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VEILS *and* TIN HATS

Tasmanian Nurses in the Second World War

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More than 200 Tasmanian nurses served in the Second World War. *Veils and Tin Hats* is their story

"We all kept our tin hats on, but I'm not sure what protection from bombs we hoped to get from that."

"We were reprimanded for getting on roof not wearing tin helmets."

"Large air raids all morning and afternoon. Tin hats very heavy."

"Field dressings and pay books in pockets, veils and capes to be carried..."

"Before long six of the nurses and Matron Sage lost their white veils overboard. We watched them flying like balloons."

"It was a queer sensation, sitting in that huge cathedral seeing the rows of army sisters – some wearing captails, some in tin hats, one or two with outdoor felt hats on (we had all been on duty) – sitting quietly while an air raid raged and ack-ack guns echoed loudly through the church".