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Bowe, Ethel Jessie

(1906 - 1961)

Born	19060527, Maldon Victoria Australia
Died	19611013, Repatriation General Hospital Heidelberg Victoria Australia
Occupation	Matron, Nurse, Servicewoman

Events

1943 - 1943
Appointed deputy Matron-in-Chief

1957 - 1957
Appointed honorary nursing sister to Queen Elizabeth II

1941 - 1941
Appointed matron

1946 - 1946
Appointed matron of the 115 Military (Repatriation General) Hospital, Heidelberg

1952 - 1952
Appointed matron-in-chief and granted the rank of honorary colonel

1960 - 1960
Appointed Officer to the Order of the British Empire

1945 - 1945
Appointed Principal Matron

1947 - 1948
Appointed principal matron, Southern Command

1939 - 1939
Appointed Sister in the Australian Army Nursing Service

1941 - 1941
Appointed temporary matron

1953 - 1953
Awarded a Florence Nightingale medal

1945 - 1945
Awarded Associate Royal Red Cross

1955 - 1955
Awarded the Red Cross Medal

1948 - 1948
Awarded the United States of America’s Bronze Star for her services

1945 - 1945
Based on Morotai Island in the South West Pacific

1940 - 1940
Called up for service with the Australian Imperial Force

1930 - 1930
Completed midwifery training at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Melbourne

1960 - 1960
Gave the eighth annual oration for the New South Wales College of Nursing

1931 - 1931
Joined the Australian Army Nursing Service Reserve

1950 - 1950
Matron of the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg

1927 - 1929
Nursing training at the Royal Melbourne Hospital

1940 - 1940
Posted senior sister of the 2/2 Australian General Hospital (AGH)

1951 - 1951
Rejoined Australian Military Forces

1940 - 1940
Served in England

1940 - 1942
Served in the Middle East

1931 - 1935
Sister on staff at the Royal Melbourne Hospital

1936 - 1939
Sister tutor at the Perth Hospital, Western Australia

Published resources

Edited Book
Who's Who in Australia 1950, Alexander, Joseph A, 1950

Book
From blue to khaki: The enlisted voluntary aids and others who became members of the Australian Army Medical Women's Service and served from 1941-1951, Mount-Batten, Betty J, 1995

Guns and brooches : Australian Army Nursing from the Boer War to the Gulf War, Bassett, Jan, 1992

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