

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
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Sage, Annie Moriah

(1895 - 1969)

Born 17 August, 1895, Somerville Victoria Australia

Died 6 April, 1969

Occupation Nurse

Summary

During Annie Sage's distinguished military nursing career in World War II she introduced the Australian Army Medical Women's Service Training Scheme and was closely involved in the planning and establishment of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps as an integral part of the Australian Regular Army and the Citizen Military Forces.

After the war she took an active and leading role in the establishment of the War Nurses Memorial Centre and the Centaur War Nurses Fund. Through her work with the (Royal) College of Nursing she made a very important contribution to postgraduate nursing education. She was also active in the negotiations that brought about the 1958 Nurses' Act which gave wider power to the registering authority, the Victorian Nursing Council. She was awarded the Royal Red Cross for her war work with the Australian Army Nursing Service in the Middle East in 1942 (for 'exceptional tact and administrative ability') and she was awarded the CBE (Military Division) in 1951.

Events

2043 - 1952

Matron-in-Chief of the Australian Military Forces

1970 - 1970

Born: daughter of Edward Arthur and Mary Anne (née Murray) Sage

1936 - 1939

Matron of the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association Training School

2039 - 2047

Member of the Australian Army Nursing Service

1941 - 1941

Matron-in-Chief of the Australian Imperial Forces

1947 - 1951

Lady Superintendent of the Women's Hospital, Carlton, Victoria

2024 - 2024

Registered as a midwife

2026 - 2026

Granted her nursing certificate

2040 - 2040

Sailed for the Middle East and served at Gaza Ridge, Palestine, and at Kantara, Egypt

1942 - 1942

Appointed a member of the Royal Red Cross

2043 - 2043

Promoted to colonel

2045 - 2045

Flew to Sumatra to assist with the repatriation of the 24 Australian nurses imprisoned by the Japanese

1947 - 1947

Awarded Florence Nightingale medal

2046 - 2046

Accompanied the Australian Military Forces to London for the Victory March

1949 - 1950

Founding president of the College of Nursing, Melbourne

1950 - 1952

Treasurer of the College of Nursing, Melbourne

1967 - 1967

Honorary fellow of the College of Nursing, Melbourne

1957 - 1962

Honorary colonel of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps

2069 - 2069

Died and was cremated with Anglican rites with full military honours

1969 - 1969

College of Nursing established the Annie M Sage scholarship

1956 - 1956

Became a partner in a grocery shop at Somerville, Victoria

Published resources

Book

Matron A.M. Sage 'Sammie': A Tribute by Betty Jeffrey, Jeffrey, Agnes Betty, 1970?

White Coolies, Jeffrey, Betty, 1954

Revolutions and Rosewater: The Evolution of Nurse Registration in Victoria, 1923-1973, Minchin, Maureen Kathryn, 1977

Founders of the College, Schultz, Bart, 1989

In Pursuit of Nursing Excellence: A History of the Royal College of Nursing, Australia 1949-1999, Smith, Russel G., 1999

Victoria's Living Memorial: History of the Nurses Memorial Centre, 1948-1990, Williams, Jennifer A., 1991

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

The Ever open door : a history of the Royal Melbourne Hospital 1848-1998, Gregory, Alan, 1998

Colonel Best and her soldiers: The Story of the 33 years of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps, Ollif, Lorna, 1985

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

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

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<http://www.asap.unimelb.edu.au/bsparcs/biogs/P004101b.htm>

Sage, Annie Moriah (1895-1969), McCarthy, Janice, 2006,
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A160194b.htm>

SAGE, ANNIE MORIAH, Department of Veterans Affairs, 2002,
<http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=1204594>

Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 1962, Alexander, Joseph A, 1962

Resource

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003,
<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

Archival resources

Nurses Memorial Centre

[Annie Moriah Sage, Portrait](#)

Royal College of Nursing, Australia, Archives

[Annie Moriah Sage, Records](#)

Australian War Memorial, Research Centre

[Sage, Annie Moriah \(Matron b: 1895 d: 1969\)](#)

[\[Campaign in Malaya and Singapore - Escape before and after capitulation and evacuation of civilians:\]](#)

[Honours and Awards - Recommendations for New Year Honours List 1946](#)

[End of War Awards - submissions by \[Quartermaster-General and Director-General of Medical Services\]](#)

[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](#)

National Archives of Australia, Melbourne Office

[Sage, Annie Moriah, Colonel RRC CBE](#)

[SAGE, Annie Moriah - Pay ledger and history cards \[4\], allotment cards \[3\], tax deduction cards \[1\]](#)

National Archives of Australia, National Office, Canberra

[Miss A M Sage - Honour](#)

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[\[Biographical cuttings on Annie M. Sage, Matron-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps, 1942-1952, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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