

Clara Emily Morehead



Date/Place of Birth: 1889, Luddenham, NSW

Date/Place of Death: 1972, Durban, South Africa

Australian Army Nursing Service

Enlisted: 30 August 1917

Discharged: 20 August 1919

Memorial Details:

- Honour Roll, St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, St Marys
- Honour Roll, St Thomas' Anglican Church, Penrith

Biographical details

Clara Emily Morehead was born in 1889, the daughter of John and Annie Morehead of 'Ferndale' Luddenham. She completed her nursing training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital along with her sister Eva.

Military Service with AANS

Morehead enlisted with the AANS as a staff nurse on 30 August 1917, two years after her sister Ada, and embarked from Melbourne on *HMAT Nestor* on 21 November. Just before she left, the local Luddenham community presented her with a travelling rug as a token of their appreciation. In January 1918, Morehead was sent on duty to the 2nd Australian Auxiliary Hospital in Southall. In February, she was transferred to the 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital in Dartford. On 10 November 1918, Morehead was posted to France to work in the 1st Australian General Hospital. By the end of the year, she was back in England, working in the military hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire. On 8 March 1919, Morehead was suffering from a sore throat and was admitted to hospital. From March until her return to Australia in July with her sister Ada, Morehead completed a course in domestic economy at the Polytechnic in Chelsea. On 28 July 1919, the sisters returned to Australia on the *Bremen*. Morehead was discharged on 20 August. On 29 August they were given a welcome home party at Luddenham.

After her discharge Morehead re-joined Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney and was appointed Sister. She married Tom du Toit in 1923 in Durban, South Africa and resided there until her death in 1972.