

Surname: Sullivan	First Name(s): Eileen	Army Number: W/221999	
Maiden name (if applicable): Young	Name used during service: Young	Rank: L/Corporal	
Main base: Belfast, Rhosneiger, Portsmouth, Brighton	Training base: Oswestry, Shropshire	Enrolled at: Talavera Camp, Northampton	
Platoon/Section: Section D	Company/Battery: 618 (H) Mixed Battery	Group/Regiment: Royal Artillery	Command: A.A. Command
Year(s) of service: 12/10/1942 to 1946	Reason for discharge: Demobbed. End of hostilities. 1 service stripe issued 27/7/1944	Trade: Telephonist/Clerk	
Uniform Issued: S.D. B.D. Tie, Shirts, PE Kit, Kitbag, Artillery Grenade Badge, Steel Helmet, Gaiters, Boots, Pants, Bra. Field cap (only worn out of camp)	Photo: 		
<p>Pte F Alexander and Pte E Young (now Sullivan) 618(H) H.A.A. Battery – Black Rock Brighton 1944</p>			

Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrack Beds: stacking 'biscuit' mattress, sheets folded round neatly in blankets. • Reveille at 6.00 am • If not on duty, taking P.E. and possibly lectures • Tidying hut • Telephonist duties in 'dugout' Command Post
Pay book:	<p>Not available.</p> <p>Paybook was a very important book, everything was entered – pay, leave, inoculations, exam results from Signal School etc</p>
Memorable moments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun evenings in the NAAFI when not on duty. We made our own fun with impromptu dances, a dartboard and cards (no gambling allowed). • Being at Camp Nelson at Fareham on D Day and looking down on Portsmouth Harbour, watching the activity and expecting lots of German planes to come over, we were all keyed up for action, but none came. • We were at Black Rock, Brighton at the time of the V Rockets – the war in Germany ended whilst we were there. • At the end of the German War A.A. was disbanded and there was anxiety about where we would be posted and the loss of our friends. I was posted to Ilfracombe R.A.P.C. to do P.O.W. accounts and fortunately, we telephonists were mostly together still. • Life was very different in the Royal Army Pay Corps. We were billeted and worked in the many Hotels in Ilfracombe, but, of course, not 4 star, just the bare essentials. No parades, except Church Parade about once a month. We had 'Office hours' and had to take various trade examinations. The work was most interesting, at first I was doing the pensions for the Chelsea Pensioners but as soon as the P.O.W.s were being released and returning home, we were preparing their accounts. Some had a lot of money to return to, as they had been P.O.W.s for a long time. We also changed money – Deutschmarks and Yen. • Our section had wonderful walks across the Tors, beautiful countryside. • The Japanese War ending and all the celebrating along Ilfracombe sea front and Harbour – wonderful.

Photos:



L/Cpl F Dugdale (now Brown) and L/Cpl E Young (now Sullivan)
Ilfracombe 1945