ALICE, ELEANOR & MARY GALLIN
three sisters

Annie Kelly (nee Gallin) operated Elmore Trained Nurses Home at 1101 Hoddle Street, East Melbourne, where the Gallin sisters lived before the war, *(EMHS)*

Alice, Eleanor and Mary Gallin were three sisters who enlisted in the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS), Alice and Eleanor in 1915 and Mary in 1917

Brought up near Bendigo in a family of seven daughters and one son born to Patrick Gallin (railway line repairer) and his wife Mary (railway gatekeeper)

Followed their eldest sister into nursing training at the Melbourne Hospital in the early 1900s

Lived before the war at Elmore, 1101 Hoddle Street, East Melbourne, a Trained Nurses Home run by another sister, Mrs Annie Kelly (nee Gallin).

Alice

Left Melbourne in May 1915, aged 40; served in Egypt nursing troops wounded and ill from the Dardanelles campaign, then on the Western Front where she worked in surgical hospitals and casualty clearing stations

Hospitalised with anaemia, weight loss, measles and respiratory illness

Returned to Australia on transport duty in 1917, then served in India for the duration of the war

Nursed invalided and incapacitated soldiers at 11 Australian General Hospital, Caulfield after the war; lived for a time at 14 Powlett Street, East Melbourne

Died in Sandringham in 1966, aged 90.

Eleanor

Left Australia in August 1915, aged 42; served with her sister Alice in Egypt

Hospitalised with scarlet fever in 1916; was sent to India where she nursed troops with malaria

Transferred to England, then to the Western Front where her hospital treated waves of bomb blast and gas casualties, sometimes under air raid attack and in bitter winter cold

Joined by her sister Mary in 1918; both nursed through the influenza epidemic which claimed the lives of many of their patients

Returned to Australia in 1919, lived with Mary in rooms at Collins Place, Melbourne and continued nursing

Died in 1950 in East Melbourne, aged 78.

Mary

Enlisted during Alice's temporary return to Australia in 1917

Declared her age to be 45, not 48, to avoid AANS age restrictions

Served in England, then in northern France in the same hospital as her sister Eleanor

Nursed wounded Australian troops in England again before returning to Australia in 1919

Lived with her sister Eleanor in rooms at Collins Place in the city and continued nursing

Died in 1940 in Melbourne, aged 75.

Alice Gallin, pictured in *Table Talk*, (27.5.1915)

Alice and Eleanor Gallin nursed at 1AGH which was set up in the Heliopolis Palace Hotel, Cairo, 1915, *(AWM H16957)*

Alice Gallin (2nd row front, 5th from left), with nurses from 1 AGH, Cairo, 1915, *(AWM P00173.001)*

Eleanor Gallin (mid row, 2nd left) served in France with 2AGH in 1918, *(AWM E02112)*

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