

<b>Surname:</b> Ash	<b>First Name(s):</b> Pat	<b>Army Number:</b> W/159971	
<b>Maiden name (if applicable):</b> Mabbutt	<b>Name used during service:</b> Mabbutt / Ash	<b>Rank:</b> Private	
<b>Main base:</b> East Coast	<b>Training base:</b> Honiton, Devon Oswestry	<b>Enrolled at:</b> Wembley	
<b>Platoon/Section:</b>	<b>Company/Battery:</b> 582 Battery 570 Battery 579 Battery	<b>Group/Regiment:</b> 172 Regiment H(M)AA 161 Regiment H(M)AA	<b>Command:</b> Royal Artillery
<b>Year(s) of service:</b> 06.05.1942 to 20.09.1945	<b>Reason for discharge:</b> Completion of Service 01.04.1954	<b>Trade:</b> Radar Operator	
<b>Uniform Issued:</b> Shoes Stockings Dress uniform Battle Dress Tin hat Haversack Kit bag Housewife Boots Leather jerkin	<b>Photo:</b>  1942		
<b>Description of daily tasks:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 hour shifts on duty or maintenance of equipment.</li> <li>• I was No 4 bearing operator.</li> <li>• Radar was operated 24 hours.</li> <li>• Maintained the generator.</li> <li>• Guard duties on site entrance.</li> </ul>		
<b>Pay book:</b>	Not available		

**Memorable moments:**

- After an air raid, changed siffts and walkd back to camp through a field. Did not realise that butterfly bombs had been dropped on it (we were lucky not to be injured).
- Going to the public baths once a week – no running water on site.
- Being under canvas – wooden beds.
- Comradeship.

**Photos:**



Pat, Ethel, Joyce, Doreen  
Nottingham April 1943



1943 Hessian Embroidered with R.A. Badge, Radar Badge  
and names of all operators



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