

THEN:¹

On military racial integration:

“One of the surest ways to break down the morale of the Army and to destroy its efficiency” [is to integrate the races.]

– Harrison W. Baldwin, New York Times military editor, quoted in “Striking Parallels,” Washington Blade (20 November 1992): 14.

NOW:

On allowing gay servicemembers to serve openly:

“I cannot think of a better way to destroy fighting spirit and gut U.S. combat effectiveness.”

– David Hackworth, “The Case for a Military Gay Ban: My Combat Experience Tells Me It’s the Only Sensible Policy.” The Washington Post (28 June 1992).

All quotations found in David Ari Bianco, *Echoes of Prejudice: The Debates Over Race and Sexuality in the Armed Forces*, in *GAY RIGHTS, MILITARY WRONGS: POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON LESBIANS AND GAYS IN THE MILITARY* 47-70 (Craig A. Rimmerman ed., 1996).

THEN:¹

On military racial integration:

“In a completely integrated unit where you’d have white soldiers, particularly from the southern states, serving under [Black] noncommissioned officers or officers...I think you would have a problem definitely.”

- General Omar Bradley, Fahy Committee Testimony, 1949, p. 74.

NOW:

On allowing gay servicemembers to serve openly:

“If homosexuals were allowed to serve, military leaders, known to be homosexual, would be unable to effectively command or lead his/her soldiers because of a loss of respect and trust in his/her abilities.”

- General Schwarzkopf quoted in Vickie S. Longenecker, Lt. Col. U.S. Army, “Facts or Fear from the Foxhole: An Individual Study Project.” USAWC Military Studies Program Paper 15 April 1992, p. 19.

- 2002** Taiwan drops its ban on gays serving in the military police.
- 2000** Britain lifts its ban on gays serving in the military.
- 1998** South Africa's military formally lifts its ban against gay and lesbian personnel.
- 1993** New Zealand lifts its ban on gay military personnel.
- 1992** Australia ends its ban on gay military personnel.
- 1992** Canada allows gay and lesbian servicemembers to serve openly in its armed forces.
- 1983** Israeli military adopts regulations that officially allow gays to serve in the military.