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45 minutes?? Betty Riggs was born in 1911 and went to school at the Methodist Ladies College and the PGC. She became a nurse at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in 1930. In 1936 she was nursing in Scotland so was there for the coronation of Edward VIII. Became ill in Scotland and went to a sanatorium in Switzerland and then returned to Adelaide. Joined the 2nd 4th AG and went to the Middle East where her first tour of duty was to nurse soldiers from Tobruk. Then went to Jerusalem and Colombo. Returned to Australia and continued nursing even though her health had suffered. Returned to Adelaide to care for her aunt Emily Verco and did a course in infant welfare. Accepted a job at the Adelaide City Council Health Department. Aunt died when she was 100. Retired at 60 and began travelling. Started working as a relief nurse at the Christian Rest Home and travelled to Europe and China, India and Bangkok. Participated in all the activities of the Lyceum Club.

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