Pozieres Memorial commemorates over 14,000 UK casualties and 300 from South Africa who died on the Somme between 21 March1918 and 7 August 1918 and who have no known grave



EDWARD MOULD

of Tisbury, Wiltshire

Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France

Date/Place of birth	1888 Tisbury	2
Birth registered	December Q 1888 Tisbury Reg District 5a 190	5
Baptised	5 December 1888 St John the Baptist Church Tisbury	1
Father	Alfred Mould of Tisbury. Married March Q 1881 Wilton Reg District 5a 281	5
Mother	Mary Ann nee Burton of Tisbury	5
Siblings	Walter, Henry, Martha, Ellen, Edith, George, Alice, Sydney Alfred and Edgar John	2
1891 Census	Britford, Wilts. Age 2. Father's occupation Cowman	2
1901 Census	Britford, Wilts. Age 12. Father's occupation Stockman on Farm	2
1911 Census	Wilsford, Wilts. Age 22, single, occupation Carter on Farm	2

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	2 nd Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Devizes	6
Service Number	18439	3
Medals	14-15 Star / British War / Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	21 March 1918 age 28	3
Cause	Killed in action	6
Burial/Memorial	Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France. Panel 64	3





Private Edward Mould served in the 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment from the beginning of 1915 and fought with them in the 7th and the 30th Division through many of the major battles on the Western Front.

On 21st March 1918, the enemy unleashed a massive Spring offensive preceded by the greatest bombardment ever seen on the Western Front. The 2nd Wilts, who were defending positions near to St Quentin, came under direct infantry attack at 10am.

£18.10/-War Gratuity paid to Alfred Mould (father)

War Diary, 2nd Bn Wiltshire Regiment, Trenches, France. 21 March 1918

"An intense enemy bombardment of our trenches and back areas with HE and gas shells at 4.30am and continued throughout the day. The enemy attacked at 10am with two Divisions on our Battalion front, and owing to the dense mist which prevailed, broke through on our flanks and surround the Battalion in spite of the strong resistance offered. No definite information was forthcoming owing to the Battalion being cut off but a message was received by pigeon carrier at 1.30pm from Lt Col AVP Martin to the effect that he was still holding out in the redoubt with 50 men."

The 2nd Wilts lost nearly 100 men that day, many of whom have no known grave. Among their number was Private Edward Mould.

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