

The Australian Women's Register

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Manning, Eleanor

(1906 - 1986)

Born 21 March, 1906, Sydney New South Wales Australia

Died 21 November, 1986

Occupation Servicewoman

Summary

The daughter of Sir Henry and Lady Manning, Eleanor Manning was a member of the Women's Australian National Services and became the most senior officer of the Australian Women's Army Service in the State of New South Wales.

When the Australian Women's Army Service was established in October 1941, Manning was appointed Assistant Controller, Eastern Command with the rank of Major. She with other first appointments attended the first Officers Training School held at Yarra Junction, Victoria in November, 1941. At the conclusion of the training, Major Manning returned to Sydney and commenced duty at Headquarters Victoria Barracks, Sydney. She and her staff were responsible for the recruitment and initial training of all Australian Women's Army Service enlistments in New South Wales.

Other appointments held by Major Manning in the AWAS were:-

- 1943 Deputy Controller to the Controller, Colonel Sybil H Irving MBE, Australian Women's Army Service, at their Headquarters in Melbourne.
- Commanding Officer, Australian Women's Services Officers' School, Darley, Victoria. This post combined the training of both the Australian Women's Army Service and the Australian Army Medical Women Service Officers, and she remained there until the termination of her appointment.

On the 13 June 1959, Eleanor Manning was appointed an Officer to the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services as Chief Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association of Australia.

Events

1934 - 1941

Commissioner for training of the Girl Guides' Association

1941 - 1943

Assistant Controller of the Australian Women's Army Service

1943 - 1945

Deputy Controller of the Australian Women's Army Service

1955 - 1963

Chief Commissioner for the Girl Guides Association

1946 - 1946

Member of the Guide International Service

1960 - 1969

Member of the World Committee for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

Published resources

Resource Section

MANNING, ELEANOR, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=350698>

Edited Book

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

Who's Who in Australia 1944, Alexander, Joseph A, 1944

Who's Who in Australia, 1971, Legge, J S, 1971

Book

You'll be sorry!, Howard, Ann, 1990

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

National Library of Australia

[Biographical cuttings on Eleanor Manning, former Chief Commissioner of the Girl Guides, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals]

Australian War Memorial, Research Centre

Army Women's Services Officers' School (AWSOS) Bivouac.

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