


Surname: Mackay	First Name(s): Marion Dickson	Army Number: W/6634 and W/2838	
Maiden name (if applicable): Mackay	Name used during service: Mackay	Rank: Regimental S.M. Company S.M. WO1 WO2	
Main base:	Training base: Glasgow Aldershot Newtonards, N.I.	Enrolled at: Volunteered Glasgow	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery: 1 st Glasgow Co	Group/Regiment:	Command:
Year(s) of service: ATS - 2/2/1939 to 9/5/1949 WRAC – 10/5/1949 to 2/3/1967	Reason for discharge: Termination of Engagement	Trade: Cashier – book keeper Administration	
Uniform Issued:	Photo: 		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regimental Sergeant Major 		

Service book:

Army Form B.108

Certificate of Service

Army No. W/6654

Surname Mackay
 Christian or Fore Name(s) Marion Dickson

Enlisted at GLASGOW

Enlisted on 3rd September 1939

Corps for which enlisted H.T.S. W.A.C.

Warning

Should this certificate be lost or mislaid no duplicate can be obtained. Should, however, loss be due to exceptional circumstances, a certificate, on Army Form B.108A may be obtained on application to the officer-in-charge, Records concerned.

The person to whom this Certificate is issued should on no account part with it, or forward it by post when applying for a situation but should use a copy.

Any alteration of the particulars given in this Certificate may render the holder liable to prosecution under the Seamen's and Soldiers' False Characters Act, 1906.

Soldiers on leaving Her Majesty's Service are hereby reminded that the unauthorised communication by them to another person AT ANY TIME of any information they may have acquired which might be useful to any enemy in War renders them liable to prosecution under the Official Secrets Acts.

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Description of Soldier on leaving Army Service

Year of Birth 1909 Height 5 ft. 7 ins.
 Complexion Flesh Eyes Blue Hair DK Brown
 Marks and Scars (Visible) Nil Blood Group O Pos.

Assessments of Military Conduct and Character

Military Conduct EXEMPLARY

Note—The Range of Military Conduct Gradings possible is:—
 (1) Exemplary (available only to men with a minimum of 6 years' service)
 (2) Very Good (3) Good (4) Fair (5) Unsatisfactory

Testimonial: (To be completed with a view to civil employment)

Miss Mackay has a fine record of 27 1/2 yrs service in the Army for which she has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal & the Long Service & Good Conduct Medal & the Territorial Efficiency Medal & Clasp. She is a woman of the highest integrity & loyalty. She has abundant energy, enthusiasm & initiative and is an excellent leader of young people. She has had much experience as a Warrant Officer in units where she has been responsible for training & encouraging young women with whom she is kindly & helpful. She is most accurate in her training accounts & records and is a good typist.

The above assessments have been read to me.

Signature of Soldier M. Mackay
 Place Leoburn 77 77 Jamaica St. Rd.
77 77 Ireland (Signature of C.O.)
 Date 16 Jan 67 Commanding W.R.M.C. (I.R.) Unit
ADJUTANT GENERAL, Ireland Command

Memorable moments:

- Warrant Officer Marion Dickson Mackay made Army history in 1966 when she became the first woman to be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for over 27 years of service with the Army. She joined the ATS in 1939 and served continuously with the Colours in a variety of Regular and Territorial units and retired in March 1967.
- During her service Marion Mackay received:
 Meritorious Service Medal
 Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
 Territorial Efficiency Medal
 Efficiency Medal First Clasp
 War Medal 1939-45
 Defence Medal
 Queen Elizabeth Coronation Medal
- In 1947 she was part of the guard of honour for the Royal Wedding of Princess Elizabeth.
- Marion Mackay was totally committed to the Army and did not marry, having spent her working life in the Services.

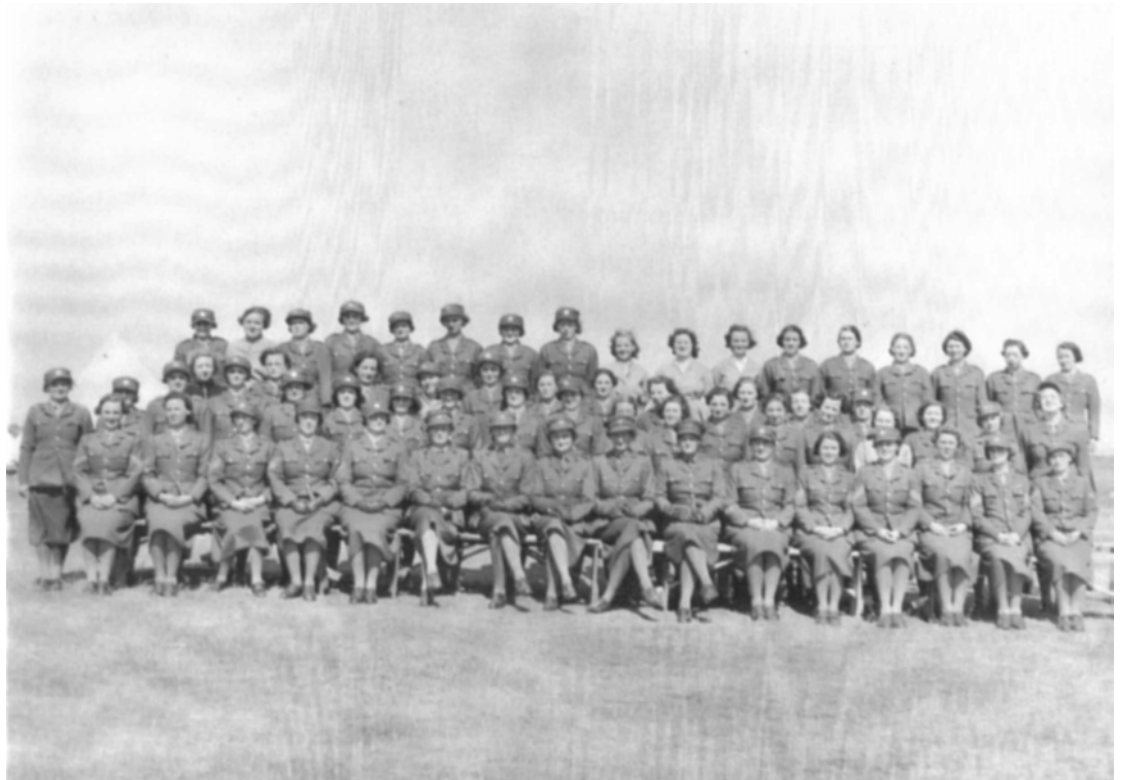
Photos:



Marion Mackay far left



Marion Mackay nearest to camera



Marion Mackay back row, far right



Marion Mackay far right, middle row
Glasgow



Form posthumously completed by Marion Dickson Mackay's niece, Sheena Welsh