

Private Doris Vivienne REYNOLDS
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Brief Biography:

Doris Vivienne Reynolds (known as Vivienne) was born at "Burrawong," Cumnock on 30 May 1924. Her parents were Sylvanus Roy and Stella Reynolds. Her siblings were: Percival, born 1917; Margot, born 1918; Clive born 1921, Diana, born 1923; Beverley, born 1925; and David, born 1930.

Sylvannus Roy Reynolds (known as Roy) married Stella Florence Jackson at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, in 1916. Roy was living at "Burrawong" with his parents, Sylvannus Partridge and Susan Reynolds in 1916. He had attended The King's School, Sydney, from 1904-09. Following his schooling, at nineteen years of age, Roy took over the Managership of "Burrawong" from his father, Sylvannus Partridge Reynolds.

Roy served for 34 years on the Amaroo Shire Council, of which he was President from 1951-52 and 1953-55. He was a member of the Council of the NSW Graziers' Association and Secretary of the Church of England, Cumnock. After WW2 Roy and his two sons, Percival Roy and Clive, formed a partnership to run the property, which became the Burrawong Grazing Company Pty Ltd in 1954. Sylvanus Roy Reynolds died, aged 66 years, at Orange, on 30 Sep 1956. His wife died, aged 90 years, as Stella Sherlock at Sydney, on 10 Aug 1981.

Vivienne wrote letters to "The Letter Box" in *The Sun*, Sydney, during the 1930s which tell of some of her early activities. One letter on 19 May 1935, stated:

"In my garden I have many flowers. I water my garden every day, and always keep it free from weeds. My favourite pastimes are sewing and riding. I have made many doyleys. My pony's name is 'Silver'. My two sisters and my cousin and I play 'school' at home. I have not long returned from a very pleasant holiday in Scone with my auntie."

Vivienne participated at the Cumnock Show in 1935 and was photographed in *The Land* - 5 Apr 1935, p5. with her sisters - Diana, Beverley and Vivienne Reynolds. Vivienne also enjoyed swimming and tennis. She attended Marsden Church of England Girls' School at Bathurst, and was a prefect in her final year at school in 1941.

Vivienne enlisted in the Australian Women's Army Service at Paddington on 13 Sep 1943. She was 19 years old and stated her occupation as "home duties and outside work." Her medical examination stated that she was 5 feet 3½ inches tall, had grey eyes, fair hair and complexion, and was of the Church of England religious denomination.



Two of her brothers also enlisted during WW2: Lieutenant Percival Roy Reynolds NX12527 - 2/19 AIF Btn, and Able Seaman Clive Reynolds, Royal Australian Navy S/8213.

Pte Reynolds was transferred to the 2nd Australian Training Battalion on 16 Sep 1943 and then to the 114 Australian General Hospital (AGH), Goulburn. She was admitted with synovitis left knee, to the 114 AGH, from 19 Dec 1943 - 8 Jan 1944. Pte Reynolds was charged with the offence of disobeying a lawful command given by her superior Officer on 23 Jun 1944, and was confined to barracks for 14 days.

Pte Reynolds was classified as unfit for service outside Australia on 23 Jun 1944. She was charged with the offence of being Absent Without Leave from 15 Dec - 21 Dec 1944. She was fined £1 and confined to barracks for 14 days, along with a forfeiture of 6 days pay. She was again admitted to the 114 AGH at Goulburn with an infected sebaceous cyst, from 1 Jan - 20 Jan 1945.

The Wellington Times - 4 Jan 1945, p6, announced:

"The engagement of Vivienne (AAMWS, of 114 AGH), third daughter of of Mr & Mrs SR Reynolds, of 'Burrawong', Cumnock, to Bombardier Beverley Everingham, AIF, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Garnsey Everingham, of Strathfield."



Beverley Dexter Everingham, born in Sydney in 1920, was educated at The Kings School, Parramatta 1931-37, and served as a Corporal in the AIF, NX98446 - 55 Anti Aircraft Regiment. His father Garnsay, was a dental Surgeon at Burwood.

Vivienne was a bridesmaid at her brother, Clive Reynolds', wedding to Judith Crockford, on 17 Mar 1945, which was held in the Memorial Chapel of The King's School, Parramatta.

Vivienne was discharged from the AAMWS on 24 May 1945. She was awarded the Australian Service Medal 1939 - 1945 and the War Medal 1939 - 1945. She is remembered on the Cumnock Memorial Gates, WW2 Honour Plaque.

She was photographed in the *Australian Women's Weekly* - 1 Sep 1945, p11, with her bridesmaid-to-be, Pam Suttor.

Left: photo of Vivienne.

Vivienne and Beverley Dexter were married on 15 Sep 1945 at Holy Trinity Church, Orange. Her sister, Beverley Reynolds, was the second bridesmaid. They had three daughters - Roslyn, Pamela and Jenny.

Another article in the *Women's Weekly* - 29 Sep 1945, p24, reported on the wedding at Orange, and at the end of the article stated:

"Viv and Beverley's wedding was no quick wartime romance, as the couple have known each other since their school days, when Beverley spent his holidays at 'Burrawong' with Viv's brothers [Pat and Clive] when all the boys were attending King's School together."

After Beverley's discharge from the AIF on 10 May 1946, the couple were living at Eastwood, Paramatta, from 1949-54 according to the Australian Electoral Rolls. From 1953, Beverley managed the Jersey Cattle Stud and Dairy for the Hordern family at Retford Park, Bowral, then spent some time in real estate. The family moved to Yanderra late in 1961 and established a very successful domestic rabbit farm where they bred large white domestic rabbits for medical research. Yanderra is a small village situated on the border of the Southern Highlands and Macarthur Region of New South Wales.

Vivienne was recognised for her 50 plus years teaching scripture in the public school system. She was an active member of the Mothers Union at the Anglican Church in Bowral.

Beverley Everingham died, aged 66 years, on 9 Sep 1987, at Neringah Palliative Care Hospital, Wahroonga. Vivienne Everingham died, aged 91 years, on 13 May 2015, at Bowral. Half of her ashes are at the Saint Simon and Saint Jude's Church Cemetery, Bowral and the other half are scattered at Geneffe, Cumnock.

The Reynolds family feature in *"The Crossroads - The History of Cumnock,"* by Joan Marriott, 1993, and in the publication *"Burrawong & John Young,"* by Alan Roberts, 1972.

Thank you to Vivienne's daughters, Roslyn and Pam, who have assisted with information for this profile.

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