

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Hughes, Elsie

(1906 - 2002)

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**Born** 1 January, 1906, Adelaide South Australia Australia

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**Died** 21 May, 2002, Adelaide South Australia Australia

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**Occupation** Nurse, Servicewoman

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### Summary

Elsie Hughes was born in Adelaide, South Australia, and spent her youth in Murray Bridge. When war broke out in 1939 Elsie returned to Britain where she joined the Reserve Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service. She served during the war in military hospitals in Palestine and Egypt, and in Britain. On return to Adelaide in 1946 Elsie Hughes became Sister in Charge of the McEwin Theatre suite at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, an appointment which she held until retirement in 1966.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Elsie Hughes \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Joan Durdin

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