

EXERCISE 36-4 The apostrophe: Guided review

In the following paragraph, add apostrophes where they are missing and delete or correct them where they have been misused. The numbers in the margin refer to appropriate rules in section 36 of *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition. The first revision has been done for you.

Deborah Sampson, who fought in America’s Revolution, fulfilled her light infantry-
 man duties pretending to be a private named Robert Shurtleiff. To ^{anyone’s} ~~anyones~~ questions about 36b
 where he was based, this private said, “West Point.” Sampson’s first enlistment lasted less
 than a day, but her second enlistment was different. It lasted until the wars end, and along 36a
 with many others she was honorably discharged from the Continental army on October 23, 36b
 1783. Throughout her service, it was everyones opinion that she was an excellent soldier.
 Her officers reports on her were always good. Wounded twice, she outwitted the doctors’ 36a, 36e
 and returned to her unit undetected; but when she came down with “the fevers,” a doctor
 discovered the secret that until then had been her’s alone. (Many of the distinctions among 36e
 different illnesses that produce fevers—from typhoid to influenza—were not yet known; if
 patients had a high fever and it’s accompanying discomforts for very long, they were diag- 36e
 nosed as having “the fevers.”) Its no surprise that when her secret was finally told, her su- 36c
 perior officers wouldnt believe it. Dressed in women’s clothes, she was escorted to separate 36c
 quarters not by the military police but by her superior officers. Many years later, at Paul
 Reveres’ suggestion, she donned the uniform again and went on speaking tours’ to raise 36a, 36e
 much-needed money for her family and to secure a monthly pension from the army she
 had once served.