

NARRATOR: Bistline, Beverly
INTERVIEWER: Troy Reeves
DATE: March 12, 2004
LOCATION: Pocatello, Idaho
PROJECT: Women in World War II / Veterans History Project

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START OF RECORDING

00:25	1	Introduction.
1:00	1	Bistline said she went to the University of Idaho because that is where her parents attended and first met. She wanted to join the Delta Gamma Sorority that her mother was in. She talked about why she chose to graduate in drama. She talked about a theater that was built at Idaho State University in honor of the Bistlines.
8:30	3	Bistline explained the difference at the University between the day before the war started and the day after.
10:15	4	She talked about Hunter College and about her thoughts and impressions of people there. She said that she didn't get many chances to really get to know other people.
12:45	6	She talked about how she felt living with a large group of women, as she was an only child. She told a couple different stories about other times when she shared rooms with many women—such as summer camp, and in her sorority house. She described the dormitories at boot camp.
20:00	6	Bistline described the food at boot camp. She talked about marching drills that they had to do. She described the layout and the purpose of these drills.
25:30	7	She said Boot camp at Hunter College was just like going to class—the teachers were WAVES. She talked about a typical day. She talked about what they would do after class. She also discussed the strictness of keeping everything neat.
29:15	9	Bistline talked about getting leave while in Iowa. She told a story about her roommate getting marks against her, and she was afraid that she wasn't going to get leave.
30:15	9	[Note: The cassette copy moves from side one to side two].

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31:00	10	Bistline said that there weren't a lot of things to do there except go to the movies.
33:30	14	Bistline described what she did while working in Washington, DC. She talked about her duties and what went on there. She described a typical day there. She did extensive work for the officers. She said it was very hot in Washington, DC and there was no air-conditioning.
39:15	17	Bistline talked about running for the legislation. She talked about her family's involvement in politics. She talked about her grandfather in the legislator, and American President William Howard Taft coming to town. She gave some political history of her family and Pocatello, Idaho.
49:45	18	Bistline talked about how she had moved to San Francisco and then moved back to Pocatello. She ran for the legislature in 1972 and lost. She ran again in 1974 and was elected. She talked more about the politics of the time and about the dirt in politics.
55:00	19	Bistline talked about key issues while she was in office, including the budget, education, and environmental issues.
60:01	20	END OF INTERVIEW

NAMES AND PLACES INDEX

Ahrens, Steve
Bistline, Francis M. (Dad)
Bistline Hardware Company
Cedar Falls, Iowa
CNO (Chief of Navel Operations)
Delta Gamma Sorority (Idaho State University)
Glindemann, Anne (Mom)
Glindemann, Herbert L. (Uncle)
Holter, Arlene
Hotel Bannock
Hunter College, New York City, New York
Hunter, Jeanne
Idaho State Legislature
McClay, Kay
McDermott, Patricia
Moscow, Idaho
Pocatello, Idaho
Taft, William Howard
The Bistline Theater (Pocatello, Idaho)
University of Idaho – Southern Branch (Idaho State University)
WAVES (Women Accepted For Volunteer Emergency Services)