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Surname: Upton	First Name(s): Iris	Army Number:	
Maiden name (if applicable): Turner	Name used during service: Turner / Upton	Rank: Subaltern	
Main base: Shoeburyness. Seaford. Nelson Camp, Portsmouth. Southwick. Pimbrook. Doodlebug Alley.	Training base: York Penicink and Craigmillan for OCTU training. Oswestry Aberporth Firing Camp	Enrolled at: Unknown	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery: 529 (M) H.A.A. Battery	Group/Regiment: Royal Artillery	Command: A.A. Command
Year(s) of service: March 1942 to 1945	Reason for discharge: Unknown	Trade: Attached to Experimental Ranges and trained as Wireless Operator. Ack Ack Plotting Officer.	
Uniform Issued: Shoeburyness Range: Navy pea-jacket Navy Trousers Navy Skirt Navy Tie White blouse R.A. Forage cap Ack Ack: S.D. Field Cap Shirt Tie Shoes B.D. Soft cap Steel helmet	Photo: 		

Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoeburyness ranges: recovering mortar bomb tails from the sands • Travelling across the sands of the range in the back of a 15 cwt lorry to convey wireless messages to and from the battery. • AckAck Command: Plotting and fatigues.
Pay book:	Unavailable
Memorable moments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoeburyness ranges: Bouncing along across the range in the back of a lorry – one day we bounced in the holes from the previous day’s shelling so hard, that I was flung off the lorry into a large water-filled hole. • Earning an extra 4d a day ‘danger money’. • Training to operate the searchlight at Pimbrook we practiced on a ‘target’ plane which we had nicely caught in our beam when it started to drop bombs. We had to switch back to plotting very quickly so that the Battery could open fire. • Attending a SHAEF HQ (Southwick House) open-air concert given by Glenn Miller, who played from two long vehicles drawn up back-to-back. • Ships stretched across the water from Portsmouth as far as you could see after D-day and the sky filled with planes pulling gliders across to France. • A V2 falling close to the Guard Room of the Command Post at Church End on Foulness Island (Doodlebug Alley) – not much damage was done as the ground was very soft.
Photos:	<div data-bbox="549 1019 1404 1597" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="646 1666 1305 1731" style="text-align: center;"> ATS looking for mortar bomb tails in the sands at Shoeburyness Experimental Range </p>