

WW2 - Bridget (Dolly) McMahon

Bridget (Dolly), the fifth child of Patrick and Bridget Lane, was born in Eltham in 1885 and moved with her family to Western Australia in the last 1890's. She married John McMahon in 1909 and had a long life, eventually dying in 1968. Dolly and John had four children: Mary (Bonnie), Eileen, Bernadine and John

Their daughter Bernadine, who was a grand child of Patrick Carrucan and Mary O'Brien, deserves particular mention. She was born in Boulder, WA, and served as a nurse in the Australian Army during World War 2. She enlisted on 26th October 1942 from Burracoppin in Western Australian, training at Perth Hospital and the Women's Hospital, Melbourne. She spent some time nursing in the Eastern States before returning to WA to enlist in the Australian army Nursing Service (AANS) in 1942. After serving two years at Hollywood Military Hospital she gave the remainder of her service with the 2/7 Australian General Hospital (AGH) in Lae, New Guinea.

Newspapers reported that she died on 3rd September 1945 at the Heidelberg Military Hospital from a tropical illness contracted while serving with the 2/7 AGH at Lae. Her rank at the time of her death was Sister.



Lieutenant Bernadine Theresa McMahon