

Amy Robbins Ware

Amy Robbins Ware was born in 1877 to a well off Minneapolis family. Her father, Andrew Robbins, founded a suburb in Dakota County and named it Robbinsdale after himself. Her mother's brother was heavily involved in the lumber trade and was named Thomas Barlow Walker. Walker went on to found a large art museum to house all his art. He named the museum the Walker Art Center after himself also. Her family history is filled with dedicated people towards America's cause. Her mother Adelaide Julia Walker and grandmother Mary Shaw Robbins served as nurses in the Civil war. Her great-great grandfather, Captain Abraham Shaw, fought for the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Her father also fought on the side of the Union Army in the Civil War and also participated in US-Dakota War.

When America became entangled in World War One Ms. Ware joined the war. On March 14th, 1918 at the age of 41 she sailed for France to help the Allied cause. In France she took up many service occupations such as Red Cross nurse and radio operator. She was first assigned to the 3rd Aviation Instruction Center in Issoudun France teaching radio operation at night. During the day she worked for the Red Cross. During the major St. Mihiel and Muse-Argonne offensives she volunteered for frontline work as a nurse often under fire. During these offensives she served with Field Hospital Number No. 41 and Evacuation Hospital No.9. On April 15th, 1919 she was transferred from the Red Cross to the Army and worked teaching service men at the Savenay Hospital Center. Then on June 14th, 1919 after serving overseas for 16 months she was discharged from the army in New York.

After she received her discharge she returned to the town of Robbinsdale. Shortly after the war she published her war diary named *Echoes of France*. In May of 1920 she started teaching at the Army school located at Fort Snelling Minnesota. She later went on to become the supervisor of education at Fort Snelling. In 1929 Ms. Robbins suffered from a fatal stroke. She was buried with full military honors by the 3rd Infantry Regiment better known as the "Old Guard". Her final resting place is at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

