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Rita C. Sardella Papers

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Creator: Seaman Second Class Rita Clare Sardella, USNR

Extent: 1 box
.3 cubic feet

Date Range: 1944-1945

Classification: Unclassified

Access: Open

Scope and Content Notes

This historical collection consists of a scrapbook and an official naval photograph concerning Seaman Second Class Sardella's naval experience as a WAVE from 1944 to 1945. The collection is comprised of scrapbook, cards, postcards, letters, information on training, and orders for duty stations, maps for duty stations, pressed flowers, handouts and pamphlets from places she visited, and newspaper clippings.

Biography

Seaman Second Class Sardella entered the United States Navy Reserves on December 28, 1944. She left her home in Massachusetts and reported to the Naval Officer Procurement Office in Boston. She completed her basic enlisted training at the Naval Training Station Bronx, New York 63 (W.R.), Regiment 49, Building R6. On March 5, 1945 she reported to the Commanding Officer of Naval Barracks, Washington, D.C., Commandant Potomac River Naval Command (COMDT.PRNC). On March 21, 1945 she was assigned to the Naval Research Laboratory, Anacostia, D.C. as a seaman second class.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Series I: Scrapbook, Jun 1944-May 1945

1. The scrapbook is a collection of get well, Christmas, birthday, and post cards of her duty stations, change of address cards, and farewell cards. She also preserved flowers, birthday and hotel napkins, memos and letters concerning her naval career, baggage and uniform receipts, maps of duty stations, WAVE song booklet and newspaper clippings.

Series II: Photograph, undated

2. Official naval photograph of Seaman Second Class Sardella.