

What was it like for Florence Nightingale working in the Crimea?

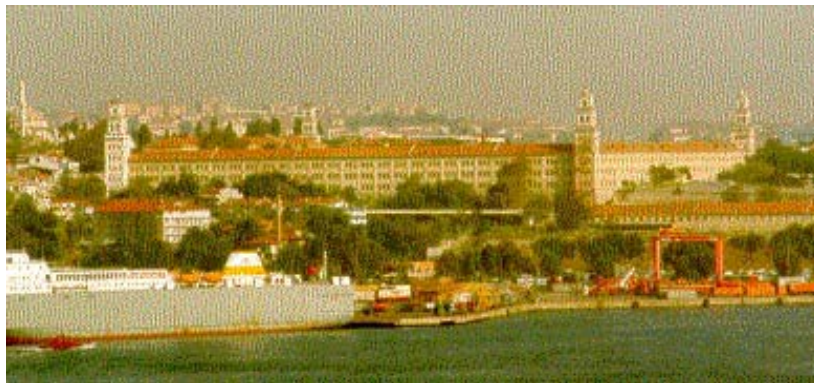
Florence Nightingale was treating soldiers who had fought in the Crimean war. Here is some information about the war:

The Crimean War 1854 - 1856

In 1853, Russia sent troops to defend Christians within the Ottoman Empire. Within months, Russian troops had occupied parts of the Ottoman Empire and the Turks declared war. On 28 March 1854, looking to prevent Russian expansion, Britain and France also declared war on Russia. In September 1854, Allied troops invaded the Crimea and within a month were besieging the Russian held city of Sebastopol.

On 25 October 1854, the Russians were driven back at the Battle of Balaclava (with high casualties on both sides). Poorly supplied and with little medical assistance, the British troops suffered immense casualties - 4,600 died in battle; 13,000 were wounded; and 17,500 died of disease.

This is a photograph of Scutari hospital, where Florence Nightingale worked.



This photograph was taken in 2002. What can you see in it that Florence Nightingale would have seen? What wouldn't she have seen?

Here are 2 photographs of Scutari hospital during the war. Can you write a description of each picture?

