

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** IMP0251

## Shaw, Edith Lydia

(1901 - 1993)

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**Born** 24 September, 1901, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Died** 24 August, 1993, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Matron

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### Summary

After being educated at the Church of England Girls' Grammar School (CEGGS) North Sydney, Edith Shaw completed her nurses training at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Women's Hospital (Melbourne) and Tressillian Infant Welfare, Sydney. Shaw nursed at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Charing Cross Hospital, London, and was matron of the Melbourne District Nursing Society before joining the Royal Australian Army Nursing Service in 1946. During World War II she was matron of the 2/2 Hospital Ship *Wanganella* and principal matron of the Victorian Line of Command 1941-1943 and 1943-1946. On 14 June 1945 Lieutenant Colonel Edith Shaw was awarded the Royal Red Cross for her service with the Australian Army Nursing Service in the South West Pacific. Following the war Shaw became lady superintendent at the Alfred Hospital Melbourne (1946-1952) as well as principal matron of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Service Headquarters Southern Command (1950-1952).

### Events

#### 1950 - 1952

Principal Matron Royal Australian Army Nursing Service HQ Southern Command Victoria

#### 1946 - 1952

Lady Superintendent, Alfred Hospital Melbourne

#### 1925 - 1926

Staff member at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Victoria

#### 1940 - 1946

Served with Royal Australian Army Service

#### 1930 - 1930

Staff member at Charing Cross Hospital, London

#### 1933 - 1935

Matron with the Melbourne District Nursing Society

## Published resources

### **Edited Book**

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

### **Site Exhibition**

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

### **Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### **Australian War Memorial, Research Centre**

Recommendations for King's Birthday Honours 1945

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