

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
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Shaw, Edith Lydia

(1901 - 1993)

Born 24 September, 1901, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Died 24 August, 1993

Occupation Matron

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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