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An Interview with Alice Lillian Lain

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Alice Lillian Lain, née Watson, was born in River Rouge, Michigan on January 16, 1923. After attending Urbana High School, Lain worked at the Union Building. After a short-lived marriage with a soldier, Lain was inspired by an ad in Syracuse to enlist in the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services). Lain received boot camp training at Hunter College, New York. She then was sent to Mercer Field in Trenton, New Jersey in July 1944.

As an Aviation Electronic Technician's Mate 3rd Class, Lain installed radio and radar in airplanes. When she was not installing devices into aircrafts, Lain either went to electricity-based classes or painted hangars. Later, Lain transferred to Jacksonville, Florida and then went to Opelika Air Station in Miami, Florida. In Florida, Lain was a typist, helping in administration work.

In March 1946, from Great Lakes, Illinois, Lain left the service. She married Lloyd Lain and had four children.

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