

From the diary of Gwen Fountain (Mrs Berry), and Matron's register. NFX 34731

1940.

Oct 19.(Sat) 10.30 a.m. From Showground to Queen *Mary*.

20.(Sun) Sailed from Athol Bight.

25.(Fri) Arrived Fremantle.

27.(Sun) Left Fremantle.

Nov 4.(Mon) Arrived Bombay.

8.(Fri) Disembarked.

11.(Tue) Left Bombay on *Takliwa*.

25.(Sun) Arrived El Kantara. Rail to Gaza Ridge.

1941.

Feb 19.(Mon) To Kfar Bilu (Near Rehoveth).

Apr 9.(Wed) By rail to

10.(Thu) Alexandria. Boarded *S.S. Penland*.

12.(Sat) Arrived Greece.

26.(Sat) *S.S. Thurland Castle* to Crete.

29.(Tue) Boarded *S.S. Ionia*.

May 1.(Thu) Arrived Alexandria. Train to Cairo. [By mistake only 10 nurses.]

8.(Thu) Left Cairo by rail.

9.(Fri) To Gaza Ridge.

Jun 15.(Thu) To Kfar Bilu (attached to 2/7 A.G.H.)

Aug 20.(Mon) Rail to Gaza Ridge.

28.(Thu) Left Gaza Ridge.

29.(Fri) Arrived Suez.

Sep 6.(Sat) Boarded *H.S. President Doumer*.

8.(Mon) Arrived Port Sudan.

12.(Fri) Arrived Massawa.

13.(Sat) By road to Gura (Eritrea)

Nov 2.(Sun) (with only half of sisters) to Messawa.

8.(Sat) Sailed on *NZHS Wanganui*.

12.(Wed) Arrived Suez. To El Kantara. (Attached to 2/2 AGH).

1942.

Jan 30.(Fri) To Suez.

31.(Sat) Left Suez on *Mauritania*.

Feb 6.(Fri) Arrived Bombay.

13.(Fri) Left Bombay on H.T. City of Paris.

25.(Wed) Arrived Colombo.

Mar 1.(Sun) Left Colombo.

15.(Sun) Arrived Fremantle.

18.(Wed) Left Fremantle.

24.(Tue) Arrived Adelaide.

Apr 28.(Tue) Left by rail.

30.(Thu) Arrived Sydney.

May 13.(Wed) Attached to 113 AGH until

Jul 30.(Thu) by rail to Armidale.

1943.

Jan 1.(Fri) Left Armidale and embarked on *S.S. Manunda*.

8.(Fri) Arrived Port Moresby.

Oct 21.(Thu) Left Port Moresby by air.

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23.(Sat) Arrived 113 AGH.

1944.

Feb 11.(Fri) By rail to Greta.

Sep 26.(Tue) Left Greta for 102 AGH, Ekibin (Q).

Nov 16.(Thu) Left 102 AGH for 2/5 AGH, Ingleburn. (PTO)

1945.  
Apr 4.(Wed) With 2/5 AGH by H.S. *Manunda* for Morotai.  
? ? ? Left by air.Plane faulty.Landed Jacky Jacky,Cape  
York.Plane to Townsville.  
Nov 18.(Sun) Arrived Sydney. 11 AGH,Herne Bay.  
1946.  
Mar 18.(Mon) Discharged.

Served 2104 days - 929 in Australia,1025 overseas.

\*Left unit at Port Moresby 21 Oct 1943 and returned to  
Australia with mistaken identity problems.Posted missing all  
the time spent in Port Moresby.Took until 16 Nov 1944 to fight  
way back to 2/5 AGH.

Wince,  
after we left you in  
Greece in '41 we were all  
fanned out in different directions  
for rest of war. Thought you  
might like to read this copy  
of what became of me while  
you were guests of the *Stalder*.  
Sincerely,

Guern Bay