

The Australian Women's Register

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Drummond, Irene Melville

(1905 - 1942)

Born 26 July, 1905, Ashfield New South Wales Australia

Died 12 February, 1942, Banka Island Indonesia

Occupation Matron, Servicewoman

Summary

A member of the Australian Army Nursing Service, Irene Drummond was killed by Japanese soldiers during the Banka Island massacre of 1942.

Details

The daughter of Cedric and Katherine Drummond, Irene worked as a nursing sister at Millswood, South Australia, before moving to Broken Hill in 1933 to work at the local hospital. She was Deputy Matron there before enlisting in the Australian Army in October 1940. Drummond was appointed to the 2/13th Australian General Hospital (AGH). In 1942, following the sinking of the *SS Vyner Brooke* en route from Singapore, she was gunned down by Japanese soldiers during the Banka Island massacre.

The Drummond Memorial Park was opened in Broken Hill in 1949 in honour of Irene Drummond.

Published resources

Resource Section

Drummond, Irene Melville (1915-1942), Gorrell, Julie, 2006, <http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A140039b.htm>

Book

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Site Exhibition

Unbroken Spirit: Women in Broken Hill, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2009, <http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/bh/bh-home.html>

Resource

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