

Training

For the most part airwomen who enlisted in the WRAAF in 1951 were expected to be already skilled in their trade, and training was originally limited to instruction for Service Police and Drill Instructors (now WRADNCOs). Courses in other subjects have been gradually added and are conducted as required in the following musteringings:

Accounting Machine Operators - formerly 5 weeks at 2 SD Bankstown, now 6 months on-the-job training (OJT).

Defence Plotters - originally called Aircraft Plotters and trained at School of Radio; now trained at 1 CARD on formal courses lasting 8 weeks.

Air Photo Plotters - first course held at CPE Albert Park Barracks 1955. CPE is now at Laverton and 6 months OJT is given.

Bookbinder (WRAAF) - 12 months OJT at Laverton.

Clerk - six weeks formal course at RSTT Wagga Wagga.

Clerk Supply - formal training started 1970 -12 weeks at RSTT.

Clerk Medical - 12 weeks at RSTT.

Cooks - 22 weeks at RSTT.

Dental Hygienist - first course held in 1967 at Preventive Dentistry Department, University of Sydney. Later courses were held at HMAS Cerberus. Selected dental assistants attended a formal course lasting 14 weeks.

EDP Operators - 23 weeks course at Department of Defence followed by on-the-job training.

Supplier - training given since 1970 - 4 weeks at RSTT, 4 weeks at 1 SD Tottenham.

Medical Orderlies - 12 weeks at the Institute of Aviation Medicine, Point Cook.

Personnel Selection/Assessors - a 5 week specialist course at a Recruit Centre followed by 37 weeks on-the-job training.

Safety Equipment Worker - 9 weeks at Wagga (fabric work). 5 weeks at Richmond (parachute) and 5 weeks at ISO (dinghies). Training not held for many years.

Stewards - Originally a mixture of on-the-job training and a course at Laverton, then full-time training (4 weeks) at Wagga.

Telephone Operators - first course given in 1970. Two weeks at Base Squadron Laverton.

Teleprinter Operators - formal course of 15 weeks at School of Radio, Laverton.

WRADNCO - 7 weeks formal training plus about 4 months on-the-job training at 1 RTU.

Training not given - the only musteringings in which training was not given by 1970 were CLKA, CLKG, EDASST, TAILOR and WTD.