

Surname: Downs	First Name(s): Audrey Mary	Army Number: W/174963	
Maiden name (if applicable): Beach	Name used during service: Beach	Rank: Corporal	
Main base: Bournemouth, Hants	Training base: Honiton, Devon	Enrolled at:	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery: Pay Corps	Group/Regiment: Regimental Paymaster	Command:
Year(s) of service: June 1942 to March 1946	Reason for discharge: End of War	Trade: Clerk	
Uniform Issued:	Photo: 		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.T. – Early every morning, cleaning room, barracking bed. Assembled for roll call before marching to the Office. • Regiment did accounts of pioneer corps – non combat corps – intelligent corps. The section I was in did accounts of missing and dead soldiers. 		
Pay book:	Not available.		

Memorable moments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I was living with my parent sin Essex when I was in the first age group to be recruited for the A.T.S. when I was 20. I am an only child and my mother was very concerned when I had to leave home.• I quickly adjusted to life in the A.T.S. There was rigorous training in Honiton, Devon and then a posting to the Pay Corps in Bournemouth, Hampshire. Office staff consisted of army, A.T.S. and female civilians. I was happy with the office work and I was recommended by the Pay Corps for promotion to corporal, with the approval of the A.T.S.• The social life in Bournemouth was excellent. The Pavilion was a large building where there was a variety of entertainment. There were musical concerts and plays. One of the A.T.S. girls had a beautiful operatic voice and she would often sing with the accompaniment of the orchestra.• Dances were held there frequently and there was no shortage of partners as Bournemouth was a reception station for many airmen who arrived from overseas.• I had many good friends in the A.T.S. who could have been life long friends if I had not left England in 1946 to marry my Australian fiancé.
Photos:	Not available