

Surname: Zurovcik	First Name(s): Rosetta (Rae)	Army Number: W/169709	
Maiden name (if applicable): Brewer	Name used during service: Wessel / Brewer	Rank: Cf/W (Crafts woman)	
Main base: Chilwell, Nottingham	Training base: Royal Scot Barracks, Glencourse, Scotland	Enrolled at: Acton, London	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery:	Group/Regiment: R.E.M.E.	Command: Northern
Year(s) of service: 16/04/1942 to 11/07/1945	Reason for discharge: General Demob	Trade: Welder	
Uniform Issued: Hat. Dress jacket Skirt Stockings Bras Vest Underpants 3OD / 3 white shirts 8 collars Tie Battle jacket Pants Boots Gaiters Top coat San pads	Photo:  1944		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had to weld everything from mild steel to cast iron and brazing. • Did welding repairs on everything from motor bike petrol tanks to Tanks. (I only worked day-light). • Helped the blacksmith. • Only did P.T. a few times. • I had extra duty once. • Helped in the Y.W.C.A. in the evening. 		

Pay book:

Not available – Release certificate:

RELEASE LEAVE CERTIFICATE
A.F. X 202(D)
- 5 SEP 1945

Army No. 1169709 Present Rank PVT
Surname (Block Letters) ROBERT L. MAY
Christian Name
Coy. and Group/Unit CHILWELL GROUP A.T.S.
Date of Last Enrolment 16.12.44 *Strike out whichever is inapplicable.
(c) Trade on enlistment BUNGING Service Trade WELDER CLASS III
(d) Trade courses and trade tests passed WELDER CLASS III *Any other qualifications for civilian employment
Military Conduct: 17.1.45 - 3.10.45
Testimonials: 17.1.45 - 3.10.45
Place Chilwell Date 17.1.45
Signature of Officer
Signature of Army Member
* Army Education Record (including particulars under (a), (b), (c) and (d))
(a) Type of course. (b) Length. (c) Hours of instruction. (d) Record of achievement.
* Instructors will insert the letter "I" here to indicate that in their 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. 4's Records, accompanied by the applicant's A.F.M. Part 5.
(2) If this certificate is lost or mislaid no duplicate can be obtained.
THE ABOVE NAMED PROCURED ON RELEASE LEAVE ON THE DATE SHOWN IN THE MILITARY IMPERIAL UNIT STAMP OPPOSITE
N.B. - A certificate (A.F. X 202(D)) showing the date of transfer to the Territorial Force in the case of A.T.S. auxiliaries, and the termination of their service in the case of V.A.D. members, will be issued by the Officer-in-Charge.
All personnel released are liable to recall if necessary during the continuing period of the emergency.

OFFICER COMMANDING COMPANY,
CHILWELL GROUP

Military Department
1 JUL 1945
LONDON

Memorable moments:

- A brick oven was built to weld a crack in a cylinder block. It took days to prepare and repair and would take days to cool down. The second or third day after repair, someone opened the workshop door and it put another crack in it!
- I remember the friendship and the last Christmas in Chilwell in 1944.
- I still see faces of A.T.S. friends crying as the bus took us to the station for demob.
- The following was written at Chilwell in 1945:

To be bored, you don't have to be blond
Though of men, you're not frightfully fond
Routine and tradition, we damn to petition
And if you prefer it beyond.
At the Depot we've plenty of choice.
Though no one owns a Rolls Royce.
But a Tilly will do, and I ask you.
A Jeep makes an alternative choice.

Now the CFN think we're a wow
Yes, even Maj Laveson and how!
The civvies adore us.
But they simply bore us.
It's the khaki tradition just now.

In the workshop's we're doing our bit.
And to say the least, we are it.
I'm a welder by trade.
Though not very well paid
So all day on Cpt? Lap I sit.

Now we think you have heard enough of this ditty
And although it's not particularly witty
It's the best we can do
And you can't have the two.
Witty and pretty – can you?

Photos:



January 1944
Hammer and tongs worn by welders
and blacksmiths

1944

