

## **WW2 Timeline For Gerard Wood (Nancy Britton)**

<b>War Events and East Lancs Regiment</b>	<b>Timeline 3 month intervals</b>	<b>Gerard Wood events Nancy Britton events</b>
HMS Sheffield C24 Signals specialism. The Shiny Sheff.	pre-war	On HMS Sheffield – Photo 1 Signals apprenticeship. (Artificers boys)
War starts Sep 1st 1939 census Sept 29th	1939 07-09 10-12	Address 53 Brougham Road Shop assistant Painter and Plumber's
	1940 01-03	<b>Nancy Britton in Land Army. Photo 2 (Wearing wedding ring)</b>
Dunkirk Evacuation. EL at Dunkirk being rescued 26/5 to 4/6	04-06	GW Dunkirk rescuer 20 <sup>th</sup> June GW in Army Photo 3 22 Years old
Gibraltar Rock an important defence position for the Med and for communications.  HMS Sheffield in Med	07-09	Various Photos 4, 6, 7 and 8 in service from 1940 to 1943. GW in Gibraltar and other Med stations in action patrolling the Med, Signals Operator, PT instructor. In Africa  <b>Photo 5 Nancy Britton serving in the Land Army on Victoria Mountain Deiniolen. 1942</b>  Contracted meningitis leading to hospitalisation in UK isolation hospital.
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	1941 01-03	
	04-06	
	07-09	
	10-12	
	1942 01-03	
	04-06	
	07-09	
	10-12	
EL in Africa Mar-May	1943 01-03	Weds Nancy Britton 3/5/43 – Photos 9 + 10 lived in Burnley
EL barracks in Burnley	04-06	
	07-09	
	10-12	Home in Dec, Judith conceived
	1944 01-03	
June 5 <sup>th</sup> D-day landings.  EL landed 2 <sup>nd</sup> week June. Then marched to Holland.	04-06	GW in D-Day Landings GW fell into sea and rescued from drowning. France and on to Holland/Berlin?
	07-09	Judith born 27/09/44, GW still in Holland
	10-12	
	1945 01-03	
War in Europe ends 8/5 EL+ Americans in Operations Manna + Faust (29/4--10/5) Americans enter Berlin 4/7	04-06	GW remains in Holland/Berlin? Using signals skills to aid airlift operations. Then home. GW meets Judith for the first time in late June or July photo 11
	07-09	Allocated "pre-fab" Photo 12 and family life begins. Delivery man then GPO engineer.

Photo 1 GW on HMS  
Sheffield undated



Photo 2 Nancy in Land  
Army Uniform



Photo 3 GW in kit dated  
29-06-40



Photo 4 GW at Prestatyn  
Training Camp



Photo 5 Nancy in Land Army at Victoria  
Mountain Caernarvonshire



Photo 6 GW as Corporal  
undated



Photo 7 GW somewhere hot  
undated



Photo 8 GW at Gibraltar



Photo 9 – Wedding 1943



Photo 10 Wedding 1943



Photo 11 Judith in pram



Photo 12 GW in pre-fab

