

BEYOND THE CALL



The continuing story of exceptional individuals going beyond the call of routine nursing and putting their lives at risk. From Florence Nightingale, through the forgotten history of the Voluntary Aid Detachment, and on to tomorrow's front line and the Bursary Buddy Award Scheme.

LIVE PRESENTATION WITH SLIDES & COSTUMED ACTOR SUPPORT
(running time 60 minutes)

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A live presentation, on your premises, of anecdotes, brief history, letters, poems, diaries and bulletins, using words, pictures and live theatre.

It includes the extraordinary story of the Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD), largely naive shire girls and vicars' daughters who'd never done a day's work and couldn't even boil an egg. A jolly jape to dress up and become a volunteer nurse turned into the surreal world of mud, blood, lice and mustard gas, a million miles from the Edwardian drawing-room charades they left behind forever.

Above all, though, it is the story of quiet, understated heroism, dogged determination in the midst of impossible odds, and the doughty British character hopefully still glimmering somewhere in the darkness, like Florence Nightingale's famous lantern.

The Nursing Memorial Appeal (registered charity number 1150276) was inspired by the memory of the VAD, but actually embraced all nurses who gave their lives in both World Wars. The Appeal managed to raise £90,000

for a permanent memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum, which was dedicated by our Royal Patron, now HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh GCVO, on 4 June 2018.

The living legacy of the Nursing Memorial Appeal is to continue raising funds to support today's students with a passion for training and research in conflict and humanitarian nursing. Your support will contribute to a permanent link between yesterday's heroes and tomorrow's savers of lives.



*Medical training exercises at Warcop, Cumbria
Courtesy of the Army Medical Services*