

The Australian Women's Register

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Wheatley, Alice Jean

(1904 - 1993)

Born 3 August, 1904, Bridgetown Western Australia Australia

Died 17 May, 1993, Bridgetown Western Australia Australia

Occupation Matron, Servicewoman

Summary

Born in Bridgetown, Western Australia, Alice Wheatley was educated at Perth College. She undertook her nursing training at the Fremantle Hospital, Western Australia and the Queen Victoria Hospital, Victoria. In 1941 Wheatley enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service (RAAFNS). On 10 March 1944 she was awarded the Royal Red Cross Medal Second Class for her work in charge of the first nursing party of the RAAFNS in New Guinea. In 1946 Wheatley represented the RAAFNS in the Victory Contingent to England. From 1946 until 1951 she held the position of Matron-in-Chief. On 1 January 1951 Wheatley was appointed an Officer of the British Empire in recognition of her service with the RAAFNS.

Events

1941 - 1946

Area matron with the RAAFNS and served in New Guinea area

1941 - 1941

Joined the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service (RAAFNS)

1946 - 1951

Matron-in-Chief of the RAAFNS

1946 - 1946

Represented the RAAFNS in the Victory Contingent to England

2044 - 2044

Royal Red Cross (2nd Class) (ARRC)

2051 - 2051

Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Military) (OBE)

2051 - 2051

Discharged from the RAAFNS

Published resources

Edited Book

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

Resource Section

WHEATLEY, ALICE JEAN, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=R&VeteranID=1077570>

Resource

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003,
<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Book

Story of the RAAF nursing service : 1940-1990, Halstead, Gay., 1994

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