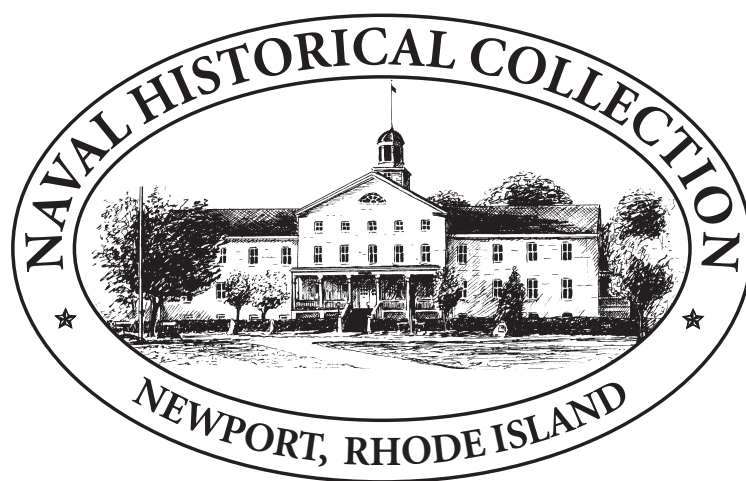


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## **Introduction**

The Naval War College's Naval Historical Collection contains the College archives, manuscript collections, and oral histories that document the history of the institution, the navy in Narragansett Bay, and naval warfare. Women's papers are found in both the manuscript collections and manuscript items while the oral history collection contains their personal stories.

The guide is divided into four sections: manuscripts, manuscript items, oral histories, and reminiscences. The entries are identified by name, date, collection number, and contain descriptions of content. Access to these collections is unrestricted.

The vast majority of manuscript material consists of personal papers, including letters, reminiscences, booklets, newspaper clippings, certificates, other miscellany, and photographs of navy wives or WAVES who served in World War II. The oral histories, for the most part, document the service of women who served in the WAVES, the Navy Nurse Corps, the SPARS, and Marine Corps Women's Reserve (WR) during the Second World War. Several oral histories treat civilian life during World War II from the perspective of women who worked for the U.S. Navy in various capacities.

Publication of this guide will acquaint scholars and researchers in women's history with the sources contained in the Naval Historical Collection that heretofore have not been widely known; hopefully, it will stimulate research in these collections.

The Naval Historical Collection is located in Mahan Hall at the Naval War College in Newport, RI 02841-1207. Department hours are Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The curator can be reached by phone, 401-841-2435; fax, 401-841-7790; and E-mail, [cherpake@nwc.navy.mil](mailto:cherpake@nwc.navy.mil).



## Manuscript Collections

### Women's Papers

#### **Ms. Coll. 174 Aldrich, Barbara Tanner, 1919–; Papers, 1943–1945.**

WAVE in World War II. Trained at Radio School, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., 1943; assigned to New York City. Papers include correspondence from two WAVE friends, Dorothy Rising and Norma Jackson. Five letters from Dorothy Rising, 1943, mention seventy-two-hour leave, working the night shift, McAfee Barracks in Washington, D.C., attending a professional baseball game, working in the drafting section of chart construction in the hydrographic office, horseback riding, and Captain McAfee's visit to the camp. Four letters, 1944, discuss inspection, barracks, leave; magazine clipping. Four letters, 1945, discuss working with civilians, war being officially over 9/4/45; postcard from National Zoo in Washington, D.C. WAVE friend, Norma Jackson, corresponds from Milledgeville, Ga. Six letters, 1943, discuss marching, the way hats are worn, captain's inspections, teacher training course, and recreation; photographs of Norma Jackson and roommate, of decorated bulletin board, and two of Drum and Bugle Corps. Nine letters, 1945, discussing door opener for captain and transfer; postcard from Abbott Hall, Northwestern University; discharge. Tanner attended Rhode Island School of Design. Other material includes photograph of Barbara Tanner in uniform and an original postcard advertisement for WAVES recruitment from the Department of the Navy.

#### **Ms. Coll. 173 Grubaugh, Evelyn M. Powell, 1924–; Papers, 1944–1946.**

WAVE in World War II. Memoirs of naval service. Attended Union Pacific Railroad School in Omaha, became a depot agent, learned Morse code and the agent's work schedule. Attended Hunter College boot camp, assigned as teletypist in the Communications Department, Washington, D.C.; photographs include squad in uniform December 1944–January 1945, friends at boot camp, 1945, and in uniform on top of Rockefeller Center roof studio, New York City, 1944; summer uniforms, 1945; aerial photo of regimental review, U.S. Naval Training School, Bronx, N. Y.; Evelyn Powell and date in uniform at the Blue Mirror Restaurant in Washington, D.C.; Evelyn Powell in uniform, and photo of the Washington, D.C., relay room crew, 1946. Also included in this collection are separation papers, newspaper clipping, tobacco ration card, WAVE matchbook, "Navy, Full Speed Ahead" pocket song booklet, "Up Came a Riddle" cartoon booklet, and the "The Havelock," Nov/Dec 1945.

#### **Ms. Coll. 149 Hawthorne, Mary, 1916–2003; Papers, 1944–1986.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in New London, Conn. Entered WAVES in July 1944 and completed U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, Northampton, Mass. Stationed at NAS, Pensacola, Fla.; NAS, Norfolk, Va.; U.S. Naval Training School, Bronx, N.Y.; and U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N.Y. Discharged as a Lt. (j.g.) in August 1946 in New York, N.Y. Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1951 in Biological Sciences. Taught at University of Rhode Island, Pennsylvania State University, and Boston University between 1951 and 1964. Served at the Naval Medical School, Bethesda, Md., as a Commander, USNR, from October 1964 to July 1971. Positions at Sheppard Air Force Base, Western Michigan University, and the

Veterans Administration between 1971 and 1980s. Cited in 1975 editions of *American Men of Science* and *Who's Who in America*. Papers include a \$1 Providence Clearing House Certificate, 1933; Hawthorne family rationing documents for food, gasoline, and sugar; ID tags, August 1944; fourteen "OPA 1 RED POINT" disks; photographs of WAVES on and off duty; personal and professional photographs from the 1960s and later; Naval manuals and pamphlets from the 1940s; medical newsletters, journals, and seminars from the 1940s and 1960s; Navy orders and documents including notice of separation, medical school orders, two statements of service, retirement papers; newspaper clippings covering her early career, her years at the National Naval Medical Center (including a scrapbook for 1965 to 1968), her appointment at Sheppard Air Force Base, and her later career; awards including various Navy and civilian certificates, two letters of commendation for her work at the Naval Medical School (1966), memo re: Armed Services Reserve Medal (1968), Meritorious Service Medal citation (1971); *Community Colleges & Primary Health Care: Study of Allied Health Education (SAHE) Report* by Mary E. Hawthorne and J. Warren Perry, 1974; and three resumes—1971, circa 1973, and circa 1980.

**Ms. Coll. 231 Lewis, Madge, 1914–2003; Papers, 1944–1947.**

WAVE in World War II. Served as director of the WAVES Singing Platoon at U.S. Naval Training School (WR). Papers include correspondence, including postcards sent to her parents, 1945; postcards received from friends, 1945–1946; letters sent and received regarding service in the WAVES, 1945–1946; letters sent and received regarding the performances of the singing platoon, 1945; booklets, including "A Pictorial Review of U.S. Naval Hospital, St Albans, Long Island, N.Y." (two copies), "Navy Service, A Short History of the U.S. Naval Training School (WR), Bronx, N.Y.," "Navy, Full Speed Ahead" (four copies), "U.S. Naval Training School (Women's Reserve), Bronx, N.Y.," "How to Serve Your Country in The WAVES or SPARS" (two copies), "Enlist in the WAVES, Serve in the Hospital Corps," "Back to Civvies" (two copies), "Going Back to Civilian Life," "Women's Reserve Information and Separation"; book entitled *While So Serving* by Eleanor Hart and Harriet Welling, New York: Robert W. Kelly Publishing Company, 1947; personal scrapbook of WAVES service; newspapers, including U.S. Naval Training Station (WR) *Conning Tower*, 1945, *St. Albans Naval Hospital News*, 1945–1946, *The Watch*, WAVES News Monthly, November 1945, *WAVES Newsletter*, 1945, *Our Church*, 1946; newspaper clippings, the *New York Times* and the *Daily Mirror*, April 14, 1945, August 8, 1945, and August 15, 1945; miscellany, including certificates and rate description, 1946; programs, poems, and bulletins; schedules of the Singing Platoon; scripts of Singing Platoon, 1945; photographs of WAVE regiment, WAVES Singing Platoon at VE Day celebration, Central Park, New York City, May 8, 1945, WAVES platoon at Bond Drive honoring George Gershwin, June 1945, memorial service for President Franklin D. Roosevelt, April 1945, Captain William Amsden and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, WAVES Variety Show poster, Paul Whiting, Frank Sinatra, Andy Devine, and several unidentified men.

**Ms. Coll. 178 McIlroy, Doris Shauger, 1922–; Papers, 1943–1945.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Atlantic City, N.J. Entered the service from Easton, Pa. U.S. Naval Training School (WR) Cedar Falls, Iowa, RS NYD, Washington, D.C., USN Barracks, Washington, D.C. Specialist (Q) First Class (CR) (T).

Papers include official naval documents, letters and discharge papers, 1945–1946. Documents from Elementary Course in Cryptanalysis; Rules for Students. Mechanical Aids in Cipher Solution and Training Pamphlet No. 2, and General Principles of Communication Security. A 45 rpm record—WAVES 20th Anniversary Convention songs, and program from convention, Washington, D.C., 1962. Other papers include: “The Iowave,” April, 1943; Naval Security Group Command Farewell to Nebraska Avenue Program, 1995. Brochures/programs from several WAVE reunions and conventions, including 1958 National WAVES Reunion, Detroit, Mich.; WAVES 30th Anniversary National Convention, Kansas City, Mo., 1972; WAVES 33rd Anniversary National Convention, Norfolk, Va., 1975; WAVES 35th Anniversary National Convention, San Francisco, Calif., 1977; WAVES 40th Anniversary National Convention, Seattle, Wash., 1982; WAVES conventions 1984–1992. Newspaper clippings on the WAVES, 1943–1994; photographs of WAVES in uniform, Cedar Falls barracks, 1943–1944; and miscellaneous photos.

**Ms. Coll. 156    Maguire, Mary Virginia, 1918–; Papers, 1943–1954.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Providence, R.I. Graduated in 1940 from Trinity College in Washington, D.C. Majored in French. Ensign, USNR, April 1943. Attended U.S. Naval Midshipmen’s School, (WR), Northampton, Mass., January 1943. Assigned to Headquarters, Eastern Sea Frontier, New York, N.Y., as a Communications Watch Stander. Promoted to Lt. (j.g.), May 1944. Assigned to Eleventh Naval District Headquarters, San Diego, Calif., August 1945 as Coding Officer and Courier. Detached December 1945. Worked at New England Telephone & Telegraph Company. U.S. Naval Reserve, 1945–1954. Promoted to Lieutenant, 1953.

Papers include official Navy documents—assignments, promotion papers, mileage vouchers, change of duty papers, officer qualification questionnaire, miscellaneous cards, ration books, leave record, Pacific NW WAVES flyers, U.S. Navy Officer Service Record jacket folder, and a June 1945 Final Edition, Enemy Action and Distress Diary. Congratulatory documents include Certificate of Satisfactory Service from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, and USNR Permanent Appointment Acknowledgement from Commandant Friedell. Other papers regarding a 1982 reunion for New York City Eastern Sea Frontier WAVES include an invitation, correspondence from WAVES in reply to reunion invitation, negative disc, photographs, and address list of WAVES and male officers. Photographs of Mary McGuire and other WAVES in uniform.

**Ms. Coll. 26    Miles, Wilma S. Jerman, 1904–1996; Papers, 1923–1973**

Born in Washington, D.C., Wilma Miles was a 1925 graduate of Cornell University. She married Ensign Milton E. Miles in Hong Kong in September 1925 and lived there for two years while he was assigned to a gunboat on the West and Pearl Rivers. From 1936 to 1939 she and her three sons lived in Chefoo, China, and Manila, PI, while her husband was on USS *Black Hawk*. She spent several months traveling through Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies in 1937. In 1939, the family left China over the Burma Road. Her papers consist of letters to her mother during both of her residences in China with descriptions of her daily routine, travels, and impressions of Chinese life. There are letters from her husband as well. She wrote vignettes of life in China during the 1920s and 1930s, including both adult and children’s versions of their journey over the Burma Road. The collection contains her autobiography and a biography of her husband’s life through 1939.

During the years 1951 to 1956, the Mileses traveled extensively in Latin America as Rear Admiral Miles was commanding officer of the Fifteenth Naval District in Panama. The collection contains notes, itineraries, and correspondence regarding trips to Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay, Argentina, Venezuela, Bolivia, Nicaragua, and a trip up the Amazon River. Notes on trips to Morocco, Greece, Italy, Libya, and Turkey can be found here as well as maps, guidebooks, and tourist literature.

The Mileses were amateur photographers and a photographic record of their travels worldwide is contained in albums along with individual prints and negatives. The places included are: Afghanistan, Bali, Bangkok, Chefoo, Greece, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, Indo-China, Java, Japan, North Africa, Turkey, Peking, the Philippines, Shanghai, Taiwan, the Burma Road, Belgium, England, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Spain, Alaska, Bolivia, Canada, Greenland, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Guatemala, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, and the San Blas Islands.

**Ms. Coll. 153 Pouliot, Gabrielle Cecile, 1913–; Papers, 1944–1952.**

WAVE in World War II. Papers include: a book entitled “Navy Service—A Short History of the United States Naval Training School, Women’s Reserve,” Bronx, N.Y.; booklet entitled “Our Days at United States Naval Training School, Women’s Reserve.” Other WAVES memorabilia include a songbook entitled “Navy, Full Speed Ahead”; a prayer book entitled “A Prayer of a Wave”; an interview with G. Pouliot and United States Navy Recruiting Station; press release from National Association of Manufacturers, December 5, 1945 re: WAVES choir; certificate of completion for Personnel Accounting Machine Installation, 1968; postcards of United States Naval Training School, Bronx, N.Y. Photographs include Hunter College, June 1944 WAVES Class; Regiment 35, Co. 5621 passing in review, 1944; President Harry S. Truman and Winston Churchill, 1952; President Harry S. Truman and French President Vincent Auriol, 1951; and funeral of Adm. Forrest Sherman, Washington, D.C.

**Ms. Coll. 162 Scheck, Jane L. Rembowski, 1923–; Papers, 1944–1954.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Detroit, Mich. Received Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University; worked in vocational placement, Ann Arbor, Mich. Commissioned 1944; completed U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen’s School, Northampton, Mass.; naval service in communications intelligence at Naval Communications Annex, Washington, D.C. Papers include separation papers (copy), 1946; discharge papers, 1954, as Lt. (j.g.); USNR certificates include copies of promotion and appreciation. Letters to Frank Scheck, with content including acceptance into the WAVES, life at Midshipmen’s School, Smith College, Communications School, Mount Holyoke College, and looking forward to postwar life, 1944–1946.

**Ms. Coll. 157 Smith, Edith LePage, 1924–; Papers, 1945.**

WAVE in World War II. Papers include discharge papers, 1945; schedule of WAVES, November 1945; Naval Torpedo Station Demobilization Memo; booklets from United States Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I., “Gyroscoop,” June 15, 1945, August 15, 1945, and

October 15, 1945; book entitled “Navy Service: A Short History of the United States Naval Training School Women’s Reserve, Bronx, New York”; booklet, *The Bronx County Historical Society Journal*, Spring 1993, with article “Making WAVES in the Bronx: The Story of the United States Naval Training School Women’s Reserve at Hunter College.” Other booklets include “Women in Rhode Island History: Making a Difference, 1944,” “The Register,” Fall 1995, and a booklet about a special ground breaking ceremony for the Women in Military Service in America Memorial in Arlington, Va.

**Ms. Coll. 161    Smith, Mary Taylor Alger, 1892–1987; Papers, 1925–1928.**

Born in Washington, D.C., daughter of Navy Captain and Mrs. Phillip R. Alger. Married Navy Ensign Roy Campbell Smith in 1912. She and her four children followed her husband on assignments to the Asiatic Fleet (1925 to 1928), Newport, R.I. (three years); Panama (one year); the Naval War College in Newport (two years); and Honolulu (1935). On his retirement they settled permanently in Newport.

Documents include her remarks at the christening of the USS *John Rodgers* in Newport, citing her many family connections—past and present—to the Navy and the Army; a partial journal of her experiences in China, 1925 and 1927; a copy of a letter from her husband describing the fall of Nanking in March 1927; and letters, primarily to her mother, written between June 1925 and January 1928 from Manila, the Philippines, Camp John Hay, Baguio, the Philippines, Shanghai, and Chefoo, China.

The letters, written several times a week, document their travels; family news; news from her husband’s ship, USS *Noa*; meetings with new acquaintances and old friends; her trials and tribulations; and descriptions of the new sights, scenery, and peoples they encountered, her opinion of the Filipinos and the Chinese, the unrest in China, social life, the climate, and the customs and dress of the Chinese.

**Ms. Coll. 175    Smith, Norma G. Hall, 1922–; Papers, 1943–1946.**

Navy nurse. Graduated from Pawtucket School of Nursing, Pawtucket, R.I., in 1943. Enlisted in U.S. Navy Nurses Corps in 1944 and trained at U.S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. Assigned to U.S. Naval Hospital, Newport, R.I., February 1944–June 1945; U.S. Naval Hospital Base #8, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, July 1945–November 1945; U.S. Naval Hospital Base #21, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, December 1945–June 1946. Assumed nursing duties on the USS *Ballou* en route from Honolulu to Puerto Rico via Panama Canal, 1946. Discharged in New York, N.Y., June 1946. Papers include a resume of naval service, two service publications from Hawaii, and a photograph album.

**Ms. Coll. 154    Waite, Nellie Elizabeth Welch, 1922–1998; Papers, 1943–1945.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Barrington, R.I. Attended business school. Worked as a comptometer operator at New England Telephone & Telegraph, Providence, R.I. Attended U.S. Naval Training School (WR), Bronx, N.Y. Served as Seaman First Class and Storekeeper D Third Class, Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Ga. Collection includes discharge and separation papers (copies), Navy training course certificate and Rhode Island pass; newspapers: “The Hanalog,” August 30, 1945, and “On Course,” January 1, 1944; invitations and menus, U.S.

Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Ga., 1943–1945; photographs include WAVES Company 3912 in summer and winter uniforms, Welch, and “The Paradise Room,” souvenir picture with date and friends; “A Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors,” 6th edition, 1943; and pins.

**Ms. Coll. 163 White, Luisa Costagliola, 1924–; Papers, 1944–1945.**

WAVE in World War II. Papers include correspondence sent and received, photographs, and miscellaneous items; letters to her parents, some written on U.S. Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Ga., letterhead and U.S. Naval Air Station, Lake City, Fla., letterhead. Included in collection of personal letters is a copy of a newspaper cartoon from the *New York Times*, Sunday, May 21, 1944; instruction sheet for applicants, Women’s Reserve and official letter from U.S. Navy Recruiting Station, Providence, R.I.; WR Barracks inspection slip; cigarette ration card; booklets include “Back to Civvies,” “Facts for Your Future,” “U.S. Naval Training School (Women’s Reserve), Bronx, New York,” “United States Navy Rating Description,” “Tattoo” from U.S. Naval Training Air Station, Atlanta, Ga., and U.S. Naval Training School paper, “Conning Tower,” May 1944; miscellaneous photographs are of Ms. White at work, U.S. Naval Air Station, Lake City, Fla. Miscellaneous postcards and a Christmas card are included.

**Ms. Coll. 171 Williams, L. Jane Irvine, 1921–; Papers, 1944–1946.**

WAVE in World War II. Papers include postcards sent and received during service in the WAVES. Postcards are from U.S. Naval Training School, Bronx, N.Y.; La Jolla Park, Calif.; U.S. Naval Hospital, Balboa Park, San Diego; United States Capitol, Washington, D.C.; USS Cruiser *Louisville*; and U.S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Ms. Coll. 33 Women Officers School, 1948–1973.**

Women Officers School (WOS), part of the Naval Officer Training Center, was established in 1948 as a result of the passage of the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act. WOS conducted two separate courses: a sixteen-week officer candidate program for line and supply corps officers and a five-and-a-half-week course for all Navy Nurse Corps officers—men and women. In 1973, for the first time, men and women attended officer candidate training together, eliminating the need for a separate school. Papers include histories and calendars of events from 1954 to 1973; documentation of the creation, awarding, and final disposition of the Admiral Arleigh Burke Honor Award; official publications concerning women’s uniforms, officer indoctrination, and discipline; and newspaper clippings.

## Manuscript Collections

### Women's Papers in Men's Collections

#### **Ms. Coll. 103    Reginald R. Belknap Papers, 1879–1957**

Belknap, Julia Pomeroy Averill (1875–1979), wife of Rear Adm. Reginald R. Belknap.

Personal letters sent to her mother-in-law, Frances Georgiana Prescott Belknap, Brookline, Mass., and grandmother from Stuart Cottage, Stockbridge, Mass., San Francisco, Calif., and Washington, D.C., with news of her daily routine, daughters Georgiana, Averill, and Emilia, her husband Reginald and his naval assignments, the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906 that destroyed their house, weather, and thank-you notes, 1900–1907.

Photographs of Julia P. A. Belknap with her baby daughter outdoors during summertime, ca. 1903, and undated photograph album (chloride paper) of herself and unidentified individuals; with her grandchild and daughters Mary and Gene, undated; Christmas at Field Elders, Madison, Conn., with family, 1945.

Personal reminiscences of her life in Japan, Hong Kong, and the Philippines as a Navy wife, 1900–1901. See article by Evelyn M. Cherpak entitled “Reminiscences of a Navy Wife in the Far East in 1900–1901” in *Manuscripts*, Fall 2000.

#### **Ms. Coll. 167    Robert Chase Papers, 1937–1945**

Helen Pettingell, fiancée, from Danvers, Mass.

Letters regarding her high school graduation, their engagement, her activities, movies, friends, relatives, job at the A&P, jokes, his naval training at the Newport (R.I.) Naval Training Station, their marriage, plans for the future, war news, the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the surrender of Japan, and Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Mrs. William Chase, mother, writes about her trip to England and Scotland in 1937, including the coronation of King George VI. WWII letters include family news.

Mum, Althea, Winnie, and Jane Perkins, friends, write newsy letters telling of their activities and friends in the service.

#### **Ms. Coll. 165    Ethan Allan Hitchcock Papers, 1897–1899**

Hitchcock, Anne (1875–1960) and Hitchcock, Margaret, daughters of Ethan A. Hitchcock, Ambassador to Russia, 1897–1898.

Letters of Anne and Margaret Hitchcock from London, England; Paris, France; Dresden, Germany; Berlin, Germany; and St. Petersburg, Russia, to their sister Sarah Hitchcock Shepley, their uncle, Dwight Collier, and Isabel Mauran, a friend, all in St. Louis, Mo. The letters from Russia describe their arrival, their apartment, the weather, food, presentation at the court of Czar Nicholas II, social life, Easter celebration, Easter service at St. Isaac's

Cathedral, theater, opera, social life, dinner parties, visits to Peterhof, the Hermitage, and Finland, Russian lessons, Russian women, polo matches, and the diplomatic corps.

**Ms. Coll. 24 William Veazie Pratt Papers**

Pratt, Louise Johnson (1876–1963).

Letters sent to and received from her husband, William Veazie Pratt, 1901–1903, 1914, 1919, 1920, 1923, 1925, 1927–1930, 1933, 1935–1939, 1944–1946 with personal content.

Letters sent to and received from her son William, Jr., 1920–1941.

Letters received from friends and associates, including Herbert Hoover, John Hun, Adm. Thomas Hart, Adm. Arleigh Burke, Capt. R. B. Fulton, Rear Adm. Courtney G. Clegg, Kichisaburo Nomura, Laura West, Ann Smalley, and Dr. Elizabeth Naylor. Content includes christening of USS *William Veazie Pratt*, health of Admiral Pratt, and letters of condolence upon his death in 1957. 1927–1963.

Draft Last Will and Testament of Louise Johnson Pratt; trust agreement, January 26, 1942.

Diary of Louise Johnson Pratt, 1930, kept in London, England, while attending the London Naval Conference and in the United States when her husband was CNO. Lists trips and social engagements.

Photographs of Louise Johnson Pratt in Belfast, Maine; Washington, D.C.; Newport, R.I.; Deauville, France; and Cologne, Germany, 1894–1958.

**Ms. Coll. 107 James C. Shaw Papers**

Shaw, Elisabeth Riley Perkins (1919–2001), wife of Cdr. Van Perkins, USN, deceased, and Rear Adm. James C. Shaw, USN (Ret.), deceased.

Drafts of article, including “How to Keep Him Happy.”

Draft manuscript entitled *Crossed Swords Forever* published by the U.S. Naval Institute in 2002 under the title *Beside Me Still: A Memoir of Love and Loss in World War II*.

Letters received from Samuel Eliot Morison, November 13, 1950, and Barbara Bush, March 7, 1989.

**Ms. Coll. 168 William S. Sims Papers**

Sims, Anne Hitchcock (1875–1960), wife of Adm. William S. Sims, USN, and daughter of Ethan Allan Hitchcock, Ambassador to the Imperial Court of Russia, 1897–1898, and Secretary of the Interior, 1898–1907.

Personal letters to William S. Sims, 1906–1921. Content includes her health, the health of her parents and sister, daily routine, social life, travel, summer vacations, her parents and siblings, their five children and their activities, visitors, friends, and neighbors. There is some comment on naval matters and President Theodore Roosevelt’s administration under which

her husband served as naval aide. Each letter comments on the childrens' activities and conduct.

Personal letters to her sisters, Sarah Hitchcock Shepley in St. Louis, Mo., and Margaret Hitchcock, 1899–1900, 1902–1905, 1910–1912.

**Ms. Coll. 5      Roy Campbell Smith Papers**

Maria McGregor Campbell Smith, (1838–1913), wife of Assistant Surgeon General of the Confederate Army Dr. Charles H. Smith.

Manuscript entitled “Narrative of My Blockade Running, 1864” with an account of her journey by wagon with her children from Richmond, Va., to New York City.

Estate papers of Maria M. C. Smith, including widow's pension certificate dating from her husband's service in the Mexican War, commencing February 5, 1903; Last Will and Testament of Maria M. C. Smith, 1903; appraisal of securities, 1913, and list of securities and real and personal property, Otsego, N.Y., 1914.

**Ms. Coll. 37      Raymond A. Spruance Papers, 1880–1971,  
Cdr. Thomas B. Buell, USN (Ret.), Collector**

Spruance, Margaret Vance Dean (1888–?), Bogart, Margaret Spruance (1919–1996).

Typescript of oral history interview with Margaret V. D. Spruance conducted by Cdr. Thomas B. Buell, 1971, with reminiscences of her husband. Remarks on her childhood and education, her husband's upbringing by three aunts in New Jersey, their meeting at a dance his plebe year at the U.S. Naval Academy, their courtship over the years, engagement and marriage in December 1914, early years in Norfolk, Va., Spruance's character and personality, U.S. Naval Academy memories, personal habits, friends, social life, his love of the sea, Naval War College assignment, memories of Adm. William Halsey and Adm. R. K. Turner, wives' activities, tour in Puerto Rico, attack on Pearl Harbor, comments on naval officers, WWII, Margaret's illness, president of the Naval War College, retirement in California, and ambassador to the Philippines.

Typescript of oral history interview with Margaret Spruance Bogart by Cdr. Thomas B. Buell, 1971, with reminiscences of her father, including comments on her grandmother, her father's childhood, U.S. Naval Academy education, her parents' courtship and marriage, life in Newport when her father was at the Naval War College, family relationships, executive officer on USS *Mississippi*, Spruance's reading habits, religion, president of the Naval War College, ambassador to the Philippines, her father in retirement, his illness and death.

**Ms. Coll. 56      Charles H. Stockton Papers**

Stockton, Pauline Lentillon, wife of Admiral Charles H. Stockton.

Diaries of Mrs. Stockton, kept during 1903–1905 in London, England, when Stockton was naval attache at the U.S. Embassy. Discusses social life, social calls, attendance at church

services, shopping, daughter Helen, travel to Ireland, riding lessons, weather, and daily routine.

Letter of Helen Stockton Parker (daughter) to Capt. William Puleston, USN, January 21, 1936, with comments on the friendship of Rear Adm. Alfred T. Mahan with her father and their support of the newly established Naval War College.

### **Ms. Coll. 55      Scott Umsted Papers**

Umsted, Katherine Scott (?–1934)

Lecturer, Writer, and Travel Guide

Personal Diaries, 1917, 1933, with daily activities

Travel Diaries

European trip, 1912–1913

Caribbean, Panama Canal, West Coast, and Hawaii, 1921

The Philippines and China, 1922–1924

West Indies, 1927

Published Writings

“Passport Particularities,” *The Nomad*, April 1929

“George Washington in Barbados,” *The Mentor*, July 1929

“Through the Lake Country,” *The Cunarder*, June 1930

“Sojourn in Martinique,” *The Cunarder*, October 1930

Unpublished Travel Writings

“St Marten, A Conjugated Island”

“The Dutch West Indies”

“From My Balcony at Kitts”

“Nevis”

“St Kitts and Nevis”

“Our Philippine Wonderland”

“St. Lucia”

“Trinidad”

“St. Vincent”

“The Grenadines”

“Barbados”

“Martinique”

“Grenada, The Island of Nutmegs”

“Caribs”

“Saint Eustatius”

“The Americans and British Virgin Islands”

“Le Jardin et les Rues de Fort de France”

“The Lesser Antilles”

“Tobago, Too Interesting an Island to Pass By”

“Saba”  
“The Little Island of Three Names”  
“Dominica”  
“Antigua”

#### Unpublished Fiction

“Like a Man”  
“Anchor of Columbus”  
“In Suspension”  
“New York”  
“Blessed is the Wounds of a Friend”  
“Florence”  
“Venice”  
“Diplomatic Relations: A Play”  
“Both Sides”  
“Why?”  
“Dream”  
“Felicity”  
“Three Visions”  
“When the Little Gods Laughed”  
“The Merchant of Venice Returns”  
“Dutch Romance, Paris Wedding, But Americans Both”  
“The Golden Spoon”  
“A Chinese Mill”  
“Concerning a Passport”  
“True to Form”  
“Wig-Wagging”  
“East End”  
“Temperament”

#### Unpublished Poetry

Valentine’s Day Poems  
Untitled Poems  
Titled Poems  
“In Union Square”  
“The Same But Different”  
“Poems about Spring”  
“Why They Quarreled”  
“The Chinese Coolies”  
“Longing”  
“The Answer”  
“At Night”  
“Realization”  
“Sunset and Moonrise”  
“The Metropolitan Tower”  
“Human Nature”  
“Foiled”

## Pamphlets

Montreuil-Sur-Mer by Hemi Polez, 1896  
Edwin Willard Deming, His Work, 1925

## Handbooks

Montreuil-Sur-Mer, 1905  
American Woman's Club of Shanghai, 1924–1925  
Thirty-Second Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America, 1922–1923  
Thirty-Fourth Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America, 1924–1925

## Newspaper Clippings

Obituary of Katherine Scott Umsted, the *New York Times*, February 1934  
Clippings regarding clubs and literary groups

## Miscellany

Travel brochures  
National Arts Club membership list, 1933  
Bulletin of National Arts Club, 1933  
Yearbook, Pen and Brush Club, 1920–1921  
Bulletin of Pen and Brush Club, November–December, 1929  
Calendar of Pen and Brush Club, November, 1925, April, 1930, October–November 1930

## Photographs

Chinese drawings  
Mary Dale Clarke  
Andalucia, Spain, 1926  
Unidentified woman on horseback  
Dance scene

## Manuscript Items

**Ms. Item 320 Alger, Louisa Taylor, 1886–1962**

Reminiscences of her grandfather, Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, Quartermaster General of the Army during the Civil War, with anecdotes.

54 pp.

**Ms. Item 408 Borsten, Laura Rapaport, 1912–2003**

“Once Upon a WAVE: My Life in the Navy, 1942–1946” is an account of her officer training at the U.S. Naval Midshipmen’s School (WR), Northampton, Mass., teaching billets at the U.S. Naval Training School (WR), Bronx, N.Y., and assignment in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she was a transportation officer and one of the last WAVES to leave. She was one of the first group of forty women officers who joined the WAVES on August 28, 1942. She worked to recruit black officers in the WAVES and opposed segregated platoons. Borsten attained the rank of lieutenant commander.

197 pp.

**Ms. Item 302 Crose, Edith Wilson, 1872–**

“A Navy Wife Remembers,” reminiscences of her years as a Navy wife, 1894–1924. Includes an account of her trip to New York City, her engagement to naval officer William M. Crose, 1867–1929, and people, customs, and events at duty stations in Savannah, Ga.; Sitka, Alaska; China; Japan; the Philippine Islands; and Samoa, with comments on the Pandemic of 1918. Photographs include those of Capt. William M. Crose, USS *Atlanta*, USS *Chicago*, Samoa, U.S. Naval Station, Cavite, PI, U.S. Naval Training Station, Hampton Roads, Va., President Warren G. Harding at Hampton Roads, and Alaska scenes.

54 pp.

**Ms. Item 140 Farragut, Virginia Loyall, 1823–1884**

Letter of October 29, 1872, to Comptroller William Broadheads requesting that the Congressional appropriation of \$2000 for her husband’s funeral expenses be paid to her.

2 pp.

**Ms. Item 498 *Guide Right. A Handbook for WAVES and SPARS***

World War II handbook by Lt. Mary V. Harris, USNR, published by the MacMillan Company, New York, 1944. The handbook gives information on proper etiquette, customs, uniforms, rank, ratings, and personal conduct.

105 pp.

**Ms. Item 57 Lindberg, Anne Morrow, 1906–2001**

Holograph letter of February 8, 1977, to Naval War College Deputy, Capt. William Platte, declining an invitation to speak at the Naval War College's Contemporary Civilization lecture series.

2 pp.

**Ms. Item 373a Mayer, Carolyn Killam**

Typed letter signed to her father, Herman B. Killam, regarding his participation in the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944.

2 pp.

**Ms. Item 378 Morison, Anne Sims, 1914–2001, daughter of Adm. Williams S. Sims**

Typescript reminiscence entitled "Memories of a Child's Life in the President's House at the Naval War College, 1919–1922." Topics include the childrens' nurses, arrival of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet in Newport, a visit to the Naval War College Gaming Room, and a return visit to Quarters AA, the President's house, 1979.

4 pp.

**Ms. Item 319 Rodgers, Anne Elizabeth Hodge, 1823–?**

Typescript copy of letter, April 17, 1865, to her children regarding the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and the surrender of Confederate forces of Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox, Va.

2 pp.

**Ms. Item 367 Sims, Anne Hitchcock, 1875–1960**

Holograph note to Mr. Pond, Newport, R.I., thanking him for sending a copy of *Captain Margaret* by John Mansfield, which Adm. William S. Sims was reading. They both enjoyed his visit.

1 page

**Ms. Item 370 Spanish-American War Nurses, 1898–1934**

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings and photographs of nurses during the Spanish-American War, including programs of conventions of Spanish-American War Nurse Veterans, 1898–1934. Miscellaneous clippings regarding Civil War Veterans, Spanish-American War Nurses in Japan during the Russo-Japanese War, 1904–05, and pensions for veterans.

1 volume

**Ms. Item 485    WAVES**

Poster entitled "Enlist in the WAVES, There's a Man Size Job in Your Navy for You," by J. Falter, 1943. Foreground shows an image of a WAVE and in the background are Navy ships and planes with bombs bursting.



## Oral Histories

### **Aldrich, Barbara Tanner, 1918–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 234

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes youth in Providence, R.I.; graduate of Bradford College; attended School of Occupational Therapy, Boston, Mass.; enlisted in the WAVES in December 1942; training at USNTS (WR), Hunter College; attended Radio School, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., for four months; daily schedule and courses taken; assigned to Eastern Sea Frontier, New York City, where she monitored and recorded messages; work was interesting; social life and recreation for service men and women; promoted to radioman, First Class; VJ Day; discharged October 1945; attended Rhode Island School of Design on GI Bill; marriage in 1952; impact of WAVES service on her life.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Armitage, Winnifred, 1921–**

SPAR, USCG, O.H. 247

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted rate in the SPARS, USCG. Includes youth in Pawtucket, R.I., work in telephone company, joined Coast Guard in 1943; boot camp at Hunter College and Palm Beach, Fla., in the Biltmore Hotel; assigned to Palm Beach where headed the switchboard; enjoyed duty there, met movie actor Victor Mature, Sid Caesar, and Jack Dempsey; transferred to Atlantic City where in charge of switchboard; VJ Day celebrations; impact of SPARS service on life; post-CG career at JP Coates and Apex; positive experience in the service.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Ball, Doris Carr, 1922–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 255

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Youth in Woonsocket, R.I.; high school graduation, 1940; worked for U.S. Rubber making barrage balloons; joined WAVES in May 1943; wanted to travel; basic training at USNTS (WR), Hunter College, New York, assigned to BuPers as a clerk, then assigned to the mail room; lived in Arlington Farms; social life and recreation; married June 1945 in Norfolk, Va.; separated from the service in December 1945; sad to leave the Navy; impact of the WAVES service on her life; Navy wife for sixteen years; member of WAVES National; returned to Warwick, R.I.; worked for J. F. Morgan Company; son joined the Navy.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Beddoe, Marie Purcell, 1919–**

SPAR, USCG, O.H. 270

Reminiscences of an officer who served in the U.S. Coast Guard SPARS during WWII. Includes youth in Massachusetts; education at Pembroke College; employment as a social worker; joined the SPARS in 1943; trained at U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn.; assigned to First Naval District, Boston, Mass., as aide to navigation officer; discusses work responsibilities, social life, coworkers, and VJ Day; discharged in 1946; comments on patriotism, SPARS organization, esprit de corps, and significance of SPARS service.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Bergquist, Doris Dawson, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 244

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes youth in Cranston, R.I., high school graduation in 1943; goal was to join the Navy; enlisted in October 1944; trained at USNTS (WR), Hunter College; integration of her regiment; response of women to integration; attended Yeoman School at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, classes; opinion of training; assigned to NAS, Pensacola, Fla., in officer personnel; social life; friendships; met celebrities Ted Williams, Averell Harriman, and John N. Brown; work was interesting; well treated by officers and civilians; separated from the Navy in 1947; sadness at leaving; medals received; impact of naval service on life; attended WAVE reunions; member of Ocean State WAVES and WAVES National; proud to be a WAVE and felt she made a contribution to the war effort.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Blasik, G. Marie Edmonds, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 253

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes youth in Kenyon, R.I., on a farm; after high school graduation she worked in the Kenyon textile mills for two years; joined the WAVES in 1944 for patriotic reasons; trained at USNTS (WR), Hunter College, New York; white glove inspections; classes; marching; assigned to NAS, Kingsville, Tex., where painted insignia on aircraft; worked in the tower counting aircraft; resentment of WAVES by sailors who were sent to the front; recreation; played on sports teams; VJ Day celebrations; enjoyed her Naval Service; impact of WAVES on her life; maintained friendships with WAVES; marriage and children in Kenyon, R.I.; member of Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Boyea, Ruthe Wright, 1918–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 271

Reminiscences of a WAVE officer who served in WWII. Includes youth in Massachusetts, graduation from Boston University; YWCA work in Springfield, Mass.; joined WAVES in 1942; trained at U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School (WR); assigned to USNTS (WR), Bronx, N.Y., as Master-at-Arms; Training Officer at Charleston (S.C.) Naval Base; Welfare and Recreation Officer at Glencoe NAS, Ga.; D-Day celebrations; discharged in 1945; impact of WAVES service on her life and career as a teacher; community activities.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Brown, Betty Fitzgerald, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 226

Reminiscences of an enlisted WAVE in WWII. Includes her youth in New Jersey; graduation from high school, 1940; joined the WAVES in 1943 on a dare; trained at Hunter College; liked marching, not regimentation; attended Storekeeper School in Milledgeville, Ga., for three months; trained in pay, disbursing, and typing; assigned to Norfolk NS in transportation and boathouse; social life; appalled at segregation; death of FDR; VE Day and VJ Day; discharged in March 1946; impact of WAVES service on her life; worked in California; marriage in New Jersey and settled in Rhode Island; member, Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Brown, Nona Baldwin, 1918–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 296

Reminiscences of a WAVE officer who served during WWII. Includes education at Vassar College; recruited by Capt. Mildred McAfee to handle press releases for the WAVES; training at U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School (WR), Smith College, and Mount Holyoke College; assigned to Main Navy, Washington, D.C., where she reported on WAVES activities. Includes comments on social life and living arrangements; resigned from the Navy in September 1945; comments on her service in the WAVES; postwar career as a reporter in the Washington office of the *New York Times*.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Carlson, Elizabeth Malm, 1912–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 281

Reminiscences of a WAVE officer who served in WWII. Includes youth in Boston suburbs; graduate of Simmons College; joined the WAVES in December, 1942; training at U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School (WR); attended Naval Supply School, Harvard Business School;

assigned to First Naval District Headquarters as a Disbursing Officer; married in 1943; assigned to Philadelphia Naval Shipyard; discharged in December 1945; postwar employment; significance of her naval career.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Caswell, Mary E. Day, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 203

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served in WWII as a Pharmacist's Mate. Includes youth in Maine; college; enlistment in WAVES in 1944; training at USNTS, Bronx, N.Y.; Corps School: St. Albans Hospital; duties and cases at St. Albans; black women in WAVES; recreation; VJ Day celebrations in New York City; discharge in May 1946; GI Bill for degree at University of Maine; impact of WAVES service and WWII on women; postwar marriage and work.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Chilson, Arlene Linn, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 196

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE who served as a Gunner's Mate. Includes early years on Illinois farm; high school and junior college; work in ordnance factory; enlisted in the WAVES; training and indoctrination at U.S. Naval Training School (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; social life; NAS, Pensacola, Fla., for aerial gunnery training; assignment at Corpus Christi, Beeville, and Kingsville, Tex., where she had instructional duties; taught operation of .50 caliber machine gun; social activities at Kingsville; clerical work in Gunnery Office through 1946; Yeoman in Navigation Department, Personnel Office, Special Devices, Corpus Christi, 1946–1949; marriage, 1948; resigned in 1949; positive feelings about the Navy; impact of WAVES service on her life; post-Navy work assignments.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Cocroft, Emily Stone, 1916–**

WAVE, USN O.H. 221

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes her youth in Providence, R.I., Vassar College graduate; enlisted in the Navy in 1942; attended Radio School, Madison, Wis., for communications training; recreation; assigned to NAS North Island, San Diego, Calif.; nature of work; social life; accepted into Officer Corps; trained at Smith College; assigned to Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, Calif.; decoding and routing assignment; discharged from Navy in 1945; positive experience in the service; postwar marriage.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Cohen, Evelyn Stein, 1919–**

SPAR, USCG, O.H. 250

Reminiscences of an enlisted SPAR during WWII. Includes youth in Brockton, Mass.; post-high school work as legal secretary, Boston, Mass.; reaction to Pearl Harbor bombing; joined SPARS in 1943 for patriotic reasons: husband was killed on Merchant Marine ship; attended USNTS (WR), Hunter College, New York; attended Yeoman School, Palm Beach, Fla.; assigned to Merchant Marine Unit, New York City, where did clerical work; VJ Day; recreation; discharged in February 1946; attended SPAR reunions; member Ocean State WAVES; postwar family and work experiences; maintained contacts with SPARS.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Colby, Virginia Downs, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 275

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served in WWII. Includes youth in Glendale, Calif.; attended Glendale College; joined the WAVES in 1943; attended boot camp at U.S. Naval Training School (WR); assigned to Hospital Corps; received training at Chelsea, Naval Hospital; Physician's Assistant at Bar Harbor, Maine, and Brunswick, Maine, NAS, and Hickam Air Base, Oahu, Hawaii; VJ Day celebrations; discharged in 1945; impact of WAVES service on her life; postwar education, work, and family.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Council, Dorothy, Capt., USN, 1912–1998**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 188

Reminiscences of career as an officer in the WAVES in WWII and in the regular Navy, 1942–1972. Includes early years in Northampton, Mass.; education at Smith College, class of 1933; career in merchandising at Macy's and Franklin Simon; enlisted in the WAVES in 1942; indoctrination at Mount Holyoke College; assigned as Personnel Officer, Communications Division, 1942–1945, Washington, D.C.; discrimination vs. women; Administration and Personnel Officer, Communication Division, Hawaii, 1945–1946; Administration and Personnel Officer, Communication Division, San Francisco, Calif., 1946–1950; Women Officer Detail, BuPers, Washington, D.C., 1950–1953; promotion exams; Administration and Personnel Officer, Central Torpedo Office, Newport, R.I., 1953–1957; fond of Newport; BuPers liaison in Congress, 1957–1960; Administration and Personnel Officer, EUCOM, Paris, 1960–1962; living in Paris; CO, recruit training women, 1962–1964, Bainbridge, Md.; Assistant Administration Officer, NWC; promotion to Captain; OSD, Military Personnel Branch, 1968–1972; retirement in Newport and travel experiences.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Davis, BB Freeman, 1920–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 219

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served in WWII. Includes her youth in Providence, R.I.; Smith College, 1942; enlisted in WAVES; trained at Women's Radio Boot Camp, Madison, Wis.; assigned as Radio Operator, NAS, Corpus Christi, Tex.; visit of FDR to the base; entered Officer Corps; trained at Smith College, Communication School, Mount Holyoke College, 1944; assigned to NAS, Pensacola, Fla., January 1944; NAS Honolulu, Hawaii; VJ Day celebrations; detached in December 1945; WAVES a positive experience; marriage; settled in Providence, R.I.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Decker, Mollie Cooley, 1919–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 227

Reminiscences of an enlisted WAVE who served in WWII. Includes her growing-up years in Plainfield, Conn.; employment as Dental Assistant and with Norton Co.; enlisted in WAVES in June 1944 in Boston, Mass.; comments on Pearl Harbor attack; trained at USNTS (WR), Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y.; routine at USNTS; trained as Dental Technician at USNH, San Diego, Calif.; assigned to Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif., in Medical Records; social life; met husband and married in July 1945; impact of WAVES service on her life; positive comments on service in WAVES; membership in Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Desrosiers, Rosetta Furey, 1923–**

SPAR, USCG, O.H. 249

Reminiscences of an enlisted rate in the SPARS during WWII. Youth in Warwick, R.I.; high school graduation, 1940; paid employment; enlisted in SPARS in 1943; reasons were travel and new work experience; trained at USNTS (WR) Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y.; attended Yeoman School, Palm Beach, Fla.; white glove inspections; assigned to Chicago, Ill.; social life; assigned to Duluth, Minn., Cleveland, Ore., and Detroit, Mich.; VJ Day celebrations; discharged in December 1945; attended University of Wisconsin; marriage; impact of service on her life; attended SPAR reunions; member WAVES National and Ocean State WAVES; returned to Warwick, R.I.; work and children.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**DeWildt, Donna Beebe, 1920–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 218

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE who served as an Aviation Machinist's Mate. Includes youth in Minnesota; teacher in Roseau, Minn.; joined the WAVES in 1943; training at Iowa

State College, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Aviation Mechanics School, Memphis, Tenn.; assigned to NAB Memphis, Tenn.; work responsibilities; harassment; social life; assigned to NAS, Livermore, Calif., as Master-at-Arms, then flight line crew and tower work; social life; assigned to NAS, Ottumwa, Iowa, as a ground crew worker; marriage in August 1945; impact of WAVES service on life; settled in R.I., received MLS from University of Rhode Island; employed at Narragansett High School.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Eccles, Isabel (Mrs. Henry Eccles), 1901–2000**

O.H. 154

Reminiscences of Mrs. Eccles for the program on Navy wives. The interview documents her childhood on Long Island, education, courtship, and marriage to Rear Adm. Eccles, their life together during his Navy career and retirement years in Newport, R.I., and Needham, Mass. She comments on aspects of life in various duty stations, her impressions of flag rank officers, NWC presidents and academicians, the Newport community and the Naval War College.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Ellis, De Ette Unruh, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 245

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes family, secretarial school, and work at GM in Pontiac, Mich.; reaction to Pearl Harbor bombing; joined Navy in 1944; patriotism and elder brother in the Navy were motivating factors; wrote articles on her experience as a WAVE for the Pontiac newspaper; trained at USNTS (WR), Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y.; attended Yeoman School at Stillwater, Okla.; assigned to New York City; conducted inventory at Bremerton, Wash., Navy Yard for five months; returned to New York City and Pine Street separation office; loved New York City; visited William Paley's apartment; VJ Day in New York City; marriage in 1950; WAVES service, a positive experience.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Fetter, Aileen Bedell, 1922–**

WAVES, USN, O.H. 225

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE who served as a Pharmacist's Mate. Includes her youth in Westfield, N.J.; graduated from Forsyth School as a Dental Hygienist; worked in Bath, Maine; enlisted in the Navy in 1943; trained as USNTS (WR) Hunter College, New York; unit reviewed by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek; assigned to WNY Dispensary as hygienist and administrator; recreation; promoted to Pharmacist's Mate, First Class; married on VJ Day in Washington, D.C.; VJ Day celebration; discharged in Oct. 1945; college on GI Bill; impact of WAVES service on her life; taught at Wickford (R.I.) Elementary School.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Full, Edith F.**

Librarian, Naval War College Library, Newport, R.I., 1952–1973, O.H. 115

Reminiscences of her years as a librarian at the Naval War College Library, including the Naval Command College Library in Sims Hall, and of individuals, including Admirals William S. Sims, Bernard Austin, Richard G. Colbert, and Lynde C. McCormick, various NCC students, and civilian workers.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I., typescript.

**Gibbs, June Nesbitt, 1922–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 214

Reminiscences an officer in the WAVES in WWII. Includes education at Wellesley College, course in cryptography; enlisted in the WAVES in 1942; training at USNMS (WR) at Smith College and Mount Holyoke; assigned to Naval Communication Annex, Washington, D.C., where she worked on breaking the German code; worked with early computers; social life; comments on Mildred McAfee and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek; VJ Day celebrations; discharged in January 1946; impact of WAVES on her life; received M.A. from Boston University; involvement in Republican politics in Middletown, R.I.; on Town Council and a State Senator.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Griffin, Celeste, 1919–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 299

Reminiscences of a WAVE officer who served in WWII. Includes youth in Providence, R.I., and graduation from Pembroke College. Officer training at U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School (WR), 1942; assigned to Third Naval District, New York City, as a communicator; social life, housing, and coworkers; additional assignments at Naval Ordnance Unit, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., (Seventh Naval District, Miami); Gulf Sea Frontier, New Orleans, La., VJ Day; postwar reserves, 1948–1950; significance of naval service; postwar career in Admissions Office, Brown University.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Hanlon, Joan L. Crump, 1922–**

O.H. 310

Reminiscences of clerk at Bayonne Naval Base, Bayonne, N.J., during WWII. Includes youth in Cranford, N.J., family background, patriotism, work responsibilities, coworkers, social and family life, rationing, VJ Day, postwar work in retail, and marriage.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Hayes, Marilyn Morrissey, 1920–**

USMC (WR), O.H. 235

Reminiscences of an enlisted Marine (WR) during WWII. Includes youth in Newport, R.I.; employment at John Stevens shop; reaction to Pearl Harbor bombing; volunteered at Newport Hospital; enlisted in Marines in January 1945; basic training at Camp Lejeune, N.C.; fear of drill sergeant; intimidated by training; stayed on base; mess duty; assigned to Marine Corps School as driver for Director, Quantico, Va.; social life; met Capt. Mildred McAfee, Director of the WAVES; VJ Day celebrations; assigned to MC Headquarters, Washington, D.C.; discharged in June 1946; Newport during wartime; joining MC (WR) a positive experience; marriage in 1947; employed briefly by Ada Bethune.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Howard, Mary Rowan Belknap, 1917–2003**

Granddaughter of Rear Adm. George Belknap and daughter of Rear Adm. Reginald Belknap, O.H. 108

Reminiscences of a Navy family, including comments on her grandfather George Belknap, and highlights of her father's career, life in Newport in the 1920s and 1930s, the fleet in Newport, the Naval War College, the Naval Torpedo Station, and Adm. William S. Sims.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Hume, Charlotte Safford, 1922–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 309

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served in WWII as a Yeoman. Includes youth in the Boston area; a graduate of Hickox Secretarial School; work experience; joined the WAVES in 1944; trained at U.S. Naval Training School, Bronx, N.Y., Yeoman school at Iowa State Teachers College; assigned to CDR, AF, Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Va.; discharged in 1946; attended American University, graduated from Barnard College. Joined the Navy in 1951, attended Women Officers School, Newport, R.I.; served in recruiting, administration, and personnel billets until retirement in 1971. Comments on her naval career and opportunities for women in the Navy.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Jackson, Wilma L., Capt., NNC, USN, 1909–1998**

NNC, USN, O.H. 210

Reminiscences of Captain Jackson, including nurses training at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio; entered NNC in 1936 and served in USNHS in Philadelphia and Brooklyn, Mare Island, and Guam. Recounted experience as POW held by Japanese from December

1941 through August 1942. Supervisor in Guam in 1945; served with Navy Department, 1946–1950; attended Columbia University where she received a B.S. and M.S.

U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, Md., typescript.

**Job, Florence, Cdr., NNC, USN, 1922–**

NNC, USN, O.H. 236

Reminiscences of career in Navy Nurse Corps, 1944–1947, 1951–1974; Includes youth in Schenectady, N.Y.; graduated from Mount Sinai Nursing School, N.Y. in 1943; joined the Red Cross, then the Navy Nurse Corps; indoctrination, Portsmouth, Va.; ordered to St. Albans N.H.; Navy nurses teach corpsmen and do little hands-on nursing; recreation; ordered to San Diego Calif., 1944–1946; Recreation and Housing; camaraderie of NNC; VJ Day; left NNC; graduated from Catholic University with B.S. in 1949; public health nursing; recalled to Navy during Korean War; assigned to Newport NH and taught corpsmen, Bainbridge, Md.; assigned to San Diego NH and taught Corpsmen; received M.A. from San Diego State University; ordered to Guam where headed in-service education program; social life; assigned to Japan as nurse in Dependents School; travel in Japan; ordered to San Diego; Great Lakes service education and corpsmen detailer; ordered to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as Chief Nurse; Charleston S.C., Chief Nurse; USS *Repose*, Vietnam; life aboard ship; recreation; received South Vietnam Medal of Honor; assigned to Great Lakes Corps School; head, Nursing Education Department; retired in 1974; moved to Newport, R.I.; Patient Care Coordinator, Newport Hospital, 1974–1982; member, Navy Nurses Association and New England Division.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Kesner, Jean Laidler, 1923–**

USMC (WR), O.H. 246

Reminiscences of an enlisted rate, USMC (WR) during WWII. Includes youth in Providence, R.I.; work at Hospital Trust; joined MC in April 1943; wanted to make a contribution and MC advertised as the best service; assigned to recruiting office, Boston, Mass.; attended USNTS (WR) Hunter College, for training; attended NCO School, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; graduated as Corporal and assigned to Headquarter Company, Women Reserve School, as clerk/typist; collateral duty as Drill Instructor; recreation; dating; married a Marine in 1944; discharged in May 1945; impact of MC service on life; changes WWII brought to women's lives; member R.I. Chapter of Association of Women Marines; Marine Corps service a positive experience and one of growth.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Killam, Alma Nygaard, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 213

Reminiscences of Mrs. Killam regarding her service in the WAVES in WWII. Includes youth in Lansing, Mich.; enlistment in the WAVES in 1944; training at USNTS (WR); assignment as

Yeoman, Records Section and Photo Intelligence Center, Anacostia; social life; description of work in map painting room; marriage, July 1945; VJ Day celebration; discharged in 1945; death of FDR; patriotism of citizenry; impact of WAVES service on her life.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Klatt, Elizabeth, 1920–**

USMC (WR), O.H. 278

Reminiscences of service in the U.S. Marine Corps (WR) during WWII. Includes youth; graduate of Pembroke College, 1942; joined Marine Corps in 1943; trained at USNTS (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; advanced training at Radio School, Miami University, Ohio; assigned to Goleta Air Station, Santa Barbara, Calif.; describes duties, decoding messages, social life, recreation, VJ Day; discharged October 1945; GI Bill for Teacher Certification; teacher in Connecticut and Japan; significance of Marine Corps experience for her life.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Kuster, Jessie Eagleson, 1921–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 233

Reminiscences of WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes her youth in suburb of Glasgow, Scotland, and Providence, R.I.; employed as a secretary at Anaconda Wire and Cable; enlisted in WAVES in September 1943 for patriotic reasons; training at USNTS (WR), Hunter College; daily routine; yeoman training at Iowa State, Cedar Falls, Iowa; assigned to CNO's Office, Intelligence Division, Sabotage Section, 1944–1946; lived at Arlington Farms; met Adm. E. J. King, President Truman, and Douglas Fairbanks; VJ Day; promoted to Chief; assigned to Naval Communications, 1946–1950; assigned to CINCNELM, Strategic Naval Planning Division, London, England, 1951–1953; opportunities for travel; married in London in 1952; witnessed coronation of Queen Elizabeth II; assigned to Norfolk Naval Base, Planning Section, 1952–1955; Navy wife until 1961; secretary at Quonset Point NAS and Electric Boat; retired in 1982; attended WAVE reunions, 1962 and 1992; positive comments about naval career.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Leahey, Catherine A., Cdr., USN (Ret.), 1955–**

USN, O.H. 312

Reminiscences of a pioneer female surface warrior and logistical support force officer during the 1980s and 1990s. Includes youth in Texas, NROTC at Purdue University, duty at NAVSTA Panama, transfer of canal, Surface Warfare Officers' School; USS *Point Loma*; women's issues; operations officer on USS *Shenandoah*; USS *Simon Lake*; attended Naval War College; Gulf War; Exchange Officer, Royal Navy Staff College; promotion to Commander; views on sexism and attitudes toward women.

The Naval War College Foundation, Washington, D.C.

**Leckie, Mary McLaughlin Murphy, 1921–**

USMC (WR), O.H. 240

Reminiscences of a WWII Marine (WR). Includes youth in Providence and Barrington, R.I.; attended Katherine Gibbs School; worked for the Red Cross, Providence, R.I.; joined the Marines 1944; negative parental reaction; basic training at Camp Lejeune, N.C.; classes and marching; liked uniform; assigned as a clerk to Cherry Point, N.C., MAS in Combat Conditioning Department; social life; saw Tyrone Power; disastrous fire that killed several women Marines; marriage in November 1944; VJ Day celebrations; discharged in October 1945; Marine Corps a positive experience; settled in New York; returned to Barrington in 1984.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Littlefield, Agatha Sheffield, 1926–**

O.H. 327

Reminiscences of youth in Newport, R.I.; education, family; attack on Pearl Harbor; summer employment at Naval Torpedo Station on Goat Island, 1943; coworkers; patriotism; friendships; rationing; social life; postwar education; and career as a social worker.

**Love, Winifred, Capt., USN (Ret.), 1914–1999**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 189

Reminiscences of Capt. Love's service in the WAVES in WWII and subsequent naval career. Includes early years in West Virginia, graduation from Mary Baldwin College, graduate work at John Hopkins University; assistant to the president, Mary Baldwin College; joined the WAVES in August 1942; training at Midshipmen's School, Smith College; assigned to BuPers, 1942–1944; comment on Mildred McAfee Horton, director of the WAVES; reaction to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941; Assistant Personnel Officer, NAS, Hawaii, 1944–1946; VJ Day celebrations; discharge, 1946; Veterans Administration, Richmond, Va., 1946–1948; Administrative Assistant to Inspector General, Navy, 1948–1951; Public Relations Officer, NAC, Philadelphia, Pa., 1951–1953; WAVES OCS, Newport, R.I., WAVES, Detailer, BuPers, 1956–1960; Atlantic Fleet Headquarters, Norfolk, Va., 1960–1963; Navy Training Publications Center, 1968–1973; promoted to Captain; post-retirement career in personnel, 1973–1978; travel and volunteer work; retirement in Newport, R.I., and Florida.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Lyons, Benny, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 207

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served as a Link Trainer Instructor during WWII. Includes immigration from Denmark to USA and settlement in Rockford, Ill.; two years at Rockford College; enlisted in WAVES in 1943 for patriotic reasons; training and indoctrination at

USNTS (WR), Bronx, N.Y.; concerts at USNTS; advanced training at NAS, Atlanta, Ga., as a Link Trainer Instructor; barracks living; social life; assigned to Jacksonville, Fla.; trained pilots in PBY squadrons; enjoyed training pilots; met future husband; VJ Day celebrations; discharged from WAVES in 1945; challenges of WAVES assignment; marriage in 1946; life as a Navy wife; challenges, responsibilities, and friendships; retirement in Portsmouth, R.I.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **MacDonald, Jean Lett, 1918–2004**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 220

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE officer. Includes her growing up in Ashland, Ohio; teacher in Ashland; joined WAVES in 1943, trained at USNMS (WR) at Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges; assigned to Naval Office, Procurement, New York City, where she was involved in recruiting in Harlem and Connecticut; made records for the Voice of America; instructed recruiters in New York and New Jersey; marriage in New York City April 1945; reaction to VE and VJ Day; separated from the service in November 1945; work as Training Officer, Civil Service; positive feelings about the WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Maguire, Mary, 1918–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 205

Reminiscences of service as a WAVE officer in Communications, Eastern Sea Frontier, New York City, 1943–1945, and Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, Calif., 1945; Includes growing-up years in Providence, R.I.; education at Trinity College, Washington, D.C.; worked at NE Telephone Co.; moved to Newport, R.I.; joined the WAVES in December 1942; training and indoctrination at USNTS, (WR), Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; visit of Eleanor Roosevelt; assignment to Eastern Sea Frontier as a courier in the Operational Command Department; visit of Duke of Windsor; sub sightings; recreation, D-Day; attitude of men toward WAVES; VJ Day; transfer to San Diego, Calif., and Eleventh Naval District; discharged in December 1945; reached rank of Lieutenant; impact of WAVES on her life; postwar career at telephone co.; M.L.S. degree at Simmons College; librarian and director of Library Services, Cumberland, R.I.; WAVE reunion in 1968 and WAVE friendships.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Mazzoni, Donna Borkenhagen, 1919–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 273

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served in WWII. Includes youth and education in Cookston, Minn.; employment; joined WAVES for patriotic reasons; basic training at USNTS (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; trained as a radio operator at Miami University, Ohio; assigned to Navy Communications Department, Washington, D.C.; discusses recreation, housing, death of

President F. D. Roosevelt, and VE Day; discharged in October 1945; marriage and move to Connecticut.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **McCoy, Mary Lynch, 1917–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 202

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served in WWII. Includes growing up in Newport, R.I.; graduation from Rhode Island College; teaching in Newport; enlisted in the WAVES, Officer Corps, 1943; training at USNMS (WR) Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; assigned to Communications Office, First Naval District, Boston, Mass.; advanced training, Mount Holyoke College; assigned to Communications Office Newport Naval Base, Washington, D.C., and Yokosuka, Japan; life in Japan; marriage in 1952 in Japan; discharged from Navy, 1952; Navy wife; impact of WAVES service on her life; teaching in Newport, 1966–1983.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **McGann, Rose E. Hein, 1916–**

NNC, USN, O.H. 212

Reminiscences of Mrs. McGann regarding her service in the Navy Nurse Corps in WWII, including youth in Indiana training at St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing Employment there with Serval, Inc.; joined NNC in 1942; assigned to USNH, San Diego, Calif., and Kaneohe NAS Dispensary, Hawaii; nursing duties; visit of Eleanor Roosevelt; marriage in Hawaii, 1944; resigned from NNC and returned to USA in September 1945; impact of naval service on her life.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **McNeil, Tina Toselli, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 191

Reminiscences of Tina Toselli McNeil, who served in the WAVES as a storekeeper in WWII, 1943–1946. Includes growing-up years in Providence, R.I.; graduated from Classical High School, Providence, R.I.; worked in Shepards Department Store; joined the WAVES in 1943; basic training at USNTS, Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y.; enjoyed boot camp; Storekeeper School, Milledgeville, Ga.; assigned to Armed Guard School, Gulfport, Miss., as Payroll Clerk; sang with Navy Band there; recreation and social life; receiving station, Navy base, New Orleans, La.; Naval Personnel Separation Center, Camp Wallace, Tex.; discharge, 1946; marriage, May 1946; member of Ocean State WAVES; singing group; positive comments on WAVES Service.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Merker, Irene Gailey, 1910–**

NNC, USN, O.H. 224

Reminiscences of a Navy nurse during WWII. Includes youth in Shamokin, Pa.; graduated from UPA Nursing School, 1931; employed at Chestnut Hill Hospital through 1938; joined the Navy Nurse Corps in 1938; assigned to NAVHOSP, Washington, D.C., 1938–1940; Newport NAVHOSP, 1940–1941; USS *Solace*, 1941–1942; witnessed attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941; resigned from the Navy in April 1942; marriage; visiting nurse, Burlington, Vt.; attended Simmons College for B.S. and M.S. in Public Health; Providence District Nursing Association; member of Pearl Harbor Survivors and NNC Associations.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Midgley, Dorothy Ronald, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 194

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE who served as a Welfare and Recreation Specialist at Charleston, S.C. Naval Base. Includes youth in Wells, N.Y.; hostess at USO, Schenectady, N.Y.; reaction to Pearl Harbor bombing; enlisted in WAVES in 1944; training and indoctrination and Specialist School USNTS (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; daily routine; classes; marching; food; duties at Noisette Creek Barracks, Charleston, S.C.; social life; ship parties; trips to Miami and Havana; discharged in 1946; joined Reserve Unit, Albany, N.Y., 1948–1949; marriage; WAVE conventions and Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Murphy, Mary Winter, 1921–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 241

Reminiscences of a WAVE officer who served during WWII and in the postwar period. Includes years in Boston, Mass.; studied to be an occupational therapist, Boston, Mass.; worked briefly then joined the WAVES in May 1945; attended WOCS, Arlington, Va., stressful experience; joined Medical Service Corps; assigned to USNH Great Lakes, Ill., as occupational therapist; social life; assigned to USNH, Sampson, N.Y., to work with TB patients; worked with private industry to develop procedures for patients; assigned to Brooklyn Naval Hospital when it was closing; assigned to Jacksonville Naval Hospital, 1947–1951; social activities; married Navy pilot in 1951; Navy physicians didn't know how to utilize occupational therapists; travel to Cuba, New Orleans, La.; work after marriage; Navy wife for twenty-three years; WAVES service a positive experience.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

## **Navy Wives**

O.H. 85

Reminiscences of Mrs. Marc Mitscher, wife of Adm. Mitscher of WWII fame, and her years as a Navy wife. She tells of their courtship, marriage, early years together, long separations, his personality, character, and interests, along with impressions of naval officers she met, including Adm. Nimitz. Mrs. Roy C. Smith recounts her early years in Annapolis, Md.; her father, Philip Alger, founder of the USNI *Proceedings*; early association with the Naval Academy, courtship and marriage to Cdr. Roy C. Smith, daily life and experiences in China in the 1920s; duty at Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I., comments on Newport social life; tours in Panama and Hawaii; retirement in Newport and association with the Naval War College; impression of Adm. Kalbfus; her husband's final years; and family matters.

U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, Md.

## **Nemitz, Doris Williams, 1924–2004**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 197

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE who served as a Yeoman at the Newport, R.I. Naval Base in the Communications office. Early years and education in Providence, R.I.; employment in Walsh Kaiser Shipyard, Cranston, R.I., and Juliette Mills, Providence, R.I.; patriotism; enlisted in 1944; training and indoctrination at USNTS (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; comments on classes; marching; recreation; food; Yeoman training at Iowa State Teacher's College, Cedar Falls, Iowa; assignment at Naval Base, Newport, R.I., in the Communication Station where she was involved in decoding, receiving, and sending messages; lived in WAVES barracks on base; friends; recreation; social life in Newport; fire in Barracks B; VJ Day; discharge in May 1946; WAVES service a positive experience; marriage, 1947; member, Ocean State WAVES; attended WAVES reunions, Boston, Mass.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

## **O'Connor, Eileen, 1922–2001**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 190

Reminiscences of an enlisted WAVE who served in WWII. Focus is on early years in Jamestown, R.I.; graduated from Rogers High School, attended Newport Secretarial School; joined WAVES in July 1943; basic training at Hunter College, N.Y.; advanced training at Yeoman School, Stillwater, Okla.; daily routine; classes; regimental reviews; recreation; assigned to BuPers, Washington, D.C.; barracks at Arlington Farms; temporary assignment to Secretary of the Navy's office; interview with Mildred McAfee, Waves Director; Yeoman Detailer, Chaplains Division; story of Chaplain O'Callaghan; Chief Yeoman, Chief of Navy Chaplains; social life; recreation; promoted to Chief; lifelong friendships; positive experience and benefits of WAVE service; discharge from WAVES; postwar employment at NWC Logistics and Classified Library.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**O'Toole, Doris McKersie, 1923–2000**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 195

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE. Includes youth in Haledon, N.J., high school, and employment with Wright Aeronautical Corporation. Enlisted in the WAVES in 1943 in New York City; basic training at U.S. Naval Training School (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; training at Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital as a Pharmacist's Mate, Second Class; assignment at Naval Dispensary, Charleston Naval Base, S.C.; duties and problems; recreation; ships parties; smallpox scare; VJ Day celebrations; cooperative spirit among WAVES; impact of WAVES on life; GI Bill for college and graduate education; research scientist at Charles Pfizer Corporation; member, Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Patton, Kennon B. Henderson, 1918–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 302

Reminiscences of service in the WAVES during WWII, 1943–1945. Includes youth in Carrolton, Ga.; graduate of the University of Georgia; work experience; joined the WAVES in 1943; attended U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School (WR) at Smith and Mount Holyoke Colleges; assigned to COM6, Charleston, S.C., and Asst. Mess Treasurer, Officers Mess; COM14, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; discusses housing, social life, work, and VJ Day; the WAVES was a positive experience.

**Pease, Margarete Hall, 1920–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 243

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes youth in Indianapolis, Ind., and Milwaukee, Wis. Graduated from Lawrence College in 1942 as a music major; taught music in Ohio and Wisconsin; enlisted in WAVES in 1944; attended USNTS Bronx, N.Y.; trained for Specialist S; assigned to WAVE Quarters K as Master-at-Arms; social life in Washington, D.C.; met future husband there; transferred to Arlington Farms, member of Navy Chorus; concert with Fred Waring; married 1946; Navy wife; WAVES a positive experience; attended WIMSA dedication.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Pepper, Hester Laning, 1907–**

O.H. 256

Reminiscences of her life and experiences as a Navy Junior and daughter of Adm. Harris Laning, President of NWC, 1930–1933; includes comments on her father, his youth, USNA, cruises, marriage, Great White Fleet voyage, 1912 Olympics and rifle team, WWII; pandemic of 1918; Naval War College staff; CO, USS *Pennsylvania*; high school, European tour; attended art school; three months in Hawaii; social life during NWC presidency, 1930–1933;

father's promotion to Admiral; followed the fleet to Panama; christening of USS *Honolulu*, and USS *Salmon*; Naval Home, Philadelphia, Pa., Adm. Laning's death 1941; post-Navy life and residences in Hartford, Conn., and Philadelphia, Pa.; family; Navy connections.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Petrucci, Janet Coit, 1918–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 238

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes youth in East Providence, R.I.; worked as a hairdresser; enlisted in the Navy in 1943 for patriotic reasons; trained at USNTS (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; assigned to Sugar Camp, Dayton, Ohio, where she soldered wires; assigned to Communications Intelligence, Washington, D.C., where she worked on breaking the Japanese code; supervisor of her group; lodged in WAVES Quarters D; social life; VJ Day; married, January 1945; discharged, November 1945; comments on WAVES organization; WAVE reunion of Communication Specialists; membership in WAVES National and Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Petterson, Helen J. D., 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 306

Reminiscence of a WAVE who served in WWII as a Yeoman. Includes youth in Rhode Island, joined the WAVES in 1944; trained at U.S. Naval Training School, Bronx, N.Y.; attended Yeoman School, Stillwater, Okla.; assigned to FPO, New York City and FPO, San Francisco; discharged in 1940; comments on patriotism, attack on Pearl Harbor, VE Day and VJ Day celebrations; social life; recreation; and work routine.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Pion, Mary Jeanne Ziegler, 1921–**

USMC (WR), O.H. 252

Reminiscences of an enlisted Marine (WR) during WWII. Youth in Marietta, Ohio; attended Business College, Columbus, Ohio; employment at Lazarus Co; reaction to Pearl Harbor bombing; joined the MC in March 1943 for patriotic reasons and new experiences; trained at USNTS (WR) Hunter College; MC uniform; assigned to Discharge Department, MC HDS, as secretary; lived in Henderson Hall, then apartment; promoted to Staff Sergeant; social life and recreation; met husband; married in March 1944; discharged in August 1944; impact of MC service on life; member WMC Association; employment after marriage and family.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Potter, E. Jane, Lt. Cdr., USN (Ret.), 1913–1999**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 229

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE who joined the regular Navy and served for twenty-one years. Includes her youth in Beaver, Pa.; graduation from Geneva College; worked in Personnel Department, Jones and Laughlin Steel Co., 1934–1943; joined the USN for patriotic reasons; trained at USNMS (WR), Smith College; assigned as Head, Navy Relief, Newport, R.I.; assigned to BuPers, Plans and Policy Department, ca. 1946; assigned to London in Intel Department; Joint Staff, Germany; CNO's Office; first woman to attend NWC, 1958–1959; staff, NWC, 1959–1960; Amphibious Force assignment, Little Creek, Va., 1960–1963; retired in 1963; retirement and work in Washington, D.C; retired in Newport, R.I.; positive comments on naval career.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Potvin, Simmone Dupis, 1922–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 239

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes youth in Woonsocket, R.I.; left high school to work in the mills; influenced by brother-in-law to join the Navy; patriotism a motive; sworn in WAVES in 1944; trained at USNTS (WR), Bronx, N.Y.; qualified as a Yeoman; stationed in Arlington, Va., at BuPers as a File Clerk; lived in Quarters K; socialized with other WAVES; weekend leaves; present at FDR's funeral and Adm. Nimitz's homecoming; VJ Day celebrations; discharged in February 1946; WAVES service was a positive experience; impact of WAVES service on personality and life; maintained friendships from the WAVES; marriage, 1947; member WAVES National and Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Pouliot, Gabrielle, 1913–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 200

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served in WWII. Includes early years in Manitoba, Canada; move to Central Falls, R.I., in 1923; education and employment at Wardell Braiding Co. and JP Coates; enlisted in the WAVES in 1944; training and indoctrination, USNTS (WR), Bronx, N.Y.; assignment at WAVES Receiving Station, Manhattan Towers, New York City; Master-at-Arms, Brooklyn Naval Hospital, Supervisor, Corps WAVES; Social life; VJ Day celebrations in New York City; discharged in 1947; joined Reserve Unit in Pawtucket, R.I., 1948; active duty Arlington Farms, 1951–1953; retired from Reserves in 1973; positive about naval career and opportunities it offered.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Quigley, Robin, Capt., USN, 1929–**

Director, WAVES, 1971–1973, O.H. 36

Graduate, Dominican College, 1951; life in England, 1953–1954; Women Officer's Indoctrination School, Newport, R.I., 1954; Strategic Plans Division, OPNAV, 1954–1957; Naval War College, 1957–1959; WAVE Officer and Enlisted Procurement Officer, San Francisco, 1959–1961; Secretary to CNO, 1961–1963; Senior Aide, Deputy CIC, U.S. European Command, Paris, 1963–1966; Head, Direct Appointment and Officer Candidate Section, Recruiting Division, BuPers, 1966–1969; Special Assistant, XO, Naval Submarine School, 1969–1970; Director, WAVES, 1971–1973; CO, Service School Command, 1973–1975; retired, 1975.

U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, Md.

**Ravin, Mary Anna Silverman, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 262

Typescript of interview with WWII WAVE. Includes youth in Providence, R.I.; graduation from University of Rhode Island, 1944; enlisted in WAVES in 1944; training and indoctrination at USNTS (WR), Bronx, N.Y.; assigned to Medical Corps as a Pharmacist's Mate, St. Albans Naval Hospital; Radio Chicago Radar School Infirmery; Bethesda Naval Hospital; Great Lakes Naval Hospital; death of FDR and reaction to; social life in the Navy; Tufts Medical School; internship; marriage and medical practice on Cape Cod; membership in Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Rego, Margaret Murphy, 1918–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 248

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes youth in Fall River, Mass.; enlistment there in 1944; patriotism the main motive; training at USNTS (WR), Hunter College; white glove inspections; assigned to Naval Operations Washington, D.C., where censored letters from the front; enjoyed work with its responsibility; lived at Arlington Farms; social life; discharged in 1946; funeral of FDR; VJ Day; impact of WAVES service on her life; marriage in September 1946; postwar employment.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Reynolds, Marguerite Sullivan, 1922–1997**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 231

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE officer. Includes her youth in Providence, R.I.; graduation from Classical High School and Trinity College; Personnel Department at Walsh Kaiser Shipyard; joined WAVES in August 1944; attended USNMW (WR), Smith College; comments

on classes, marching, recreation; assigned to BU ships in spare parts section; social life; trips home; wartime rationing; death of FDR; VJ Day celebrations in D.C.; interaction with civilians; trips to Cuba; discharged in August 1946; marriage in 1950; administered R.I. Radio School; comments on WAVES organization; impact of WAVES service on her life; proud to be a WAVE.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Rollins, Nellie Moore, 1922–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 237

Reminiscences of an enlisted WAVE during WWII. Includes youth and employment in Vermont; enlisted in WAVES in June 1943; training and indoctrination at USNTS (WR), Hunter College; daily activities and impressions; assigned to Hospital Corps and advanced training at Chelsea Naval Hospital for one month; ordered to Surgical Ward; dispensary, Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I., 1943–1945; duties and emergencies; social life; white glove inspection; appendicitis and measles; recreation on base; VJ Day celebrations; sub sighting; discharged in December 1945; impact of WAVES service on her life; enjoyed meeting other WAVES and being independent; returned to Vermont; marriage in 1947; reunions of Davisville WAVES; member of Ocean State and WAVES National.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Scheck, Jane Rembowski, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 216

Reminiscences of service as an officer in the WAVES in WWII. Includes youth in Detroit, Mich.; graduation from UMI; joined the WAVES in 1944; training at USNMS (WR) Smith College; Communications School, Mount Holyoke College; assigned to Naval Communication Annex, Washington, D.C., typing messages; attitude of naval officers toward WAVES; living conditions and recreation, VJ Day; separated from the Navy in 1946; received M.A. in International Relations, USC; journalism work in New York City; impact of WAVES on her life.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Schultz, Edna Hill, 1922–**

Marine Corps (WR), O.H. 298

Reminiscences of service in the Marine Corps (WR) during WWII. Includes youth in South Portland, Maine, work in shipyard there; joined Marines in 1944; basic training at Camp Lejeune, N.C.; daily routine and classes; clerk in schools command; promoted to Corporal; visit of President Franklin D. Roosevelt; VJ Day; discharged in 1946; impact of Marine Corps service on her life; spent twenty-five years as a Navy wife; member Women Marines Association.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Small, Ruth Lovejoy, 1919–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 300

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served in WWII as a Parachute Rigger. Includes youth in Boston, Mass., high school and art school; enlisted in the WAVES in 1943; trained at U.S. Naval Training School (WR); attended Parachute Rigger School, Lakehurst, N.J.; assigned to Corpus Christi (Tex.) NAS; description of work as a parachute rigger; social life, travel, recreation, housing; VJ Day celebrations; discharged in November 1945; significance of WAVES service.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Smith, Edith LePage, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 199

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE who served as a Yeoman at Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I., 1944–1945; includes her growing-up years in Woonsocket, R.I.; high school graduation, 1941; employment at Slatersville Finishing Co. in Payroll Department; reaction to Pearl Harbor bombing; enlisted in WAVES in 1944; training and indoctrination at USNTS (WR) Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y.; member of singing platoon that appeared on Perry Como Show; Yeoman training at Oklahoma A&M, Stillwater, Okla.; assignment in Personnel Department at NAVTORSTA, Newport, R.I.; recreation; marriage, June 1945; VJ Day celebrations in Newport; discharged, November 1945; impact of WAVES service on her life; postwar employment; Ocean State WAVES membership.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Smith, Mary Alger, 1892–1987**

Wife of Cdr. Roy C. Smith, O.H. 62

Reminiscences of her youth and life as a Navy wife, including growing up in Annapolis on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Academy, social life with midshipmen, marriage, World War I, life in Shanghai and Chefoo, China, and travel to Manila, 1925–1928; assignment to the Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.I., and comments on the Naval War College in the 1930s; impressions of Admirals W. T. Sampson, W. Rodgers, J. P. Pringle, T. Hart, R. A. Spruance, E. G. Kalbfus and Capt. R. C. Smith; assignment to Hawaii; retirement in Newport, R.I., 1940.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Smith, Norma G. Hall, 1922–**

NNC, USN, O.H. 230

Reminiscences of service in the Navy Nurse Corps, 1944–1945. Includes youth in Rhode Island, graduation from high school in 1939; graduation from Pawtucket Memorial Hospital Nurses Training; joined NNC in 1944; indoctrination, Norfolk Naval Hospital; assigned to

Newport Naval Hospital and duties there; assigned to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Naval Hospital; VJ Day in Hawaii; assigned to Kwajalein, Marshall Islands; primitive living and working conditions; met husband there; discharged in 1946; marriage, November 1946; part-time nursing; various moves; settled in Lincoln, R.I.; impact of service on life and positive comments on NNC.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Smith, Virginia Copeland, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 193

Reminiscences of a WWII Wave. Includes early years in Attleboro, Mass.; training as occupational therapist at Westbrook Junior College; reaction to Pearl Harbor bombing, enlisted in WAVES in 1944; description of training; housing; classes at U.S. Naval Training School (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; assignment at St. Albans Naval Hospital and duties there; social life and recreation; course in occupational therapy, Cornell Medical School; VJ Day celebrations in New York City; assigned to Brooklyn Naval Hospital with rating of Pharmacist's Mate, Second Class; discharged in September 1946; enjoyed service in the WAVES; postwar jobs and interests; member WAVES National and Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Streeter, Ruth Cheney, Col., USMC (Ret.)**

Director, USMC (WR), Microfiche, O.H. 155

Oral History interview with the Director of the Women Marines in WWII. Contains an account of her growing-up years, life on the home front during WWI; the establishment of the Cheney award in honor of her brother; WWII and Women Marines; her membership in the New Jersey Relief Council during the Depression; and postwar service on the New Jersey Veterans Council.

Columbia University Oral History Program, NY, N.Y. microfiche.

### **Sullivan, Mary Catherine Keenan, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 206

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served in WWII as a Yeoman. Includes youth in Providence, R.I.; Secretary, OPA, 1924–1944; enlisted in the WAVES in 1944; training and indoctrination at USNTS, Bronx, N.Y.; Yeoman training at Iowa State College, Cedar Falls, Iowa; assignment at Quonset Point NAS as Yeoman, Naval Air Bases Group; social life and recreation; barracks living; VJ Day celebration; transfer to Department of Interior, Coal Mines Administration, 1946–1947; discharged in June 1947; joined USNR, 1948; marriage and family; employment as secretary, Metropolitan Life; membership in Ocean State WAVES; impact of WAVES on life.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Taylor, Floride Hewitt, 1915–**

O.H. 148

An interview with Mrs. Floride Taylor, Admiral Hewitt's daughter, with her reminiscences of his life, family, and career, including his education at the U.S. Naval Academy; ship commands; assignments during World War I and World War II and comments on Operation Torch, 1942; opinions of naval and military leaders, including Admirals Raymond A. Spruance; Chester W. Nimitz, Husband Kimmel and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower; postwar career including command of the Twelfth Fleet and assignment at the Naval War College and UN; retirement in Orwell, Vt., and activities; included is an account of her life as well, including education in Newport schools, the Newport Naval Base, life at the U.S. Naval Academy, marriage to Captain LeRoy Taylor; WWII and its impact on Newport and on Navy families; Post-World War II assignments in Italy and Malta; career and family.

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**Trenn, Rita Callanan, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 228

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE. Includes her growing up years in Rhode Island, work at Brown and Sharp; reaction to Pearl Harbor attack, enlisted in WAVES in 1943; attended USNTS (WR), Hunter College; attended Storekeeper School in Bloomington, Ind.; assigned to Cornell University in Disbursing Office for Naval Officers and Trainees; reaction of Navy enlisted men to WAVES; D-Day news; assigned to Hawaii in Naval Base Disbursing Office; VJ Day celebrations; met Captains McAfee and Hancock; WAVES a positive experience; impact of WAVES service on her life; marriage and stayed in R.I.; worked at R.I. Hospital; member Ocean State WAVES.

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**Tweedly, Muriel Kellum, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 217

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes youth in Texas; employment at Air Base; enlisted in Navy in 1944; training at USNTS (WR), Hunter College; Yeoman School at Oklahoma State University; assigned to Jacksonville NAS; work responsibilities, social life; VJ Day; civilian support for the military; marriage, 1945; impact of war and WAVES service on life; Ocean State WAVES member.

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**Vary, Yvette Richard, 1921–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 242

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes youth in Central Falls, R.I.; high school graduation in 1941; employed at Providence Braid; reaction to Pearl Harbor attack;

kept up with wartime news; patriotism motive for joining the WAVES in April 1944; enlisted with her sister; trained at USNTS (WR), Bronx, N.Y.; daily schedule at Hunter College; classes; marching uniforms; food; New York City visits; was in movie "Here Come the WAVES"; assigned to Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I., in Personnel Department as a Yeoman Striker; her sister worked with IBM computers; social life and dances; WAVES were well treated; death of FDR; VJ Day celebrations; discharged in February 1946; returned to Central Falls; took flying lessons; attended Bryant College on the GI Bill; WAVES was a positive experience; made lifelong friends; attended WAVES conventions; member WAVES National and Ocean State WAVES.

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### **Vibberts, Helen Goss, 1916–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 283

Reminiscences of a WAVE officer during WWII. Includes youth in New Britain, Conn.; graduate of Vassar College; work experience; joined the WAVES in 1943; trained at U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School (WR); Communications Officer, Port Director's Office, New York City, 1943–1944; Fleet Radio Pacific, Hawaii; postwar employment at *Time* magazine; marriage and community activities; significance of her naval service.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Villeneuve, Esther Fritz, 1922–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 204

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served as a Storekeeper during WWII. Focus is on early years in Titonka, Iowa, where she attended high school and worked; attended Warburg College; worked in Mason City, Iowa; enlisted in WAVES in 1943; comments on training at USNTS, Bronx, N.Y.; advanced training at Milledgeville, Ga., as Storekeeper; assigned to Norfolk Naval Base in Dispersing Office; social life; barracks life; met husband there; sang in WAVES chorus; VJ Day in Norfolk; discharged in April 1946; impact of WAVES on life; settled in Pawtucket, R.I.; work and family; membership and offices in Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Waite, Nellie Welch, 1922–1998**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 201

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served as a Storekeeper in WWII. Includes early years in Barrington, R.I.; high school graduation; employment with telephone company, Providence, R.I.; reaction to attack on Pearl Harbor; enlisted in the Navy in 1943; training and indoctrination at USNTS, (WR), Bronx, N.Y.; assigned to NAS, Atlanta, Ga., as Disbursing Clerk Storekeeper Rate; pay; recreation; barracks; food; work duties; esprit de corps; VJ Day

celebrations; discharged in February 1946; impact of WAVES service on life; marriage, 1947; interest in antiques; antiques business.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

## **WAVES Officers**

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Hancock, Joy Bright, Capt., USN

Enlisted with the Navy 1918; First Class Yeoman, Naval Superintending Constructor, Camden, N.J., 1918; Naval Air Station, Cape May, N.J.; Captain's Writer, NAS, Cape May, N.J.; discharged 1920; in England for one year; BuAer, Washington, D.C., 1921; Founder and Editor, Newsletter, BuAer, Washington, D.C., 1925; Representative, BuAer, Washington, D.C.; joined the Navy 1942; Editorial Research, BuAer; Publicity Agent, BuAer; Liaison Officer, WAVES, BuAer; Women's Reserve Representative *Policies for WAVES in Naval Aviation*; Director, WAVES, 1946–1953; retired, 1954.

Horton, Mildred McAfee, Capt., USNR

Organization and training of WAVES during World War II; Director, WAVES, 1942–1945.

Palmer, Jean, Capt., USNR

Education, Bryn Mawr College; Business Manager, Association of Junior Leagues of America, NY, N.Y., fourteen years; Senior LT, Com 3, 1942; WAVE Representative, Enlisted Personnel Office.

Shelly, Mary Josephine, Lt. Cdr., USNR

Assistant, Dean of Students, University of Chicago, Ill.; Assistant to the President, Educational Administration, Bennington College, Vt.; LCDR, WAVES, BuPers, Washington, D.C., 1942–1945 (was in charge of WAVE officer recruitment); Bennington College, Vermont, 1945–1951.

Stratton, Dorothy, Capt., USCG

Women's Reserve, Navy; B.A., Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kans.; Master's Degree, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.; Ph.D., Columbia University; Dean of Women, Purdue University; Assistant to the CO, Radio Operator's School, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.; LCDR, Director, Women's Reserve (SPARS), Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., 1943–1944; CAPT, SPAR, CG HQ, Washington, D.C., 1944–1947; Retraining and Reemployment Administration, one and a half years; Personnel, International Monetary Fund, three and a half years; Girl Scouts, ten years; Representative, N.G.O., International Federation of University Women, United Nations, NY, N.Y., six years.

U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, Md.

## WAVES Officers

Vol. II, O.H. 119

Crandall, Elizabeth B., Cdr., USNR

Graduate work, Western Reserve University; Volunteer, Grenfell Medical Mission, Labrador; graduate work, Stanford; Dean of Women, Idaho; Personnel Staff, Stanford; Women's Director, District Headquarters, 1944–1945; Twelfth Naval District; retired.

Kitchen, Etta Belle, Cdr., USN

Attorney; Lt. (j.g.), Thirteenth Naval District, Seattle, Wash.; Bremerton, 1946; Civilian 1946–48; LCDR USN, Naval Training Board, 1948; Personnel Office, WAVES, San Diego, Calif., 1951; Office of Performance Division, BuPers, Washington, D.C.; CDR, Reserve Training Department, WAVES, San Diego; CO, Recruit Training Command, Bainbridge, Md.

Lenihan, Rita, Capt., USN

College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, N.J.; Columbia University; home lighting engineer, six years; Master's Degree, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; Commissioned in the WAVES, 1943; Plans and Policy Division, BuPers, Washington, D.C.

Rich, Frances L., Cdr., USNR

Engineering Draftsman, Lockheed Aircraft Co., Burbank, Calif.; Drill and Discipline Officer, USNMS (WR), Northampton, Mass., 1943; Lt. (j.g.), Communications Department, WAVES, Washington, D.C., 1943–1944; Lt. Cdr., Special Assistant, Capt. Mildred McAfee, WAVES, Washington, D.C., 1944–1945.

Rigby, Eleanor Grant, Cdr., USNR

Graduated, Smith College, 1918; Connecticut Defense Council, 1941–1942; Lt. (j.g.), Assistant, Regimental Commander, LT Crandall, WAVES, USN, Northampton, Mass., eighteen months; U.S. Naval Training School, WR, Bronx, N.Y., 1943–1944; District Director, Fourteenth Naval District, WAVES, Hawaii, 1944.

Smith, Margaret Chase, Senator

Member, Naval Affairs Committee, House of Representatives, 1940; Naval Affairs Committee, 1943; Armed Services Committee.

Wilde, Louise K., Capt., USNR

Graduate, Mount Holyoke, 1931; Reporter, the Springfield Union; Fundraiser and Public Relations, Rockford, Ill.; Master's Degree in Personal Administration, Columbia University; Freshman Dean, Assistant to the President, Rockford, Ill., until WWII; Public relations, Lt. (j.g.), WAVES, USN, 1942.

Wiley, Tova Petersen, USNR

Graduated from the University of California, 1926; Training Director and Fashion Coordinator, the Emporium, San Francisco, Calif., 1926–1942; Office of Naval Procurement, WAVES, 1942–1943; Assistant Director, XO, Women’s Reserve, WAVES, Washington, D.C. 1943–1945.

U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, Md.

**Wheeler, Barbara Gale, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 272

Reminiscences of a WAVE who served in WWII. Includes youth in Danielson, Conn.; education and work experience; joined the WAVES in 1944; trained at USNTS (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; assigned to Hospital Corps; attended Corps School, Bethesda, Md.; assigned to Naval Base Hospital Dispensary, Charleston, S.C.; discusses living quarters, roommates, social life, and work; discharged in 1946; significance of naval service.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**White, Luisa Costagliola, 1924–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 222

Reminiscences of a WAVE Link Trainer Instructor in WWII. Includes youth in Providence, R.I.; employment at Shepards Department Store; Pearl Harbor attack; patriotism, enlistment and publicity; training at USNTS (WR), Bronx, N.Y.; NAB Atlanta, Ga., for training; assigned to NAS Lake City, Fla., as Ground School Trainer; social life; marriage in 1945; discharged in 1945; impact of WAVES on her life; postwar life and work; membership in Ocean State WAVES.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Winters, Margaret Ebbitt, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 223

Reminiscences of a WWII enlisted WAVE. Includes her youth in Newport, R.I.; enlisted in WAVES for patriotic reasons in 1943; trained at USNTS (WR), Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y.; Attended Storekeeper School, Milledgeville, Ga.; assigned to Disbursing Office, Norfolk Naval Base, where she figured payroll and made payments; resentment of WAVES by sailors; social life, VJ Day; impact of WAVES service on her life; attended Bryant College on GI Bill; returned to Newport.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **Wood, Barbara Brandt, 1921–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 232

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE officer who was the daughter of a naval officer. Graduated from Smith College in 1943 and enlisted in USN, June 1943; trained at USNMS (WR), daily routine and classes; remained at USNMS as instructor in ships, aircraft and ordnance and gave talks to civic organizations; weekends in Newport, R.I.; flying lessons; assigned to Hydrographic Office, Chart Revision Division, Suitland, Md.; importance of updating charts for fleet; social life and tennis games with flag rank officers; VJ Day in Washington, D.C.; marriage in November 1945 in Newport, R.I.; impression of Capt. Mildred McAfee; attended Harvard University for M.A. on GI Bill; impact of WAVES service on life; travel to Solomon Islands, 1995; postwar Navy connections.

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### **World War II**

O.H. 147

“What Did You Do in the War, Grandma?” An oral history of Rhode Island women during World War II written by students in the Honors English Program at South Kingstown High School and supported by a grant from the Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities and cosponsored by the South Kingstown School Department and the Rhode Island Historical Society, with an Introduction by Linda Wood and an essay on Women and World War II by Dr. Sharon H. Strom and Linda Wood.

Interviews focus on the reactions of local women to the war, their involvement as volunteers and on active duty, pacifism, life on the home front, the end of the war, and the impact it had on their lives as well as the social changes it brought.

### **Wright, Louise Platt, Lt. Cdr., USN (Ret.) 1922–**

USN, O.H. 215

Reminiscences of Lt. Cdr. Wright, who served in the WAVES in WWII and entered the Navy in 1949. Includes youth in Providence, R.I.; graduation from URI; joined the WAVES in 1943 as an enlisted rate; training at USNTS (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; assigned to WAVE Quarters D, Specialist Rate; enrolled in USNMS (WR), Smith College and then Communication School at Mount Holyoke College, stationed at Communication Station, Newport, R.I.; discharged in January 1947. Attended Boston University Law School, 1947–1949; joined the regular Navy in 1949; assigned to First Naval District, Boston; Boston Naval Shipyard; Yokosuka, Japan, as Administrative Assistant to CO, Fleet Activities; Legal Office, Yokosuka, Japan; Naval Legislative; Liaison to U.S. Congress; Enlisted Personnel Officer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eastern Sea Frontier, New York City; Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.; Director Reserve Personnel, New York City; medical disability in 1966; annotated statutes for Conn. Law Journal; assessment of naval career.

Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Yarnall, Jean Teresino, 1923–**

WAVE, USN, O.H. 198

Reminiscences of a WWII WAVE who served as a Link Trainer Instructor. Includes early years in Hartford, Conn.; employment at Connecticut General Life Insurance Co.; reaction to Pearl Harbor attack; enlisted in the WAVES in 1943; training and indoctrination at USNTS (WR) Bronx, N.Y.; Link Trainer School, NAS Atlanta, Ga.; living conditions and social life; watches; instructor billet in maintenance procedures and voice procedures, Atlanta, Ga.; Link Trainer Instructor at Groton NAS, Groton, Conn., then Quonset Point, R.I.; promotion to Chief; marriage in 1948; Navy wife; discharged from Navy in 1950; attendance at WAVE reunions; Ocean State WAVES; employment as Head, Circulation Department, Warwick Public Library; impact of WAVES service on her life.

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## Reminiscences

### **Alsmeyer, Marie Bennett, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1943–1946, 1 item, 6pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Youth was spent in Falfurrias, Tex., where she graduated from high school. Attended Texas A&M University in Kingsville for a year where she studied journalism. Enlisted in the Navy in April 1943, and attended U.S. Naval Training School (WR) in Bronx, N.Y., for three weeks. Joined the Hospital Corps, trained at Long Beach Naval Hospital and then was stationed at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif., in the Pathology Department for three years. Thrilled when the war was over. Discharged in Memphis in 1945, she returned to Texas where she attended the University of Texas on the GI Bill. Married, had a family, and wrote three books: *The Way of the WAVES*, *Old WAVES' Tales*, and *Six Years After D-Day: Cycling through Europe*. Service in the WAVES was a positive experience for her.

### **Baier, Dorothy V. Blair, 1921–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 7 items, 10pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent on farms in Nebraska and Idaho. Graduated from Boise High School in 1938, attended Boise Junior College and the College of Idaho, where she graduated in 1941 with a teaching degree. Taught high school in Fairfield, Idaho, until she enlisted in the Navy in November 1943. Attended basic training at Hunter College in New York City for six weeks, where she was a member of the singing platoon. After attending aerial gunnery school in Pensacola, Fla., was transferred to NAS Banana River, Fla., where she was one of the first WAVES at Air Bomber's Training Unit (ABTU) for eighteen months. Was a bombardier instructor and the first female to drop a bomb from an airplane. Was discharged in 1945 from NAS Banana River due to her first pregnancy. After the war she had a family, taught school at various stations, and retired in 1982. Her husband served in the Navy for thirty years. She and the other three WAVES bombardier instructors still keep in touch. Service in the WAVES was a great experience for her. Copies of photographs and newspaper articles included.

### **Battani, May N. Giuricich, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945; 11 items, 5pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent in Long Beach, N.Y., where she graduated from high school. She attended Woods Business School, where she trained to be a secretary. She enlisted in the Navy in February 1943 and began basic training at Hunter College in New York City. Was stationed at NAS Corpus Christi, Tex., six weeks later as a Petty Officer Third Class working for a Marine Corps colonel. She was very active in sports on the base and traveled to Army bases to compete against WAC teams. She was discharged from NAS Corpus Christi in 1945 and would have reenlisted if she had known it was possible. Married, had a family, and worked as a secretary. Attended numerous WAVES reunions. Questionnaire, copies of photographs, newspaper clippings, letters, and certificates included.

### **Bedsole, Virginia Bieneck, 1920–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 9 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She grew up in Indiana and graduated from Hughes Hill School in Silverton, Ind., in 1936. Studied for two years at the University of Cincinnati before enlisting in the Navy in 1943. In February she reported to the WAVES Training Center at Hunter

College in Bronx, N.Y., and then went on to the Yeoman School in Stillwater, Okla. Assigned to the Personnel Department at NAS San Diego for eighteen months. Was then among the first group of WAVES to go to Hawaii, where she worked in the NAS Honolulu Public Relations Department. A story about WAVES coming to Hawaii, along with her picture, was on the front pages of the *Honolulu Advertiser* and *Hawaiian Life* magazine. Discharged in Honolulu in 1945, she returned home, married, and became a Navy spouse. Original photographs and copies of newspaper clippings included.

**Bennett, Jeane Morrison, 1917–; Reminiscences, 1942–1945, 2 items, 2pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Massachusetts; her father was a Mayflower descendent. Graduated from Lasell Seminary in 1935 and Colby Junior College in New Hampshire in 1937. Was a secretary before enlisting in the Navy in September 1942. Attended Yeoman classes at Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater and graduated as a Yeoman Third Class in 1943. She went on to Midshipman's School at Columbia University, married, and was then stationed at NAS Jacksonville with her husband. She was a secretary for the telephone and radio officers. She was discharged as a Yeoman Second Class in the summer of 1944 due to pregnancy. The Navy was a positive experience for her and she still stays in contact with many other WAVES.

**Black, Helen Yvonne Langan, 1922–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 2 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent in Odell, Ill., where she graduated from St. Paul High School in 1940. Enlisted in the Navy in May 1943 and attended boot camp at Hunter College in New York. Assigned to the Hospital Corps at Great Lakes, Ill., and trained as a Pharmacist's Mate. Was then stationed at Camp Elliot, Calif., as a Pharmacist's Mate. Discharged from Camp Elliot in 1945, married, and had seven children. Had a wonderful time in the Navy and still attends WAVES reunions.

**Bloomfield, Maralee M. Laufman, 1918–; Reminiscences, 1944–1948, 13 items, 6pp.**

WASP and WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent in the Cleveland/Akron, Ohio, area, where she graduated from East High School in 1936. Attended Kent State University for one and a half years and then worked various jobs. In 1942, she started taking flying lessons and joined the Civil Air Patrol in Ohio. Applied to the WASP program and was accepted for pilot training in Sweetwater, Tex., in August 1943. She trained until November and when she did not pass her check ride she was discharged. Two months later she enlisted in the Navy and attended boot camp at Hunter College in New York. Was selected to attend Air Traffic Controller school at NAS Atlanta, Ga., and was one of the first WAVES to be stationed at Rodd Field, NAS Corpus Christi, Tex. In 1945, when Rodd Field closed, she was transferred to NAS Kingsville where she became an Air Controlman Chief. Was discharged, did not like civilian life, and reenlisted within a month. She was stationed again in Corpus Christi where she worked in the Control Tower, trained her future husband, and married him. They lived in base housing at Cuddihy Field until they both were discharged in August 1948. They moved back to Ohio where she worked as a slide librarian for the General Electric Company. Her time in the military was very positive and she would encourage any young woman to join the Navy. Items include an interview, original photograph, copies of meal tickets, pay receipts, shoe and uniform vouchers, official letters, and photographs.

**Brengal, Rita Houlberg, 1918–; Reminiscences, 1942–1945, 17 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Sherman, Conn. Graduated from New Milford High School in 1934 and attended Danbury Teacher's College in Connecticut for one year. She enlisted in 1942 in New York and attended boot camp in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Attended Naval Air Technical Training Center in Memphis, Tenn., for a rating as an Aviation Machinist's Mate and served as a platoon leader. During a parade in Memphis, she led the second platoon of WAVES stationed there. While stationed as an aviation machinist at Rodd Field in Corpus Christi, Tex., she was an active member of the chorus and musical production group. After she was discharged in 1945, she married an Army officer, became a secretary, and moved back to Sherman, Conn. In 1989, they retired and moved to Sun City, Nev. Her experience as a WAVE was positive and she is still very active in various WAVES organizations. Copies of letters, newspaper articles, and photographs included.

**Brooks, Anna Elisabeth Kipp, 1924–; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 12 items, 6pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent in Union City, N.J., where she graduated from Emerson High School in 1941. She attended John Marshall College, a two-year college, in Jersey City, N.J., and graduated in 1942. While she was in college, her sister Mildred became a RN and served in the Army Nurse Corps. Enlisted in the Navy in June 1944. After boot camp at Hunter College in New York, she was sent to Naval Radio Training School in Oxford, Ohio. She had classes in typing, radio procedure, and Morse code. Obtained a fox certificate in January 1945 and was transferred to Washington, D.C., to work at the Navy's Main Shore Station. There read, typed, and sent teletype and Morse code messages. Had mixed feelings about the end of the war. Knew it meant she would be leaving the service soon. Was discharged in March 1946, and attended Rutgers University in New Jersey, graduating in 1948. Married in 1949 and spent many years as a mother to five children, a social group worker, and a social case worker in New Jersey. Items included are an interview, original photographs, letters, and radio passes.

**Cagney, Mary V. Lauer, 1920–; Reminiscences, 1943–1944, 2 items, 5pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent in Dorchester, Mass., where she graduated from Dorchester High School for Girls in 1938. She enlisted in January 1943 and was sworn in at the recruiting office in Boston, Mass. Her initial training was at Hunter College in New York. She then transferred to the Communication Annex in Washington, D.C., where she learned to read schematic sheets in order to set up machines. Felt this job was routine and boring and did not like the required security. Even though she did not enjoy this billet, she did enjoy her time as a WAVE. Was discharged in June 1944 due to pregnancy. She married while in Washington, D.C., and had six children. She is still active in WAVES organizations. Items included are an interview and a photograph.

**Call, Dorothy Riehle, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 10 items, 2pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born in 1923 and raised in Cresco, Iowa. The town boasted five admirals and this encouraged her to enlist in the Navy in 1943 after she had graduated from Cresco High School. She trained at Hunter College in New York and was

assigned to Yeoman School in Stillwater, Okla. After completing her training she was transferred to the Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, D.C., where she was assigned to the Engineering Division, Experimental Section. She served as a courier, physically carrying secret material to and from offices and departments. From there, she worked at WAVE headquarters, in D.C., where she met her future husband. They were married in 1945. Was discharged in August of 1945 and attended college at Indiana University on the GI Bill. Had three children and became a teacher, retiring in 1983. Her Navy experience gave her self-confidence. Items included are an interview, newspaper, copies of personal letters, copies of certificates, and a copy of a BuAer log.

**Cassanos, Helen Lynch, 1921–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 20 items, 13pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She spent her childhood years in St. Joseph, Mo., where she graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in 1939. Attended Junior College in St. Joseph and Mt. St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kans., graduating in 1943. Enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August 1943 and became part of the first unit, nicknamed the Pony Express, to go through boot camp together at Hunter College in New York. Liked the WAVE uniform. Was assigned to the Link Trainer School at Atlanta, Ga., for three months, where she took classes on the history of the link, how it worked, and how to “fly” the link. She was transferred to NAS Corpus Christi, Tex., and NAS Kingsville, Tex., where she was in the instrument phase of training and then became part of the instrument squadron. As a Link Trainer Instructor, taught the cadets the basic procedures for their instrument flights. Was discharged from Kingsville. Went to graduate school and worked in the social work field and got married. Had a positive experience serving in the WAVES and has given great details concerning her housing arrangements. Items include: nineteen photographs, newspaper clipping, and interview.

**Clements, Dorothy Dill, 1924–; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 1 item, 1pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Lexington, Ohio, and received her GED. Enlisted in 1944 and attended boot camp at Hunter College, New York City. From there, she was assigned to NAS Pensacola, Fla., where she worked in the Parachute Loft, issuing parachutes to instructors and cadets. Promoted to storekeeper and was discharged on May 16, 1946, and was married the next day. After the war she worked for the Department of Agriculture for twenty-four years. She enjoyed her time in the Navy and is a member of WAVES National.

**Clifford, Mary Faul, 1917–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 8 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She grew up in northwestern Pennsylvania and graduated from Kane High School. After enlisting in the U.S. Navy in May 1943, she attended Hunter College in New York for basic training. She was transferred to Madison, Wis., for Radio Operator School. Once she passed her exams she was sent to Norfolk, Va. Discharged in November 1945. The WAVES experience was a wonderful one. It gave her confidence and independence, and broadened her horizons. After leaving the Navy she married a man she met in Norfolk, had five children, and retired from the work force. Items include photograph, newspaper clippings, comics, and interview.

**Clough, Jeanne Thompson, 1922–; Reminiscences, 1944–1945, 25 items, 8pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She spent her youth in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Cleveland Extension High School in 1944. She had five brothers who served in World War II, her mother and father in World War I, her great-uncle Harry Thompson in the Spanish-American War, her great-grandfather Edward Thompson in the Civil War in the Union Army, and her great-great-great-grandfather served in the War of 1812. Her family was very supportive of her enlisting in the military. Originally, she enlisted with the Marines in May of 1944, but their quotas had already been met, so in August they allowed her to join the WAVES instead. Received her basic training and indoctrination at Hunter College in New York. She joined the Medical Corps and trained at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland and then transferred to NAS Corpus Christi in Texas. She married one of her patients in January of 1945 and was discharged in June. She still carries on her family's military tradition with her association with WAVES. Items included are photographs, copies of photographs, newspaper article, copies of newspaper articles, copies of certificates, orders, and letters.

**Crisler, Otho Pearle Cooley, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 11 items, 5pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Pittsburg, Tex., and graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1940. She could not afford college so she went to Dallas to find a job. She signed up with the National Youth Administration and went to radio school where she learned how to assemble radios. She liked the WAVES motto so she decided to join and was sworn in May 1943. Rode a troop train with many other girls headed for boot camp at Hunter College in New York. After six weeks of boot camp, she headed for Aviation Machinist Mates School in Norman, Okla. While she was in school she and a friend went down the hall to spend time with a couple of Air Force men. They were caught by shore patrol, arrested, and put on restriction for sixty days. She was transferred to work on the airplane the "Yellow Peril" at NAS Dallas, Tex. She left that job after being wrongfully accused of causing a crash and went on to work in the Radio Shop. She was reassigned to NAS Norman, Okla., to work on the flight line. She married in March of 1945 and was discharged in July due to pregnancy. After her time in the Navy, she raised six children and worked in the civil service for fifteen years. Items include photographs and an interview.

**Diming, Ellen, 1921–; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 3 items, 2pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born in Newfoundland and grew up in Boston, Mass. After she graduated from Roxbury Memorial High School in 1939, she attended Bridgewater State College and received her B.S. in Education in 1943. She enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and was disappointed that she could not get into Officer Candidate School due to failing an eye exam. She attended boot camp at Hunter College, New York, and stayed there to train recruits. Once boot camp closed, she was transferred to Manhattan Towers in New York and worked discharging WAVES. She was discharged in May of 1946 and enrolled in Harvard Graduate School of Education on the GI Bill. Items included are an interview and letters.

**Dixon, Mary Knugle, 1920–; Reminiscences, 1944–1964, 8 items, 34pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio, and graduated from Struthers High School in 1938 and College of Wooster in 1942 with a B.S. in Geology.

She enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and attended Hunter College in New York for basic training. She had additional training at NAS Lakehurst, N.J., in aviation issues: meteorology, instruments, decoding, and weather. Her first job as an Aerographer was at NAS Corpus Christi, Tex. While there, she witnessed German prisoners of war being brought in and lived in the barracks next door to them. Was able to fly aboard in a PBY, minus guns, in order to record the weather. Returned to Lakehurst for more advanced training and from there she was stationed at Moffet Field, Calif., and Fleet Weather Central San Francisco, which later moved to NAS Alameda. While at NAS Alameda was promoted to Chief. Transferred to NAS Seattle and forecasted the weather. Was disappointed to find out she had been moved to the Fleet Weather Control Center in Suitland, Md., where she plotted and analyzed maps. Took exams for E-8 and passed, leading her to become one of the first women to be part of a Leadership program under BuPers. Was able to travel all over the United States and stayed with the program for over one year. Her last duty station was Lakehurst again, this time as the Lead Instructor. Retired in May 1964, moved to Tucson, Ariz., got her M.A., and became a school librarian. She is still active in various WAVE organizations. Items included: photograph, photograph copies, stamp, newspaper articles, and interview.

**Eckstien, Marion Nelson, 1918–; Reminiscences, 1942–1944, 5 items, 8pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born in Killam, Alberta, Canada, and moved to Tracy, Minn., when she was five. Attended Tracy High School until grade eleven. Enlisted in the Navy in 1942. Was married one week before she received her orders to boot camp at Cedar Falls, Iowa. Was selected to attend the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Norman, Okla. After six months of training was stationed at NAS Livermore, Calif., as an Aviation Mechanic. She did various jobs on the planes and each plane she overhauled she was able to fly in with the pilots. Here she learned basic training and became a pilot. Was transferred to NAS Jacksonville, Fla., where she honed cylinders. Was discharged at Great Lakes Naval Station. After the Navy, she raised children, two of whom joined the Navy as well. Items include: original song sheet of the WAVES, photocopy of discharge, 1944, Christmas Day Dinner menu, and interview.

**Ellis, Helen Clanin, 1918–; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 3 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent in Swayzee, Ind., where she graduated from high school. She attended Ball Teacher's College in Muncie and graduated in 1940 with a degree in teaching. Taught high school for four years before she enlisted in the Navy in 1944. Her basic training was at Hunter College in New York for twelve weeks, and from there she attended a twelve-week gunnery school in Great Lakes, Ill. Her first assignment was at Newport (Rhode Island) Naval Station, teaching pre-commissioning school personnel. Stayed there for one and a half years and was discharged in July 1945. Married a man she met in Newport, went on to school at New York University, and raised three children. She is involved in various WAVE organizations and enjoyed her time in the Navy. Items included are photographs, including one of Capt. Grace Hopper, and an interview.

**Emigholz, Virginia, 1913–; Reminiscences, 1943–1946, 2 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born, raised, and graduated from high school in Kewanee, Ill. Enlisted as an officer in the Navy in August 1943 and was sent to Smith College and

Mount Holyoke College for basic training. Her first and only assignment was at the Naval Code and Signal Lab in Washington, D.C., watching enlisted girls wire the wheels that worked the code machines. Civilians in her office treated the WAVES with the same respect given to men. Was discharged as a Lt. (j.g.) in January 1946. Her naval career was a pleasant and rewarding experience.

**Enochs, Dorothy Biddle, ca. 1922–; Reminiscences, 1943–circa 1945, 7 items, 3pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa. Attended Frankford High School and graduated in 1940. Enlisted in the Navy in February 1943 and went directly to basic training for six weeks at Hunter College, New York, in the 3rd regiment. Was selected for Storekeeper School at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. Was transferred to Manhattan and trained as an inspector of WAVE uniforms. Her job entailed opening boxes of uniforms and checking them. Did not enjoy this job and was happy to be discharged in 1945. She married and raised a family after getting out of the Navy. Items include: copies of photographs, copies of enlisted uniform requirements, procurement directions, a women's reserve first anniversary booklet, and interview.

**Etreim, Caryl Jones, 1920–; Reminiscences, 1943–1946, 1 item, 6pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She spent her youth in Hawkeye, Iowa, and graduated from high school in 1938. She then attended Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa, for twelve weeks and obtained a teacher's certificate. After teaching for a few months, went to work for the government at the Iowa Ordnance Plant. Worked in the plant for three years and enlisted in the Navy in June 1943. Attended boot camp at Hunter College, New York, and went on to Storekeeper School in Milledgeville, Ga. Her first job was for one year at the Bureau of Supply and Accounts in Washington, D.C. Transferred to the new Disbursing Center in Great Lakes, Ill., which later became the Special Discharge Disbursement Office. The Navy issued an order saying that anyone signing up for an extra six months would get an automatic raise of one pay grade; she instantly became a Chief. After her discharge, went back to Upper Iowa University on the GI Bill, received her degree in Home Economics and Nutrition, got married, and raised three children on the family farm. Her time as a WAVE was a positive experience. Items included are photographs and an interview.

**Eubanks, Alice Keirman, 1920–; Reminiscences, 1942–1945, 1 item, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She spent her youth in Illinois and graduated from Du Quion Township High School in 1939. Enlisted in the Navy in St. Louis, Mo., on November 6, 1942. Attended Naval Training School in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for six weeks and then transferred to NAS Sand Point in Seattle, Wash.; where she was a chauffeur, a Guard Mail carrier, and a dispatcher. She married an Army man she met in 1944 and then was discharged due to pregnancy on January 8, 1945. After the Navy she worked at a meat-packing plant and later became a dispatcher for the police department. Her experience was a very positive one: "I loved the Navy then and I still do."

**Fischer, Leslie, 1917–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 4 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. She graduated from James Madison High School in Brooklyn in 1935 and then attended Columbia University and New York University. Enlisted in the Navy in December 1943 and received her initial training at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y. From there, her unit was the first group of WAVES to arrive in Newport, R.I. Spent one and a half years in Newport as a Masters-at-Arms. Was discharged in December 1945. Finished her college degree in Physical Education and worked for a telephone company. She felt very patriotic enlisting as a WAVE. Items include: original photographs, copy of newspaper clipping, and interview.

**Fitzgerald, June, 1921–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 2 items, 3pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Andover, Mass., and graduated from Punchard High School in 1939. Since her husband was in the Army National Guard, she enlisted in the Navy in 1943. Attended basic training at Hunter College in New York for three weeks and then went to Lakehurst, N.J., for three months to learn how to pack and repair parachutes. Her first assignment was in Olathe, Kansas, as a Parachute Rigger where she worked on the flight-line handing out parachutes to officers and cadets. After fifteen months she was transferred to Memphis, Tenn., and continued to work as a Parachute Rigger. Discharged in 1945 when her husband arrived home from the war. Attended Essex College, received her Nursing degree, and raised five children. She is grateful for her experience as a WAVE. An interview and original photograph are included.

**Folk, Elinor Johnson, 1917–; Reminiscences, 1942–1944, 15 items, 26pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent in Long Beach, Calif., where she graduated from Manual Arts High School in 1935. She took college courses at Los Angeles Junior College, University of Southern California, and University of California Los Angeles but did not graduate. She worked as an insurance underwriter before enlisting in the Navy in October 1942. She was in the first group, over 1000, of enlisted WAVES to be sent to basic training at Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. After six weeks of training she was one of seventy-five chosen to become a Link Trainer instructor. She was given two weeks off since the training facilities at NAS Atlanta were not ready. Upon arriving in Atlanta, quarters for the WAVES were not ready either so all WAVES were housed at the Atlanta Biltmore for the entire time they were there. Since training buildings were not ready the Fox Theatre was used as the Link Training Room. She spent eight weeks learning navigation, radio communication, instrument flying, etc. From there she went to NAS Pensacola where she was one of the first ten enlisted WAVES to be stationed there. She trained cadets and officers, socialized with enlisted Navy men, and thoroughly enjoyed her five months in Pensacola. She was then transferred to the newly completed Whiting Field about forty-five miles away. She spent ten months as a Link Trainer instructor and was transferred again to Sand Point Naval Air Station in Seattle, Wash. She was one of thirty-five WAVES selected to be trained in the technicalities of the Celestial Link Trainer. She was fortunate enough to meet Mildred McAfee twice. After three months in Seattle, she married a Navy man and was discharged in July 1944. After the Navy, she worked for the Red Cross, went back to college, and became a producer, announcer, and newscaster for the Public Radio Station in Nashville, Tenn. Her experience as a WAVE was an extremely positive one. Items included are copies of photographs, including Mildred McAfee and the opening of Whiting Field, copies of

newspaper articles, copies of magazine articles, copies of diagrams of Loxley and Foley ranges, and an interview.

**Foy, R. Erwin, 1918–; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 1 item, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Union Point, Greene County, Ga. She graduated in a class of ten from Union Point High School in 1935 and received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Georgia in 1939. She joined the Navy as an officer in July 1944, and went to Smith College in Northampton, Mass., for twelve weeks of indoctrination. Her first assignment was at the Naval Training Center in Bainbridge, Md., where she gave tests to seamen. She was discharged as a Lt. (j.g.) in January 1946. Her uniform is in the Valentine Museum in Richmond, Va.

**Freid, Bernice Sains, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 6 items, 8pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent in St. Paul, Minn., where she graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in 1941. Her parents would not sign her enlistment papers, hence she waited until she was twenty-one and enlisted in 1944. Was the only Jewish recruit in her group attending boot camp at Hunter College in New York for six weeks. Was relieved to find out the Navy held Jewish services for Jewish WAVES. Was selected for Yeoman Training School in Stillwater, Okla., and spent two months learning typing, shorthand, and Navy protocol. Was transferred to the 12th Naval District Fleet Post Office in San Francisco, Calif., where she readdressed undeliverable mail. Requested a transfer to the typing section. Was such a skilled typist she was given extra leave to sightsee. After VJ Day, was transferred to the District Passenger Transportation Office. She enjoyed the job and was asked to remain for a promotion to Chief Petty Officer and a choice of any duty station. Requested a discharge in April 1946 because of her desire to go to college. However, she remained in the Naval Reserve until 1958. After the Navy she used the GI Bill to attend New York University and graduated with a B.S. in 1949 and New York City Teacher's College with a M.S. in 1953. Married and had two children. She is still active in WAVE organizations. Photographs, a poem, and an interview are included.

**Gailey, Rosalie Bray, 1924–; Reminiscences, 1945–1946, 1 item, 6pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Omaha, Neb., and raised in Nebraska. Graduated in 1941 from Hooker County High School in Mullen, Neb., and moved to Long Beach, Calif., to attend Long Beach Junior College. While attending college, worked as a draftsman for the Douglas Aircraft Company. Was accepted to the inactive Naval Reserve in May 1945 and waited for an assignment to active duty. Was sworn in in Los Angeles, Calif., and traveled to Hunter College, New York, for basic training. Was slated to go to Maryland as a draftsman but there was a greater need for clerical workers in the Separation Center in Washington, D.C. Processed the papers of those who were eligible for discharge and typed her own discharge papers in June 1946. Returned to California and used the GI Bill to enroll in the University of California at Los Angeles, where she graduated in 1950 with a degree in Business Administration. She married, had five children, and still keeps in contact with WAVES with whom she served.

**Gardner, Jacqueline Bergman, 1922–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 4 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in St. Paul, Minn. She graduated from the University of Minnesota laboratory school in 1939 and went on to the University of Minnesota majoring in personnel psychology; she graduated in 1943. Enlisted in the Navy in October, 1943, took the written test for officer training, and began her training courses at Smith College in Northampton, Mass. While she was in Northampton, she and a few other Officers in Training sang Christmas carols at Mrs. Calvin Coolidge's home and were invited in for refreshments. After two months of schooling, she was promoted to ensign and was assigned to Communication School at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., for two months. Transferred briefly to the 13th Naval District Headquarters in Seattle, Wash., working in the Code Room. In May 1944 was permanently stationed at the lighter-than-air base in Tillamook, Oreg., as a Communications Officer. Married another officer in February 1945, who had come home from the South Pacific and had orders to Fort Schuyler, New York. Was transferred there. Requested a discharge because of a pregnancy and it was approved in August 1945. After the war, she and her husband went back to Minnesota and raised three children. She received a Master's Degree in counseling psychology from the University of Minnesota and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in that field at Old Dominion University. Became a guidance counselor in the public schools. She enjoyed being a WAVE. Copies of photographs and an interview are included.

**Getchell, Priscilla Chaseat Morrison, 1921–; Reminiscences, 1943–1946, 26 items, 3pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Was born in Lowell, Mass., and raised in Norfolk, Mass., where she graduated from high school in 1938. Attended Boston University for one year and then went to Maine to work. In the fall of 1942 she received a letter from Boston University stating they were helping recruit women for the Navy. She enlisted and attended boot camp at Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, Iowa, with the second group of WAVE recruits. Was chosen to attend Link Trainer School in Atlanta, Ga., for ten weeks. She graduated in the top ten, which automatically made her an instructor there. Was involved with the WAVE and Station Chorus. She became the leading Petty Officer and requested an overseas tour. She was assigned to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, at CINCPAC. Her job entailed placing maps of airstrips that had been retaken from the Japanese into binders. Was transferred to NAS Kanaohe to run a school for sailors returning and needing new assignments. When thirty-eight Link Trainer instructors arrived at NAS Honolulu they were able to replace the men there and she became Chief. She taught Cross Country Navigation. She was discharged in January 1945. After the Navy, she got married, had nine children—six of whom served in the military—went back to college, and became a guidance counselor. Items included are: photographs, copies of photographs, copies of newspaper articles, copies of certificates, and copies of uniform vouchers and sales slips.

**Giese, Anna Marie Bauer, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 1 item, 5pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent in Pittsburg, Pa., where she graduated from high school in 1941. She worked as a secretary at a grain company before she enlisted in 1943. She traveled to Hunter College in New York for six weeks of basic training. Was chosen for the Medical Corps and went to Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois for another six weeks of training. Transferred to the Naval Air Station at Peru, Ind., where she worked in the dispensary typing medical records. She requested to go overseas and was sent to Honolulu,

Hawaii, where she worked at Hospital 128. Attended to many of the casualties from the fighting on the other islands in the Pacific. Discharged in 1945, married, raised five children, and settled in Arkansas.

**Grinsel, Charlotte Louise, 1918–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 1 item, 3pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wis., and graduated from North Division High School in 1936. She attended classes at Milwaukee State Teachers College and Lacrosse State Teachers College, but when it became too expensive she went to work for the Milwaukee County Institution. Enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and attended basic training at Hunter College in New York. Needed no additional training for Ships Company. Transferred to Armed Guard School at Camp Shelton in Norfolk, Va., where she was the Masters-at-Arms of the WAVES barracks and in charge of WAVES recreation for one year. She then became the chief Master-at-Arms in Bainbridge, Md., and was discharged in December 1945. She returned to her home and job and used the GI Bill to attend the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire and received a degree in teaching. She taught for thirty-five years and then retired. She is active in various WAVE organizations.

**Gustafson, Eleanor Landgraff, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1943–1953, 2 items, 5pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Woodland Hills, Calif., and graduated with honors from Canoga Park High School in 1941. She worked as a bookkeeper for two years before enlisting in the Navy. In August 1943, she headed for Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y., on a train with other new recruits. After basic training she wanted to work in Naval Aviation but qualified for Storekeeper School in Milledgeville, Ga. Her first assignment was at the Armed Guard Disbursing Office on Treasure Island in San Francisco, Calif. Her job consisted of computing pay on the old Merchant calculating machines. Eventually she became a supervisor and was asked to extend her enlistment for six months in exchange for advancement to Chief Petty Officer. She gladly stayed in the service. In 1953 she became a Naval Reservist and was a police officer for a short while. During the Korean War she served in Hawaii at the District Transportation Office booking Navy and commercial flights for the military and their dependents. A Pan Am airline representative saw her working and offered her a job after her reserve responsibilities were completed. She went to work for Pan Am, got married, and spent sixteen years as a reservist. A photograph and interview are included.

**Halmstad, Betty Lucille Lawler, 1924–; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 1 item, 8pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and raised in Seymour, Mo., where she graduated from Seymour High School as valedictorian in 1942. She worked as a Southern Bell telephone operator before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1944. She attended basic training at Hunter College in New York for six weeks and then Link Trainer School at Atlanta Naval Air Station in Georgia. Her first assignment was giving one-hour navigation problems to Navy pilots in the PB-2s at Florida Naval Air Station in Lake City, Fla. Even though this billet was very important and painstaking she did manage to have a lot of fun and a lot of dates. After VJ Day, Florida Naval Air Station closed and all stationed there were moved to Kansas Naval Air Station and retrained in the naval equivalent of B-24s. She was sent to Great Lakes Naval Station for discharge in May of 1946. After the Navy, she went to college, had a family, and went into the civil service. Her barracks roommate married her

younger brother and is still one of her best friends. Her experience as a WAVE was exceptionally positive.

**Hardisty, Doris Grossini, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 16 items, 3pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in San Luis Obispo, Calif. She graduated from Coast Union High School in Cambria, Calif., in 1942. Enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and attended boot camp at Hunter College where she enjoyed marching and drilling. Was selected to attend Yeoman School in Stillwater, Okla., at Oklahoma A&M. Took classes in typing, shorthand, and history. Was transferred to the Bureau of Ships in Washington, D.C., where she was a top secret typist. Each item she typed was checked by an FBI agent. Was discharged in 1946 at Balboa Park in San Francisco. Attended many WAVE reunions and conventions. Items included are: copy of discharge certificate and forms, copies of photographs, press releases, memo authorizing her to wear the American Campaign Ribbon, security watch bill, and list of enlistees leaving San Francisco to go to Hunter College.

**Harrington, Beatrice M. Machott, 1924–; Reminiscences, 1944–1956, 2 items, 7pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born in Boston, Mass., and spent her youth in Roxbury and Dorchester, Mass., where she graduated from Jeremiah E. Burke High School in 1940. Worked for the Selective Service youth program at a draft board and then took the Civil Service exam and qualified. Following Pearl Harbor, she became a Civil Service employee, a clerk-stenographer, working at the Boston port of embarkation for the Quartermaster Corps. She spent long hours supplying ships headed for the UK and Africa. Enlisted in the Navy in July 1944, and went to Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y., for boot camp where she was part of the “Singing Platoon.” Attended Yeoman School in Stillwater, Okla., and was on the sixty-day accelerated program because of her previous experience. Was then stationed at the Submarine Base in New London, Conn., where she worked as a stenographer and instructor. Was one of the first WAVES to be discharged in early 1946, due to her parents’ health. She went back to Boston, joined the Naval Reserve, and under the GI Bill attended Burdett College. Moved to Los Angeles and joined Navy Reserve Division 11-16. In 1954 she took the Navy-wide Chiefs exam. In 1955 she took sixty-day orders as an instructor at the Yeoman School in Bainbridge, Md. Here she met and married her husband, became active in a reserve unit in Baltimore, and obtained a Civil Service job on base. She tried several times to get back on active duty without any luck. Once she became pregnant in 1956, she was discharged. After raising her children, she worked as a secretary and later as a paralegal until she was seventy-three years old. Interview and photograph are included.

**Harrison, Peggy Jane, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 1 item, 3pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She spent her youth in Nevada, Ohio, where she graduated from high school in 1941. Enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and attended boot camp at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y. Her limited time off was spent playing tennis and horseback riding. Was sent to the Hospital Corps School in Cherry Point, N.C., for three months and later assigned to NAS Memphis, Tenn. Here she assisted in the rehabilitation of West Coast sailors after surgery. Was discharged in 1945, married, and had two children. She enjoyed her time as a WAVE.

**Harrison, Phyllis Jane Hunter, 1919–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 6pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., and raised in Hagerstown, Md. Graduated from Hagerstown High School in June 1937. Received a Bachelor's Degree from the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y., in June 1941, and a Teacher's Certificate from West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va. Enlisted in Charleston, W.Va., in November 1942. Had basic training at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., and Communications Training at Mount Holyoke, South Hadley, Mass. Assigned to the Boot Training School at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y., to run the chorus. Reassigned to Drill and Discipline, then to the Naval Communications Annex in Washington, D.C., in February 1944. Discharged in October 1944 as a Lt. (j.g.). Includes several interesting anecdotes.

**Hays, Emma R., 1923–; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 1 item, 8pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Was born in Middleburg, Pa., and graduated from Wernersville High School in 1940. Enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and attended basic training at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y. After attending aerial gunnery school in Pensacola, Fla., was transferred to NAS Banana River, Fla., where she taught students how to use the Norton Bomb sight. During training she made a bull's-eye at 10,000 feet. She married one of her students in 1945 and was discharged in 1946. After the Navy, she raised a family and was an office worker. She enjoyed the time she spent as a WAVE. She is very active in local and national WAVE organizations. Interview includes a list of qualities one must have to be a good WAVE.

**Hayes, Margaret Jean Prefontaine, 1924–; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 1 item, 3pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Mich. She graduated from Central High School in 1943 and attended one year of pre-nursing college at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Enlisted in the Navy in May of 1944 and was sent to basic training at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y., for six weeks. She requested the Hospital Corps and was transferred to USN Hospital Bethesda for four weeks of training. Her first duty station was USN Hospital Philadelphia, Pa. Had nursing duties, such as making beds, emptying bedpans, and giving baths. There she had three roommates with whom she toured the city on days off. Was discharged in 1946 and continued to work in the medical field. She is a member of many WAVE organizations.

**Helem, Myrtle L. Beall, 1925–; Reminiscences, 1945–1946, 2 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born in 1925 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, and moved to Seattle, Wash., when she was nine years old. While attending West Seattle High School, she worked in the main post office. In 1943 graduated and took a job as a secretary. Enlisted in the Navy in 1945 and went to Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y., for basic training. Here she was given the duty of mail clerk because of her past experience. After twelve weeks she was told she could go to Ships Post Office. She insisted on the Hospital Apprenticeship training and since her grades were high enough she was able to go to USN Bethesda Hospital for training. Transferred to the Naval Hospital in Seattle, Wash., her hometown. Although she was hoping to see the world, she was excited to be able to go back and see her friends and family. Her job

was on the Psychiatric Ward where she would type medical records. Her job was not difficult, but it was boring. Just nine months after she enlisted she was told she could be discharged. She signed on for another six months and was discharged in July of 1946. Joining the WAVES was "The best and most fulfilling thing I ever did for myself." Copies of photographs and interview are included.

**Hoyt, Peggy Muriel Sanborn, 1922–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 1 item, 3pp.**

SPAR in World War II. She was born in New York City and raised in New England, New York, and New Jersey. Graduated from high school in Englewood, N.J., in 1940 and attended Massachusetts State Teacher's College for two years. She joined the Coast Guard in 1943 and went to Palm Beach, Fla., for boot camp. She was assigned to Ship's Company and taught swimming, physical training, first aid, and Coast Guard history in Palm Beach. Transferred to San Francisco and then to Atlantic City for Radio School. After a brief assignment in Boston, she was assigned to the Rockland, Maine, Coast Guard Base. She enjoyed Rockland and later requested Cape Cod Canal Coast Guard station in order to be closer to her friends and family. From there she was discharged in 1945 and under the GI Bill returned to college at University of New Hampshire. She graduated in 1947 with a B.S. in Science and Physical Education. She married, had children, and taught. She is grateful for the time she spent in the Coast Guard.

**Hughes, Helen B., 1918–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 1 item, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Graduated from Fort Dodge High School in 1938 and enlisted in the Navy in 1943. Chose the Navy because she had four brothers already serving in the Navy and liked the uniform. Attended basic training at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y., and then went to the National Cash Register Corporation in Dayton, Ohio, to learn code breaking. She was assigned to the Communication Annex in Washington, D.C., where she worked as a code breaker in a top secret office. Was transferred to Great Lakes, Ill., and was discharged in December of 1945. Was sad to leave the Navy and enjoyed the opportunity to serve. Returned to Fort Dodge and still lives there today. She is still active in WAVE associations.

**Karls, Josephine, 1920–; Reminiscences, 1943–1944, 2 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Kenosha, Wis., and graduated in 1940 from Park High School in Racine, Wis. Enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and attended basic training at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y. Was transferred to Jacksonville, Fla., and needed no additional training since she had worked in a factory prior to enlisting. Worked on engines and was later moved to the flight office. Assigned to Dallas U.S. Naval Air Station. Enjoyed living with so many females since she was raised with seven brothers. Enjoyed serving in the WAVES and still keeps in touch with many of them. A photograph and interview are included.

**Krueger, Lola, 1924–; Reminiscences, 1944–1958, 1 item, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born in Castle Rock, Minn., and raised in Randolph, Minn., where she graduated from high school in 1942. Attended Normal School and the University of Minnesota. Enlisted in the Navy in June of 1944 and was sent to basic training at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y. There she lived in a college dormitory with five other women. Received demerits for rules she was not yet aware of. Wanted to go to Link Trainer School but was sent to Storekeeper School in Milledgeville, Ga., for five months. Was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio, and worked in business and accounts for two years. Then assigned to Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois for nine months. She worked in files and found it quite boring. She was also required to work on occasional Saturdays and holidays. Served in Naval Reserves in Great Lakes, Ill., for eleven years, three on active duty. Resigned her commission due to the fact that her third child had just arrived and she was told she may have to report for active duty during the Korean War. Was sad to leave the Navy and tried to rejoin the Naval Reserve but was told she would be too old as a Lt. Cdr. She felt she was discriminated against because she had children under eighteen years old. She was able to meet Mildred McAfee at the 50th birthday of the WAVES in Norfolk, Va. She had five children, finished two college degrees, and taught and counseled in junior high and high school.

**Lafontsee, Betty Doolittle Belcher, 1920–; Reminiscences, 1942–1944, 30 items, 7pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born in Indianapolis, Ind., and graduated from Shortridge High School in 1938. She attended summer classes at Purdue University for two years. Wanted to enlist as an officer but did not have the four-year college requirement. In October, 1942 enlisted in the first class of enlisted WAVES. Her initial training was in Stillwater, Okla. Training was given in physical education, drill, curriculum, and medical courses. Once on a weekend pass she missed the bus, but a nice man, who happened to be the Governor of Oklahoma, gave her a ride into town. In January 1943 she was given her first orders to the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C. It took some time for the Operations Office to figure out what to do with the four WAVES because they were not expected. Since housing had not been planned, they were put up in the Roosevelt Hotel. Her first assignment was to be Yeoman to Adm. Oscar Badger. In July 1943 she was assigned to the Joint Logistics Plans Committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff, as Yeoman to Capt. Challenger USN. The group was moved to a secure office with Marine guards patrolling the building twenty-four hours a day. She was the Chief Clerk responsible for getting the place in workable order. Everything was highly classified and top secret. She was working on Overlord, but did not know where or when it would take place. During this time the three WAVES who were working on Overlord were moved to a two-bedroom apartment and were driven by the FBI to and from work for security purposes. There were many nights when they worked through the night. In May 1944 she began to realize the time for Overlord to happen was near but still did not know where. June 5 came and she was thrilled to be a part of the Landing on Normandy. She still feels honored and gets emotional over her duty and time in the WAVES. She was discharged in November 1944 due to pregnancy. She worked many years and raised her children. Items included are copies of photographs, newspaper articles and clippings, WAVE newspaper, *Brightwork*, December 15, 1942, property and document pass, memos, advancement in rating, and interview.

**Leveille, Ruth Helms, 1922–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 25 items, 14pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised on a farm in Dupont, Wis. In 1929, her family sold their farm and moved to Clintonville. Graduated from Clintonville High School in 1940 and went to work for her father's gas station. She enlisted in March 1943 and went to Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y., for basic training. She ranked high in radio and mechanics and went to Norman, Okla., for mechanic's school. She was part of the silent drill team and enjoyed being able to learn about the airplanes. She was transferred to Naval Air Station Pensacola, then to Whiting Field, where she was the only WAVE on the crew for twin-engine Beech crafts. She also worked on the flight line starting planes for the pilots and cutting off the engine when they returned. She played on the basketball team and made it to the championships in Great Lakes, Ill., but could not attend since the men's team lost. She felt this was discrimination. She requested to go to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as soon as WAVES were being taken overseas. There she worked on engines and ordnance. She toured the island, swam in the ocean, saw lots of movies, and was engaged to a fellow sailor. She took a hospital ship back to Treasure Island and then a train to Great Lakes, Ill., and was discharged in December 1945. She married, raised two boys, and became an LPN. She enjoyed her time in the Navy and is still involved in various WAVE organizations. Photographs, meal ticket, liberty passes, camera possession, certificate of satisfactory service card, "How to Serve Your Country in the WAVES or SPARS" booklet, and interview are included.

**Longo, Margaret, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1943–1945, 1 item, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her growing-up years were spent in Cleveland, Ohio. Enlisted in the Navy on her 20th birthday, April 9, 1943. Her father was reluctant to accept her decision. Attended basic training at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y., and was assigned to Naval Air Station Dallas, Tex. Worked in aviation and repair splicing broken wing spars. Did not like the barracks at NAS Dallas because there were no window coverings, which forced all the women to dress in the head. Was discharged from Great Lakes, Ill., on July 8, 1944. After the Navy, she raised a family, graduated from high school in 1965, and earned her Certificate of Proficiency in 1967. She is still very happy and proud to have served her country.

**McCluskey, Mary Balaban, 1921–; Reminiscences, 3pp., Photos, 4pp., Note, 1p.**

WAVE in World War II. Grew up in South Bend, Ind., graduating from Washington High School in 1938. Enlisted in the Navy in November 1942, at Great Lakes, Ill. Attended one month of boot camp at the Iowa State Teacher's College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she was one of the first 1000 enlisted WAVES. Sent to Lakehurst NAS, N.J., in January 1943 for three months of Parachute Materiel School. Assigned to the parachute loft at the Opa-Locka NAS, Miami, Fla., as a parachute packer. Promoted to Parachute Rigger First Class. Discharged in October 1945 from Corpus Christi, Tex. Service in the WAVES was a wonderful experience. Continues friendships with five parachute riggers, belongs to WAVES National, and Unit #56 Gulf Coast Dolphins, Venice, Fla. Ms. McCluskey contributed to Ken Schamberg's book, *Voices: Letters from WW II*.

**McDermott, Eunice McConnell, 1921–; Reminiscences, 34pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. Graduated from James Madison High School, and attended secretarial school. Very involved in volunteer activity in New York City, including working with the NYFD to develop an auxiliary phone system in case of service disruption. Enlisted in 1943 in New York City, Pine Street. Trained at Indiana University for four months, and received rating of Third Class Storekeeper (bookkeeper). Assigned to NAS Alameda, Calif. Worked in the main office of Bases Command, a brand-new command that was the control for sixteen smaller Naval Air Stations around the west. Volunteered time at the Oakland Naval Hospital. Married in February 1945 to a Navy submariner during his transfer from the Atlantic to Pacific Fleet. Achieved rate of First Class Acting Chief. Discharged in June 1945 due to pregnancy. Returned with husband to Groton, Conn. WAVES experience was the most broadening part of her life. Member of WAVES National. This narrative contains much description of life and attitudes during World War II, not only in the Navy but also in civilian New York City and California.

**McGoldrick, Marjorie K., 1921–; Reminiscences, 6 items, 96pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Portsmouth, Ohio. Graduated from Utica-Washington High School in 1938. Attended Ohio University, Athens, Ohio; and Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind. Sworn in the Navy in 1943 at Cleveland, Ohio. Went to boot camp at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y., campus in June 1943. Attended Radio School at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, for six months. Assigned to ship's company at the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), Memphis (Millington), Tenn. Trained men in radio for duty overseas. Achieved rate of RM2c. Discharged in November 1945 at Great Lakes, Ill. Graduated from the University of Chicago in 1949. Currently living in New York City. Active in Navy Radio WAVES; charter member of WIMSA. Six items include various programs from the Radio WAVES 50th Anniversary, and a collection of seventy-four biographical sketches of Radio WAVES.

**McGrath, Helen Marie, 1921–; Reminiscences, 3pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Glen Ridge, N.J. Graduated from Glen Ridge High School in 1939. Enlisted in the Navy and was sworn in April 1943, Church Street, New York City. Attended three weeks of basic training at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y. Belonged to WAVES chorus. Upon completion of basic training, assigned to Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), Memphis, Tenn., for aircraft engine maintenance training lasting six months. Assigned to NAS Atlanta, Ga., as plane captain. Given honorable discharge November 1945, with rank of AMM2, and Good Conduct Medal. Member of Colonial WAVES.

**McIlroy, Doris Shauger, 1922–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 10pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Atlantic City, N.J. Raised in the Phillipsburg, N.J., area. Graduated from Phillipsburg High School in 1940. Attended Churchman's Business College in Easton, Pa. Sworn in the Navy in 1942 in Philadelphia, Pa. Started basic training in February 1943, at Iowa State Teacher's College. Remained in Cedar Falls, Iowa for four weeks of Yeoman training. Assigned to the Naval Communication Annex. Lived in WAVE

Quarters B for a month, then moved to new WAVE quarters, across the street from the Annex. Worked recording coded messages, then on decoding. Moved into private housing in 1944. Discharged with the rating of First Class Petty Officer Specialist Q on 7 November 1945. Received the Navy Unit Citation, the American Campaign Medal, and the Victory Medal. Returned to Easton, Pa., with her husband. Belongs to WAVES National, American Legion, the Naval Cryptographic Veterans Association, and Old Dominion WAVES, a local group now defunct. Her time in the Navy was her “big adventure in life” and the reminiscence describes details of Navy life, camaraderie, and social life.

**McKenzie, Lucille, 1923–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 7pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. Graduated from Bushwick High School in 1940. Enlisted on her 20th birthday in 1943 in New York City. Went to basic training in the Kingsbridge Armory in the Bronx, then a six-week boot camp at Hunter College. Sent to Yeoman School at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C., reading medical surveys. Housed at the Roosevelt Hotel. Enrolled in a Navy-sponsored flying course. On completion, transferred to Naval Air Transport Service in Olathe, Kans., as a flight orderly with a rating of SP(V). Transferred after several months to Honolulu, Hawaii. Discharged in August 1946 with a rating of Chief SP(V). Graduated from Briarcliffe College (now part of Pace University) in her forties. Received a Master’s Degree in Special Education from College of New Rochelle in 1973. Belongs to WAVES National and NATS. Ms. McKenzie loved the Navy and learned a lot from her experience.

**Mann, Doris; Reminiscences, 1944–1946, 1 item, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Her youth was spent in Providence, R.I., where she graduated from Hope High School in 1940. Enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and attended basic training at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y. Was sent to Yeoman School in Stillwater, Okla., for three months and then transferred to the Naval Training Center in San Francisco, Calif. She did various office jobs and was discharged in 1946. The WAVES gave her confidence and she is still involved in WAVE organizations.

**Mansfield, Patricia Moorman, 1924–; Reminiscences, 1943–45, 2 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. She was born and raised in Louisville, Ky., and graduated from Presentation Academy in 1942. Attended one year of college and then tricked her parents into signing the consent form for enlisting in the Navy. Enlisted in 1943 and attended basic training at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y., for six weeks. She was transferred to Naval Air Station, Vero Beach, Fla., and was on the first crew of women to be directly involved with the training of the newly developed F-4s and F-7s as night fighters. She was discharged as a Specialist X (QM) Third Class in November 1945. In 1946 she married a Navy Lieutenant and has lived a very rewarding life as a Navy wife. Copy of photograph and interview are included.

**Marshall, Martha Adams, ca. 1924–; Reminiscences, 9pp., photos.**

U.S. Marine Corps (WR) in World War II. Grew up in Providence, R.I. Enlisted in 1944 in Boston, Mass. Reported to boot camp at Camp Lejeune, N.C., in July 1944. After completion of training, was sent to Quantico, Va. Marine Base as a Clerk-Stenographer in an office of the Air Wing OCS. Became secretary to Marine captain instructor at the school. Attended Loran training at Cherry Point, N.C. Volunteered time in Quantico base hospital in plastic surgery section. After the end of the war, was transferred to the Rehabilitation Office in Philadelphia, Pa. Honorably discharged and returned home to Providence, R.I. Service in the Women's Marine Corps was a wonderful experience, and she has served as President of the R.I. Chapter of Women Marines. This narrative includes a delightful description of life as a young woman in the service during the war. Copies of photographs are included.

**Martin, Helen, 1918–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 10pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Coaldale, Pa. Graduated from Coaldale High School in 1936. Attended business college in Allentown, Pa., graduating in 1941. Enlisted in the Navy in November 1943, and attended basic training at Hunter College in New York. After basic training, was sent to Iowa State Teacher's College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, for three months of Yeoman training. Assigned to the Navy Radar School at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard as a Yeoman in the electronics office. Home during the war was the Ben Franklin Hotel; after the war was over, she moved to the Naval Hospital, Philadelphia barracks. Following assignments included the Navy Personnel Department, Washington, D.C.; Personnel Man School, Navy Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.; Naval Recruiting Station, Brooklyn, N.Y. Transferred to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, during the Korean War and worked in the personnel office at CONSERVPAC. Next assigned to Great Lakes, Ill. Achieved rank of Personnel Man, First Class. Received honorable discharge in July 1954 after diagnosis of neurodermatitis. Ms. Martin enjoyed the excitement and challenges of Navy life, and belongs to WAVES National and San Diego Stars & Stripes, Unit #36.

**Martin, Sheila W., 1924–; Reminiscences, 2 items, 6pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in New York City and raised on Long Island, N.Y. Graduated from Amityville High School in 1941. Attended Antioch College and Cornell University for one year each. Enlisted in New York City on September 1944, her 20th birthday. Went to boot camp at Hunter College for eight weeks. Received three months of training at the Aerographer's School in Lakewood, N.J. Assigned to the Naval Communications Annex in Washington, D.C. to breach the Japanese weather code. Housed in Wave Quarters D and played the clarinet in the WAVES Band. Sent to NAS Jacksonville, Fla., after the war. Discharged in April 1946 with a rank of Aerographer's Mate 3/C. Graduated from the University of Delaware in 1948. Member of the Keystone WAVES. Helped found a local women's veteran group and participates actively in veteran's affairs. The Navy was one of the most important influences in her life. Items include a newspaper article, written by Ms. Martin, about the groundbreaking for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial.

**Mast, Florence H. Barna, 1921–; Reminiscences, 17 items, 36pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in New Jersey. Graduated from Morrell High School in Irvington, N.J. Enlisted June 1944 in New York City. Received basic training at Hunter College in New York City; was housed in a vacated apartment house. Finished her training with three months at the Hospital Corps Training School at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md. Assigned to Philadelphia Naval Hospital as a Hospital Corpsman in the Medical Records Office, then to Naval Air Station, Norman, Okla. Lived in barracks on hospital grounds. Discharged in New York City in November 1945 with the rank of HA1c. Member of the AMVETS in Irvington, N.J., immediately after the war; now a member of WAVES National and the Veterans Committee for the City of Burbank, Calif. Active volunteer with Guide Dogs of America. Her WAVE experience was her first exposure to the real world and opened many doors for her in her working career. Items include photographs, certificates, discharge papers, and booklets.

**Metras, Barbara Flaherty, 1909–; Reminiscences, 30 items, 36pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Boston, Mass. Completed high school and two years of business school. Enlisted in August 1942. Trained at the University of Indiana, with the first group of WAVES, for six months. Attended Storekeeper School in a class that was about one third WAVES. Assigned to NAS Reserve, Squantum, Mass., transferred to Frontier Base in East Boston, Mass., and then to Fargo Building, Boston, Mass. Advanced to Chief Storekeeper in three and a half years. Captained the WAVES Pistol Team. Signed up for the regular Navy in 1948. Served in Hawaii during the Korean War; in Newport, R.I.; in Boston again with Supply, and later in the District Chaplain's Office and Navy Relief. Final duty as the Master-at-Arms, WAVES Barracks, North Island Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif. In April 1962, she was the first enlisted woman to complete twenty years active service and to retire to the Fleet Reserve. Items include newspaper clippings, photos, and memos.

**Miles, Arline McCallum, 1925–; Reminiscences, 9 items, 16pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Kansas City, Mo. Graduated from Westport High School in Kansas City, Mo., in 1942. Worked in the TWA Operations Office in Kansas City. Enlisted February 1945 in Kansas City, Mo. Went to boot camp at Hunter College, New York. Stationed at Naval Air Station, Olathe, Kans., where she attended Flight Orderly School and was at the top of her class. Attached to Naval Air Transport Service VR-3 flying DC-3s (R4Ds) to Floyd Bennett Field, N.Y., and Naval Air Station, Oakland, Calif. (via Phoenix, Ariz.). Discharged from Navy in February 1946 in Memphis, Tenn. She loved her time in the Navy and would stay in the Navy longer if she had it to do over. Officer in local American Legion Post, State Director of WAVES National, on the Board of Directors of Old Olathe Naval Air Station Museum, member of NATS, the Parkville (Mo.) Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Society, and Clan Malcolm-McCallum Society. Items include photos, newspaper clippings, greeting card, and discharge papers.

**Mitchell, Mary Paulson, 1922–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 3pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Grant Town, W.Va. Raised in Pontiac, Mich. Graduated high school in 1941. Enlisted in August 1944. Trained at Hunter College in Bronx, N.Y.

Assigned to Klamath Falls, Ore., working as a telephone operator, then did office work. Transferred to Seattle, Wash., where she worked in the Officer of the Day's Office. Discharged in May 1946 with the rank of Seaman. Member of the Michigan WAVES, having served as Historian, Secretary, 1st V.P., and President. The WAVES taught her to be more disciplined and independent.

**Montonara, Lena Thompson, 1921–; Reminiscences, 8 items, 12pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Texas. Graduated from Talco High School in 1942. Enlisted in December 1943 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Attended boot camp at Hunter College, New York. Assigned to D.C. to work on Medical Records, then later to Barin Field, Pensacola, Fla., where she was a clerk for the WAVES Officer in Charge and then Yeoman for the Ships Store Officer. Played catcher on the softball team. After the war, she was sent to NAS Dallas, Tex., and then to CNART, Glenview, Ill. Discharged as a Second Class Yeoman in 1947 at USNH, NTC, Great Lakes, Ill. Her experience broadened her horizons, but it wasn't the same after the war ended. Member of WAVES National and very active in church life.

**Morrell, Pearl, 1914–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 22pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Ancon, Panama, and moved regularly during her childhood. Graduated from Princeton High School in Princeton, N.J., in 1932; from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa., in 1936. Enlisted in 1942 in New York City, N.Y. Trained at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., and at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., as a communications officer. Reported to District Communications Office, Seattle, Wash., in June 1943. Received additional training on electronic coding devices at Bremerton Navy Yard, Wash.; also qualified to fire .38 and .45 revolvers. Transferred to Philadelphia in 1945. Released from active duty as a Lt. (s.g.), in September 1946 in Washington, D.C. Resigned from the Naval Reserve in April 1949. She was sad to leave her group and the duty in Seattle. This reminiscence includes great stories about interactions within her units, with other military units, and with civilians. Member of WAVES National and local WAVES unit.

**Nation, Edith Louise, 1922–; Reminiscences, 7 items, 14pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in and raised in McLeansboro, Ill. Graduated from Oshkosh High School in Oshkosh, Wis. Graduated from Oshkosh State Teachers College in 1943. Enlisted in July 1943 in Milwaukee, Wis. Went to boot training at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y., and received five weeks further training at the Control Tower School at Gordon Field in NAS Atlanta, Ga. Stationed at NAS Norman, Okla., as a Control Tower Operator for the duration of the war. Discharged with the rank of SP (Y) 2C (T) on December 9, 1945 in Great Lakes, Ill. Member of American Legion, WAVES National, and local WAVES unit. Attended the 1989 Salute to Women Veterans in Atlanta, Ga., and the WIMSA Dedication in Washington, D.C. Being in the Navy was a memorable experience. Items include clippings, discharge papers, and a photo.

**Parrett, Vanita F., 1920–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Fort Worth, Tex. Graduated from high school in Fort Worth, Tex., in 1936. Graduated from college in Denton, Tex., in 1943. Enlisted in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1943. Attended boot camp at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y. Received three months' additional training at Storekeeper School in Milledgeville, Ga. Stationed in Corpus Christi, Tex., and in Pensacola, Fla., where she worked as a disbursing clerk. Retired in 1970 as a CWO 4 with thirteen years' enlisted and thirteen years' warrant service. Went into the Civil Service in the Navy Comptroller Office six years after retirement.

**Pittsley, Dorothy E. Stebbins, 1921–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Medina, N.Y. Graduated from Medina High School in Medina, N.Y., in 1939. Enlisted on May 18, 1944 in Buffalo, N.Y. Received her boot training at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y. Attended six to eight weeks of additional training at St. Albans, Long Island, N.Y. Stationed at Philadelphia Naval Hospital, Pa., working as a hospital aide and operating room records transcriber. Discharged on February 7, 1946 in Philadelphia as HA 1C. Member of WAVES National. Her time in the WAVES was "a great experience."

**Redmond, Dorothea Crawford, 1921–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Grafton, Va. Graduated from Grafton High School in 1938. Worked for Equitable Assurance Society in Fairmont, W.Va. Enlisted on January 12, 1944 in Charleston, W.Va. Received her basic training at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y. Spent twelve weeks at the U.S. Naval Training School at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., taking routine business classes. Assigned to the main Commissary Office at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Sampson, N.Y., as assistant to the head of office staff. Discharged in New York, N.Y., with the rank of Storekeeper Second Class. Attended one year of community college in Apache Junction, Ariz., in 1990. Member of WAVES National, Petty Officer in the Museum of Navy Women, and a Plank Owner in the U.S. Navy Memorial. She is proud to have "served [her] country in time of need."

**Robarts, Betty Bemis, 1922–; Reminiscences, 2 items, 5pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in northern Minnesota. Graduated high school. Attended college in Indianapolis, Ind. Enlisted in January 1943 in Indianapolis, Ind. Sent to boot camp at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y., for six weeks of training. After two weeks of testing in Washington, D.C., assigned to Sugar Camp, Dayton, Ohio, manufacturing "Bombe" machines for breaking German and Japanese codes. The work was secret and none of the WAVES knew what they were working on until at a reunion in 1995 at NCR in Dayton, Ohio.

**Rollins, Nellie Moore, 1922–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 10pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Grew up in Sharon, Vt. Enlisted in Boston, Mass., in June 1943. Attended boot camp at Hunter College, New York. Received training as a medical corpsman at the Naval Hospital in Boston, Mass. Assigned to Camp Endicott, Davisville, R.I., as a

Pharmacist's Mate Third Class; she was among the first six WAVES to serve there. Lots of great detail about her duties and about local base events during her service.

**Singer, Betty Gaffney, 1922–; Reminiscences, 19 items, 30pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. Graduated from St. Gerard High School, Lima, Ohio. Had one year of nurse's training in college. Enlisted in Detroit, Mich., in May 1944. Received six weeks' basic training at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y., and six more weeks' training as an air traffic controller in Atlanta, Ga. Stationed at Kingsville Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Tex., in the South Field Control Tower. Discharged at Corpus Christi Air Station, Corpus Christi, Tex., in 1945 with the rank of SP (Y) 3C. Member of WAVES National. Good descriptions of the air traffic controller's job and interactions with fliers. Items include photos, newspaper clippings, enlistment and discharge papers.

**Singer, Wanda Barnas, 1923–; Reminiscences, 5 items, 16pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Chicago, Ill. Attended Bowen High School. Took a business course at Hammond Business College in Hammond, Ind. Enlisted in Chicago, Ill., in 1943. Received four weeks' basic training at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y., and twelve weeks' Storekeeper Training in Milledgeville, Ga., where she was part of the school's first graduating class. Assigned to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Worked in the Gas Ration Office, issuing ration stamps. Participated in NATC's All Navy Musicale. Last assignment was at USNATTC, Chicago, Ill., where she finally worked in the Storekeeping Department. Discharged in 1946 with the rank of SK1/C. Member of the WAVES National and the Key Biscayne American Legion and a charter member of the Womens' Memorial Foundation. Items include newspaper clippings, photo, and yearbook from the Storekeeper Training School.

**Sinnott, Marion Snow, 1919–; Reminiscences, 18 items, 56pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Providence, R.I., and raised in Cranston, R.I. Graduated from Cranston High School in 1938. Enlisted in 1942 in Boston, Mass. Received basic training at Cedar Falls Naval Training Boot Camp, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Stationed in Washington, D.C., in Naval Communications. Played basketball and was a lifeguard nights and weekends in WAVES Quarters D. Discharged in 1945 in Washington, D.C., with the rank of SP (Q) 1C. Has attended four WAVE reunions and is the vice-president of Cape Cod WAVES #18, WAVES National. Items include a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, photos, various Navy publications, worship service programs, newspapers, and newspaper clippings.

**Stiffler, Beth Mackeay, 1921–; Reminiscences, 34 items, 82pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Chadwick, Ill. Graduated from Chadwick High School in 1939. Received A.B. degree from Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill., in 1943. Worked as an insurance investigator in St. Louis, Mo., where she enlisted in late 1943 or early 1944. After six weeks of WAVE training at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., she was commissioned as an ensign in the USNR, Women's Reserve. Ordered to Radcliffe College and the Harvard School of Business, Cambridge, Mass., for training in supply and disbursing.

While there, she was dismissed from physical education classes several days a week to pose for Navy publicity photos. Commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Supply Corps in June 1944. Assigned as Disbursing Officer, Naval Academy Preparatory School, Yorktown, Va., then as Supply and Disbursing Officer, Naval Mine Warfare School, Yorktown, Va. Discharged from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Chicago, Ill., (probably in 1945) as a Lt. (j.g.). Received a Master's Degree from Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill., in 1958 and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Ill., in 1980. Taught for thirty-two years at Western Illinois University in the Department of English and Journalism, the last four years as the Chair of the department. Ms. Stiffler believes that the exposure to new people, places, and ideas in the egalitarian context of the service was the one of the greatest things that happened in the war. This history provides lots of details about Navy life. She is a representative for WIMSA in both Illinois and Massachusetts. Items include Navy newspapers, photos, official forms, and other memorabilia.

**Strauss, Helen, 1915–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 12pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Newark, N.J., and raised in South Orange, N.J. Graduated from Columbia High School, South Orange, N.J., in 1932. Graduated from Barnard College, Columbia, N.Y., in 1936 and received a Master's Degree from Columbia in 1938. Enlisted in August 1942. Trained at the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen School, Smith College, Mass. Received additional training on classification and selection in Washington, D.C. Assigned to Cedar Falls, Iowa, the first boot camp for enlisted women, and then to Hunter College when the Navy took it over. Responsible for interviewing and testing enlisted women and assigning them to billets. Discharged in December 1946 in Manhattan, N.Y., as a Lieutenant. Received a Ph.D. (in psychology) from Columbia in 1966. Member of the Colonial WAVES, Morristown, N.J. These reminiscences contain a wealth of details and background material.

**Strauss, Jeanne D. McCracken, 1921–; Reminiscences, 2 items, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Wilmington, Del. Enlisted in July 1943 and went to boot camp at Hunter College. Attended Storekeeper School in Boston, Mass. Assigned to NOB, Norfolk, Va., where worked where needed: Small Stores to Ship's Service Office, payroll team, supply office, ASW office, and personnel office. Final duty station was NAS Kahului, Maui. Discharged February 1946 with the rank of SK2. Member of the American Legion, Suncoast WAVES, Clearwater, Fla. Items include a copy of a webpage from the Navy Log.

**Sullivan, Marilyn Moon, 1922–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 4pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Pomona, Calif. Raised in southern California, in Glendale and Ontario. Graduated from Hoover High School in 1939. Graduated from UCLA in February 1943. Enlisted September 1944 in Hollywood, Calif. Received nine weeks of basic training at Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Assigned to Corona Naval Hospital, Calif. as the War Orientation Officer and the Educational Services Officer, where she particularly enjoyed helping officers and enlisted men, separated due to illness, to continue their education. Discharged in San Diego in December 1945, but stayed in the reserves until she had a child. Her highest rank was Lt. (j.g.). She believes her Navy experience contributed to her leadership abilities. Member of WAVES National.

**Tannen, Mary Nyland, 1924–; Reminiscences, 4 items, 22pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa. Graduated from high school in June 1942, and then attended Temple University for a year. Enlisted in Philadelphia in 1944. Spent six weeks in basic training at Hunter College, New York. Trained as a yeoman for three months at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Arlington, Va., in the Chief of Chaplains Office. Discharged in Arlington, Va., as a Yeoman Second Class. Member of WAVES Unit 54 and WAVES National. Items include newspapers and an unofficial commendation.

**Tanner, Florence Welch, 1923–; Reminiscences, 27 items, 57pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. Graduated from DeVillies High School in 1941. Enlisted on her 21st birthday in May 1944 in Toledo, Ohio. Had six weeks boot training at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y. Finished her training on the job at Naval Air Station, Vero Beach, Fla., working in the Air Control Center. Eighteen months later, reassigned to the Crash Analysis Office at Opa-Locka, Fla. Discharged as Sp(X)1/c in August 1946 at Jacksonville, Fla. Member of WAVE Local #111 and WAVE National. This is a very personal and detailed reminiscence. Items include photos, correspondence, clippings, Navy papers, and a book excerpt.

**Turnbull-Stewart, Dorothy R., 1922–; Reminiscences, 16 items, 22pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in New Orleans, La., and raised on the Gulf Coast. Graduated from MacNamee High School, New Orleans, La., in 1939. Attended Sophie Newcomb (Tulane University) for two and a half years and graduated from University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., in 1943. Enlisted in 1943 and received basic training at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y. Assigned to ship's service (possibly shore patrol) while waiting for an assignment to the Naval Office of Procurement in New Orleans, La., as a recruiter. Reassigned to ONOP, Houston, Tex., where she recruited in Texas and later in Oklahoma. Once recruitment was shut down, assigned to office work at NATCENTER, Jacksonville, Fla. Discharged in December 1945 in Memphis, Tenn., as a Specialist Recruiter First Class T. Received a Masters of Science in the psychology of counseling from the University of Houston in May 1948. Active in statewide academic committees and volunteer work. Member of American Legion Post 149, Unit 70 of WAVES, WAVES National. Includes an extended description of her academic and working careers after WWII. Items include photos and clippings.

**Turner, Marilyn Converse, 1923–; Reminiscences, 6 items, 54pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Connecticut. Graduated from Norwich Free Academy in 1941. Enlisted in November 1943 in Norwich, Conn. Did six weeks of boot training at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y. Received additional training as a storekeeper at Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville, Ga. Assigned to Disbursing at the Naval Training Center, Miami, Fla. Discharged in Miami, Fla., in April 1946 with the rank of SKD2c. Member of WAVES National and WAVES Local #32. Includes some nice details of her time in the service. Items include photo, songbook, official letters.

**Unterburger, Mary Louise Wilkerson, 1922–; Reminiscences, 6 items, 14pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Montezuma County, Colo. Graduated from Cortez High School in 1939 and from the University of Colorado in 1943 with a teaching certificate. Enlisted in June 1943 in Denver, Colo. Did three weeks of boot training at Hunter College, Bronx, N.Y. Selected for Link Trainer School at NAS Atlanta, Ga. Assigned to NAS, Beeville, Tex., and then transferred to Cuddihy Field. Sent to the Link Celestial Navigation school at Quonset Point, R.I., and then assigned to NAS Hutchinson, Kans. Discharged in San Francisco, Calif., in December 1945. Received an M.S. from Columbia in 1949. Joined the Naval Reserve in 1949 and was discharged in 1953 with a rating of TRADEVMAN 1/C. Member WAVES National and Local Unit #32. This is a very complete history. Items include photos and letters.

**Warfel, Ruth, 1920–; Reminiscences, 1 item, 14pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Lancaster, Pa. Graduated from Lancaster Girls High School in 1938 and from Millersville State Teachers College in 1941. Enlisted at the Philadelphia Navy Yard in 1944. Received basic training at Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C., working with the Dictionary of Occupational Titles and in the Officer Hardship Release Office. Discharged from the Navy in July 1946 with the rank of Ensign. Received a graduate degree in College Administration at Indiana University, using the GI Bill. Retired in 1982 as the Dean of Students at Mount Holyoke College. A nice account of a variety of experiences.

**Waugh, Florence Debrowski, 1920–; Reminiscences, 3 items, 7pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born in Newark, N.J., and raised in New Jersey and Massachusetts. Graduated from North Andover High School in North Andover, Mass. Graduated from Radcliffe College in 1943. Enlisted in April 1944 in New York, N.Y. Received three months of training at Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Assigned to the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D.C., in the Smokeless Powder unit. Discharged in April 1947 as a Lt. (s.g.). Was commissioned as a Lt. (j.g.) in the regular Navy in September 1948, but resigned her commission in 1954. Belonged to a Reserve Unit in D.C. Member of WAVES National.

**Wheeler, Alice Cornell, 1921–; Reminiscences, 5 items, 9pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Providence, R.I. Graduated from Providence Central High School in Providence, R.I., in June 1938. Graduated from Boston University in 1942. Enlisted in 1944 in Auburn, Maine. Received two months of basic training at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., and then two more months of Communications School. Assigned as a decoding officer at CNO, Washington, D.C. Later assigned to Radio Washington, in charge of enlisted women. Discharged in March 1946 in Washington, D.C., as a Lt. (j.g.). Member of WAVES National and Unit #75. Active as a volunteer. Items include discharge papers and photos.

**Williams, Jane Irvine, 1921–; Reminiscences, 3 items, 6pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in Lemont, Ill. Graduated from high school—a boarding school called Jennings Seminary, Aurora, Ill.—in 1939. Graduated from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., in 1943. Enlisted in April 1944. Attended boot camp in New York, N.Y. Sent to six weeks of hospital corps training in San Diego, Calif. Stayed at San Diego Hospital for nearly a year, doing general office work. Returned to New York, N.Y., for a course on rehabilitation of the hearing impaired. Assigned to Philadelphia Naval Hospital where she was asked to stay on for another year after VJ Day. Discharged in 1946 in Philadelphia as a PhM, 1/c. Continued her work in hearing rehabilitation, receiving an M.A. from the University of Illinois in 1951.

**Wimsett, Edna Miller, 1913–; Reminiscences, 4 items, 11pp.**

WAVE in World War II. Born and raised in New Kensington, Pa. Graduated from New Kensington High School in 1931. Enlisted in 1942 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Received one or two months of boot training in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Received almost two years of additional training at NAS, Memphis, Tenn. Stationed at NAS, Minneapolis, Minn., NAS Ottumwa, Iowa, and NAS Kaneohe Bay as an Aviation Machinist's Mate. Worked from cleaning to engine repair and crash detail. Discharged in 1945 in Washington, D.C. Attended Denver University, Denver, Colo., in 1947; graduated from Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1950. Interesting details about the social life in the services and her career as an Extension Agent and teacher in Oregon. Member of WAVES National.