

Manchester's Military Hospitals

During the First World War, Manchester contained between thirty and forty war hospitals including the 2nd Western General Hospital and the Nell Lane Military Hospital for prisoners of war. Several schools were turned over to be used as hospitals, including the brand new Heald Place School. 59 special 'ambulance trains' were built to transport wounded soldiers from Southampton north to the newly created hospitals in a journey lasting approximately 7 hours. Each train had bunks in tiers, a small operating theatre and dispensary. Many troops from the Dominions (Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa) were treated at the military hospitals in Manchester, including Buckam Singh. The Southern Cemetery contains a Screen Wall bearing the names of those who died and were buried there.



The name, rank, service number and other details of Dominion troops can be found on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission site:

www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead

For a detailed description of the role of military hospitals in Rusholme see:

<http://rusholmearchive.org/rusholme-military-hospitals-1914-1918>

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