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## Antonia R. Alvarez Collection

**Creator:** Antonia Rosita Alvarez  
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## Biographical Note

Antonia Rosita Alvarez was born in Manhattan on October 14, 1923. She lived in Long Island before enrolling in the United States Navy: Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service division (WAVES) on February 10, 1944. While serving in New York, Alvarez received a promotion to yeoman, second class based on merit.

Alvarez was honorably discharge on April 4, 1946.

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## Scope and Content of the Collection

The Antonia Emmanuele Collection consists of military documents, booklets, and newspaper clippings from Antonia's time as a Yeoman second class, serving in the United States Navy: Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service division (WAVES). The material is mostly military forms, pamphlets, and papers showing the basic work duties of a WAVE during World War II. The first series is arranged chronologically by format. The second series consists of photographs of Antonia, officers, roommates, and places she visited during World War II while service in the

United States Navy. The photographs are arranged by developer's codes as well as size and format.

## **Arrangement**

The collection arrived in no discernable order. Staff has arranged the collection. The collection consists of two series:

### **Series One: Military Documents, Booklets, and Clippings**

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### **Series Two: Photographs**

This series consists of photographs of Antonia, officers, roommates, and places she visited during World War II while service in the United States Navy. The photographs are arranged by developer's codes as well as size and format.

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## **Key Subjects**

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## **Subjects**

United States--Naval Reserve--Women's Reserve.

United States--Navy--Women.

United States--Navy--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.

WAVES--Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service.

World War, 1939-1945--Women--United States.

World War, 1939-1945--United States--Participation, Female

## Container List

Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
1		<b>Series One: Military Documents, Booklets, and Clippings</b>	<b>1944-1948, n.d.</b>
	800167001	Application: Women's Reserve - Waves - United States Naval Reserve [Blank]. Naval Officer Procurement card attached - "Antionia Rosita Alvarez, A.S. V-10 USNR."	n.d.
	800167002	Practice Booklet - United States Navy: Englisted Qualification Test (W.R.). Navpers 16551	n.d.
	800167003	Western Union Telegram; To: Antonia; From: Commanding Officer Naval Training School Amphibious Firemen and Navy V-12 Unit of Urbana, Illinois; Post Leave Cancelled. Note on bottom stating it came to her house as she arrived home for 21st birthday leave.	10/14/1944
	800167004	Violation of uniform regulation: Hair too long. Notice to: Antionia Alvarez.	12/27/1944
	800167005	Notice of funeral proceedures of Joseph P. Aul; died at the battle of Okinawa. Note mentions that this was the type of letter she wrote to families of those killed in action.	1945
	800167006	Letter from: Charles W. Payne; To: Miss Alvarez; Congratulations on promotion to yeoman, second class.	7/31/1945
	800167007	Mailgram from: Navy Department Bureau of Personnel; ALNAV 196 Navy Points discharge plan cancelled.	9/30/1945
	800167008	U.S. Naval Trainign Center: Great Lakes, Illinois - Liberty Pass. Alvarez, A.R. Y2c 769 17 67.	n.d.
	800167009	Liberty Pass: Enlisted Personnel - Administrative Office: Navy Department. From: 3/22/1946 - 3/25/1946. Address during liberty will be: Fredericksen Skillman, New Jersey.	3/21/1946
	800167010	United States Navy: Rating Description - Yeoman,	4/5/1946

	Second Class pamphlet.	
800167011	Explanation of Official Papers (Enlisted): 1) Discharge Certificate; 2) Notice of Separations; 3) Certificate of Satisfactory Service. [Backside] Listing of Antonia in charge of a draft.	4/6/1946
800167012	Identification Discharge Certificate: Antonia Rosita Alvarez; From: New York, New York; To: Larchmont, N.Y.	4/6/1946
800167013	Notice of Separation from U.S. Naval Service (NAVPERS-553).	4/6/1946
800167014	Going back to Civilian Life booklet	2/1946
800167015	Women's Reserve Information Separation Pamphlet (NAVPERS-15023).	n.d.
800167016	The Story of You in Navy Blue booklet.	n.d.
800167017	Acknowledgement of Remittance: National Service Life Insurance (VA Form 367 B).	6/25/1946
800167018	Letter from: Veterans Administration office; To; Antonia; Regarding completed training and leave in connection with the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.	3/30/1948
800167019	Application for Servicemen's Readjustment Allowance.	6/9/1948
800167020	Newspaper clipping: "The Wolf" by Sansone	1944
800167021	Newspaper clipping: "The Thrill That Comes Once in a Lifetime: Sailor's Yarns" by Webster	1/15/1944
800167022	Newspaper clipping: "The Thrill That Comes Once in a Lifetime" by Webster	1946
800167023	Newspaper clipping: Photo of WAVES training on the Iowa State Teachers college campus in Cedar Falls.	n.d.
800167024	Newspaper insert: "Real Fighting is to Begin Yet" with separate note from Antonia.	n.d.

**Series Two: Photographs**

- 800167025 Roomates at Hunter: 1) Red, 2) Antonia, 3) Maxine, 4) Betty.
- 800167026 Roomates at Hunter: 1) Red, 2) Antonia, 3) Maxine, 4) Betty. (DUP)
- 800167027 Group of ten WAVES in uniform.
- 800167028 Antonia in uniform.
- 800167029 "Red showing off her manpower!!!" standing with two soldiers.
- 800167030 Helen Buck - Company Commander with inscription.
- 800167031 Helen Buck - Company Commander, sitting on steps
- 800167032 Helen Buck - Company Commander, standing by pillar
- 800167033 Helen Buck - Company Commander, in front of building
- 800167034 Group of WAVES posing in a window.
- 800167035 Helen Buck - Company Commander, in uniform
- 800167036 Antonia and another WAVE "practicing saluting"
- 800167037 Antonia, Red, and five others laying around by the trees.
- 800167038 Antonia standing by a sign that reads: "Military Area: No Loitering - U.S. Navy"
- 800167039 Large display anchor at "War Bond Drive event held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago"
- 800167040 Battleship display at "War Bond Drive event held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago"
- 800167041 Two soldiers standing in front of the U.S.S. Chambana display at "War Bond Drive event held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago"

- 800167042 Full view of the Large display anchor and Battleship display with flags hanging from rafters at "War Bond Drive event held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago"
- 800167043 Antonia in uniform, sitting at a typewriter.
- 800167044 "Graduation at Hunter College N.Y.C. from Bottcamp, 1944" Signed: Toni Alvarez
- 800167045 Cerimonial Ship Launching - Official Navy Photograph: Not to Be Reproduced - Frank W. Bazzoni, photographer.