Tyne Cot Memorial is one of 4 memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders covering the Ypres Salient.

> Tyne Cot bears the names of almost 35,000 officers and men whose graves are not known



Tyne Cot Memorial, West Flanders, Belgium

LEONARD CHARLES ROGERS

of Tisbury, Wiltshire

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Date/Place of birth	1899 Tisbury	2
Birth registered	June Q 1899 Tisbury Reg District 5a 205	5
Baptised		
Father	Edwin Charles Rogers of Semley. Married June Q 1895 Tisbury Reg District 5a 440	5
Mother	Bessie nee Thompson of Motcombe Dorset	5
Siblings	Edwin John, Florence, Percy, Harold and Victor	2
1901 Census	Horsehill Lane, Donhead St Mary. Age 2. Father's occupation Agricultural Labourer	2
1911 Census	Horsehill Lane, Coombe, Donhead St Mary. Age 12, at school. Father's occupation Rural District Council Worker	2

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	6 th Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Devizes	6
Service Number	35744	3
Medals	British War / Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	10 April 1918 age 19	3
Cause	Presumed Dead (Soldier's Effects)	
Burial/Memorial	Tyne Cot Memorial, West Flanders, Belgium. Panels 119-120	3





In April of 1918, Leonard Charles Rogers had been serving on the Western Front with 6th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment in the 19th Division for less than a year.

£5 War Gratuity paid to Charles Rogers (father)

On 10th April 1918, the battalion were in the front line to the east of the Messines to Wytschaete ridge. At 3 30am, the Division took the full force of an attack by four enemy divisions. The battalion were subjected to relentless gas and high explosive shell bombardment all day and to constant infantry onslaught. Despite holding their positions until late afternoon, the two forward companies were overwhelmed and the two reserve companies forced to retire. Two thirds of the battalion became casualties during the battle.

Many of those who fell on that day, including Private Rogers, were never found.

ROGERS, Pte. Leonard Charles, 35744. 6th Bn. Wiltshire Regt. 10th April, 1918. Age 19. Son of Charles and Bessie Rogers, of Barker's Hill, Semley, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

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