

# Agnes Kathrine Isambert papers

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**Date** 1902-1916

**Author / Creator**

**Isambert, Agnes Kathrine, 1874-1956**

**Abstract** First World War Diary and photographs of Agnes Kathrine Isambert, Australian Army Nursing Service, November 1914 - February 1916.

**Scope and content** The diary of Nurse Agnes Kathrine Isambert written during her service with the Australian Army Nursing Service from the time of her enlistment, 10 November 1914 and finishing just prior to her deployment on the 'Argyllshire' in February 1916 accompanying wounded soldiers on their return to Australia. Included are three photographs of Agnes, taken c1902, 1914 & 1915.

**System of arrangement** Arranged into 2 series

**Description** 1 diary, digital only; 3 photographs

**Additional format** Digital copies available

**Administrative / Biographical history** Agnes Katherine (Katherina) Isambert was born in Ipswich 7 April 1874. She graduated as a nurse at the General Hospital Brisbane in 1899 and nursed at the Colmslie Plague Hospital, Wattlebrae Infectious Diseases Hospital and St Mary's Hospital Ipswich. She joined the Australian Army Nursing Service in 1904, a reserve service staffed by volunteer civilian nurses who would be available for duty during times of national emergency. In October 1914 Nurse Isambert was selected to join the staff of the 1st Australian General Hospital, raised at Enoggera by Major (Doctor) David Gifford Croll.

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## Series 1: Diary (1914-1916)



**Series number** 1

**Series title** Diary

**Date** 1914-1916

### Scope and content

A digital copy of the diary of Nurse Agnes Kathrine Isambert, written during her service with the Australian Army Nursing Service from the time of her enlistment, 10 November 1914 until her deployment on the hospital ship 'Argyllshire' in February 1916. She departed with the 1st Australian General Hospital contingent from Brisbane on HMAT 'Kyarra', in November 1914, arriving in Egypt in January 1915, where her unit was assigned to set up nursing facilities in the Heliopolis Palace Hotel. Initially they cared for patients from the military camps in Egypt until April 1915 when they received thousands of wounded and dying servicemen evacuated from the Gallipoli Peninsula. [Item 29786/1]

### Author / Creator

Isambert, Agnes Kathrine, 1874-1956

### Description

**Description** 1 diary

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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### Biographical history

Nurse Agnes Katherine Isambert was born in Ipswich in 1876 and graduated from the General Hospital Brisbane in 1902. She nursed at the Walmer Nursing Home, Colmslie Plague Hospital, Wattlebrae Infectious Diseases Hospital and St Mary's Hospital Ipswich, before enlisting age 40, with the Australian Army Nursing Service in November 1914. She nursed in Egypt until February 1916 when she was assigned to the Sea Transport Corps and accompanied returning soldiers to Australia. She was to complete 4 of these voyages, finally being invalided out of the service in 1919. After the war Nurse Isambert continued her work in Brisbane, and resided with family in Red Hill, Brisbane, until her death in June 1956, age 83.

(1 digital)

## Series 2: Photographs (1902-1915)

**Series number** 2

**Series title** Photographs

**Date** 1902-1915

### Scope and content

Photographs relating to the nursing service of Agnes Isambert including during her time serving with the Australian Army Nursing Service, during the First World War.

Description

**Description** 3 photographs

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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Items in this series:

### Nurse Agnes Kathrine Isambert (1902)



**Unit ID** 30894/2

**Date** 1902

#### Scope and content

Colourised copy print of Agnes Kathrine Isambert probably taken after her graduation in 1902. Her uniform includes a red 'tippet' or cape and grey silk bonnet.

## Description

**Description** 1 photograph

**Additional format** Digital copies available

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### Nursing staff, St Mary's Hospital, Ipswich (1910)



**Unit ID** 30894/3

**Date** 1910

**Scope and content**

Nursing staff, including Nurse Agnes Isambert (centre, seated), St Mary's Hospital, Ipswich, c1910.

Description

**Description** 1 photograph

**Additional format** Digital copy available

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**HMAT Kyarra, Pinkenba (November 1914)**



**Unit ID** 30894/4

**Date** November 1914

**Scope and content**

Image taken from Pinkenba Wharf, of Sister-in-Charge, Agnes Isambert holding a bouquet of flowers presented to her by the Governor's wife, as HMAT 'Kyarra' departs for Egypt, November 1914.

## Description

**Description** 1 photograph

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