## Tisbury Roll of Honour THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918





## FREDERICK STEVENS

of Tisbury, Wiltshire

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A.I.F. Burial Ground, Flers, Somme, France

Date/Place of birth	1891 Tisbury	2
Birth registered	March Q 1891 Tisbury Reg Distrct 5a 197	5
Baptised	21 January 1891 St John the Baptist Church Tisbury	1
Father	Eli Stevens of Tisbury. Married December Q 1883 Tisbury Reg District 5a 475	5
Mother	Sarah nee Jelliffe of Compton Chamberlayne Wiltshire	5
Siblings	Louisa, William, Rosy, Arthur, Lily	2
1891 Census	Causeway, Wardour. Age 4 months. Father's occupation Farm Labourer	2
1901 Census	Old Turnpike Road to Dinton, Teffont Magna. Age 11. Father's occupation Carter on Farm	2
1911 Census	Stratford sub Castle, Salisbury. Age 20, occupation Carter on Farm	2
Wife	Elsie nee Marks. Married September Q 1915 Salisbury Reg District 5a 487	5

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Salisbury	6
Service Number	14214	3
Medals	14-15 Star / British War / Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	23 August 1916 age 25	3
Cause	Killed in Action	3
Burial/Memorial	A.I.F. Burial Ground, Flers, Somme, France. Grave Reg X1V.D.13	3



£9 War Gratuity paid to Elsie Stevens (wife)



Frederick Stevens served in both the 6<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Battalions of the Wiltshire Regiment, joining the former at the beginning of the war and entering

France with them in July of 1915. Both battalions played their part in many of the major battles on the Western Front, notably at Loos (6<sup>th</sup> Bn) in 1915 and in the 1916 Battles of the Somme (both Battalions).

By August 1916, Private Stevens had transferred to 1st Battalion who moved into front line trenches opposite the enemy's Leipzig Salient, near to the present day position of the Thiepval Monument. The salient had been under constant attack since early July. On 7 July the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion suffered some 426 casualties.

Small scale attacks were carried out by the battalion in the third week of August, inevitably receiving retaliatory shelling in return. The battalion lost 10 men on 22/23 August; Private Frederick Stevens was among that number.

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