

Surname: Johnston	First Name(s): Joan Margaret	Army Number: W/150634	
Maiden name (if applicable):	Name used during service: Johnston	Rank: Cpl	
Main base: B.H.Q.	Training base: Blandford Camp	Enrolled at: Aldermaston	
Platoon/Section: B.H.Q.	Company/Battery: 570 (M) H.A.A. Battery	Group/Regiment: Royal Artillery	Command: Ack Ack Command
Year(s) of service: 25/6/1942 to August 1945	Reason for discharge: Transferred to War Office after Battery disbanded	Trade: Trade tested Class I Clerk	
Uniform Issued: Tin hat Cap F.S. Skirt and Trousers (later) Shirts Collars Vests Drawers Jersey Gloves Shoulder bag Greatcoat	Photo:  October 1942		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Battery office duties including shorthand/typing. • P.T. at 7.30 am most mornings – often on East Coast beach (uahh!!) • All the C.O.'s typing etc 		
Pay book:	Not available		

Memorable moments:

- I worked in the Battery Office – I suppose I was the Major’s secretary really, but also did odd typing for the battery in general. Great Friendships were made between all of the BHQ girls –of all types you could imagine. Perhaps the greatest of all was Pte Chambers (known within the Battery as ‘jerry’ for obvious reasons). She had a heart of gold – about the only one (besides me) of all the BHQ with whom I served – we shot down three planes when at Lowestoft. Dreadfully cold there in winter.
- Weybourne Jinny camp in Norfolk was a dreadful site – the men sleeping in our HQ, we in tents.

Photos:

