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Cutler, Helen Gray Annetta

(1923 - 1990)

Born	19230505, Sydney New South Wales Australia
Died	19901108
Occupation	Community worker, Servicewoman

Summary

Made a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) on 9 June 1980, Lady Cutler had previously been awarded Dame of the Order of St John of Jerusalem (1977) and Commander of the Order of St John of Jerusalem (1965).

Helen Morris married Roden Cutler (Governor New South Wales (NSW) 1966-1981) on 28 May 1946 and they had four sons. She was educated at Sydney Church of England Girls' Grammar School and served with the Australian Women's Army Service from 1942 to 1946.

Patron of the Children's Book Council of Australia (NSW), Lady Cutler received an Honorary Fellow from the NSW College of Nursing. She was President of the NSW Division of the Save the Children Fund, Vice-President of the Girl Guides' Association (NSW), Vice-President of the St John Ambulance Brigade and Honorary Colonel of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps 1967 to 1985.

Events

1980 - 1980
Appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia

1967 - 1985
Appointed an Honorary Colonel of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps (WRAAC)

1977 - 1977
Awarded Dame of the Order of St John of Jerusalem

1944 - 1944
Commissioned Officer Commanding Convoys and later Officer Commanding AWAS Barracks 1 Australian Ordnance Vehicle Park Bandiana

1946 - 1946
Married: Arthur (Roden) Cutler VC (later His Excellency Sir)

1942 - 1946
Served with the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS)

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MORRIS HELEN GRAY ANNETTA : Service Number - NF436079 : Date of birth - 05 May 1923 : Place of birth - SYDNEY NSW : Place of enlistment - PADDINGTON NSW : Next of Kin - MORRIS DAVID

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Cutler family - papers, 1909-1995

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