

The Australian Women's Register

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Forster, Laura Elizabeth

(1858 - 1917)

Born 1 January, 1858, Ryde New South Wales Australia

Died 11 February, 1917, Zaleshchiki Galicia Ukraine

Occupation Doctor, Nurse, Surgeon

Summary

Dr Laura Forster was the first Australian doctor to head to the war in Belgium. She joined the British Field Hospital in Antwerp in September 1914.

Laura's sister, Mrs H. E. Kater, provided funding to the Sydney University Women's College in her memory, which was to provide for a series of lectures on hygiene. There was also a scholarship in her name.

Archival resources

The National Archives, Kew

[Medal card of Forster, Laura Corps: British Field Hospital for Belgium](#)

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