

Stories from the Archives: One of ours who served in World War I

MYRIL LLOYD (née BOWMAN) was PLC Sydney student who served in World War I. A boarder from near Gulgong, she attended our College from 1901 to 1904 and was School Captain in her final year.

Myril was a graduate of the University of Sydney and is one of the alumni featured in an University exhibition on *Stories of War from the University Collections*.* The exhibition tells about her war work:

Myril Bowman graduated from the University of Sydney with a BA (1908) and MA (1910) and from 1915-16 undertook a one year diploma in massage at the University. Myril made her own way to Europe via Vancouver and New York and in London she joined the Almeric Paget Massage Corps. (The Corps was privately set up by Mr and Mrs Almeric Paget at the outbreak of the war to work with the wounded in the UK and provide relief for military hospitals. Their generous offer was accepted by the Medical Authorities of the War Office. The Australian Imperial Force (AIF) however, was reluctant to accept masseuses and when they did, paid women less than men!) Myril worked as a masseuse in Leeds and Brockenhurst in England until Christmas 1918.

*The exhibition continues until 2 October 2015 and is location in the Exhibition Space, Level 2, Fisher Library, University of Sydney.



Myril Bowman,
PLC student 1901-1904



Part of the *Stories of War* exhibition
at the University of Sydney