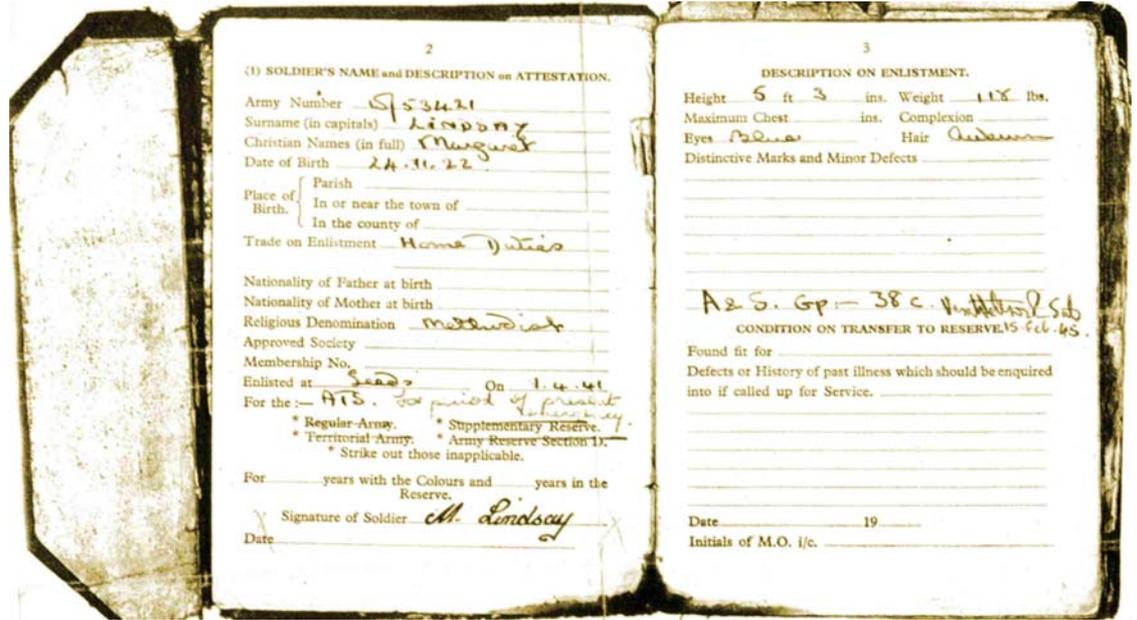


<b>Surname:</b> Cheeseright	<b>First Name(s):</b> Margaret	<b>Army Number:</b> W/53421	
<b>Maiden name (if applicable):</b>	<b>Name used during service:</b> Lindsay	<b>Rank:</b> Volunteer to stat with and then Pte when we came under military law	
<b>Main base:</b>	<b>Training base:</b> Durham Kimmel Bay, Nth Wales	<b>Enrolled at:</b> Leeds	
<b>Platoon/Section:</b> B Troop	<b>Company/Battery:</b> 342 Battery	<b>Group/Regiment:</b> 93 <sup>rd</sup> Searchlight Regiment	<b>Command:</b> Ack Ack
<b>Year(s) of service:</b> 1/4/1941 to 17/11/1945	<b>Reason for discharge:</b> Marriage	<b>Trade:</b> Electrician No 5 on the Searchlight	
<b>Uniform Issued:</b>  Tunic Skirt Trousers Battle dress jacket Denims Boots Shoes Stockings Underwear Cap Steel helmet Fur coat Overcoat	<b>Photo:</b> 		
<b>Description of daily tasks:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being on a searchlight site, we were spared drill, PT etc</li> <li>• Maintenance on the searchlights, keeping our sleeping huts and rec hut clean. Aircraft recognition.</li> <li>• Some of the 'things' we did, we could perhaps still be on a charge for.</li> </ul>		

Pay book:



I was actually born on 24/11/23. I did have a mother and a father at the time, both British, but I added a year on to my age so I could join the ATS (it wasn't called the ATS then).

Memorable moments:

When the Barrage opens out to meet the Invading Hun  
Everybody's thoughts go out to the Girls behind the Gun  
But they are not the only Girls in the front line over night  
For suddenly from out of nowhere comes a blinding light  
A long accusing finger pointing upwards to the sky  
To tell the guns and fighters "There the Raiders lie"  
They're the girls that do the job, a far from easy one  
But equally important in keeping off the Hun  
Unloved unwanted a fact few people know  
That when the beams are out at night the girls down below  
But if they help in some small way to keep the Hun at bay  
They're satisfied and don't give two hoots what people say

- This still makes me laugh. Being confined on site, if one girl caught a cold etc we all did. Well one time we all had head lice, so had to go to HQ to see the Doctor and had our heads sprayed with some awful smelly stuff. We had to travel back to our site by the local bus, you can guess what the bus smelled like. We got some funny looks from the conductor. The one of our girls say 'wasn't it awful this stuff they had sprayed us with because we were going overseas'. Then the passengers were full of sympathy for us 'poor girls'.
- I have a photo taken at Hever Castle with Lady Aster. Our CO Major Kenyon hired a train to take us to the Castle (can't remember the name of the Station) but it was about a mile to the Castle from the station and we weren't even offered a drink of water when we arrived.
- We were called that 'Monstrous Regt of Women'.

When it came to searchlights  
We thought "Oh what a curse".  
But then we'd joined the Army  
For better or for worse.  
We slowly got accustomed

To listen *and* the men,  
Some even got a liking  
For turning in at ten!  
We started understanding  
To think of others too,  
And pulled our weight together,  
Not me-but me and you.  
We had our fun and laughter,  
We also had our tears,  
But its something to remember  
Just now *and* in later years.  
The regiment has broken  
The time has come to part,  
And yet in one small corner  
Of everybody's heart  
We're saying it together  
It surely must be heard

"We're proud that we were members of the 'Monstrous' 93<sup>rd</sup>"

**M. T-B.**

**Photos:**



Nellie, Bob, Jock, Sally and Margaret Cheeseright (kneeling)  
St Albans 1945



Cheveralls Green 1943



Aircrew cadets. I married one on his return from Canada. Had his wings and posted to a Lancaster Sqn Cheveralls Green 1943



Margaret Cheeseright on the right

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RELEASE LEAVE CERTIFICATE

Army No. W/53421 Present Rank Pvt.

Surname (Block Letters) CHESTERISH 13 JAN 1946

Christian Name MARGARET

Co. and Group/Unit A Coy. Royal Army Service Corps

Date of Last Enrolment 1941 \* Call up for military service 1941  
\* Strike out whichever is inapplicable

(a) Trade on enlistment Domestic (c) Service Trade R.A.S.C. ST/W

(b) Trade courses and trade tests passed RAOC ST/W (d) Any other qualifications for civilian employment

Military Conduct: Very Good F-6 WW

Testimonial: A good & conscientious worker. Reliable and trustworthy with a pleasant disposition.

Place Carlisle Date 17 Nov 45

Signature of Officer [Signature]

Signature of Auxiliary Member [Signature]

• Army Education Record (including particulars under (a), (b), (c) and (d) below) —  
\* This section will not be filed in with the receipt of further War Office instructions.

(a) Type of course. (b) Length. (c) Total hours of instruction. (d) Record of achievement.

(i)\* (ii)\* (iii)\* (iv)\*

\* Instructors will insert the letter "I" here to indicate that in their case the record refers to courses in which they have acted as instructors.

Signature of Unit Education Officer

NOTES:  
 (1) Further details of service and of medals to which entitled may be had on application to O. (c) Records, accompanied by the applicant's A.R.64, Part I.  
 (2) If this certificate is lost or mislaid, a duplicate can be obtained.

THE ABOVE-NAMED PROCEEDED ON RELEASE LEAVE ON THE DATE SHOWN IN THE MILITARY DISPERSAL UNIT STAMP OPPOSITE.

N.B. — A certificate (A.F. X 202(D) showing the date of transfer to the Unemployed List in the case of A.T.S. auxiliaries, and the termination of release leave in the case of V.A.D. members, will be issued by the Officer (c) Record Office. All personnel released are liable to recall if necessary during the continuing period of the emergency.

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 MILITARY DISPERSAL UNIT  
 No 2  
 18 NOV 1945  
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My late mother always said they had got me mixed up with someone else as I was always in trouble at school, must have been my 'red' hair.