



Ludgershall Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

 <p>Private W H East</p>	 <p>Ruesnes Communal Cemetery</p>	<p>WILLIAM HENRY EAST of Southampton, Hampshire</p>
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Date of birth	1898	Baptised	
Birth registered	June Q Southampton Reg District Vol 2c Page 30		2
Birthplace	Southampton		2

Father	James Joseph East - Traveller/Pedlar b. 1877 Plymouth	Married 1895 Southampton Reg District Vol 2c Page 62	3
Mother	Rosina (nee Rusher) b. 1880 Southampton		3
Siblings	Thomas J (Private, R Hants Regt), Emily R, Ethel M, Arthur F, Ernest E, Barbara J L, John J K, Doreen		3

Residence 1901	63 Mortimer Road Southampton	3
Residence 1911	Monxton Hampshire - at school	3

Wife	N/A	
Children	-	

Rank	Private	1
Regiment	D Company, 2 nd /4 th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment	1
Enlisted	Marlborough Wiltshire 23 January 1917 (address High Street Ludgershall)	4
Service Number	25079 (formerly 285096 RASC)	1
Medals	Victory / British	4
Date of Death	4 November 1918 age 20	1
Cause	Killed in Action	1
Burial / Memorial	Ruesnes Communal Cemetery, France. Memorial Ref I.B.24	1

<p>NOTES</p> 	<p>Known as Billie. Entered France 14 May 1917 to 22 July 1918 and again 20 Sep 1918 to 4 November 1918 Served 1 year, 235 days. Occupation Motor Driver. Height 5' 5".</p> <p>EAST, Pte. William Henry, 25079. "D" Cov. 2nd/4th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. Killed in action 4th Nov., 1918. Age 20. Son of James and Rosina East, of 2, Douglas Villas, Andover Rd., Ludgershall, Wilts. I. B. 24.</p> <p>Extract from CWGC Grave/Memorial Register</p> <p>In Memoriam In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte W. H. East (Billie), 2/4th Duke of Wellington's Regt, killed in France, November 4th, 1918 aged 20 yrs. With aching hearts we shook his hand, tears glistening in our eyes; We wished him luck, but little thought, it was his last goodbye. Hard was the blow that compelled us to part, with a son and a brother so dear to our hearts; But the love that we bore him still dwells in our breasts, till we meet him again in the realms of the blest. From his sorrowing Mum, Dad, Brothers and Sisters. High Street, Ludgershall, Wilts Andover Advertiser 31 October 1919</p> <p>Commemorated: Ludgershall War Memorial, St James' Church Memorial Plaque, Salisbury Cathedral Book of Remembrance</p>
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Researched by Patricia Brice 2014