

# Sister Alice Kitchin

Australian Army Nursing Service nurses attended to an endless stream of sick and wounded soldiers, often in terrible conditions, without the aid of modern medicines such as antibiotics.

Sister Alice Kitchin, whose mother lived in Brunswick, trained as a nurse at Melbourne Hospital (now the Royal Melbourne Hospital) and enlisted in September 1914. Alice was a foundation member of the Australian Army Nursing Service Reserve in Victoria.

She was not prepared for the extent of death and the severity of wounds she faced when nursing casualties of Gallipoli. On 3 May 1915, not long after the Anzac landing, she wrote: *It is all too dreadful and every day we hear of someone we knew being killed or wounded.*

Alice also served in France, where she nursed wounded men on the Western Front. She returned to Australia in 1919, and moved to Edithvale in the 1930s.



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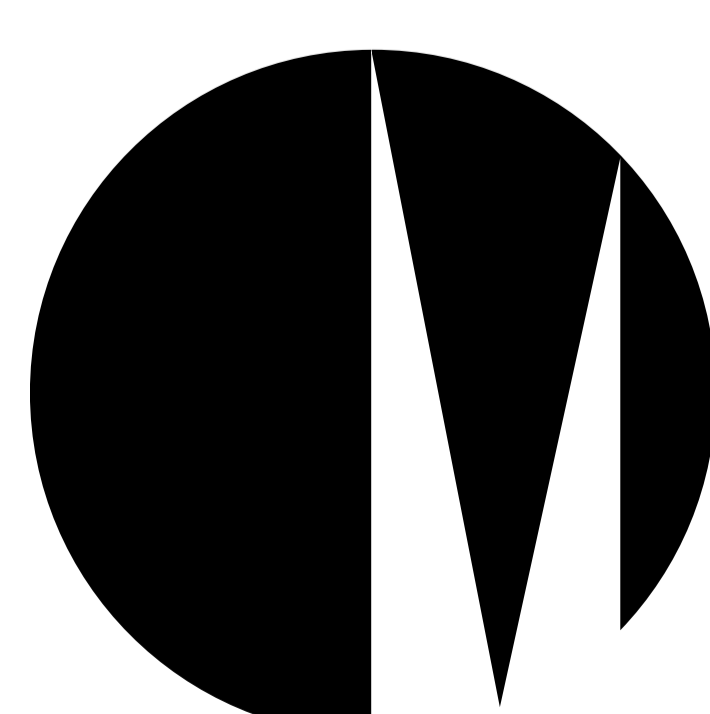
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Image 1.  
Alice Kitchin with wounded soldiers, 1918  
Source: State Library of Victoria, MS9627/PHO2.

Image 2.  
Gallipoli patients in former Heliopolis Palace Hotel, Egypt, c 1915.  
Source: Australian War Memorial, H18510

Image 3.  
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