

## In Memory of

### Corporal HARRY GEORGE HUNT

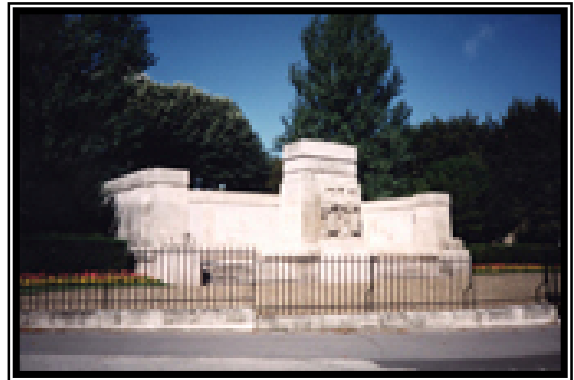
**8185, B Company, 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment  
who died age 27 on 27 May 1918**

**Husband of Frances Emily Hunt, of Oak Tree Cottage, The Wure,  
Brockenhurst, Hampshire**

#### **Remembered with honour SOISSONS MEMORIAL, FRANCE**

The town of Soissons stands on the left bank of the River Aisne, approximately 100 kilometres north-east of Paris. At the end of April 1918, five divisions of Commonwealth forces (IX Corps) were posted to the French 6th Army in this sector to rest and refit following the German offensives on the Somme and

Lys. Here, at the end of May, they found themselves facing an overwhelming German attack which, despite fierce opposition, pushed the Allies back across the Aisne to the Marne. Having suffered 15,000 fatal casualties, IX Corps was withdrawn from this front in early July. The Memorial commemorates almost 4,000 officers and men who died during these battles in 1918 and who have no known grave.



**Battalion War Diary Extract – 27 May 1918:** 1am enemy starts a heavy gas bombardment which lasts until 5am when he commenced to attack the forward Battn line .... 7.30am Orders received to move forward to cover retirement of front line troops and ... 3 Coys take up position further forward. 10.15am Battn again moves forward and holds line in front of Bouffignereux. 11.30am - 3.30pm Line held as follows, D left Coy, Centre B and A, 1 platoon of C Coy only ... in front line, remaining 2 platoons of C support D. Enemy shelling constantly Battn HQ, M Gun fire continually sweeping roads and tracks to HQ and front line. Supplies of SAA were however maintained. 5.30pm Enemy attacked when owing to greatly superior forces the Battn was compelled to retire and splitting up into small parties slowly withdrew, fighting rearguard actions.

Born in Chippenham, Herbert attended Christian Malford School living at the time with a guardian, Charles Knott of 63 The Green, who was also guardian to Herbert Knighton.