


East Knoyle Roll of Honour  
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918




**ERNEST TANSWELL**  
of Rockbourne, Hampshire

Date/place of birth	December 1881 Rockbourne (East Knoyle School Admissions Register)	
Birth registered	March Q 1881 Fordingbridge Reg District 2b 704	5
Baptised	27 February 1881 St Andrew's, Rockbourne	1
Father	John Tanswell of East Knoyle. Married Sept Q 1879 Mere Reg District 5a 351	5
Mother	Emily (nee Brockway) of East Knoyle	5
Siblings	Herbert J and Emily Ethel	2
1881 Census	Rockbourne. Age 4 months. Father's occupation Carter	2
1891 Census	16 Upton, East Knoyle. Age 10. Father's occupation Horse Carter	2
1901 Census	Aberystroth, Blaina, Mons, Wales. Age 20. Lodging with John Gray. Occupation Colliery Labourer	2
1911 Census	Upton, East Knoyle. Age 30. Occupation General Labourer	2
Wife	Sarah Jane (nee Small, of East Knoyle) Married 29 July 1902 East Knoyle Wilts	1
Children	Sarah Jane, Alfred Edward, Elizabeth, Elsie	2

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	1/6 Battalion (Territorial) Royal Warwickshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Gillingham	6
Service Number	30509 (formerly 31612 Worcestershire Regiment/265044 Somerset Light Infantry)	3
Medals	British / Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	13 October 1917 age 36	3
Cause of Death	Died of wounds	3
Burial/Memorial	Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Memorial Ref V111.1.52	3



£5.10/-  
War Gratitude  
paid to  
Sarah J Tanswell  
(wife)



East Knoyle

Name <b>TANSWELL</b>	Corps <i>Som L.I. R. War R.</i>	Rank <i>Private</i>	Regt. No. <i>265044 30509</i>
Medal <i>Victoria</i>	Roll <i>1/10th B.S. 6896</i>	Page <i>do</i>	Remarks

Division's move towards Passchendaele village, slowed first by deep mud in the Ravebeek valley, was halted by machine-gun fire from front and flanks.

The New Zealanders' advance up the Bellevue spur met with disaster as men, trapped by dense belts of barbed-wire, were cruelly cut down by machine-guns within German emplacements beyond. Isolated pockets of progress were made but by afternoon survivors had been forced back to their start lines. By the end of the day, the high ground around Passchendaele remained firmly in German hands: the attack, resulting in severe British casualties, failed completely in attaining its principal objective.

In Memoriam. In loving memory of my dear husband Pte E Tanswell, Warwick Regiment, of East Knoyle, died of wounds October 13, 1917 age 36. Buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery. Love cannot die, although we miss his hand clasp, miss his loving smile, our hearts are broken, yet a little while and we shall be within the pearly gate. God strengthen us, God help us, while we wait.  
*Western Gazette Friday October 11, 1918*

Commemorated: War Memorial East Knoyle, Memorial plaque St Mary's Church East Knoyle

Battle of Passchendaele:  
31 July - 6 November 1917

Worn out by their long heavily-shelled approach march, the drenched assault brigades gained their start lines in the dark early hours of 12 October. At zero-hour, 5.25am, as drizzle turned to pouring rain the impoverished British barrage offered scant protection to attackers struggling forward through the mire. 3rd Australian

