# Jeanne Spiers SINCLAIR (1881-1968)

Evening Post 20 May 1915 Nurses for the Front – Thirty leave tomorrow

It is fairly certain that thirty New Zealand nurses will leave for the front by the Sydney boat tomorrow, accommodation having been obtained for that number. The following are the names of those who have been selected to form the first contingent:- (\* = on the Marquette; \*\* = drowned)

22/64 Catherine Gibbons Blackie \* Dunedin Hospital (1910) 22/65 Constance Eliza Brigham Auckland Hospital (1913) 22/66 Marie McNaughton Cameron \* Ovens District, Victoria (1909) Auckland Hospital (1913) 22/67 Clara Cherry 22/68 Mary Louise Christmas Christchurch Hospital (1913) 22/70 Catherine Rose Clark Wellington Hospital (1914) 22/71 Ina Nellie Coster \* Dunedin Hospital (1907) 22/72 Lily Eddy Thames Hospital (1910) 22/69 Florence Gill Gisborne (1911) Christchurch Hospital (1913) 22/74 Mary Eleanor Gould 22/73 Mary Gorman \*\* Wellington (1912) 22/75 Mary Grigor \* Christchurch Hospital (1913) 22/76 Emily Hodges \* Christchurch Hospital (1911) 22/77 Hilda Vercoe Hooker \* Napier Hospital (1913) 22/78 Jessie Euphemia Lewis Waikato Hospital (1914)

22/79 Annie Louisa McLean Dunedin Hospital (1911) 22/80 Edith McLeod \* Masterton Hospital (1911) 22/81 Louisa Campbell McLeod Christchurch Hospital (1910) 22/83 Florence Murray Hokitika Hospital (1909) 22/84 Rose Newdick Waihi Hospital (1908) 22/85 Susan Lucy Nicoll \* Christchurch Hospital (1911) 22/86 Mary O'Connor Blenheim Hospital (1914) 22/82 Elsie Milsted Owen Dunedin Hospital (1913) 22/87 Phoebe Mary Reynolds Auckland Hospital (1905) 22/88 Jeanne Spiers Sinclair \* **New Plymouth Hospital (1912)** 22/89 Ella Myrtle Stokes Christchurch Hospital (1913) 22/90 Florence Valentine Dunedin Hospital (1913) 22/91 Edith Leaf Wilkin \* Dunedin Hospital (1907) 22/92 Mabel Wright \* Invercargill Hospital (1914) 22/93 Elizabeth Buchanan Young \* New Plymouth Hospital (1913)

Miss Bicknell, who is enrolling volunteers from the Nursing Service, and who is also taking the names of nurses who are joining the Nursing Service (to be a member of which is necessary before there can be enlistment for service abroad), is having an extremely busy time. Her office in the old Parliament Buildings has been besieged by a large queue of ladies, and it is evident there is great eagerness and enthusiasm for this class of service. Miss Bicknell recommends to the Defence authorities.

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# Evening Post 22 May 1915 Shipping - Departures

May 22 – Marama, s.s. (3.15 a.m.), 6487 tons, Aldwell, for Sydney direct. Passengers: Saloon – Misses Wooland, Gloss, Brown, Russell, Gray, Howes, Mitchell, E. Lowney, Turner, Charles, Haines, Wood, M. Park, Tabor, Pearson, Varnham, O. W. Perry, Richardson, Ritchie, L. Radford, J. Oakley-Browne, Finch, Grainger, A. and S. Nathan, Clements, Jackson (2), Warren, Needham, Weatherall

- **Nurses:** M. Gorman, C. Clark, McLeod, M. Cameron, E. McLeod, F. Murray, S. Nicoll, C. Blackie, I. Coster, R. Brigham, P. Reynolds, M. O'Connor, M. Wright, H. Hooker, M. Gould, E. Wilkin, L. Eddy, N. Christmas, E. Hodges, J. Lewis, E. Owen, E. Young, R. Newdick, C. Cherrie, M. Engor, E. Stokes, A. McLean, **J. Sinclair**, P. Humphries, F. Valetine, Florence Gill

Mesdames O'Burney, Halse, Smith, James, Marr, Chase, Crey, J. Connolly, A. J. White, John Duncan, Aldwell and 2 children, Nicholson, C. Mirams, Nowach and child, Finch, Henderson, Grainger, Walter Nathan, J. Whelans, Rolleston, Field, Jackson, Haines and infant, Deeble Rylett, Longton, Perrie, Edgar, Lieut-Col. McGavin, Revs J. Peoples, T. Carrick, O'Shea, Father O'Reiley, Dr Nicholson, Major Wylie, Captains Leahy, Marchant, Stout, F. Hurst, Messrs J. H. Mansen, J. C. Morrell, Hopwood, Hobbs, C. Isaacs, A. J. White, J. V. Ritchie, J. D. Campbell, John Duncan, A. Kaye, Duthie, E. W. Cardale, J. Connolly, Charles Grey, James, Marr, C. H. Mirams, Nowack, C. F. Mitchell, Walter Nathan, P. H. Nathan, Pontey, Prevost, Mandeno, Jackson, Gaudin, D. Bowen, Gotlip, Field, Sutherland, Cameron, Evans, Managh, Deeble, Maule.

# Evening Post 18 January 1916 Returning Home - Sick and Wounded - The Willochra's List

Following are the names and occupations of sick and wounded New Zealand soldiers returning by the Willochra due at Port Chalmers on the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> instant:- ... NZ Army Nursing Service

22/11	Kate Evelyn Wright	(nurse)
22/77	Hilda Vercoe Hooker	(theatre sister)
22/88	Jeanne Spiers Sinclair	(private nursing)
22/110	Ann Duncan Campbell	(hospital matron)
22/126	Mary Eleanor Hobbs	(nurse)
22/148	Cecilia May Morris	(private nursing)
22/157	Alice Lizzie Philpotts	(private nursing)
22/172	Ada Jessie Whitta	(nurse)
22/191	Mabel Alice Jessep	(nurse)
22/193	Alice Vera Keith	(nurse)

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Nurse Sinclair, who recently returned from Egypt, arrived in New Plymouth on Saturday evening.

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### Opunake Times 17 Mar 1916 Valedictory to Mesdames Knell & Greig - Garden Party

The Revs R. Welsh and R. P. Tinsley and Mesdames Greig and Knell were the honoured guests of the Egmont Nursing Association, at a garden party in Mr Rogers' grounds on Thursday afternoon. There was a good attendance present. The Rev O. M. Stent, in a suitable speech, spoke of the loss to the association by the departure of their guests. The secretary, Mr MacReynolds, in a characteristic speech tendered his best thanks to his fellow workers. He referred to the Association chairman (Rev Mr Welsh) as the flower of the Presbyterian ministers he had met. The Revs E. Welsh, R. P. Tinsley and Mesdames Knell and Greig suitably replied. Afternoon tea and free and easy conversation passed a pleasant afternoon. Nurse Sinclair, who, it will be remembered, was rescued from a torpedoed troopship in the Aegean sea, was present and gave her interesting reminiscences. Mesdames Welsh, Greig and Knell was entertained by the Croquet Club to a farewell tea on the Croquet lawn on Thursday afternoon.

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With the money subscribed for a Nurses' Fund Mrs Burgess was able to present Nurse Sinclair with a travelling rug, an article of which she happened to stand in need and which was greatly appreciated. Nurse Sinclair leaves for Wellington on Monday en route for the front again to resume nursing among the wounded soldiers. The subscribers to the fund will therefore be glad to know that their donations were made good use of.

### Stratford Evening Post 20 Mar 1916 Personal

Nurses Sinclair and Stronach passed through Stratford by the mail train this morning. Nurse Sinclair, whose furlough has expired, returns to the front, while Nurse Stronach reports again on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Hawera & Normanby Star 20 Mar 1916 Personal Items

Nurse Jeanne Sinclair, one of the survivors of the Marquette disaster, who has been on sick leave visiting friends and relations in Taranaki, returned to Wellington by the express train this morning.

#### New Zealand Times 21 Mar 1916 Notes For Women

Nurse Jeanne Sinclair, who recently returned from Egypt on furlough, has been visiting Miss Godfrey in New Plymouth. She returned to Wellington yesterday, and hopes to return shortly to the front.

# Hawera and Normanby Star 22 May 1916 Local and General News

The following is an extract from the letter of an Englishman, one of the Marquette crew, to his sister, who is employed at the Hawera Hospital: "Do you happen to know a Nurse Sinclair, who was with the NZ R.A.M.C.? She was one of the survivors, and happened to be floating about with the same wreckage as myself. You can tell anyone that knows her that she is a plucky girl, and was the means of keeping the hearts up in a good many, while the hourse went by, and there was no sign of a vessel near, and the possibility of being picked up was very remote. She sang and shouted all sorts of lively things to one and the other. I have no doubt that (her people, and all who know her) would be pleased to hear about her, and she deserves a word of praise from everybody. I last saw her with the regimental survivors in Salonika."

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Taranaki Herald 03 Jun 1916 Ladies' Column Miss Jean Sinclair left with the 13<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements.

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