

ordinarily be based on previously unworked files and be laboriously footnoted with hundreds of separate letters and memoranda.

Primary Sources

The bulk of materials on the history of the WAAC and WAC is in the WAAC-WAC files, now in the G-1 Area, Departmental Records Branch, Adjutant General's Office (DRB AGO), under several file designations:

- WA : before 9 March 1942
- SPWA : 9 March 1942-29 February 1944 (the period during which the WAAC-WAC was under the Army Service Forces)
- WDWAC: 1 March 1944-(after the WAC's transfer to G-1 Division of the War Department General Staff)

This collection contains the WAAC historical files (a series of looseleaf notebooks), the WAAC planning files (of Miss B. Eugenia Lies and other consultants), the WAAC Planning Service files, the stayback files of Lt. Col. Gilman C. Mudgett, first WAAC Pre-Planner, and of Lt. Col. Harold P. Tasker, as well as Colonel Tasker's personal files.

At the same location are the *Hobby files*, formerly at the Office of the Director, WAC, comprised of Director Hobby's personal files and of the WAAC Daily Journal—the latter consisting of a manila folder labeled "Staff Conferences for the Period August-October 1942," and two loose-leaf notebooks (Volumes I and II) for the period November 1942-August 1943.

There is also a small file of WAAC-

WAC material, cited as *WAC files, OCMH*. This material was collected by the author during research for this volume and is filed at OCMH as supporting documents. Some material on the Wacs in the Army Air Forces is at the U.S. Air Force Historical Division, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Some papers concerning the WAAC-WAC under the Army Service Forces are in the file of the Director of Personnel, ASF, Special Collections, DRB AGO. Also useful were the files of the Chief of Staff, and General Marshall's personal files, made available to the author by his secretary.

For all other information on the WAC, it is necessary to go directly to the files of the command, branch, or theater concerned, as indicated in "Secondary Sources," below.

Materials on the plans for the use of women in the Army before World War II are to be found principally in the War Department collection in the National Archives, and in the G-1 files at DRB AGO.

Secondary Sources

The secondary sources for a history of the WAC consist principally of manuscripts prepared by the historians of various WAC units, or by historians of other branches of the Army that employed Wacs. These histories are of uneven quality and degree of thoroughness of coverage. The story of Wacs in the Army Air Forces, for instance, is thoroughly covered in Lt. Col. Betty Bandel's history, *The WAC Program in the Army Air Forces*, while the corresponding manuscript for the Army Service Forces consists of a ten-page summary. The history of Wacs in