

Mary was born  
in Kingston,  
Jamaica in 1805.

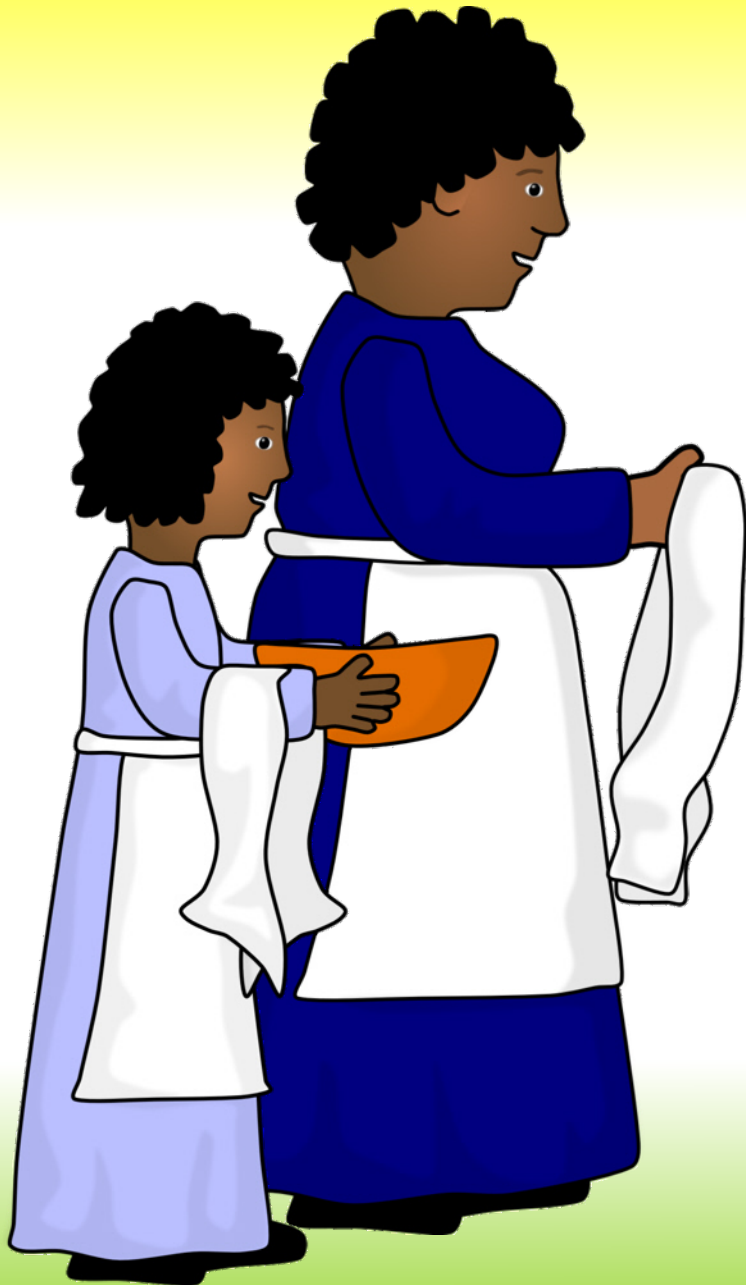




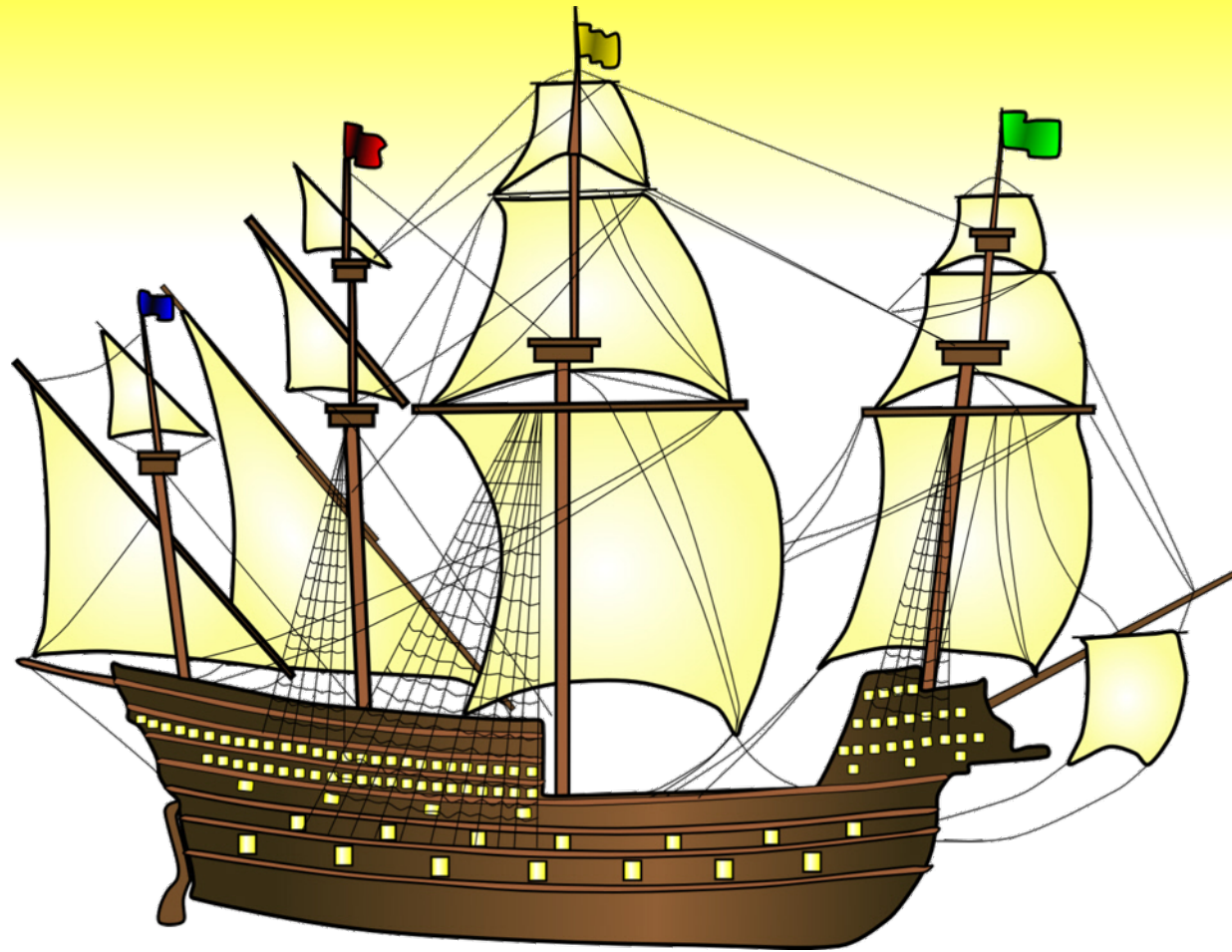
Mary's mother was Jamaican.  
Her father was a Scottish soldier.

Her mum was a nurse and  
Mary enjoyed playing nurses  
with her dolls.





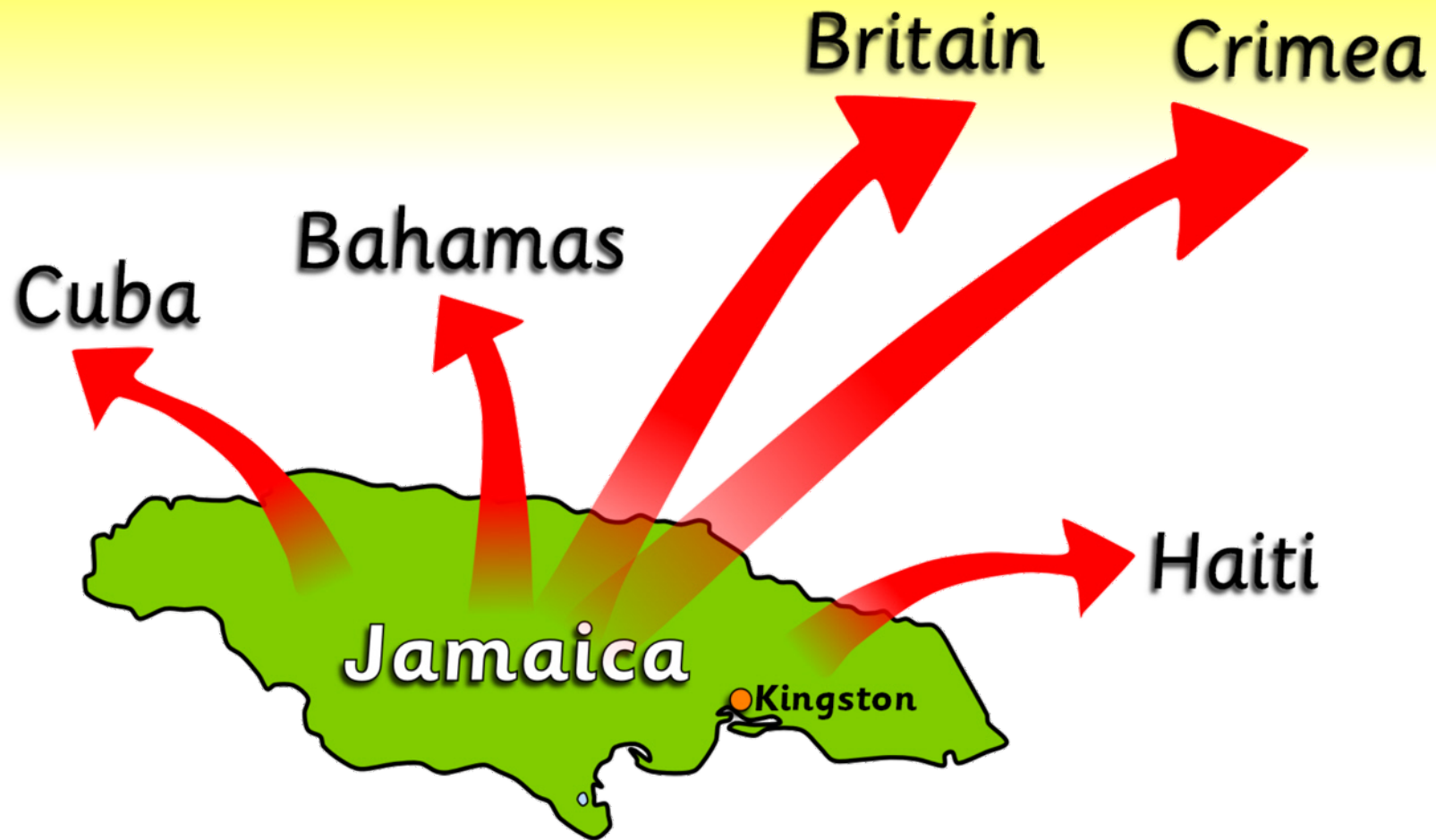
At the age of 12 she helped her mother look after sick people.



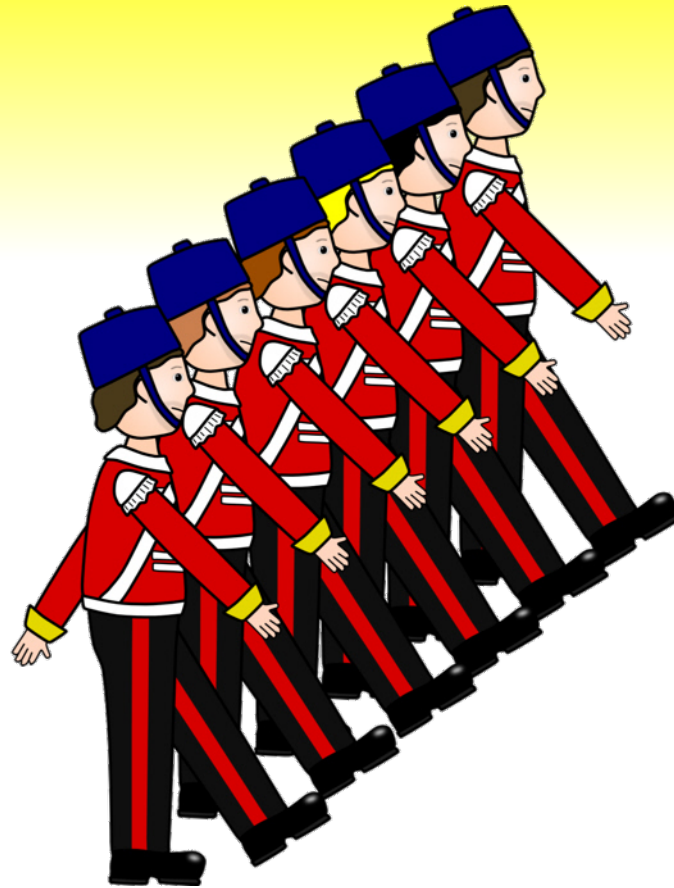
When growing up, Mary enjoyed watching the ships at sea and wanted to travel.



Mary opened a hotel in Jamaica and cared for ill soldiers and their families.



She travelled around the world a lot when she was a young woman.

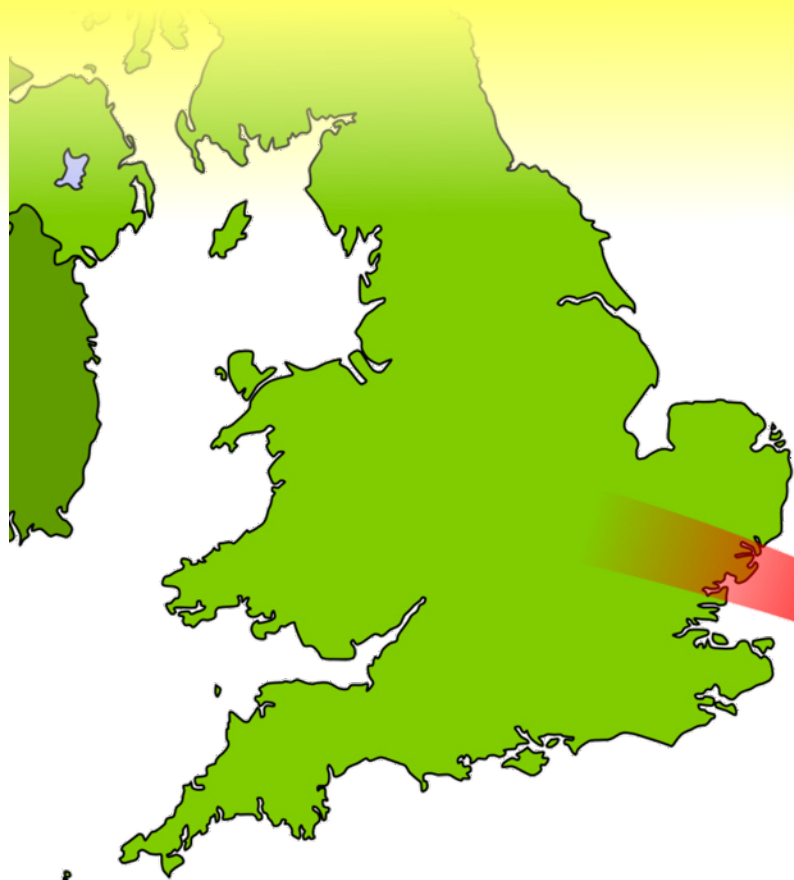


When the Crimean War began in 1854,  
Mary wanted to go and help care for the  
wounded soldiers.





She came to England and offered to help  
as an army nurse in Crimea,  
but no one wanted her.



Crimea

Mary wanted to help so much that she paid to get to Crimea herself.



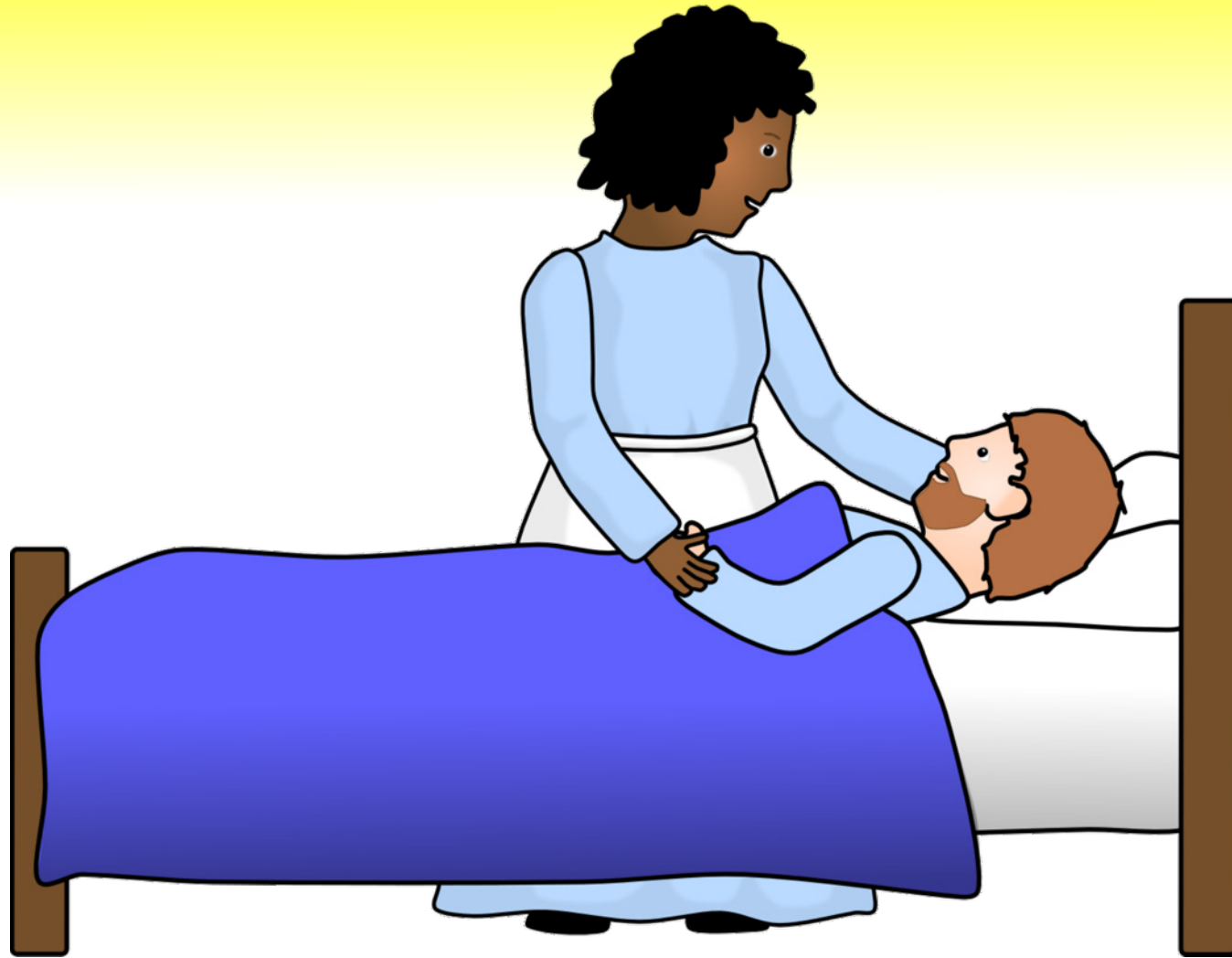
She visited Florence Nightingale's hospital.

Mary opened the  
'British Hotel' near  
the front lines in  
Balacclava.

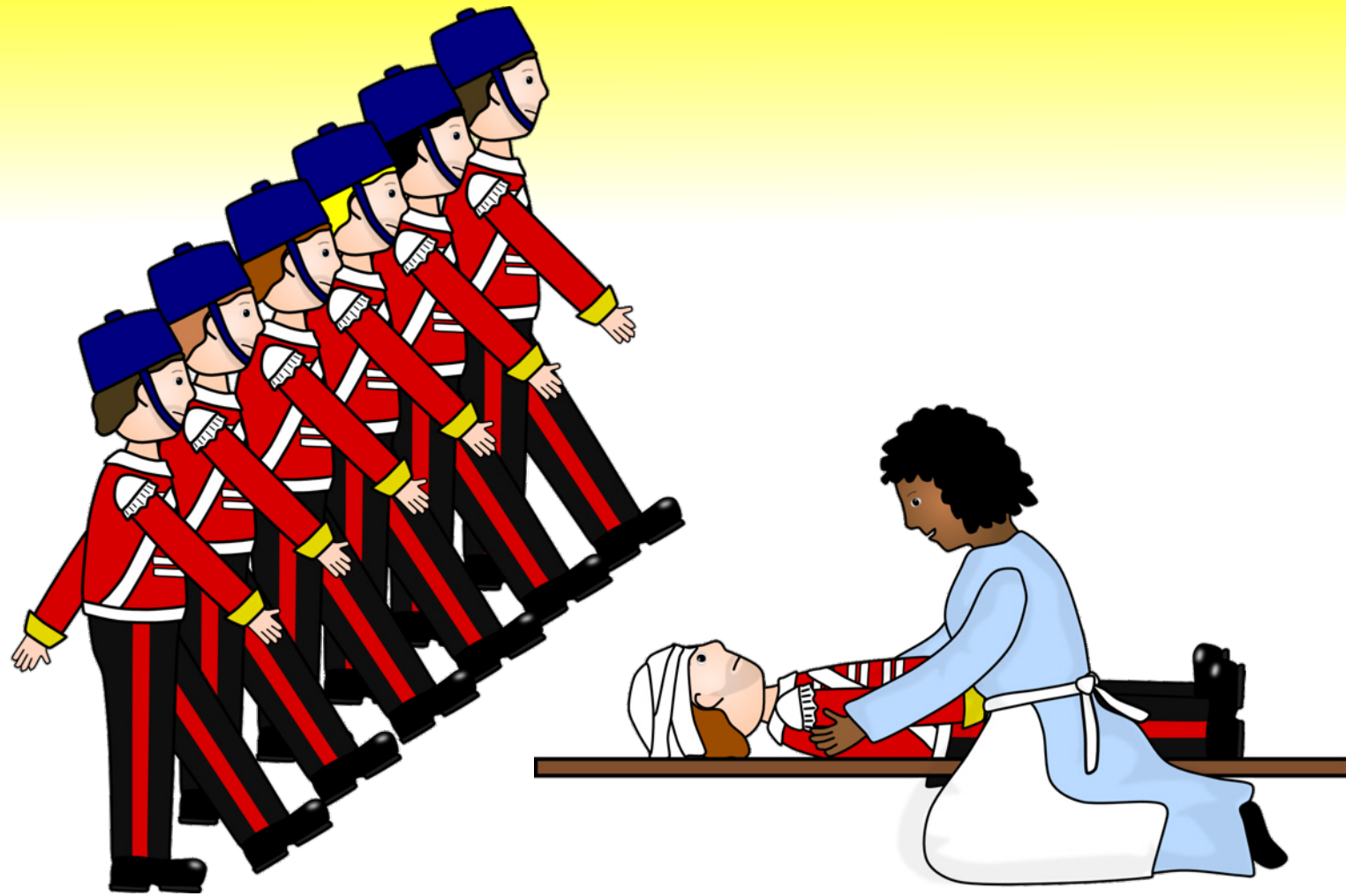


She sold supplies to the soldiers and cooked food for them.

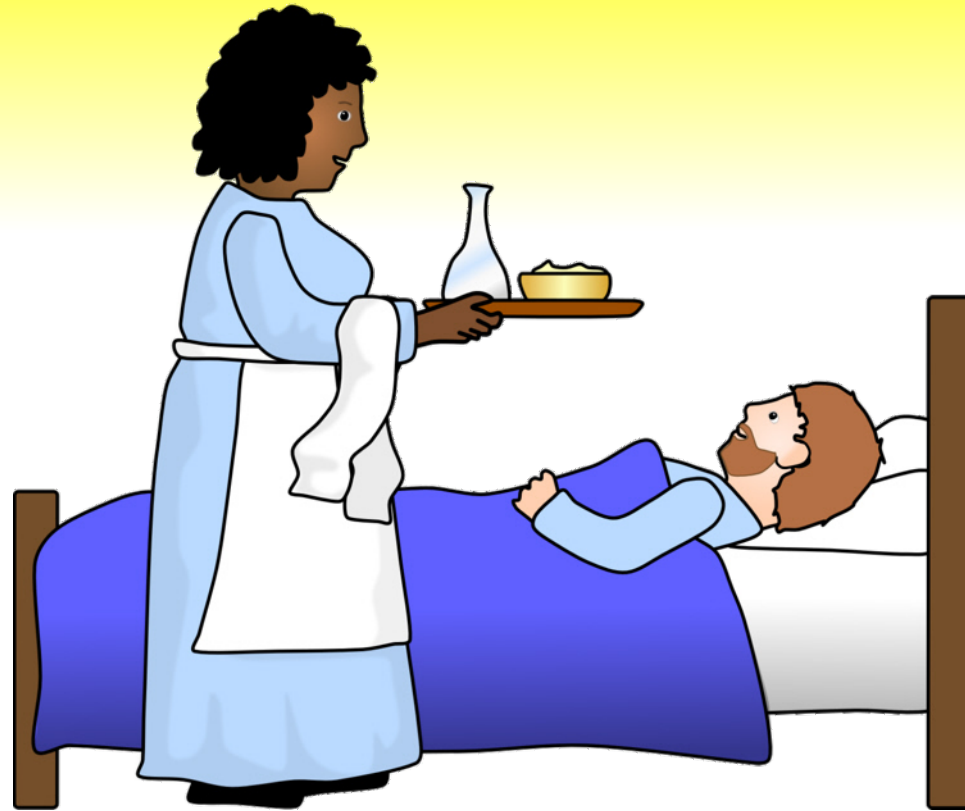




She also ran a clinic to care for ill soldiers.

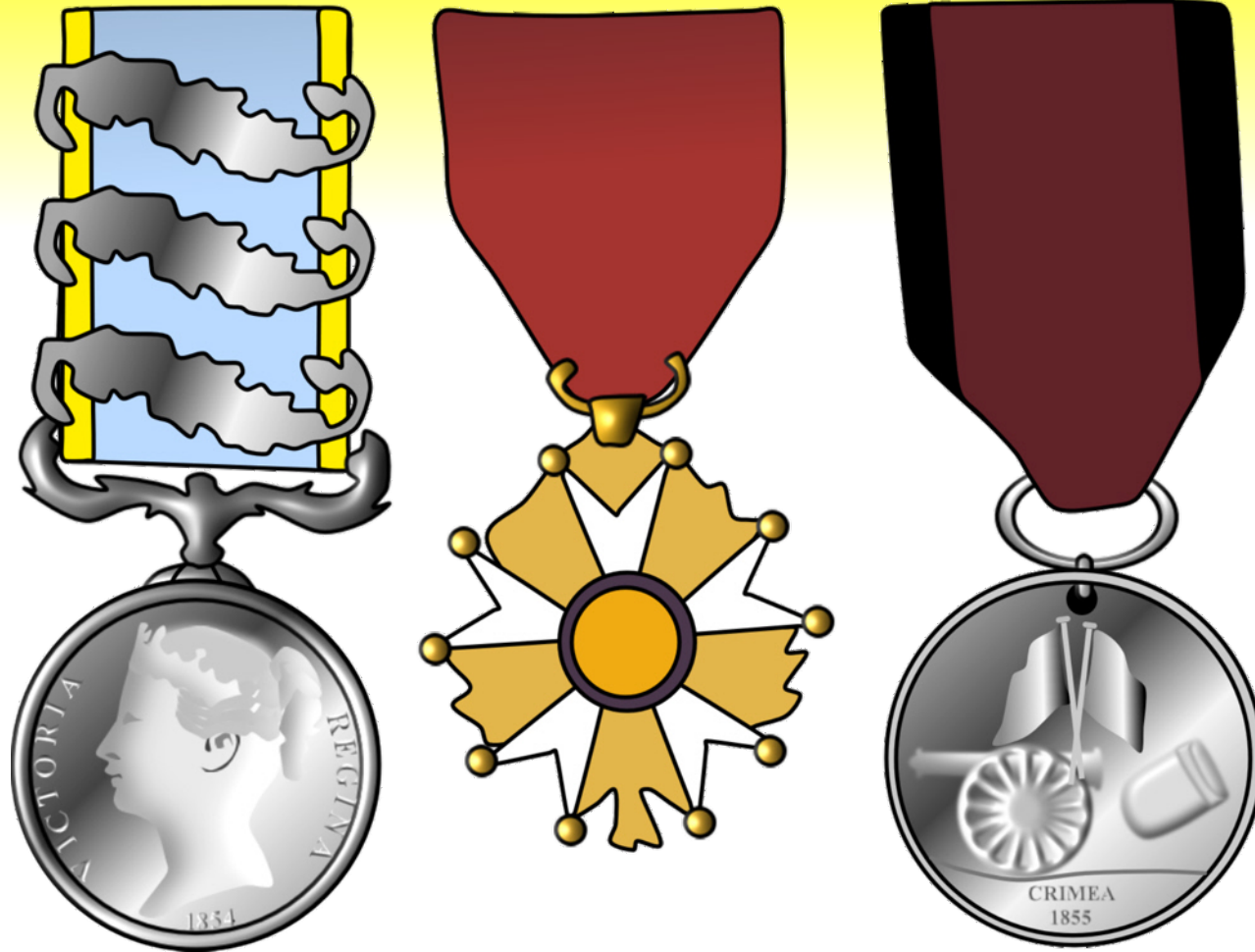


Mary even helped on the battlefield  
in the middle of the fighting!

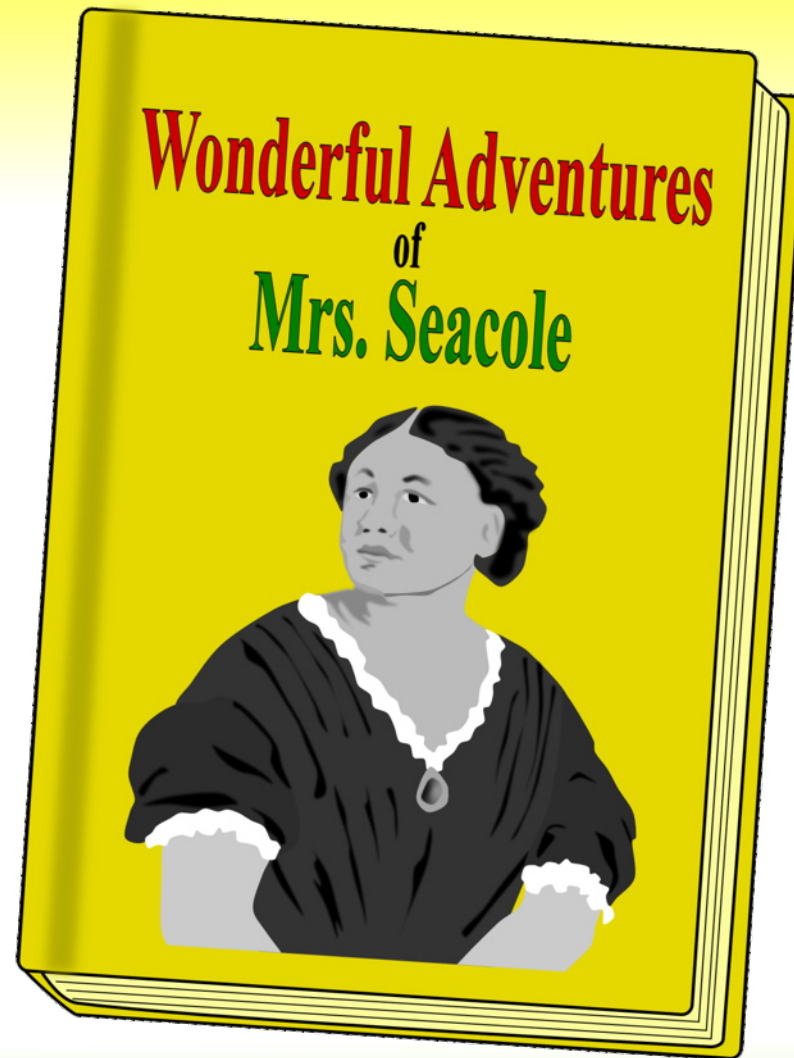


The soldiers called her 'Mother Seacole'.  
She was loved by the soldiers and many  
people in Britain.





After the war she was given bravery medals by Britain, Turkey and France.



She also wrote a best-selling book.



Mary Seacole died on 14th May 1881.