

Midwest Nursing History Research Center

"THESE ARE MEN WHOSE MINDS THE DEAD HAVE RAVISHED"

NURSING MEN WITH 'SHELLSHOCK' DURING THE FIRST WORLD
WAR



Nurses during the First World War were expected to deal with both physical and psychological trauma and suffering. Historian Christine Hallett, however, in her work on First World War Nursing, drew attention to the invisibility of nurses in accounts of what she terms the 'emotional containment' side of their work. Famous doctors are frequently discussed in accounts of the treatment of mental disorders such as shellshock, but much less is known about the nurses who worked alongside them and were expected to provide an environment which would promote and aid recovery. This presentation aims to explore the role of nurses during the First World War in the treatment of the psychological trauma that was experienced by many soldiers.



Dr. Claire Chatterton has worked as an adult and mental health nurse in the UK and is now an Associate Head of School at the Open University. She is also a visiting Professor at the Universities of Chester and Chichester in England. She has a longstanding interest in the history of nursing and healthcare and was awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Nursing for her contribution to nursing history. She is a longstanding and active member of the American Association for the History of Nursing and was a recipient of the Agnes Dillon Randolph Award for distinguished contributions by a scholar of nursing history from the University of Virginia.

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