

### **Cynthia Lorna Daphne Clifford**

Before WWII started I was a student at the South Perth Primary State School, then attended the Perth Girls' High School, East Perth. After doing Junior I went to a commercial college and then I worked as a receptionist for an advertising firm until I joined the Australian Women's Army Service in 1943.

I enlisted because I thought I could help to release men to go overseas, and I wasn't working in a reserved occupation, my boss had joined the Army and gone overseas. I did my rookie school at the Claremont Showgrounds for six weeks, then I was transferred to Buckland Hill 29<sup>th</sup> Heavy Anti-Aircraft Gunsite where I did a six week course in aircraft identification, instrument operation, such as predictor, height finder, plotting room.

I was based at Buckland Hill until the War in Germany ended and then I was sent to Melbourne to do a clerical school at camp Pell, where I worked at R.R.G.D.D. until the war ended. Then I was eventually sent back to W.A. and I worked at Karrakatta Discharge Depot, and typed out discharge certificates for soldiers being discharged after their service overseas or within Australia. This is where I met a lot of my old mates I hadn't seen for a long time, and so renewed a lot of friendships. I was eventually discharged in September 1946 out of uniform, and next day went back to the same job at Karrakatta as a civilian. I was there until July 1947 when I resigned, as a few of my ex-army mates wanted to go back to the Eastern States, so we booked our passage on the "Duntroon" ship and sailed back to Melbourne, we then went on to Albury, to meet up with an ex Ack/Ack mate who had married and invited us to call on them. Then we went on to Sydney and obtained a job in the Public Service Department of Supply and Shipping for about a year, then went up to Brisbane and worked for the Department of Works and Housing, we kept working and travelling in this vein until I married a Brisbane man.

My single name and Army number was Cynthia Cadd, Gunner W.F. 15738.