

the story of wooler hostel

the Ella Straughan ROOM

Ella served in the Women's Land Army from May 16th 1942, joining at the age of 20. She came to Wooler from her home in Haltwhistle, S.W. Northumberland. She received her 'Release Certificate', dated 30th November 1950, with the following very formal message:

"Dear Miss Wright,

The time has come when I must send your certificate of release from the Women's Land Army which, on 30th November ceases to exist. After that date there will be no further correspondence from this office.

You may keep your armlet, metal badge and Good Service Badges if you wish, as a memento of your service in the W.L.A.

As you have completed more than 6 months service in the W.L.A. you may keep your shoes, one of the Land Army shirts and greatcoat, but please return the shoulder titles.

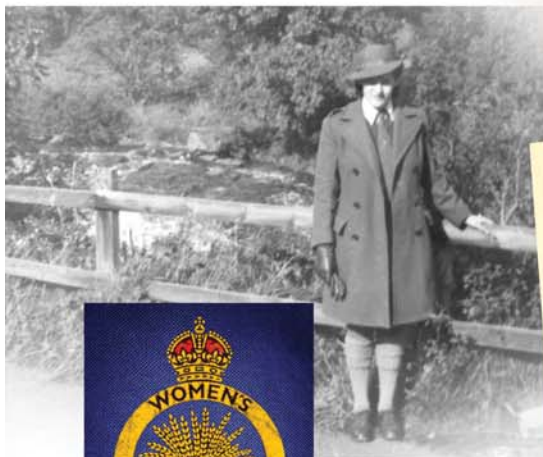
Kindly return in a clean condition, within 14 days, all other items of uniform you have received as a free issue, including windproof jacket and headsquare and towels. A sack will be sent to your home address in which to pack your uniform which is to be sent to the following address...

I hope you will have many happy memories of your service in the W.L.A. and I send you every good wish for a happy and successful future."

Ella married a local farmer on 9th December 1950.



Ella Straughan and friend.



Ella Straughan

