

SOMEONE TO BE PROUD OF



YOUR DAUGHTER IN THE **WAC**

WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS  
Army of the United States

## A Personal Message to Parents from the Director of the WAC



The courage of America's sons in this war is writing a chapter in our Nation's history that will fill our hearts forever after with humility and thanksgiving. Their valor on battlefields throughout the world is a symbol of the strength by which this Nation lives. That strength is in a guiding principle left us by our forefathers. It is the principle of justice and of never-ending freedom.

Today, for that principle alone, men risk their lives in bravery and sacrifice for which they can never be fully repaid. To them we must look for that daring and risk, that physical courage which will bring victory.

But there is another type of soldier and another type of courage. For every man who fires a gun, there are other men and there are women, too, who perform those imperative tasks behind the lines which enable our fighting armies to move forward with sureness and precision, with never-halting direction, with never-failing equipment and supplies, with never-faltering channels of communication.

In their devotion to duty, in their almost

reverent regard for the exacting details of this mighty teamwork, our women soldiers have shown a type of courage which is one with the other proud pages in this chapter of our Nation's history.

There is courage in doing well and faithfully and without question these tasks which are inevitably without glory, but which could mean the lives of other American soldiers. These tasks our women soldiers perform in England, in France, in Italy, in Egypt, in India, Australia, New Guinea, Hawaii, and wherever else there are American troops. These tasks they do at Army posts throughout the country.

I am proud and I will never cease being proud of these women who have lent their hearts and their hands and their needed skills to their country in time of peril. I would speak of sacrifice — for all soldiers sacrifice certain freedoms — except that I know their pride is as great as mine and this will always be their reward for service in the Army of the United States. There is courage, but there is no sacrifice when this can be the reward.

This is your pride, too, if you have a soldier daughter. This can be your reward as well as theirs. If you have a daughter who is a Wac or a daughter who wants to become a Wac, know as surely as you know there is victory ahead that her job in its quiet way is important and that she will share in the gratitude of a glad and generous people when the war is won.

She — and you — will know the proud, full meaning of that title which is almost a benediction. She — and you — will know what it means to be: "Good soldiers."

*Oveta Culp Hobby*

OVETA CULP HOBBY,  
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# A Gallant Page in American History

## The Story of the WAC

The WAC was born the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in May, 1942.

By September 1943, the Wacs had proved themselves so invaluable that the Army gave them real soldier status. And the WAAC became the Women's Army Corps (the WAC), an integral part of the Army of the United States.

Today, Wacs are working at Army jobs that women have shown themselves to be particularly well qualified for. Jobs that are indispensable to a modern-warfare victory.



Wacs are serving in England, France, Italy, Africa, India, Australia, New Caledonia, and Hawaii — as well as in America. Serving with dignity, with courage, with honest pride in a job well done.

Wacs don't shoot guns. But they **do** check the equipment our fighters use.

Wacs don't fly planes. But they **do** guide our airmen safely home by radio landing instruction.

Wacs don't risk their lives in the front lines as fighting men do. But they **do** keep the world-wide network of Allied communications open. They **do** speed up administrative work. Every one of the jobs they do is vital — urgent — and important to the winning of the war.

By sheer ability, by a cheerful willingness to pitch in and work like soldiers, by red-white-and-blue gallantry — Wacs have won the respect of an entire Army.



Records show that over sixty percent of the women in the WAC have either fathers, sons, or brothers in the service. The Wacs are working with their men.

Ask any Army man what **he** thinks about the WAC. The general, the colonel, GI Joe himself. And here's what he'll say:

"They're soldiers. **Good soldiers!**"

## Your Daughter in the WAC

# She Lives a Happy, Well-planned Life



Wacs assigned to Army posts have their own quarters. They sleep in comfortable beds, have private lockers, plenty of showers and tubs, and a specially equipped room for sprucing up their outfits.

Some Wacs are assigned to Army offices **not** on a post. The Army exercises supervision over welfare and living conditions. It finds good suitable quarters and gives the Wacs extra allowances for food.



The Army provides splendid recreational programs for **all** its soldiers. Dances, service club parties, glee club concerts, movies, entertainment by visiting stars.

There's no neglect of a soldier's health in the Army. Wacs, like our fighting men, get the best medical care in the world. At every Army post and training center, there's at least one hospital and a staff of doctors.

### ERNIE PYLE WROTE FROM AFRICA—

"Mothers of Wacs in Africa needn't worry. The girls are perfectly safe. The city they're in is as modern as cities back home, and their life is very much like life at college. Half of them live in a requisitioned office building. From the roof-top you look down on the city and its harbor. One of the most striking views I ever saw.



"The other half lives in a convent just on the edge of the city. They have taken over about half of the

convent, and the girls live in huge rooms little different from college dormitories. Their quarters surround a crushed-stone patio with an ancient well in the middle.

"The girls don't have much time for dates. Those on daytime shifts work from 8 to 5, and many of them go back at night to work some more.

"Lights go out at 10 o'clock, and the roll is taken every night. Each girl gets an 11 o'clock pass once a week and a half day off once a week. There are frequent dances and beach parties, given by various Army units, to which the Wacs are invited."

## The Church on the Post Provides Religious Guidance



Even though your soldier daughter may be far from home, you need not worry about her spiritual life. The Army has taken special pains to see that, no matter where she goes, she is never without the comfort, guidance, and protection of the church.

At every WAC training center — and every American Army post the world over — the Army provides regular church services, with separate services for Protestants, Catholics, and Jews.

In addition, Wacs are allowed extra time off when special devotions fall during their working hours if military conditions permit.

Both men and women soldiers all over the world are making fast friends of their Army chaplains. These spiritual advisors, as well as Red Cross field directors, are on hand, and more than willing to help with any kind of personal problem that a Wac may be faced with.



**Brig. Gen. William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army, says —**

"Those of us assigned to act as spiritual guides to our men and women soldiers, find a spontaneous surge of religious feeling among them.

Their life of service—their sacrifices—seem to deepen, not lessen, their awareness of the spiritual side of life."

## *Your Daughter in the WAC*

# Her Basic Training prepares her for Army Life



### What "Basic" Is . . .

A new Wac spends her first six weeks in the Army at a WAC Training Center—Fort Des Moines, Iowa, or Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. This period is known as Basic Military Training and it teaches her the fundamentals of Army life.

She learns Army organization, military customs and courtesies, company administration, map reading, safeguarding military information, and the "why" of Army regulations.

### What "Basic" Does . . .

Basic Training starts a Wac out gradually on her new adventure, Army life—and gives her practice in community living. Every hour of every day she learns something new, meets new people, gains new assurance and breadth of vision.

Basic Training not only teaches her how to take her place in the Army, but puts her into the best physical condition before she takes up her new duties.

The WAC physical training program is a splendidly sound and pleasant way to insure the fitness of our women soldiers. It includes setting-up exercises, and a variety of sports and games as well as close-order drill.



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### Her Opportunities for special training

If a Wac's civilian training has fitted her for an Army job, she may be sent directly to her Army duties at the close of basic military training. Or, she may be sent to a regular Army specialist school for further training.

Both of these possibilities depend entirely upon the Army's needs at the time.

When the Army has need of certain skills, every effort is made to find these skills among enlisted personnel — and to train those Wacs who show promise along the required lines.

Among the specialist courses the Army gives are:

1. Courses in office work, safeguarding and classifying information, keeping records, supply work, military correspondence, coding and decoding.
2. Courses in all phases of radio work, photography, dining room management, nutrition and menu planning.
3. Courses in medical, surgical, dental, laboratory, and X-ray technology.



**This Wac had a flair for taking snapshots.** The Army needed photographers — so she was sent through an Army photographic school. Now she's doing a swell job with the Air Forces.



**This Wac had had some previous training in dental work.** The Army needed dental assistants — so she was sent to the Army school for dental technicians. Now she's doing a fine job with the Medical Department.



#### **DOROTHY DIX SAYS —**

**"Many a Wac Will Walk Into a Brilliant Career** after the war that she could never have had if she had not gone into the Army. The WAC gives every girl a chance to follow her bent — to have her talent developed by skilled technicians."

## Your Daughter in the WAC

# Her Work—one of 239



1. In Army hospitals, Wacs take thousands of X-ray pictures that help doctors diagnose the injuries of our wounded soldiers.



2. A WAC medical technician helps the nurse give a blood transfusion to a wounded soldier. Wacs also serve as surgical technicians assisting in the operating room.



3. Alert Wacs fill responsible jobs in the Personnel Section of the Transportation Corps helping to chart vital and secret war information.



6. High-ranking officers need capable secretaries. This competent Wac has gone far — she's secretary to a **general!**

## War-important Jobs



3. Professionally trained optometrists, who enlisted in the WAC, help injured soldiers improve their vision.



4. Wacs working as bacteriologists in Army hospitals make hundreds of analyses.



7. In charge of the confidential files on troop movements at a port of embarkation, Wacs fill many such positions of great trust.



8. This Wac runs the little tractor that tows aircraft between hangars and runways — puts them safely away after their return.

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# Around the World . . .



1. In England — in France — in Italy — in India — Australia — Hawaii, Wacs act as confidential secretaries to important officers. Officers who say: "Our efficient WAC secretaries have helped immeasurably to speed our plans."



2. With the 15th Air Force in Italy! This capable Wac holds down a secret operational job at headquarters. Wacs all over the world have distinguished themselves as able assistants to our soldiers with wings.



3. Wacs are assigned to Intelligence work where they handle vital information. Women can keep secrets! Wacs have proved it! They're completely tongue-tied about everything that's "secret"!

## A Glorious War Record



4. Personnel work is a field in which our women soldiers excel. At headquarters in Australia, Wacs are doing a magnificent job of handling records and dispatches on special troop movements.



5. An incredibly short time after our men had won their bitter fight at Anzio, Wacs were manning a mobile switchboard set up in a truck on the beach. Keeping communications open — taking behind-the-lines life in their stride.



6. Six weeks after their soldier brothers had fought their way into France, the first Wacs landed in Normandy. Their new homes — three large squad tents. Their spirit — all eagerness to get to work at their new communications job.

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## She Gets Regular Army Pay

WAC GRADES AND PAY					
					
Private \$50	Private, First Grade \$54	Technician, First Grade \$56	Corporal \$66	Technician, Fourth Grade \$72	
					
Sergeant \$78	Technician, Third Grade \$94	Staff Sergeant \$96	Technical Sergeant \$114	First Sergeant \$130	Master Sergeant \$132

A Wac's \$50 a month is all "spending money" because the Army pays all her living expenses.

How many women in civilian life have \$50 a month free and clear after their food, rent, taxes, clothes, insurance, doctor and

dentist bills are paid?

WAC officers get \$150 to \$333.33 a month, base pay, plus additional compensation for quarters and rations, plus medical and dental services. Initial allowance of \$250 for uniforms.

## She is entitled to all Army Benefits!

Free food

Free lodging

Free clothing and equipment

Free medical and dental care, plus these

EXTRA benefits —

Life Insurance at Army rates

Free letter-mailing privileges

Furlough rates on railroad tickets

Government prices at post exchanges

Special rates at movies and theaters —

Plus all the benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights! (See enclosure)

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# The Best-dressed Woman of the Year



Smartly tailored, flatteringly trim, the WAC winter uniform of olive drab wool.



New, slim, stunning, WAC summer uniform of cool tropical worsted. Overseas cap to match.



New off-duty dress. For summer, of military beige rayon shantung — for winter, of horizon tan wool crepe.



For sports and housekeeping chores, Wacs wear this comfortable practical seersucker — built like a tennis dress.



Trim, stunning, russet leather hanibat to match her shoes completes the costume of the best-dressed woman of the year!

New soxies that Wacs shake themselves! In russet with flattering Cuban heels.



When Wacs are at work in shops, or in motor pools, they wear the comfortable, easily laundered fatigue uniform.



New WAC scarf and shoe set — chambray colored — bright accent for the WAC uniforms.

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# Happy Letters from Others Like Her

From AFRICA, Pvt. Katherine O'Malley writes —

"Mether, don't you dare worry about me! I love it here and have the best of everything!

"Well, Dad, I turned down Officer's Candidate School and was selected for overseas service. I haven't regretted it in the least, because I've had this opportunity to travel. I've seen many wonderful and beautiful places, and that is something I've always wanted. Besides, the work we do over here, although it's not glamorous, means a lot toward winning this war."



From ITALY, Cpl. Geraldine Horne writes —

"I was both walking on air and scared to death when I was picked as General Clark's secretary!

"I didn't know what to expect. I hadn't even seen the general. So I walked in and saluted just as smartly as I could and he saluted right back very smartly, which made me feel good. Then he smiled and put out his hand. That made me feel better."



From AUSTRALIA, Lt. Suzanne Scarborough writes —

"I wish I could think of some way to tell the gals back home what being in the service would do for them.

"The feeling of gladness when you see the boys marching by in fatigues, with sweat pouring down their faces. Inside you can say, 'I am doing something. I am helping those boys.' The satisfaction and pride that comes with being part of any large group devoted to an unselfish and single purpose.

"I shall continue doing all I can, with all I have, and be grateful for the chance."

From ENGLAND, Pvt. D. J. Brown writes —

"Westminster Abbey is a spectacle to behold, and the services are wonderful. I have visited St. Paul's Cathedral, and there just aren't words to describe the awe and magnificence of this renowned church.

"I am going to take advantage of every spare moment to see famous spots, and when I come home again I'll be able to give you a detailed description of these places we have only read about!"



# "I'm so proud of my soldier daughter!" . . . say parents everywhere



**Mary Hastings Bradley,**  
**author.**

"I'm glad now that my daughter joined the WAC. I was frankly opposed at first — but I was wrong. Alice has had a marvelous experience that has developed every quality of friendliness, responsibility, stability, and understanding which parents yearn to see."

**John B. Scarborough,**  
**advertising director,**  
**the American Magazine.**

"The idea of the Women's Army Corps made awfully good sense to me right from the start. So I was mighty puffed up when my girl, Suzanne, joined up. It's great to know your daughter has won recognition as a good soldier."



In the Victory to come . . . Hers, too,  
will be the Honor and Glory



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