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Hanson-Bailey: About eight o'clock all the Army women start roaring in. All the Army women—and they say, “Okay, here’s your women. You sit with them now.” And they send me over to the Army women. And I’m like I couldn’t believe all of the Army women. And it was just—it was like manna. There was like Army women all over the place. We were having fun, we were dancing, we were laughing, we were having a grand time. And I just got to have the most wonderful time. And it was just like I couldn’t believe the amazing experience of meeting my own, and being around all the women that were just like me. And it was—we had the most fun.

And they were from Frankfurt, they were from Heidelberg, they were from all over Germany. Well, that part of Germany. Central Germany. And we just—we had the most wonderful time. And from then on every weekend it was meeting all the guys at Manhattans, and all the lesbians and guys would meet at Manhattans and drink, and then we’d split off, the guys would go to C4, the women would go to Blue Moon, or to No Name, which was the other bar that we would hang out at. And we would all just dance, and have fun. And that’s how I met Robin and Kimmy, you know, they came out the Manhattans that night. And Robin, Kimmy, and I became inseparable. They were stationed at Oberursel with me, and we became inseparable. The dynamic trio they used to call us. We were never apart after that. Robin, Kimmy, and I were never apart. We did everything together.

I remember one time we were at the base, and we would always—before Manhattans we’d order a twenty-four-case of beer, and we’d sit as soon as work got over on Friday night at four, we’d grab the beer and start drinking. And I remember one time we got Desert Heart. The movie Desert Heart. I don’t know if you even know that. You’re so young. The movie Desert Heart was this old lesbian film about two lesbian lovers in Las Vegas. It’s about two lesbians in Las Vegas—or Reno, who fall in love. It’s an old, old lesbian film. And we got a hold of it. And so, we were watching it. And we put a towel underneath the door so nobody could hear the sound of two women making love. And so, we like put a towel under the door, and we’re all sitting there in the quiet. And I remember Jose and Brian are there, and Jose was straight, and Brian was gay, and Robin, Kimmy, and I were in there, and Lisa was in there from the MP station, who was our other friend who was gay, and we’re all sitting there watching this movie quietly watching. Just amazed to see lesbians on our movie screen, because we had never seen lesbians on a movie screen. And we’re just amazed by it. And we were just watching it with this absolute thrall.