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THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

The days have passed when women could only wait anxiously for the success of our forces. We can now all play a part in serving our country and earn as well as deserve the victory for which we are fighting. The Women's Auxiliary Air Force was formed to help the Royal Air Force. It is under the direct command of the R.A.F. Its object is to replace airmen by airwomen in certain ground appointments and trades. Day by day the magnificent deeds of the R.A.F. thrill our hearts. Will you join the W.A.A.F. and work with the R.A.F. to help to win the war?

SOME CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

On other pages you will find particulars of some of the many W.A.A.F. trades now open to you. With few exceptions the age limits for all trades are 17½ to 43, or 50 in the case of ex-service women.

The pay varies in different trades. During training it is 1/8 a day. The rates of pay for trained airwomen are given under the various trades. **In each case food, clothing, accommodation and medical treatment are provided free.** The minimum height for recruits is 5' 0" except in the case of cooks who may be 4' 10". All airwomen must pass a medical examination. They must enrol for the duration of the war and be prepared to serve anywhere in the United Kingdom or overseas. **A woman who has been making a substantial contribution to a dependent relative can claim a dependent's allowance.**

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ENROL

You will be sent for a fortnight to the W.A.A.F. Depot. During this time you will have lectures and drill with the other airwomen to make you feel at home in the Service. You will be given your kit. You will make friends with airwomen from all over the country.

If you are untrained you will then be instructed in the trade in which you are enrolled. When you are trained, you will be posted away to your job at an Aerodrome, Balloon Centre or Headquarters "Somewhere in Great Britain," proud to be in the W.A.A.F. helping the R.A.F.

You are enrolled to replace airmen on ground occupations, and anywhere where airmen are working, you may be needed. Do not fail them!

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WHICH TRADE WOULD SUIT YOU BEST?

DENTAL CLERK ORDERLY
If you have no experience you can be trained to help an R.A.F. dentist. Pay 1/8d. a day.
Age 18—43.

RADIO OPERATOR
Interesting work for an intelligent and well educated woman, self reliant and not liable to be flustered. Pay 2/6d. a day.
Age 17½—35.

CLERK (Special Duties)
This is confidential work for intelligent women. Good eyesight is essential. You must be able to keep your head in a crisis. Pay 2/6d. a day.
Age 17½—35.

TELEPRINTER OPERATOR
You can be quickly trained for this if you can type. Pay 2/6d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

CLERK (General Duties)
Are you a typist as well as a clerk? You must have a minimum speed of 30 words a minute. A shorthand typist must have a minimum speed of 100 words. Pay 2/6d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

CLERK (Accountant)
You should have clerical or book-keeping experience for this work. Pay 2/6d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

EQUIPMENT ASSISTANT
Who gives out clothes to airwomen and spare parts to aeroplanes? And fills in all forms correctly? You do. Pay 2/6d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

FABRIC WORKER
If there is a hole in a barrage balloon it is your job to patch it. Are you used to a sewing machine? And handy with a pot of glue? Pay 2/6d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

MORSE SLIP READER
If you can touch-type and have a clear head you can be trained for this interesting job. Pay 2/8d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

INSTRUMENT MECHANIC
Have you worked in a gramophone factory or wireless assembly shop? Deft fingered women can be trained. Pay 2/8d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

SPARKING PLUG TESTER
A new trade for reliable, mechanically-minded women. The safety of our aircraft may depend on you. Pay 2/8d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

TELEPHONE OPERATOR
You must have switch-board experience. Pay 1/8d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

AIRCRAFTHAND
You must be ready to help the cook, be an orderly or do housework. Pay 1/8d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

WIRELESS OPERATOR
Do you know Morse? If not, are you quick to learn? We will train you. Pay 2/8d. a day.
Age 17½—43.

COOK
Can you cook for the family, or better still, for hundreds? If you cannot cook at all you can be trained. Pay 2/4d. a day.
Age 17½—47.

SICK QUARTER ATTENDANT
Are you a sensible practical person, capable of looking after others? No professional experience is necessary. Pay 1/8d. a day.
Age 23—43.

THERE ARE OTHER TRADES TOO

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