



## **John Gledhill**

### **1882 - 1917**

John was born in Ravensthorpe in 1882. His father was Robert Milnes Gledhill, a woollen cloth drawer/spinner born in Huddersfield in 1855 and died in 1911. His mother was Sarah (nee Asquith) born in Mirfield in 1856 and died in February 1895. They were married in 1877.

They also had a daughter, Hannah Gertrude, born in 1886. On the 1891 Census they lived at Field Street, Ravensthorpe.

Robert was re-married on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1895 at St. Mary's Church, Mirfield to Emily Rayner (born in Cleckheaton in 1861 and died in 1926). They had two children; Norah, born in 1896 and Harold Rayner, born in 1904.

In 1901 they lived at Day Street, Ravensthorpe and in 1911 at Beaconsfield View, Clarkson Street, Ravensthorpe.

John was a Pianoforte action fitter at Newsome Brothers Piano works. He played for the Ravensthorpe Clarence football team and was a member of the Mirfield Cricket Club 2<sup>nd</sup> X1; he was also a member of the Liberal Club and the Church Institute. He was married to Ann Eliza Ellis (born in 1884 and died in 1959) at Christ the King Church, Battyeford, Mirfield on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1909. They lived at 39, Clarkson Street, Ravensthorpe and had a daughter Mabel, born in 1916. Ann was remarried in 1921 to Arthur Brook (born in 1875 and died in 1953).

He enlisted on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1916 into the Royal Field Artillery and trained at Whitchurch and Ripon until being transferred into the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) serving as Private 33050. He spent Christmas 1916 at home and was posted to the Western Front on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1917. He was killed in action on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele, his remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. John was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Nothing is known about the exact circumstances of his death, his wife received a letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 1917 stating that John had been killed between the 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September although all sources agree that it was on the former date.

The Tyne Cot Memorial forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery and commemorates nearly 35,000 servicemen from the United Kingdom and New Zealand who died in the Ypres Salient after 16<sup>th</sup> August 1917 and whose graves are not known. The memorial stands close to the farthest point in Belgium reached by Commonwealth forces in the First World War until the final advance to victory.

John 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 Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of

Private

**John Gledhill**

33050, 8th Bn., King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) who died on 26 September 1917

Remembered with Honour

**Tyne Cot Memorial**



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