

NARRATOR: Bistline, Beverly
INTERVIEWER: Troy Reeves
DATE: March 11, 2004
LOCATION: Pocatello, Idaho
PROJECT: Women in World War II /Veterans History Project

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START OF RECORDING

00:25	1	Introduction.
01:00	1	The interview started with the interviewer asking Bistline why she decided to enlist into the WAVES. She talked about the men exiting the universities and joining the military. She talked about graduating from school in Moscow, Idaho. She also talked about her dad running a bus company and while she was working there, she met many soldiers. She then decided to join.
07:00	3	Bistline talked about her friend who joined and about herself. She talked about training at Hunter College in New York. She explained that she then went on for further training in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Bistline talked about how cold it was and told a story about slipping on the ice.
11:20	4	Bistline talked about being transferred to Washington, DC. She described where she lived and where she worked. She worked in some temporary buildings built on the Mall in Washington, DC.
18:45	6	She talked about being in Washington, DC when VE-Day happened. She talks about reenlisting for another year and getting into the flight business. Bistline talks about training at a Maryland naval training base. She was then transferred to Moffett Field in California. She describes the area.
22:45	7	Bistline talked about flying between Moffett Field and Hawaii (before it became a state). She described the length of the journey and about the difficulties of when to sleep and when to eat.
27:15	9	Bistline talked about office duties she was assigned to. She left the Navy in May 1947. She talked about an aircraft called the "Mars."
30:00	9	[Note: The cassette copy moves from side one to side two]. Pause.
30:15	10	Bistline continued to talk about flying and the "Mars."

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31:45	10	She talked about the weather in Hawaii during the winter and about living in Hawaii, the beaches and landscape. Bistline described the 2 original hotels there.
34:45	11	She gave an overview of what was required of her to get out of the Navy. She talked about staying with family in Oakland, California, and San Francisco, California. She talked about a jeep station wagon her dad owned.
38:45	12	Bistline said that she never regretted joining the Navy. She talked about all of the things that she learned in the Navy and why she loved it.
40:15	13	Bistline worked as a secretary in her dad's law office. She got married and then quickly divorced. She talked about the G.I. Bill and going to ISU and taking pre-law courses. She graduated from the University of Utah Law School and University of California Law School. (She was trying to use all of her GI Bill money up). She listed some of her friends in the military.
48:40	15	Bistline told how her parents thought it was a great idea for her to the join the military. Many people in her family had served in World War I. She talked about the train ride to Hunter College. She said that she was used to train rides and seeing porters. She said there used to be a Porter and Waiters Club in Pocatello. She mentioned bits of Pocatello, Idaho, history.
57:15	18	She talked about changing train terminals to get to Hunter College. She talked about the initial thoughts she had when she first arrived at Hunter College.
60:35	19	END OF TAPE 1 SIDE 2

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Airbase Transit Company
Bistline, Francis M. (Dad)
Cedar Falls, Iowa
CNO (Chief of Navel Operations)
Glindemann, Anne (Mom)
Glindemann, Herbert L. (Uncle)
Holter, Arlene
Hunter College, New York City, New York
Hunter, Jeanne
McClay, Kay
Moffett Field, California
Moscow, Idaho
Pocatello, Idaho
Porters and Waiters Club (Pocatello, Idaho)
Schaffer, Peg
The Royal Hawaiian (Hawaii)
Tschanz, Pat
Waikiki, Hawaii