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Kellett, Adelaide Maud

Occupation Matron

Summary

On 3 June 1919, Matron Adelaide Maud Kellett was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (Military) for nursing service in World War I. Kellett had been twice mentioned in despatches during the war. She was awarded the Red Cross Medal (23 February 1917), and the Florence Nightingale Medal.

Details

Adelaide Kellet trained at the Sydney Hospital and served with the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) during World War I. She left Australia with the first convoy of Australian Imperial Forces (AIF). Kellett was matron of Choubrah Hospital, Egypt (1914-1916), before nursing at the No. 2 Australian Army Hospital in Southall, England, from 1916-1917. Later she was matron at the No. 25 General Hospital in Hardelot, France (1917-1919).

Returning to Sydney, Kellet nursed at the No. 4 Australian General Hospital in Randwick (New South Wales) in 1920. She was the first matron with the Department of Repatriation Hospitals in New South Wales. From 1920 to 1926 she was principal matron of the Australian Army Nursing Service 2nd Military Base in Sydney. Kellet retired in 1944 after 23 years as matron at the Sydney Hospital.

Events

1919 -
Appointed Commander (Military) of the Order of the British Empire

1917 - 1917
Awarded the Royal Red Cross Medal

1921 - 1944
Matron of Sydney Hospital

1914 - 1916
Matron of the Choubrah Hospital, Egypt

1916 - 1917
Matron of the No. 2 Australian Army Hospital, Southall England

1917 - 1919
Matron of the No. 25 General Hospital, Hardelot France

1920 - 1920
Matron of the No. 4 Australian General Hospital, Randwick NSW

1920 - 1926
Principal Matron of the Australian Army Nursing Service 2nd Military Base, Sydney

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