



Ballarat
District Nursing
& Healthcare

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A Nurse, A Bicycle and A Tram Ticket

The Story of Matron Annie Florence Roberts





***Photo courtesy of Ballarat Health Services
Publication "Sovereign Remedies"
History of the Ballarat Base Hospital 1880-1980***

Annie Florence Roberts was born in Ballarat in 1881. When she completed her education she applied to the Ballarat & District Base Hospital to be trained as a nurse and was subsequently accepted. She commenced her training on 15 February 1901 and completed it on 15 July 1904.

Nurse Roberts went on to obtain her General Certificate for Medical & Surgical Nursing and Special Certificate for Infectious Diseases. Both these certificates would stand her in good stead in the times ahead. She was elevated to Sister in Charge of a ward at the Ballarat Base Hospital. She then moved to the Ararat Hospital where she accepted a position as Sister for three years and as a Matron for the following two years. In 1913 she applied for a position with the recently formed Ballarat District Nursing Society. This organisation had commenced in 1911, and she was one of the very first district nurses to be appointed.

Nurse Roberts would have been a lady with a great sense of adventure and the ability to accept a challenge when she took on this role. The nurse at this time was given a second hand bicycle and a ticket for free rides on the trams. Her role was to visit the ill and elderly patients and to care for them in their own homes. These patients required medical attention and could not afford to pay for a doctor. The role often involved taking along other necessities that were required as part of the service, such as bandages and medicine. In extreme circumstances of poverty, this extended to include food, so that families suffering without money could obtain the necessities to ensure their survival.

The cost of the service was £1 per visit, but quite often it was impossible to pay. In some cases, very poor but proud people would give something in kind, like half a dozen eggs to offset their inability to pay. The nurse would have to then carry this contribution along on her bicycle when continuing her round.

The area serviced by the nurse was the Town of Ballarat East, City of Ballarat and Borough of Sebastopol. This involved a great deal of endeavour and energy to push the bicycle, walk or ride in the tram to visit patients who lived across this expanse of the city area. Nurse Roberts performed this role in an extremely efficient manner. As a result, when the First World War broke out in 1914 and she expressed a desire to enlist, the ladies of the Committee of Ballarat District Nursing Society didn't replace her with a permanent nurse but hired a replacement and held her job open until she returned. Of course, it was rumoured that this war would not run for very long, and the Committee felt they could not commit to a full time replacement.

Nurse Roberts enlisted in Melbourne and embarked on HMAT Orsova on 17 July 1915. Her mother is listed as her next of Kin – Mrs. E. Roberts of 36 Loch Avenue, Ballarat, Victoria. She was to serve for the Australian General Hospital and Special Reinforcements Unit and travelled to England, where she joined the Hospital Ship Kanowna. Her service records show that on 21 December 1915, she was promoted the rank of Sister.

The following year, Sister Roberts applied for a transfer and returned to Australia before embarking on S.S. Mooltan on 26 December 1916 to join the Indian Nursing Service. She arrived in Bombay on 15 January 1917 and served on several hospital ships and Indian hospitals, nursing the wounded soldiers. She returned to Australia at the cessation of the war on 13 September 1919. She was again promoted, this time to the rank of Acting Matron.

Matron Roberts resumed her nursing role with Ballarat District Nursing Society after her return and was no doubt surprised to receive advice on 30 December 1919 as follows:

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder a copy of extract from the Fourth Supplement No. 31547 to the London Gazette dated 12 September 1919, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by yourself whilst serving with the Australian Imperial Forces.

AWARDED THE ROYAL RED CROSS DECORATION 2nd CLASS

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to award the Royal Red Cross to the undermentioned Lady in connection with her valuable nursing services in India In connection with the war:-

Assistant Matron ANNIE FLORENCE ROBERTS

The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No 135, dated 11 December 1919.

There were 54 nurses who had trained in Ballarat who enlisted in the First World War, and seven of these were to be awarded the Royal Red Cross for their service. One was to be awarded the Military Medal for her service.

Assistant Matron Roberts was given a week's leave to attend the investiture by the Prince of Wales at Government House in Melbourne. The Committee were unanimous in their praise of her achievements during her war service. They also voted to give her £5 to assist with the expenses of her time in Melbourne.

Assistant Matron Roberts gave notice and left Ballarat District Nursing Society in July 1920, and went to the City of Ballarat to work in the welfare area for a short period of time. She then went on to the Wangaratta Hospital as Matron before receiving a call from the Ballarat Base Hospital in 1924 requesting assistance with their serious concerns regarding discipline at the Hospital's nursing home. They decided to appoint Matron Roberts, who was claimed to be 'a bit of a tiger', to look into the situation. Her war service would stand her in good stead, however she resigned after eighteen months and returned to her role as Matron of the Wangaratta Hospital.

We believe that Matron Roberts, during her time at Ballarat District Nursing Society in the very early period, pioneered the role of district nursing in a rural setting. Two previous district nursing societies, one in Melbourne and one in Geelong, had been established prior to 1911. She tackled the job with great zeal and enthusiasm, and the Committee at that time held her in very high esteem for her attention to duty and her care of the people she visited. Her patients were also of the opinion that her nursing skills were excellent, and she allowed them the security to remain in their own homes while receiving her medical attention.

As stated in the Mayor's report of that time, "the District Nurse, who provides care for ill people in the community, must have good hospital training, but she didn't have the facilities or equipment that were available in a hospital. This made the task more challenging; however she achieved very satisfactory results for her patients."

This document has been prepared for submission to Women's Health Grampians for consideration of Matron Annie Roberts as one of "Ballarat's Greatest Women" on behalf of Ballarat District Nursing & Healthcare.

Researched and written by Barbara Hughes, former Chairperson – Committee of Management.

*P.O. 2 Australian
General Hospital*

*Joined
17/7/15*

C.M.F. Form 107.

MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

Questions to be answered by Candidates prior to Enrolment

1. What is your name?	<i>Annie Florence Roberts</i>
2. In what country and in what city or town were you born?	<i>Ballarat, Victoria</i>
3. What is your age?	<i>34</i>
4. Are you single, married, or a widow?	<i>Single</i>
5. Are you a member of a sisterhood or society?	<i>S. Barabara Guild.</i>
6. State the hospital at which you were trained, and duration of training?	<i>Ballarat District Hospital 3 yrs Inf. District Hospital Fairfield 9 mths</i>
7. What certificates of efficiency in medical and surgical nursing do you hold?	<i>Spec. Certificate for Inf. Diseases, Certificate from Ball. Dist. Hospital Matron at Ballarat Hospital</i>
8. Do you possess a recommendation from the Matron of the Civil Hospital at which you were trained?	<i>Yes, also sent with Matron (Miss Kelly)</i>
9. What is your experience in hospital supervision?	<i>Solely in Charge at Ballarat District Hospital Matron 2 years. In Charge of District Nursing Society at Ballarat at present. Matron at Hospital.</i>
10. Have you ever undertaken the duties of Superintendent?	<i>As Solely in Charge of Matron 3 years.</i>
11. What is your experience in the execution of medical orders?	<i>Yes.</i>
12. Are you willing to be enrolled in the Australian Army Nursing Service, in accordance with the Regulations?	<i>Yes.</i>

Signature of Candidate *A.F. Roberts*

Witness *John W Nolan*

Declaration to be made by a Candidate for Enrolment as a Nursing Sister in the Australian Army Nursing Service.

I, *Annie Florence Roberts* do solemnly and sincerely declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers to the foregoing questions, made and signed by me, are true; and that I am willing to be enrolled in the Australian Army Nursing Service, in accordance with the Regulations laid down.

Signature of Candidate *A.F. Roberts*

Signature of Witness *John W Nolan*

(Date) *15.7.15*

- The following Certificates in original must accompany the Declaration Form when signed:—
1. An extract from the register of her birth, or, if this is not obtainable, a declaration made before a magistrate, giving the date of her birth.
 2. Certificates of efficiency in medical and surgical nursing from the Medical Officer under whom she has served.
 3. A recommendation from the Matron of the Civil Hospital at which she was trained.
 4. A certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner registered in the Commonwealth of Australia that she is in good health and physically fit for service in the Australian Army Nursing Service.

Enlistment questionnaire dated 15 July 1915

AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING SERVICE

S. 249

Questions to be answered by Candidates prior to Enrolment.

1. What is your name? ... Annie Florence Roberts
2. In what country and in what city or town were you born? ... Ballarat Victoria
3. What is your age? ... 34
4. Are you single, married or a widow? ... Single
5. Are you a member of a Sisterhood or Society? ... St Barnabas Guild for Nurses
6. State the Hospital at which you were trained and duration of training; ... Ballarat District Hospital 2 years
7. What certificates of efficiency in Medical and Surgical Nursing do you hold? ... General Certificate for Medical Hospital Nursing & Special Certificate for Infectious Cases
8. Do you possess a recommendation from the Matron of the civil Hospital at which you were trained? ... Yes
9. What is your experience in Hospital Supervision? ... 2 years at Ballarat Hospital & 2 years at Ararat Hospital
10. Have you ever undertaken the duties of Matron Superintendent? ... Yes at Ararat Hospital
11. What is your experience in the execution of Medical Orders? ... 2 years for 2 years & 3 years for 3 years
12. Are you willing to be enrolled in the Australian Army Nursing Service, in Accordance with the Regulations? ... Yes

Signature of Candidate A. F. Roberts Witness Alvin M. Cooper

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY A CANDIDATE FOR ENROLMENT AS A NURSING SISTER IN THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

I, Annie Florence Roberts, do solemnly and sincerely declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers to the foregoing questions, made and signed by me, are true; and that I am willing to be enrolled in the Australian Army Nursing Service, in accordance with the Regulations laid down.

Signature of Candidate A. F. Roberts Signature of witness A. M. Cooper
at Ballarat 19th August 1915. Matron

Being certificates in original must accompany the Declaration form.

- 1. A declaration from the register of her birth, or, if this is not obtainable, a declaration made before a Magistrate, giving the date of birth.
- 2. A certificate in Medical and Surgical Nursing from the Medical Officer at which she has served.
- 3. A certificate from the Matron of the civil Hospital at which she was trained.
- 4. A certificate from a duly qualified Medical Practitioner registered in Victoria of Australia, that she is in good health and fit for service in the Australian Army Nursing Service.

Duplicate

Enlistment questionnaire dated 19 August 1915 (probably completed in England)

(EMBARKED AT MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, PER H.M.A.T. A67, "ORSOVA," 17TH JULY, 1915.)

No.	Rank	Trade or Calling	Married or Single	Address at Date of Enrolment	Next of Kin and Address	Religion	Date or Date of Joining	Date of Discharge or Enrolment	Date to which Paid	Daily Allowance including Allowance for Dearness	Alotment in Advance per Diem	Net Leave including Allowance or Dearness Paid	Portion of Service with Expeditionary Force
26	Medical Practitioner	S.		Kyneton, Victoria	Mother, Mrs. C. Downing, Savings Bank, Clifton Hill, Victoria	C. of E.	21.6.15	22 6	16.7.15	19 0	16 0	3 0	3 6
27	"	S.		Elsternwick, Victoria	Father, Rev. A. Powell, 3 Hopetoun-street, Elsternwick, Victoria	Meth.	29.8.15	22 6	"	19 0	13 6	5 6	2 4
28	"	S.		Glenferrie, Victoria	Father, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Heyfield, Victoria	R.C.	2.7.15	22 6	"	19 0	9 6	8 6	3 6
29	"	S.		Geelong, Victoria	Mother, Mrs. C. M. Bell, Yarra-street, Geelong, Victoria	C. of E.	15.5.15	22 6	"	19 0	10 6	8 6	3 6
30	"	S.		Geelong, Victoria	Wife, Mrs. M. Stoker, 40 Aphrasia-street, Geelong, Victoria	C. of E.	14.7.15	22 6	"	19 0	19 0	NH	3 6
31	"	M.		Geelong, Victoria	Wife, Mrs. Dyring, Walsh-street, Coburg, Victoria	C. of E.	"	22 6	"	19 0	19 0	NH	3 6
32	Nurse	S.		Coburg, Victoria	Mother, Mrs. M. E. Sproule, "Palms," Flinders, Victoria	C. of E.	17.7.15	22 6	"	7 10	NH	7 10	NH
33	"	S.		Kew, Victoria	Mother, Mrs. J. McNaughton, Little River, near Geelong, Victoria	R.C.	"	"	"	7 10	NH	7 10	NH
34	"	S.		Carlton, Victoria	Mother, Mrs. A. Ryan, "Fairview"	R.C.	"	"	"	7 10	NH	7 10	NH
35	"	S.		Carlton, Victoria	Mother, Mrs. A. Ryan, "Fairview"	R.C.	"	"	"	7 10	NH	7 10	NH
36	"	S.		Kew, Victoria	Doctice, Victoria Hospital for Insane, Kew, Victoria	C. of E.	"	"	"	7 10	NH	7 10	NH
37	"	S.		Melbourne, Victoria	Father, W. Lincham, Nagsambie, Victoria	R.C.	"	"	"	7 10	NH	7 10	NH
38	"	S.		Ballarat, Victoria	Mother, Mrs. E. Roberts, 36 Loch-avenue, Ballarat, Victoria	C. of E.	"	"	"	7 10	NH	7 10	NH
39	"	S.		Leitchville, Victoria	Mother, Mrs. O'Reilly, Leitchville, Victoria	C. of E.	"	"	"	7 10	NH	7 10	NH
40	"	S.		Parkville, Victoria	Uncle, J. F. Gleeson, A.M.P. Buildings	R.C.	"	"	"	7 10	NH	7 10	NH

HOSPITAL TRANSPORT CORPS—STAFF FOR NO. 2 HOSPITAL SHIP, "KANOWNA,"—continued.

Rank	Age	Trade or Calling	Married or Single	Address at Date of Enrolment	Next of Kin and Address	Religion	Date or Date of Joining	Date of Discharge or Enrolment	Date to which Paid	Daily Allowance including Allowance for Dearness	Alotment in Advance per Diem	Net Leave including Allowance or Dearness Paid	Portion of Service with Expeditionary Force
Edward	48	Major		Hobart, Tasmania	Wife, Mrs. C. N. Lines, Archer-street, Newtown, Hobart, Tasmania	C. of E.	17.7.15	A.A.M.C.	30 0	25 0	10 0	15 0	5 0
McC	27	Dentist	S.	Glenferrie, Victoria	Father, R. Walters, Chrysochel-crescent, Glenferrie, Victoria	Pres.	9.3.15	"	15 0	14 6	10 0	4 6	3 0
Sister	34	Nurse	S.	Ballarat, Victoria	Mother, Mrs. E. Roberts, 36 Lock-avenue, Ballarat, Victoria	C. of E.	15.7.15	"	"	10 4	"	10 4	"
"	33	"	S.	Launceston, Tasmania	Mother, Mrs. J. Taylor, Trevallyn, Launceston, Tasmania	C. of E.	16.7.15	"	"	10 4	6 0	4 4	"
Staff Nurse	36	"	S.	Castlemaine, Victoria	Mother, Mrs. E. Cocking, "Allendale," Camp-crescent, Castlemaine, Victoria	C. of E.	17.7.15	"	"	7 10	NH	7 10	"
"	25	"	S.	Hobart, Tasmania	Mother, Mrs. J. Druggan, 1 Gearville-place, Cort, Ireland	R.C.	16.7.15	"	"	7 10	2 0	5 10	"
"	30	"	S.	Marnoo, Victoria	Father, G. McKinnon, Marnoo, Victoria	C. of E.	17.7.15	"	"	7 10	0 9	6 1	"

(EMBARKED AT SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, PER NO. 2 HOSPITAL SHIP, "KANOWNA," 22ND DECEMBER, 1915.)

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental No. _____
 Enlisted (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank _____
 Extended _____
 Re-engaged _____
 Qualification (b) _____

Regiment or Corps No 2 Hosp Ship
 Rank Serjeant Name Roberts A. Florence
 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.'s _____

Report		Brief of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 203, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks Take from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
9-1-14	Taken in ship	Left Australia in Opawa			
9-1-14	Do	Arrived in England		26 2 14 4 9 11	
24 7 17	REARRS London	Promoted Sgt. Serjeant	London	19 7 17	No 210 ^e 1-8.17. LR 5490

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shooting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

P.T.O.

Service Record - England

1

3rd MG

Army Form B103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *Wish Army Nursing Service*

Regimental No. _____ Rank *Ch. Sister* Name *ROBERTS C. J.*

Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) *Duration* Service reckons from (a) _____

Date of promotion to present rank.] Date of appointment to lance rank.] Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s.]

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

REPORT.		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B213, Army Form A36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	REMARKS taken from Army Form B213, Army Form A36, or other official documents.
Date.	From whom received.				
19.1.19	<i>Mahon</i>	<i>Enthke H McCollan</i>	<i>Wylburne</i>	<i>26.12.16</i>	<i>LC 13/10/19</i>
	<i>admit</i>	<i>Roseville</i>	<i>Bombay</i>	<i>15.1.17</i>	
"		<i>Abou & Victoria via Mpt. Bombay</i>	"	<i>15.1.17</i>	
"		<i>Transp & Mpt. Syp. Alora</i>	"	<i>8.1.17</i>	
"		<i>From Supply Station</i>	"	<i>18.2.17</i>	
"		<i>Arch. Mun. No. 215/3 200/11</i>	"	<i>9.1.18</i>	
"		<i>Transp Officer Mpt. Masid</i>	"	<i>22.3.18</i>	
13.4.19	"	<i>Reported to Bombay for Enthke & Roseville</i>		<i>13.4.19</i>	<i>CR 13/10/19 LC 13/10/19</i>

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 CASUALTY OFFICE

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered (b) e.g., Signaller, etc., etc. (P. T. O.)

Service Record – India

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I *Annie Florence Roberts* of *Loorak*
in the State of *Victoria* do solemnly

and sincerely declare:-

1. That I served in the Australian Imperial Force, and my regimental particulars were as follows:-

Regimental No. As Staff Nurse, Nursing Unit, 21st Div., Bristle and Station.

2. That ~~I have lost~~ the *Certificate* issued to me by the Defence Department *is locked away in a case to which I have not access at present,*

3. That ~~the circumstances under which the said certificate was lost are~~ *And as I am applying for a Government position I require to submit a statement of my Active Service with such application*

4. That ~~the loss of the said certificate was unavoidable, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief such certificate is not in the hands of any other persons~~

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the STATUTORY DECLARATIONS ACT 1911, conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

Signature of person making declaration } *A. F. Roberts.*
Declared at *Melbourne* *March* 1932 the *twenty-ninth* before me,

Signature of J.P. of Commissioner for Declarations } *John Holden*
COMMISSIONER FOR DECLARATIONS UNDER THE STATUTORY DECLARATIONS ACT 1911

NOTE:- Any person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an indictable offence, and is liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for four years.

A.F.R.
29 MAR 1932

Statutory Declaration for Service in Australian Imperial Forces

Religion Church of England
 Next of Kin Mother Emma Roberts
 26 Ross Avenue
 Ballarat

22.11.15 Aetd: Kanowra" No 2 Hospital Ship on duty. BR 27/23
 21.12.15 Chronoles (Aetd) Ship order by 22/12/15 BR 26 828

Indian Nursing Service - He embarked "Northam" from Mull 26/12.16
 7/11/16 Struck off strength of No. 2 Hosp. ship BR 8/161
 26/12/16 Nurse. Returned to duty 3MD. BR 79/811.
 19.7.17. App'd Head Nurse ^{Conc. order 10/7/17} BR 10/7/17 1917

Statement of Service Periods – Kanowra 1915 & 1916

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. _____ Name { Surname ROBERTS
in full { Christian Name Annie Florence
Unit A.I.F. (British) India Service for Mooltan
Joined on _____

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. What is your Name? ... | 1. <u>Annie Florence Roberts</u> |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... | 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
near the Town of <u>Ballarat</u>
in the County of <u>Vic</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your Age? ... | 4. <u>35</u> |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... | 5. <u>Nurse</u> |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... | 6. <u>Protationer at Ballarat Hospital</u> |
| 7. Are you married? ... | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) ... | 8. <u>Mother Mrs Emma Roberts</u>
<u>56 Lock Avenue</u>
<u>Ballarat</u> |
| The answer to this question shall not be construed as in the nature of a will. | |
| 9. What is your permanent address in Australia? ... | 9. <u>56 Lock Avenue</u>
<u>Ballarat</u> |
| 10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... | 10. <u>Was 18 mths in Hospital Ship</u>
<u>London applied for transfer, and</u>
<u>sent to India</u> |
| 11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... | 11. <u>Yes</u> |
| 12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... | 12. <u>No</u> |
| 13. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... | 13. _____ |
| 14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... | 14. <u>Yes</u> |

I, A. J. Roberts do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than $\frac{2}{5}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ^{wife,†} wife and children.

Date Dec 4th 1916

A. J. Roberts
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

Transfer of Service from Kanowra to Mooltan

Statement of Service of No. _____ Name _____

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
	Embarked S.S. "Hooltan"	Melbourne	26-12-16	C.R. 9/1/49
	Disembarked	Bombay	15-1-17	D.O. 13/1602
	Posted to Victoria War Hospital			C.R. 9/1/49
	Bombay		15-1-17	D.O. 9/1641
	Trans to H.S. "Billora" for Temp Duty		28-2-17	do
	Promoted to Temp Matron. Authority Memo No. M. 62165/3 from D.M.S. (I) to Bombay Brigade 21-2-17		28-2-17	do
	Trans to Officers Hospital Nasik for duty		9-1-18	do
	Reported at Bombay for Embark to Australia		22-3-18	do
	Embarked at Bombay per S.S. "Eastern" for Australia		13-4-19	D.O. 13/1626

M. Wickham
 CAPTAIN
 DISPENSAIR LATIVE A. I. P.

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

Statement of Service