

The Australian Women's Register

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New South Wales Army Nursing Service Reserve (NSWANSR)

(1899 - 1903)

Born 1 May, 1899, New South Wales Australia

Died 1 July, 1903

Occupation Armed services organisation

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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