


<b>Surname:</b> Powles	<b>First Name(s):</b> Eileen	<b>Army Number:</b> W/218507	
<b>Maiden name (if applicable):</b> Weeks	<b>Name used during service:</b> Allan	<b>Rank:</b> Sgt	
<b>Main base:</b> Knightsbridge G.O.R. Posted Overseas	<b>Training base:</b> Guildford, Kingston Signal School	<b>Enrolled at:</b> Conscripted	
<b>Platoon/Section:</b>	<b>Company/Battery:</b>	<b>Group/Regiment:</b>	<b>Command:</b>
<b>Year(s) of service:</b> 04/09/1942 to 30/06/1949	<b>Reason for discharge:</b> Father died, mother left a widow	<b>Trade:</b> Signals	
<b>Uniform Issued:</b> Full uniform issued	<b>Photo:</b> 		
<b>Description of daily tasks:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 shifts</li> </ul>		
<b>Pay book:</b>	Not available		

<p><b>Memorable moments:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training was 6 weeks basic at Guildford and then 2 weeks at Kingston Signal School. Posted of Knightsbridge G.O.R. 11/11/1942</li> <li>• Sailed out of Liverpool on a troopship at end of April 1943 on a castle line liner, arriving at Capetown.</li> <li>• After 1 night ashore at Capetown we went for a swim at Pietermaritsburg in whites only area, were disembarked and put on a train to Durban.</li> <li>• Were put in a Hotel in Durban for 5 weeks called The Cecil Hotel where we were given VIP treatment. We visited the Valley of the Thousand Hills, sugarcane farms and attended an Indian Wedding.</li> <li>• Some ATS sorted mail in Durban for troops invalided south from North Africa.</li> <li>• After 5 weeks in Durban we were put on another boat up to Port Tewfik and then train to Kasr-El-Nil Barracks Cairo, arriving 12/7/43.</li> <li>• Came back from the Middle East in September 1945 – war was over then.</li> <li>• Posted to Virginia Water in January 1946 with the switchroom being on the Wentworth Golf Course.</li> <li>• Posted to Germany June 1946 until discharge June 1949 with rank of Sergeant</li> <li>• Whilst in Germany I attended a 7 day course in Berlin, swam for the ATS in Dusseldorf and went skiing in the Harz Mountains, where we gave up pay book for skiing equipment; no charge.</li> <li>• Stationed in the Kings own Yorkshire Light Infantry Barracks Minden on arrival in Germany, then moved to Rhine Army HQ Bad Deyn Hausen until Discharge on 30/6/1949.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Photos:</b></p>	<p>Not available</p>