

Video Recording Log
Veteran Alice Lain

1. Name and address of collector of interviewer.

Name of Donor/Interviewer:

Address:

City:

State: Illinois

Zip:

Telephone:

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Partner organization affiliation (if any): WILL AM-FM-TV

2. Name and birth date of the veteran or civilian being interviewed at is appears on the Biographical Data Form:

Name of Veteran/Civilian: Alice Lain

Birth Date:

3. Recording format

VIDEO type: Mini DVD

4. Estimated length of recording (in minutes): 36 minutes **Date of recording:** 03/07/2008

5. Location of recording: WILL AM-FM-TV, 300 N. Goodwin Ave, Urbana, IL 61801

6. Please log the topics discussed in the interview in sequence.

00:00 Introduction

00:50 Background—father left mother—almost adopted—Great Depression

05:00 School—working at the Union Building—Eleanor Roosevelt visit

06:20 Married the year after high school—worked at General Electric on Radar

07:08 Divorced

07:15 Went to Syracuse—painting equipment in factory

07:40 Read ad for WAVES—joined

08:12 Boot Camp at Hunter College—Paramount filming *Here Come the WAVES*

09:00 Did not pass test to be sent to school—sent to Mercer Field in Trenton, NJ

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- 09:30 Radio, Radar
- 09:40 First group of WAVES—asked to make coffee—Radio, Radar, TBM—Avengers—Wildcat—checked IFF gear on Corse Air
- 10:45 Torpedo bomber came in—pregnant—24/7 police duty—quite exciting
- 11:15 Escorting people to hangars—saw former teacher from Urbana, IL
- 11:40 Basketball for WAVES—coach was Harvard professor
- 12:05 Hunter Boot Camp—swimming, shots, classes
- 12:45 Mercer Field—Radar—went up in TBM
- 14:08 Radar in back of planes—TBM—walkway to pilot—gunners up above
- 15:00 Working on planes—painting hangars—went to classes on electricity
- 15:48 Got rate compliment—ultimate rank: Aviation Electronic Technician's Mate 3rd Class
- 16:50 Some men hostile—having women there meant they were being sent overseas
- 17:45 Sent to Jacksonville for one week after war ended for placement—transitional place—sent to Opelika Air Station in Miami, FL
- 19:00 Administration—typed 9 copies to send sailors back to ships
- 20:00 Mercer Field July, 1944 to September, 1945
- 20:30 Feelings at Mercer—did not know much about war, little communication
- 21:30 Harry Guggenheim commanding officer at station
- 22:00 Outings to New York City and Philadelphia on weekends
- 23:30 Work was enjoyable, not dangerous
- 23:45 Planes at Mercer Field—test flying—working supply—planes flown to CA, then to aircraft carriers
- 24:50 Woman in Marines killed—TBM crash
- 25:45 WAVES at Mercer

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26:00 Vacations with WAVES

27:30 Left service March, 1946—Great Lakes, IL

27:48 Went to beauty school on GI Bill—got married, had 4 children—husband

28:45 Enjoyed service—VFW—kept in touch with other veterans

29:55 Basketball on base—tennis, recreation room, movies, church

32:15 Children

33:10 Working at Urbana School District—typed 30 theses for University students

34:50 Roller skating

35:30 [Wrap up]