

East Knoyle Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918



Oliver Snooke



Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France

OLIVER SNOOKE, M.M.

of East Knoyle, Wiltshire

Date/place of birth	7 September 1892 East Knoyle (East Knoyle School Admissions Register)	
Birth registered	Dec Q 1892 Mere Reg District 5a 195 (surname spelt Snook)	5
Baptised	6 November 1892 St Mary the Virgin East Knoyle	1
Father	Edward Wilberforce Snooke of East Knoyle. Married Dec Q 1891 Wells Reg District 5c 934	5
Mother	Alice Mary (nee Barnard) of Wookey Somerset	5
Siblings	Dick and Anne	2
1901 Census	64 Holloway, East Knoyle. Age 8. Father's occupation Bricklayer	2
1911 Census	Holloway, East Knoyle. Age 18, occupation Stable Help	2

Rank	Sergeant	3
Regiment	12 th (Service) Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)	3
Enlisted	London	6
Service Number	GS/5150	3
Medals	14-15 Star / British War / Victory / Military	4
Date of Death/Age	6 December 1916 age 24	3
Cause of Death	Killed in action	6
Burial/Memorial	Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref 1.K.36	3



Oliver Snooke served on the Western Front in France and Flanders from 1st Sep 1915 to 6th Dec 1916



Sgt Oliver Snooke was killed while manning the trenches NE of Loos in France. The Battalion's War Diary on 6 Dec 1916 is brief:

Trenches, 14 BIS Sub Sector, France. "Mild. Lt H R Murless proceeded on leave. Lt J D Stewart proceeded to 1st Army School. Casualties: Killed 1 O.R. Wounded 1 O.R. (slightly at duty)"



Sgt Snooke probably earned his Military Medal for conspicuous bravery between the time his Battalion arrived on the Somme on 1 Aug and the report of the award being published in the London Gazette on 23 Aug; he was presented with the MM ribbon on 19 November 1916, just 17 days before he was killed in action.

War Office, 23rd August 1916. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the under mentioned non-commissioned officers and men 5150 Cpl O Snooke, Royal Fusiliers. *London Gazette, August 23, 1916*

Sergt Oliver Snooke, 12th Royal Fusiliers, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in France. He is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs E W Snooke of Holloway, East Knoyle, and grandson of the late Mr Charles Barnard of Wookey, Somerset. *Wells Journal September 08, 1916*

SNOOK Oliver of Dartford House Hindon Salisbury died 6 December 1916 on war service Administration Gloucester 11 June to Stephen Henry Palmer commercial traveller. Effects £385 19s. 2d.

SNOOKE, Serjt. Oliver, 5150, M.M. 12th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. 6th Dec., 1916. Age 24. Son of Edward Wilberforce Snooke and Alice Mary Snooke, of The Lodge, Bishop's Fonthill, Salisbury. I. K. 36.

(Sgt Snooke's headstone bears date of death 8 December 1916) £13.10/- paid to Edward W Snooke (father)

Commemorated: War Memorial & St Mary's Church Plaque East Knoyle, Hindon War Memorial



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1 = Parish Registers
4 = Medal Index Card

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

3 = Commonwealth War Graves Commission
6 = UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1918