

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Organisation

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## New South Wales Army Nursing Service Reserve (NSWANSR)

(1899 - 1903)

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**Born** 1 May, 1899, New South Wales Australia

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**Died** 1 July, 1903

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**Occupation** Armed services organisation

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### Summary

The Army Nursing Service Reserve was established in 1899 and attached to the New South Wales Army Medical Corps. This was the first official female army nurses' organisation in the Australian colonies. Nurse Nellie Gould was appointed lady superintendent of the Reserve. On the 17 January 1900 Nurse Gould left with thirteen nursing sisters to serve in the Boer War as part of the British Army. The nursing contingent returned to Australia in 1902. The Reserve was replaced by the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS), that was formed post Federation.

### Details

*New South Wales Army Medical Corps attached to Imperial Draft Contingent – Roll of individuals entitled to the South Africa Medal and Clasps:*

Gould, Ellen Julia – Lady Superintendent  
Johnstone, Julia Bligh – Superintendent  
Austin, Anne – Sister  
Frater, Penelope – Sister  
Garden, Anna Gardiner – Sister  
Hoadley, Emily – Sister  
Lister, Elizabeth Ward – Sister  
Martin, Marion Philippe – Sister  
Matchett, Annie L – Sister  
Newton, Nancy – Sister  
Nixon, Elizabeth – Sister  
Pocock, Mary Annie – Sister  
Steel, Mabel – Sister  
Woodward, Theresa E – Sister

## Published resources

### **Book**

Guns and brooches : Australian Army Nursing from the Boer War to the Gulf War, Bassett, Jan, 1992

Australian women at war, Adam-Smith, Patsy, 1984

Just wanted to be there : Australian Service Nurses 1899-1999, Reid, Richard, 1999

### **Resource**

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### **National Archives of Australia, Various Locations**

[Nominal rolls and lists of medals and clasps for New South Wales Military Forces who served in Boer War](#)

### **Australian War Memorial, Research Centre**

[Informal portrait of three nurses who accompanied the Second Contingent to the Boer War as members of the NSW Army Medical Corps.](#)

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