



**Trained Outside the Local Area**

**Ethel Alice Allchin  
Catherine Black  
Annie Fred Frances Cave  
Annie Frew Muirhead Dowie  
Mary Ellen Fisher  
Minnie Hobler  
Rose Jane Langford  
Stella Zita Lyons  
Flora MacDonald  
Nonie Monckton  
Mary Ann O'Brien  
Tessa Evelyn Thomas (Nee Youngman)**

**Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve**

**Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.**

**Gertrude Ada Nye**

## Ethel Alice ALLCHIN

**Born:** 1888 in Rockhampton, Queensland

**General Nursing Training:** The Austin Hospital Melbourne.1913

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 27 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 05 November 1915  
Rank on Enlistment – AANS Sister

**Service Details:** Embarked 12 November 1915  
Served in India, Egypt, England, France

In a letter written to her Aunt from Southall Miss Allchin spoke of nursing “convalescent limbless men some with both legs off crawling along the floor like children”  
She also spoke of being waited on at morning tea by Princess Mary while visiting Windsor Castle and concluded her letter “hoping Grandma was keeping well.”

Returned to Australia 15 July 1919 *on “Somalia”*  
Appointment Terminated 26 September 1919

**Post War:** Married Wallace Ernest Morley  
Had one daughter  
Resided at Kew, Victoria  
Died 27 January 1953 at home in Melbourne  
Buried Burwood Cemetery

On the Australian Light Horse Association Forum website, Steve Becker in his information of *Nurses in Egypt*, posted on 18 December 2013, the possibility that Sister Allchin was the nurse who wrote the letter for Meinertzhagen

In his book *Warrior – The Legend of Colonel Richard Meinertzhagen*, New York: St. Martin’s Press. ISBN: 978-0312182717, author Peter A. Capstick writes:  
*German defense there had become so strong that Allenby decided to plant contrived documents that would suggest that the real attack was coming further into the desert at a later date than the intended date, and that the operation through Gaza was a feint, or diversionary attack”*

The letter thought to be written by a nurse at El Arish was said to have been in the contrived documents which later changed this phase of the war.

## Catherine Reid BLACK

- Born:** 1881 in Rockhampton Queensland
- General Nursing Training:** Brisbane Diamantina Hospital 26/08/1916
- Enlistment Details:** Aged 35 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows** Enlisted 2 June 1917  
Rank on Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse
- Service Details:** Embarked 9 June 1917 from Sydney on R.M.S. "Mooltan"  
Served 14 AGH Abbassia and HT "Nile"  
Served in India and UK for Non Military Employment
- Sister Black wrote of her time spent in interactions with facial wounds "In all my nursing experiences, those months at Aldershot were I think the saddest. Sadder even than the Casualty Clearing Stations to which I went afterwards, for there death was swifter and more merciful, and it is not so hard to see a man die as to break the news to him that he will be blind and dumb for the rest of his life"
- Returned to Australia 1920 on "Shropshire"  
Appointment Terminated 12 May 1919
- Post War:** Married Robert Nicol JUST in 1921  
Died 23 July 1936 in Brisbane, Queensland  
Her funeral was announced in The Courier Mail Saturday 25 July 1936 page 1:  
"The Relatives and Friends of Mr. Just, of School Road, Yeronga, are invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased Wife. Mrs. Catherine Reid Just, late Sister. A.I.F., to leave the Funeral Parlor, 45 Adelaide Street, City, This Saturday Afternoon, at 2 o'clock, for the Toowong Cemetery."  
Mrs. Just's name appears on the Bundaberg War Memorial



**Sister Catherine Reid Black**

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

## Annie Freda Francis Scully CAVE

**Born:** 1889 in Barcaldine, Queensland  
Address of Next of Kin, Mother, Galloway Plains Station via  
Calliope, Queensland

**General Nursing Training:** Brisbane General Hospital 7/8/1915

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 29 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** 16 March 1917  
Rank on Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse

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

Embarked 21 March 1917 from Sydney on HMAT A32  
"Thermistocles"

Served in Abbassia

Promoted to Sister 01 September 1917

Returned to Australia 22 July 1918 on "Kanowna"

Medically Discharged 20 December 1918

**Post war:** Did not marry  
Died 1970 in Qld.



The photograph includes Back Row Staff Nurse Cave 4<sup>th</sup> from Left

## **Annie Frew Muirhead DOWIE**

**Born:** 25 March 1891 in Rockhampton, Queensland

**General Nursing Training:** Cairns Hospital Completing 02/08/1915

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 26 years

**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 01 September 1917

Rank on Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse

**Service Details:**

Embarked 15 September 1917 in Sydney on "Ayreshire"

Served in Egypt

Resigned appointment 21 March 1919 in Egypt

Embarked for England with intention to live in Scotland and not return to Australia

## Mary Ellen FISHER

**Born:** 1889 in Gladstone, Queensland

**General Nursing Training:** Brisbane General Hospital

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 25 years

**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 12 June 1915  
Rank on Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse

**Service Details:** Embarked 17 July 1915 from Melbourne on HMAT A 67  
"Orsova"

Served in France and at Convalescent Depot, Harefield Park,  
London, and Special Reinforcements. (February 1915 - March  
1916)

Served on "Ypiranga" as Sister in Charge

Sister Fisher is shown in a group photograph of Australian  
nurses taken outside the Ivanhoe Hotel in London

Returned to Australia 5 July 1919

Appointment Terminated 5 September 1919

### Awards:



**Awarded Royal Red Cross 2nd Class**

Date of Commonwealth of Australia Gazette: 23  
May 1919

Location in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette: Page  
889, position 22

Date of London Gazette: 1 January 1919

Location in London Gazette: Page 33, position 5

And Awarded ARRC, Associate Royal Red Cross Award

### Post War:

In July 1919 the Mayor of Gladstone presented with  
a Certificate thanking her on behalf of the Citizens of  
Gladstone for her services rendered to her King and Country in  
the in the greatest war in history

Miss Fisher died in Caloundra, Queensland 5 October 1981  
aged 92 years

Her brother Pte Alexander Reginald Fisher 49<sup>th</sup> Bn, killed  
in action, 11 August 1918



Mary Ellen FISHER

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

## Minnie HOBLER

**Born:** 1885 in Rockhampton, Queensland

**General Nursing Training:** Brisbane General Hospital

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 39 years

**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 4 November 1914

Rank at Enlistment AANS Sister

**Service Details:** Embarked 5 December 1914

Noted in The British Journal of Nursing, January 23, 1915, Page 67 to have attended a function to farewell 300 army nurses and members of the medical profession at the Grand Hotel Melbourne prior to departing for “the Seat of War in Europe”

Served in England, Heliopolis Palace Hotel, Cairo

Nursed Gallipoli casualties at Lemnos, accompanied wounded soldiers on the "Kyarra" from Egypt to Australia

Promoted to Sister December 1915

Appointment terminated 24 April 1917

**Award:**

**Mentioned in Despatches 1916, 1914-15**, noted in The British Journal of Nursing July 1 1916 Page 4



**Post War:**

The Central Queensland Herald, Thursday 2 May 1935, Page 20 reported Sister Hobler's attendance at a function held by the Citizen's ANZAC Day Dinner Committee for 600 returned nurses, sailors and soldiers at the Palais Royal in Rockhampton  
Died in Kent, United Kingdom, in 1962 Aged 87



Minnie Hobler (head of the table) Egypt 1915  
<http://emhs.org.au/person/hobler/minnie>

## Rose Jane LANGFORD

**Born:** Devon England  
Immigrated to Queensland at the age of 4 years

**General Nursing Training:** Ipswich General Hospital, Queensland

**Pre War:** Matron at Mount Morgan and Mackay Hospitals and  
Head Sister Bundaberg Hospital.

Controversy while Matron Mount Morgan Hospital 1908 when nursing qualification questioned by Dr. McLean, Secretary Australian Trained Nurses Association, Brisbane

Matron Langford was required to successfully sit a further State Examination to continue with her registration and the Mount Morgan Hospital's registration as a training school for nurses  
Later was Matron at Mt. Perry and Mackay Hospitals

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 36 years

**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 11 November 1914

Rank at Enlistment AANS Sister

**Service Details:**

Embarked on "Kyrarra"

Served No1 AGH Egypt and on the Flanders field in France

Promoted to Sister 1 August 1915

Returned to Australia 14 April 1917 "Baranbah"

Appointment Terminated 13 August 1917

**Award:**



**Mentioned in Despatches of Brigadier General F.H.**

**G.Cunliffe CMG**, 16 March 1916 for her devotion to duty.

Located in London Gazette 21 June 1916.

**Post War:**

On staff at Kangaroo Point Hospital, Brisbane

Matron Stanthorpe Sanatorium 1919

Matron Rosemount Repatriation Hospital Brisbane

Married James Walker in 1927

Died in Brisbane 1935 Aged 56 years.



## Stella Zita LYONS

Recorded in Rupert Goodman "Queensland Nurses Boar War to Vietnam" as Zita Stella Lyons

**Born:** In Rockhampton Queensland

**General Nursing Training:** Brisbane General Hospital

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 24 years

**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 11 November 1914

Rank at Enlistment AANS Sister

**Service Record:**

Embarked 21 November 1914 on "Kyarra"

Served in Persia, Palestine, Egypt and in hospital ships off Gallipoli

Nursed wounded during the Gallipoli campaign aboard Hospital ship "Guildford Castle"

Transported soldiers from Suez to Australia and returned aboard "Euripides"

Appointment terminated 8 March 1917

**Award:**



**Awarded the ANZAC Medal in 1919**

**Post War:**

Was in charge of Queensland's first Radium Clinic

The Brisbane Courier Thursday 20 June 1918 Page 11 reported her attendance at a tea party held at the Military Hospital Kangaroo Point in honour of the nurses who returned from the war

The guest speaker, Mrs. Stodart spoke of a 5000 pound fund being invested for the future provision of the nurses under control of the Australian Trained Nurses Association (ATNA) Miss Chatfield, President of the ATNA, told the nurses that any military nurse in need of temporary funding could apply to the ATNA. She assured the nurses the matter would be handled confidentially

Mrs. Stodart also made mention of a medal to be given to the nurses by returning soldiers as their own tribute.

Miss Lyons's service is recognised in the Toowong Cemetery, Brisbane, by inclusion in "In their caring hands" by the Friends of the Cemetery Association (Inc.) Version 2h, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014, a heritage trail to commemorate the role of nurses, doctors and health professionals.

**Flora MacDONALD**  
**Sister of Sadie MacDonald**

**Born:** Gladstone Queensland  
Family lived at Raglan south of Rockhampton  
Five daughter all nurses, all became Matrons

**General Nursing Training:** Bundaberg Hospital

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 36 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 11 November 1914  
Rank at Enlistment AANS Sister

**Service Details:** Embarked 15 May 1915 from Sydney on RMS "Mooltan"  
Served in England, France and Egypt  
  
Promotion to Sister recorded in The British Journal of Nursing  
3 July 1915, Page 14  
  
Returned to Australia on 15 December 1919 on "Wahehe"  
Appointment terminated 15 February 1920

In a letter to Mrs. Wheeler from Lemnos and printed in the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin Saturday 13 November 1915 Sister MacDonald writes "When the nurses arrived they had to sleep on the ground until their beds came. The flies are awful and would drive a saint mad"

**Post War:** Opened a Baby clinic and Health centre in Brisbane  
1943 Matron of Government Clinic Wynnum, Brisbane  
  
The Rockhampton Morning Bulletin Sunday 14 February 1943 reported that she was present with her four sisters at their Mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in Brisbane that day and Mrs MacDonald was giving a bed to the Union Jack Club for servicemen, as she did in the previous two years of the club's existence.

**Nonie MONCKTON**  
Sister to Catherine MONCKTON

**Born:** Rockhampton Queensland  
Father, Next of Kin, living in Mount Morgan

**General Nursing Training:** St. Vincent Hospital Sydney

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 25 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 16 September 1916  
Rank at Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse

**Service Details:** Embarked 2 September 1916 from Sydney on R.M.S. "Kashgar"  
Served in India 1916-1919 at T Gerard Freeman T Hospital Bombay and Deccan War Hospital Poona.  
Sailed on "Wiltshire" for England  
Served at Dartford and Weymouth  
  
Appointment terminated due to her marriage in India, 15 April 1919 to Captain R. Woodside R.A.M.C.



**Sister Nonie Monckton**

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## Mary Ann O'BRIEN

**Born:** 25 April 1880 in Rockhampton, Queensland

**General Nursing Training:** Longreach Hospital

**Pre War:** On staff at Longreach Hospital 1913-1916, during which time  
Matron Henry was in charge  
1916-1917 Muttaborra Hospital

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 37 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 1 September  
1917  
Rank at Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse

**Service Details:** Embarked 13 November 1917 on "Ayreshire"  
Sister O'Brien travelled to Ciaro on the same troopship with  
Matron Henry  
Served at Citadel Hospital, Ciaro  
Returned to Australia 28 July 1919 on 'Essex'  
Appointment terminated 29 August 1919

**Post War:** 1919-1920 at Enoggera Hospital, Brisbane  
Boulia Hospital 1920-1925

**Tessa Evelyn THOMAS (Nee Youngman) Enlisted as a widow**

**Born:** Cheswick, Victoria

**General Nursing Training:** The Alfred Hospital Melbourne

**Pre War:** Reported in Sydney Morning Herald Wednesday 9 August 1916 Page 7

“Sister Thomas is well known in Rockhampton. She is the widow of Doctor Thomas who was at one time the Resident Medical Officer at Rockhampton Hospital”  
Reported in the Brisbane Courier, Friday 12 January 1906 Page 5 “At a meeting of the hospital committee today Dr. F. M. Thomas, formally of the Brisbane Hospital, was appointed Medical Superintendent”

**Enlistment Details:** Aged 32 years  
**Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:** Enlisted 28 November 1914

Rank at Enlistment AANS Sister

**Service Details:** Embarked 28 November 1914

Noted in The British Journal of Nursing, January 23, 1915, Page 67 Mrs. Thomas attended a function to farewell 300 army nurses and members of the medical profession at the Grand Hotel Melbourne prior to departing for “the Seat of War in Europe”

Served in Egypt England France

Returned to Australia 12 March 1918

Appointment terminated 25 November 1918

**Award:**



**Awarded Royal Red Cross (Second Class)**

Date of Commonwealth of Australia Gazette 21 September 1916

Location in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette 2622  
Position 65

Date of London Gazette 3 June 1916

Located in London Gazette Page 5602 Position 7

**Post War:**

Opened Hollyrood Private Hospital, Gregory Terrace in Brisbane with her ex AIF friend Eunice Muriel Harriet Hunt Paten. Later when she remarried her share in the Hospital was bought by Miss Paten



**Tessa Evelyn THOMAS**

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

**Gertrude Ada NYE**  
**Sister to Hilda Esther NYE**

**1. Source:** *Adopt a Digger Project*

<http://www.adoptadigger.org/search-for-a-ww1-digger/search-for-a-ww1-digger/item/3-diggers-database/1093-nye-gertrude-ada>

**Born:** Rockhampton 1888, The Nye family moved to Buderim in 1900 and remained there. In 1913 Gertrude was working in the Nursing industry in the Brisbane Hospital for one year.

**Enlistment Details:** 14 March 1915

Staff Nurse, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve

Photograph from Adopt a Digger site shows Gertrude Nye in centre.



**2. Source:** *Looking for the Evidence*

Gertrude enlisted in the AANS (Australian Army Nursing Service).

Member of the QAIMNSR

Returned to Australia on the 'Osterley' (embarked 21/5/1919)

Service Record of Nye, Gertrude

WO 399/6253 QAIMNS

**3. Source:**

AWM 27 373/12 file entry,

NYE, G. A.,

Ship - Orontes 14/ 4/ 1915,

RTA - 17/ 7/ 1919

Where served - France