



Clifford Holmes

1894 - 1917

Clifford was born in Dewsbury on 31st July 1894 and baptised on 31st August, 1894 in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury. His father was John Holmes, a glass bottle blower born in Thornhill in 1868 and died in 1949. His mother was Selina (nee Skidmore) born in Brierley Hill, Staffordshire in 1871 and died in 1950. They were married on December 24th 1891 at Holy Innocents Church.

Their other children were; Marion Clough Teal, born 1893, Ethel, born 1896, Mary, born 1898, James, born 1900 and served in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in World War 1, Arthur, born 1902, Mark Fenton, born 1904, Lena, born 1906 and John, born 1908. On the 1901 Census they lived at Back Dale Street, Thornhill Lees and in 1911 at 109, Dale Street. They later lived at 22, Hebble Terrace, Thornhill Lees.

Clifford was a former pupil of Thornhill Lees Church day school and a member of the Church Choir. He was unmarried and at the time of his enlistment and he worked for Messrs. Fenton's in Cardwell Mills, Thornhill Lees.

He served as Private 20307 in the 1st Battalion Kings Own Scottish Borderers and saw service from 1915 in the Balkans, the Dardanelles, Egypt and later on the Western Front, being twice wounded. He was killed in action on 14th August 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Clifford was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Clifford is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the War Memorial in Holy Innocents Church, Thornhill Lees.

In Memory of

Private

Clifford Holmes

20307, 1st Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers who died on 14 August 1917 Age 24

Son of John and Selina Holmes, of 22, Hebble Terrace, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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