



**Trained at Mount Morgan Hospital**

Grace Ethel Homewood

Martha May Homewood

Myra Alexandra McClelland

Ella Gordon McIlwraith

Annie Norton

Margaret Ayrane Perrier

## **Grace Ethel HOMEWOOD**

Sister of Martha May Homewood

**Born:** 10 April 1894 in Rockhampton, Queensland  
One of seven sisters all nurses

**General Nursing Training:** Mount Morgan Hospital

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 23 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 1 September 1917  
Rank on Enlistment – AANS Staff Nurse

**Service Details:** Embarked 15 September 1917 on “Ayreshire”  
Served at the Citadel in Cairo  
31 General Hospital Abbassia  
14 and 18 British Hospitals  
Returned to Australia 17 July 1919 as nursing staff on  
“Dunluce Castle”  
Appointment Terminated 7 May 1919

**Post War:** Returned to Australia and worked at Rosemount Repatriation Hospital Brisbane and privately in Melbourne

In 1937 Sister Homewood with her brother Dr. John Homewood went to India and joined the Lady Minto Nursing Association and nursed in India for 8 years and was in charge of Air Cadets in Burma

Sister Homewood returned to Australia 1947 and joined YWCA then later went to nurse in India and Germany returning to Melbourne to manage Homes for the Elderly

Did not marry  
Died 14 February 1981

**Martha May HOMEWOOD**  
Sister of Grace Ethel Homewood

**Born:** Rockhampton Queensland

**General Nursing Training:** Mount Morgan Hospital

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 27 years

**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 11 April 1916  
Rank on Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse

**Service Details:** Embarked 29 December 1916 on "Themistocles" Arriving in  
England in March 1917

A photograph taken at the Enoggera General Hospital Brisbane  
appears in Rupert Goodman's book "Queensland Nurses Boar  
War to Vietnam" and published in ACHHA Newsletter in April  
2012, shows her with a group of nursing colleagues prior to  
embarking for overseas service

Served in England and France in many British and Australian  
Hospitals

Sister Homewood attended 6 week Motor Driving and  
Maintenance Course in London in 1919 which was most  
unusual for women in this era

Returned to Australia 4 July 1919 on duty "Norman"  
Appointment Terminated 29 September 1919

**Post War:** Rupert Goodman in his book "Queensland Nurses Boar War to  
Vietnam" records her marrying and living outside  
Rockhampton

The Country Hospital Museum is fortunate to have copies of a  
collection of letters written home by Sister Homewood during  
her service.



**Sister Martha May Homewood**

**<http://www.aans.gravesecrets.net/mca-mcn.html>**

## **Myra Alexandra McClelland**

Also known as Maria

**Born:** 1881 in Rockhampton, Queensland

**General Nursing Training:** Mount Morgan Hospital

**Pre War:** Private nursing in Brisbane

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 33

**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 12 August 1915

Rank on Enlistment rom Nominal Role AANS Sister

**Service Details:**

Embarked from Sydney 21 August 1915 on "Morea"

Served No1 AGH Heliopolis

Transport duty to Australia No6 AGH Kangaroo Point Hospital Brisbane

Returned to Egypt to 14 AGH Abbassia

Sister McClelland was lent to the British in 1917 and saw service in France at 2 BGH Le Havre, 38 BGH Calais, 38 British Stationary Hospital in Genoa, 9 CCS in Italy and at Dartford Hospital London

Returned to Australia 24 February 1919

**Post War:**

The Rockhampton Morning Bulletin Saturday 24 May 1919 Page 10 describes her being welcomed home at a function held by the President of the Red Cross Society where she gave a graphic account of how a Hospital where she was nursing in France was bombed every night for a week by the Germans

Sister McClelland went on to mention she had ridden in an ambulance in London with sign "Presented by the citizens of Mount Morgan, Queensland"

Reported in The Brisbane Courier Saturday 5 February 1921 she was engaged to marry James Dundee Aitkin and the marriage was to take place in Rockhampton early March

In September 1931, Mrs. J.D. Aitken, was Secretary of the Presbyterian Women's Guild in Mount Morgan



**Sister Myra (Maria) McClelland**

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## **Ella Gordon McILLWRAITH**

Also known as Janet Ella

- Born:** 18 December 1893 in Maryborough. Queensland
- General Nursing Training:** Mount Morgan Hospital
- Enlistment Details:** Aged 24 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 8 November 1917  
Rank on Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse
- Service Details:** 6 AGH Brisbane  
Served with 44 British General Hospital, Deolali, India
- Post War:** The Brisbane Courier Monday 8 July 1918 Page 8 describes an enthusiastic reception and a welcome at pm in the streets for a contingent of 132 soldiers and nurses, including Sister McClelland, arriving home on the train which although 20 minutes late was greeted with cheer after cheer  
In 1919 she was working at Rosemount Repatriation Hospital  
Married Robert Norman Graves on 8 October 1924 in Brisbane

**Annie NORTON**  
Sister of Ellen Agnes

**Born:** Snagg Farm, Somerset, England

**General Nursing Training:** Mount Morgan Hospital

**Pre War:** Matron of Proserpine and Emerald Hospitals

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 37 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 3 November 1915  
Rank on Enlistment AANS Sister

**Service Details:** Embarked 4 November 1915 on "Orsova"  
December 1915 at 1 AGH Heliopolis, Luna Park and Sporting Club, Choubra  
Embarked for France from London 8 February 1917  
Served at 7th Stationary Hospital France 11 February 1917  
Served at 25th General Hospital France 11 July 1917  
Served at 29th General Hospital France 21 November 1917  
Served at 25th General Hospital France 24 January 1918  
Sister Norton returned with her sister Ellen Agnes to Australia on 23 August 1919 per "Zealandic"  
Appointment terminated 19 November 1919

**Post War:** Miss Norton died in Emerald on 23 March 1920 following an operation the previous night only 4 months since leaving the service and 2 months after returning to the position of Matron at the Emerald Hospital

She did not marry



**Sister Annie Norton**

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## Margaret Ayrane PERRIER

**Born:** Rockhampton, Queensland

**General Nursing Training:** Mount Morgan Hospital  
Passed state examination December 1909

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 30 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 27 August 1917  
Rank at Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse

**Service Details:** Embarked 16 November 1917 from Sydney on "Canberra"  
Served in Egypt and Suez  
Returned to Australia on 1 September 1919 on "Burma"  
Appointment terminated 24 September 1919