The Basra
Memorial
commemorates
more than
40,500
Commonwealth
forces who died in
the operations in
Mesopotamia from
Autumn 1914 to the
end of August 1921
and whose graves
are not known



Basra Memorial, Iraq

SIDNEY GEORGE SCOTT

of Tisbury, Wiltshire

Date/Place of birth	1874 Tisbury	2
Birth registered	December Q 1874 Tisbury Reg District 5a 216	5
Baptised	2 December 1874 St John the Baptist Church Tisbury	1
Father	George Scott of Tisbury. Married 6 November 1873 St Leonard's Church Semley	1
Mother	Eliza (nee Toogood) of Semley	5
Siblings	Joseph, Edith Emma and Mabel Annie	2
1881 Census	Row Lane Wardour Tisbury. Age 6, at school. Father's occupation Railway Labourer	2
1891 Census	No 4 Rodwell Street, Weymouth. Age 16, occupation Groom Servant. Lodging with Richards family	2
1901 Census	Railway Lodge, Dinton. Age 26, occupation Bricklayer's Labourer	2
1911 Census	Mill Crossing, Dinton. Age 35, occupation Bricklayer	2

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	5 th Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Salisbury	6
Service Number	23653	3
Medals	British War / Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	29 March 1917 age 43	3
Cause	Killed in action	3
Burial/Memorial	Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panels 30 and 64	3





Sidney Scott joined 5th
Battalion Wiltshire
Regiment in 40th
Brigade of 13th
(Western) Division in

early 1916 at about the time the division was sent to Mesopotamia to join the force attempting, in the end

unsuccessfully, to lift the siege of the British garrison of Kut al Amara by the Ottoman forces.

£4 War Gratuity paid to Elizabeth Scott (mother) In late 1916 operations began to recapture Kut which was finally taken in February 1917. In the subsequent advance to, and capture of, Baghdad, the battalion was one of the first two battalions to force the crossing of the Diyala river. The division continued operations north of Baghdad in March and April.

One of these operations, the Battle of Duqma, took place on 29th March 1917 and it is likely that Private Sidney Scott lost his life during this battle.

19224 Pte Ernest Hacker, from Tisbury, 5th Bn Wiltshire Regiment, also lost his life at Kut just days after Sidney Scott.

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