

The Australian Women's Register

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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

Australian women at war, Adam-Smith, Patsy, 1984

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