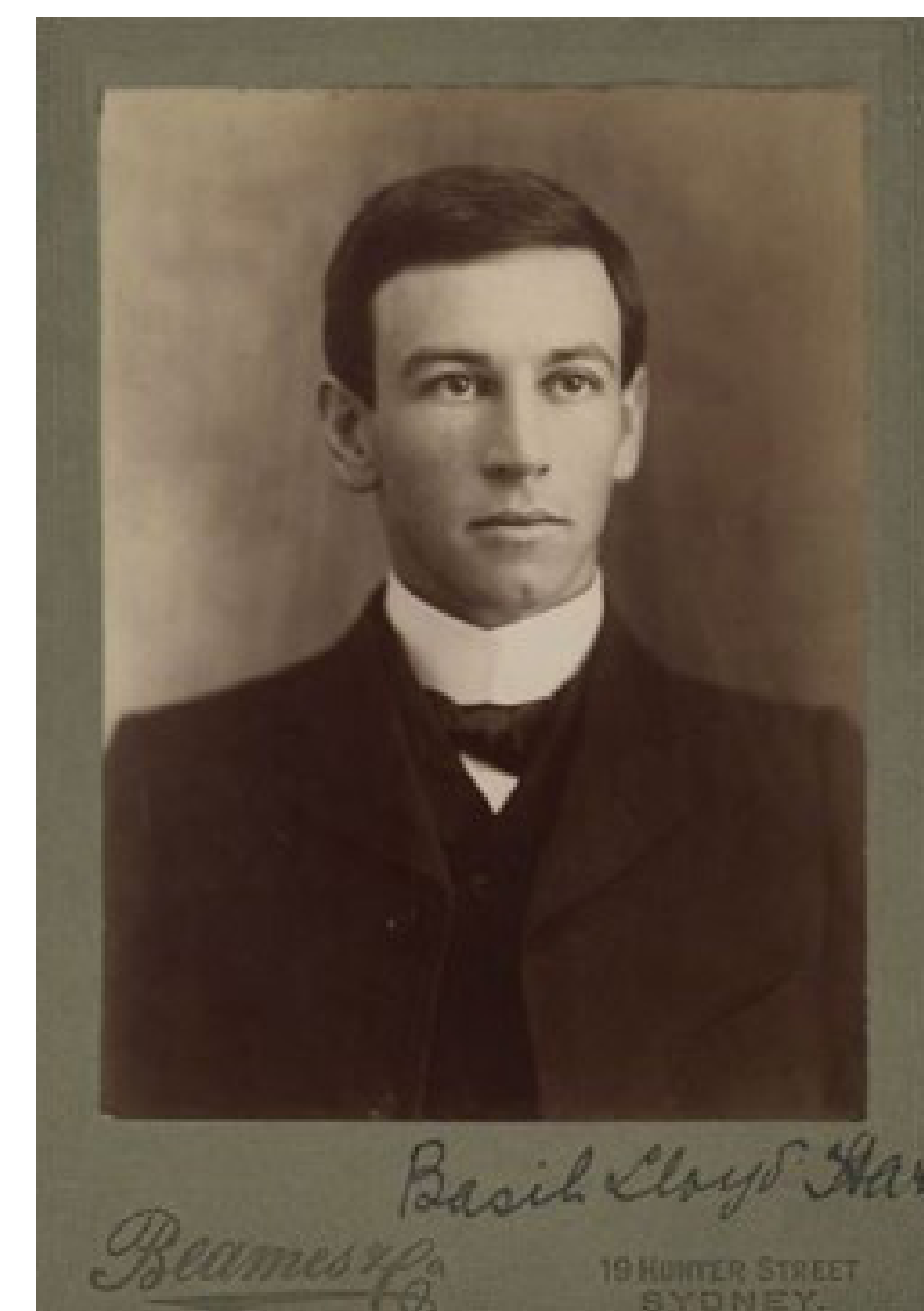


Ipswich Hospital's Great War Doctors

Dr. Edward Elmslie BROWN

- ▶ 5 February 1880 Born Scotland.
- ▶ Served as a Ship's Surgeon on two round the world voyages before arriving in Ipswich in 1909.
- ▶ He was a highly respected Surgeon, competent Businessman (Chairman Ipswich Woolen Company), a conscientious Churchman, and a valuable citizen (Chairman Ipswich Ambulance Committee for several years).
- ▶ 31 August 1916 Enlisted promoted to Major (prior to this he was Captain in Australian Army Medical Corps Reserve).
- ▶ 2 September 1916 Involvement Major 14th Australian General Hospital.
- ▶ 2 September 1916 Embarked Major 14th Australian General Hospital, RMS Kashgar, Sydney.
- ▶ Served at 14th Australian General Hospital, Abbassia, Cairo, Egypt and subsequently promoted to Lieut. Colonel.
- ▶ Prior to discharge undertook Postgraduate studies in Gynaecology in London in 1919 under AIF Educational Scheme.
- ▶ 27 January 1920 Discharged and returned to practice at the Oakdale Hospital in Ipswich, which is today the QCWA Girl's Hostel.
- ▶ Passed away aged 61 years at his residence.



Dr. Basil Lloyd HART

- ▶ 17 February 1877 born Brisbane, Queensland.
- ▶ 1901 Graduated University of Sydney M.B., B.Ch.
- ▶ 19 February 1918, Enlisted in Australian Army Medical Corps.
- ▶ 17 July 1918, Involvement Captain, Medical Officers.
- ▶ 17 July 1918, Embarked Captain, Medical Officers, HMAT Borda, Sydney.
- ▶ 15 October 1918, Posted 3rd Australian General Hospital, Abbeville, France, 2nd Field Ambulance.
- ▶ 24 November 1919, Appointment terminated on return to Australia.
- ▶ Returned to Ipswich, Queensland. As a well-respected G.P. and his memory persists in the naming of the Basil Hart Ward at St. Andrews Ipswich Private Hospital, where he was one of the original founders.



FAST FACT

Doctor Brown founded the Oakdale Private Hospital in Ipswich which today is the Queensland Country Women's Association Girl's Hostel.



FAST FACT

St. Andrews Ipswich Private Hospital have a ward named after Doctor Hart –Basil Hart Ward.

Dr. Roderick MacDONALD

- ▶ 23 October 1861 Born Bembecula, Outer Hebrides, Scotland.
- ▶ Graduated University of Glasgow Bachelor of Medicine, Master in Surgery.
- ▶ Served as Medical Officer on a troopship conveying British Soldiers to the Zulu War prior to coming to Australia.
- ▶ 1897 Moved to Ipswich, Queensland taking over the Practice of Dr Lightholler.
- ▶ Prior to enlistment served 17 years as a Major in the Australian Army Medical Corps.
- ▶ 2 October 1914 Enlistment Major, Australian Army Medical Corps.
- ▶ 21 November 1914 Involvement Major 1st Australian General Hospital.
- ▶ 21 November 1914 Embarked Major 1st Australian General Hospital, HMAT Kyarra, Brisbane.
- ▶ Posted 2nd Stationary Hospital, Tel-El-Kebir.
- ▶ 25 February 1916 Promoted to Lieut. Colonel.
- ▶ 16 April 1917 Posted as Commanding Officer 14th General Field Hospital, Abassia, Cairo, Egypt.
- ▶ 6 July 1917 Mentioned in Despatches.
- ▶ 10 January 1918 served on the Troopship caring for repatriated soldiers returning to Australia.
- ▶ When the Second World War was declared in 1939, he attempted to enlist again but was advised "you are well into your 70's, you are far too old". The old Scot would not be fobbed off and he was eventually given a posting at Redbank Camp examining army recruits.
- ▶ Not long after he attended a dinner in the Officer's Mess one night, he keeled over and died. At least he had the satisfaction of being involved in 3 wars.



FAST FACT

Doctor MacDonald attempted to enlist in the Second World War at the age of 78 and was told he was far too old. He persisted and eventually was given a posting at Redbank Camp examining army recruits.

