

<b>Surname:</b> Simpson	<b>First Name(s):</b> Patricia Evelyn	<b>Army Number:</b> W/139410	
<b>Maiden name (if applicable):</b> Ager	<b>Name used during service:</b> Ager / Simpson	<b>Rank:</b> Private	
<b>Main base:</b> Shrivenham Tonfanau Oswestry Hampstead	<b>Training base:</b> Strathpeffer	<b>Enrolled at:</b> Northampton	
<b>Platoon/Section:</b>	<b>Company/Battery:</b> N Battery O.C.T.U. A Company	<b>Group/Regiment:</b> Royal Artillery No 3 D Group No 4 W.O.S.B.	<b>Command:</b>
<b>Year(s) of service:</b> 17/4/1942 to 26/11/1945	<b>Reason for discharge:</b> Married 6 <sup>th</sup> August 1945	<b>Trade:</b> Clerk	
<b>Uniform Issued:</b> Khaki cap Khaki tunic Khaki skirts 2 Tin helmet Gas mask Greatcoat Kitbag Brown shoes Khaki stockings Khaki knickers ATS badges Pyjamas Groundsheet (worn as cape when wet) Brushes for cleaning shoes (I still have mine with Hut 49) on them!) Husif	<b>Photo:</b>  <p>Patricia (Pat) aged 17 yrs 10 mnths – April 1942</p>		
<b>Description of daily tasks:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General army office work – filing, duplicating, shorthand and typing, letters, reports on officer cadet personnel.</li> </ul>		

Pay book:

**(1) SOLDIER'S NAME and DESCRIPTION on ATTESTATION.**

Army Number 139410

Surname (in capitals) A. G. E. R.

Christian Names (in full) Patricia Eneja

Date of Birth 25.6.24

Place of Birth: Parish [redacted]  
 In or near the town of [redacted]  
 In the county of [redacted]

Trade on Enlistment SH Typist & unemployed

Nationality of Father at birth [redacted]

Nationality of Mother at birth [redacted]

Religious Denomination Baptist

Approved Society Sons of the Empire

Membership No. 223/1755

Enlisted at Colchester On 27.2.42

For the —  
 Regular Army.  Supplementary Reserve.  
 Territorial Army.  Army Reserve Section D.  
 Strike out those inapplicable.

For        years with the Colours and        years in the Reserve.

Signature of Soldier P. E. Eneja

Date 14.6.42

**DESCRIPTION ON ENLISTMENT.**

Height 5 ft. 11 ins. Weight 122 lbs.

Maximum Chest 33 ins. Complexion Fair

Eyes Blue/grey Hair Brown

Distinctive Marks and Minor Defects A.G.S.

**CONDITION ON TRANSFER TO RESERVE.**

Found fit for       

Defects or History of past illness which should be enquired into if called up for Service       

Date 20.12.42

Initials of M.O.       

Memorable moments:

- I was entered as unemployed in my paybook – that was because I had a fall playing table tennis and should have gone to Northampton in March 1942, but had a deferment to 17 April 1942 to enable the swelling to go down.
- My parents were not happy about me joining the A.T.S. because I had asthma and eczema since 3 months old and they were most surprised to learn that I had passed A1 when I went for a medical at Colchester in February 1942. It must have been a good day for me! My father served in the Essex Regiment during the 1914-1918 War. He was in the trenches, but returned home safe.
- I had quite a few attacks of asthma whilst serving in the A.T.S. – there were not the inhalers and other helpful items in those days – one first had to ‘grin and bear’ the attacks of breathlessness.
- In the office at Hampstead there was Sgt .M. Smith (Peggy) Cpl Mary Farrar her friend, Private Betty Rothkugel and Private Margaret Carnegie. Another wartime friendship came about after a fall I had on the way home on leave in October 1944 – ligament trouble again! – and I ended up in Black Notley Hospital (Emergency Hospital for Service people) and met Iris Sherlock a WAAF from Earls Colne Airfield – she was a cook and had spilt a pot of boiling potatoes over her arm so had dreadful blisters. I had my leg in plaster for about 2 months and as my home was nearby we managed to get there.
- Met other important persons at A.T.S. W.O.S.B. Hampstead.
- I went to London when V2 rockets and V1 ‘doodle bugs’ were in operation – had to find my way around after taking documents to War Office for Major Dewar and other officers.
- I met my husband to be, on a blind date at the Y.M.C.A. canteen on Tonfanau camp, August 1942. George was sent to the Middle East and Italy in November 1942 but we corresponded by letter until he was called home on compassionate leave as his mother was dying of T.B. in late 1944. She died in May 1945. George had to return to the Army and was at a holding unit at Watford until Christmas 1945 when he went to Exeter to help with Forces Mail for Christmas and in January 1946 left for the Middle East again stationed at Gaza until December 1946 when he was finally demobbed. My husband had been a

plumber before the War but was seeking to change if he could find other employment and this came one day when he was at a Colchester Dentists cleaning a blocked sink – the Dentist offered to train George as a Dental Technician, provided he studied at night school and took a low wage. This he did and passed exams and I went to work at Joys Ladies Wear in the office at Colchester. This is where I learnt bookkeeping which was invaluable when George started his own Dental lab and I kept the account books for him.

- Although there was a War I would not have missed the experience and really enjoyed the friendship of the girls I met and have still to this day.

**Photos:**



George aged 21 (husband to be)



Our wedding 6 August 1945

INSTRUCTIONS TO RELEASED PERSON  
MEDICAL TREATMENT AFTER LEAVING MILITARY DISPENSAL UNIT

You are now entitled to medical benefit under the National Health Insurance Act, and a medical card telling you how to get treatment will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Medical benefit includes free treatment from an insurance doctor at his surgery (or if your condition requires it, at your home), and free medicine.

If you go back to live in your old district and had an insurance doctor before you joined up you will be returned to his list if he is still in practice himself or by deputy.

If you fall ill before the medical card comes, fill in the application below and hand this book to your previous insurance doctor (or, if absent, his deputy). If you did not have an insurance doctor before you joined up or if you are now in another part of the country, apply to any insurance doctor. You can not a list of insurance doctors at the local Post Office.

Do not detach the form from the book. The doctor will do this.

PART II - TO BE COMPLETED IN UNIT

Form Med. 50A

Rank PRIVATE Number W/17210  
Initials P.E. Surname (Block Letters) SIMPSON  
Date of Birth 26.6.24 Sex FEMALE (If a married woman, state husband's name) ASER



The above-named individual left this Military Dispensal Unit on the date shown in the stamp opposite.

PART III

Available for three months from date of leaving Military Dispensal Unit.

To be completed by released person ONLY if seeking medical treatment before a medical card is received.

I have NOT received a medical card since leaving the Military Dispensal Unit and I hereby apply for a medical card to be issued to me.

Delete as necessary { I was on the list of Dr. .... immediately before I was mobilised or called up for service.  
I was not on the list of a doctor in the district where I am now, and I desire to be placed on the list of .....  
My present address is ..... (Insert name of doctor or approved institution.)

Do you intend to leave this district within three months from the date hereof? If so when? .....

Name of Approved Society\* (if any) .....  
(If a deputy contributor write "D.C.")  
Name of Branch (if any) of Society .....  
Membership number ..... (Signature of released individual)

\* If you were a member of an Approved Society before you were mobilised or called up for service, or if you joined an Approved Society during service, your membership is still effective. (See also overleaf.)

Discharge Certificate