Video Recording Log
Veteran Alice Lain

1. Name and address of collector of interviewer.

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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]