



## **John William Barstow**

### **1882 – 1915**

John was born in Dewsbury on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1882. His father was Alfred Barstow, a Rag Machine Minder born in Gomersal in 1853 and died in 1919. His mother was Hannah (nee Gillard) born in Wellington, Somerset in 1853 and died in 1932. They were married in 1874.

Their other children were; Oliver Gillard, born in 1875, Ann Elizabeth, born in 1876 and died in 1876, Percy Rowland, born in 1877 and died in 1879, Elizabeth, born in 1879 and died in 1879, Frank, born in 1880, Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1884, twins Charlie and David, born in 1887 and both died in 1887, Mary Ellen, born in 1888, Annie, born in 1890 and May, born in 1893.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at Clark Street, Dewsbury, in 1891 and 1901 at 76, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury and in 1911 at 94, Boothroyd Lane.

John worked at Messrs Wormalds and Walkers Ratcliffe Mill on Church Street and was connected to St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor where he was a regular attendee at the Men's Bible Class; he was also the Assistant Scoutmaster of 4<sup>th</sup> Dewsbury Scout Troop. He was married to Mary Alice Dawson (born in 1886 and died in 1941) at Earlsheaton Parish Church on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1907. They had three daughters; Vera, born in 1908, Dorothy, born in 1912 and Edith Ann, born in 1915 and of whom he never saw, as she was born whilst he was away on active duty. In 1911 they lived at Mount Pleasant, Earlsheaton and later at St. John Street, Dewsbury Moor.

Mary Alice was remarried on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916 to a widower, Thomas Armitage (born in 1877 and died in 1920). They had two children; Amy, born in 1917 and died in 1919 and Joseph, born in 1921. She lived at 205, Middle Road, Earlsheaton.

He enlisted in January 1915 in the Royal Marines as a Private with the Service Number Deal/3242(S) Royal Marines Medical Unit, Royal Naval Division. He was wounded in the head during the Gallipoli Campaign on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1915 and was brought back to England and died on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1915 in the Royal Victoria Military Hospital at Netley, Southampton. He is buried in Dewsbury Moor (St John) Churchyard. John was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

John is 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 St. John the Evangelist Church, Dewsbury Moor.

In Memory of

Private

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Deal/3242(S), R.M. Medical Unit, R.N. Div., Royal Marines who died on 13 July 1915 Age 33

Husband of Mary Alice Armitage (formerly Barstow), of 205, Middle Rd., Earlsheaton, Dewsbury.

Remembered with Honour

Dewsbury Moor (St. John) Churchyard



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