

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** AWE0461

## Darling, Janet Patteson (Pat)

(1913 - 2007)

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<b>Born</b>	31 August, 1913, Casino New South Wales Australia
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<b>Died</b>	31 December, 2007, New South Wales Australia
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<b>Occupation</b>	Servicewoman
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### Summary

A nursing sister serving with the 2/10th Australian General Hospital, Pat Gunther (later Darling) was one of the Australian nurses taken prisoner by the Japanese in Sumatra during World War II. She writes about her three and a half years incarceration and survival in *Portrait of a Nurse* published in 2001.

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

GUNTHER, JANET PATTESON, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,  
<http://www.ww2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=182691>

#### Book

Portrait of a nurse : prisoner of war of the Japanese 1942-1945 Sumatra, Darling, Pat, 2001

#### Resource

Brave Women, Angell, Barb,  
<http://www.angellpro.com.au/women.htm>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Newspaper Article

Horrors hidden for 53 years. After half a century of silence, Pat Darling, one of 13 nurses who survived internment in Sumatra, talked to Cassandra Jardine about life and death in a Japanese POW camp., Jardine, Cassandra, 1997

A poppy for the one who died in her place (in World War II), 1995

Nurses revisit war hell (Bangka Island, Singapore), Warnock, Steve and Chapman, Barry (Photographer), 1993

### Archival resources

#### Australian War Memorial, Research Centre

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

Gunther, J Pat (Nursing Sister)

Darling, Janet Patterson 'Pat' (Sister)

Dutch silver jam spoon : Sister P Gunther, 2/10 Australian General Hospital

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