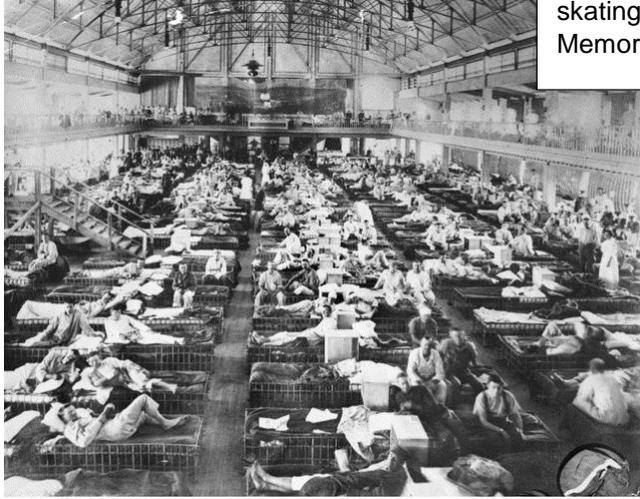


Would you rather have worked as a nurse in the Middle East, OR on the Western Front during World War One?

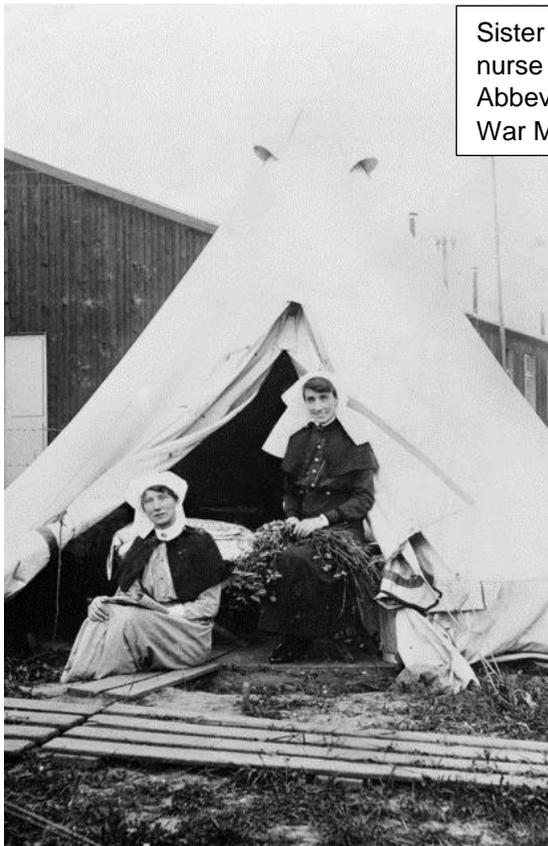


Casualties from Gallipoli in the former skating rink in Cairo, Australian War Memorial H18510.

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You can read more about the lives of nurses during World War One in this article by the Australian War Memorial: <https://www.awm.gov.au/visit/exhibitions/nurses/ww1>



Sister Morrice (right) with another nurse outside their tent at 3AGH in Abbeville, France, c. 1917, Australian War Memorial H16063.

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The Virtual War Memorial documents the lives of all who have served, including nurses. You can read about nurses such as Florence Agnes Manning on our site. Follow the link on Florence's page to read her Service Record. You can also follow a link to see an image of Florence's photo album from the Recollections of War museum.

<https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/263286>

Nurse Alicia Mary Kelly served in both Egypt and on the Western Front. You can read about her experiences here: <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/363610>

Follow the links on Nurse Kelly's page to read about her bravery under fire.

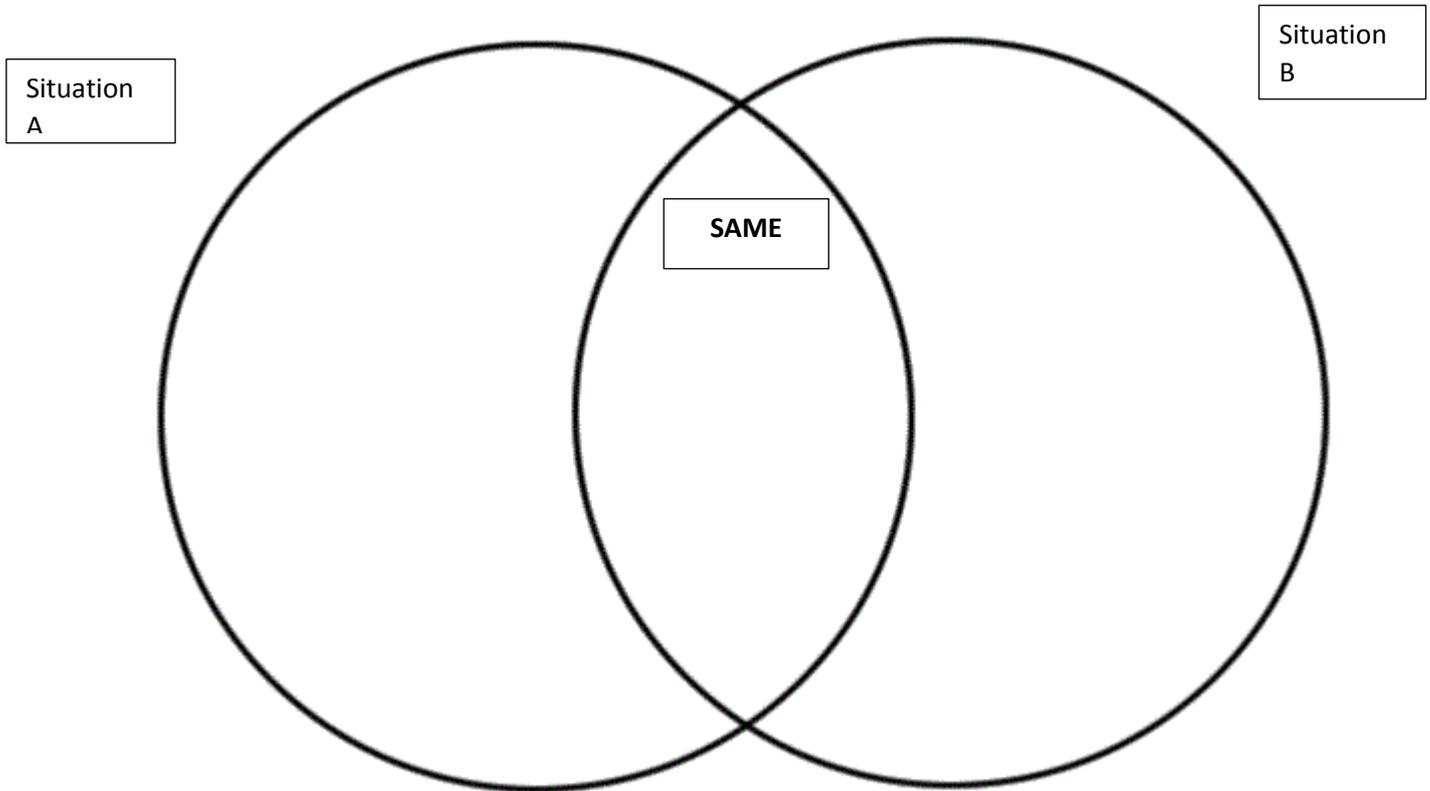
You can read her service record or a summary of her experiences via the link to the Dictionary of Biography.

She was one of only a small number of Australian nurses to win the Military Medal, awarded for gallantry under fire.

You may want to watch this documentary, *Australians on the Western Front*. In it, we hear from five Australians who lived through World War One.

<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/history/special-features/veterans-stories/australians-western-front>

Would you rather have fought with the Anzac Mounted Division, the Light Horse Brigade and the Imperial Camel Corps Brigade during the Sinai and Palestine Campaigns of the First World War OR with the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) on the Western Front in France and Belgium?



Things to consider before you make your choice:

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| -climate/weather | -weapons used |
| -casualty rate | -food/rations |
| -numbers killed/chance of surviving | -conditions if taken prisoner |
| -availability of medical care if wounded/ill | -work required of you |
| -opportunities to take leave | -terrain/landscape |

Other considerations?

"We had to advance a little and build up small stone sangars about a foot high and lie there all night. Nothing much happened except more rain and more cold and less sleep. All next day we stayed behind the little cover the stones offered and fought a duel with rifles and MGs. We got the hottest fire I'd ever experienced. The lumps of lead sang and buzzed and hissed all day without ceasing. One of my good friends was killed, a sergeant from Rose Bay and we had other casualties. A Hun put some holes through the shoulder of my overcoat, but did not harm the wearer. They were trying to get round our left, and we had to keep them off. We stopped there again that night and by this time we were in a pretty bad state as the cold prevented sleep and tucker was running out."

Sergeant Byron 'Jack' Baly, 7th Light Horse Regiment, Amman Campaign.
Quoted in Baly, Lindsay (2003). *Horseman, Pass By: The Australian Light Horse in World War I*. East Roseville, Sydney: Simon & Schuster, p. 189.