



John Storer

1893-1920

John was born in Croydon, Surrey in 1893. His father was also John Storer, a labourer born in Saxstead, Suffolk in 1859 and died in 1929. His mother was Phoebe (nee Stockdale) born in Croydon in 1860 and died in 1937. They were married at Holy Saviour Church, Croydon on 19th December 1880.

Their other children were; Alice Elizabeth, born in Croydon in 1882 and died in 1882, George Henry, born in Croydon in 1883 and died in 1883, Edmund John, born in Croydon in 1884 and died in 1891, Phoebe, born in Streatham, London in 1886, William Henry, born in Streatham in 1887, Eleanor, born in Croydon in 1889 and died in 1889, Arthur, born in Croydon in 1891 and died in 1896, Edmund Albert, born in Croydon in 1896 and died in 1896, Lilian Minnie, born in Croydon in 1897 and Albert Edward James, born in Croydon in 1899 and died in 1900.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 6, Grace Road, Croydon and in 1911 at 21, Calder Road, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury.

John was an Under Tuner in a woollen mill in 1911 and was married to Gertrude Dawson (born in Soothill in 1887 and died in 1970) on 4th August 1913 at St. Saviour's Church, Ravensthorpe. They lived at 5, Commercial Street, Ravensthorpe and had 3 children; Sylvia, born in 1914 and died in 1914, Dorothy, born in 1919 and Ivy, born in 1920. After being discharged he worked as a Wireman for an electric power company. On the 1921 Census Gertrude and her two children were living at 454, Huddersfield Road, Ravensthorpe and in 1939 at 191, Ealand Road, Batley.

He attested on 30th November 1914 serving as Private 28827 in the Royal Army Medical Corps and was sent to the Western Front on 9th May 1916; he was taken prisoner by the enemy near Ecourt, France on 21st March 1918, the First Day of the German Spring Offensive (Der Kaiserschlacht). He was held at Niederzwehren Prisoner of War camp near the town of Cassel (now Kassel) in the state of Hessen, Germany. He was released on 30th December 1918 and was discharged on 16th April 1919 suffering from nephritis, deemed to be 100% attributable to war service. He died in Dewsbury General Infirmary on 9th October 1920 from Uraemia and Acute Nephritis and was buried in Mirfield (St. Mary) Churchyard. John was awarded 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.

For some unknown reason he was not officially commemorated as a war casualty by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission but on 14th January 2019 Dewsbury Sacrifices forwarded his service records and death certificate to the appropriate authority and on 22nd December 2020 his name was added to the CWGC records.

His grave was unmarked but in February 2023 the Commonwealth War Graves Commission erected a new headstone.

In Memory Of

Private

JOHN STORER

Service Number: 28827

Royal Army Medical Corps who died on 09 October 1920 Age 27

Son of John and Phoebe Storer; husband of Gertrude Storer, of Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorks.

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