## **LOXTON, Hilda Mary**

Hilda Mary Loxton was born on 24th December 1879 at Inverell, N.S.W.

Her parents were married on 18th March 1878 - John Frederick [1849-1923], eldest son of Thomas Loxton, *Claraville*, St Leonards, to Mary Elizabeth [1859-1920], eldest daughter of Bolton Molineaux, of *Glenrock*, St Leonards.**1**

Other children to the couple were:

1881 - Florence Muriel, North Ryde (1881-1941)

1883 - Frederick Ewen, N.S.W. (1883-1976)

1886 - Amy Evelyn Forster, St. Leonards (1886-1958)

1888 - Newton A. F., St. Leonards (1888-1909)**2**

In 1913 Hilda and her sister Amy were both working as nurses at the Children’s Hospital, Camperdown.**3**

In July 1914 Hilda attended a ball at the Beecroft School of Arts.**4**

About this time or a little later her parents lived in Sutherland-road, Beecroft.

She would become associated with the Beecroft Presbyterian Church.

In February 1917 a Roll of Honour board for WW1 volunteers was unveiled there, on which her name is included.5

N**urse Loxton on board No. 2 Australian Hospital ship *Kanowra*, sailed 4th July 1916, off to work in French hospitals.**



Originally volunteering for 12 months overseas service Hilda Loxton served until the end of the war, returning home to Australia aboard HMAT Zealandia on 26 November 1918. She was discharged in Sydney on 10 January 1919.

She served as Sister, Company WO 329, Regiment or Corps: British Committee, French Red Cross, and was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

After the war she moved from place to place, presumably still working as a nurse until retirement:

1927 - Eastwood

1930 - 14 Carlingford-road, Epping

1933 - Narrabeen

1934 - 35 Turramurra

1937 - Gordon

1940 - Epping

1949 - Eastwood

1958 & 1963 - Gordon**6**

Hilda Mary Loxton died in August 1963. She is buried with her mother at the Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde – Congregational Section, Plot 169 (father in plot 170).**7**

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