

Dr Anna Bridget Broman (1891- 1962)

Anna was the daughter of Adolf Allan Werner Broman, a medical gymnast and Ida Fredrika Charlotta Bergman. She was born in Hampstead and attended a London day school.

Anna qualified as a medical gymnast at college in 1911 and in October 1913 she matriculated at the London Medical School for Women. She completed her training as a doctor: MRCS Eng. and LRCP London, (London School of Medicine for Women and St Mary's, Paddington.) in 1919. Towards the end of WWI she worked in hospitals in Belgium and France.

Anna became the Senior Clinical Assistant at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, and Clinical Assistant at the British Red Cross Hospital for Rheumatism. At one stage she was the Medical Officer of the Physiotherapy Department at the South London Hospital for Women.

In 1930 Anna was the author of an article, 'Remedial Treatment of Scoliosis', published in the *British Journal of Physiotherapy*. By 1936 she became Medical Officer for Dartford College and responsible for overseeing the Clinic and student health. She valiantly visited the college, even when it was evacuated to Cornwall once or twice a month. Her memories of her time at college and of her aunt, Madame Bergman Österberg, provide a valuable insight into life at Dartford. Anna died at the Elizabeth Garret Anderson hospital in February 1962.

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