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➤ **Marian G. Elfring Scrapbook, 1944-45** ◀

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Size: items/linear feet- 1 volume

Provenance: received from Marian G. Elfring

Access: open

Collection Summary: Toledo native who served in the U.S. Navy W.A.V.E.S during World War II.

Subjects: [War, Soldiers, and Veterans](#); [Women](#).

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Biographical Sketch

Marian Elfring was born Marian Gilbert in Toledo, Ohio on April 19, 1923. She lived there until the time of her involvement in World War II. She enlisted in the U.S. Navy W.A.V.E.S service with six other young women in Toledo in May of 1943. After her enlistment, she was sent to radio school at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, for six months of basic training. After basic training, she was transferred to Seattle, Washington, for advanced radio training and then to Japan for another six months. She was then sent to Coronado, California for a temporary assignment working on teletype communications. She was also sent to Terminal Island, California, and worked in the discharge center processing Naval personnel coming in from overseas. At the conclusion of the war in 1945, she was stationed at Imperial Beach, California. Due to the sensitive nature of the work and the oath of secrecy she took, her assignments at Imperial Beach remain unlisted.

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Scope and Content Note

This scrapbook is an assortment of newspaper articles, pictures, and clippings from World War II. The information in the articles deals solely with naval service, both men's and women's. All the information and pictures pertain to people from Toledo or the northwest Ohio vicinity. A few major themes are prevalent amidst the general Toledo Navy background. A large majority of the information is about W.A.V.E.S women and their service, as well as marriages and the births of their children. A particular recurring newspaper article that can be found in its weekly printing is the "What do you want to know" War time questions column. These articles are especially specific and answer common concerns from normal Americans. One organization that is represented often in the scrapbook is the Navy Mothers Club. These articles are mostly advertisements and announcements for the organization's functions in the area.