

Mabel M. Bristol

U.S. Navy Waves



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WWII U. S. Navy Wave

I was 34 years old when entering the WAVES and served for 32 months from December 1942 until September 1945. I had boot training at Cedar Falls, Iowa and six months of training at Norman, Oklahoma. I spent two years in the Flight Operation Office at Lambert Field in St. Louis, Missouri.

I was most fortunate to be assigned work that I enjoyed. In addition, I was also fortunate to be close to home and could get to Auburn, Illinois easily on the Interurban train. The Auburn Citizen newspaper once had an article about my brother and me in service along with a picture of us. My father was A. O. Merriam of Auburn, Illinois.

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