

observe all established customs of the service in their social relationship at all times. Army officers and enlisted personnel *of opposite sexes, not assigned on the same post, camp, or station, when on leave, furlough, or off duty in the continental United States, may have social engagements and attend social functions together so long as they conduct themselves in accord with the accepted rules of conduct.*⁷⁷

General White, then Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, postponed decision on her proposal for several months, during which Colonel Hobby drafted several alternate wordings, with the advice of the WAC staff directors of the Air, Ground, and Service Forces. General White eventually concurred and, after private discussion with General McNarney, Deputy Chief of Staff, was instructed to get a directive published. At this moment General White was replaced by Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Henry. Although General White person-

ally oriented General Henry on the situation, and although General Henry at first penciled "okay" on the proposed directive, within a week he had disapproved it, saying "I have personally taken this matter up with General Surles [Director of Bureau of Public Relations]. He will *not* clear for release. Must be handled orally as any other 'custom of the service.'"⁷⁸

Before her resignation, Director Hobby was to propose her policy twice more. In all, she had proposed seven times that the Army's social caste system be modified for personnel of opposite sexes not assigned to the same station; she was seven times refused.⁷⁹

⁷⁷ Memo, Dir WAC for Gen White (G-1), 1 May 44. SPWA 335.11 (12-24-43), 1943. See Tab C.

⁷⁸ Memo, Dir WAC for G-1, 8 Jan 46. WDWAC 335.11 (1943). Tab A is summary of all action on the proposal to date.

⁷⁹ *Ibid.*