

309037V CAPTAIN (NURSING SISTER) PATRICIA MORRISON DORAN

309037V Captain (Nursing Sister) Patricia Morrison Doran later SHIRER was born in Aliwal-North on 10 July 1920 and died 14 February 2001.

She served as a volunteer in the South African Military Nursing Services between 1942 and 1950; first as a Theatre Sister at South African Military (S.A.M) Hospital, Ladysmith, Natal and at S A M Hospital, Palmietkuil, Southern Transvaal; and later as a Ward Sister (Plastic Surgery) in the Military Section I of the Johannesburg General Hospital and at No.2 S.A.M Hospital, Wynberg, Cape.

For her service in WW II, she was awarded the Defence Medal and the Africa Service Medal.

Under the War Pensions Act, she certified disabled having a Pyrexia of Unknown Origin and "Bilateral Costo Clavicular Compression Syndrome", being awarded Invalidity Badge No. 12848 (Capt. J E Loraine-Grews, Officer I/C War Records).



Patricia Morrison née Doran circa 1945

She attended university in 1949 and 1950. She joined the Cape Town City Council Health Service in 1952. In 1963, Dr F K Mitchell, Medical Officer of Health for that authority described her as "a highly qualified nursing sister who has had a wide and varied experience in many aspects of nursing". Unfortunately all her documentation was destroyed by the family following her death.

She was admitted a member of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales on 13 April 1966, Reg. No. 368101. In a bursary application for training in the United Kingdom, she had been described as having "the qualifications, background and personality best suited to initiate and lead the health education programme" of the Cape Town Council. Thus it was that she became the first Nurse Health Educator in Cape Town.

She married one Shirer late in life and was left a widow.