



Edith Cavell

1865 - 1915

Edith Cavell was a British nurse, who worked in Germany, during the First World War. She helped hundreds of British, French and Belgian soldiers escape from the Germans.

When the First World War broke out between Britain and Germany, she went to Belgium to help soldiers who were injured in the fighting. Edith did not mind whether they were British, French or German; she treated the soldiers regardless of their nationality. Edith also secretly helped 200 soldiers escape from German soldiers who were looking to capture them.

When the Germans found out what she was doing, she was arrested and executed.

The night before she was killed, she said:

“This I would say standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.”

Edith showed both compassion and courage and still inspires people today.