

# Carrie de Groot (1892 - 1922)

**Exposure to illness and disease was one of the perils of war service. Carrie de Groot is one of the nurses whose life appears to have been foreshortened as a result**



Carrie was born in Benalla and educated at the Convent of Mercy school in Kyneton. She enlisted soon after completion of her training at St Vincent's Hospital.

Arriving in India in "good health", she began to feel unwell some nine months later. She was admitted to the Sisters' Hospital in Colaba, India in July and again in September 1918 and was invalided home in December. A medical report prepared in February 1919 listed the medical conditions arising from her service in India as malaria, pleurisy and tuberculosis. The details of that report indicate ongoing damage to her lungs.

Post war Carrie was fit enough to work for a time at the Jerilderie District Hospital in NSW. She succumbed to tuberculosis at her sister's home in Dandenong in October 1922 at 30 years of age.

Tragically, the family had already lost her brother, farmer Ray de Groot. He had served in France from 1915 and was confirmed as killed in action in October 1918, just a month before the end of hostilities, at only 21 years of age.

**Service summary:** 5 AGH (St Kilda Road, Melbourne); Colaba War Hospital (Bombay, India); invalided home.

**Graduated SVHM:** 1917

**Enlisted:** 1917

**Final rank:** Staff Nurse

**Medals:** British War Medal

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