

Surname: Tucker	First Name(s): Catherine	Army Number: W/131892	
Maiden name (if applicable): Richardson	Name used during service: Richardson / Tucker	Rank: Corporal	
Main base:	Training base: R.W.F. Wrexham (4 weeks) Operational – 232 Camp Devizes (8 weeks)	Enrolled at: Cardiff	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery: (mostly) 508 (M) H.A.A. Battery	Group/Regiment: Royal Artillery	Command: Southern
Year(s) of service: 2/2/1942 to 31/10/1945	Reason for discharge: Demob	Trade: Radar Operator	
Uniform Issued: Usual items, plus leather jerkin 2 pairs brown boots (2 sizes bigger than shoes) Gumboots Long johns Leather mitts with cover for fingers	Photo: 		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hours on, 24 hours off. 06.00 to 14.00, 14.00 – 22.00 - 22.00 to 06.00, sometimes 4 hours on, 4 off – depended on amount of action. • Worst job at huge training camp – emptying dustbins of san towels! • Trade was locating incoming planes by radar so guns could aim. 		
Pay book:	Not available		

Memorable moments:

- Being up all night during air raid – everyone roped in to carry more ammunition as guns ran out – 2 x 56 lb AA shells in a box – quite exhausting when done for hours on end,
- ‘Gun Cocoa’ – gorgeous after above – so thick that the ladle could stand upright in the bucket!
- Most memorable thing was comradeship – exceptional.
- Feeling alternately bored or terrified.

Photos:





