



Nursing Sister Clare Deacon - First World War

Nursing Sister Clare Deacon was born at Pipers River in March 1891. She completed her nursing training at the Royal Hobart Hospital and enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force's Nursing Service on 29 November 1914. While serving at the 2nd Casualty Clearing station at Trois Arbes near Armentières, Sister Deacon helped patients flee to safety after their building was destroyed in a German bombing raid.

She was awarded the Military Medal for her bravery under fire, one of the first Military Medals awarded to members of the Australian Army Nursing Services.