

JOHN SEPTIMUS WEST

1898-1918



John Septimus West was born in the 2nd quarter of 1898 in Hampton Lucy, the second son of Arthur & Emma West. His father Arthur was also born in Hampton Lucy and was a gamekeeper. In 1901 they were living in Hampton Lucy but by 1911 they had moved to Combroke, and then in 1918 they were residing at Lighthorne.

John served in the 12th Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment, No. 32818 in WW1 and died on the 25 August 1918 aged 21. He was awarded the Victory and British Medals.

He is Remembered with Honour in Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France and his name is inscribed on the Gaydon & Chadshunt War Memorial

The following information is taken from:-

THE COUNTY OF WARWICKSHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR 1914-2005

“West, John Septimus 321818 Private, 12th (Service) Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment, (Bristol), 95th Brigade, 5th Division. Died of wounds on Sunday 25th August 1918 aged 20. The son of Arthur, a gamekeeper, and Emma West, “Stitch Cottage”, Chesterton. He was born in Hampton Lucy and he enlisted in Warwick. He died in hospital at Etaples from severe gunshot wounds to his chest and side received 22 August 1918. He had only been at the front for 10 days. He was buried with full military honours. He served overseas at some time after Sunday 1 January 1916. Buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. British war medal, Victory medal”>

LEAMINGTON SPA COURIER

30 August 1918

CHESTERTON

“DIED OF WOUNDS – Mr. & Mrs. Arthur West, of Chesterton, late of Hampton Lucy, received the sad news last Wednesday of the death in action of their son, John Septimus West (20), who received severe gunshot wounds in his side and chest on Wednesday week, expiring the following day. He was buried with military honours at Etaples. He had only returned to France ten days previously”.