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## **Ella Pumphrey**

Date of Birth: 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916

Place of Birth: Katanning

I enjoyed army life. We were camped in a remote corner of the very large Bonegilla Camping site. On one evening Lance Corporal Fox and I missed our Bonegilla bus home and we were lucky enough for a lady to notice we were in trouble, so she offered to take us as far as the Bonegilla Camp.

We then had to run all the way to our camp, because we were on forbidden land. However, we just made our beds when the other girls were entering the hut.

Poor Lance Corporal Fox was very upset, so I said to her, just throw our hats down and jump into bed. It was just luck when the Officer came to my bed to find out how we got back to camp.

I had to do some quick thinking, so I said to her, it is a military secret. She accepted that and walked away.

During the war I was based in Victoria and on return from the war I drove a truck.