

A SOLDIER'S STORY



Service No.: SF84110
Name: Jean Ella JAMESON
(Nee MUNRO)
Nickname: Jean



Medals and Decorations

Defence Medal
War Medal 1939 - 45
Australian Service Medal 1939 - 45

Rank: Signal woman
Service: Army (AWAS)
Enlisted: 30 Sep 1942
Discharged 1 Mar 45

Jean was born at Woodville, Adelaide in 1923 to Jean and John Munro from the Adelaide hills. Her father was a masonry builder. She attended school in the Adelaide area.

After leaving school, she moved to Tumby Bay in 1934 and was employed as a telephonist at the Tumby Bay Post Office, a position which she held until joining the Army.

She met Kenny Jameson in 1937 and obviously there was a mutual attraction because, after she joined the Australian Women's Army Service (AWAS), they both returned to Tumby Bay to marry on 26 Dec 1942, before they were posted on active service. Even during the war it was unusual for husband and wife teams to be posted on active service.

Jean was inducted into the AWAS at Wayville and undertook her recruit training at that location: she was then assigned to Signal Corps. Service women were not actually allocated to Corps, they remained AWAS, but were assigned or attached to various Corps. Jean served in a very restricted area within Signals, so restricted that even her husband did not know where she was posted, however it had to have been in Northern Australia, as she was deemed to have been on active service for her total period in the Service.

Jean and Ken did not meet again until after her discharge from the Service, a period of two and a half years. They really did do it tough in those days, and yet their marriage lasted!

After discharge from the Service, both Kenny and Jean returned to Tumby Bay. They moved to their house on Lipson Rd and Jean settled to the duties of housewife and mother. Jean and Ken have two children, Dianne and Beverly: Beverly still lives in Tumby.

Unfortunately Jean became ill, and after a long battle, passed away on 5 Jun 1989.

She is buried in the Tumby Bay cemetery.

Jean was a very dedicated member of the Church of Christ and also an active member of the RSL. She worked tirelessly for both these organisations.



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**Kenneth & Jean Jameson (Munro)
on their wedding day, 1942**



Ken & Jean, much later in life.