

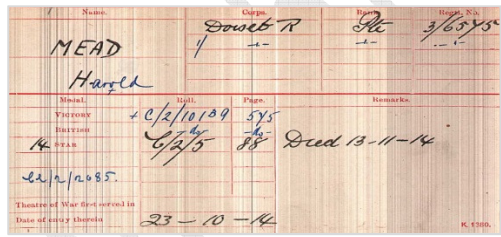




West Knoyle Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

<p><i>The Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial bears the names of more than 54,000 officers and men whose graves are not known</i></p>	 <p>HAROLD MEAD of West Knoyle, Wiltshire</p>
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Date/place of birth	1898 West Knoyle	2
Birth registered	March Q 1898 Mere Reg District 5a 197	5
Baptised	St Mary the Virgin West Knoyle (Memorial Plaque St Mary's church)	
Father	Albert Mead of West Knoyle. Married Dec Q 1892 Mere Reg District 5a 487	5
Mother	Letitia (nee Bown) native to Motcombe Dorset	5
Siblings	William, Annie, Alice, Ada, Laura, Florence, Arthur, Reginald, John, Beatrice & Ethel	2
1901 Census	Knowle Common, Mere, Wilts. Age 3. Father's occupation General Labourer	2
1911 Census	Knowle Common, Mere, Wilts. Age 13, occupation General Labourer	2

Rank	Private	3
Regiment	1 st Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment	3
Enlisted	Gillingham Dorset	6
Service Number	Service No: 3/6575	3
Medals	14-15 Star / British War / Victory	4
Date of Death	13 November 1914 age 16	3
Cause of Death	Killed in action	3
Burial/Memorial	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Panel 37	3

 <p><i>£5 War Gratuity paid to Albert Mead (father)</i></p>  <p>St Mary's West Knoyle</p>	 <p>On 23rd August 1914, the day that Harold Mead just 16 years old, landed in Belgium, British Forces were in fierce combat at the Battle of Mons on the Belgian/French border,</p> <p>On October 19, 1914, near the Belgian city of Ypres, Allied and German forces begin the first of what would be three battles to control the city and its advantageous positions on the north coast of Belgium. Fighting continued with heavy losses on both sides, until November 22, when the arrival of winter weather forced the battle to a halt. The area between the positions established by both sides during this period became known as the Ypres Salient, a region that over the course of the next several years would see some of the war's bitterest and most brutal struggles. Harold Mead entered Belgium on 23 October 1914. He died 20 days later at the First Battle of Ypres.</p> <p>Plaque in St Mary the Virgin church West Knoyle (right) reads: <i>"In honoured memory of Edwin Gatehouse 10th Hussars died 20th June 1918 aged 20 years and Harold Mead 1st Bn Dorset died 13 November 1914 aged 16 years (both baptised in this church) numbered among those who fell in the Great War 1914-191"</i></p>  <p>Commemorated: WW1 Memorial Plaque St Mary's West Knoyle</p>	
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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