

Compton Chamberlayne

Roll of Honour



Lest we Forget

World War I



T/1127 STAFF SERJT.

W. LANGDON

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

9TH NOVEMBER, 1916 AGE 29

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

UNTIL THE DAY BREAKS

William LANGDON

William Langdon was born at Egloskerry, in the district of Launceston, which spans the boundaries of Cornwall & Devon. His birth was registered in the September quarter of 1887.

The 1891 Census records William Langdon as a 3 year old, living with his parents William (a farmer, aged 44) & Emily (aged 37). Also included in the household were 6 other children – Mary R (aged 17), Ada (aged 14), Joseph B (aged 9), John (aged 7), Emily B (aged 5), William then Reginald (aged 6 months). The family were living at the address of Hole, Egloskerry, Launceston, Cornwall.

The 1901 Census records William Langdon as a 13 year old at North St, Wilton. He was one of 5 pupils at the Endowed Boarding School with John Coates as the Headmaster. William's family were, at the time of the 1901 Census, living at Manor Farm at Compton Chamberlayne. William's parents – William & Emily & siblings – Mary, Joseph, John, Emily, Reginald, Cecil & Rupert were listed in the household.

At the time of the 1911 Census, William Langdon would have been aged 23, his location is unknown. His family were still living at Manor Farm at Compton Chamberlayne. Included in the household were parents – William & Emily, who had according to the census been married for 38 years with 9 children – none deceased. Also listed at Manor Farm were Joseph, Emily, Frederick Reginald, Cecil & Rupert.

William Langdon married Rachel Arnott in the June quarter of 1913, in the district of Sunderland, in the county of Durham.

William Langdon enlisted in the British Army at Woolwich, Kent with the Royal Army Ordnance Corp. His Medal Index Card shows that William Langdon was a Staff Sergeant with a service number of T-1127. Staff Sergeant William Langdon died on 9th November, 1916, aged 29 years.

Staff Sergeant William Langdon was buried in Plot V.D.2 of Bienvillers Military Cemetery, France and is acknowledged with a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Armament Staff Sergeant William Langdon as part of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps attached to 128th Siege Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery (128th Siege was first overseas in France on 29th July, 1916 & had two 12 inch railway howitzers). The CWGC also lists Armament Staff Sergeant William Langdon as the son of Mr and Mrs William Langdon of Egloskerry, Cornwall; husband of Rachel Langdon of 74 Gibbons Rd, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

Staff Sergeant William Langdon was entitled to the British War & Victory Medals.

** (Staff Sergeant William Langdon's younger brother – Coryndon Rupert Langdon enlisted with the British Army on 15th February, 1916. He survived the War.)

A photo of Staff Sergeant William Langdon's headstone at Bienvillers Military Cemetery, France.



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Bienvillers Military Cemetery

Bienvillers is a large village in the department of Pas de Calais, about 18 kilometres south-west of Arras.

The Bienvillers Military Cemetery was begun in September, 1915 until March, 1917 then re-opened again from March to September, 1918, when the village was again near the front line. It was completed during 1922-24 when a number of graves, mainly from 1916, were brought in from the battlefields of the Ancre.

The cemetery contains 1,605 Commonwealth burials and commemorations of the First World War, with 425 of the burial being unidentified. There are also 16 World War 2 burials, which date from the early months of the war.

Bienvillers Military Cemetery Photograph



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