

## Matron AGNES BOYD ALLAN



Matron Agnes Boyd ALLAN is sitting front row 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left  
Can anyone identify the other in this photo?

b. 1866 Agnes Boyd ALLAN was born in NZ, daughter of John & Isabella ALLAN of Dunedin who originated from Dundee, Scotland

<sup>1</sup>Her King's College, London, Registration number was 4304

Agnes Allan Trained and worked at the following Hospitals in New Zealand

Aug. 1901 - Aug. 1906 - Auckland Hosp. (cert.)

**The Nursing Staff:** The honorary medical staff reported that the following nurses had passed the half-yearly examinations:—**First year probationers:** Evelyn Metcalf, Emma Martyn, Mary B. Brett, Margaret Brown, Minnie Rose Coates, Alice Smales, Evelyn Hogwood, Daisy Teuer, Olive Wheeler, Agnes Allan. **Second year:** Jessie K. Butters, Jane F. Davidson, Amy E. Brewer, Helena Rosewarne, Louise Penhoiz, Gertrude Utting. **Third year (final examination):** Florence Ada Naden. A return submitted to the meeting showed that the number of nurses employed was now ten less than at the time of the last report.

Aug. 1906 - Dec. 1906 - Gisborne Hospital

Jan. 1907 - July 1907 - Priv. Nursing

July 1907 - Waipawa District Hospital

1907 - 1913 - Masterton Hospital

1913

Miss Agnes Allan, late Masterton Hospital, has been appointed Matron Waiapu Hospital, of Waipiro Bay.

1916

At Te Puia last night a send-off was given at Mr C. H. McCracken's residence to Nurse W. Allan, of the Waiapu hospital staff, who is leaving for England to take up the work of nursing wounded soldiers. Hearty good wishes were expressed to Nurse Allan, and the hope was expressed that she would return to New Zealand later on.

Matron Allan was given a farewell from Waipiro and Te Puia in the grounds of Mr A. M. Beale. The district was well represented, and with gifts and speeches the gathering expressed its appreciation of the years of service given for the sick and suffering.

<sup>2</sup>Agnes Boyd Allan's Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, Number was No.2 Res A/168

<sup>1</sup> Reference: <http://www.kingscollections.org/nurses/a-c/boyd-allan-agnes-4304?searchterms=Allan>

<sup>2</sup> NZ Archives Military Record of Agnes Boyd Allan



Cape Badge of the QARANC

1916

Miss Agnes Allan, matron of the Waiapu Hospital, came to England on leave with the object of engaging in military nursing, writes a London correspondent on February 25. She has for some months been attached to the Military Hospital at York, and is now on furlough in London recovering from a mild attack of pleurisy. She expects to return to York next week. Her sister (Miss Jean Allan) is still nursing at the Military Hospital at Gibraltar.

Dec 1916

Miss Agnes Allan (Waipiro Bay) is now attached to the 32nd General Hospital at Amara, in Mesopotamia. On her way there she spent one day in Busra and then proceeded by river. She says that the quarters are very comfortable and the food is good, though most of it tinned. Excellent fish is served every day, and mutton which is only inferior to that of New Zealand. When she last wrote in August the heat was very intense, the thermometer registering from 108deg to 114deg in the mess room. Besides the heat the other drawbacks to their interesting life seem to be limited to scorpions and snakes and disturbances by night by jackals and wild cats.

Jul 1917

Some little time ago I sent out to New Zealand a paragraph stating that Miss Agnes Allan (Waiapu Hospital) was on the staff of the 32nd General Hospital at Amara, in Mesopotamia. Some time later there arrived at the hospital from New Zealand a parcel of comforts which it was requested should be distributed for the benefit of patients. Miss Allan had by this time been invalided to India, but the parcel was received and distributed by the matron, and the contents were very much appreciated. A letter has since been received, showing that the sender was Mrs. R. Aitchison, of Kaitangata, who believed that by sending the comforts to the care of a New Zealand nurse they would be more certain of being distributed where most needed.

Apr 1918

Nurse Agnes Boyd Allan, Q.A.I.M. N.S.R., formerly matron of the Waiapu Hospital, has been promoted to have charge of the military hospital at Bedford. Since leaving New Zealand she has served for more than two years, part of the time in Mesopotamia and India.

Oct 1918

Word has been received from London that Sister Agnes Allan, matron of the Waiapu Hospital, has been mentioned in despatches. Sister Allan went Home early in the war, and joined the British Army nursing staff. She served in Mesopotamia, and is now at Q.A. Military Hospital, Grosvenor Street, London. Sister Jean Allan, who also went Home early in the war, has served in Gibraltar and Malta, and is now at the Connaught Military Hospital, Aldershot. These ladies are sisters of Mrs. A. O. Hardy, of Wanganui.

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1952 - Agnes Boyd ALLAN died aged 86yrs in NZ