In Memory of

Susannah (Annie) Hall

Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps
Service number 11900
Died 23 March 1919 age 30.

Remembered with honour:
The Diocese of Norwich & the Great War 1914-1918 Book of Remembrance
Reedham War Memorial

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The Story of Susannah Hall

Susannah was born in 1889 in Reedham to James and Annie Hall. Her father James was a boat builder and landlord of the Lord Nelson pub in Reedham. Susannah had ten brothers and sisters. After leaving school she worked as a domestic servant on Theatre Street in Norwich.

Susannah started working as a cook in Romford and Folkestone then went to France in September 1918.

Susannah was known as Susie at home, but when she joined Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps (QMAAC) she gave her name as Annie, the name of her mother and older sister. No-one knows why. Two of Susannah's sisters, Olive and Hilda (pictured left), also joined QMAAC.

QMAAC women wore identity bracelets. Susannah attached a lucky black cat to hers – sadly it did not bring her luck.

Susannah's parents, Annie and James lost three sons to the war. James was in the Royal Artillery and died in Flanders in 1917. John was in the Coldstream Guards and was killed in action in France in 1917. Ernest (pictured below) was in the Navy and was killed in action at sea in January 1918. After Ernest's death, the Bishop of Norwich wrote to the family.

"I grieve so deeply for you in your triple loss. They are together again but how you must miss them in your lonely home. May God comfort you by raising your heart where your treasure is".

Whilst working as a cook Susannah became a victim of the wide-spread influenza epidemic and died in March 1919. Susannah is buried in the Terlincthun British Cemetery at Wimille.

Susannah was awarded the British War and Victory medals and a memorial plaque commonly known as a Death Penny was sent to the family. Her name appears on the Roll of Honour at York Minster and on Reedham's war memorial.