

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry ID:** AWE0463

## Pemberton, Jean Keers

(1913 - 2001)

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**Born** 21 October, 1913, Petersham New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 7 December, 2001, Chichester England

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**Occupation** Servicewoman

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### Summary

Jean Greer (later Pemberton) enlisted in the Australian Army on 16 December 1940. Attached to the 2/10 Australian General Hospital she was posted to Malaya in 1941.

On 14 February 1942, Jean was one of the 65 nurses aboard the ship *Vyner Brooke* when it was sunk by Japanese bombing. After reaching the shore she was captured by the Japanese and was a Prisoner of War for the next three and a half years before being liberated.

Jean Greer was discharged on 23 September 1946 and married Scotsman Duncan Pemberton in Singapore in 1947.

The couple moved to England where Jean died on 7 December 2001.

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

GREER, JEAN KEERS, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,  
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=183031>

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<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=318050>

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<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=182712>

#### Resource

Brave Women, Angell, Barb,  
<http://www.angellpro.com.au/women.htm>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### National Archives of Australia, National Office, Canberra

GREER JEAN KEERS : Service Number - NX70937 : Date of birth - 21 Oct 1913 : Place of birth - SYDNEY NSW : Place of enlistment - SYDNEY NSW : Next of Kin - GREER ISAAC

#### Australian War Memorial, Research Centre

Group portrait of Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) nurses, who were former prisoners of war (POWs), on board the hospital ship Manunda on its arrival in Australia

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## Digital resources



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