

East Knoyle Roll of Honour  
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918



Reginald George Littlecott



Chambrecy British Cemetery, France

**REGINALD GEORGE LITTLECOTT**

of West Cholderton, Wiltshire

Date/place of birth	30 March 1898 West Cholderton Wilts	1
Birth registered	Jun Q 1898 Amesbury Reg District 5a 163	5
Baptised	29 May 1898 St Nicholas West Cholderton	1
Father	Harry Littlecott of Downton Wilts. Married 24 Jan 1880 Downton	1
Mother	Mary Jane (nee Tanner) of Downton Wiltshire	1
Siblings	Albert, Ernest, Walter, Frank and Beatrice	2
1901 Census	Down Farm Cottages, West Cholderton. Age 3. Father's occupation Shepherd	2
1911 Census	Milton East Knoyle. Age 13, at school. Father's occupation Shepherd, Clouds Estate	2

Rank	Lance Corporal	3
Regiment	2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Warminster	6
Service Number	24612	3
Medals	British War /Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	31 May 1918 age 20	3
Cause of Death	Killed in action	6
Burial/Memorial	Chambrecy British Cemetery, France. Grave Ref 11.D.6	3



£9.10.01d  
War Gratuity  
paid to  
Harry Littlecott (father)



East Knoyle

Name	Wiltshire R	Rank	Pte	Regt. No.	24612
LITTLECOTT					
Reginald - G.					
Medal		Regt.			
Service	6/1/1916	Page			
Discharge	do				

L/Cpl Littlecott died during the Battle of Aisne  
27 May - 6 June 1918



War Diary (summary)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Wiltshire Regiment  
France, near Chambrecy, 31 May 1918

An order arrived from 56 Brigade that the Battalion is to return to its position SW of BLIGNY; remained in this position until 5pm when the Brigade Major brought instructions to counter-attack the farm on the river due north of CHAMBRECY and the high ground north west of CHAMBRECY village. The CO and Adjutant reconnoitred the position and assembled the Battalion for the attack, launched at 7.20pm. Very considerable MG fire was met with from each flank, combined with Heavy Artillery fire, but the Battalion, personally led by the CO, pressed on to its objective, which it reached in due course, joining up with the French on the left flank. This position was rapidly consolidated under heavy fire & the remnants of the Battalion reorganised. Our casualties were rather heavy, only 5 officers remaining and about 120 men.

**LITTLECOTT, REGINALD GEORGE, L.-Corpl., No. 24612, 2nd Battn. (99th Foot) The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regt.), yst. s. of Harry Littlecott, of 72, Wise Lane, East Knoyle, Shepherd, by his wife, Mary Jane, dau. of William Tanner; b. Cholderton, co. Wilts, 30 March, 1898; educ. East Knoyle School; was Assistant Scout Master 1st East Knoyle Troop of Boy Scouts; enlisted in the Wiltshire Regt. 27 May, 1916; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 4 May, 1917; was reported wounded and missing after the fighting at Chambrecy, and is now reported to have been killed in action on or about 31 May, 1918. He is buried at the Collection of Graves in Groups in a thin belt of firs nearly on top of La Group North of Chambrecy, Fourth Group, ten yards north-west of side of firs, about ten miles south-west of Rheims, France; *W.M.***

Mr and Mrs Littlecott have officially been informed that their son Reginald who was reported missing since May 31<sup>st</sup> is now confirmed to be dead. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved.  
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Commemorated: War Memorial East Knoyle, Memorial plaque St Mary's Church East Knoyle

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