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Shaw, Edith Lydia

(1901 - 1993)

Born	19010924, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Died	19930824, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Matron

Summary

After being educated at the Church of England Girls' Grammar School (CEGGS) North Sydney, Edith Shaw completed her nurses training at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Women's Hospital (Melbourne) and Tressillian Infant Welfare, Sydney. Shaw nursed at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Charing Cross Hospital, London, and was matron of the Melbourne District Nursing Society before joining the Royal Australian Army Nursing Service in 1946. During World War II she was matron of the 2/2 Hospital Ship *Wanganella* and principal matron of the Victorian Line of Command 1941-1943 and 1943-1946. On 14 June 1945 Lieutenant Colonel Edith Shaw was awarded the Royal Red Cross for her service with the Australian Army Nursing Service in the South West Pacific. Following the war Shaw became lady superintendent at the Alfred Hospital Melbourne (1946-1952) as well as principal matron of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Service Headquarters Southern Command (1950-1952).

Events

1946 - 1952
Lady Superindent, Alfred Hospital Melbourne

1933 - 1935
Matron with the Melbourne District Nursing Society

1950 - 1952
Principal Matron Royal Australian Army Nursing Service HQ Southern Command Victoria

1940 - 1946
Served with Royal Australian Army Service

1930 - 1930
Staff member at Charing Cross Hospital, London

1925 - 1926
Staff member at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Victoria

Published resources

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

Site Exhibition
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http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html

Resource
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Archival resources

Australian War Memorial, Research Centre
Recommendations for King's Birthday Honours 1945

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