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An Interview with Barbara Archer

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Barbara Archer, a Springfield, Illinois native who was a young girl during WWII, was interviewed on the dates listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Barbara (Bartlett) Archer was born in the 1930s and raised in Springfield, Illinois. Her memories of being a young girl during WWII give insight into the day to day life of those left at home during the war. Though Archer had no immediate family participating in the war, she recalls neighbors and relatives being absent during that time. She discusses memories of sending gifts to a pen pal in England, writing letters to a neighbor whose bike she was borrowing, collecting war savings stamps and dealing with rationing, as well as the excitement of VE Day in Springfield.

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