

Compton Chamberlayne Men That Served Their Country & Returned Home



World War I



Coryndon Rupert LANGDON

Coryndon Rupert Langdon was born on 28th January, 1894 at Egloskerry, in the district of Launceston, which spans the boundaries of Cornwall & Devon. His birth was registered in the March quarter of 1894.

The 1891 Census, before Coryndon Rupert Langdon was born, records the Langdon family consisting of 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 (aged 3) & Reginald (aged 6 months). The family were living at the address of Hole, Egloskerry, Launceston, Cornwall.

The 1901 Census records the Langdon family living at Manor Farm at Compton Chamberlayne, Wiltshire. The household consisted of parents – William (aged 52) & Emily (aged 47) & children – Mary (aged 27), Joseph (aged 19), John (aged 17), Emily (aged 15), Reginald (aged 10), Cecil (aged 9) & Rupert (aged 7).

At the time of the 1911 Census, the Langdon family were still living at Manor Farm at Compton Chamberlayne. Included in the household were parents – William (a farmer, aged 64) & Emily (aged 57), who had according to the census been married for 38 years with 9 children – none deceased. Also listed at Manor Farm were Joseph (aged 29), Emily (aged 25), Frederick Reginald (aged 20), Cecil (aged 19) & Rupert (aged 17, working on farm).

Corydon Rupert Langdon enlisted with the Army Reserve on 16th February, 1916, with a service number of 141603. He was aged 21 & his occupation was listed as a stockman. Coryndon's older brother William was a Staff Sergeant with the Royal Army Ordnance Corp.

Coryndon Rupert Langdon was mobilized on 20th April, 1916 & joined No 3 Depot of Royal Field Artillery as a Driver on 29th April, 1916.

Coryndon Rupert Langdon's older brother - 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 was acknowledged with a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone.

Driver Coryndon Rupert Langdon was admitted to 5th Southern General Hospital on 5th December, 1916 until 8th February, 1917 with jaundice & a history of dyspepsia (a condition of impaired digestion) & spending a total of 66 days in hospital.

Driver Langdon then spent the next 8 days recuperating at Hazelwood Auxiliary Hospital – from 8th – 16th February, 1917. He was then posted to 382nd Battery of 44th Brigade of Royal Field Artillery, still as the rank of Driver.

Driver Coryndon Langdon embarked from Devonport, Plymouth, England on 19th April, 1917 & disembarked at Alexandria, Egypt on 15th May, 1917. He was transferred from Alexandria on 2nd May, 1918 & disembarked at Marseille, France on 11th May, 1918.

Driver Coryndon Rupert Langdon was demobilised on 5th February, 1919 due to the ending of World War 1. He was entitled to the British War medal & the Victory medal, which were sent to Mr C R Langdon Manor Farm, Compton Chamberlayne on 20th October, 1921.

Coryndon R Langdon married Rosamond G Hall in 1924. Their marriage was registered in the district of Bristol, Gloucestershire in the December quarter of 1924.

A death was registered for Rupert Coryndon Langdon in the September quarter of 1977, in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire. Rupert Coryndon Langdon was aged 83.

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** Coryndon Rupert Langdon's granddaughter had approached a few War Forums trying to gain further information on her grandfather. She writes:

Family history states that he rode his horse to Tidworth to join up in 1916. That he went to Belgium, France and Egypt and as he couldn't swim, he had to hold onto his horse's tail in the sea!