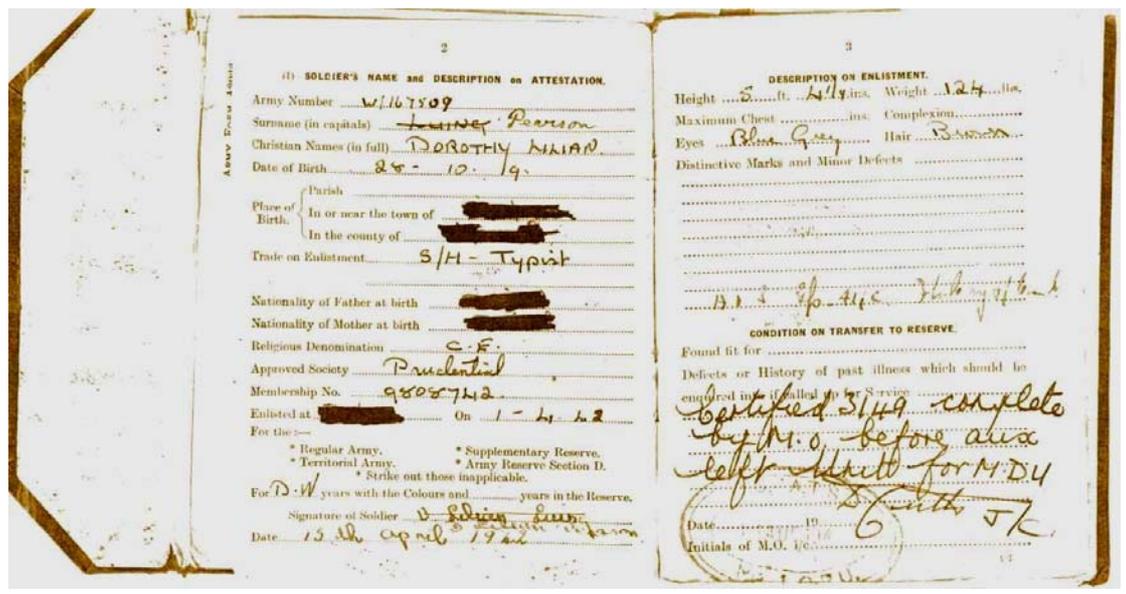


<b>Surname:</b> Pearson	<b>First Name(s):</b> (Dorothy) Lilian	<b>Army Number:</b> W/167509	
<b>Maiden name (if applicable):</b> Luing	<b>Name used during service:</b> Luing / Pearson	<b>Rank:</b> Private	
<b>Main base:</b> Aldershot Derby Hatfield	<b>Training base:</b> York	<b>Enrolled at:</b> ATS Recruiting Centre, Aston, Birmingham	
<b>Platoon/Section:</b>	<b>Company/Battery:</b> Field Stores Group ATS H.Q. Derby No 1 CRU	<b>Group/Regiment:</b> Ordnance Corps Royal Artillery ATS, Hatfield	<b>Command:</b> S.E. Command
<b>Year(s) of service:</b> 10/4/1942 to 16/8/1945	<b>Reason for discharge:</b> Marriage	<b>Trade:</b> Clerk	
<b>Uniform Issued:</b> See full kit list below	<b>Photo:</b> 		
<b>Description of daily tasks:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I did lots of typing – very little shorthand. Lived in barracks with other ATS girls and we all eat our meals together in the ‘mess’. We were just like one family and all getting along together. Then each morning I would report for work in the office.</li> <li>• In Aldershot I was taken by truck. Whilst in Aldershot we had church parade every Sunday morning which involved marching together in a platoon =- and we had our</li> </ul>		

own ATS band to lead us. I really loved the marching. We were confined to barracks each Wednesday evening where we would attend lectures etc., and I was with a group who did extra marching – so we practiced together then.

- In Derby and Hatfield we just walked to the office each morning from our barracks. We never discussed our work outside of the office.
- I didn't do any P.T. after my training days at York, although I was sent on a three week P.T. training course, but I flunked it. I was in top shape when sent on the course, but not in good shape at the end of it. This took place on the East coast in November and I simply 'froze' and couldn't get warm at all – especially when having to run on the sand in shorts and thin tops.

**Pay book:**



**Memorable moments:**

- April 10<sup>th</sup> 1942 and my sister and I were on the train heading for York, Yorkshire. Prior to this we had both volunteered to join the ATS. We did our three weeks training at Fulford Barracks and whilst there, York experienced their first enemy air raid and one man was killed walking across the parade square. We were 'shook up' but no one hurt. I well remember the Princess Royal came to our passing out parade. Then we were 'posted' to other parts of England. My sister was sent to London on a clerical course – I was off to Aldershot with a number of other recruits. I was a shorthand typist in civilian life so went directly to the Ordnance Corps. Parsons Barracks and did clerical work.
- A number of us were taken each morning by army truck out to a small village called Tongham where we worked – me in the office the other girls worked at sewing machines doing repairs. Later two other ATS came to work in the office with me. One day either before or after 'D' Day', we had to go to work in a truck which was used for transporting horses – it still smelt of horses and we had to walk up the ramp into the truck then the two soldiers closed the ramp and off we went. When we drove through the town, we all began to make animal noises and really laughed to see the perplexed faces of civilians – we had a few wee peep holes to see through.
- My next posting was to Derby, Derbyshire – this time at the H.Q. offices with the Royal Artillery.
- My final posting was to Hatfield, Herts. This was a very interesting job as this was the No. One Rehabilitation Centre where we received our released Prisoner of War soldiers. They themselves lived in one wing of the Earl of Salisbury house, and we ate our meals with them in the banqueting room. The ATS lived in houses

near to Hatfield House. And of course I still did typing etc. The ex prisoners were being trained for various jobs and also they were being helped to get back into civilian life. Things had changed so much in England whilst they were interned – they really had a lot of adjusting to do.

- My stay here was very short as in July 1945 I went home on leave to marry my Canadian boy friend whom I had met whilst in Aldershot. Aldershot at that time was full of Canadian soldiers and when we in the ATS first arrived in Aldershot we were really timid when we were off duty and went in the town – but we soon began dancing with them at the local dance halls and I guess I wasn't the only one to marry one of them. My boy friend's parents were both born in Yorkshire, England and emigrated to Canada and were farming. My husband was born in Saskatchewan, Canada. He had lots of Aunts, Uncles and cousins still living in Yorkshire so I was able to meet them all. Anyhow I ended up as a Canadian War Bride and became a farmer's wife.

Photos:

A.F. X 202/C

RELEASE LEAVE CERTIFICATE

Army No. V/167509 Present Rank TE

Surname (Block Letters) PEARSON

Christian Name/s DOROTHY WILLIAN

Coy. and ~~Group~~ Unit No 1 CRU ATS HATFIELD

Date of last enlistment 10.4.42 \*Calling up for military service 10.4.42  
\* Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

(a) Trade on enlistment SHORT HAND-TYPING (b) Service Trade CLERK

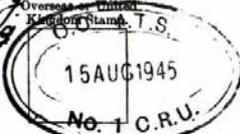
(c) Trade courses and trade tests passed CLERK AND CLASS I (d) Any other qualifications for civilian employment SHORT HANDS TYPING, CLERICAL EXPERIENCE

Military Conduct: EXEMPLARY

Testimonial:  
*Extremely hard working auxiliary always well turned out willing & practical. Has been an asset to the company since serving with the unit.*

Place Hatfield Date 15th Aug

Signature of Officer [Signature] Signature of Auxiliary [Signature]



\* Army Education Record (including particulars under (a), (b), (c) and (d) below).—  
\* This Section will not be filled in until the receipt of further War Office Instructions.

(a) Type of course.	(b) Length.	(c) Total hours of Instruction.	(d) Record of achievement.
(i)*			
(ii)*			
(iii)*			
(iv)*			

\* Instructors will insert the letter "I" here to indicate that in their case the record refers to courses in which they have acted as Instructors.

Signature of Unit Education Officer.....

NOTES:  
 (1) Further details of service and of medals to which entitled may be had on application to O. i/o Records, accompanied by the applicant's A.B.64, Part I.  
 (2) If this certificate is lost or mislaid, no duplicate can be obtained.

THE ABOVE-NAMED PROCEEDED ON RELEASE LEAVE ON THE DATE SHOWN IN THE MILITARY DISPERSAL UNIT STAMP OPPOSITE

N.B.—A certificate (A.F. X 202/D) showing the date of transfer to the Unemployed List in the case of A.T.S. auxiliaries, and the termination of release leave in the case of V.A.D. members, will be issued by the Officer i/o Record Office. All personnel released are liable to recall if necessary during the continuing period of the emergency.



Release Certificate

ALL INK OR INDELIBLE PEN

ISSUED

CLOTHING		No.	
1	Greatcoat Size 5		Attachments, Brace, W.E.
	Raincoat with Fleece Lining		Belts, Waist, W.E.
	Cape, Anti-Gas		<del>Bottles, Water</del>
1	Wallet, Anti-Gas		Braces with Buckle
	Anklets, Web		.. without ..
	Blouse, Battle Dress		.. W.E.
	Boots, Ankle pairs		Carriers, Cartridge
	Caps, F.S.		.. Water Bottle
1	Caps, A.T.S. Size 7		.. Water Bottle (O.S.)
2	Jacket, Serge A.T.S. Size 10		Cases, Binocular, W.E.
2	Overalls		.. Pistol, W.E.
	Puttee's		Covers, Breech Rifle
1	Shoes, Canvas Size 6 prs		.. Mess Tin
2	Shoes, Brown A.T.S. Size 6 1/2 prs		Frogs, Bayonet
2	Skirts, A.T.S. Size 10		Haversacks
	Trousers, Battle Dress		* .. (O.S.)
<b>NECESSARIES.</b>			
1	Badge, Cap	1	* Helmets, Steel
1	Bag, Kit, Universal		Lanyards, Pistol
2	Belt, Corset, A.T.S.		Packs
	Braces pair		Pocket Compass, W.E.
3	Brassieres		Pouche's, Amn., Pistol, W.E.
	Cap, Comforter		.. Basic, W.E.
1	Discs Identity, with Cord Set		.. Utility
	Drawers, Cellular Short pairs		Slings, Rifle, W.E.
	.. Cotton, Knitted, pairs		Straps, Mess Tin
	.. Woollen pairs		.. Shoulder, W.E.
1	<del>Dressings, Wood</del>		.. Web, Supporting
1	Fork		Tins, Mess
1	Gloves, Knitted pairs	1	Yokes, W.E.
	Holdall	1	* Sheets, Ground
1	Housewife	1	Net, Camouflage, Steel Helmet
1	Jersey, Pullover	1	Mugs, drinking
3	Knickers, A.T.S.		
	Knife, Clasp		* RESPIRATOR'S Anti-gas :-)
1	Knife, Table	1	Container
1	Lace's Leather or Fabric (spare)	1	Facepiece
1	Lanyard	1	Haversack
3	Pantees, A.T.S.	1	Outfit, anti-dimming
	Shirts, Angola, Drab	1	Ointment, anti-gas
4	.. A.T.S.	1	Cotton, Waste oz.
	Socks, Worsted pairs	6	Eyeshields
8	Collars	1	<del>Prs. Detectors, Gas Sleeve-MH</del>
2	Pyjamas		
1	Spoon		
4	Stockings, A.T.S.		<b>CLEANING &amp; TOILET ARTICLES.</b>
3	Ties, A.T.S.	1	Brass, Cleaning
2	Titles	1	Brush, Button Brass
2	Towels Hand	1	Brush, Hair A.T.S.
3	Vests, A.T.S.	1	Brush, Shoe Polishing
	<del>Protectors, Eye</del>	1	Brush, Tooth
		1	Comb, Hair

Kit List