

The Australian Women's Register

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Darling, Janet Patteson (Pat)

(1913 - 2007)

Born 31 August, 1913, Casino New South Wales Australia

Died 31 December, 2007, New South Wales Australia

Occupation Servicewoman

Summary

A nursing sister serving with the 2/10th Australian General Hospital, Pat Gunther (later Darling) was one of the Australian nurses taken prisoner by the Japanese in Sumatra during World War II. She writes about her three and a half years incarceration and survival in *Portrait of a Nurse* published in 2001.

Published resources

Resource Section

GUNTHER, JANET PATTESON, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=182691>

Book

Portrait of a nurse : prisoner of war of the Japanese 1942-1945 Sumatra, Darling, Pat, 2001

Resource

Brave Women, Angell, Barb,
<http://www.angellpro.com.au/women.htm>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Newspaper Article

Horrors hidden for 53 years. After half a century of silence, Pat Darling, one of 13 nurses who survived internment in Sumatra, talked to Cassandra Jardine about life and death in a Japanese POW camp., Jardine, Cassandra, 1997

A poppy for the one who died in her place (in World War II), 1995

Nurses revisit war hell (Bangka Island, Singapore), Warnock, Steve and Chapman, Barry (Photographer), 1993

Archival resources

Australian War Memorial, Research Centre

[Group portrait of Australian Army Nursing Service \(AANS\) nurses, who were former prisoners of war \(POWs\), on board the hospital ship Manunda on its arrival in Australia](#)

[Gunther, J Pat \(Nursing Sister\)](#)

[Darling, Janet Patterson 'Pat' \(Sister\)](#)

[Dutch silver jam spoon : Sister P Gunther, 2/10 Australian General Hospital](#)

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