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# Wheatley, Alice Jean

(1904 - 1993)

Born	3 August, 1904, Bridgetown Western Australia Australia
Died	17 May, 1993, Bridgetown Western Australia Australia
Occupation	Matron, Servicewoman

## Summary

Born in Bridgetown, Western Australia, Alice Wheatley was educated at Perth College. She undertook her nursing training at the Fremantle Hospital, Western Australia and the Queen Victoria Hospital, Victoria. In 1941 Wheatley enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service (RAAFNS). On 10 March 1944 she was awarded the Royal Red Cross Medal Second Class for her work in charge of the first nursing party of the RAAFNS in New Guinea. In 1946 Wheatley represented the RAAFNS in the Victory Contingent to England. From 1946 until 1951 she held the position of Matron-in-Chief. On 1 January 1951 Wheatley was appointed an Officer of the British Empire in recognition of her service with the RAAFNS.

## Events

- 1941 - 1946**  
Area matron with the RAAFNS and served in New Guinea area
- 1941 - 1941**  
Joined the Royal Australian Air Force Nusing Service (RAAFNS)
- 1946 - 1951**  
Matron-in-Chief of the RAAFNS
- 1946 - 1946**  
Represented the RAAFNS in the Victory Contingent to England
- 2044 - 2044**  
Royal Red Cross (2nd Class) (ARRC)
- 2051 - 2051**  
Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Military) (OBE)
- 2051 - 2051**  
Discharged from the RAAFNS

## Published resources

### Edited Book

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

### Resource Section

WHEATLEY, ALICE JEAN, Department of Veterans' Affairs, 2002,  
<http://www.ww2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=R&VeteranID=1077570>

### 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

### Book

Story of the RAAF nursing service : 1940-1990, Halstead, Gay., 1994

### Author Details

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