

**C DIJT      Diary of an unknown nurse from Hull who served during the 'The Battle of Madagascar' fought during the Second World War. Apr 1942-May 1942**

**Accession number:** 18/08

**Historical Background:** 'The Battle of Madagascar' took place between 5 May 1942 – 6 Nov 1942 and resulted in an allied victory. It involved 10,000–15,000 soldiers. Basically it was a British campaign to capture Vichy French-controlled Madagascar during World War II. The seizure of the island by the British was to deny Madagascar's ports to the Imperial Japanese Navy and to prevent the loss or impairment of the Allied shipping line. It began with Operation Ironclad, the seizure of the port of Diego Suarez near the northern tip of the island, on 5 May 1942.

**Custodial history:** This diary was found in a skip in Hull by Jade Newton during 2017

**Description:** Copies made in 2017 from a souvenir photograph album, dated 30 June 1901

**Extent:** 1 item

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DIJT/1	Diary of an unknown nurse from Hull who travelled to South Africa and then on to Madagascar where she served on a hospital ship and on dry land whilst the 'The Battle of Madagascar' was fought during the Second World War.1 item The diary gives details of daily events during Apr/May 1942 in South Africa and Madagascar including, prisoners of war, injuries attended etc 1 item	22 Apr 1942- 29 May 1942
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