

Biography of Edna Marion Goldney

(1917 – 1999)

Edna was born on 23/2/1917 at Rose Park, in Adelaide, while her father Rufus was serving in WWI. She was known as 'Jo' rather than Edna. She grew up with her parents and three younger brothers on the family farm at Balaklava in the mid-north of South Australia.

Jo attended Balaklava Primary School and in 1929 she came top of the school in her Qualifying Exam. She attended Miss McArthur's music and dance school, performed in concerts at the Balaklava Institute and attended local dances and social gatherings. Jo also entered flowers and jams in the children's section of the Balaklava Show.

Jo attended Balaklava High School where she also excelled academically. She gained her Intermediate Certificate in English, History, Geography, arithmetic, maths 1 and 2, and bookkeeping, followed by her Leaving Certificate.

Jo played basketball for Balaklava High School, then the Methodist Girls Comradeship team, and was a leading goal scorer in the local competition.

After finishing school Jo began nursing training at the Balaklava Soldiers Memorial District Hospital. She moved to Adelaide to complete her nursing training at the Adelaide Hospital in 1939. In 1940 she completed her Midwifery examination at the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital.

Jo enlisted in the Australian Army in Adelaide in September 1941. She was transferred to the active Australian Imperial Forces on 3/11/42 as a commissioned nurse, serving as a Lieutenant (SX 26470) in a number of Australian General and Camp Hospitals.

She was initially in the 101 Australian General Hospital (AGH) in Katherine, Northern Territory, and subsequently transferred to the No. 45 Camp Hospital in Mataranka and Larrimah, south of Katherine between 28/5/43 and 31/8/44.

After further postings with the 128AGH and 2/7th AGH's she embarked on His Majesty's Australian Hospital Ship (HMAHS) Wanganella from Sydney on 7/4/45. This ship was a luxury twin engine British liner which was converted to a wartime hospital ship in 1941. It could accommodate 550 patients and carried a medical staff of around 120.

Jo served for 20 months in Lae, New Guinea, with the 2/2 and 2/7th AGH's. The hospital in Lae had over 1000 beds and cared for sick and injured Australian and New Zealanders including ex-POW's. Many of its buildings were open wooden structures with thatched roofs. Following the surrender of the Japanese forces she remained at Lae until 14 December 1946 when she boarded the HMAHS Manunda to return to Sydney.

She continued to work in several other Australian General Hospitals until discharge on 12/2/47 when she returned to Balaklava. Her name and other former students who served in WWII were put on an Honour Board at the Balaklava High School.

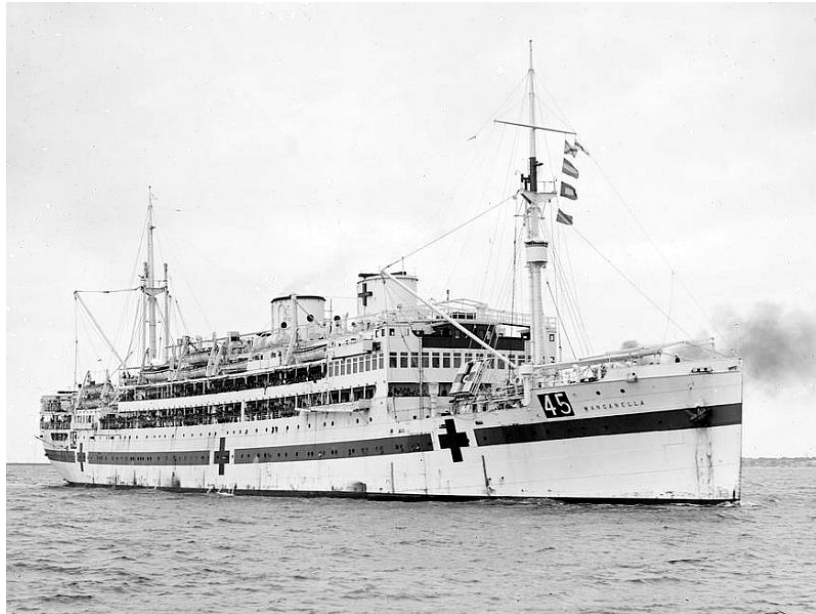
Jo pursued Nursing for the rest of her working life. She worked briefly at the Memorial Hospital, North Adelaide, and was there when her nephew Robert had his tonsils removed.

In July 1948 she moved to Mildura, Victoria, and worked as a community Nurse at the Mildura Base Hospital before establishing the Child Welfare Centre, which she operated until retirement.

She was well integrated in the Mildura community, and also looked after her mother, Louisa, for several years. In retirement she moved to a unit at Oxley St, Somerton Park, where she lead a quiet life until she died on 22/11/99, aged 82. Her ashes are interred in the Goldney family plot (number 551) at Balaklava Cemetery.



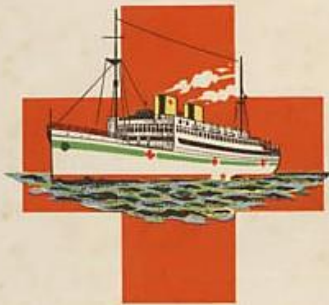
Jo with her brothers Lance, Jack and Murray.



HMAHS Wanganalla



On board HMAHS Wanganalla, Jo at back left

<p>H.M.A.H.S WANGANELLA</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Luncheon</u></p> <p>Potage, Paysanne</p> <p>Schnapper and Salmon Croquettes : Provencale</p> <p>Braized Rabbit and Bacon Delhi Curry and Rice</p> <p>FROM THE GRILL :- 10 Minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rump Steak</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Roast Beef</td> <td>Roast Lamb</td> </tr> <tr> <td>York Ham</td> <td>Devon Sausage</td> </tr> </table> <p>Assorted Salad Steamed Jacket Potatoes</p> <p>Tapioca Custard Bengal Fritters & Lemon Syrup</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Cheese :-</td> <td>Cheddar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Luncheon Rolls</td> <td>Vienna Bread</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">Wednesday, 31st May, 1944.</p>	Roast Beef	Roast Lamb	York Ham	Devon Sausage	Cheese :-	Cheddar	Luncheon Rolls	Vienna Bread
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Menu HMAHS Wanganella



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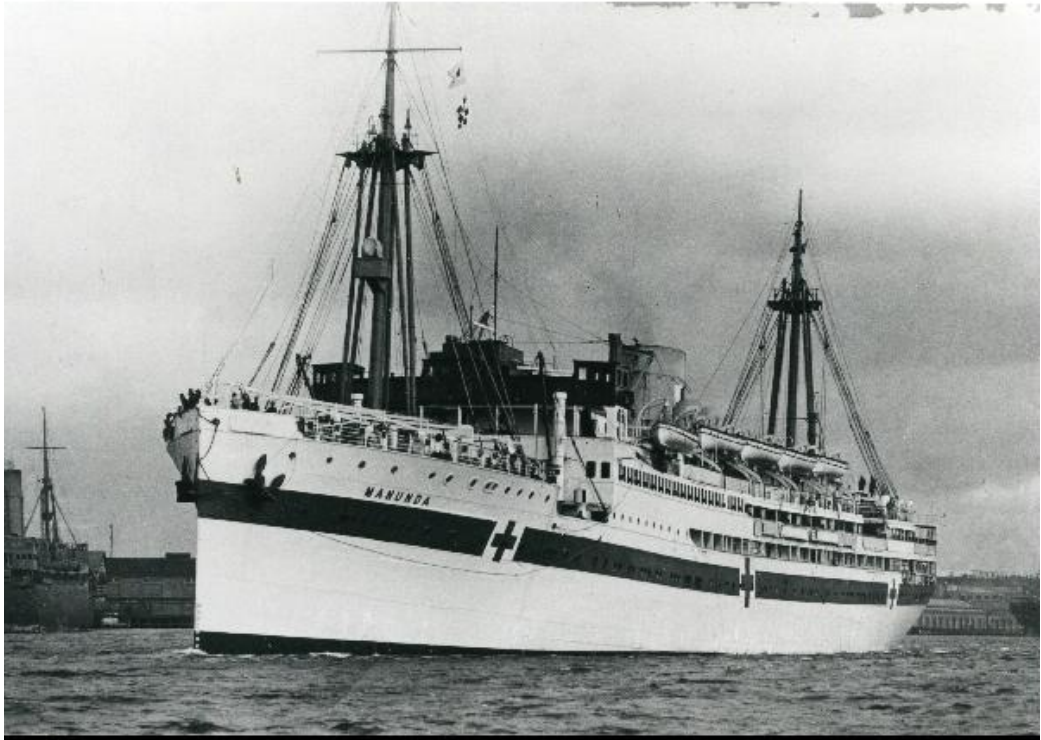
Ward at Australian General Hospital at Lae, New Guinea



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Nursing staff at Australian General Hospital at Lae, December 1945



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HMAHS Manunda



Jo's WWII medals



Goldney farmhouse at Balaklava in the early 1940's



Jo holding her great-great-niece Bethany Hubmayer in 1995

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Wooroora Producer (Balaklava, SA : 1909 - 1940), Thursday 4 December 1930, page 5

Balaklava Primary School Annual Visiting Day

Each year sees local parents more and more interested in the fine band of enthusiastic teachers of their children and the results of the year's work. This was evident by the 40 or so parents and friends who were present at last Friday's visiting day.

The Head Teacher, Mr. S. Smith, states that from little or no interest, parents have attended in ever increasing numbers since his advent. The various classes' work easily explains this, for increased interest has meant greater effort on the part of teacher and pupil. This in turn has encouraged the various committees to give more help until the spacious grounds are assuming a Berkeley College appearance, with the special studies being housed in separate and specially designed class rooms, isolated from the ordinary mental routine of lessons. With these incentives to become knowledgeable citizens, has grown up a wider interest in culinary, manual and productive arts. All to be used as means to self-help, self-respect and self-support.

The very happiest relations seem to exist between teachers, pupils and parents, in the Balaklava Primary School—the results are self-explanatory. Especially that of Ernst Lange who has not been absent from school one day during the last 4 years. An eloquent tribute to the great personal interest of teachers who through this vital attitude to success, bring success to their charges.

A large number of visitors spent an earnest time inspecting manual work, woodwork, cooking, sewing, drawing, etc. and later enjoyed rhythmic drill of elder girls under Miss Moroney's instruction; graceful drill of juniors by Miss Baker's charges, boys under Mr. Reed, and inspected various class rooms. Everywhere were evidences of that charm which pleases the senses and makes study a pleasure. Splendid teachers, lucky children, appreciative parents, will aptly describe the atmosphere when all are met together.

During a personally conducted tour of the grounds, we were able to see the thoroughness of the labor expended on vegetable plot; shrub berry and garden, given the Warren water, the children would soon reap the reward of their labors, but if grown folks find the abomination called Bundaleer water impossible for growing things it must be more so for children. They do their best. Outstanding among the vegetables were the onions, lettuces, maize, and cucumbers. In the newly made shrubbery were flowering shrubs and roses; whilst the Schools teams, Flinders and Stuarts, were represented by flower beds. Further on Mr Smith's garden found opposition in Mr Reed's; both fancies turned to marigolds.

In woodwork Claude Schwarz's double decked traymobile received much praise, and reflected some of this to the instructor. So too, did Keith Nowlan's boot cupboard. For General Work during the year Beryl Sherwood received first honor roll with 238 marks; Audrey Saint gained second one with 231.

After various classes had given recitations and songs, the Head Teacher read his Annual Report. This embodied a general feeling of pleasure and success for the year's work. The new year started with 22 new scholars and a roll of 200, with a staff of 3 assistants and a junior teacher. All these have loyally supported the Head Teacher.

Discipline has been good; attend and punctuality likewise. The average attendance has been 170, the lowest for many years, and due to chicken-pox and whooping cough. This naturally affected results. Ernst Lange has not missed one day during the last 4 years.

Teachers now do the promoting, instead of inspectors; and also do their best for pupils who must assist by personal effort. This can be largely helped by home lessons and the Peace of the household be maintained at the same time. Home lessons also give parents the opportunity to show interest in and praise of their childrens' works.

Mr Smith referred to the successful Beach Picnic in which 1,200 persons joined, the newly appointed Committee, and the Schools' Exhibition. The latter owed much of its success to Mr Klaffer, Secretary; and Mr Reed, Treasurer, and a strong Committee. Keith Nowlan deserved special mention for his athletic skill, and a special tribute was paid Mr Theakstone for helping the Band. The next Exhibition will probably be held next Spring.

Empire and Arbor Days had been observed, and the Annual Pet Show in September was largely attended and £19 profit made therefrom. The November Q.C. exams saw 55 students sitting, 17 of these being of this School. Supervisors were Messrs McCallum, Flounders, Anderson. Mesdames Brice, Sutton and Dunn. Out of 24 candidates entered last year all passed, Edna Goldney topping the girls, Ben Flounders the boys. These have been added to the Honour Roll, which started in 1927.

Sport generally is encouraged, and a number of matches were played during the year The House System divided into Stuarts and Flinders has been well maintained and created healthy rivalry and improved play.

The Project Club and its leaders have done good work and held regular meetings, poultry claiming a special interest. Best workers for the year were Ella Stein. Hedley Hancock. Lionel Patterson. May Marshall and Ben Flounders.

The Mothers' Club has also met monthly and done yeoman service to the School. For this, great appreciation is felt and thanks given. It has donated most of its funds towards renovations to the lower School, and it has purchased crockery, tea-urn etc. and a cupboard to keep them in; pictures and lino for the H.T. Office. The Penny Bank has 120 depositors, grade VI winning the Thrift Shield for 1929, for highest percentage and regular deposits.

A total of £65 was raised during the year ending November 30th., expenditure being £58 and was for a new museum, flagpole, banner, 2 maps, Honor Roll, gal. fence, partition. etc. Gifts received were Mr J. Thompson's photo of the Band, water bags from Mrs Sherwood and Mothers' Club shrubs and crockery. Over £5 was raised for Minda, Childrens' Hospital and T.S.A. funds. For all, Mr Smith thanked all concerned and for sustained interest in the School.

Mr Flounders eulogised the value of Visiting Days, Mr Smith's energy in keeping various Committees active and results attained. He also urged the Project Club to try and get into the Redcomb Poultry Association, as that meant getting top prices for the result of their labors. Also, because he thought the raising of poultry one of great possibilities.

Mrs Bowden presented the following with certificates—Beryl Sherwood and Murray Goldney, grade 5; Koreen Hofmeyer and Bob Cole, grade 6.

At Mr Smith's request, Mr Flounders then unveiled the attractive Honour Roll made to record the names of those who top the School each year from 1927 and onwards. The names now on it are Douglas Strutton with 614 marks and Selma Schwarz 453 for 1927; R. Dunn 598, and Erica Clark 547 for 1928; Ben Flounders 592, and Edna Goldney, 603 for 1929. The Roll is of appropriate design, color and design and the work of Mr Flounders. Mr Laub has donated the painting of the names thereon.

The National Anthem terminated the indoors programme, and some selections by the 21 strong Band gave a musical ending to a long and enjoyable Visiting Day. Great results for the coming exams are anticipated and large figures are hoped for inscription on the Roll. Teachers have confidence in their pupils and their own methods of instilling education.

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OF INTEREST

Twenty-four pupils from the Balaklava Primary School went up for the Qualifying Examination, and all secured their certificates. They are as follows: 1, Edna Goldney, 603 marks; 2, Ben Flounders, 592; 3, Jean Meleng, 588; 4, Clarice Schaefer, 586; 5, Eddie Deunison, 575; 6, Winston Gilchrist, 566; 7, Malcolm Brice, 564; 8, Dora Butler, 560; 9, Claude Schwarz, 546; 10, Clarence Hore, 543; 11, May Marshall, 523; 12, Angus Blake, 521; 13 Daphne Sinclair, 519; 14, Lea Diercks, 509; 15, Ruth Edwards, 507; 16, Ken Lindner, 502; 17, James Gibson, 488; 18, Eric Underwood, 460; 19, Robert Freer, 435; 20, Connie Thomas, 432; 21, Doris Sinclair, 431; 22, Ron Sutton, 430; 23, Mary Shrubsole, 429; 24, Edna Paterson, 421.

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Balaklava High School Speech Day.

Prizewinners.

DUX:—1st. year, Edna Goldney; Intermediate, Brian Diekman; Leaving, Fred Diercks.

English:—1st. year, Edna Goldney; Intermediate, Erica Clarke; Leaving, Fred Diercks.

Agriculture, Winston Gilchrist; Practical Agriculture, Les Diercks; Shorthand, Syd Sergeant;

Domestic Arts, Edna Goldney; Intermediate Latin, Gladys Richards; Intermediate Maths, Allan Edwards.

Leaving Certificate—F. Diercks.

Intermediate Certificates—Syd Sergeant, Hazel Dennison, Gladys Richards, John Webb, and Allan Edwards.

Domestic Arts Certificates—Gladys Richards, Edna Goldney, Merle Lange, Ruth Edwards, Ruth Young, Joyce White, May Marshall, Hazel Dennison, Cora Schwarz, Dora Butler, Jean Meleng, and Erica Clarke.

Wooroora Producer (Balaklava, SA : 1909 - 1940), Thursday 27 August 1931, page 2

Balaklava High School.

On Wednesday afternoon, August 19th., a display was given at the High School by the Domestic Arts girls in connection with Citrus Fruit Week. Citrus Fruit Week was held in order to encourage people to buy their own South Australian fruit. Surely everyone will be more eager to buy the fruit grown in their own State after seeing the excellent display given by the girls, under the capable leadership of Miss Moore. At the far end of the room there were two tables on which various dishes were displayed, while the girls at the other end were preparing more delicious dishes.

Amongst the displays were Grape Fruit Marmalade, Orange Marmalade, and Orange Jelly, ably made by Edna Goldney, May Marshall, Eileen Burbt, Ruth Edwards, Jean Meleng, Jean Palmer, and Ruth Lao yon. Delicious fruit salads were made by Margaret Young, Beth Bryant, and Eileen Burt. Ruth Edwards made a successful Mayonnaise Salad Dressing. Two delicious drinks, Orangeade and Lemonade, were made by Edna Goldney and Ruth Edwarra. Lemon Snow, Lemon Cheese, and Lemon Honey were made by May Marshall, Beth Bryant, and Coralie Read.

Wooroora Producer (Balaklava, SA : 1909 - 1940), Thursday 23 August 1934, page 5

ABOUT PEOPLE

Miss Edna Goldney, who has been an inmate of the Balaklava Hospital for a few days suffering from a poisoned face, returned home on Tuesday.

Wooroora Producer (Balaklava, SA : 1909 - 1940), Thursday 13 September 1934, page 4

Review of Season's Basketball - Successful Year

The Wooroora Association commenced this year with, six teams: Old Scholars, High School, Comrades, Nantawarra, Anglicans and Owen. The number of players registered during the season numbered 65, an increase of 18 on last year's total, due, no doubt, to the fact that there were more teams taking part. All the players enjoyed their matches; and it was noticeable how the standard of play improved as the season progressed. Two rounds of five matches each were played, during which no team was undefeated; High School and Nantawarra suffered two defeats each and Old Scholars and Comrades three. The new rules of the All Australian Women's Basketball Association were adopted, and the players found that even more skill was required by them if they were to carry out all those rules. During the ten matches, May Marshall threw 194 goals, Edna Goldney 165 and Jean Schulz 132. All of these goal throwers deserve congratulations.

Wooroora Producer (Balaklava, SA : 1909 - 1940), Thursday 8 June 1939, page 5

BALAKLAVA METHODIST CIRCUIT

Sister Edna Goldney Lectures

The Comrades were pleased to have Sister Edna Goldney at their meeting on Tuesday evening, when she delivered an interesting talk on nursing and hospital work generally. We congratulate one of our local girls on her success and wish her a bright future.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 9 December 1940, page 2

Nurses' Midwifery Examinations

Successful candidates in the final midwifery examination conducted by the Nurses' Board last month were announced by the registrar (Mr. C. E. Spiller) this afternoon. Unless otherwise

stated, the candidate is from the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital. Pass with Credit (in order of merit)--Vera Beryl Shute, Dorothy Marie Maude West, Marjorie Beryl Illingworth, Gwendoline Janet Chenoweth, Muriel Haydn Jackson, Edna Marion Goldney.

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MURRAY, JACK, LANCE AND EDNA GOLDNEY EXCEL AT STUDIES; SCHOLARSHIP IN N.S.W. FOR FIRST-NAMED

The four children of Mr and Mrs R. S. Goldney of Balaklava — Murray, Jack, Lance and Edna — are each excelling in their particular studies, and in recent exams have been well to the fore.

Murray, at present home for a few days, and who entered Rose worthy Agricultural College through winning a scholarship, has been successful in winning another, which entitles him to 12 months at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College in New South Wales. He gained his R.A.C. diploma last year, and leaves on Sunday's Melbourne express for his new location; term begins on December 19.

Second son, Jack, who entered Roseworthy College after winning a scholarship, is sitting this year for his diploma: third son, Lance, is now doing through his preliminaries before starting at the School of Mines, part of a three-year scholarship he won. In Technical High School results announced yesterday, Lance was placed fifth for third year Leaving, A Division of that school.

Sister Edna Goldney has passed with a credit in midwifery examinations of the Australian Nursing Federation, and will soon be home again, a double-certificated nurse. While a scholar at the Balaklava Primary School in 1929, Edna topped the Q.C. results for that year with 603 marks.

Producer (Balaklava, SA : 1940 - 1950), Thursday 20 February 1947, page 5

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

A civilian once more, Miss Edna ("Joe") Goldney, daughter of Mr. R. S. Goldney, M.P. and Mrs. Goldney, has returned to Balaklava. Formerly a Sister in the Australian Army Nursing Service, Miss Goldney served in New Guinea and in various Australian Military Hospitals on the mainland. Almost her last assignment was the escorting of a female patient to the latter's home in Perth.

Producer (Balaklava, SA : 1940 - 1950), Thursday 22 July 1948, page 3

SISTER EDNA GOLDNEY NOW ON DUTY AT MILDURA

A short trip interstate to Mildura was enjoyed last week end by Messrs. Jack and Lance Goldney, sons of Mr. R. S. Goldney MP and Mrs. Goldney of Balaklava. With them went Sister Edna Goldney and Sister Jackson, both of whom commenced duty at the Mildura Base Hospital on Monday last. The party motored to their destination in Sister Goldney's car and the two men returned by plane to Parafield on Monday. Jack is very enthusiastic about the air travel—daily newspapers from each State, cups of tea; air hostesses; in fact, he says everything's laid on.

PERSONAL

Sister Edna Goldney, who has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Goldney, at Balaklava, for several weeks, left by air for Mildura on Monday. On Tuesday Sister Goldney left by car on an eight weeks' motor tour of Queensland in company with another Sister previously on the staff of the Mildura Base Hospital.