REGAN, Nurse E. (R.R.C)

Elizabeth Regan was born in Carlton in 1884 to Elizabeth Wincey (1852-1935) and George Augustus Regan (1845-1913). She was the third in a family of six children and two of her younger brothers, Charles Graham and Frederick Ogden, are also listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll.

Elizabeth completed her nurse's training at Launceston General Hospital and later worked at Royal South Sydney Hospital. She joined the AIF in Sydney in August 1915, just two weeks after her brother Charlie had enlisted in Melbourne. (He was killed one year later in France; Fred enlisted in early 1916 and returned in 1919.)

Elizabeth Regan was appointed a Staff Nurse and sent to France via England. She was mentioned in Dispatches: '... for distinguished and gallant service and devotion to duty in the field...'. Her promotion to Sister came in 1918. Later she was awarded the Royal Red Cross Decoration, 2nd Class, by the King in recognition of her service.

Sister Regan returned to Australia in 1919 and worked in Melbourne and later in Western Australia. She died in 1945 at her home in Camberwell.

AIF Project Entry

Elizabeth REGAN

Place of birth Religion Occupation Address Marital status Age at embarkation Next of kin	Melbourne, Victoria Church of England Nurse Sydney, New South Wales, Single 30 Mother, Mrs E Regan, 33 Mollison Street, Abbotsford, Victoria.
Enlistment date Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll Rank on enlistment Unit name Embarkation details	20 August 1915 12 July 1915 Staff Nurse 1 Australian General Hospital 1-6 Special Reinforcements Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A71 <i>Nestor</i> on 11 October 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll Unit from Nominal Roll Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Sister Australian Army Nursing Service Mention in Despatches Awarded, and gazetted, 'London Gazette', second Supplement, No. 30448 (28 December 1917); 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 57 (18 April 1918).

Returned to Australia 22 January 1919.

Other details

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A.I.F., 23rd December, 1919. Dear Madam, I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from the Fourth Supplement, No. 31482, to the London Gazette, dated 31st July, 1919, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by yourself whilst serving with the Australian Imperial Force. x x x AWARDED THE ROYAL RED CROSS DECORATION. 2nd CLASS. "HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to award the Royal Red Cross to the undermentioned Lady in recognition of her valuable services in connexion with the War:-Sister ELIZAPETH REGAN. x The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 129, dated 20th November, 1919. Yours faithfully, Sister E. Regan, A.R.R.C. C/o C. Regan, Esq., 129 Asling Street, Garden Vale, Captain, for Officer i/c Base Records. VICTORIA. National Archives of Australia NAA: B2455, REGAN ELIZABETH

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Examiner (Launceston, Tas.) 21 July 1945, p. 6.

SISTER ELIZABETH REGAN

MELBOURNE—The death has occurred of Sister Elizabeth Regan, a member of the Australian Nursing Service of the Great War.

Sister Regan was born at Carlton, and did her nursing training at the Launceston General Hospital, after which she took a responsible position at Royal South Sydney Hospital. From there she enlisted and went to France and served for five years abroad.

For devotion to duty near the battle area she was awarded the Royal Red Cross, and received the decoration from the late King George V. at Buckingham Palace. She was also mentioned in despatches when serving at the 42nd Casualty Clearing Station in France. After the war she served at Harefield Hospital, England.

Returning to Australia, she established a private hospital at Oakleigh and later went to Guildford (W.A.), where she was matron of the Guildford Boys' Grammar School until she again returned to Victoria a few months ago. She leaves a brother and two sisters.

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