

Surname: Gower	First Name(s): Gladys	Army Number: W/135403	
Maiden name (if applicable): Marchant	Name used during service: Marchant / Gower	Rank: Private	
Main base: Aldershot	Training base: Penny Cook, Scotland	Enrolled at: Volunteered February 1941	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery:	Group/Regiment: R.A.S.C.	Command:
Year(s) of service: 1941 to 1944	Reason for discharge: Expecting first baby	Trade: Stores clerk	
Uniform Issued: Shirts S.D. Tie Shoes Stockings Gas mask Shoulder bag Side cap	Photo: 		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store Clerk. • Taking daily mail to post office every day. • Once a week taking shoes to be repaired. 		
Pay book:	Not available.		
Memorable moments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I did my training in Penny Cook, Scotland, it was just a small military town and after six weeks was posted in Aldershot (Hants) and spent the rest of my time in Aldershot until I was demobbed in 1944. • I worked in the Quarter Master's store giving out clothes to A.T.S. girls as they had worn their clothes out. I enjoyed that so much as it was a very interesting job. I didn't just give out clothes also every Thursday we would take all the shoes which needed repair to a cobbler's about 15 miles away; in the nice weather it was so enjoyable as it was in the country and so pretty in the spring time. I also had to 		

take the mail from the office to the post office, so I was not in the stores all the time.

- The girls in my room – there were eight of us and a Corporal – we all got along great. I had one best friend, ie we were always together and two very dear friends who used to visit me all the time after I was discharged and when I returned from Canada.
- I really enjoyed my 3 years in the A.T.S. The reason I was out in 1944 was while I was in the A.T.S. I met a Canadian soldier and we got married March 1943 and I was expecting my first baby in October 1944, but I have some lovely memories of those 3 years.

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