Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England War Graves



World War 1



3142 PRIVATE

R. C. GLOVER

52ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

8TH DECEMBER, 1916

Roy Cecil GLOVER

Roy Cecil Glover was born at Oatlands, Tasmania on 25th April, 1893 to parents John and Emma Marion Glover (Kalmback).

John Glover, father of Roy Cecil Glover, died on 4th April, 1901 at Oatlands, Tasmania.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Darwin, subdivision of Emu Bay, Tasmania recorded Roy Cecil Glover, Labourer from Burnie.

Roy Cecil Glover was a 22 year old, single, Labourer from "St. Elmo" 9 Yardley Street, North Hobart, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont, Tasmania on 28th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3142 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs E. Glover, "St. Elmo" 9 Yardley Street, North Hobart, Tasmania (later addresses listed as 268 Argyle St, Hobart & Quayle Street, Battery Point, Tasmania).

Private Roy Cecil Glover was posted to 10th Reinforcements of 12th Battalion for recruit training.

Private Roy Cecil Glover embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Port Lincoln (A17)* on 16th October, 1915 with the 12th Infantry Battalion, 10th Reinforcements.

Private Roy Cecil Glover was allotted to and proceeded to join 52nd Battalion from 12th Battalion on 1st March, 1916 at Zeitoun. He joined 52nd Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 3rd March, 1916.

Private Roy Cecil Glover was sent to Hospital at Serapeum on 20th April, 1916. He was admitted to 13th Field Ambulance on 20th April, 1916 with Tonsillitis & was discharged on 27th April, 1916. Private Glover rejoined his Battalion on 27th April, 1916.

Private Roy Cecil Glover proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on H.M.T. *Ivernia* on 5th June, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 12th June, 1916.

Private Roy Cecil Glover was wounded in action in France between 3rd/4th September, 1916 (dates as per Casualty form – Active Service). He was admitted to 13th Australian Field Ambulance on 3rd September, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to left shoulder & hand. Private Glover was transferred to Casualty Clearing Station on 3rd September, 1916 then transferred & admitted to 18th General Hospital at Camiers, France on 6th September, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to arm & shoulder. He embarked for England from Calais on 9th September, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Stad Antwerpen*.

52nd Battalion

The 52nd Battalion was raised at Tel el Kebir in Egypt on 1 March 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits were veterans from the 12th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 12th, the 52nd was originally a mix of men from South and Western Australia and Tasmania. From March 1916, the battalion's reinforcement groups mainly comprised men from Queensland. The 52nd became part of the 13th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division.

After arriving in France on 11 June 1916, the 52nd fought in its first major battle at Mouquet Farm on 3 September. It had been present during an earlier attack mounted by the 13th Brigade between 13 and 15 August, but had been allocated a support role and missed the fighting. In this second attack the 52nd had a key assaulting role and suffered heavy casualties- 50 per cent of its fighting strength.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Roy Cecil Glover was admitted to North Evington Military Hospital, Leicester, England on 10th September, 1916 with bullet wounds to left arm. He was reported as seriously ill on 17th November, 1916.

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Mrs E. Glover, mother of Private Roy Cecil Glover, was advised on 25th November, 1916 that her son was seriously ill. She was advised again on 5th December, 1916 that her son's condition was stationary.

Private Roy Cecil Glover died on 8th December, 1916 at North Evington Military Hospital, Leicester, England from wounds received in action in France - Exhaustion & Excision of shoulder.

A death for Roy C. Glover, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Billesdon, Leicestershire, England.

Private Roy Cecil Glover was buried in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England – Memorial Reference – Screen Wall 01.205. He does not have a headstone but his death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

A War Pension was granted to Emma Marion Glover, 9 Yardley St, North Hobart, widowed mother of the late Private Roy Cecil Glover, in the sum of 40/- per fortnight from 30th February, 1917 (date as per pension form).

Private Roy Cecil Glover was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Glover's widowed mother – Mrs E. Glover, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Roy Cecil Glover – service number 3142, of 52nd Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Emma Marion Glover, of 268 Argyle Street., Hobart, Tasmania, and the late John Glover.

Private R. C. Glover is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 155.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Roy Glover is remembered on the St. George's Roll of Honour, located in St. George's Anglican Church, 30 Cromwell Street, Battery Point, Tasmania.



St. George's Roll of Honour (Photos from AWM – Places of Pride –Arthur Garland)



R. C. Glover is remembered on the Burnie War Memorial, located in Burnie Park, Bass Highway & West Park Grove, Burnie, Tasmania.



Burnie War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)



R. C. Glover is remembered on the Hobart Roll of Honour, located in Town Hall Foyer, 50 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.



Hobart Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)

Roy Cecil Glover is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever."



Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania (Photo from Places of Pride - Henry Moulds)



Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania

(43 pages of Private Roy Cecil Glover's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Private Roy Cecil Glover

Newspaper Notices

Roll of Honour

Casualty Lists - No. 231-232

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

Wounded in Action

Pte R. C. Glover, North Hobart

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 10 October, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

TASMANIAN NAMES

ILL

3142 - Private R. C. Glover, North Hobart

(Zeehan and Dundas Herald, Tasmania - 11 December, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

GLOVER – Died in Hospital, England, on December 8, 1916, of wounds received in France, Private Roy Cecil Glover, dearly loved youngest surviving son of Mrs Glover, of 9 Yardley-street, North Hobart, and the late John Glover, of Lemon Springs, Oatlands, in his 24th year. He gave his life nobly for King and country.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 14 December, 1916)

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES

Mrs Glover and daughter, of 9 Yardley-street, North Hobart, desire to thank all kind friends, the Members of the Y.W.C.A., and the Committee of the Woman's Prayer Meeting for letters, cards, telegrams, visits, and messages of sympathy received by them during their recent sad bereavement by the loss of theor dearly loved son and brother, Private Roy Cecil Glover.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 20 December, 1916)

HOBART HONOURS ROLL

CITY COUNCIL VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

At a meeting of the Hobart City Council last evening Alderman Amott, moved that copies of a resolution of deep-felt sympathy be forwarded to the bereaved families with respect to the following members of the Australian Imperial and British Forces reported as having lost their lives while on active service:-

3142 Private R. C. Glover, 52nd Battalion, died. Next of kin, Mrs E. Glover, 9 Yardley-street, North Hobart.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 9 January, 1917)

Casualty List No. 279

Tasmania's Roll of Honour

Died of Wounds

Pte R C Glover (North Hobart) 8/12/16

(North-Eastern Advertiser, Scottsdale, Tasmania – 16 March, 1917)

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IN MEMORIAM

Died on Active Service

GLOVER – In loving memory of Pvt Roy Cecil Glover, 52nd Battalion, A.I.F., aged 23 years and 7 months, who died of wounds received in France, at North Evington Military Hospital, Leicester, England on 8th of December, 1916, youngest surviving son of Emma and the late John Glover.

A gallant hero, true and brave,

Peacefully sleeps in a soldier's grave.

Great is our sorrow, but God knows best,

He took our dear Roy home to rest.

Inserted by his loving mother and sisters.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania - 8 December, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

Died on Active Service

GLOVER – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pvt Roy Cecil Glover, 52nd Battalion, A.I.F., aged 23 years and 7 months, who died of wounds received in France, at North Evington Military Hospital, Leicester, England on the 8th of December, 1916, youngest surviving son of Emma and the late John Glover.

He followed the path of duty,

He answered his country's call;

He died an Australian hero,

The grandest death of all.

Inserted by his loving mother and sisters.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania - 7 December, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

GLOVER – In loving remembrance of our dearly loved sons and brothers, George Henry (Nugget), who died of enteric fever, 15th February, 1912, aged 27 years; also Pte Roy Cecil late 52nd Inf. Battalion, A.I.F., who died of wounds received in France, 8th December, 1916, aged 23 years and 7 months. For King and England. Beloved sons of Emma E. and the late John Glover, late of Oatlands. Inserted by their loving mother and sisters, Hobart.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 8 December, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

Died on Active Service

GLOVER – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, late Pte Roy Cecil Glover, 52nd Battalion, A.I.F., who died of wounds received in France, aged 23 years and 7 months, at North Evington Military Hospital, Leicester, England, on 8th December, 1916. Youngest surviving beloved son of Emma M. and the late John Glover.

A gallant hero, true and brave,

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Peacefully sleeps in a soldier's grave.

Great is our sorrow, but God knows best,

He took our dear Roy home to rest.

Inserted by his loving mother and sisters.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 8 December, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

Died on Active Service

GLOVER – In loving memory of my dear son, Private Roy Cecil Glover, 52nd Battalion, A.I.F., died of wounds received in France, December 8, 1916.

Greater love hath no man than this,

That he lay down his life for his friend.

Inserted by his loving mother.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 8 December, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

(Died on Active Service)

GLOVER – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Roy Cecil Glover, 52nd Battalion, A.I.F., aged 23 years and 7 months, who died of wounds received in France, at North Evington Military Hospital, Leicester, England, on 8th December, 1916, youngest surviving son of Emma and the late John Glover.

He never shunned his country's call,

But gladly gave his life, his all;

He died the helpless to defend,

An Australian soldier's noble end.

Inserted by his loving mother and sister E. M. and M. R. Glover

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 8 December, 1925)

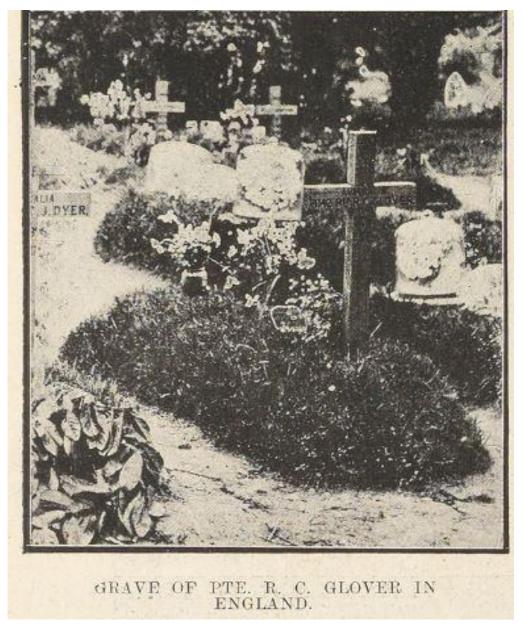
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Private R. C. Glover has a numbered flat memorial stone & is remembered on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester. He originally had a wooden cross to mark his grave.



(Photo by DaveE - Find a Grave)

Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England

Between 1914 and 1919, the 5th Northern General Hospital, with more than 2,600 beds, occupied several buildings in Leicester and North Evington. More than 95,000 officers and men were admitted to the hospital, which recorded 514 deaths before its closure. During the Second World War, there was a Royal Air Force operational training station near Leicester. Leicester (Welford Road) Cemetery contains 286 First World War burials, more than half of them forming a war graves plot with a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried there. The 46 Second World War burials are scattered throughout the cemetery, which also contains eight Belgian war graves, 1 of which is unknown.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photo by daglish – Find a Grave)

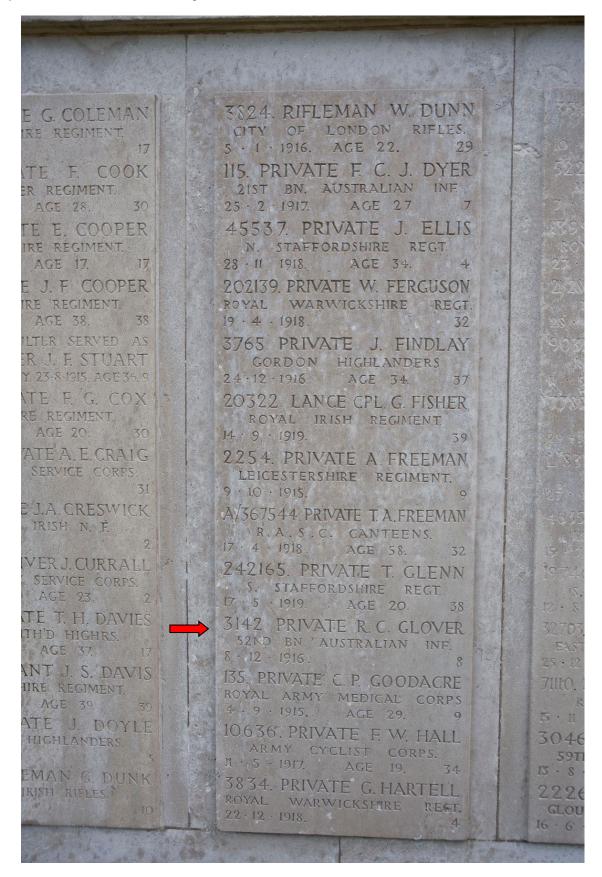


Cross of Sacrifice & Screen Wall in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester (Photo from CWGC)



(Photo by Jackie March – Find a Grave)

Photo of Private R. C. Glover's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Michael Doyle)

Photo of Private R. C. Glover's numbered Memorial Stone in front of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England.



ANZAC Day Commemorations (Photos courtesy of Michael Doyle)





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL JO073

Mr and Mrs A T Sharp visiting the graves of seven Australians at the Welford Road Cemetery, Leichester, including the grave of Kathleen Adele Brennan, Australian Red Cross Society, member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment. Brennan died of influenza at Leicester, England on 24 November 1918.

From the collection of Mr Alfred Thomas Sharp. Mr Sharp was the Commonwealth Immigration Officer of Victoria and was based in the London Office during the First World War. He and his wife hosted and visited many soldiers, particularly those from Victoria, who were recuperating in London. He also photographed many Australian graves in English cemeteries. His photograph collection relating to this period in London was bequeathed to the Memorial in 1922 after his death. During his time in London he was a member of the British Volunteer Regiment, serving with the Willesden Battalion, Middlesex Volunteer Regiment.

