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Mildred was my lover the whole time we were in the service together. She was chosen to be a spy and any activity that she observed among the women that might be of a homosexual nature, she was to report that. And, it's amazing, but she never did see anything to report. [laughs] So she was an honourable woman, a trustworthy woman. And gay as they come. – *Phillis Arbry, Radio Technician, Women's Army Corp*

I don't know that I ever saw a homosexual person that couldn't function in the service. The sergeant in my barracks at one time was such an effeminate man, so sissified that everybody in the barracks kidded about him. But he had style so that they didn't mess with him. He was still in charge of that barrack – but he was a real queen! There was no question about that. But he functioned within military limits and nobody messed with him. – *Stuart Loomis, Psychological Assistant, U.S. Army*