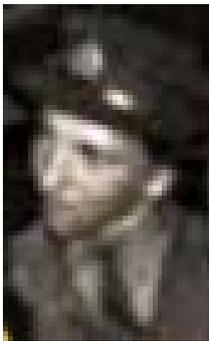


Surname: Carter	First Name(s): Vera Evelyn	Army Number: W/	
Maiden name (if applicable): Levy	Name used during service: Levy / Carter	Rank: Private	
Main base: Pontifract Barracks Donnington	Training base: Kimmel Park Camp, N Wales	Enrolled at: Birmingham Recruitment Office	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery:	Group/Regiment:	Command:
Year(s) of service: Sept 1943 to Sept 1946	Reason for discharge: Married 18/5/1946 Demobbed Guildford	Trade: No 4 and No 5 Searchlight Operator (150 cm) Signal Stores	
Uniform Issued: Skirt/Tunic Shirts Tie Lace-up shoes BD. Boots Gaiter Underwear Caps Great Coat Fur jackets Mittens (flapped back) Overalls	Photo: 		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Searchlight reflector kept clean and carbon rods checked. • Helped to operate the 150 cm Searchlight. We linked up with other sites to form an intersection of beams. We wore head and chest communication sets and relayed bearing and elevation to other operators. • Generator maintained day and night – 24 hours. • Took it in turns to do cookhouse duty. • All females, 5 people on duty kept the huts clean. • Beds barracked, kit cleaned, uniform in order. • Checked burning stove. • PT mid-morning. 		
Pay book:	Not available		

Memorable moments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From Kimmel Park Camp I was sent to Longford 3.4, the back of London Airport before it was used for holidays.• We used to run down for P.T. exercise to the Great West Road for coffee.• Moved to Virginia Water in the country where we had a visit from a Bull in our empty barrack room – rather a mess.• Then on to Hayling Island – very nice near the seaside and was able to visit other camps for evening dances.• Air raids frequently interrupted our lives. We had seconds to get from the hut to the searchlight and had to remember how many burning hours were in the carbons.• The searchlight and the generator were the main items of the site. We had to work in all weathers and needed warm clothes, hence we had long johns under our trousers, fur jackets and mittens which you could flap back to show fingerless mitts. We had to crank the generator over every few hours day and night so that you knew it was ready at any time.• When called to post in the middle of the night we used to pull our battledress trousers on over our pyjamas.
Photos:	 <p data-bbox="683 1509 1273 1576">Sgt Hines talking to us at Kimmel Park Camp Private Carter third from the left</p>