



George Gladstone Day

1890 - 1916

(George) Gladstone Day (sometimes spelt *Dey*) was born in Heckmondwike in 1890. His father was Joseph Day, a bricklayer born in Wakefield in 1853 and died in 1908. His mother was Emma (nee Wilkinson) born in Heckmondwike in 1855 and died in 1907. They were married on 29th June 1873 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall.

His birth record and the Census documents for 1891 and 1901 record him as Gladstone *Dey*. Only his military records show his first name as George, but as he already had a brother with this name it must be assumed that he added this first name in order to enlist.

Their other children were; Annie, born in 1876, Emily, born in 1879, John William, born in 1883, Edward Aldam Leatham, born in 1884, George Henry, born in 1886 and Amelia, born in 1894.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at Barber's Fold, Heckmondwike, in 1901 at 15, Queen Street, Heckmondwike.

Gladstone was a single man who in 1911 was employed as a labourer, living as a boarder with the Beever family at The Square, Norristhorpe Lane, Heckmondwike. Upon enlistment he gave his address as c/o Mrs Hoole, 15, High Street Dawgreen. In the Dewsbury Roll of Honour his address is shown as Middle Road, Westtown.

He enlisted on 17th September 1914 as Private 19036 George Gladstone Day in the 9th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment and was sent to the Western Front on 27th August 1915. He was killed in action on 1st July 1916 during the First Day of the Battle of the Somme. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme. Gladstone was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20th March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive and a small cemetery containing equal numbers of Commonwealth and French graves lies at the foot of the memorial.

George Gladstone Day is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library.

In Memory of

Private

George Gladstone Day

19036, 9th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment who died on 01 July 1916

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

