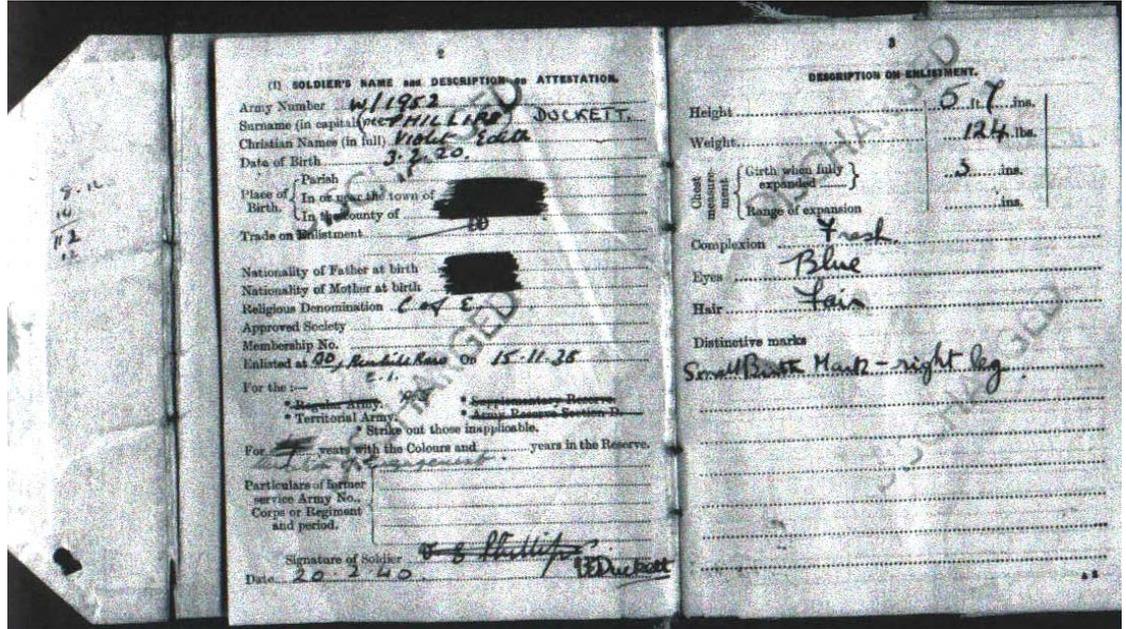


Surname: Duckett	First Name(s): Violet Edith	Army Number: W/1952	
Maiden name (if applicable): Phillips	Name used during service: Phillips / Duckett	Rank: S/Sgt	
Main base:	Training base:	Enrolled at: Bunhill Row, Finsbury Barracks, London	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery:	Group/Regiment:	Command: A.A. Command
Year(s) of service: 15.11.1938 to 02.08.1944	Reason for discharge: Para 11 (Pregnancy)	Trade: Shorthand Typist	
Uniform Issued: Greatcoat Jacket Skirt Glengarry Cap Peaked cap 2 pairs shoes Stockings Knickers Bras	Photo: 		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typing daily orders, technical documents, letters. Typing of secret documents. • No shift work. Sometimes extra time. • No P.T. • Sent on A.T.S. courses; gas instruction. 		

Pay book:



Memorable moments:

- I joined the City of London Yeomanry as a Territorial Army member. This regiment went to France and most were killed. I was a junior secretary in a City Office and one lunch time three of us went to Finsbury Barracks and joined the T.A. We went to camp at Stiffkey in Norfolk and I was on holiday when I received the telegram calling me up in August 1939. I went to various centres in and around Stanford-le-Hope, mainly schools and finally settled at the Haven Hotel. There were only three A.T.S. at first, later five. The 11th C of L Regiment was guarding the Oil Tanks at Thameshaven and this was very spooky patrolling between them in twos at night.
- In 1941 I was Sgt in an office where I should send A.T.S. on courses. Unfortunately, I forgot one so I was sent at the last minute. So I found myself on Salisbury Plain (Winterbourne Gunner on a Gas Course).
- February 3rd 1941 was my 21st birthday and I was in digs on a cold Salisbury Plain. However, I completed the course and back to put officers, men and A.T.S. through a gas chamber.
- In between was fairly uneventful and I was next at Weald Hall, South Weald, near Brentwood. We were billeted in the Hall which was large and dark and spooky until the Army put in electricity. This Hall has been completely demolished.
- I then moved to Stanmore working at "Glenthorne" for General Sir Frederick Pile, Major General Whittaker and various other officers.
- I enjoyed my years in the A.T.S. but unfortunately didn't get posted abroad. I had three brothers serving overseas at Dunkirk, Cassino and El Alamein so perhaps I wasn't sent for a reason.

Photos:



Thameshaven 1940
Cpl Duckett - back row, 2nd right