RPA from the sky, 1927-84

This is the first aerial photograph taken of the RPA Campus. A copy of the photograph is in the Museum Collection with the caption, “A New Aerial View of the Hospital. Taken by Lieut. Sutherland AFC who made the flight when the photograph was taken prior to the accident when his neck was broken.”

It was on the cover of the RPA Gazette for about 10 years until the Herbert Ross Memorial Window became the cover image until 1969.

(the Museum will research to find out more about Lieutenant Sutherland.)
Aerial photograph, early 1930s

Anderson Stuart Theatres, added to the top of D Block. They opened in 1928 and were demolished in the early 1980s.

Two copies of a black and white photograph of the RPA Hospital taken in the early 1930s. It is taken from the northwest. The fourth floor of D Block - the Anderson Stuart Theatres - is clearly present. The photograph was published in 1932 with the caption, 'An aerial view of the Hospital from the northwest, not previously published.' (2014.2165)
From the west, 1931

Copy of a black and white photograph of RPA taken from the west, originally published in the Gazette (April 20, 1931). The caption reads, 'A new photo, from the air, showing the Missenden Road frontage of the Hospital, which appeared in 'Sydney Mail' and by the kind permission of the photographer, Dr G Hamilton of Macquarie Street, is here reproduced.'

The photograph shows the completed AS Theatres on the roof of D Block, opened in 1928. 2014.2159
From the northwest, ca 1932

Sepia copy of an aerial photograph of the RPA Campus. It shows the fourth-floor extension of D Block - the Anderson Stuart Theatres. It also shows 'Tin Pot Alley', which later became Johns Hopkins Drive. The Boutique is not present. It looks like construction of the Rockefeller/Blackburn/Medical Building at the University of Sydney has began (left side of the photograph). This building opened in 1933. There is a flat-roofed building behind A Block (more research is needed). 2014.2166

Tin Pot Alley, now called Johns Hopkins Drive
From the north, 1940

Copy of a black and white photograph, probably originally published in the RPA Gazette. It shows the RPA campus from the north. The 1936 Nurses' Home is in the foreground. The viaduct to the Medical School of the University of Sydney is also clearly visible. 2014.2060

Gloucester House

Blackburn Building, University of Sydney

1936 Nurses' Home, demolished, 1990s
From the west, 1955

Black and white photograph of the RPA campus taken from the west. The grounds of the university are in the background. The Queen Mary Building is under construction in this photograph and the steel frame is clearly visible. 2014.2095
From the northwest, 1960

Original sepia photograph of the RPA Campus taken from the northwest. The recently completed Queen Mary Building is shown on the right. The Page Chest Pavilion and Medical Centre, both of which opened in the late 1950s are also present. The huts along Johns Hopkins Drive are clearly shown. The Blackburn Pavilion, on the eastern boundary, can be seen under construction. It opened in 1962. 2014.2162
From the east, 1978

Two original black and white photographs and one original sepia photograph of the RPA campus taken in about 1978. The large area cleared at the rear of the Administration Block is evident. The site was cleared in preparation for the construction of E Block. The back half of the Admin Block, the Kitchen Block and the Princes Block were demolished. C and D Block too, were later town down. 2014.2163
From the north, 1984

Two original full-colour photographs of the RPA Campus taken from the north. The Queen Mary Nurses' Home in the foreground and Botany Bay can be seen in the background. The redirection of Carillon/Salisbury is seen. The rest of the buildings behind the KGV Building have been torn down and parking lot has been extended. C and D Blocks are gone.