



## Francis Edward Porter Private 8574, 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment

Francis Edward Porter was born in Great Somerford in 1892, his birth being registered in the June Quarter of that year in the Malmesbury Registration District. He was the son of Maurice and Ellen Porter of Frog Lane, Great Somerford. He was baptised in the parish church on 22nd May 1892. His father worked as a labourer.

The 1901 census records the family as living at Hollow Street, Great Somerford, the family having moved from Seagry sometime after the 1891 census. The family in 1901 was made up of Maurice, Head, 39, born in Great Somerford, Agricultural Labourer; Ellen, Wife, 36, born in Brinkworth; Francis, Son, 17, born in Swindon, Agricultural labourer; Charles, Son, 15, born in Great Somerford, Agricultural Labourer; Herbert, Son, 13, born in Seagry, Agricultural Labourer; Fred, Son, 11, born in Seagry; Edward, Son, 8, born in Great Somerford; Victor, Son, 6, born in Great Somerford, Sarah, Daughter, 5 born in Great Somerford; Walter, Son, 2, born in Great Somerford.

There seems to be no trace of Francis Edward in the 1911 census.

At the time of his enlistment at Devizes he was recorded as resident of Chippenham.

Francis died on 2nd July, 1916, aged 24. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. His name appears on Pier and Face 13A. The 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment had joined the 30th Division together with the 1st Brigade and were in action during the Battle of the Somme, in which the Division had captured Montauban.



At the time of his death his parents were living at 9 Park Lane, Great Somerford.

His father was awarded a war gratuity as shown below

Record No.	Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, No.	Date and Place of Death	Account and Date	CREDITS			CHARGES			Date of Authority	To whom Authorised	Amount Authorised £ s. d.	No. of Lists in which advised	
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