

## Wireless Operator



I use my headphones to listen for messages and signals.

Key Strengths Really good listening skills and patience

Pay 2/8d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Cook



We cook big meals to feed the service men and women

Key Strengths Multi-tasking and team working

Pay 2/4d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 47 years old

## Fabric Worker



I am a wizard with a sewing machine! I fix Barrage Balloons

Key Strengths Patience and practical

Pay 2/6d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 43 years old

Do you know what a Barrage Balloon is?

## Sick Quarter Attendant



I help look after airmen and women who are poorly

Key Strengths Caring, sensible and practical

Pay 1/8d a day

Start at 23 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Teleprint Operator



I work on a type of computer. This is a really cool machine because it sends and receives printed messages!

Key Strengths my writing and good attention to detail

Pay 2/6d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 47 years old

## Clerk (General Duties)



I make sure all the records are accurate and up to date.

Key Strengths Accuracy and I like to fill in every box

Pay 2/6d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Radio Operator



I listen for messages on a radio. This is top secret work and I can't tell any of my friends about it!

Key Strengths Intelligent, calm and really good hearing!

Pay 3d a day

Start at 18 years old

Retire at 35 years old

## Dental Clerk Orderly



I help an R.A.F Dentist look after aircrews teeth. Don't forget to brush yours twice a day!

Key Strengths Caring, helpful and good at filling in forms

Pay 1/8d a day

Start at 18 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Telephone Operator



We operate the switch board to make sure telephone calls go to the right people

Key Strengths Excellent hearing and really fast arms!

Pay 1/8d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Aircrafthand



I help everyone really. I do housework, can be an orderly (help move things around the base) and I even help the cook!

Key Strengths Flexibility and practicality

Pay 1/8d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Instrument Mechanic



I keep aircraft equipment working and assemble (put together) instruments.

Key Strengths Nimble fingers

Pay 2/8d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Morse Slip Reader



I decode messages and type the messages with a typewriter in English so everyone can read them

Key Strengths Secrecy and intelligence

Pay 2/4d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Spark Plug Tester



Test spark plugs, a really important part on an aircraft

Key Strengths Mechanically minded and practical

Pay 2/8d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Clerk (Accounting)



I keep accurate records of where money is being spent

Key Strengths Maths and accuracy

Pay 2/6d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Equipment Assistant



We give uniforms to aircrew and spare parts to aircraft. Our form filling skills are very good.

Key Strengths Helpfulness and likes filling in every box

Pay 2/6d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 43 years old

## Clerk (Special Duties)



I help with secret operations. This is top secret work and I cannot tell you any more about it!

Key Strengths Secrecy and intelligence

Pay 2/6d a day

Start at 17.5 years old

Retire at 35 years old



Women didn't just help the war effort in the WAAF, they did lots of really important jobs. Can you find any other jobs that women did during World War II?

You can use these templates to make your own Trump Cards about the women you find. Don't forget to draw a picture of them!

(I'll give you a clue, have you read the story of *Mary Ellis* yet? Can you remember where she worked during the war?)

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Start at:      **years old**

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Key Vocabulary:

- Operator
- Clerk
- Wireless Operator
- Teleprint
- Mechanically
- Switch board
- Orderly
- Aircraft
- Equipment
- Assemble
- Type Writer
- Uniform
- Aircrew
- Airwoman
- Airmen
- Servicewoman
- Servicemen
- Operations
- Accuracy
- Signals
- Instruments



**What is a Barrage Balloon?**

A Barrage Balloon was made of fabric and filled with Hydrogen. This is a really light gas that made the balloons fly really high. The balloons were flown on rope around cities by a special part of the RAF called Balloon Command. This meant the Luftwaffe (German aircraft) had to fly over the balloons and they couldn't drop their bombs very accurately from up there.