



Mary Christine (known as Daffodil) Brooks

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT (VAD)

DATE OF DEATH	6 th March 1917 (aged 21)
BATTLE	In mid-October 1916 Mary's voluntary work took her to Littlemoor Camp, near Weymouth, Dorset, where she helped in the Church Institute Canteen, looking after the interests of the soldiers stationed there.
REGIMENT	Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD)
DEATH	On her 21 st birthday, 28 th February 1917, Mary developed influenza ²⁴ . Complications set in and she was admitted to Casterbridge Nursing Home, Dorchester, where she died of acute nephritis and cerebral thrombosis on 6 March 1917 ²⁵
FAMILY DETAILS	Mary Brooks, the only daughter of local solicitor James Lane and Mary Brooks, was born in Odiham on 28 February 1896 ²⁶ . She was a pupil at St Bernard's School in Bexhill, Sussex. ²⁷ Later, during the War, she volunteered to work at the Tylney Hall Auxiliary Hospital, which was operational from 6 October 1914 until 31 October 1915 ²⁸ .
MEMORIAL	Odiham War Memorial

²⁴ Obituary in Hants and Berks Gazette, 10 March 1917.

²⁵ Death certificate

²⁶ Date of birth source - report of funeral, Hants and Berks Gazette, 17 March 1917

²⁷ 1911 census, Bexhill, Sussex, ref RG14PN4772 RG78PN205 RD70 SD1 ED2 SN34

²⁸ Information received from the Collections Officer (Archivist), British Red Cross.