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Ashton, Carrie (Jean)

(1905 - 2002)

Born	31 May, 1905, Woodside South Australia Australia
Died	31 December, 2002
Occupation	Nurse, Servicewoman

Summary

Jean Ashton was born at Woodside, South Australia. After appointments at Lameroo and Jamestown in South Australia, Jean did infant welfare training in Hobart, Tasmania, while awaiting call-up for the Australian Army Nursing Service. In 1941 she went with the 13th Australian General Hospital to Malaya and was among those who escaped from Singapore just before its capture by the Japanese in February 1942. When the ship 'Vyner Brooke' was sunk in Bangka Strait, Jean and fellow nurses were interned by the Japanese. She was among 24 nurses (from a total of 65) who survived until their release in September 1945.

Published resources

Book
A Woman's war : the exceptional life of Wilma Oram Young, AM, Angell, Barbara, 2003

Resource Section
Ashton, Carrie Jean, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,
http://www.ww2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=676910

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

State Library of South Australia
Interview with Jean Ashton [sound recording] Interviewer: Joan Durdin

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