



## **SIDNEY JUKES**

of East Knoyle, Wiltshire

Sidney Jukes St Mary the Virgin, East Knoyle

Date/place of birth	10 January 1899 East Knoyle (Service Record)	
Birth registered	March Q 1899 Mere Reg District 5a 198	5
Baptised	12 February 1899 St Mary the Virgin East Knoyle	1
Father	Joseph Jukes of East Knoyle. Married June Q 1881 Mere Reg District 5a 370	5
Mother	Elizabeth (nee Norris) of Mere	2
Siblings	George, James, Frederick, Janet, Alice, Emma, Beatrice, Ellen, Joe and Lilian	2
1901 Census	Milton East Knoyle. Age 2. Father's occupation Carter on Farm	2
1911 Census	Milton East Knoyle. Age 12, at school. Father's occupation Carter on Farm	2

Rank	Lieutenant	3
Regiment	Royal Air Force (10 Squadron, 4 Training Depot Station)	3
Medals	British War / Victory	
Date of Death/Age	27 November 1918 age 19	3
Cause of Death	Accidental (Death registered Dec Q 1918 Wirral Reg District 8a 905)	5
Burial/Memorial	St Mary the Virgin Churchyard Extension, East Knoyle. Burial day 28 November 1918	3







1 April 1918. The RAF was formed from the fusion of the RFC and the RNAS, and Lt Jukes would have been absorbed into the new Service from that date.

7th April 1918. Lt Jukes, aboard a Corps Reconnaissance/Artillery machine, force landed after its rear fuselage tank was hit by 'archie' on a counter-attack patrol. Observer was 2Lt WH Stanley.

8th June 1918. Lt Jukes and Lt Stanley force landed close to their home aerodrome after engine failure on return from a patrol.

Double Flying Fatality - Mid-Air Crash. On Thursday, Mr Bate held an inquest on the bodies of Joseph Arnold Buckley, a sergeant cadet in the RAF and Lt Sidney Jukes, also of the RAF, who were killed on Wednesday (27 November 1918) as a result of their machines colliding. Sergt Buckley's machine dived suddenly and struck Lt Jukes' machine (Dolphin C4101) when about 300 feet from the ground, knocking off the right wing. Consequently both machines crashed to earth and both pilots were killed. Prior to joining the RAF Lt Jukes resided at East Knoyle, Salisbury. He was only 19 at the time of his death and was a trustworthy and experienced pilot. Sergt Buckley resided at 78 Green-road, Renistone. Although only 19 he had had a good deal of experience. The verdict returned in each case was "Accidentally killed whilst flying."

Deep regret will be felt at the loss of two such promising airmen and much sympathy will be felt for their bereaved relatives. *Chester Chronicle 30 November 1918* 

JUKES Sydney of East Knoyle Wiltshire died 27 November 1918 at Hootton Cheshire Administration Becember to Joseph Jukes farm foreman. Effects £133 os. 6d.

 ${\bf Commemorated: \ East \ Knoyle \ War \ Memorial, \ Memorial \ Plaque \ St \ Mary's \ Church \ East \ Knoyle}$ 



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