

Surname: Nicholas	First Name(s): Joan	Army Number: W/271417	
Maiden name (if applicable): Morris	Name used during service: Morris	Rank: Sgt	
Main base: Winchester	Training base: St Ethelreda's School, Nr Harrogate	Enrolled at: Oxford Street, London	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery: J Company	Group/Regiment: ATS Records, Winchester	Command:
Year(s) of service: 3.5 years	Reason for discharge: Demobilisation	Trade: Clerk	
Uniform Issued: 1 Greatcoat 2 Tunics 2 Skits 1 Trousers 3 Shirts 2 Stockings 2 Shoes 3 Bras 3 Knickers 1 Tie 1 Hat	Photo: 		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seated at desk by 8.30 am. Each clerk was allotted an A.T.S. region and had a box containing a card for all auxiliaries in each company. Duties included keeping the individual records up to date as necessary in respect of postings, courses attended and discharges. A weekly return was submitted. • Newspapers were brought round by a civilian. • There was a coffee break taken in the NAAFI canteen, lunch in the Mess and the evening meal at 5.30 pm. All evenings were free except one which was Company evening when it was compulsory to attend a talk, discussion or inspection. • Check-in was by 10.30 pm with one late pass a week to 11.00 pm. Sleeping out passes were issued at weekends when it was assumed you visited family and friends. 		
Pay book:	Not available.		
Memorable moments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billeted in requisitioned houses, meals were served in the Mess at King Alfred's College where A.T.S. Records was based. Therefore, a long walk was entailed 		

before eating breakfast. (Memories of baked beans on fatty fried bread; over-roasted potatoes; trifle made with currant bread).

- Winchester was surrounded by army and Fleet Air Arm camps. American forces stationed in large houses at Nether Wallop, Middle Wallop, Stockbridge etc. would send 5-ton trucks to collect girls for their dances and then bring them back. For dances at Southampton Y.M.C.A. we would hitch a lift on the main road and return by train.
- In late 1946 I was posted to Polish Resettlement Corps at Milford, near Guildford, ostensibly to assist in setting up a Records Office for them. I was promoted to sergeant for this move and stayed there till demobilisation in 1947.
- I was demobilised at Aldershot and was allowed to travel in my greatcoat which, if I did not wish to keep, I could hand in at the nearest railway station and receive £1.10s. for it.
- Before demobilisation the army did make some effort to prepare us for civilian life and I attended a course for assistant hotel management which led to a short career in that line.

Photos:



19 February 1944

Betty Brooks Joan Nicholas Ethel Haining