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328 McPherson St. Oxford, AL

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INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name: Carl H. Abbott M/F male
 Address: 328 McPherson St. Oxford, AL
 Phone number(s): 831-2313
 Approximate age or date of birth: 3-21-22
 Mother's Name: Maudie King
 Father's Name: Charlie Abbott (C.D.)
 Places lived and when: Empire, AL (Walker) till 20 yrs old, 1947-48
Jacksonville, AL in 1948 Oxford in 1950.
 Education: 6th grade
 Religion: Baptist
 Business, political and social memberships (past and present) Barber's
Commision, Coal Miner's Union
 Present occupation: Retired ; Barber
 Former occupations: Coal miner at age 17 1/2, Ship fitter (Hull technician)
 Special Skills: Barber, Welder in mines
 Major Accomplishments: Entered navy as Seaman 1st Class
 National Events in which interviewee has participated: N/A
 Local Events in which interviewee has participated: N/A
 National born U.S. citizen? Yes/No
 Naturalized Citizen: Yes/No Date: _____
 Country from which he/she emigrated: _____
 Documents, photographs, and artifacts which are in the possession of the interviewee:
Photographs
 Individuals recommended by the interviewee who might be candidates for an oral history interview: _____
 Additional information: _____

*use Lee
full name, too*

INTERVIEW WITH CARL ABBOTT AND HIS WIFE
LIFE DURING WORLD WAR II

Interview by Rebecca Turley

Introduction: Carl Abbott ^{born} originated in a small town called Empire, located in Walker County, Alabama. He was born in 1922 and entered the Navy at age twenty with the prospect of serving on a Destroyer during World War II.

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(side one)

- I. Introduction and first assignment at Guadalcanal.
 - A. Assigned to the USS Waller which won twelve battle stars.
 - B. 13,000 people killed at Billa la Villa Harbor.
 - C. Ramming barges at night.
 - D. Tokyo Express

- II. Saipan
 - A. Japanese and battle
 - B. Guam and Atomic Bomb

- III. Mrs. Abbott describes life at home while her husband was away at war.
(Mr. Abbott was unable to continue due to his emotions; I thought this would be an interesting aside while he tried to recover.)
 - A. How she meets her husband and describes her work in a Shell Factory.
 - B. Differences between wages for men and women
 - C. Rationing
 - D. Her opinion concerning labor unions

(side two)

- IV. Mr. Waller continues his discussion of WWII.
 - A. Why he wanted to serve on a destroyer
 - B. Life after the war; emergence of the required Driver's License
 - C. Description of the USS Waller
 - D. Pay in the Navy

- V. Conclusion: A letter written to Mr. Abbott by an old shipmate