

World War I

Born - January 24, 1894 Boston, Massachusetts

Entered Service - May, 1915 Yvetot, France



Helen grew up in Beacon Hill, Milton and Green Street Canton. She went to France in 1915 and started her nurse training in the town of Yvetot, from there she was transferred to a French Red Cross hospital in Eure. In September of 1917 Homans was assigned to Ambulance Automobile Chirurgiens 21-22 at Vasseney Aisne close to the front lines. After a few months stay in the U.S. She rejoined her unit July 1918 at Pontoise, Semi-et-Oise (about 20 miles north of Paris). It was there she contracted the influenza virus. That and a Lingering Bronchitis condition was a deadly combination. During her illness, she was decorated with the Croix de Guerre with a palm. Her brothers William and Robert visited her just before she died on November 5, 1918. There is a plaque in her memory at the Kings Chapel Boston.

Nurse Helen Homans
U.S. Army
Age 25

Date of Death -November 5, 1918 Pontoise, France

Buried - Milton Cemetery Milton, Massachusetts