

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Dutton, Mary Doreen (Mollie)

(1896 - 1993)

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**Born** 6 March, 1896, Adelaide South Australia Australia

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**Died** 31 December, 1993, South Australia Australia

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**Occupation** Nurse, Servicewoman

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### Summary

Mollie Dutton was born in Adelaide. Her parents opposed her desire to nurse. At the age of 28 she began training at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) in 1924. After a short term in charge of the Magill ward of the RAH Mollie Dutton enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Nursing Service and as a matron served at RAAF hospitals in Darwin and Laverton, Victoria. After the war Miss Dutton returned to the RAH and was Sister in Charge of Bice Ward until 1954, when she retired to care for her elderly mother.

### Published resources

#### Book

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

#### Resource Section

DUTTON, MARY DOREEN, Department of Veterans' Affairs,  
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=R&VeteranID=1069002>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Mollie Dutton \[sound recording\]](#) Interviewer: Joan Durdin

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