

2792 PRIVATE JAMES HUNT

James Hunt was a volunteer when he joined the 8th Imperial Yeomanry. Born circa 1876, the son of James Hunt of 102 Coral Street, Manchester, and single, he was a stocky 5 ft 7 inches, weighed 160 lbs, was of fair complexion with blue eyes and brown hair. His occupation was given as a clerk of Leyland near Prestwich.

Of his military duty, I know nothing.

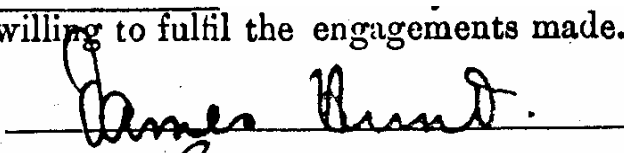
He was admitted to No.1 Military Hospital, Wynberg by HCW Wood on 14 May 1901 severely debilitated following a bout of malaria. He was discharged "improving" on 23 May 1901. He left for England aboard the HMT Assagi [sic] on 26 May 1901 arriving Netley 11 June 1901. He was discharged from the army on 19 July 1901 after serving 1 year and 126 days. He went to live 4 St. Saviour's St, Charlton-on-Medlock, Manchester

For his services in South Africa, 2792 James Hunt of the 23rd (Lancashire) Company of the 8th Imperial Yeomanry was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal 1899-1902 with state clasps Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Transvaal; and date clasps South Africa 1901.

A Royal Humane Society Testimonial on Vellum dated 15 January 1902 was awarded to Hunt for "having in October 1900 gone to the rescue of Trooper Mucklow who was in imminent danger of drowning in the Modder River South Africa and whose life he gallantly saved". The vellum is signed by the then President, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, George.P., later His Majesty, George V of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Vellum is awarded where someone has put themselves in considerable danger to rescue someone else. Since its founding in 1774, the Society has made a total of 84,580 awards. [Updated 6 August 2003]

willing to fulfil the engagements made.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Hunt", written over a horizontal line.

Signature of James Hunt

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