

The Australian Women's Register

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Rawson, Marianne

Nationality Australian

Occupation Nurse

Summary

Marianne Rawson gained distinction as a Victorian nursing sister who served in the Boer War and was one of the three Australian nurses to be awarded the Royal Red Cross medal for service in that conflict. She was the lady superintendent of the ten Victorian nurses who sailed for South Africa with the Third (Bushmen's) Contingent on the *Euryalus* on 10 March 1900. They went to Rhodesia and served at Salisbury, Fort Charter, Bulawayo, Hillside, Mafeking, Springfontein and Tuli. She was awarded the Royal Red Cross medal on 26 June 1902 for her outstanding work and courage in the care of patients and was Mentioned in Despatches on 29 July 1902. The Governor of Western Australia presented her with her RRC medal in Kalgoorlie in 1903.

Published resources

Resource Section

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<http://users.netconnect.com.au/~ianmac/readroom.htm#nursing>

Book

Our War Nurses: The History of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps 1902-1988, Goodman, R.D., 1988

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

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>

Resource

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