

# The Heroines of SOE: F Section: Britain's Secret Women in France. 9780752487298.

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However, less is known about the women who also risked their lives for Britain and the liberation of France. By 1942 SOE (Britain's Special Operations Executive) was in desperate need of new recruits for their dangerous missions in France and they turned to a previously unexplored group - women. They formed SOE's F Section. Many displayed unexpected qualities. Some proved good leaders, like Pearl Witherington, others like Nancy Wake laughed their way through the war, many others like Noor Inayat Khan showed astonishing courage through terrible privations, and many of them died bravely and painfully. Without doubt their contributions to Britain's secret missions of intelligence-gathering and sabotage helped the r. However, less is known about the women who also risked their lives for Britain and the liberation of France. By 1942 SOE was in desperate need of new recruits for their dangerous missions in France and they turned to a previously unexplored group "women. These female recruits came from all levels of society and were often motivated by an idealistic love of France and a desire to play a part in its liberation. Many displayed unexpected qualities. A tribute to the female agents whose war in the shadows saved thousands of lives, this is the first-ever to tell the story of all 40 SOE female agents of F Section, including Nancy Wake The history of SOE's war in the shadows has been told many times, and much is known about the men who fought underground. This is a story of SOE operating in France and a brief description of the 30 or so female operatives involved. My criticisms of the book are two. 1. This book was written apparently by a British author. As such, he writes in a way that it is often very difficult to tell what exactly he is saying. Verified Purchase. This book concerns itself with the women who worked within SOE's French Section. There were far fewer women than men employed by SOE and mostly as radio operators or couriers; a few rose to lead a Group of agents. Most had some familial or marital connection with France and a good command of the language. A knowledge of the country's geography and customs would be useful as was the ability not to draw undue attention to their presence. See details - Escott-The Heroines Of Soe (Britain'S Secret Women In France: F Section BOOK NEW. See all 7 brand new listings. Qty Britain's war in the shadows of male spies and subterfuge in the heart of occupied France is a story well kwn, but what of the women who also risked their lives for Britain and the liberation of France? In 1942 a desperate need for new recruits, saw SOE turn to a previously overlooked group - women. These extraordinary women came from different backgrounds, but were joined in their idealistic love of France and a desire to play a part in its liberation. They formed SOE's F Section. From the famous White Mouse, Nancy Wake, to the courageous, Noor Inayat Khan, they all risked their lives for Kin