

# Compton Chamberlayne Men

## That Served Their Country

### & Returned Home



## World War I

### Albert John HUNT

Albert John Hunt was born at Barford St Martin, Wiltshire to parents Charles & Ellen. His birth was registered in the March quarter 1888, in the district of Wilton.

The 1891 Census records Albert John Hunt as a 3 year old, the youngest of 6 children, living with his parents Charles Hunt (a carpenter, aged 35) & Ellen (aged 37) at Duck Lane Cottage, Barford St Martin, Wiltshire. Also included in the household were siblings – Harry (aged 11), Gilbert Edwin (aged 9), Ernest Garfield (aged 8), Eva Marie (aged 7), Minnie Elvena (aged 5) then Albert John.

The 1901 Census records Albert Hunt as a 13 year old Cattle boy on a farm. He is living with his parents Charles (a carpenter, aged 46) & Ellen (aged 46) at West St, Barford St Martin. Also included in the household were siblings Eva (aged 17), then Albert, Asenath (aged 8) & George (aged 5).

The 1911 Census records Albert Hunt as a 23 year old Bricklayer's labourer, living with his parents Charles (a carpenter journeyman, aged 57) & Ellen (aged 57). Charles & Ellen had recorded that they had been married for 31 years & had 8 children, all living. Also included in the household were Albert's siblings Minnie (aged 24) & George (aged 15). The family were recorded living at Elm Cottage, West St, Barford St Martin, in a 4 roomed dwelling.

Albert John Hunt married Rose Jay on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1914 at the Registry Office. The marriage was registered in the December quarter of 1914, in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

On 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1915 Albert & Rose had a daughter Rose Alberta Leith Hunt, who was born at Compton Chamberlayne.

Albert John Hunt attested on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1915 at Devizes, Wiltshire. He was aged 26 & his occupation was listed as "Builder's Labourer now on Roadwork". His address was given as Rose Cottage, Compton Chamberlayne, Wiltshire. Albert was placed with Army Reserve from 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1915 until he was mobilized on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 1916 & then posted to Devonshire Regiment as a Private on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1916 with a Service number of 21460.

Pte Albert Hunt was transferred to 5<sup>th</sup> Bn Worcester Regiment on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1916 then transferred to 12<sup>th</sup> Bn Devon Regiment on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1916.

Private Albert John Hunt embarked from Southampton on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1916 & disembarked at Havre, France on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1916

On 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1917 Private Hunt was transferred to Labour Corps with a Service number of 91446.

On 16<sup>th</sup> November, 1917 a son, Ronald was born to Albert & Rose Hunt. He was born at Wilton.

Pte Albert Hunt was approved leave to England from 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 until 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1918. He was forfeited pay as a result of overstaying his leave to the UK by 1 day. Pte Albert Hunt was again approved leave to UK from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1919.

On 12<sup>th</sup> September, 1919 Pte Albert Hunt proceeded to England for demobilisation. Pte Albert John Hunt's Protection Certificate & Certificate of Identity, dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1919 states his Theatre of War as Germany. Private Hunt's Medal Index Card does not show a Theatre of War but shows that he was entitled to The Victory & British War Medals.

A birth for a Phillip J Hunt was registered in the district of Wilton in the December quarter of 1920 with mother's maiden name of Jay & a birth was also registered for a Ronald E Hunt in the June quarter of 1926 in the district of Salisbury.

A death was registered in the September quarter of 1960, in the district of Salisbury for Rose Hunt, aged 71. The Burial Register transcript from 2008 by Sid Adcock, (then Chairman of the Parish Meeting) shows that Rose Hunt was buried in grave number 160 on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1960. A burial was also recorded for grave number 160 for Albert Hunt on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1965.