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Wheatley, Alice Jean

(1904 - 1993)

Born	19040803, Bridgetown Western Australia Australia
Died	19930517, Bridgetown Western Australia Australia
Occupation	Matron, Servicewoman

Summary

Born in Bridgetown, Western Australia, Alice Wheatley was educated at Perth College. She undertook her nursing training at the Fremantle Hospital, Western Australia and the Queen Victoria Hospital, Victoria. In 1941 Wheatley enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service (RAAFNS). On 10 March 1944 she was awarded the Royal Red Cross Medal Second Class for her work in charge of the first nursing party of the RAAFNS in New Guinea. In 1946 Wheatley represented the RAAFNS in the Victory Contingent to England. From 1946 until 1951 she held the position of Matron-in-Chief. On 1 January 1951 Wheatley was appointed an Officer of the British Empire in recognition of her service with the RAAFNS.

Events

1941 - 1946
Area matron with the RAAFNS and served in New Guinea area

1951 - 1951
Discharged from the RAAFNS

1941 - 1941
Joined the Royal Australian Air Force Nusing Service (RAAFNS)

1946 - 1951
Matron-in-Chief of the RAAFNS

1951 - 1951
Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Military) (OBE)

1946 - 1946
Represented the RAAFNS in the Victory Contingent to England

1944 - 1944
Royal Red Cross (2nd Class) (ARRC)

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