
Mildred Hooks

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My maiden name was Broadwood. I was born in Midland Junction, W.A, educated at Midland High School and passed my University Junior examination before going on to City Commercial college to do a course in typing, bookkeeping and office procedures.

I went to Perth Post Office and was trained as a telegraphist by retired P.M.G. telegraphists.

A notice was placed in the *West Australian* newspaper *calling* for Radio Operators. I went to Perth to do an exam. There must have been about 60 people. Only two of us passed that day so we went and had a medical. I was told I was not accepted because I had a bunion on my foot.

Some time later I received a letter saying I had been accepted and to report to Perth. When I went in I was given my number 94408. I regret that the Dr. held me back because I would have been the first number in the W.A.A.A.F. on the first day of intake because the numbers were given out in alphabetical order. I was now in the second intake.

I went to Melbourne Air Board for 12 months, then back to W.A. Western Area for 12 months, then up to Geraldton until I was discharged to get married in 1944. You could not stay in the service if you were married in those days.