



A.T.S. Remembered

Newsletter

Dear Friend,

I thought you would like a quick update on how the A.T.S. Remembered project is proceeding and so have put together this small newsletter. I hope to be able to send this out on an annual basis at least, just to keep you all in touch with what is happening.

I have been in contact with all the Branch Secretaries of the ATS & WAC Benevolent Fund who have all been very helpful. To date I have had contributions to the archive from over 70 A.T.S. 'girls', most of whom are happy to include the information on the ATS Remembered website.

During the summer I have met A.T.S. veterans at Living History events and have taken the opportunity to ask them to contribute. Most are happy to do so, and even if they do not get round to putting the information on paper I know that they are happy to see the re-enactment group dressed in the A.T.S. uniform. The re-enactment group I am involved with try to bring to the notice of the public the contribution made by the A.T.S. to the success of the Second World War and will be at a number of events in 2004.

Details of events can be found on the website www.AckAckLivingHistory.org.uk but if anyone would like some more details by mail, just let me know.

The ATS Remembered Website www.ATSRemembered.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk is going strong and now it has been running for 10 months, it has received over 5,000 visits (number of people going to the website) and over 100,000 hits (number of times people 'click' to find information). I think this says volumes about the amount of interest there is in the A.T.S.

I have heard from most of the main trades, but have not had much contact from the more obscure trades or, indeed, from any ethnic minorities. It would be interesting to add such information to broaden the content of the archive. I have, however, had quite a few contacts from veterans that went to live in Canada, America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

From the information that I have gathered it is obvious to me that each experience was very different for all who were in the A.T.S. and am pleased that my project is piecing together a picture of the service overall. What amazes me is how modest everyone is about what they have done and how the camaraderie of the service shines through.

Those that went through the experiences of the Second World War are a special generation and I hope that I can help to keep that spirit alive through the project.

The project is still building as friend forward the information to friend and I know that this could be a lifetime's work for me. However, I am proud to know you all and would finish by saying what a very worthwhile experience this project has been for me.

With many thanks for all your assistance and contributions. I hope to be in touch with another update in due course.

Regards
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