

West Knoyle Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

The Loos Memorial commemorates over 20,000 officers and men who have no known grave

On either side of the cemetery is a wall 15 feet high, with fixed tablets bearing the names of those commemorated



Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

EDWARD CORNELIUS THICK

of West Knoyle, Wiltshire

Date/place of birth	1882 West Knoyle	2
Birth registered	March Q 1882 Mere Reg District 5a 213	5
Baptised	25 December 1881 St Mary the Virgin West Knoyle	1
Father	Thomas Thick of Bower Chalke Wilts. Married Mar Q 1877 Wilton Reg District 5a 287	5
Mother	Anna Eliza (nee Trowbridge) of Bower Chalke Wilts	5
Siblings	Frederick H, Clarence Wyndham, Emily Florence, Alice Mabel, William Charles, Mary Elizabeth	2
1891 Census	Queen St, Gillingham, Dorset. Age 9, at school. Father's Occupation Gardener	2
1901 Census	Serving in South Africa Campaign 1899-1902	3
1911 Census	31 Princes Road, Notting Hill, London. Age 29. Occupation Baker	2
Wife	Florence Minnie (nee Stanley) of Fulham, London. Married Sept Q 1909 Newbury Reg District 2c 567	5
Children	Stanley Edward. Dec Q 1910 Kensington Reg District 1a 114	5

Rank	Lance Corporal	3
Regiment	2 nd Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Devizes Wilts (Residence at time of enlistment 107 Rylston Road Fulham London)	6
Service Number	5339	3
Medals	14-15 Star / British War / Victory	4
Date of Death	25 September 1915 age 33	3
Cause of Death	Killed in action	3
Burial/Memorial	Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 102	3



1898. Edward Enlisted in Royal Glos, Berks & Wilts Regt age 18. He served in the South African Campaign and was awarded SA Clasp



St Mary's W. Knoyle

Campaign :- **1914** (A) Where decoration was earned. (B) Present situation.

Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)
A) THICK	1st Bn	Pte	5339	VICTORY x 9/1/02 1/13 14/39 BRITISH do do do
B) Edward	-	-	-	14 STAR 6/1/13 1/14

War Diary (summary)

2nd Bn Wiltshire Regiment

Verquin, France, 25 September 1915.

(The Battle of Loos 25 Sept-18 Oct 1915)

"Battalion moved at 12.30am, marched via LA BOURSE and SAILLY, arriving at a reserve line of trenches SE of NOYELLES at about 3am. Bombardment becomes

intense. At about 6am the attack was launched Orders for the Battalion to advance in open order in direction of CITE ST ELIE experiencing extremely heavy rifle and machine gun fire from the front, came to a line held very weakly by a mixture of 8th Devon & 2nd Borders. The trench contained 4 German field guns and ammunition. Our losses were heavy"

Killed in action in France in September, Edward C Thick, 2nd Wilts Regt, second son of Mr and Mrs Thick, of Speen-hill, Newbury, Berks, aged 33. *Newbury Weekly News 4 November 1915*

Mr T Thick of Ivy Cottage, Speen has been informed that his youngest son, Signaller Charles Thick, aged 30, was killed while on duty in France on April 26th. He leaves a wife and two young children. This is the second son who has given his life for the country. *Newbury Weekly News 9 May 1918* (Edward's brother, (William) Charles is also commemorated on the Speen War Memorial)

£6 War Gratuity paid to Florence Thick (wife)

Commemorated: War Memorial Speen Newbury Berkshire (right)



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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