Alternative FWW Narratives “More than Tommy’s in the Trenches”

Which stories are often neglected or not remembered?

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| · Homosexuality· Conscientious objectors· Shellshock· Facial injuries· Women’s experience | · Varied theatres of war· The home front· British Empire troops· Race relations· Non British experiences of the war.  |

How far do these alternative narratives deserve to be remembered in a complete history of the FWW?

**Consider the evidence of the Alternative Narratives of the First World War and write about the following elements using the evidence to support your observations.**

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| **Women’s experience of war on the Home Front** | **British Empire troops** |
| **British Empire Muslim troops** | **Shellshock and facial injuries of soldiers** |

**Year 8 Assessment Thresholds**

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|  | **Emerging** | **Developing** | **Securing** | **Excelling** |
| **AO1 Key features of different times** | * Can describe a time period by giving some facts or examples.
* Can use some accurate knowledge to try to write an explanation.
* Uses some historical key words.
* Has some understanding of chronology.
 | * Can explain the characteristics of a time period with some examples and may mention some key features.
* Can select and use accurate knowledge to support their arguments.
* Uses some historical key words.
* Has a good understanding of chronology.
 | * Can define key features to analyse characteristics of a period, with detailed examples.
* Can select, organise and use a range of accurate knowledge effectively in order to support their explanation and arguments.
* May think beyond the period, using own knowledge.
* Uses relevant historical key words.
* Confident understanding of chronology.
 | * Can confidently define key features to analyse characteristics of period, with detailed examples.
* Selects, organises and uses a wide range of accurate knowledge effectively in order to support their analyses and arguments.
* Thinks beyond the period studied, using own knowledge.
* Confidently uses historical key words to support analysis.
* Detailed understanding of chronology.
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**Paragraph 1** The contribution of Women to the FWW

**Paragraph 2** The contribution of British Muslims to the FWW

**Paragraph 3** The contribution of Empire and Commonwealth citizens to the FWW