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An Interview with Lloyd Chester Lain

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Lloyd Chester Lain was born in Urbana, Illinois on December 20, 1923. After moving to Fisher, Illinois, Lain enlisted in the V-6 Program of the United States Navy in November 1942. Lain received training at Navy Pier and at several other schools in Alameda and Lake Sheba, California. After Lain left California on the U.S.S. Tebenna, he joined the Squadron 57, and traveled to the Cook Islands, New Hebrides, Espartos, and New Caledonia.

While in New Caledonia, Lain also flew a Dauntless Dive Bomber. On the aircraft, Lain helped scout for Japanese submarines, manning guns behind the main pilot. In November 1943, Lain was promoted to 2nd Class Petty Officer; he was responsible for planes out on mission. Later, Lain's squadron acquired a Flying Duck, which was an aircraft that could make water-based landings.

After the war, Lain enrolled in a Business College. Even as a civilian he became an Assistant Crew Chief on B-29s for six months.

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