

Mabel Neale Dewing born 1890 : younger daughter of Martin Luther Dewing & wife Annie

A framed photograph in Reepham Archive is annotated "Blanche Dewing" & has always been believed to be accurately named. However, research has shown that Blanche, Mabel's older sister was already teaching in Dereham, possibly at Toftwood School by 1911, boarding there with a postman & his family. Blanche is later found living & teaching in the Guildford area.

British Red Cross records from WWI reveal that it was Mabel Dewing who worked at Reepham VAD Hospital from January 1915, soon after the first patients arrived to recuperate, until April 1919.

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Surname Dewing
Christian Names Mabel Neale (Mr, Mrs or Miss)
Permanent Address: The Nest, Hackford
Nr Norwich.
Date of Engagement Jan 1915 Rank Nurse Pay
Date of Termination ~~Feb 1919~~ Rank " Pay April 12th
1919
Particulars of Duties Nursing
Whether whole or part time, and if latter No. of hours served permanent
Previous engagements under Joint War Committee, if any, and where
Honours awarded Mentioned.

PERIOD OF SERVICE, Etc.

From Jan 1915 To April 12th 1919
Commission or Department or County Norfolk V.A.D. 52
Aux.
V.A.D Hospital Reepham