

Examine the Source

Select **one** of the Australian nurses below and use the National Archives of Australia website www.naa.gov.au to find their service records.

Boer War

Matron Ellen Julia 'Nellie' Gould

First World War

Staff Nurse Pearl Corkhill

Staff Nurse Carrie de Groot

Sister Ella Jane Tucker

Sister Mabel (May) Tilton

Sister Jessie Millicent Tomlins

Sister Evelyn Augusta Conyers

Second World War

Sister Myrle Moston

Sister Ellen Savage

Sister Janet Patteson Gunther

Captain Kathleen Parker

Lieutenant Daisy Cardin Keast

Post-Second World War

Sister Ethel Jessie Bowe

Sister Barbara Frances Black

Answer the following questions for your chosen nurse:

1. Find and examine the individual's enlistment form.
 - Is this a primary or secondary source?
 - When was it completed?
 - What was the purpose of this document?
 - What information can you gather about this individual from their enlistment form?
 - Would the same information be necessary in enlistment papers today? Why/why not?

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2. What other forms or documents are included in their service record?

What information can you gather about your nurse from these other documents? For example, what do they tell you about their health, death and service awards?

3. Use the information from these sources to write, in 500 words the individual's biography. Include details of when they were born, where they came from, their family, which service they joined, where they served, what happened to them during their service, and whether they were injured or killed. You may also wish to search the Memorial's website for more information:

www.awm.gov.au

Tell the story of your nurse to the class. You may wish to show some of the documents or images from the Australian War Memorial and National Archive websites.

Write a report evaluating the reliability of these documents. Is it useful in telling the person's story? Use the documents as evidence in your report.