



John Evelyn Glover

1890-1918

John was born in Gildersome near Leeds in 1890. His father was Cardus Glover, a Cloth Millhand and later a Shopkeeper born in Pudsey in 1864 and died in 1957. His mother was Alice (nee Whitfield) born in Pudsey in 1863 and died in 1945. They were married on 21st September 1885 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall.

Their other children were; Leonard Whitfield, born in 1893 and served in World War 1, Emil Oswald, born in 1896 and died in 1898, Olive, born in 1901 and William Ewart, born in 1903.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 37, Brunswick Street, Morley, in 1901 at Sands Road, Earlsheaton and in 1911 at 67, Lawson Street, Eastborough, Dewsbury.

John was a single man who was educated at Eastborough Council School and was associated with Leeds Road Baptist Church School, and Band of Hope Mission, and also with the Out and Out Mission. He worked as a Boot and Shoe Repairer. An enthusiastic and well-known temperance worker, he was a member of Dewsbury Band of Hope Union, Dewsbury Temperance Society and the Good Templars Master of Science (Good Templars Course) and the winner of the Bronze Medal for temperance studies.

He enlisted in November 1914 into the 7th Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers with the Service Number 15230, rising to the rank of Serjeant; he was at once given the position of boot maker and repairer to his battalion, a position he kept up to July 1918 when he was then attached to "D" Company, 1st Battalion, in charge of two Lewis Gun sections. He was killed in action near Bullecourt, France on 2nd September 1918 and was buried in a joint grave in Ecoust-St. Mein British Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France. John was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The village of Ecoust-St. Mein is 16 kilometres south-east of Arras, it was captured by the 8th and 9th Devons in a blizzard on 2nd April 1917, lost on 21st March 1918, and retaken at the end of the following August by the 3rd Division. The British Cemetery was then made, in continuation of a German Extension (now removed) of the communal cemetery. The cemetery contains 151 burials of the First World War, eight of which are unidentified.

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 Plaque to the former pupils of Eastborough Council School and as *John Glover* on the War Memorial on the outside wall of Dewsbury Baptist Church.

In Memory of

Serjeant

John Evelyn Glover

15230, "D" Coy. 1st Bn., Royal Scots Fusiliers who died on 02 September 1918 Age 27

Son of Cardus and Alice Glover, of 67, Lawson St., Dewsbury, Yorks.

Remembered with Honour

Ecoust-St. Mein British Cemetery



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