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A.T.S. OFFICER RETURNS TO BRITAIN WITH AFRICA STAR

One of the first women in Britain to be seen wearing the Africa Star is Junior Commander MARGARET LATHAM. As a staff officer at the Middle East Headquarters she helped to send urgent medical supplies to our Armies in North Africa from the Battle of El Alamein until the landing in Sicily.

Junior Commander Latham, who is 23, and comes from Chislehurst, Kent, arrived in Cairo in June 1942, as a Subaltern. She worked with the Military Forwarding Organisation where her job was to ensure that the right consignments of priority supplies reached the right units in the shortest possible time.

While she was in Cairo, Junior Commander Latham met her husband, Captain John Latham, who was also a staff officer. They were married at Cairo Cathedral last November. Her father and brother are both Army officers.
