

The Australian Women's Register

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Douglas, Mary Stewart (May)

(1904 - 1999)

Born 20 January, 1904, Victor Harbour South Australia Australia

Died 6 May, 1999

Occupation Servicewoman

Summary

On 1 June 1953 May Douglas was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, in recognition for her service as Commissioner of Girl Guides in South Australia. She was also awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia on 26 January 1997 for service to veterans, particularly through the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps Association, and the Australia Remembers 1945-1995 Celebrations.

Events

1958 - 1958

Life member of the South Australian Council of Girl Guides

1952 - 1958

State Commissioner of the South Australian Girl Guides

2061 - 2066

Honorary Colonel of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps

1923 - 1941

Captain and Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association

1941 - 1943

Assistant Controller of the Australian Women's Army Service

1943 - 1946

Controller of the Australian Army Medical Womens' Service

1946 - 1948

District Commissioner of the Girl Guides

1949 - 1952

Deputy South Australian Commissioner of the Girl Guides

1997 - 1997

Awarded Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

2053 - 2053

Appointed an Officer of the British Empire (OBE)

Published resources

Resource Section

DOUGLAS, MARY STEWART, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=693236>

Book

Soldiers of the Queen : women in the Australian Army, Bomford, Janette, 2001

Notable lives : profiles of 21 South Australians, Cockburn, Stewart, 1997

Colonel Best and her soldiers: The Story of the 33 years of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps, Ollif, Lorna, 1985

From blue to khaki: The enlisted voluntary aids and others who became members of the Australian Army Medical Women's Service and served from 19421-1951, Mount-Batten, Betty J, 1995

A Stroll down memory lane, WRAAC Association, 2001

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1962, Alexander, Joseph A, 1962

Book Section

Women in wartime - May Douglas, who played a prominent part in the Australian Women's Army Service raised in August, 1941, contributes some of her memories, Douglas, May

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

National Archives of Australia, National Office, Canberra

[DOUGLAS MARY STEWART : Service Number - SFX30364 : Date of birth - 20 Jan 1904 : Place of birth - VICTOR HARBOUR SA : Place of enlistment - WAYVILLE SA : Next of Kin - DOUGLAS F](#)

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[\[Biographical cuttings on Mary Stewart Douglas, O.B.E., containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

Australian War Memorial, Research Centre

[Major Mary Douglas \(seated\) formerly of the Australian Women's Army Service \(AWAS\)](#)

[End of War Awards - submissions by \[Quartermaster-General and Director-General of Medical Services\]](#)

[A pre-dinner chat for Women's Royal Australian Army Corps \(WRAAC\) officers](#)

[Officers at the Conference of Assistant and Deputy Assistant Controllers, Australian Army Medical Women's Service.](#)

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[Lieutenant-Colonel May Douglas](#)

[Members of the Girl Guides Association \(South Australia\) working in the depot during their thrift campaign to raise funds for organisations such as the Red Cross](#)

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