

In Memory of

Alice Marian Strange

British Red Cross

Died 8 December 1921 age 21.



Remembered with honour:

The Diocese of Norwich & the Great War 1914-1918 Book of Remembrance
The Women's National Memorial Screen in York Minster

The Story of Alice Marian Strange

Alice Marian Strange was born in 1900 to Frederick and Alice Strange. The family lived at Crow Hall in Brockdish where her father was a wheelwright and builder. Alice was one of 12 children all of whom had pet names which were pinned to the door of the outside toilet. Alice's was Moo-Cow.



Crow Hall



Three of Alice's siblings also served in the war. Her sister Ada (pictured left), pet name Bulldog, joined the Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps (QMAAC) and worked as a cook and clerk at the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes (NAAFI) Shrapnel Barracks in Woolwich. Cyril, pet name Sprat, was initially with the 10 Bedfordshire Regiment then with Eastern Command Labour Centre, 335th Labour Company in France. George, pet name Peacock, joined the Training Reserve at Wroxham and, later, the East Kent Regiment. George was wounded in France but all three siblings survived the war.

Alice joined the Red Cross on 3 June 1918 as a nurse. She worked at the military hospital in Weymouth until 21 June 1919. From there she transferred to the military hospital at Tidworth.

While at Tidworth Alice contracted tuberculosis. She came home to be nursed. To avoid infecting the rest of the family, Alice was cared for by her mother in a little wooden hut built in the garden.

Alice died on 8 December 1921 and was buried in Brockdish Churchyard. Her mother died of TB six years later.

