


East Knoyle Roll of Honour  
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918




**ALBERT JOHN HARRIS**  
of Semley, Wiltshire

Date/place of birth	24 March 1892 Semley (East Knoyle School Admissions Register)	
Birth registered	June Q 1892 Tisbury Reg District 5a 199	5
Baptised		
Father	Frederick Harris of Melbury Abbas Dorset. Married Dec Q 1883 Tisbury Reg District 5a 475	5
Mother	Emily (nee Burt ) of Semley	5
Siblings	Henry, Jane, Martha, Eliza, Frederick, Alice, Frank, Harold	2
1891 Census	Bowmarsh Farm, Semley. Frederick's occupation Coal Merchant's Labourer	2
1901 Census	West End Farm, Semley. Age 9. Father's occupation Labourer (domestic)	2
1911 Census	2 Holloway, East Knoyle. Age 19, occupation General Labourer	2

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion Coldstream Guards	3
Enlisted	Salisbury	6
Service Number	10884	3
Medals	14-15 Star with Clasp / British War / Victory	4
Date of Death	16 September 1916 age 24	3
Cause of Death	Killed in action	6
Burial/Memorial	Guard's Cemetery, Les Boeuifs, Picardie, France. Grave Ref X111.L2	3



£12 War Gratuity paid to Emily Harris (mother)



East Knoyle

Campaign: G.E.F. 1914		(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.
(A) HARRIS	Coldstream Guards	Pte	10884
(B) Albert			
Action taken		Killed in action 14.9.16. 9.16.	



On 12 September 1916, during the Somme offensive, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Coldstream Guards moved from Méaulte, via Bernafay Wood, into the Ginchy sector.

15 September 1916: The battalion made an attack towards Les Boeuifs but received heavy casualties from withering German machine gun fire in the sunken Ginchy-Flers Road. Notwithstanding the casualties, the battalion surged forward and entered the German front line at about 7.15am. Further advances were then made and the positions successfully held against German counter attacks at 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

16 September 1916: The Germans continually bombarded the battalion's positions, a relief not taking place until nightfall when the survivors were relieved to Citadel Camp. Casualties amounted to 440 men killed, wounded or missing. Private Harris was one of those who died on this day.

Family Announcement  
Killed in action in France September 14-16, Private Albert Harris, Coldstream Guards, son of Mr & Mrs Harris of Holloway East Knoyle, age 24. *Western Gazette* 3 November 1916

Commemorated: East Knoyle War Memorial, St Mary's Church Plaque East Knoyle

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1 = Parish Registers  
4 = Medal Index Card

2 = 1891/1901/1911 Census  
5 = GRO Register

3 = Commonwealth War Graves Commission  
6 = UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1918