

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

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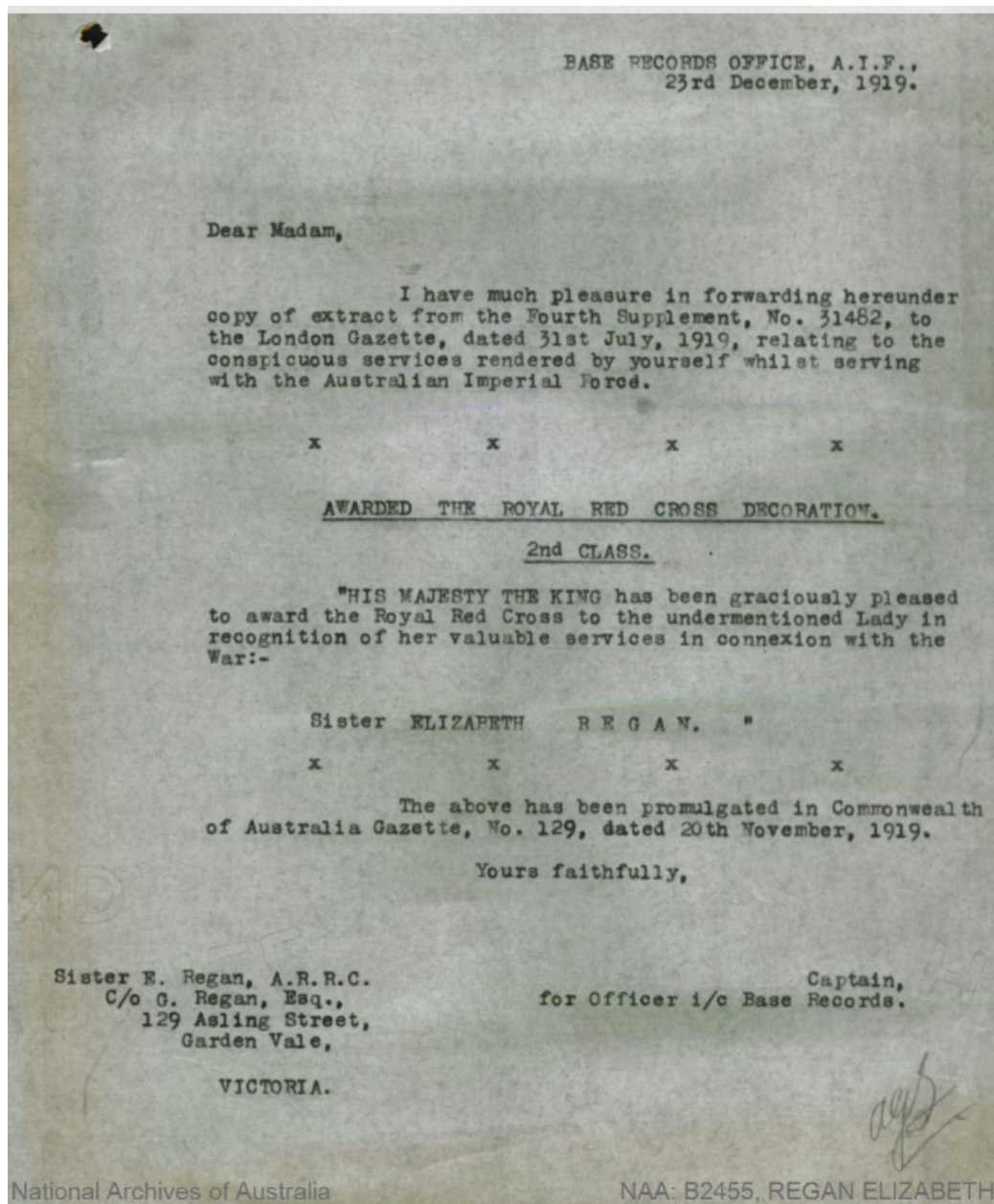
Returned to Australia 22 January 1919.

Other details

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

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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.