

Surname: Flinn	First Name(s): Josephine N	Army Number: W/149161	
Maiden name (if applicable): Moseley	Name used during service: Moseley / Flinn (aka JoMo)	Rank: Cpl	
Main base: Chester Dumfries	Training base: ATS Training Centre, Wrexham, N Wales, H Platoon C Company (3 weeks)	Enrolled at: Enlisted - Wrexham	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery: J Company	Group/Regiment: ATS Saighton Camp, Chester – attached to 233 LAA Tr Regt R.A. Attached to Command Supply Depot RASC Dumfries Churchill Barracks, Ayr Attached to Central Accounts Office RASC Taunton	Command: Western Command Scottish Command Southern Command
Year(s) of service: Friday 13 March 1942 to November 1945	Reason for discharge: Applied for release at one month's notice	Trade: Clerk	
Uniform Issued: S.D.	Photo: 		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk in pay office in April 1942 but became PRI Clerk keeping Regimental and Sgts Mess accounts in Saighton Camp in November of the same year. • Carried out Clerical duties for Command Supply Depot RASC October 1943. Formed RASC Central Accounts Office with A.T.S. Clerks from other CSDs from April 1944. 		
Pay book:	Not available		

Memorable moments:

- Enlisted A.T.S. Training Centre Wrexham Barracks, N Wales – H Platoon C Company for three weeks basic training on Friday 13 March 1942.
- April 1942, posted to J Company A.T.S. Saughton Camp, Chester, attached to 233 LAA Tr Regt Royal Artillery as a Clerk in the Pay Office. In the summer of 1942 the regiment was redesignated to No 1 Primary Training Centre.
- Life in an A.T.S. barrack room was much like being part of a large family. Pte Joan Lewis wrote verses about the occupants of K4 barrack room, Saughton Camp. My verse went:
J stands for Josie our little home ‘bird’
With the funniest laugh that we’ve ever heard
She spends a quiet time in Camp every night
And is in bed long before we turn out the light.

Pte Marjorie Bell had written about her:
M is for Marjorie, I’ll bet you a dollar
That you’ll always find her hair on her collar
When first she came with fingernails red
“I’m sure they won’t make me take this off” she said.

Mary Porter couldn’t ‘see a thing’ in this extract, because it was usually after Lights Out when she came in trying to find her bed in the dark:
M is for Mary our ‘Black Out’ girl
Whose hair will always stay in curl
Now after some drinks she doesn’t sing
But roams round the room saying ‘Can’t see a thing!’

Jill Lister slept near the door where a large cardboard carton stood for a waste bin. Jill used to keep a roster calling a name each morning followed by ‘BOX’ for it to be emptied. If anyone left the door open she would shout after them ‘DOOR’ for it to be closed. I remember this well and think about my room mates in K4 – I wonder if life treated all of them kindly – I do hope so.

- November 1942, became PRI Clerk keeping Regimental and Sgts Mess accounts and was promoted to Corporal.
- October 1943 No 1 Primary Training Centre was disbanded and I was posted to Dumfries, Scottish Command attached to Command Supply Depot (CSD) RASC Dumfries. A.T.S. quarters at Summerhill House, Terregles Street.
- April 1944 – posted to Churchill Barracks, Ayr with A.T.S. Clerks from other CSDs to form new RASC Central Accounts Office. All Privilege Leave cancelled indefinitely awaiting D Day. Leave restored at the end of August 1944.
- In Churchill Barracks there was a daily barrack room inspection by the Orderly Officer who recorded remarks on a form by the door. Our barrack room was Martinique and we never got top marks. We were usually accused of ‘dusty lockers’ or ‘dirty floor’ or both! So we never won the right to have a special picture hanging in the room for the month. One day a lovely water colour of a Scottish scene painted by Effie MacInnes, appeared on our noticeboard with a note ‘Presented to Martinique, for having the dirtiest floor, the dustiest lockers, but the BEST girls!!’ I wonder what happened to that picture ...
- 28 August 1944 took 4 weeks marriage leave. Married to C/Sgt Sydney C Flinn, Royal Marines who returned to UK in April after service in Egypt and Ceylon since January 1941.
- Posted back to CSD RASC Dumfries October 1944 on closure of CAO Ayr.
- Cross posting to CAO RASC Bishopsmead Taunton, Southern Command A.T.S. camp Pyrland Hall (Hut 5) January 1945
- October/November 1945 applied for release, available to married women giving one month’s notice after war ended. Demob centre Guildford.

Photos:



K4 – Saughton Camp Chester – August 1942
Joan Lewis Margaret Beaumont Kitty Threapleton
Sheila Johnson Rene Weymouth Kaye Calland Ruby Rigby Mary Ford



K4 August 1942 – Outside K Spider
Lily Leach Rose Wilds Nancy



Standing on the drive to Summerhill House, Dumfries – January 1944
Florence Garside Ann Bushby Jeannie Dodds Ella Wilson



Summerhill House – January 1944
 Ruth McCallum Florence Garside Jean Chadwick Helen Stewart
 Ann Bushby Ella Wilson Jo Moseley
 Ann Robertson and Minnie



Summerhill House – January 1944
 Florence Garside Jo Moseley Ann Bushby Ella Wilson



Churchill Barracks, Ayr May 1944 – Central Accounts RASC
 Cpl R Williams Margaret Pollitt Lieut Humphries Jo Moseley Capt ? Effie
 MacInnes Marjorie Foster Bella Farquhar Mary Laird Millie Glancy
 Margaret Bruce Ada Brown Mollie Dick Betty Steven Emily Mackay
 (Photographer Cathie Pattison)