



FIRST OFFICER ELIZABETH H. STRAYHORN, of the *Fifth WAAC Training Center*, with Governor Sam Jones of Louisiana, a visitor on the post.

of Supply, nor the Air Forces could make any further housing available without deferring the activation of military units. He stated, however, that there was a possibility that Prisoner of War housing, much of which is now completed and unoccupied, might be temporarily made available. . . . The total housing program for prisoners of war was in the neighborhood of 196,000 spaces, of which we had commitments with the British for only 150,000 spaces, while actual prisoners of war therein total only 6,600.¹¹

The Provost Marshal General concurred in allowing Waacs to train there, provided they did not modify the group toilets and showers and other masculine-type plumb-

ing facilities, and provided they would move out on thirty days' notice if German and Italian prisoners should need the place.¹²

The decision as to whether to accept this location was, according to Director Hobby, a difficult one. Its unattractive features were obvious, especially when compared to the WAVES and SPARS training schools at fashionable colleges. One recruiter asked, unnecessarily,

¹¹ Min cited n. 6.

¹² Memo, CofAdm Serv for TAG, 1 Mar 43. SPWA 314.7 (10-7-43)(1) sec 1.