

<b>Surname:</b> Durkin	<b>First Name(s):</b> Olive	<b>Army Number:</b> W/185164	
<b>Maiden name (if applicable):</b> Waining	<b>Name used during service:</b> Waining	<b>Rank:</b> L/Cpl	
<b>Main base:</b> Glen Parva Barracks Leicester	<b>Training base:</b> Devizes Bude Practice Camp	<b>Enrolled at:</b> St Albans 1942	
<b>Platoon/Section:</b> C Section	<b>Company/Battery:</b> 569 H.A.A.(M) Battery	<b>Group/Regiment:</b> 171 Regiment Royal Artillery Royal Engineers – Accounts (after hostilities)	<b>Command:</b> Western
<b>Year(s) of service:</b> 4 years	<b>Reason for discharge:</b> Demobilised 1946 at York	<b>Trade:</b> Predictor Operator Accounts Office R.E. (after hostilities)	
<b>Uniform Issued:</b> S.D. B.D.	<b>Photo:</b> 		
<b>Description of daily tasks:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No 1 Predictor operator – Also P.T.I.</li> <li>• Did fatigues, helped in site office with typing</li> <li>• 24 hours operation duties, next day on fatigues</li> </ul>		
<b>Pay book:</b>	Not available		
<b>Memorable moments:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The night we shot down a Junkers 88 off the Welsh coast, a very heavy night under attack, but worth it.</li> <li>• D-Day evening when thousands of planes went over fully laden, at the time we didn't know what was happening. The next morning the Bristol Channel, which had been full of all types of ships, was empty, so we knew something big was happening after no leave for 9 months. My mum kept writing 'why hadn't we got leave.'</li> </ul>		

**Photos:**



On my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in Devizes, 1942 – The largest camp I had ever seen  
(First day in Battledress)