






West Knoyle Roll of Honour  
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

<p>Awaiting image</p> <p><i>Bucquoy Road Cemetery contains 1901 burials and commemorations of WW1. 168 burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 23 casualties known or believed to be buried among them</i></p>		<p><b>WILLIAM HENRY HAYTER</b></p> <p>of West Knoyle</p>
<p>Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas de Calais, France</p>		

Date/place of birth	1893 West Knoyle	2
Birth registered	September Q 1893 Mere Reg District 5a 208	5
Baptised		
Father	William John Hayter of Swallowcliffe. Married 3 October 1892 Tisbury Wiltshire	1
Mother	Lucy Ellen (nee Furnell) of Tisbury	5
Siblings	Cecilia	2
1901 Census	Bemerton, Salisbury. Age 7. Father's occupation Wheelwright's Smith	2
1911 Census	Elm Cottage, Bemerton, Salisbury. Age 17, occupation Under Gardener (domestic)	2

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Salisbury	6
Service Number	33224	3
Medals	British War / Victory	4
Date of Death	9 April 1917 age 23	3
Cause of Death	Killed in Action	3
Burial/Memorial	Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas de Calais, France. Special Memorial 18	3

 <p><i>£6 War Gratuity paid to Mary E (mother)</i></p>  <p>St Mary's West Knoyle</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Corps</th> <th>Rank</th> <th>Regt. No.</th> </tr> <tr> <td>HAYTER William H.</td> <td>Wiltshire</td> <td>Private</td> <td>33224</td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th>Medal</th> <th>Roll</th> <th>Page</th> <th>Remarks</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Warrior</td> <td>C/1/02 86</td> <td>692</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Victim</td> <td>No</td> <td>No</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>War Diary (summary) 9 April 1917 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Wiltshire Regiment. 21 Brigade</p> <p>“At 1.30am a party of 100 OR's of D Coy went forward to attack the Mill near the Henin-Neuville Vitasse road. The attack met with considerable resistance, attackers forced to retire having sustained heavy casualties. 1 Officer wounded, 1 killed; casualties 35 other ranks. It was ascertained from prisoners taken later that the garrison of this Mill was at the time of the attack 120 other ranks and 2 machine guns.</p> <p>At 5.30am the main attack on the Hindenburg Line commenced .... villages on our flanks captured; at 11.38am 21 Brigade attacked with 2 Wilts Regt on the right, 18 King's (Liverpool) Regt on the left, 19 Manchester Regt in support. The Battalion advanced in artillery formation .... considerable hostile shelling throughout the advance, which became intense as it proceeded, heavy casualties before the attackers came in sight of their objective ... advance continued up to the enemy's wire, but the attackers were considerably depleted. The few unwounded men took cover in all available shell holes, but had to retire to the sunken road where they dug in. The enemy's artillery shelled this road heavily causing further casualties. By this time most of the officers had become casualties, only three remaining. These officers collected all the unwounded men, 90 in all, and consolidated the position. Total casualties sustained by the Battalion in the attack, not counting those sustained in the attack on the Mill - Captains 2, Subalterns 12, other ranks 328.”</p>  <p>Commemorated: St John the Evangelist Lych Gate, Bemerton, Wilts (right)</p>	Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.	HAYTER William H.	Wiltshire	Private	33224	Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks	Warrior	C/1/02 86	692		Victim	No	No		
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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 1914-1919