

War Era Story Project 2012

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Current home town: Not given

Age: 89

My mother, Ellen A. Alexander, was a Marine MP in World War II. She arrived at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 8, 1941. She graduated from High School in Rutland, MA. Her maiden name was Abbott. After graduating, she worked for a while from her home, babysitting two young brothers for a working mother. She decided to do something for her country, and to escape from a very restrictive father, so she enlisted in the Marine Corps.

Her basic training was at Camp Lejeune in South Carolina. There, she met and married my father, a fellow Marine, Miner Colvin Alexander. He was shipped out to Midway, and when she got a chance to follow him, she took it. She was aboard a ship to Midway and the ship stopped off at Pearl Harbor the day after the bombing. She remained in the service until 1946. My mother is currently living here in Ohio with me. She is legally blind, hard of hearing and a diabetic. She was born August the 18th, 1923.



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