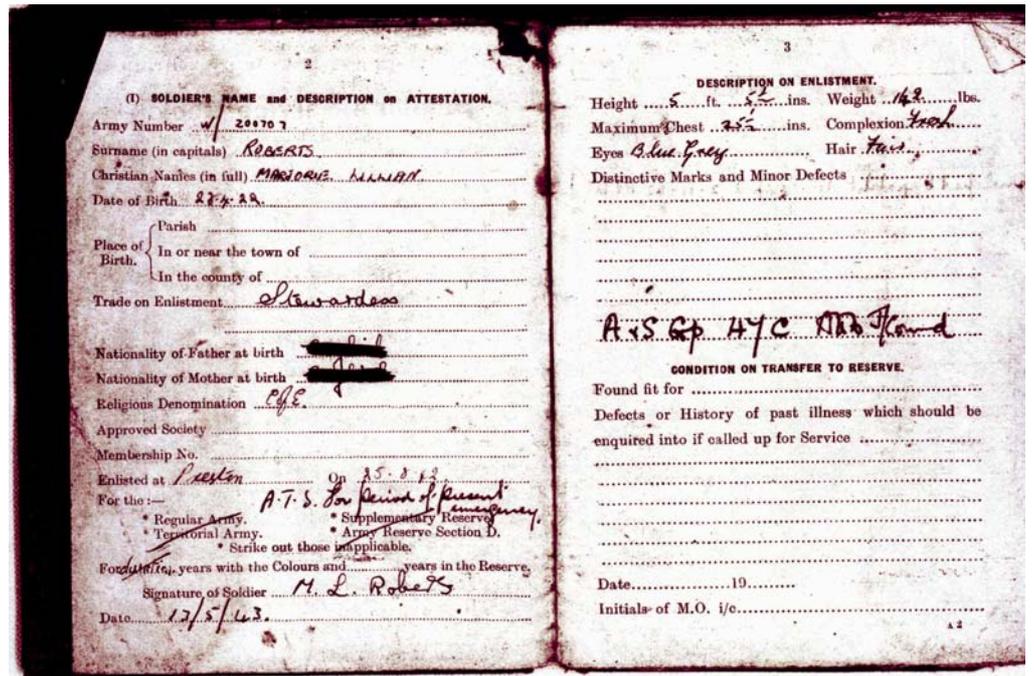


Surname: Allebone	First Name(s): Marjorie Lillian	Army Number: W/200707	
Maiden name (if applicable): Roberts	Name used during service: Roberts	Rank: Pte	
Main base: Woolwich Arsenal London	Training base: Lancaster Hereford Blundell Sands	Enrolled at: Preston	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery: 588 (M) H.A.A. Battery 371 Coy C (M) T	Group/Regiment: Royal Artillery R.A.S.C.	Command: AckAck Command
Year(s) of service: 25/8/1942 to 1/5/1946	Reason for discharge: End of hostilities	Trade: Dispatch Rider Ambulance Driver Truck Driver	
Uniform Issued: S.D. B.D. Denim overalls	Photo: 		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not available • 		

Pay book:



Memorable moments:

- On enlistment in August 1942 Marjorie was sent to the Kings Own Barracks at Lancaster for training and injections. During her time there she was taught drill and saluting and also how to ride a motorbike. She also learnt to be a driver mechanic which was a very intensive course which she passed quite efficiently.
- Marjorie was then sent to Hereford to be trained as a Dispatch Rider which she passed in 1942.
- After 1942 she was sent to a depot at Woolwich Arsenal as a Dispatch Rider, there she found she was to be on standby 24 hours a day. Her main task was to carry orders and despatches to the various bases and Ack Ack sites, to Commanding Officers whenever it was necessary. This could be during air raids whether bombing or strafing, come rain or shine, it was during one of these raids that she rode her motorbike into an unmarked bomb crater and broke her left foot and that ended her motorcycling days. That was in 1943.
- She was sent to the drivers' pool, where she was given the job of driving an ambulance ferrying casualties from various ports. This was quite harrowing for Margie with four casualties in an ambulance and no assistance if something happened. Fortunately nothing did and she managed to get to the various hospitals without mishap. She did have one mishap, fortunately the ambulance was empty. She was crossing London Bridge in the blackout in winter when she hit a patch of ice and spun three times. Fortunately, there was no traffic at the time.
- Next she attended a drivers course at 588 (M) Heavy Ack Ack Battery Royal Artillery, after which she was given a 3 ton truck for carrying heavy and light ammunition to various AckAck sites.
- In 1945 Margie was sent to Blundell Sands for a refresher course.
- She was demobbed at No5 Military Collection unit 1st May 1946 at Guilford.

A tribute to Marjorie and Roger Allebone
By
Peter Allebone (husband) and Debby Rayward (daughter)

Marjorie Allebone (nee Roberts) was born in Manchester England on St. Georges Day 23rd April 1922. It was there that she did her schooling to the age of 14 years, and after a series of minor positions prior to the age of 16 she joined the London Midland Railway where she worked her way from junior stewardess to a Supervisory Stewardess.

At the age of 20 Marjorie had become a very beautiful and intelligent woman, she joined the A.T.S. where she was one of those specialised select and elite group who were known as Dispatch Riders during the Second World War. These dare devils on motor bikes were legends in their own time and were often exposed to enemy strafing and bombing and the efforts and risks taken by this small number of people was a major contribution to the ware effort.

Marjorie was a living example of people who when the crunch came were prepared to sacrifice their lives as volunteers in the Fight for Freedom. She was discharged in 1946 and worked for Max Factor as a Beautician.

Marjorie, Peter and Roger then came to Australia where Marjorie worked as a telephonist for the PMG in Sydney until 1954 when Debby was born. The family bought a guesthouse in late 1958 and whilst Marjorie was running the guesthouse she also fostered seventeen abandoned children and bred pedigree Cairn Terriers.

They bought a property near Braidwood in 1969 where Marjorie and her husband ran sheep and cattle together. The property was sold in 1974 and another property was bought at Tylstone where they continued to run sheep and cattle.

In 1980 their son Roger died and his ashes are now buried with his mother. Roger was 31 when he died from cancer. Roger was a foreign correspondent for the ABC and was known throughout Australia. He then chose to become a freelance journalist living in San Francisco where his work was sold throughout the world during the last years of his life.

In late 1995 they sold their Rylstone property and bought a property at Emmaville where Marjorie lived until her death.

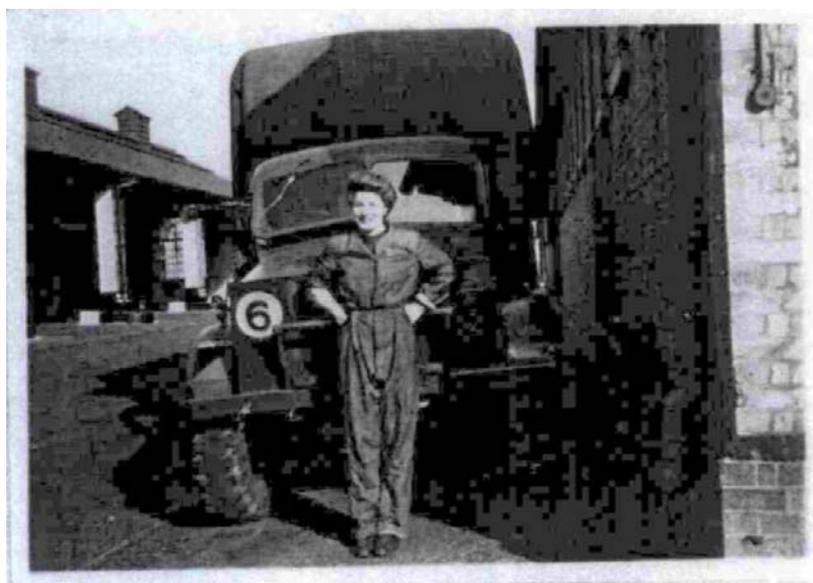
Marjorie's husband Peter would like to quote the words of George Elliot:

“In death they are not divided”

Photos:



Margie 1943





A few of the girls of 588 (M) H.A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery
12 April 1943

Form completed posthumously by Peter Allebone, husband of Marjorie Allebone