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# GERALD CHARLES EDWARD GLOSTER

Lieutenant, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Devonshire Regiment

Killed in action in Belgium on 6 November 1917,  
aged 20

Address: Oak Manor, Hales Road, Cheltenham

He has no known grave. His name is listed on the Tyne Cot Memorial and in the chapel of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, as well as on the Leckhampton and Cheltenham War Memorials.

Gerald Gloster was the son of Brigadier-General Gerald Meade Gloster CMG, late Commanding Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Devonshire Regiment and Wilhelmina Gloster of the above address. He was educated at Cheltenham College and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and was commissioned into his father's old regiment in May 1915.

He was killed during the second battle of Passchendaele. On 6 November 1917, in support of a wider attack, the platoon under Lieutenant Gloster's command was ordered to capture a ruined building ('the Mound') that sheltered a German machine-gun. The platoon rapidly overran the Mound and over 20 of the enemy were killed or taken prisoner. While supervising defences against a German counter-attack Lieutenant Gloster was killed by a shot in the head. In addition 25 men were killed or missing and 80 were wounded.

Both of Gerald Gloster's parents are buried in Leckhampton Churchyard (Plot A.278).

The "Tyne Cot" Memorial near Ypres. The name is said to have been coined when men of the Northumberland Fusiliers saw a resemblance between the German concrete pill boxes, which still stand in the middle of the cemetery, and typical Tyneside workers' cottages – Tyne Cots.

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