

Brisbane Hospital's Doctors and Nurses at War

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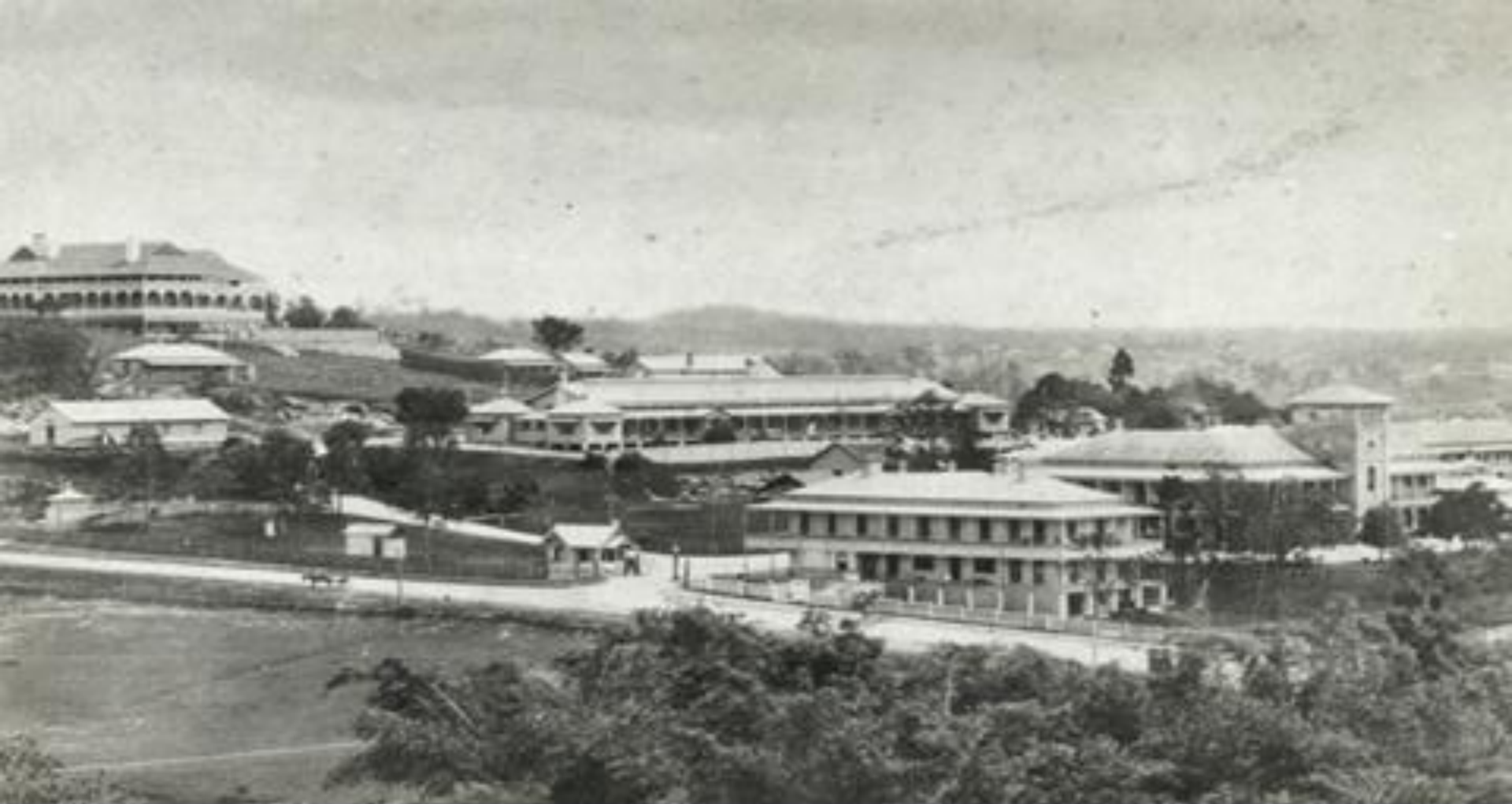
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National Family History Month

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Cannon Hill, 1 August 2013





The Brisbane Hospital circa 1900



GH Hopkins

CF Marks

A Sutton

E Sandford Jackson

Honorary Staff 1900



H Plant A Ward J Gallagher J Hardie
J Cameron Hemsley John Barr McLean
Resident Medical Staff 1914

BRISBANE HOSPITAL STAFF

ROLL OF HONOUR

ON ACTIVE SERVICE OVERSEAS

1914-18

E.S. JACKSON. M.B. B.S. MELB.
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W. WHITE

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- C.E. NYE

MASSEUSE. L.A. ROOKE

L.B. PURRY
W. FLEMING
M. O'BRIEN
GEO. SMITH
T.S. WALLACE
C. MAHONEY
F. CAIN

THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT

GERMANY'S ACTS OF WAR.

TEUTONIC VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY.

MATERIALLY CHANGES GREAT BRITAIN'S COURSE OF ACTION.

BRITISH WAR CREDIT OF £50,000,000.

"RULE BRITANNIA" AND THE "MARSEILLAISE."

"GOOD OLD ENGLAND."

BRITISH NAVAL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE.

GERMAN INVASION OF FRANCE.

REPORTED REPULSE AT NANCY.

RUSSIANS ON THE GERMAN FRONTIER.

AUSTRALIA'S OFFER TO THE HOMELAND.

FRANCE AND GERMANY

OUTBREAK AT ANY MOMENT.

BERLIN, Sunday Night.

An official statement says that an outbreak of war with France may occur at any moment.

Brisbane Courier, 4 August 1914

THE WAR CLOUDS BURST.
GREAT BRITAIN AND THE DOMINIONS
TO ARMS.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IMMINENT.

GERMANY'S VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY IN BELGIUM.

FRENCH TOWN IN ALGIERS ATTACKED.

A RUSSO-GERMAN NAVAL ENCOUNTER.

WORLD-WIDE BRITISH OUTBURST OF PATRIOTISM.

THE KING'S MESSAGE TO HIS PEOPLE.

Brisbane Courier, 6 August 1914

First Staff to enlist - 1914

E S Jackson

A H Marks

J D Buchanan

J B McLean

Messrs. H Gard Dispenser
H Hudson

Masseur: Miss Rooke

Matron: G Wilson

Sisters:

G Andrews

M Chapman

J M Hart

C M Keys

C Sorensen

D Webb

Charge Nurses:

S Z Lyons

G Nye

Dates of enlistment - 1914

AH Marks, assistant gynaecologist	14 August
Julia Hart, sister	21 September
HJ Gard, dispenser	5 October
Grace Wilson, matron	21 October
JB McLean, surgeon/superintendent	30 October
ES Jackson, visiting surgeon	6 November
Christense Sorensen, sister	10 November
Gertrude Andrews, sister	11 November
JD Buchanan, assistant surgeon	14 November

“By these and by other medical men and nurses,
formerly of its ranks, the Brisbane Hospital is honoured
by its representatives in this imperial undertaking”

“By request of the Director-General of Medical
Services, provision was made for imparting, by lectures
and practical instruction, some knowledge of the general
principles of nursing and hospital routine to members of
the AAMC ... was most especially valued by the
members of the Queensland section of the 1 AGH who
sailed on the steamer *Kyarra*”

Annual Report 1914



THE NURSES OF THE
 100TH CENTRAL SIGNAL BATTALION
 1918



THE NURSES OF THE
 100TH CENTRAL SIGNAL BATTALION
 1918

Enon

Born in Brisbane

Educated BGS & Trinity College in
Dublin, 1903

General practice on Wickham Terrace
(special interest in OB/GYN) 1904

Citizen Forces 1911, Sanitary Off. 1 MD



Alexander Hammett Marks 1880 – 1954



AH Marks
1880-1956



John B McLean
1875-1943



From 9 Sisters at the start of 1914, 7 enlist; leaving only 2 at the end of the year.



Julia Hart

Gertrude Andrews

Grace Wilson

Christense Sorensen

Brisbane Hospital Trainees on Active Service.

No. 1 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

G. J. Andrews
M. W. Croll
M. Dalrymple
B. L. Gibbon

J. M. Hart
M. Hobler
A. C. Isambert
C. M. Keys

S. Z. Lyons
N. V. Mowbray
E. M. Paten
L. Snelling

C. Sorensen
M. F. Whlpham
B. E. Williams
M. A. Wilson

No. 2 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL:

C. Carpenter

THE MILITARY HOSPITAL AT RABAU:

A. M. F. Gibbon

Elizabeth Henry

EN ROUTE TO JOIN THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS IN ENGLAND:

M. L. Chapman

B. G. Cheesman

E. A. Clerke

W. S. Dods

G. A. Nye

M. E. Wilson

On Active Service 1914



1 AGH Heliopolis

RBWH Nursing Museum



ANZACS



Area of operations 1915

Enlisted August 1914.

Posted to RMO to 3 Aust. FAB

Landed at Gallipoli, 25 April 1915

3 FAB: 700 men across 10 camps

Frequent contact with Espie Dods
& Graham Butler



A H Marks – Anzac

MB BS Melb. 1901

RMO Brisbane Hospital 1902

Severe attack of bubonic plague 1902

Medical Superintendent 1904–1931

Service at the Front 1914–1917

Very good surgeon; special interest
in filariasis



Dr. John Barr McLean 1875 - 1943

John Barr McLean, Cairo 1915

Enlists 30 October 1914, Major 1 AGH

Embarks from Brisbane 21 November on the *Kyarra*

1 AGH receives 469 wounded on 29 April, and a further 1,352 casualties over the next 3 days.

"They came in covered in filth and muck. Many had not had their wounds dressed for days, and on undoing bandages in some cases wounded limbs were found gangrenous and had not been touched since the first dressing...the lightly wounded, able to look after themselves, arrived in very good condition...dressed excellently at the front ...well cared for on the way"

Experiences at the War

By SISTER GERTRUDE F. ANDREWS, R.R.C.

We left Australia with the 1st Australian General Hospital on 21st November, 1914, and, as everyone knows, we went to Cairo and turned the Heliopolis Palace Hotel into a hospital, where we got our first insight into war nursing and methods. I helped open the Operating Theatre there as soon as we arrived, being appointed Theatre Sister to Major J. B. McLean.

When the first wounded arrived from Gallipoli in April two new wards were opened up, and after leaving at 11 p.m. to go to bed I was called out at 12 for the theatre; this happened on three consecutive nights, after which I remained in the theatre permanently.

very trying; I remember standing at the thermometer on duty and finding it registered 104° over.

I managed to stick to my duty until I developed appendicitis, covering from an operative duty back to Australia. I soon returned with the sea voyage and was so left in February, 1916, rejoining No. 1 Hospital leaving Fremantle, the *Ulysses* on which she remained for repairs had to be carried on for one month. The Sisters were sent to No. 8 A.C.H.

Born in south Brisbane
Educated Brisbane Girls
Grammar School

Brisbane Hospital 1905

Highest marks 1907

Midwifery London

**Matron Brisbane Hospital
July 1914**

Enlisted October 1914

Principal matron of the 1st
Military District



Grace Wilson 1897-1957



3 AGH – British Museum - 1915

April 1915 transferred to AIF as principal matron 3 AGH

Embarked May 1915

Lemnos early August

900 patients by 13 August
(wounds, dysentery, gangrene)

Mortality 2%



Grace Wilson on Lemnos

Diary of Grace Wilson, Matron of 3AGH

9th August:

Found 150 patients lying on the ground – no equipment whatever – did best we could – have tents ourselves but no beds or mattresses. Had no water to drink or wash.

10th August:

Still no water, had some tea, could not wash or brush teeth – had a bath but water is very dirty. Convoy arrived at night & used up all our private things, soap etc, tore up clothes etc.



11th August:

*Convoy arrived, about 400 – no equipment whatever – just laid the men on the ground, and gave them a drink. Very many badly shattered, nearly all stretcher cases... Tents were erected over them as quickly as possible... All we can do is feed them and dress their wounds... A good many died... It is just too awful – one could never describe the scenes – **could only wish all I know to be killed outright.***



Sisters Lines after a storm

Lemnos

AUSTRALIAN HEROINES OF WORLD WAR ONE



Callaghan, Leamon and the Western Front

SUSANNA DE VRIES

Elgar Press 2013



Queenslanders of No 3. A. G. H.

No 3 Aust. Gen. Hospital

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PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND CLINICAL OBSERVATIONS WITH THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, LEMNOS AND EGYPT.

By Herbert J. Stewart, M.D., B.S. (Edin.),
Brisbane.

You have already listened to the story of the sojourn of the above Hospital from Australia to Lemnos, and possibly also back to Egypt, coupled with the humorous incidents happening on the way, by Dr. Gibson, in his paper read at a meeting of the Branch of the Association some time back. In that

MJA Saturday, May 12, 1917



Courtesy:-
 Kaye Taylor

Early 1916
Abbassia,
Egypt

October 1916
Brighton,
England

April 1917
Abbeville
France
(Beds = 2000)

May 1919
AGH
dismantled

Sept 1917
Grace Wilson becomes
temporary Matron-in-
Chief of AIF



April 1918
Grace Wilson returns to
Abbeville



May 1919
Matron Wilson transfers
to AAH in Kent, England



3 AGH



3 AGH Abbeville, France 1918

Educated at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace

MB MCh Sydney, 1905

RMO 1 Bn The Moreton Regt, 1909

2 LH Field Amb, Nov 1914

Anzac 21 May 1915

Evacuated to Egypt, Sept 1915

GSW – head; 21 Dec 1915



Joseph D Buchanan 1880 - 1915

6 Nov 1914: Major 1 AGH

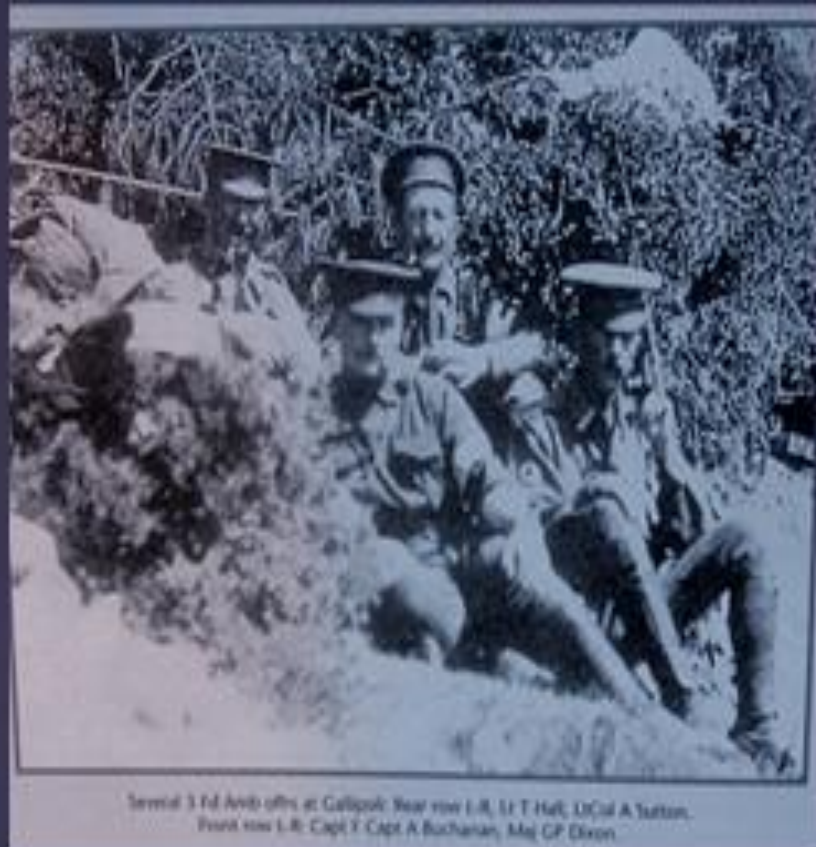
21 Nov 1914: Embarked *Kyarra* to
Cairo via Alexandria

1 AGH established at Heliopolis
Palace Hotel

Appointed senior surgeon at 2 AGH at
Mena

E Sandford Jackson 1860 – 1938





Lt/Col A Sutton CMG CB VD 1863-1922

MG Sutton

1 Fld Amb

NG Sutton

1 Aust Pioneer Bn

First Prof. of Surgery UQ

Son of Sir David Hardie

Educated BGS

MB ChM Syd 1913

Commissioned April 1915 Capt.

3 AGH to Lemnos by July.

In October, evacuated with amoebic dysentery to England

Back in Mudros by December, then Egypt, transferred to 2 Fd Amb.

To France; develops rubella.



John Hardie 1889 - 1955

Australia

KIA 5,833

DOW 1,983

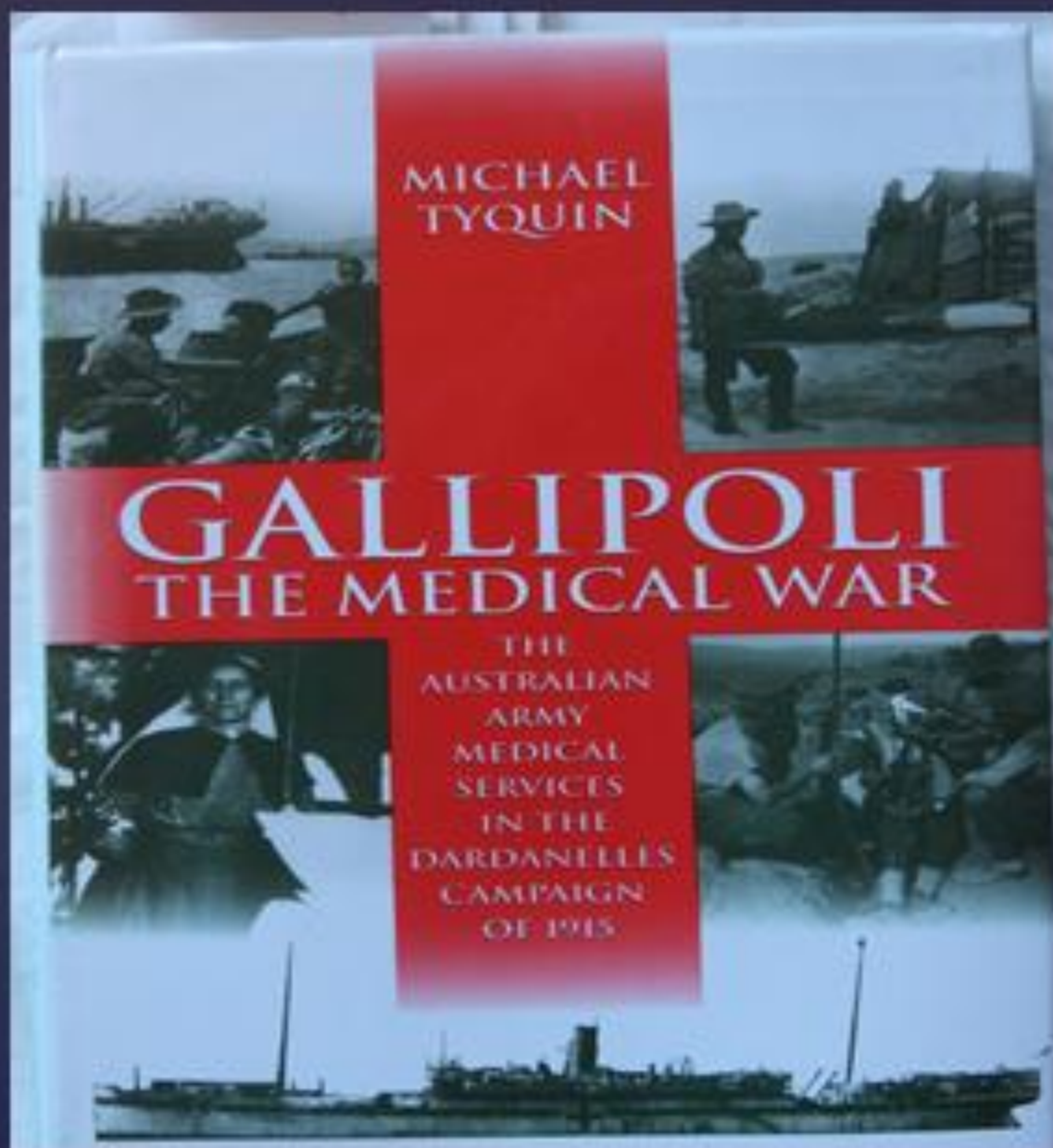
WIA 19,441

New Zealand

KIA 1,904

DOW 495

WIA 4,852





Many war nurses had brothers in the armed services. Dorothy Webb is pictured here with her brother. Dorothy Webb's war service was distinguished by the Award of the Royal Red Cross announced in this letter to her father:

Of eight Sisters at the start of 1915, only two remain at the end of the year.



McLean, Moore, Webb, Wassell 1916

The Experience and Training of the AANS

*“ severe beyond most in its standard of toil,
self discipline and resource ”* – AG Butler,
Official Historian of the Australian Army
Medical Services

*“ The sixteen hour days at Heliopolis were
even worse than the Brisbane Hospital in the
old days. ”* Sr Constance Keys



1 AGH Heliopolis would receive 469 wounded on the 29th April, 1915; and a further 1352 casualties over the next four days.

1918: Sister- in- Charge of the 2 ACCS.

Sr Constance Keys 1886-1964 Graduation Photo 1910



Sr Constance Keys MID (twice)
Royal Red Cross First & Second Class
Medaille des Epidemies

Through These Lines: Connie Keys

NURSE KEYS



On the HMAT Omrah with Capt AG Butler from the Hospital for Sick Children

Through These Lines: Connie Keys

Born Charters Towers

Educated BGS, MB Ch Sydney 1913

Brisbane Hospital and Hospital for Sick
Children 1914

Enlisted 1914: 1 AGH, then 1 ASH at
Mudros, Anzac in Nov 1915

Posted as RMO to 24 Bn, France

7 August 1916: killed by a shell burst at
Pozières.



Harold F H Plant 1888-1916

Family links – almost 100 years

- Marks - Dods
- Hopkins - Lukin
- E Sandford Jackson
- Weedon
- Webb - Friend
- PA Earnshaw
- Errol Solomon Meyers
- Foxton
- Sutton
- Wassell



GH Hopkins

CF Marks

A Sutton

E Sandford Jackson

Honorary Staff 1900



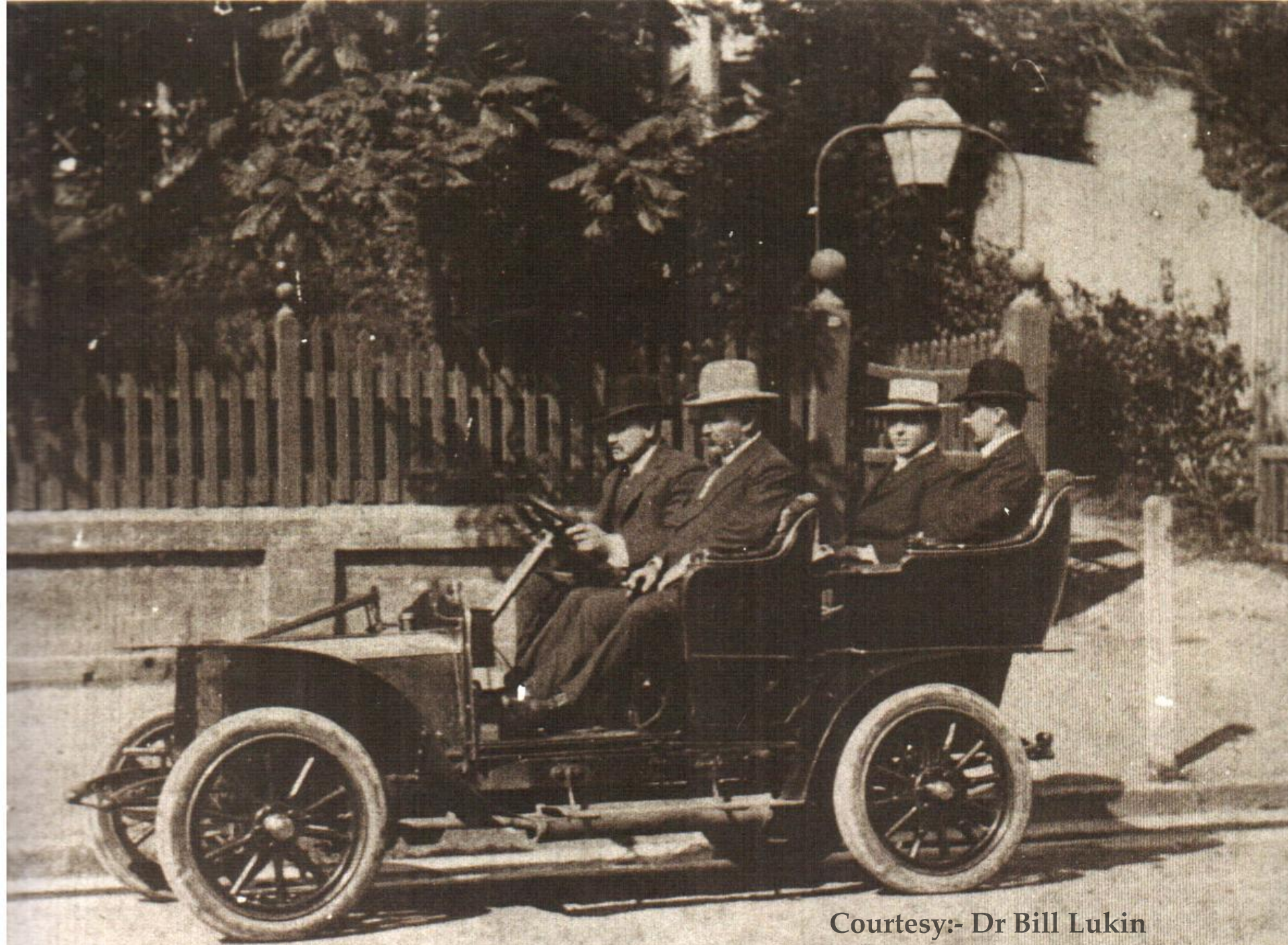
Figure 54. Honorary (Visiting) Medical Staff, Brisbane Hospital.

George Herbert Hopkins

LRCP FRCS 1892

Immigrated to Brisbane 1895

Appointed Hon. Visiting Surgeon 1904-1921



Courtesy:- Dr Bill Lukin



Courtesy:- Dr Bill Lukin



Odo Hopkins



Paul Hopkins



Paul William Hopkins MC

Enlisted 19 May 1916

Embarked 7 October 1916

4 Machine Gun Battalion Feb 1917

Awarded Military Cross Jan 1919

Graduated MBBS Melbourne 1924

General practice in Mackay, special
interest in urology

Commanded 19 Field Amb, New Guinea, WW2



Paul W Hopkins MC
1897- 1965

49TH BN. AUSTRALIAN

CAPTAIN

CORPORAL

BRIDGMAN F. H.

KAY E. B.

RHEAD H. W. J.

SELWYN-SMITH H. G.

ANDERSON W. H.

CARMODY J. J.

COLLINS F. A.

HALL N. M.M.

HOPKINS D. H. O.

JAMES J.

MCCULLOCH G.

MITCHELL E.

PROUDFOOT W. M.

SIDDLE A. T.

SECOND LIEUT.

HANNAH R. D.C.M.

WINDEYER C. R.

SERGEANT

CASTLE J. S.

Hopkins Family Tree

George H. Hopkins

Paul W. Hopkins MC
FRACS

Donald H.O Hopkins
KIA 6 October 1917

Paul H. Hopkins
FRACS, FRCSEdin

Elizabeth M Hopkins
Nurse, RBH

G.F. Lukin
RMO, RBH

George Hopkins
FRACS
Visiting Surgeon, RBWH

Genevieve Hopkins
RMO, RBWH

Bill Lukin
FACEM
Emergency Physician
RBWH

(5)

Alexis Lake
JHO, RBWH



Figure 68. Brisbane Hospital Staff in early 1917.

Standing L. to R: Dr Lindsay Brent, Dr PA ("Percy") Earnshaw. Seated L. to R: Dr Charles Lilley (Acting Medical Superintendent), Mr "Hoppy" Brown (pharmacist and radiographer), Mr AP Payne (secretary).

At this time, the total resident medical staff was three, including the Acting Medical Superintendent. At one stage in this War year, the Brisbane Hospital had no resident medical staff.

(Photograph from RBH Archives).

Resident medical staff: 3

"It is becoming increasingly evident that the medical profession will be required to redouble its efforts within the next few months to satisfy the requirements of the military authority... Until every suitable medical man in the Commonwealth is available for duty at home or abroad, the medical profession has not fulfilled its duty to the country... to do the right thing for the Empire"

A Moral Obligation, Editorial MJA, 14 April 1917

"Every available man is required...The call is very urgent...It will probably be necessary to deplete the junior staffs of the large general hospitals. The Department of Defence will send to France every available medical practitioner within the next two months... Too many men cannot apply."

The Call for Men, Editorial MJA, 28 April 1917



Eleanor Elizabeth Bourne (1878-1957) was the first woman born in Queensland to study medicine; MB ChM Sydney 1903. She was the first female Resident Medical Officer appointed by the all male Hospital Committee to the Brisbane Hospital. She would subsequently have a distinguished career as the first medical officer in the Queensland Department of Public Instruction and develop guidelines for the medical examination of school children. She would travel to England in 1916, enlist in the RAMC and serve in the Endell Street Military Hospital in London. In 1917 she was promoted Major and transferred to Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Eleanor Elizabeth Bourne

Major John Hardie MC

John Hardie awarded the MC at Vaulx in March 1917.



"Captain Hardie attended over 120 cases at the Aid Post under heavy howitzer fire, and continued at work after being wounded in two places by a 5.9 shell until ordered away."

Returns to France in March, 1918 for German offensive
2 AGH at Wimereux: *"a frantic month"*
10 Field Ambulance on the Somme

John Hardie MC FRACS

RMO 42 Bn Villers-Bretonneux

Battle of Hamel

Returns to 2 AAH at Harefield a few days before the Battle of Amiens, until January 1919.

Leave to study for the FRCS Ed

Returns to Australia in Oct 1919

Appointed Brisbane Hospital

FRACS 1932



PA Earnshaw



Neville Sutton



CM Lilley



ES Myers

8 Fld Amb

2 Fld Amb

1 Pioneer Bn

11 Fld Amb

Gassed

-

-

Gassed

Pioneers in Queensland Medicine

Enlisted October 1916

41 Battalion & 11 Field Amb

Gassed twice.

Particular interest in head & neck cancer,
thoracic surgery and urology.

Senior Surgeon from 1926-1943

Founding father of the UQ Medical School

Instituted the Bancroft Oration & the
Jackson Lecture



Errol Solomon Meyers 1890 - 1956



PA Earnshaw



Neville Sutton

1 AGH November 1914 – Feb 1917

Evacuation ship *Guildford Castle*

Salonika as Matron of the 60 BGH,
August 1917 – Nov 1919

Matron of the Hospital for Sick
Children 1922

General Matron of the RBH 1928 -1951



Christense Sorensen 1885 - 1958 MBE RRC
Medaille des Epidemies

Royal Red Cross

CBE 1919

Florence Nightingale Medal 1929

Matron of the Alfred Hospital 1933 – 1940

Middle East 1940/41



Miss Grace Wilson, Matron-in-Chief, AANS, CMF and AIF, 1925-41. (AWM 44158)

Grace Wilson 1897-1957

"a tall dour Scot...a courteous Gentleman...a quiet man, but with very firm views"

By 1931, there were 18 RMOs and 61 honorary staff.

- Nurse's Registration Board Qld
- President of the Australasian Trained Nurses Association (Qld Branch)
- Appointed the first nurse educator to the BH.



Matron Bourne, De McLean and a group of second year nurses, 1926. Note the blue student uniforms. Photograph courtesy of Mrs V. Page.

The McLean Era: 1900 - 1931

AH Marks CBE, DSO, VD Croix de Guerre

After Gallipoli, appointed DADMS 4 Div – France
1916.

Awarded the DSO at Pozieres – *“complete disregard of self and danger...visited all the RAPs, some of which were under heavy fire.”*

England Dec 1916 – Oct 1917: suffers pneumonia
CO 1 ACCS for 12 months

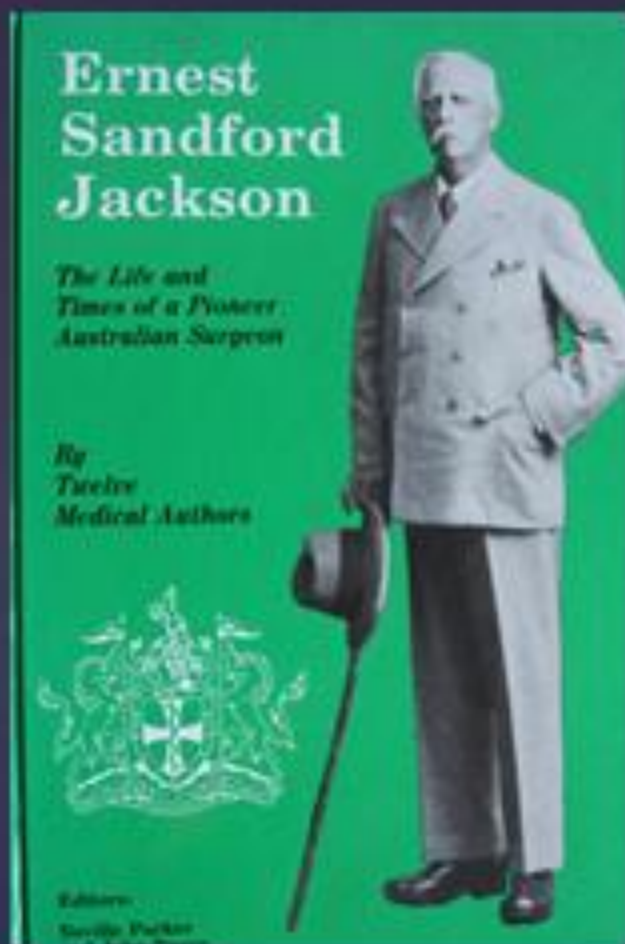
Promoted T/Col & appointed ADMS 1 Div.



AUSTRALIAN
WAR MEMORIAL

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- Honorary Surgeon until 1933
- First appointed as Assistant House Surgeon in 1882; Medical Superintendent from 1883 to 1898
- Royal Australian College of Surgeons 1927
- The University of Queensland Medical School 1937



ES Jackson 1860 – 1938

51 years of service to the Brisbane Hospital

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Emeritus Professor John Pearn

Lachlan Pollard, Chasely Sheahan

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