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Interviewee: Ruth and Virginia

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Place of interview: Morin  
Ruth's

Date: October 24, 1982

Other people present:  
none

Equipment used:  
~~other with ext. mike~~

Tape: Brand: Size reel: 1 mil/1.5 mil Speed:

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Brief description of contents: Summary of the interviews contents.

Untaped interview with Ruth and Virginia Morin, sisters-in-law,  
who were in the women's branch of the Coast Guard, SPAR, c 1940s,

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			<p>The two women interview<sup>e</sup>d are sisters in law. Both worked as SPARS, a branch of the Coast Guard that means always willing and able in latin. They worked during WWII from 1940-1946. They trained in Florida in military fashion and during that time could only have peritals on weekends. This lasted six weeks. At the end of this time they were both stationed in Boston, a choi<sup>s</sup>e of there own. There they met each other and worked as clerical workers. They lived in a converted hotel resort, which they maintained was very</p> <p><i>Boston, Florida</i></p>

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			<p data-bbox="672 331 1528 808">comfortable. Two to Four women shared a room and a curfew was set for 11 o'clock on weekdays and 1 o'clock on weekends. Whenever they went out they had to sign out. Despite curfew each expressed having a very good social life and especially around the Boston area. The SPARS held social events and the USO did too.</p> <p data-bbox="672 842 1549 1766">The purpose of the SPARS was to replace regular Coast Guard employees so that they could go to war. The women were expected to dress in uniform and have shoulder length hair. They were also required to have a particular body type, weight and pass a preliminary examination. The pay was 12 dollars per week paid every other week and room and board was included in the pay. Women were generally single, and only a few married but only after in the Spars for a certain length of time. Virginia was engaged many times, the social life was that good. Both women liked the service very much and felt it enriched their lives.</p> <p data-bbox="656 2024 797 2076"><i>Boston.</i></p>