

# Billeting



Military billeting officers were responsible for finding military service members “billets”, places to live, either on military bases or on the outside including in large private houses, like Reveley Lodge, with spare rooms. Having WAAF’s lodge in the house brought its own problems.

**Albert: 27 Sept 39** Eila got a letter to say 4 women WAAF’s are to be billeted at Reveley.

**Eila: 16 Nov 39** Very commanding Air Force female brought another girl to billet but we told her the room was in use.

**A: 3 Jan 40** Tried to make blackout at WAAF’s windows more effective.

**A: 29 Jan. 40** ‘Boudicea’ (Mrs Newman the Billeting Officer) came to pay for WAAF billets.

**A: 30 Jan 40** WAAF stopped up ‘Hum’ again with paper.

**A: 28 Mar 40** One of the WAAF’s has German Measles and went away.

**A: 29 Mar 40** A second WAAF away with German Measles

**A: 1 April. 40** RAF man came to disinfect WAAF’s room but it was done in a very slack way.

**A: 29 Sept 40** Rang up Ryder about letting refugees use studios. OK. The 6 refugees put out of cottage by Police billeting

officers as 11 others were going in. They will sleep in large studio tonight.

**A: 18 Oct 40** Police came in evening re WAAF lights.

**E: 26 Mar 40** Miss Newton rang re sending 4 new WAAFs. Tidied their rooms.

**A: 31 Dec 41** Eila and I not to bed until long after midnight. WAAF billets £6/12/7d. Total for year £65/15/1d (£3, 353.00 today).

**E: 2 Feb 41** One of our WAAFS taken away in ambulance with suspected appendicitis

**A: 22 Feb 41** Man called to say there was a light in WAAF’s room. Mrs. Friend had gone away leaving it on and the blind up. The door was locked so I removed fuse - no lights in WAAF rooms

**E: 29 July 41** WAAFs making a filthy row when I got back.

Went and told them  
to stop it.

