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32 min 17 sec. 8mm standard/colour (Kodachrome)/silent??On 9 June 1951 the late Major Peggy Williamson led the final parade of eight members of the Womens Australian Army Corps for the jubilee celebrations in Canberra. Later in June 1951 King George VI approved the title “Royal” and the Corps were designated the Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps. Southern Command Barracks. WRAAC on the side of the Albert Park Lake road marching. First recruit course in Victoria at Lonsdale 9 July 1951 Gwen McCarken polishing car. Kath Fowler, Margaret Todman, Bryal Longuir and Verna Wilson. South Australian WRAAC’s Peg Pine and Pam Gosling. Rennie Griffin and Bryal Muir run along parade ground. Shirley Watkins, Mabs Middleton talking to W/O Alma Young, Jackie Leavy. Lieutenant Gosh talking to recruits. Captain Pat Pitt C.O.. Joan Cousins holding camp mascot “Scottie”. Corporal West. WRAAC School Mildura CO Major Dawn Jackson. NCO WRAACS playing softball against Officer cadets 1953. Supervised by Captain Joan Melton. Sergeant Ruby Brown drill instructor and officer cadets practicing the slow march.

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