

# THE UNLUCKY 13

## THE FANYs OF FRENCH SECTION, SOE AT VALENÇAY



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November 2016 - four blue plaques and supporting book to  
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Special Operations Executive - SOE

## BRIGHTON'S SECRET AGENTS



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**Lieutenant Jacqueline Nearne**  
**E Croix de Guerre**  
**NY, French Section SOE**





'Reveal' by:

Commander Laura Lean



and Mildred Schultz, WW2 WTS (FANY) at Baker Street SOE HQ, London and in Italy.

# Special Operations Executive (SOE)

► Formed by Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare on 22 July 1940, to conduct espionage, sabotage and reconnaissance in occupied Europe against the Axis powers, and to aid local resistance movements. Its foundation reportedly came after the new Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, told Dalton to ***“set Europe ablaze”***.



► For security purposes, it was often known as the "Inter-Service Research Bureau" and its staff referred to it as "the firm" or "the racket".

## Structure and strength of SOE

- ▶ Operated in all countries or former countries occupied by or attacked by the Axis forces, except where demarcation lines were agreed with the Soviet Union and United States. It also made use of neutral territory on occasion, or made plans and preparations in case neutral countries were attacked by the Axis.
- ▶ The organisation directly employed or controlled just over **13,000 people**, including some **3,000** women.

**F Section** - the 'independent' French Section

**RF Section** - the Gaullist French Section



# Head of F Section

Major (later Colonel) Maurice Buckmaster



## Training regime

Special Training Schools (STS)

Preliminary training and assessment - e.g. STS 5, Wanborough Manor, near Guildford, Surrey

Paramilitary training - Inverness-shire, Scotland

Parachute training - STS 51 RAF Ringway (now Manchester Airport)

Finishing School - Beaulieu, Hampshire

Operational Schools - specialist sabotage, reception committee etc training

W/T training - STS 52, Thame Park, Oxfordshire - loneliest and most-dangerous role

assessment at:

STS 5, Wanborough Manor, near Guildford, Surrey or,  
STS 7, Winterfold House, Cranleigh, Surrey.

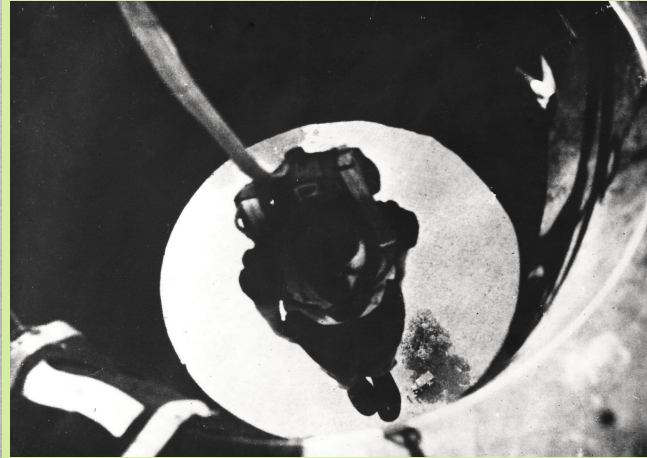




## Paramilitary training - Scotland



parachute training at STS 51, RAF Ringway  
(now Manchester International Airport).





# T training at STS 52, Thame Park, Oxfordshire.

## II and Mk III suitcase W/T sets





# Finishing School - Beaulieu, Hampshire



The 13 - among those of the WTS (FANY) commemorated at Saint Paul's church, Knightsbridge.





Section Officer Yolande Elsa Marie **BEEKMAN**  
WAAF → WTS (FANY) → SOE





## Early life

Born Yolande Unternährer, 28 October 1911 in Paris, daughter of Swiss parents and took their nationality, but only knew Switzerland through holidays as she grew up, with her two sisters, in Paris.

Family moved to England in 1929, settled in north-west London. On finishing education, fluent in English, Italian and French, set up in business, working with her mother, as a designer of children's clothes, operating from a shop at 272 Camden Road, London NW1 and living in nearby Highgate.

training

STS 5, Wanborough Manor, latter half of February and early March 1943, second group of women trainees. Conducting member of staff, L/Cpl Gordon: ***“Nice girl, darned the men’s socks and would make an excellent wife for an unimaginative man, but not much more than that”.***

no recorded parachute or paramilitary training. STS 36, Boarmans, Beaulieu for her finishing school.

STS 52 Thame Park July 1943 for W/T training. Lieutenant Holland: ***“Typically Swiss.....a serenely cheerful outlook on life...”***. Lt Wilson: ***“Maternal type and English or German in appearance.....unquestionably, a girl of high principles, is attractive and lovable, genuine and conscientious. Keen sense of humour, but scrupulous with etiquette”.***

Married a Dutch trainee W/T operator for SOE,  
Sergeant Jacob (Jaap) Beekman





Code name: PALMIST

Field name: *Yvonne/Mariette*

False identity: Yvonne Marie Yolande Chauvigny

W/T traffic: KILT

W/T operator to MUSICIAN circuit, in and around Saint Quentin, to Major Guy Biéler.

Sabotage of transport infrastructure.

Lysander flight to France 17/18 Sept 1943.



5 January 1944, arrested while lodging at the Café du Moulin Brûlé in Omissy





Known to have been tortured by the Germans in Saint Quentin. Sent to Dachau concentration camp and executed (shot) there, with Madeleine Damerment, Eliane Plewman and Noor Inayat-Khan, on 13 April 1945.





Ensign Denise Madeleine **BLOCH**  
Résistance → WTS (FANY) → SOE



## Early life

born Paris 21 January 1916, the daughter of Jacques Henri Bloch and Suzanne Stettelle Lévy Bloch (née Strauss); three brothers; French Jewish family. Family moved from Paris to Lyons in July 1942 - life in the capital had become too dangerous for a Jewish family, despite a change of name to Barrault.

Denise worked as a secretary at the Citroën works for Jean Maxim Aron (*Joseph*) who was already active in the *Résistance*. Aron's group were in touch with F section agent Lt Henri Sevenet, another former Citroën employee in Lyons and a lieutenant of Capt Philippe de Vomécourt. Worked with W/T operator Capt Brian Stonehouse, Denise lucky to avoid capture when Stonehouse arrested October 1942.

Personality clash with Sevenet (Denise almost executed) - sent to work with Captain George Starr and WHEELWRIGHT circuit.

End of April 1943, further arrests in Toulouse area, so sent out over Pyrenees in a 48-hour trek. To Britain via Spain, Gibraltar and Portugal. Arrived England 21 May 1943, security-cleared at RVPS women's section in Balham.

training

STS 7, Students Assessment Board (SAB), late July 1943:

*An experienced woman with a knowledge of the world. She has courage and determination and a thorough understanding and hatred of the Boche. Has complete self-assurance and is capable of handling most situations.... Keen to get back into the field and under a good male organiser would make a very good W/T operator or courier'.*

no paramilitary training - not very fit. STS 52 Thame Park for training as W/T operator in late summer/autumn 1943.

parachute training at STS 51 RAF Ringway, late February 1944. Only one jump - landed heavily; recalled to London.

no Finishing School at Beaulieu due to recent experience in the field.



code name: SECRETARY

field name: *Ambroise*

false identity: Micheline Claude Rabatel

W/T traffic: CRINOLINE

sent to be W/T operator to CLERGYMAN  
circuit, in and around Nantes.

ysander flight to France 2/3 March 1944  
with her circuit organiser, Robert Benoist,  
amous former Grand Prix and Le Mans  
hampion racing driver.



Arrested in Sermaise, 50 kms S-W  
of Paris 18 June 1944.

Held in Paris for interrogation  
at 84 avenue Foch



Deported to Germany 8 August 1944  
to Ravensbrück concentration camp.



3 September 1944 - Denise, Lillian Rolfe and Violette Szabó  
sent to work in a factory at Torgau

Returned to Ravensbrück 5 October 1944. Denise, Lillian and  
Violette left again on 19 October 1944 as part of another  
work party to Königsberg on the Oder river where they were  
made to undertake hard physical labour in the forests and to  
help build an aerodrome.

On or about 21 January 1945, the three agents were recalled  
to Ravensbrück. All three women were in poor physical  
condition after several months of hard outdoor labour in  
severe weather conditions. All were still wearing the clothes  
in which they had been captured.



Transferred to *zellenbau*, isolated  
semi-bunker prison block.

Not seen again.



Lieutenant Andrée Raymonde **BORREL** Résistance  
→ WTS (FANY) → SOE



## Early life

Born 18 November 1919, Paris into a working class family. Grew up as an 'outdoors' girl and her sister Léone described her as a tomboy (*un garçon manqué*).

Left school at 14, worked as a shop assistant. Late 1940 qualified as a military nursing auxiliary.

Came into contact with Résistance.





Andrée worked for the PAT escape line of Captain Ian Garrow (left) and Albert-Marie Guérisset, alias Lieutenant Commander Patrick Albert O'Leary RN.



Sheltered allied escapers and evaders in the Villa René-Thérèse, and then the Villa Anita, at Canet-Plage, a popular sea-side resort near Perpignan and one of the last safe houses before the arduous and dangerous crossing of the Pyrenees.

December 1941, many of the Line's northern personnel were betrayed and arrested and by February 1942 it was time for Andrée to leave the country - she and her lover crossed the Pyrenees and made their way via Spain and Portugal to the British Embassy in Lisbon.

Flown to England by flying boat on 24 April 1942 and was interrogated and security-cleared in Balham on 27 April 1942.



# Training

one of very first women to be trained by SOE, sent straight to a Group B finishing school course at STS 31, The Rings, Beaulieu, in June 1942 as it was not considered that a courier role necessitated lengthy training. Commandant's report:

*Of sound intelligence, if somewhat lacking in imagination. She has little organising ability and will do her best work under definite instructions. She is thoroughly tough and self-reliant with no nerves. Has plenty of common sense and is well able to look after herself in any circumstances and she is absolutely reliable. Has lost her attitude of over-confidence and has benefited enormously from the course and developed a thoroughly level headed approach towards problems. A very pleasant personality and she should eventually develop into a first class agent".*

parachute training at STS 51 at RAF Ringway, summer 1942.



Code name: WHITEBEAM

Field name: *Monique*

False identity: Denise Urbain

At 01:00 hrs on the night of 24/25 September 1942, Andrée Borrel became the first woman agent to parachute into occupied France, followed seconds later by fellow-agent Lise de Baissac.

Above right: a Whitley bomber, the aircraft that dropped Andrée into France with Lise de Baissac (right).

Denise was to serve as courier to the PHYSICIAN/PROSPER  
Circuit of Major Francis Suttill (below right)



Though sent as a courier, Andrée acted as a co-organiser to Suttill who later sent a message to London:

*“Everyone who has come into contact with her in her work agrees with myself that she is the best of us all.....shared every danger....an imperturbable calmness. Thank you very much for sending her to me”.*

Andrée served for 9 months in the field.

24 June 1943 Andrée was arrested in Paris, along with one of the circuit's W/T operators, Gilbert Norman. Imprisoned in Fresnes prison on the outskirts of Paris and taken for interrogation by the *Sicherheitsdienst* (SD), the Intelligence Service of the SS, to Avenue Foch.

In May 1944 taken to the civilian women's prison at Karlsruhe, Germany along with several other women agents.

In July 1944 transferred to Natzweiler-Struthof in Alsace, the only extermination concentration camp on French soil. That night, together with three other women - agents Vera Leigh and Diana Wooden and a Résistance helper of French Section, Sonia Chanesky, given lethal injection of phenol. Bodies immediately cremated in the camp's crematorium.



Section Officer Muriel Tamara **BYCK**  
WAAF → WTS (FANY) → SOE



Early life

born a British subject in Ealing, west London, on 4 June 1918, the daughter of Jewish parents who had lived in France before coming to England, but who were both originally from Russia. Moved to Germany and France before returning to England in 1930, educated at Lycée Français in London.

Worked as an assistant stage manager in London.

Moved with mother to Torquay, helped with sending children overseas to USA, voluntary work, ARP warden etc.

Joined WAAF Feb 1942, volunteered for SOE summer 1943

# Training

STS 7, SAB, Winterfold House, Cranleigh, Surrey: “A quiet, bright, attractive girl, keen, **enthusiastic and intelligent**. Alert, but not very practical and as yet lacks foresight and thoroughness. She is, however, **self-possessed and persistent**, and warm in her feeling for others. A cheerful and willing worker who is popular with the others.”

STS 23A, Meoble Lodge for paramilitary training. Fell in love with a fellow trainee, an American OSS agent.

STS 51 parachute training at RAF Ringway; STS 52 W/T training at Cranborne Park.

no finishing school - desperate need for W/T operators



Code name: BENEFACTRESS

Field name: *Violette*

False identity: Michèle Bernier

Parachuted from a Hudson aircraft (unusual) 9/10 April 1944.

To be W/T operator to VENTRILOQUIST circuit of Philippe de Vomécourt.

Well-respected, worked tirelessly, sent 27 messages, received 16 - but health deteriorated after only 6 weeks in the field. Developed meningitis.

Died in hospital in Romorantin 23 May 1944



Ensign Madeleine Léonie Zoé **DAMERMENT**  
Résistance → WTS (FANY) → SOE



Early life

Daughter of postmaster in Marquette-lez-Lille. The Damerment family were involved in helping escaping French prisoners of war and evading Allied soldiers and airmen, from 1940.

Like Andrée Borrel, Madeleine and her family worked for the PAT escape line.

When arrests began in escape line, Madeleine had to escape from France.

Lille (beginning of March 1942)

Toulouse - Barcelona - Madrid

San Sebastian - Madrid - Lisbon

London (June 1942)





Madeleine in England with her fellow-escape line worker and fiancé, Roland Lepers.

Their relationship subsequently foundered.



# Training

Believed to have attended STS 7, Winterfold House, for Students' Assessment Board, in early November 1943. Madeleine attended STS 24A, Inverie House, for her paramilitary training, re explosives and demolitions:

*'Very good at this subject...extremely keen and can make up splendid charges'.*

STS 51, RAF Ringway for a parachute course; and STS 53, The House on the Shore, Beaulieu for her Finishing School. Cleared to become a courier and to return to France.

Code name: DANCER

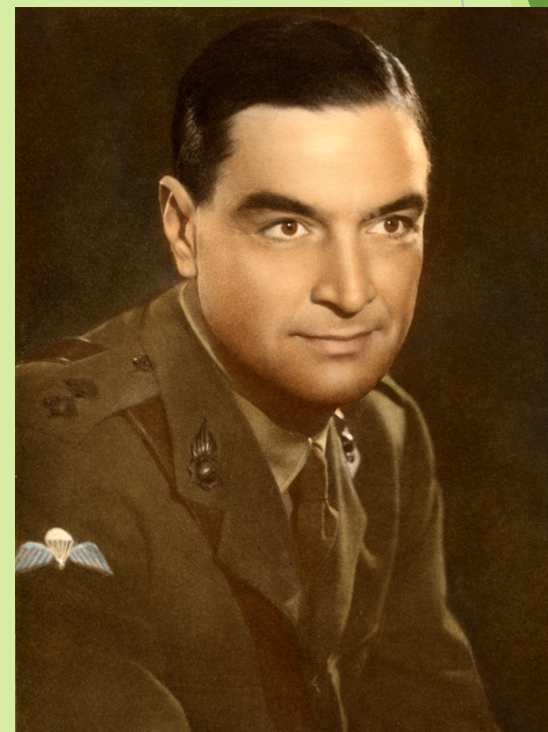
Field name: *Solange*

False identity: Martine Duchâteau

courier to the BRICKLAYER circuit of Major France Antelme (right). W/T operator was Captain Lionel Lee.

The three agents dropped by parachute from a Halifax on the night of 29 February/1 March 1944, some 30 kilometres east of Chartres.

The operation had, however, been arranged by the Germans as part of their *funkspiel* using the captured set of Noor Inayat-Khan. Antelme and Lee were therefore immediately arrested as they landed.





ent to Dachau concentration camp and executed (shot)  
here, with Yolande Beekman, Eliane Plewman and Noor  
ayat-Khan, on 13 April 1945.



Section Officer Noor INAYAT-KHAN  
/AAF → WTS (FANY) → SOE



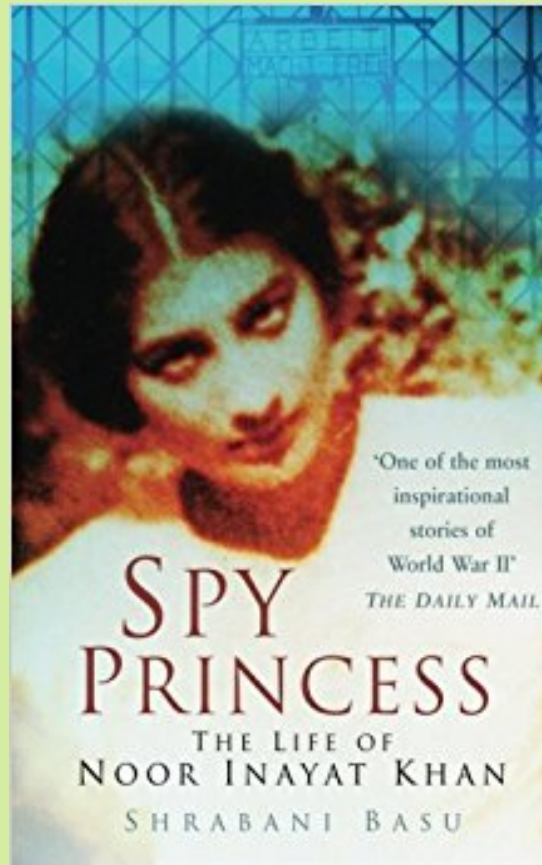


Executed (shot) at Dachau, 13 September 1944, with Yolande Beekman, Madeleine Damerment and Eliane Plewman.  
George Cross recipient.

## *Spy Princess*

by

Shrabani Basu





Section Officer Cicely Margot LEFORT  
WAAF → WTS (FANY) → SOE



early life

born Cicely (NOT Cecily!) Margot Gordon, 30 April 1899 in  
Dayswater. The illegitimate daughter of a ménage à trois that  
candalised Victorian Britain and made worldwide news.  
Spent formative years in France. Became a nurse and tended  
French soldiers in WW1. Met French military doctor, Dr Alix  
Leffort, 10 years her senior. Married 1924. Lived in Paris and  
on the Brittany coast.

Dr Lefort called up by French Army 1940, Cicely came to Britain in 1940, leaving her husband behind. Joined WAAF.

January 1943, keen to return to France, joined SOE.

Aged 43.



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S 5 at Wanborough Manor, February 1943.  
pinsterish, but nice”.

o paramilitary training, no parachute training.

nt straight to Group B Finishing School, possibly STS 36 at  
armans.

Code name: TEACHER

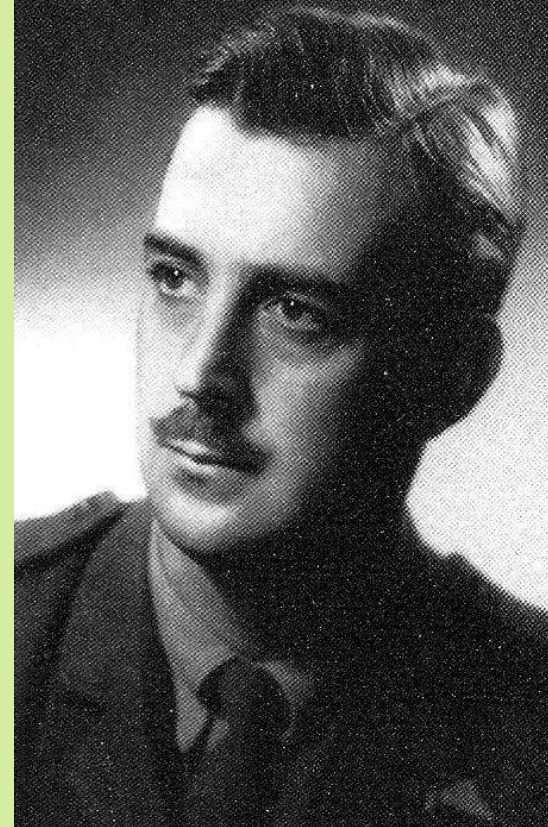
Field name: Alice

False identity: Cécile Marguerite Legrand

Courier to the JOCKEY circuit of Lt-Colonel Francis Cammaerts.

Landed by Lysander 16/17 June 1943.

Cammaerts later described Cicely as one of French Section's most serious mistakes, *“a shy woman who was just completely lost.”*



Travelled extensively as a courier, but arrested in Montélimar in September, 1943, only 13 weeks after her arrival in France.

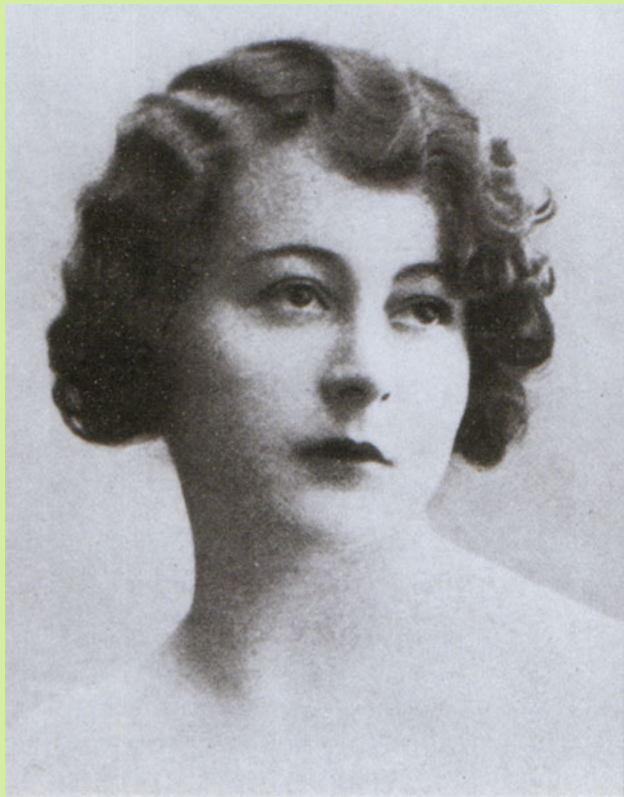
February 1944 sent from imprisonment in Paris to Ravensbrück concentration camp.

Developed cancer in autumn 1944, but operated on by camp's SS doctor.

Late January/early February 1945, seriously ill, believed gassed at the Jugendlager adjacent to Ravensbrück.



Ensign Vera Eugenie LEIGH  
Résistance → WTS (FANY) → SOE



early life

born Vera Glass, 17 March 1903 in Leeds.

Abandoned by parents soon after birth, she was adopted by an American racehorse trainer who owned stables at Maisons-la-Fayette near Paris.

Early ambition to become a jockey, but after completing her education worked as a dress designer. In 1927 she went into partnership with two friends to establish a 'grand maison' (fashion house) in Paris.

After the fall of Paris in 1940, left for Lyons to join her fiancé. Became involved in the Résistance, helping to run an escape line for Allied servicemen trapped behind enemy lines.

In 1942 she used the same escape route to cross the Pyrenees into Spain but was arrested and imprisoned for several months at the Miranda de Ebro internment camp. Released with assistance from a British Embassy official, went on to England via Gibraltar.

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celled in her training:

S 5, Wanborough Manor, January 1943: “*ideally suited....very popular....outstanding ability*”

continued to paramilitary training, school n/k

S 51 parachute training at RAF Ringway, February 1943 - “*did very well*”

o record of finishing school.



Code name: ALMONER

Field name: *Simone*

False identity: Suzanne Chevanne

Courier to the INVENTOR circuit of Captain Sidney Jones (right). Flown to France night of 14/15 May 1943 by Lysander.

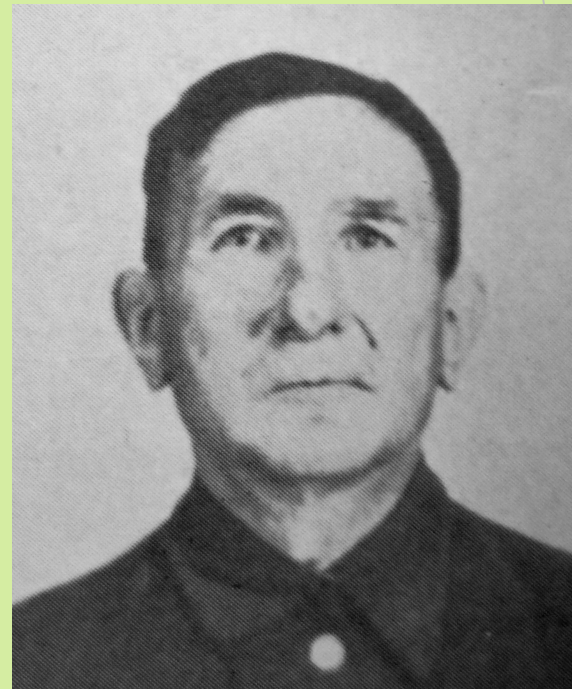
Arrested in Paris, 30 October 1943, Germans had had her under surveillance for some time. Interrogated at 84 avenue Foch and held in Fresnes prison.

May 1944 transferred to Karlsruhe prison in Germany.



6th July 1944 transferred to Natzweiler-Struthof concentration camp. That night, together with three other women - agents Andrée Borrel and Diana Rowden and a Résistance helper of French Section, Sonia Olschanesky, given lethal injection of phenol.

One of the women, identified by Vera Atkins as possibly Vera Leigh, reported to have resisted and regained consciousness when being placed in the camp's cremator - and to have scratched the face of one of the SS staff - Peter Strauß - before dying.



) Ensign Eliane Sophie PLEWMAN  
WTS (FANY) → SOE



## Early life

Born Eliane Browne, 6 December 1917, Marseilles to a British father and a Spanish mother. Educated in France, Spain and England. Worked in the British Embassy in Madrid, came to England in 1942 to work in the Ministry of Information. Married, July 1942 to Lt Plewman of the Royal Artillery.



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ttle on her file: did a 10-day  
ersonal security course at a Group  
school and underwent parachute  
aining at STS 51 at RAF Ringway in  
ril 1943. Known to have fallen in  
ve with Lieutenant Eric Cauchi, a  
llow trainee agent and they asked  
r, but were denied, the  
portunity to serve together in  
ance.



Code name: DEAN  
Field name: *Gaby*  
False identity: Eliane Jacqueline Prunier

Courier to the MONK circuit of Captain Charles Skepper (right). Parachuted into France night of 13/14 August 1943. Took part in sabotage operations.

Arrested in Marseilles on or about 23 March 1944, taken to Paris, interrogated at 84 avenue Foch and held in Fresnes prison.

Transferred to Karlsruhe prison in Germany, May 1944.



Sent to Dachau concentration camp and executed (shot) there, with Yolande Beekman, Madeleine Damerment and Noor Inayat-Khan, 13 April 1945.





Section Officer Lilian Vera **ROLFE**  
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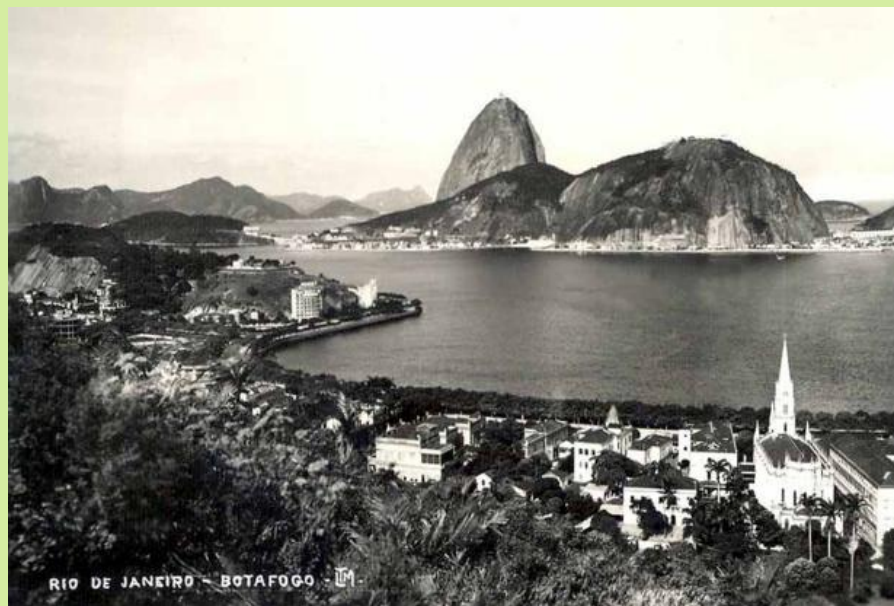


## Early life

One of twin daughters born 26 April 1914, Paris, British father worked as an accountant Mother, Alexandra, originally from Russia, but Lilian and her sister, Helen (died 2017 – at Valençay last year) took British nationality.

Educated in France to the age of 16, finished schooling in Brazil when family moved to Rio de Janeiro for father's business interests.

Worked in the British Embassy in Rio, reported to have helped observe German shipping movements in the harbour.



February 1943, left Brazil for UK, via USA, to join British armed forces. Ship 'Highland Brigade' hit a mine.



Arrived UK April 1943, joined WAAF. Trained as W/T operator in Blackpool and then served at RAF Bicester in Buckinghamshire.

Volunteered for SOE in latter half of 1943.



SOE personal file, so no record of training.

le name: RECLUSE

ld name: *Nadine*

se identity: Claudie Rodier

T traffic: BLOUSE

T operator to the HISTORIAN

cuit of Captain George Wilkinson





5/6 April 1944, flown with Lt André Studler OSS, by Lysander to a clandestine landing ground in the Loire valley.



July 1944. Arrested at home of Jeanette  
Maurice Verdier in Nangis



One of the three French Section women agents (the others were Violette Szabó and Denise Bloch) sent to the women's concentration camp at Ravensbrück, 95 kilometres north of Berlin, arriving there on 22nd August 1944.



After several months and having been sent on two working parties, the three agents were returned to Ravensbrück on or about 21 January 1945. Three or four days later they were moved to ‘the bunker’, a segregated semi-underground block of solitary confinement cells that could not be seen from within the camp.





They were never seen again and none of the other inmates of the camp knew what had happened to them.



11) Section Officer Diana Hope ROWDEN  
WAAF → WTS (FANY) → SOE



executed (lethal injection) 6th July 1944 at Natzweiler-Struthof concentration camp, together with fellow-agents Andrée Borrel and Vera Leigh and Résistance helper Sonia Olschanesky.

*Her Finest Hour*

by

Gabrielle McDonald-Rothwell



12) Ensign Yvonne Claire Rudellat  
WTS → SOE





## Early Life

Born Yvonne Cerneau 11 January 1897 at Maisons-Laffitte, some 20 kilometres north-west of Paris. French national. Father was horse trader for French Army, whenever Yvonne's convent education allowed, he took his young daughter with him, including to army units in French North Africa. When he died of pneumonia Yvonne, still in her teens, left for England and obtained a job as a saleswoman in the Galeries Lafayette, the French-owned department store then in Regent Street, London. Subsequently lived with mother in Pimlico. Married Alex Rudellat, an Italian, in 1920. Ill-suited to her husband. Daughter born 1922.

## Training

Did not attend paramilitary or any initial assessment.  
Straight to Finishing School at Beaulieu, STS 31, Boarmans:  
“She is an intelligent and extremely sensible woman.....She is extremely thorough and sincere in anything she does....She has a somewhat weak memory and might act impulsively in an emergency. A cheerful and attractive personality.”

Code name: SOAPTREE

Field name: *Suzanne*

False identity: Jacqueline Viallat



Courier to the MONKEYPUZZLE circuit of Raymond Flower.

Landed by sea on south coast of France, 30 July 1942 - the first woman SOE agent to land in France.

December 1942, Flower returned to Britain and Yvonne then worked for a locally-recruited helper, Pierre Culioli.

Seriously wounded and arrested 20 July at Dhuizon.

Transferred to Fresnes and then to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Died there, 23 or 24 April 1945 from exhaustion, shortly after the camp's liberation by the British Army. Had been able to hide her true identity and was still considered a Résistance helper, rather than a British agent.



13) Ensign Violette Reine Elizabeth **SZABÓ**  
WTS → SOE



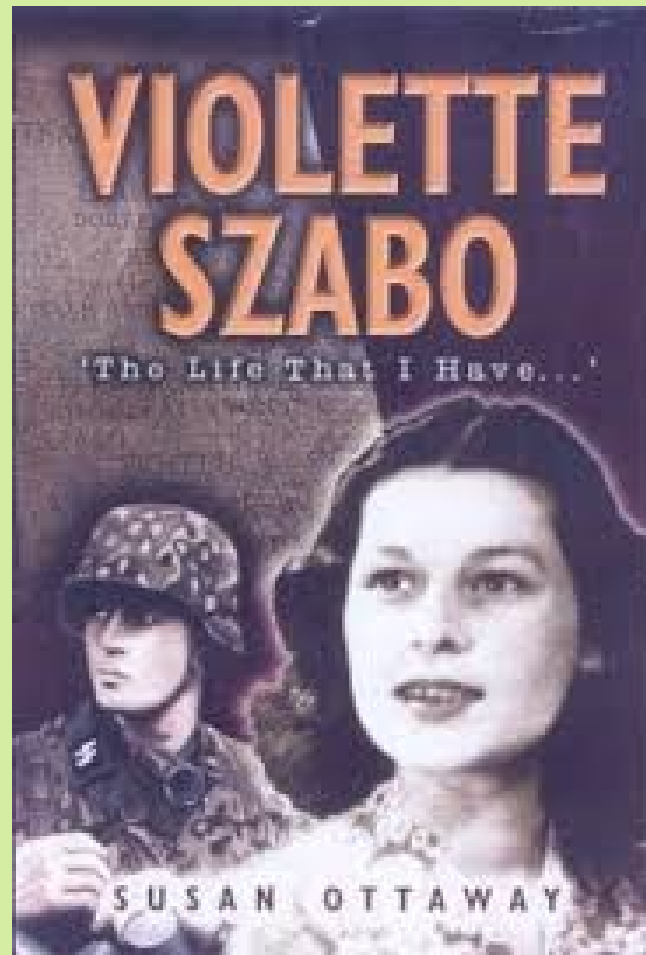
Last seen at Ravensbrück concentration camp, a few days after 21 September 1945, together with Denise Bloch and Lilian Rolfe. George Cross recipient.



# *VIOLETTE SZABO - The Life That I Have*

by

Susan Ottaway



But what happened to Violette - and to Denise Bloch and Lilian Rolfe, who had disappeared at Ravensbrück concentration camp?



Example of post-war investigations by Vera Atkins, French  
Section's Intelligence Officer



Denise, Lilian and Violette had returned to Ravensbrück from a working party on or about 21 January 1945.

Moved to the 'bunker block', the zellenbau, three or four days later. Not seen again.



uth discovered by Vera Atkins in her exhaustive research  
1945 and 1946 into the fates of SOE agents.



kins interrogated Ravensbrück's camp overseer and second-  
-command, *SS -Obersturmführer* Johann Schwarzhüser  
(above) who told how the three young women had been  
called from Königsberg work party following receipt from  
Berlin of an order for their execution.

The order was issued by Gestapo headquarters in Berlin and counter-signed by Ravensbrück's camp commandant, *Sturmbannführer* Fritz Sühren.



about 19:00 hours one evening (believed to be between 25 January and 5 February 1945) the three women were brought out of their cells and into the courtyard adjacent to it and the crematorium. Reports suggest that Lillian had to be carried on a stretcher, that Denise was so weak that she had to be helped to walk, and that Violette alone was able to walk to her death unaided.



Whren read out the execution order to the girls and one of the three SS NCO's, *SS-Sturmann* Schult (or Schulter), shot each girl, brought forward singly, using a pistol.

The camp's doctor certified death and the bodies were immediately taken, one by one, into the camp's crematorium and burned.



Sühren and Schwarzhüber both caught at the end of the war and in 1946 tried by the British in Hamburg, their charges including responsibility for the deaths of Lillian Rolfe, Denise Bloch and Violette Szabó and also of Cicely Lefort who had separately disappeared at Ravensbrück.

*S-Obersturmführer* Johann Schwarzhüber hanged in May 1947.

*S-Sturmbannführer Fritz* Sühren managed to escape from British custody before trial, but was re-arrested under an assumed name by the US authorities in 1949 and handed over to the French who were then conducting another Ravensbrück trial.

Sühren received the death sentence and was shot in June 1950.

# The Runnymede Air Forces Memorial

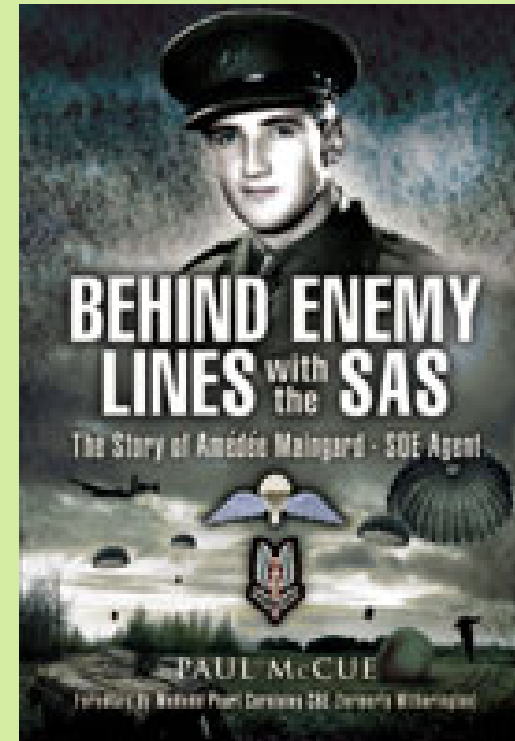
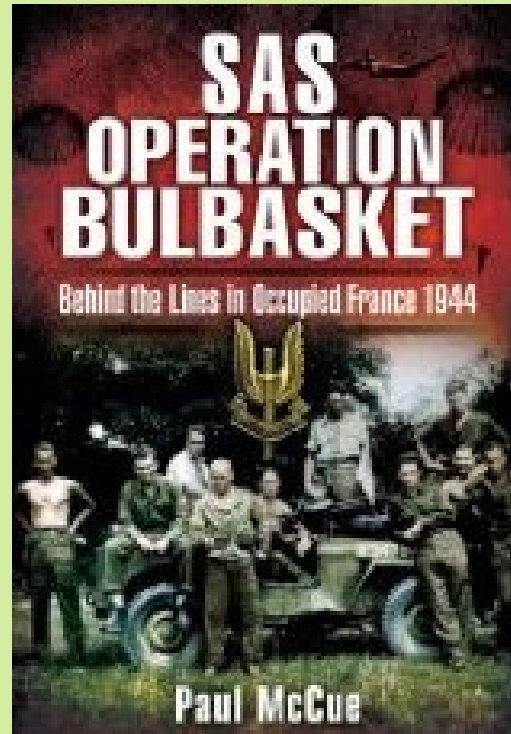




# Brookwood Memorial 1939-45, Surrey



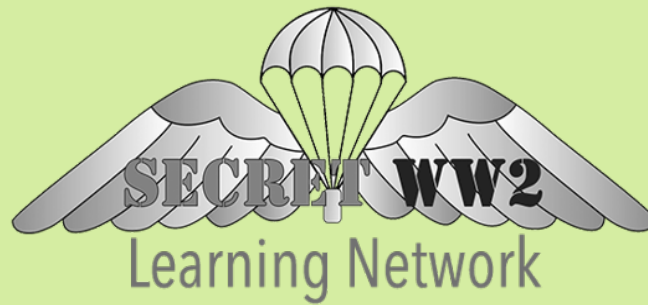




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