

9. Visit the post chaplain and discuss the special problems of a woman's adjustment to the Army.

10. Visit the post adjutant and advise that WAAC officers be allowed to use the officers' mess and club, and discuss other matters of administration.

11. Visit any other staff officers who might have special problems caused by the arrival of female personnel, such as the public relations officer, or those who might employ Waacs, such as the signal officer.⁵⁷

Director Overseas

A few days before the regional directors went out, Director Hobby was obliged to entrust their further indoctrination and guidance to her staff, having received orders to accompany Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt on an observation tour of the British women's services. Third Officer Helen Woods was left as Acting Director. On 19 October the Director and her aide, Third Officer Bandel, left for the British Isles, not to return until 11 November.⁵⁸

At this time it appeared that the Corps was in fair condition to meet the strain of

the oncoming expansion. As a result of General McNarney's intervention to expedite WAAC supply, every Waac at Fort Des Moines at last had a winter uniform and an overcoat, and supplies had been forwarded to those women who had left the training center without uniforms. As for the Second WAAC Training Center at Daytona Beach, a full conference of Services of Supply agencies assured Director Hobby before her departure that all necessary supplies and uniforms would reach it before the 1 December opening date. Also encouraging was the office's move to the newly completed Pentagon, where coordination with other Army offices was greatly simplified.⁵⁹

The expansion program that had been mastered was, however, merely that which had originated in June. Still to be reckoned with was G-3's September plan for 1,500,000 Waacs.

⁵⁷ Table V-2, Vol. Gen Information, WAAC Hist files.

⁵⁸ Memo cited n. 5.

⁵⁹ (1) Min, Stf Conf, 27 Oct 42. (2) Weekly Rpt, WAAC Hq for CofAdm Serv, 1-7 Nov 42. SPWA 319.12. (3) Admin Memo 56, Hq SOS, 14 Oct 42. SPWA 310.2.