

# Florence Nightingale – Leading Improvements in Practice

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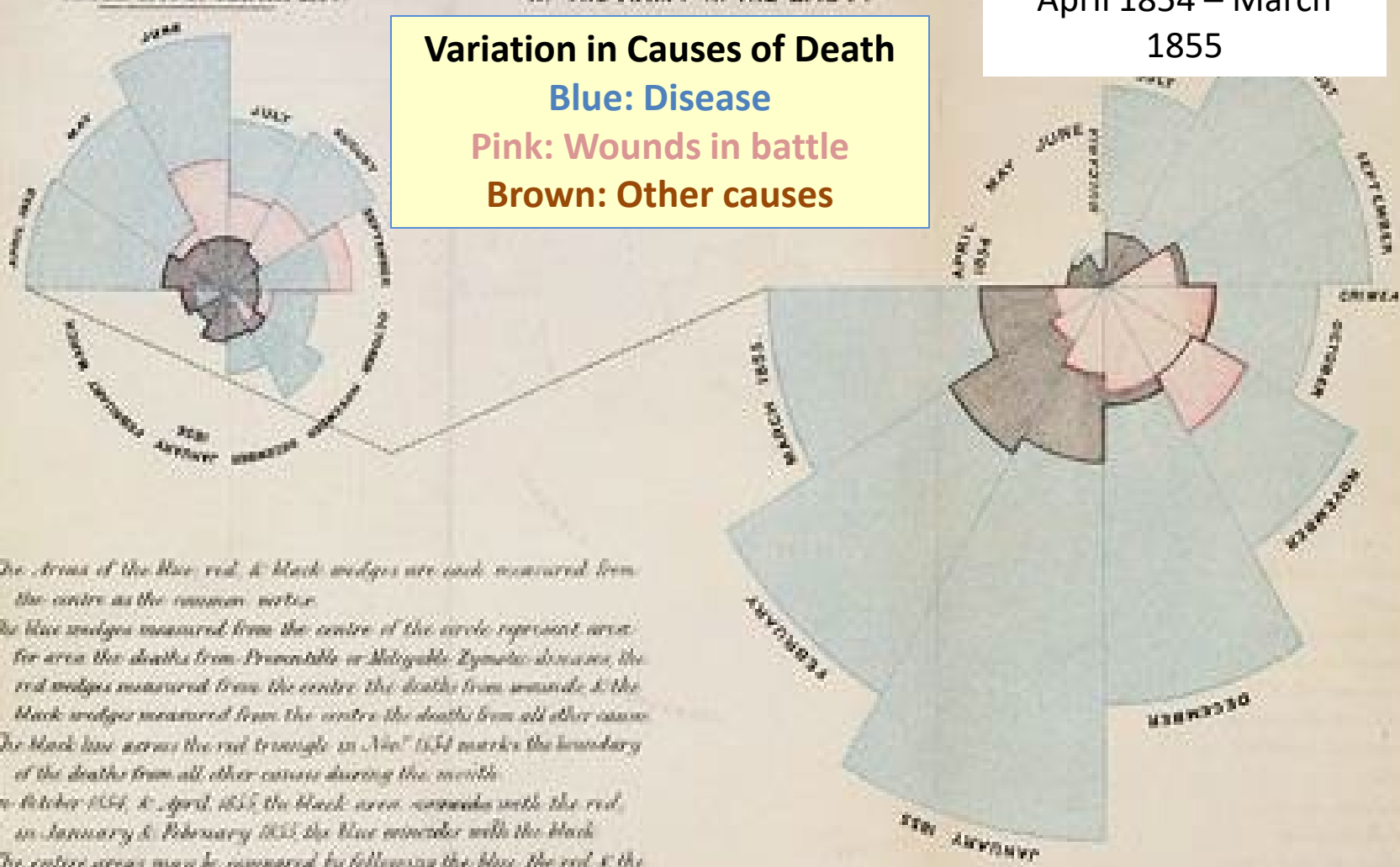
DIAGRAM OF THE CAUSES OF MORTALITY  
IN THE ARMY IN THE EAST.

Variation in Causes of Death

Blue: Disease

Pink: Wounds in battle

Brown: Other causes



The areas of the blue, red & black wedges are each measured from the centre as the common vertex.

The blue wedges measured from the centre of the circle represent area for area the deaths from *Preventable or Mitigable Zymotic diseases*, the red wedges measured from the centre the deaths from wounds & the black wedges measured from the centre the deaths from all other causes.

The black line across the red triangle in Nov<sup>r</sup> 1855 marks the boundary of the deaths from all other causes during the month.

In October 1854 & April 1855 the black area overlaps with the red, in January & February 1855 the blue overlaps with the black.

The entire areas may be compared by following the blue, the red & the black lines enclosing them.