

Surname: Fowler	First Name(s): Letilia Ruby (Letty)	Army Number: W/112540	
Maiden name (if applicable): Tarbet	Name used during service: Tarbet	Rank: L/Cpl	
Main base: Salisbury Newcastle Gateshead	Training base: Wrexham	Enrolled at: Birmingham	
Platoon/Section:	Company/Battery:	Group/Regiment:	Command:
Year(s) of service: 17/12/1941 to Feb 1946	Reason for discharge: End of World War II	Trade: Cook	
Uniform Issued: Hat and badge Tunic Skirt Shirts Underwear Hosiery Shoes Tie Kit bag Shoulder bag	Photo: 		
Description of daily tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shifts = after lunch one to after lunch following day. • Never did fatigues (always a good girl) • Trade involved all areas of cooking, including washing up. 		

Pay book:

RELEASE LEAFLET
A.F. X 202/C

Army No. W/112540 Present Rank Private

Surname (Block Letters) TARBET

Christian Name's ESTHER RUBY

Company and Group/Unit 604 R.A.S.C.

Date of Last Enrolment 19-12-41 * Call to service

(a) Trade on enlistment COOK * Strike out whichever is inapplicable

(b) Trade courses and trade tests passed TDS COOK CL II

Military Conduct: Exemplary

Testimonial: A good worker & a well behaved

Place NEWCASTLE Date 18 FEB '46

Signature of [illegible]

Signature of [illegible]

* Army Education Record (including particulars under (a), (b), (c) and (d))

(a) Type of course. (i) * (ii) * (iii) * (iv) * not in operation

(b) Length. (c) * Instruction. (d) Record of achievement.

* Instructors will insert the letter "I" here to indicate that in their [illegible] to courses in which they have acted as instructors.

Signature of Unit Education Officer [illegible]

NOTES:
(1) Further details of service and of medals to which entitled
(2) If this certificate is lost or mislaid, no duplicate can be issued

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

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

5 APR 1946
NEWCASTLE
8 FEB 1946
YORK

Memorable moments:

- When I was 18 I was working as a bakeress in Sunderland Co Durham. War came and I wished to join the A.T.S. but money was short and Mam needed my wages but she said I could go on munitions. So I went to Birmingham and worked at the Hercules Cycle Factory packing landmines, after they had passed inspection by Government Inspectors. When the contract ended I was transferred to Aircraft small parts but work was scarce and I got bored hanging around doing nothing. So I up and volunteered for the A.T.S.
- First I was sent to Wrexham, North Wales for training, then a cooks course, which I ended up as trade 2 cook. Then I was posted to Larkhill Barracks, Salisbury Plain. I love cooking and I was able to attend a village church at Amesbury, not far from Salisbury. But I had a bout of home sickness and got a transfer to Newcastle-upon-Tyne about 12 miles from my home. First to an A.T.S. Billet then sent over the Tyne river to Gateshead.
- After working in a large kitchen at Larkhill where we served 1,200 meals every day, it was a great change to a couple of hundred. It was a mixed transport company 604 R.A.S.C.
- In 1944 I made friends with the cook in the Officers Mess and she was going out with a batman. She got him to bring a mate so that we could have a foursome. It was a blind date that led to my husband. Frank had just come back to England after 4 years overseas. He was from Yorkshire and we married when we were demobbed in 1946.

Photos:



Pte Tarbet in Cooks uniform
Outside billet at Larkhill, Salisbury Plain