

## Nurses in art

Since the beginning of the 20th century, military nurses have been represented, at work and at rest, by many different artists: from quick sketches completed by recovering soldiers, to detailed works by official war artists.

Examine the following works of art.



Frank Crozier, *Nurse and patient, 3rd Australian CCS France* (c. 1918, oil on wood panel, 23.8 x 27.4 cm)  
ART13338

George Coates, *First Australian wounded at Gallipoli arriving at Wandsworth Hospital, London* (1921, oil on canvas, 154.5 x 128 cm)  
ART00200



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George Lambert, *Balcony of troopers' ward, 14th Australian General Hospital, Abbassia* (1919, oil and pencil on wood panel, 32 x 45.6 cm) ART02815



Bruce Fletcher, *Medical evacuation, 2nd Field Ambulance, Vung Tau, Vietnam 1967* (1967, oil on canvas on hardboard, 39.2 x 49.4 cm) ART40580

Ivor Francis, *Energy of war 1940* (1940, oil on canvas on cardboard canvas, 44.2 x 34.2 cm) ART28831



Laurence Howie, *Interior of ward, 3rd Australian General Hospital, Abbeville France* (1919, watercolour with pencil on paper, 25.8 x 47.2 cm) ART93081

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### **Activities**

- 1) How are nurses represented in each of the above images? What are they doing?
- 2) Where have these works been produced? How can the location and period be seen in the work? (Look at caption information, environment, and uniforms, for example.)

### **Research**

Research ONE of the artists whose work is shown above: Frank Crozier, George Coates, George Lambert, Bruce Fletcher, Ivor Francis or Laurence Howie.

What is their story/background? Which war did they depict?

### **Create**

Examine the quotes by nurses in the section “What was it like in the First World War?” Paint or draw a scene showing one nurse’s experiences. Be sure to dress your figures in the correct uniforms (see the section “Nurses’ uniforms and activities”).