WHAT DID WOMEN IN WALES DO DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR?
IN NURSING

Memorial to **Ella Richards,** VAD, in Capel Soar, Lampeter. She served in France and Salonika, where she died of pneumonia. She was 31 years old.

Gertrude Madley *(born 1892),* a former tinplate factory worker in Llanelli, trained as a nurse and joined QAIMNS in 1916. She served in Malta and France, where this photograph was taken in 1919.

Ebbw Vale Red Cross Detachment in November 1914.

The army nursing service, *Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service* (QAIMNS), was formed in **1902.** All its members were trained, qualified nurses. There were also voluntary nurses known as VADs. They were trained by the Red Cross. Thousands of girls and young women became VADs during the War. Many worked close to home, but others were sent abroad, mainly to France, but also to Egypt, Salonika and even India.

GERTRUDE ROSEWARNE *(born 1893),* served as a VAD from October 1914 to August 1918. She worked in Abergavenny and Ebbw Vale.

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