


East Knoyle Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918




FRANK WILLIAM KNIGHT
of Long Newnton, Gloucestershire

Date/place of birth	1896 Long Newnton	2
Birth registered	June Q 1896 Tetbury Reg District 6a 341	5
Baptised		
Father	William Thomas Knight of Devizes. Married Dec Q 1895 Highworth Reg District	5
Mother	Sarah Louisa (nee Fell) of Devizes	5
Siblings	Elsie Louisa, Agnes May, Annie Mabel & Frederick Thomas	2
1901 Census	Devizes, Wilts. Age 5. With Grandmother Annie Fell, mother Sarah and sister Agnes	2
1911 Census	Police Station Hilmarton, Wilts. Age 15. Father's occupation Police Constable	2

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	2 nd Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Devizes	6
Service Number	12050	3
Medals	14-15 Star / British War / Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	30 May 1918 age 22	3
Cause of Death	Killed in action	3
Burial/Memorial	Soissons Memorial, Aisne, Picardie, France	3



£17.10/- War Gratuity paid to William T Knight (father)



East Knoyle

Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)
(A) KNIGHT	Wiltshire	Pte	12050	MEDAL ROLL 14-15 VICTORY 4/102 5 204 BRITISH do do 15 STAR 4/118 111
(B) F. W.				


KNIGHT, Pte. Frank W., 12050. 2nd Bn. Wiltshire Regt. 30th May, 1918. Age 22. Son of William Thomas Knight and Sarah Louisa Knight, of 72, Wise Lane, East Knoyle, Salisbury.

Pte Frank Knight died in the Battle of Aisne 27 May - 6 June 1918

War Diary. 2nd Bn Wiltshire Regiment Near Chambrecy, France 30 May 1918

The enemy attacks in the early morning gained no ground on our front, but our flanks who were heavily engaged, were forced to give ground. About midday our flanks had been forced back and shortly afterwards enemy machine guns were in action near the aerodrome at GERMIGNY, harassing our rear and enfilading our front line. At 2.05pm the Battalion was ordered to withdraw to the ridge running east of SARCY. This withdrawal was effected i under some difficulties owing to hostile MG fire, and it is believed 1 Officer and 16 ORs were cut off. The enemy quickly followed up using smoke screens and pushing forward his MG's and forcing those on our right flank to withdraw to a position in the rear. Our right flank then became dangerous and we suffered heavy casualties, eventually withdrawing to a position south west of BLIGNY with our left on the River ARDRE which was fortified by us.

Soissons Memorial commemorates almost 4,000 officers and men of the UK forces who died during the Battles of Aisne and Marne in 1918 and who have no known grave.



Commemorated: East Knoyle War Memorial; Memorial Plaque St Mary's Church 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 1914-18