

NARRATOR: Galloway, Lois
INTERVIEWER: Troy Reeves
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| 000 | 1 | Introduction. [Note: for the first twenty minutes of the interview, Galloway read from an unpublished manuscript describing the early years of her life before Pearl Harbor. A copy of this manuscript is in Galloway's interview file.] |
| 010 | 1 | To summarize, Galloway talked about her school years, her family home, and her social life while growing up in Weiser and Boise, Idaho. |
| 260 | 8 | Galloway continued to read from her manuscript, but she focused on the sections that related to her teenage years during World War II. Lois's family moved from Weiser to Boise while she was in high school. She also mentioned her older brothers who served during World War II, and her courtship with and marriage to her long-time husband G.C. Richard Galloway, who is also a Veteran History Project narrator. She concluded this section describing her early years of marriage. |
| 400 | 13 | [Note: Galloway read from handwritten notes that she wrote specifically for the interview and about her World War II memories.] She remembered Pearl Harbor, V-Mail, and her brothers' military service. She discussed how both young and older women helped on the home front, and how families put blue stars in their front windows denoting the number of servicemen in that family. Lois also talked about rationing during the War. |
| 505 | 14 | END OF SIDE ONE TAPE ONE SIDE TWO |
| 000 | 15 | This side started with Galloway's thoughts about World War II. The interviewer began to ask questions to Galloway. Lois mentioned why her family moved to Boise. She also talked about growing up in Weiser. |
| 050 | 15 | Galloway discussed where her family lived in Boise, and how she got to school every day. Her father worked inside the Capitol Building; she explained how she felt when she would visit her |

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| | | father inside that building. Galloway described the differences between Weiser High School and Boise High School. |
| 080 | 18 | With prompting from the interviewer, Galloway discussed her lack of future plans while attending high school. She said that although she was not career-oriented, she felt she would go to college. But she met her husband, fell in love, and never matriculated at a university. World War II made Lois grow up quickly, and fostered the idea that she wanted to get married and begin a family. Both of Galloway's parents were well educated; she described her parents' educational background. |
| 125 | 19 | Even though Galloway was just a teenager, she explained how the War had affected her. She also talked about the patriotic feelings felt within the schools in the 1940s. Galloway mentioned how she helped the war effort by volunteering at "The Canteen," which was a facility designed to help soldiers while stationed in Boise. |
| 190 | 21 | As a teenager, Galloway went out on dates with soldiers. Looking back on it made her wonder why her parents allowed it. She felt that she and other girls were a little naïve but also that her friends did not drink, which probably helped them avoid difficult situations. With prompting from the interviewer, Galloway talked about how her faith (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) had benefited her, and about activities that she and other girls would participate in either while on a date with a soldier, or while going to a social event with other girls. |
| 255 | 23 | Galloway further described The Canteen including a rough idea of its location—9th and Bannock, as well the social events that a group of girls would attend where soldiers would be present. Galloway volunteered at The Canteen sometimes during the school day. She also discussed the rolling skating and ice-skating rinks as well as the movie theaters in Boise. |
| 340 | 25 | With prompting from the interviewer, Galloway elaborated on her courtship with G.C. Richard ("Dick") Galloway, her long-time husband. Dick worked closely within the Latter-day Saints church along with Galloway's father. Lois is much younger than Dick, but said that the age difference between them never bothered her. |
| 380 | 26 | Galloway corresponded with her four brothers during their time in the military, and she discussed why she wrote to them so much. The interview shifted to a discussion about using a coal stove to cook with. Since Lois did not learn about cooking while |

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| | | growing up, learning how to cook with this appliance offered some interesting experiences, including baking two banana cream pies. |
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| 000 | 27 | Introduction to tape two. |
| 005 | 28 | Galloway said that she heard about Pearl Harbor when her family arrived home from church and they heard it on the radio. She also mentioned the newspaper and newsreels ads which ran before a movie and offered information about the War. Galloway then described her feelings when she heard about the end of the War-- she felt elated because it meant that her brothers would come home safely. Lois could not recall meeting her brothers at the railroad station when they arrived, but she did remember the whole family being together on Christmas in 1945. |
| 060 | 29 | Galloway described the family garden and the term "Victory Garden." She talked about how she and her husband gardened wherever they lived, particularly one house where "Dick" planted over two-dozen fruit trees on their acreage. |
| 095 | 30 | Growing up during the Great Depression did not directly affect Galloway. She stated that she did not see others who were affected by the Depression, although she did state that her parents surely felt the effects of the economic doldrums. Galloway then discussed when she saw the rationing of World War II beginning to subside. |
| 140 | 31 | The War affected Galloway the most through the extreme worry she felt, particularly with four brothers serving in the military. She said the War strengthened her and had kept her involved in current world events. |
| 185 | 33 | With prompting from the interviewer, Galloway offered her thoughts about the similarities and differences between December 7th, 1941 and September 11th, 2001. |
| 225 | 34 | The rationing during the War affected how Galloway ran her household. It made her cognizant of keeping a store of supplies, and of being prepared. |
| 270 | 35 | Galloway wanted future generations to know that during World War II there was a great congeniality among friends and |

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| | | neighbors, and that there was a great love of country. Lois did not feel the need to elaborate on anything said during the interview, or to add anything about her time as a civilian during World War II. |
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Boise High School

Boise, Idaho

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Galloway, G.C. Richard

The Canteen (WWII facility in Boise which provided refreshments to soldiers)

Weiser High School

Weiser, Idaho