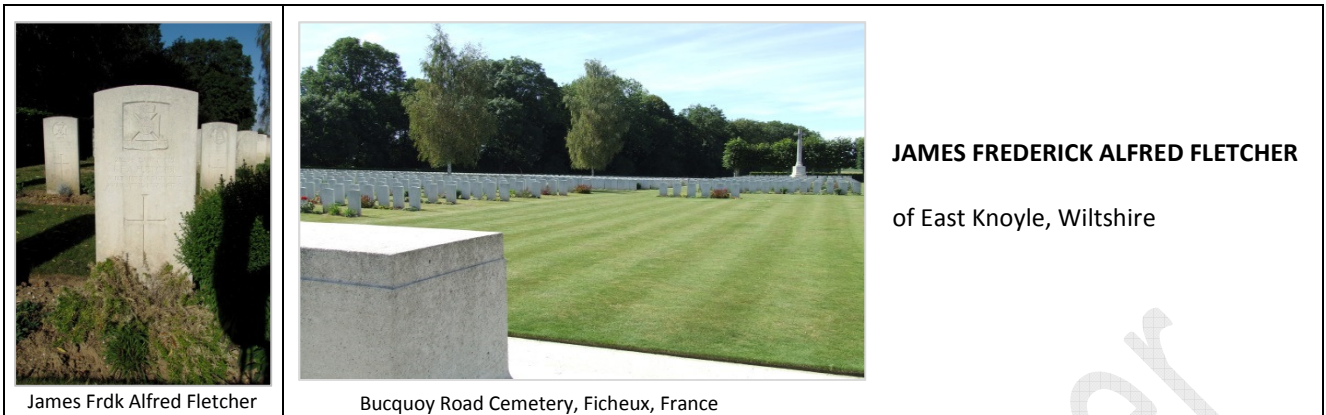



East Knoyle Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918




JAMES FREDERICK ALFRED FLETCHER
of East Knoyle, Wiltshire

Date/place of birth	1895 East Knoyle	1
Birth registered	Dec Q 1895 Mere Reg District 5a 196	5
Baptised	5 January 1896 St Mary the Virgin East Knoyle	1
Father	Henry Fletcher of East Knoyle. Married Dec Q 1894 Mere Reg District 5a 447	5
Mother	Amy Elizabeth (nee Chalke) of Winterslow Wiltshire	5
Siblings	Charles, William, Mary, Rose, Florence and Gladys	2
1901 Census	Upton, East Knoyle. Age 5. Father's occupation Agricultural Labourer	2
1911 Census	28 Milton, East Knoyle. Age 15. Occupation Shepherd, Clouds Estate	2

Rank	Lance Corporal	3
Regiment	2 nd Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Salisbury (Residence at time of enlistment Romsey Hants)	6
Service Number	21254	3
Medals	British War / Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	28 April 1917 age 21	3
Cause of Death	Died of wounds	4
Burial/Memorial	Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, France. Grave Ref I.C.23	3



£8 War Gratuity paid to Henry Fletcher (father)



East Knoyle



Name	Company	Rank	Regt. No.
FLETCHER, James. F. A.	Wilt. R.	Plt	21254
Medal	Date	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	6/1/1917	514	
BRITISH WAR	do	do	

The 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment spent the first three months of 1917 around Arras. On the 9th April they took part in the attack on the Hindenburg Line. Very few men reached the objective and those that did found that the German wire was undamaged.

On the 11th April they came out of the line weaker by 16 officers and 363 other ranks. After ten days rest they returned for a further weeks fighting in the same area.

War Diary, 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, 28th April 1917, Trenches, France
 "At 3.00am the Brigade on our right (64th) attacked and bombed down the Hindenburg Line to the South-East. At 4.25am the 1st Army attacked. Shortly after 4.00am the artillery covering our front opened a barrage fire on the enemy's front and creeping towards his rear and then coming back again to his front line. This caused the enemy to put down his barrage, which was extremely heavy, on our front, causing a few casualties. The enemy continued to shell our front line and the valley in rear intermittently throughout the day." It was on this day that James Fletcher lost his life.

FLETCHER, Lce. Cpl. J. F. A., 21254. 2nd Bn. Wiltshire Regt. 28th April, 1917. Age 21. Son of Henry and Amy E. Fletcher, of Eggbury, St. Mary Bourne, Andover. Native of East Knoyle, Salisbury. I. C. 23.

Commemorated: East Knoyle War Memorial

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

3 = Commonwealth War Graves Commission
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