

Roll of Honour

Connected to Knook



Lest we Forget

World War I



7231 PRIVATE

A. GRACE

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S (WILTSHIRE REGIMENT)

31ST OCTOBER, 1914

Alfred GRACE

Alfred Grace was born at Knook around 1888 to parents James & Elizabeth Grace (nee Potter). Alfred's parents had married at Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Heytesbury, Wiltshire in 1874.

The 1891 Census records Alfred Grace as a 3 year old living with his family at Cottage 1 (Burclose) at Upton Scudamore, Wiltshire. His parents were recorded as James Grace (Shepherd, aged 45, born Sutton Veny, Wiltshire) & Elizabeth Grace (aged 37, born Standledge, Wiltshire). Alfred was the third of four children listed in this Census – Nelly (aged 10), Edith (aged 8), then Alfred & William (aged 10 months). All the children were listed as being born at Knook, Wiltshire.

The 1901 Census records Alfred Grace as a 13 year old Oster (Groom), living with his family at Woodlands End, Mells, Somerset. His parents were recorded as James Grace (Shepherd, aged 55, born Sutton Veny, Wiltshire) & Elizabeth Grace (aged 44, born Downton, Wiltshire). Alfred was the oldest of 4 children listed in this Census – William (Scholar, aged 10, born *Upton Scudymore*, Wiltshire), Ernest (Scholar, aged 8, born *Upton Scudymore*, Wiltshire) & Reginald (aged 4, born Mells, Somerset).

The 1911 Census records Alfred Grace as a 24 year old, Private in 1st Wiltshire Regiment.

Alfred's parents were recorded in 1911 Census as living at Rectory Cottage, Mells near Frome, Somerset. James Grace (aged 66, formerly a Shepherd), Elizabeth Grace (aged 53). James & Elizabeth had been married for 36 years & had 10 children, 8 still living. Also listed on the Census was Ernest Grace (aged 18, Postman), Reginald Grace (aged 14, Assistant Gardener) & Hugh Love, a Boarder (aged 20, Quarry Steamkeeper).

Alfred Grace enlisted at Warminster, Wiltshire with Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment). He was given the rank of Private & a service number of 7231. His residence was listed as Mells, Somerset. Private Grace's records show that at the time of his death he was attached to 1st Battalion Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment).

Private Alfred Grace was killed in action on 31st October, 1914, aged 26.

Private Alfred Grace is remembered on Le Touret Memorial, France – Panel 33 and 34 as he has no known grave. His death is acknowledged by the CWGC.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Alfred Grace as the son of Mrs J. Grace of Mells, Frome, Somerset.

Private Alfred Grace's Medal Index Card shows that he entered a Theatre of War on 14th August, 1914. He was entitled to 1914 Star with Clasp, British War medal & Victory Medal. The Clasp was only awarded to those that had served under enemy fire between 5th August & 22nd November, 1914.

Private Alfred Grace is also remembered on War Memorial Plaque located inside the Church of St. Andrew, Mells, Somerset.



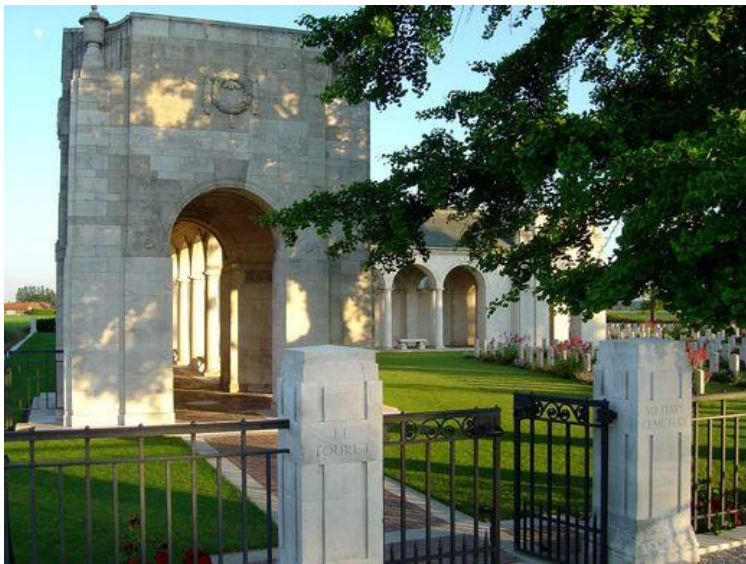
War memorial Plaque inside Church of St. Andrew, Mells Somerset (Photos with permission from Michael Day)



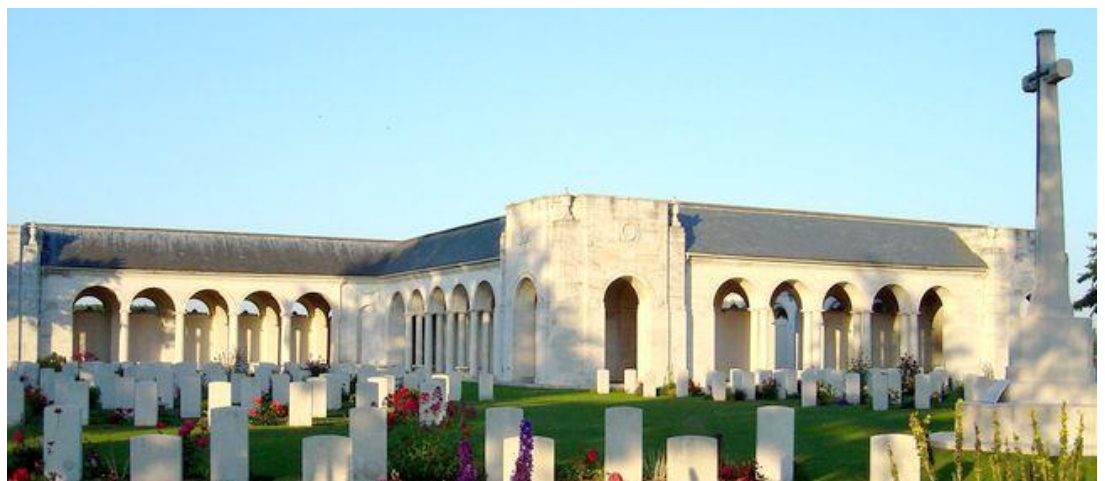
Le Touret Memorial, France

Le Touret Memorial is located at the east end of Le Touret Military Cemetery on the Bethune-Armentieres main road. The Memorial takes the form of a loggia surrounding an open rectangular court. The court is enclosed by three solid walls and on the eastern side by a colonnade. East of the colonnade is a wall and the colonnade and wall are prolonged northwards (to the road) and southwards, forming a long gallery. Small pavilions mark the ends of the gallery and the western corners of the court.

The Le Touret Memorial commemorates over 13,400 British soldiers who were killed in this sector of the Western Front from the beginning of October, 1914 to the eve of the Battle of Loos in a late September, 1915 and who have no known grave. The names of those commemorated are listed on panels set into the walls of the court and the gallery, arranged by Regiment, Rank & alphabetically by surname within the rank.



(Photos from [In Memories](#) by Pierre Vandervelden)

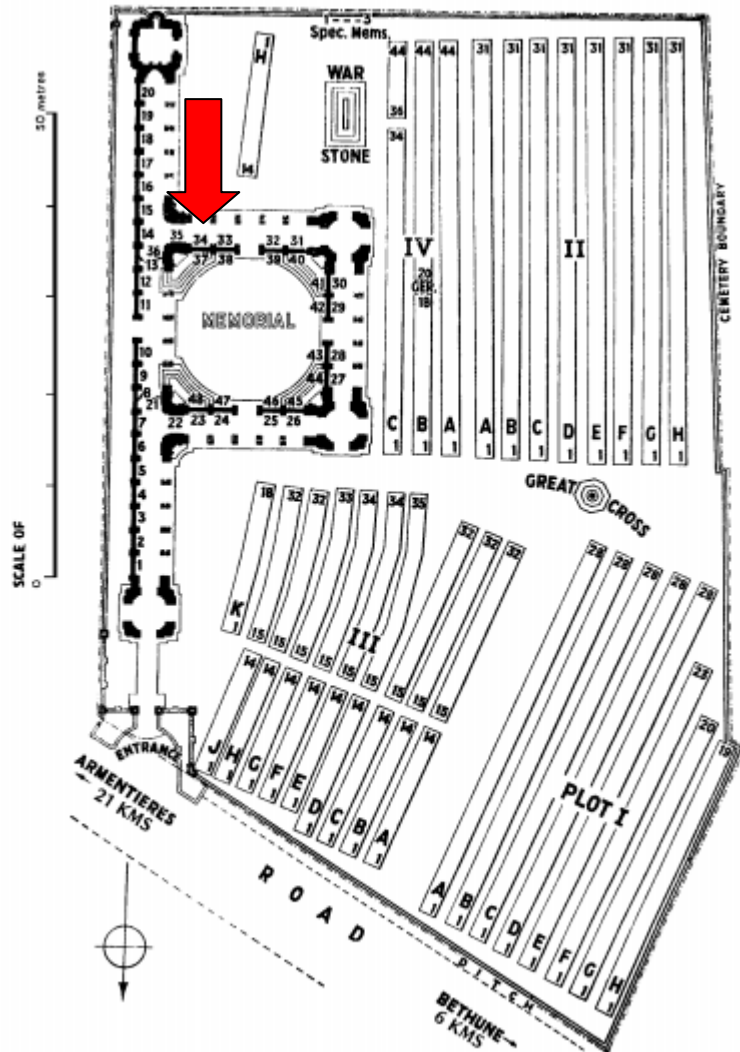




(Photo from CWGC)



Panels 33 and 34 Le Touret Memorial France



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