

INTERNATIONAL HORSEWOMAN NOW LOOKS AFTER LORRIES
IN THE A.T.S.

Serjeant Barbara Amos, who before the war ran a stables in Belgium and bought and sold horses as a career, is now a M.T. Serjeant in the A.T.S. She has ridden in many International races and regularly jumped the horses she had trained in Continental shows.

At the age of ten Miss Amos was given a pony to hunt at her home, Faversham, Kent. She rode in point to point races in the Home Counties and chose horse schooling and showing as her career.

For six years before the war she was in charge of a racing stables in Belgium with a staff of men under her. Whenever the owner of the stables wanted to win a particular International championship he commissioned Miss Amos to go to England, Ireland, or wherever she liked and buy a horse to train and enter for the event. She always took the horses back to Belgium with her and so acquired a great deal of road experience driving horse boxes in England and on the Continent.

Miss Amos has ridden in the Ostend races, and in one 15-miles cross country race in Belgium she was the first woman to finish the course, coming in eleventh out of one-hundred riders, mostly Belgian Army officers. She also won first place in a Women's International jumping event, in which eleven nations competed.

While she was in Belgium she kept as pets a wild boar and a pair of Himalayan bears, one of which she took out from England, keeping it in her cabin on the cross Channel steamer. She took both the bears out for walks on leads, in Belgium, and also took them to le Zouts for a summer holiday each year.

Serjeant Amos was one of the last British women to escape from Belgium after the Germans occupied the country and arrived in England after spending two days at Ostend without food or shelter under heavy bombardment. At 9 o'clock on the following morning she reported for duty at the F.A.N.Y. Headquarters in London.

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