

ACW2 Ethel Glover 2062466 WAAF

Ethel was born in 1923 in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, the daughter of Joseph Glover and Ethel May Glover nee Caunt.

Prior to joining the WAAF, Ethel was a silk spinner.

Ethel joined the WAAF as soon as she was old enough, and in May 1942 she was posted to RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire.

On 1 August 1942, following a night out at a dance in Sandy, Ethel was returning to the RAF Tempsford on foot along the Everton road with a group of service personnel when she was struck and killed by an Army lorry.

Ethel died instantly of a fractured skull and pelvis. The cause of death was registered as accidental.

Ethel is buried in Sutton in Ashfield Cemetery, Nottinghamshire

Ethel is commemorated on Wall Panel 170

THE POLICE AND THE MILITARY

Coroner's Criticisms at Inquest

YOUNG W.A.A.F. KILLED BY LORRY

The Coroner for this district (Mr. R. G. Rose) asked a witness at an inquest at a Bedfordshire aerodrome on Tuesday to inform his superior officers that the police should be assisted as much as possible in dealing with accidents in which military vehicles or personnel were involved.

The inquest was on a 19-year-old W.A.A.F., Ethel Glover, who was killed by an Army lorry while walking back to the aerodrome on Saturday night. The driver of the Army lorry involved told a police sergeant that he had been instructed not to make any statements after accidents.

A verdict of Accidental Death was recorded.

An R.A.F. medical officer, Ian Brown Miller, said the cause of death was a fractured skull and a fractured pelvis. Death was almost instantaneous.

Mary Lee Holland, Flight Officer in charge of the deceased's unit, said Miss Glover's home was at 26, Park Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. She joined the unit on May 16th.

A.C. George H. Green said he was walking with the deceased with his arm around her waist. Some lorries passed them going in the same direction. He did not remember any impact and could only recall finding himself lying on the side of the road with his head and arm injured. There was no footpath.

"HEARD DULL CRASH"

A.C. Frederick James Russell said he was walking a few yards ahead of Green and Miss Glover with a friend. When one lorry passed them he heard a dull crash.

P.s. G. P. Sandell said he was informed of the accident at 1-15 a.m. on Sunday. He asked Driver Lister why the accident had not been reported earlier and he replied that the military instructions were that he was not to make any statements. Later witness saw an officer, who gave instructions the driver made a statement. The road at the spot was narrow for lorries. It was at the most dangerous spot that the accident happened.

The Coroner said he would press for a footpath to be constructed along this road but in the meantime he urged the Service authorities to instruct their personnel, when using the road, to walk facing the oncoming traffic. He hoped the military representative present would tell his superior officer that the police should be assisted whenever possible and that all information dealing with accidents such as this should be given at once when asked for.

Driver Lister, the driver of the lorry, said half-way up a hill someone knocked on the tailboard of the lorry for him to stop. He did so and was informed that a W.A.A.F. had been killed. He was driving at about 15 m.p.h. He did not know why he did not see the two people walking in the road. He had been to the pictures in Bedford and was returning with about 20 men in the lorry. He had had only one pint of beer.

The Coroner said the driver had been unable to give any explanation as to why he had not seen the people in the road. He thought he should have done but there was no evidence that he had driven at a dangerous or excessive speed. There was very much to be said about the necessity for a footpath and he hoped the local authorities would see that something was done as soon as possible.

He expressed sympathy with the deceased's father, who was present.

CLOPHILL

Anchor Day in aid of the British Sailors' Society, organised by Mrs. M. Rothwell, raised £3 4s. 10½d.

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