dedication address by First Officer Strayhorn, a buffet luncheon, prepared by WAAC mess workers, will be served in the new barracks for visiting prospective WAACs as well as the detachment.

At 2 P.M., a recreation and athletic program has been planned, which will include swimming, tennis, horseshoe pitching and softball.

Post Armory will be the scene of a dance at 8 P.M., when the Fort Slocum Dance Band will give out in hot tempo, under S/Sgt. Danny Lapidus.

The new buildings were built under the direction of the supervising engineer, Peter Florence of New York, and Resident Engineer, Simon Lerenbach.

Non Com of Week

Acting 1st Sergeant Dorothy Hood, calls Houston, Texas, home. In civilian life she was employed by the Army doing personnel work. Sgt. Hood has completed nine months in the WAAC. She had basic training at Daytona Beach, Florida, and on May 25th, her birthday, she was among the first WAACs to arrive at Ft. Slocum. Hood is very happy here as she loves the military atmosphere of an army post. The woman Sergeant is a keen fisher and has had a great time at deep sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. She loves sports and is an enthusiastic baseball fan. Her ambition is to take a company overseas. It couldn't be any other than the WAACs of Ft. Slocum as she is so proud of them. Sgt. Hood is married to M/Sgt. Glen D. Hood who has had 10 years of service in the army and is now stationed at Camp Howitz, Texas.

Executive Officer Former
FWA Worker for N. J.

3rd Officer Marjorie C. Power

Third Officer Marjorie C. Power, Executive Office for the WAAC Detachment, is one of the reasons for the success the organization is enjoying today. The gals all 'cry on her shoulder' (if and when they should cry) . . . she truly lives up to her duties in executing orders, but in such manner that an order seems a pleasure to carry out.

Since 1932, Marjorie Power was assistant state director of Employment in Federal Work Agency for the State of New Jersey. This background establishes her as a capable counselor for the gals who, at times, find themselves in a quandary in their new lives.

Third Officer Power is deeply impressed with the courtesy and kindness extended to the women in khaki at Slocum and said only yesterday—"Why they've leaned over backwards to help us in every way."

New Year's day Marjorie Power arrived at Daytona Beach for basic training, and on January 29, left for Officers' Candidate School where she received her commission on March 16, at Des Moines, Iowa. Returning from there to Daytona Beach she was assigned to the 10th Company, 4th Regiment, as Executive Officer, and on May 25 arrived at Slocum to carry on in the same capacity.

Third Officer Power has won a deep place in the hearts of the gals and they appreciate her many little kindnesses and thoughtful consideration in their problems.

(Ft. Slocum's Motto: "Leave the Place a Better Place Than You Found It—
Leave Your Organization a Better Organization for Having Belonged To It.")

MEET OUR G. I. SALS . . . "ON THE JOB"

SERIES No. 2



SERVICE WITH A SMILE . . . Ample proof is provided in the above scenes to signify the importance and high morale of our American women in uniform in contributing their "bit" in the task ahead. In the sales store; in the office; at the hospital; at the "Y"; even operating QM trucks, the WAAC is doing a "heads up" job for Uncle Sam. "Casual News" says, "We're proud of our 'G.I. SALS' and here's hoping to see more of you join the Corps." (Top row, left to right): Auxs. Anne Thornton, Tessie Rothstein, and Julia Knight on the job at the PX; Aux. Phyllis Landin and T/5 Joseph Butler at the ACTCOTS Office; Aux. Marion Griffin taking dictation from Major John B. Ward, Post Supply Officer. (Second row, left to right): Post Librarian Jeanne Momeyer and Aux. Gertrude Beam selecting a good book at the Post Library; T/5 Howard A. Phillips operating the Duplicating Machine with the assistance of Aux. Catherine Carbone at the ACTCOTS Office; a soldier is filling in the necessary information for Aux. Helen Palla, phone monitor at the YMCA. Third row, left to right): Auxs. Virginia Faucher and Velma McHone busily engaged at the Commissary; Aux. Molly Spire going over the index system with Sgt. George Gray at the OSA Office; Aux. Beatrice Barton giving service with a smile to Pfc. Emmett Eaton at the ACTCOTS Office. (Fourth row, left to right): T/4 Louis Locker, getting the necessary baseball equipment for Aux. Isabella Peterson at the Special Service Office; Aux. Gladys Woodard going over special forms with T/3 Robert McGarr, OSA Department; Aux. Gladys Kotter going over the files with T/5 Matthew Bollero who is general clerk in the Special Service Department.

ALL IN THE GAME



Notes On Music

It is a known fact that all branches of the service have their own songs and that the morale and spirit of an organization is often largely determined by rousing, inspiring music; The WAAC, although a comparatively young organization, has already adopted several songs which we think are "tops", and you can judge for yourself when you hear them at today's WAAC graduation exercises. The best of the group are called "The WAAC Is In Back Of You", and "The W.A.A.C."

Why don't the "Merry WAACs", Jule, Pauline, and Olive come down and try a few of their tricky vocal numbers at a Friday night dance? How about it girls?

Aux. Peterson recently sang on Monday night's "Welcome To Fort Slocum" radio show (WFAS 6:30-7:00, 1230 on your dial, for those of you who have forgotten), and was so favorably received that she is being considered for a regular spot on the show along side of Sgt. KELLY RAND, the singing drillmaster.

The Men Say . . .

Capt. Finnard, Post Exchange — "We don't have many WAACs, but those we have I find very adaptable because of their civil pursuits. Their willingness and cooperation have been excellent. Not long ago there was a terrific rush on combs, and we ran out of them. One of my WAAC clerks asked if she could go into New Rochelle on her own time to buy combs so the men could have them. I think her interest proves a lot about their dependability and interest in the soldiers' welfare."

Col. Rosenblum, OSA Headquarters, Bldg. 51—"I think the work of the WAACs has been excellent. I consider them volunteers in the best sense of the word. Originally I was a 'doubting Thomas' about the whole thing. You can say that I came to scoff and remained to praise."

"I have one personal grievance," he laughed. "That they didn't have WAACs when I was a soldier."

Capt. Hilbert, Public Relations—"I can't speak too highly of them. We have somewhere in the neighborhood of eight or nine, and they're efficient in every manner. They fill the bill 100 per cent as far as replacements are concerned, and we sincerely hope that they'll re-enlist in the WAC, and remain with us. They're all loyal, give their time freely, and in general, have done a swell job."

Adjutant Capt. Reagin—"They're doing a very fine job—all of them. They're most efficient; and they've well proved their worth to the army for the capacity in which they're employed. The WAACs are rendering a very fine service."

Library, Miss Momeyer — "We have only one WAAC, who is also delegated to Capt. Dawes' office. She looks for extra things to do, and is a very conscientious worker, willing, and most punctual."

QMC, Col. Gorman—"As replacements for white collar personnel,

there is no reason but to believe that they'll fit in very well. They're bright, intelligent, and willing to work. Their efficiency should improve after they're given the opportunity to become acquainted with their work."

Hospital, Col. Felch — "Several have been assigned to duty at the station hospital, and among these are several well-qualified technicians. The hospital is looking forward to the time when their training period is over and they'll be able to be permanently assigned and put in full time. They appear to be interested in their work and very pleased with their assignments. The WAACs in short, are very satisfactory."

Motor Transport, Sgt. Harry Boss—"The WAACs have worked out very well on lighter vehicles; that is—passenger cars, carry-alls, and pick-ups. I'm looking forward to see one handling a ton and a half truck."



(Reading left to right): Aux. Emma Sue Lindley, clerk at the Message Center; Aux. Doris Pierson ready for action in a Post truck; five jolly gals serving in the motor pool, at the Transportation Department, Auxs. Doris Pierson, Agnes Nieuwsma, Julia Cook, Mabel Powell, and Geraldine Persinger; Aux. Laura Lee Petray, clerk at the Message Center.



AUX. JOAN MALKENSON . . . a New Yorker, now assigned to the Pharmacy at the Station Hospital. Joan has had especially good training, having studied at New College and earned her B.S. and Master's degrees in Chemistry at Cornell.



AUX. LOUISE A. SCHOFFLER . . . another Texas gal, coming from LaMarque. Her ambition is to be an army X-ray expert, in which department she is now assigned. Louise is married to D. S. Schoffler, Signal Corps, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

WOMEN IN KHAKI

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Transportation School. Marion has a busy life and enjoys horse-back riding, bicycling, photographic coloring, music, good books, stamp and coin collecting. Some Gal!

AUX. MARY FARLEY . . . a Hollander, born in Rotterdam, boasts of a family in the service. Her father is a Captain in the U. S. Maritime Service, who unfortunately lost his ship through enemy action last summer. Mary is married to an Army man, who is stationed

with the engineers at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and the detachment is proud to have Mary as their company clerk.

AUX. LOTTIE NORTON . . . one of the "Southern Gals" hails from Florence, Miss. She spent a number of years as information clerk for the Standard Oil Company in Jackson. Lottie is assigned to the Public Relations Office and every day finds something new and interesting about her work.

AUX. FRANCES LEICESTER . . . comes from the far off coast of Seattle, Wash., spends her time as stenographer for the salvage office. Before entering the service, Frances worked as clerk in the office of the Seattle Quartermaster Depot. She has spent two years as first aid instructor for the American Red Cross and served as an instructor in the advanced First Aid and Chemical warfare for Medical Units of Civilian Defense.

AUX. JULIA COOK . . . was born in St. Paul, Minn. She is one of the expert truck drivers for the Transportation Corps on the island. She has her heart set on going overseas. That is the spirit of most of the Fort Slocum WAACs.

AFC. LENA KOLINSKY . . . is right near her home, having lived in New York City. She was sent to Fort Ogelthorpe, Ga. for basic training, after which she served three months at Camp Monticello, Ark., assigned to the processing of enlisted personnel. Lena is a dining room orderly in the new mess hall and has her heart set on transferring to the Supply Department or Post Exchange.

AUX. FLORENCE WHEAT . . . an Oklahoma gal, and was sent from Okmulgee to Camp Monticello, for basic. She arrived at Fort Slocum on June 12th. She is now assigned to the O.S.A. Florence was in charge of an insurance and real estate office back in Okmulgee. Today she is one happy gal as her father is here for the Home Coming celebration. We know, Mr. Wheat, you will be thrilled with seeing your daughter in khaki and we hope you have a grand time during your visit.

AUX. GLORIA LOWENSTEIN . . . a New York gal who is assigned to the Public Relations Office. Gloria studied journalism, worked in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and worked as a secretary in civilian life. Her ambition is to be a Tech. Sgt. and wear the stripes a certain Tech. Sgt. left behind.

AUX. LILLIAN WILSHAW . . . was born in England. She made her home in Trenton, N. J., where she was employed as a telephone operator for the State of New Jersey and worked at the State House. Lillian is assigned as a telephone monitor

in the Public Relations Department.

AUX. PETRA PAGAN . . . is another New Yorker. Petra took her basic at Daytona Beach, and was one of the first WAACs to arrive at this Post. Her experience in civilian life as a baker, assures the WAACs that the pastries will be the best ever when Petra takes up her duties at the mess hall.

AUX. MARTHA BONHAM . . . Detroit, Mich., gave the WAACs Martha. Before joining the service she was active in civic affairs and worked as a stenographer. She trained at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and came directly to Fort Slocum. She is one of the busy WAACs, as in addition to working in the Adjutants Office she is instructing a class in French. She too wants to go 'over.'

AUX. OLIVE ZEVEN . . . bid her Greenwich, Conn. home adieu in April for Fort Devens, where she took her basic. Olive is a laboratory technician at the Post Hospital. She loves dancing and tennis and excels in drill work. Her aim is OCS. Bet she makes it!

AUX. ANNE THORNTON . . . (The little red head) at the Post Exchange. She came from El Cajon, Calif. At the Grossmont Union High School, she served as bookkeeper. Anne can boast of two other members of her family being in the service. Her father is a retired Naval officer and her brother an Ensign in the Naval Reserve. Her ambition is to get in the Finance Department. (Hope the Finance Dept. reads this).

AUX. LAURA LEE PETRAY . . . a pretty little gal from 'Down on the farm'—folks down in Arkansas should see her 'deliver' on her bicycle. She knows she has joined the greatest organization there is,



AUX. ESTELLE KAUFMAN . . . is assisting Pfc. Paul Evans of the Personnel Department in the officers sub-section on classification forms.

and finds it all exciting and loves to drill.

AUX. HELEN BRULLE . . . Baltimore, Md., is assigned to duty at the O.S.A. Coming to Slocum from Daytona Beach where she had basic. Helen was a teacher coordinator of distributed education at Covington, Va.

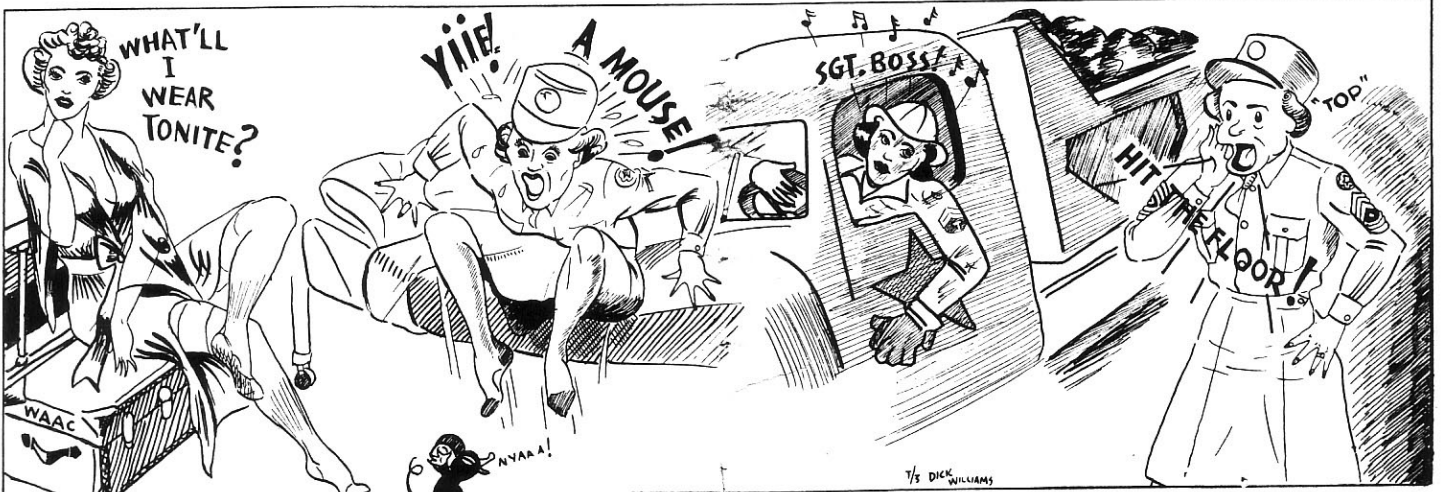
AUX. GLADYS WOODARD . . . is from Greenfield, Mass. and worked for an insurance company as typist and clerk before going to Fort Devens, Mass. to take basic. Gladys is assigned to the O.S.A. as typist.



AUX. BETTY COHEN . . . came up from sunny California, Los Angeles, to be exact. She is using her talents in the army that she excelled in, in civilian life. Betty worked in Beverly Hills as a dental assistant and she is a happy gal to be assigned to the dental clinic here at Slocum.



AUX. JEWELL MOORMAN . . . a pretty Texas gal. She joined at Austin in March and is on duty at the Officers' Club. Jewell was an I.B.M. operator in the National Bank at Austin before entering the service. She wants overseas duty.



GETTING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!



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MARY L. TUCKER

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Electric Company for a number of years.

Then came the call from our country for women to help in the war effort. Laura Tucker (as she was known in civilian life) heard that call and was among the first to enlist and can boast of one year of service. On July 20th she left her home in St. Louis, Mo., and went directly to Officer Candidate School, at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. Eight weeks later she was commissioned a Third Officer. She was one of three officers who were the first to take over the operation of a mess hall at Fort Des Moines. On November 1st, Tucker was transferred to Daytona Beach, Fla., and was made assistant Post Mess Officer which consisted of aiding in planning and opening all mess halls in the second WAAC Training Center. December 24th she was promoted to 2nd Officer, and was made associate to the assistant Commandant of the Training Center. Soon after she was given the responsibility of the Commanding Officer work for a basic company and a Headquarters Training Center Company.

"This is the best assignment possible. It gives me the opportunity to enjoy my educational background and the training that I have had in the WAAC," said the Detachment Commander.

The organization admires and thanks their Commanding Officer for her patience and wisdom in guiding them to live up to the best tradition of the Army and particularly to the dignity and tone so well established at this Army Post.

RATED ROMANCE

I've fallen in love with a beautiful WAAC.

Her features are simply divine. Her sparkling eyes are the deepest of blue.

And her hair has a lustrous shine.

I thrill at the sound of her musical voice.

Her sweet understanding is rare. Her heavenly smile and her tinkling laugh

Are things that had led me to care.

But, woe unto me, for my future is black.

Oh, why should it happen to me? For I am a Corporal, with only two stripes.

And she is a Sergeant with Three. By BOB

ARC SERVES WAAC

The Red Cross Office on Post wishes to take this opportunity to extend greetings to the WAAC Detachment which has recently been activated at Fort Slocum.

The office personnel has discussed Red Cross policies and has outlined to the Commanding Officer services rendered by Red Cross for the benefit of the Detachment.

We urge every member to take advantage of the many services offered at any time. If the problem is such that the individual feels discussion with the male personnel of the office would be unsatisfactory, arrangements can readily be made for discussion of any problem with Miss Hopfengartner.

We are looking forward with great interest to the Detachment's occupancy of their new quarters and stand ready through our Red Cross Chapter Committees to supplement any needs and furnish any equipment which may serve to make the quarters more comfortable and pleasant.



In the comparatively short time they have been with us, the WAACs have proven their ability to perform the various duties assigned to them in the operation of the hospital. So without further ado, we introduce:

- Aux Schoeffler (X-ray Techn) who thinks a "Dark-Room" is only used to develop film . . .
- Aux Czikowski (Messenger) who occasionally delivers an extra note to one of the Dressing Room Romeo's . . .
- Aux Read (Typist) a good example of a shy southern belle . . .
- Aux Zevens (Laboratory Techn) who seeks diversion on the tennis courts . . .
- Aux Pittman who just seeks diversion . . .
- Aux Malkenson (Asst in Pharmacy) who "reluctantly" expounds her views on any and all subjects . . .
- Aux Cohen (Dental Techn) who dates all the lads—needing teeth pulled! . . .
- Aux Mattly (Laboratory Techn) who spends her days hunting "bugs", but only under the microscope . . .
- Auxs Paramore and Grozzo (Ward Attendants) who cheerfully take care of the WAACs ill with a "code in the dose" . . .
- and Aux Lister (Clerk) a sensible, but sensitive lass who hails from Hawaii (Woo-WOO!!)

WAACS AT FT. SLOCUM GET "SPECIAL SERVICE"

The Special Service Office at Fort Slocum has been actively engaged in WAAC orientation during the past two months. Not only have three members of that group which proudly carries the Insignia of Pallas Athena been assigned to this office; but in association with the WAAC officers, the Special Service Staff has provided many facilities for the entertainment and recreation of the "Ladies in Khaki."

Among the "special services" offered for WAACs at Fort Slocum are the equipment and instruction needed for such sports as table tennis, badminton, archery, horse-shoes, softball, and tennis. Bath houses to accommodate WAAC officers, non-commissioned officers, and enlisted personnel have been constructed with Special Service funds, and life guards are provided at specified hours to insure the safety of WAAC mermaids. Classes in swimming are in preparation.

The Special Service Office has purchased a studio piano and a Magnavox combination radio-and-phonograph for the WAAC barracks. Recordings and sheet music are also being provided on request. Efforts are being made to obtain laundry facilities for the new Amazonian Quarters.

Since their advent at Fort Slocum, the auxiliaries have participated in some of the weekly Fort Slocum radio broadcasts; they have sung at a party in the Officers' Club; and they have planned and instituted a weekly WAAC dance at the Post Armory, with costs defrayed by the Special Service Office.

The auxiliaries assigned to the S.S. Office have been valuable replacements for general service men as an assistant in the Post Library, Army Emergency Relief Clerk, and representative of the Armed Forces Institute, respectively. These "soldiers in skirts" have catalogued thousands of books for free distribution for men, have worked as theater cashiers, and have been the means of maintaining an effective liaison between the WAAC officers and auxiliaries and the Special Service Officer.

The work of Special Service at this installation has literally become for, by and of the members of the WAAC.



Books on order at the Post Library

Auxiliary Elizabeth Pollock was a member of the original First WAAC company and graduated at Des Moines as one of the first forty-one administrative specialists. "Yes, Ma'am" is the edited collection of her letters to her family, in which a variety of WAACs are mentioned from a Park Avenue woman accustomed to personal maid service to Virginia who formerly worked for a drugstore delivering pills on a motorcycle. The majority seemed anxious to get good grades in their exams and to prove that the WAACs could and would help win the war. One humorous incident happened on a hot rainy day when several girls went to the Parade Ground with raincoats worn directly over their underwear. Elizabeth was sorry that she had not done likewise until the drill Sergeant ordered, "Take off raincoats!" Here is Private Hargrove in skirts, but behind Hargrove lay the Army tradition at which he could poke fun, whereas Miss Pollock, now third officer, is making tradition.

"The WAACs" by Nancy S'era tells us in lively fashion the steps in becoming an auxiliary or officer, fields of study, specialized training, military courtesy and customs. It is a book for prospective WAACs, for WAACs, and for interested bystanders.

H. I. Phillips of "Private Purkey" fame has invaded the WAAC camp to write another screwball masterpiece with a sense of the practical beneath the humor, called "All-out Arlene." Arlene Applegate said to herself, "You're beginning to get conspicuous in that bolero suit with costume jewelry. Are you a woman or a tropical fish?" So she joined the WAACs, trained at Daytona Beach and was promoted to Sergeant. While in the Motor Transport Corps she rescued a swamp-crashed pilot who turned out to be her former milkman. When she reached Africa soldiers chased her as avidly as though she were Rommel. Mr. Phillips thought it might be nice to have a lady write a forward to "All-out Arlene" but decided they were all out drilling or fighting or something.