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Carlton, Eileen Grace (Sally)

Occupation Community worker, Social worker

Summary

Sally Carlton was superintendent in Western Australia of the Australian Women's Land Army during the Second World War.

Born in Perth, she attended Perth College and became a 'Girl Friday.' Later she joined the *West Australian* newspaper and was in charge of the file room. Here she hand indexed all news in the papers each day. After a failed marriage Carlton worked as the organising secretary with the Lady Gowrie Child Centre (Perth) in 1942. She responded to a newspaper advertisement seeking a person to organise the recruiting of women for the Western Australian Land Army. Involved with the Girl Guide movement, Carlton had conducted training sessions for the Women's Australian National Services (WANS) officers. Initially supervisor she was later titled State Superintendent.

After the war, Carlton worked at the Princess Margaret Children's Hospital as a social worker. As she wasn't qualified she completed mature age matriculation and then tertiary studies at the universities of Western Australia and South Australia, while working full-time.

On 31 December 1960, Sally Carlton was awarded the Order of the British Empire – Member (Civil) for service to the Girl Guides Association in Western Australia.

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