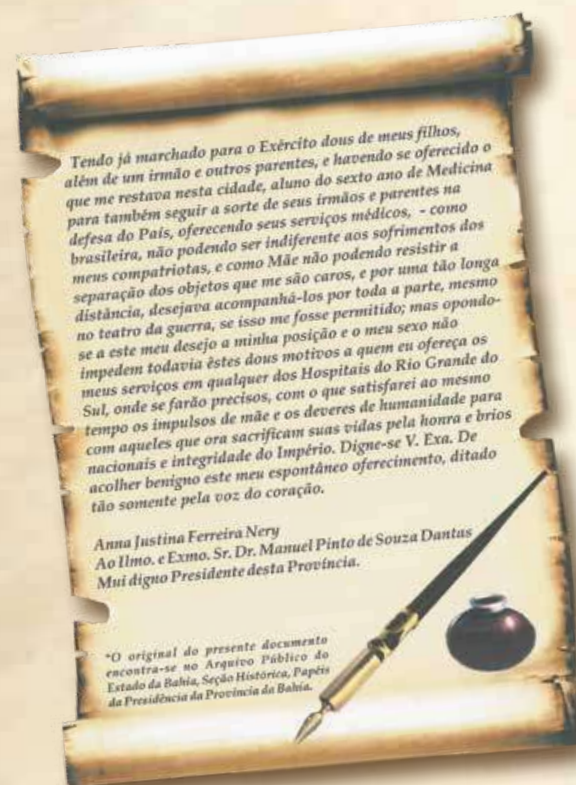




In 1865, the 3 children of Anna Nery, the doctor Isidoro Antonino Nery Filho, the cadet Pedro Antonino Nery and the doctor Justiniano de Castro Rebello, were summoned to fight in the Paraguayan War (1864 – 1870), causing great commotion in their mother.



On August 8, 1865, sensitized by the pain of separation, Anna Nery sent a letter to the president of the province, volunteering to act as a nurse and take care of the wounded of the War and, thus, be close to her children and her brother. Your order has been accepted.



On August 13, 1865, at the age of 51, she left Salvador, as a nurse incorporated into the Army Health Corps in the Tenth Battalion of Volunteers, after a brief stay in Rio Grande do Sul, with the nuns of charity of São Vicente de Paulo, where she learned nursing notions.



With his own resources, she set up at his home, in Asuncion, a model ward, revolutionizing, with her notions of hygiene, the methods of caring for the wounded. There Anna Nery saw her son, Justiniano de Castro Rebello, die.

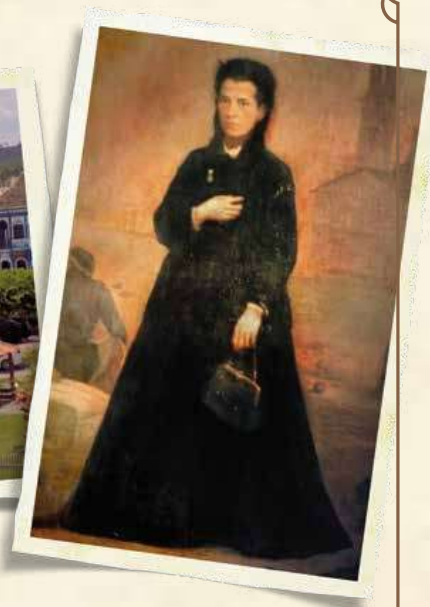


In 2009, Anna Nery became the first woman to enter the Book of Heroes and Heroines of the Fatherland, exhibited at the Pantheon of Liberty and Democracy, in Brasília.



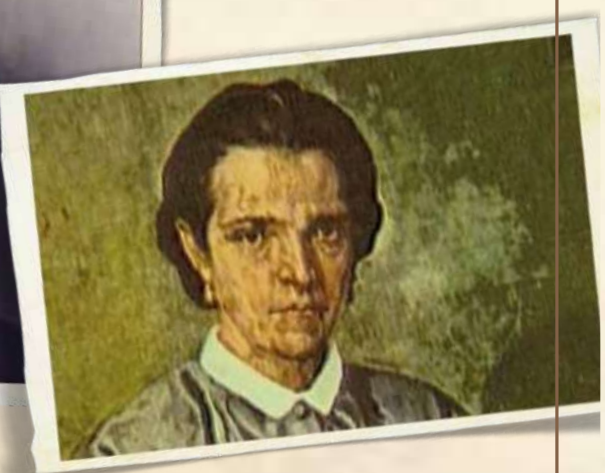
Her mortal remains were exhumed on February 1, 1979, at the São Francisco de Assis Cemetery, and placed in a Mortuary Urn of Rosewood, in polished silver, with the following inscriptions on the upper part: *"Mortal remains of Anna Nery, mother of the Brazilians in the Paraguayan Campaign"*. And, on the front, the inscription: *"Here is Anna Nery overcoming the darkness of death and the distance of centuries to receive from us what she owes to posterity"*.





Born on December 13, 1814, in Vila Nossa Senhora do Rosário, in Porto de Cachoeira/BA, Anna Justina Ferreira Nery was a pioneer of nursing in Brazil and considered a precursor of the Red Cross in Brazil.

At the age of 23, she married the Navy Frigate Captain, Isidoro Antonio Nery. In 1843, aged 29, she became a widow and took care of her 3 children alone.



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