



Miss Ethel Mary Tate, Voluntary Aid Detachments.

Died of pneumonia contracted on duty 28 December 1915.

Madam. I am forwarding a ^{May 21-15} photograph of my sister (Ethel Tate) as soon as I can get one copied the right size etc: in 2/6. I am very much pleased to do so - she has indeed given her useful life for her country -
 Broughton House (V.A.D.)
 Felixstowe. Miss S. H. Tate.

POST CARD
 The Hon: Sec
 Women's Work Sub-Committee
 Imperial War Museum
 9, Queen Anne's Gate
 Westminster, S.W.1
 London.



Stradbroke Village Archive

Broughton House
 Felixstowe.
 Sep. 6. 15.
 Dear Madam
 I am enclosing photograph of my sister, Ethel Mary Tate, to be placed in the collection of portraits of women who have given their lives while working for their country - I am afraid it has been deluged through various causes but I hope will be safe - I hope it is copied in size etc. it is permanent.
 Yr. faithfully
 Edith H. Tate.

From
 The County Director of Voluntary Aid for Suffolk.
 TELEPHONE: BURY ST. EDMUND'S, 111. EMSG/DFP.
 1, ANGEL HILL,
 BURY ST. EDMUND'S.
 17th May, 1918.
 Enc:
 Dear Miss Tate,
 I enclose a letter which I have received from the Women's Work Sub Committee, Westminster. If you care to do as they ask, will you kindly send the photograph straight to the Town address.
 J. Keatland Wilson
 County Director of Voluntary Aid for Suffolk.
 Miss Tate,
 Broughton House,
 Bath Road,
 Felixstowe.

It's come to notice periodically over the last four years that the name E M TATE is referred to as a name on the Stradbroke War Memorial, when in fact it isn't. We now know that this is Ethel Mary Tate, daughter of Stradbroke's vicar, Rev. Canon William Tate. Ethel served with VADs and died in the course of her duty as a nurse.

Her sister, Edith, wrote to the Imperial War Museum requesting she be remembered on the memorial in Stradbroke and this was granted. However the memorial was described as a brass cross.

The criteria for names on each town/village memorial is decided by each town/village—we are unaware of the criteria decided by Stradbroke in possibly 1922. Each of the seventeen WW1 soldiers named was either a regular soldier in the armed forces or a volunteer who had enlisted to fight. Ethel volunteered to nurse the sick and wounded soldiers through the Voluntary Aid Detachment.

To date we are unaware if Quarter Master Ethel Mary Tate served overseas or not but we now know that she died in Suffolk of Pneumonia on the 28th December 1915 which was contracted in the course of her duty.

Each year we stand at the Stradbroke War Memorial and remember the sacrifices made by those who gave their lives during times of conflict. On behalf of the village archive, we ask that the village council consider (on this centenary year of the end of WW1) whether Ethel Mary Tate should be mentioned and also recognised as a casualty of war.

Ann Readman

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- <https://www.iwm.org.uk/memorials/name/460748>
- <https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/search?filters%5BagentString%5D%5BTate%2C%20Ethel%20Mary%5D=on>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voluntary_Aid_Detachment
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-foyle-west-46108014?fbclid=IwAR3XfVlyMhEby04IP3Mb3amhds5Bc1707sgANj-NUtvdmSf_aiS35fm8byU