

Louisa Jordan



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Who Was Louisa Jordan?

Louisa Jordan was a Scottish nurse from Glasgow, who served during the First World War.

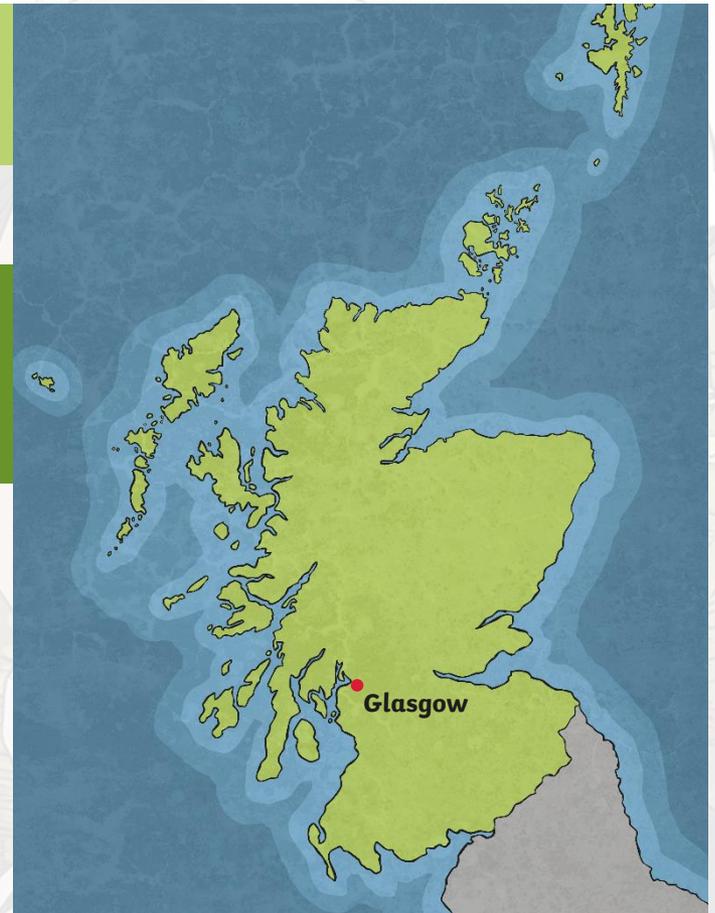
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Early Life

Louisa was born in Maryhill, Glasgow, on the 24th of July 1878.

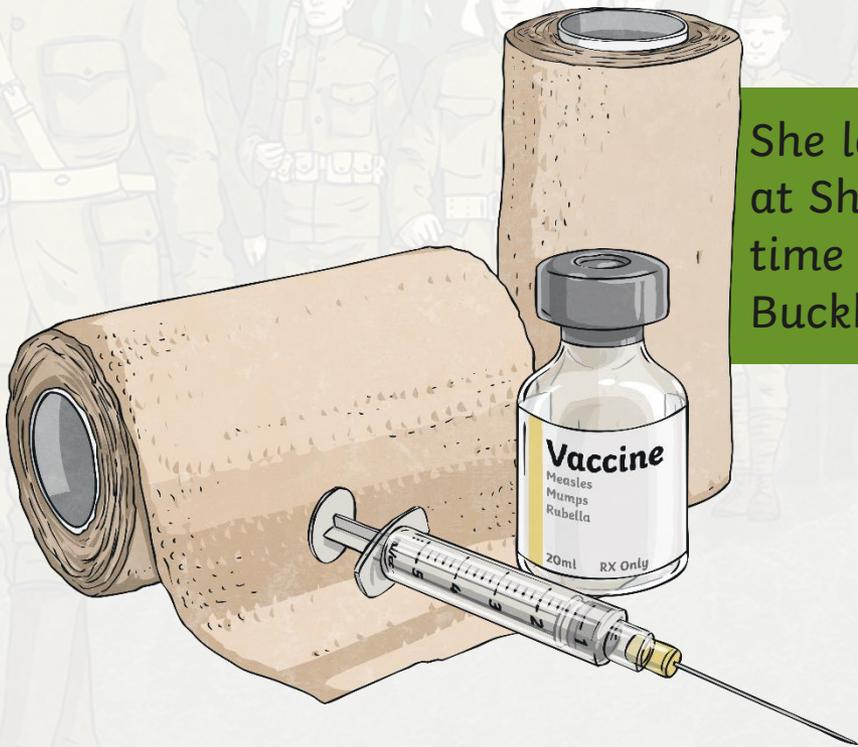
Her parents were Henry and Helen Jordan. While she was growing up, she lived with them and her two brothers.



Nursing Career

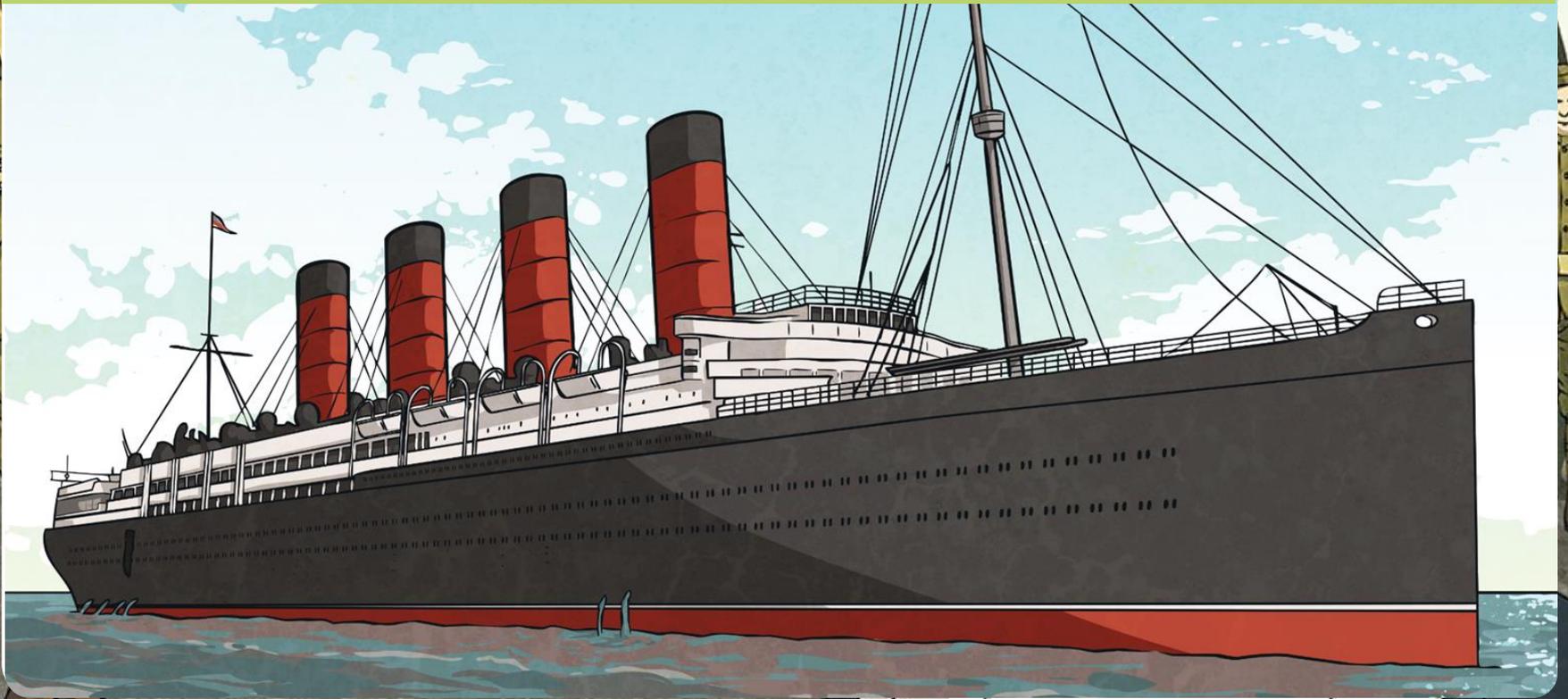
Having trained as a nurse, Louisa worked in Manchester's Crumpsall Infirmary.

She later returned to Scotland and worked at Shotts Fever Hospital before spending time as a district nurse based in Buckhaven, Fife.



The First World War

The First World War broke out in 1914. Louisa signed up at the beginning of December with the Scottish Women's Hospital for Foreign Service. By the middle of December, Louisa was on a ship bound for the front line.



Serving in Serbia

Louisa served in Serbia. Here, she tended to wounded men from the front line. Conditions were harsh and nothing like the conditions in modern day hospitals.



Typhus Outbreak

In February 1915, an outbreak of typhus hit the region. Louisa was put in charge of a fever ward in the city of Kragujevac.

Typhus is an infectious disease spread by lice, fleas or mites. As the conditions in Serbia were so bad, the disease spread quickly and claimed many thousands of lives.



Death

Along with many other nurses and doctors, Louisa contracted typhus herself. Tragically, she passed away on the 6th of March 1915. Louisa was only 36 when she died.



How Louisa Is Remembered

Louisa's name appears on the Buckhaven War Memorial and on a memorial in Wilton Church in Glasgow, which names those who gave their lives during the First World War.

Each year in Serbia, people gather to remember the incredible sacrifice Louisa and other nurses made during the First World War.



Louisa and Coronavirus

On the 1st of April 2020, the Scottish Government announced that they would be naming the temporary hospital being set up at the SEC in Glasgow after Louisa. This hospital is needed to treat patients suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus.

The hospital will serve as a tribute to Louisa's courageous service.





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