

East Knoyle Roll of Honour  
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918



George Elliott


Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France

**GEORGE ELLIOTT**


of East Knoyle, Wiltshire

Date/place of birth	2 May 1885 East Knoyle (East Knoyle School Admissions Register)	
Birth registered	June Q 1885 Mere Reg District 5a 226	5
Baptised	7 June 1885 St Mary the Virgin East Knoyle	1
Father	George Elliott of East Knoyle. Married December Q 1881 Mere Reg District 5a 461	5
Mother	Florence (nee Read) of East Knoyle	5
Siblings	Elizabeth, Rose, Edith, William/Charlie	2
1891 Census	17 Upton East Knoyle. Age 5. Father's occupation carter	2
1901 Census	Down Barn, Durnford. Age 16, occupation carter on farm	2
1911 Census	India. Occupation soldier, rank Private, 1st King's Dragoon Guards. Age 25, single	2
Wife	Emma Grinter of Amesbury. Married June Q 1913 Amesbury Reg District 5a 307	5
Children	Vivian G Elliott. Born Dec Q 1914 Amesbury Reg District 5a 256	5

Rank	Trooper	3
Regiment	1 <sup>st</sup> (King's) Dragoon Guards attached 1 <sup>st</sup> Life Guards	3
Enlisted	Salisbury	6
Service Number	5958	3
Medals	14-15 Star / British War / Victory	4
Date of Death/Age	21 September 1916 age 31	3
Cause of Death	Appendicitis	3
Burial/Memorial	Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Grave Ref 1.E.3	3



*£12 War Gratuity paid to Emma Elliott (wife)*



St Mary's East Knoyle

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
ELLIOTT George	1 <sup>st</sup> D. G. D S	Pte	5958
			104/11


Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	CC/139	9/1	5
BRITISH	do	do	14
STAR	CC/29	53	14

1st (King's) Dragoon Guards fought at the Battle of Flers-Courcelette 15-22 September 1916 notable for the introduction of tanks.

On 11 September 49 tanks began to move slowly into position in the line. As a measure of their fundamental unreliability, 17 tanks were unable to make it as far as the front line. Of the 22 that did, a further 7 failed to work at zero hour. Thus 15 of the 49 tanks rolled slowly into No Man's Land with the start of the attack on 15 September. Despite this, the launch of the tanks produced devastating effects on German morale. Led by the tanks, the villages of Martinpuich, Flers and Courcelette fell to the Allies, as did the much sought-after High Wood. A combination of poor weather and extensive German reinforcements halted the British and Canadian advance on 17 September; the Allies had again suffered heavy casualties. The attack was called off on 22 September. George Elliott may have taken part in this battle before he fell ill with appendicitis.

In Memoriam. In loving memory of my dear husband, Trooper George Elliot of Teffont Magna, Kings Dragoon Guards, died in Abbeville Hospital France September 21<sup>st</sup> 1916 of appendicitis, aged 30. Inserted by his sorrowing wife and little son. *Western Gazette, Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> 1916*

ELLIOTT, Pte. George, 5958. 1st Dragoon Guards attd. 1st Life Guards. 21st Sept., 1916. Age 31. Husband of Mrs. E. Elliott, of Netherhampton, nr. Salisbury, Wilts. I. E. 3.



Commemorated: None found

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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