

The Australian Women's Register

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1 hr 55 min. Oral history.??Discussing pre-war employment as journalist; going to Hong Kong to join husband at outbreak of war; working as part-time cypher assistant with the British Navy and as public relations assistant with the British Far Eastern Ministry of Information; security provisions of cypher's job; move to England to join husband; resuming work with Ministry of Information as lecturer and as news writer for Far Eastern Ministry of Information; returning to Australia in 1941 and job with Office of Theatre Censorship; USAFIA; decision to join WRANS and selection interview; training at Flinders Naval Depot; attitude of RANS to women joining Naval Service; accommodation during training; appointment to Office of The Naval Control Service, Brisbane; appointment to Naval Information Service, Melbourne in 1943 and description of job; promotion; leisure; rate of marriage and motherhood of ex-WRANS in post-war period; pride in service with WRANS.

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