
Oliver James CHENERY (c. 1900-1918)

Oliver James Chenery's connection to South Lopham is by birth and residence.

Oliver James CHENERY, son of Charles Stephen CHENERY (c. 1858-c. 1912) and Matilda GARNHAM (c. 1861-c. 1936), was born circa 1900 in South Lopham, Norfolk.¹

On 31 Mar 1901, (the 1901 Census), he was living at Bakers Farm Corner in South Lopham - 1, living with parents Stephen (43, wood sawyer and carpenter) and Matilda (40, dressmaker), and siblings Kathleen (13, scholar), Stephanie (11, scholar), Edward (9, scholar) and Adolphus (8, scholar).²

Oliver was baptised on 25 February 1906 in Rickingham, Suffolk - aged 6 years; parents Charles Stephen (bricklayer) and Matilda. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C F BLYTH, Rector.³

At the time of the 1911 Census, Oliver was living in Rickingham Superior, Suffolk - 11, scholar, living with parents Stephen (53, wood sawyer) and Matilda (50, dressmaker), and siblings Charles E (19, farm labourer) and Stephen A (18, carter).⁴

Oliver is known to have enlisted at Ipswich and first served with 13/81540, 53rd T.R. Battalion, but ending in the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own), Rifleman, serv. no. 49380.

Oliver died on 1 November 1918 in France - killed in action.

He is buried/commemorated at Preseau Communal Cemetery Extension - C. 2. Personal inscription: PEACE PERFECT PEACE WITH LOVED ONES FAR AWAY.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave registration entry for Oliver was "CHENERY, Rfn. Oliver James, 49380. 1st Bn. The Rifle brigade.

1st Nov., 1918. Age 18. Son of Charles Stephen and Matilda Chenery, of The Street, Rickinghall, Diss."

Oliver is commorated on the Rickinghall Inferior, Suffolk War Memorial.

Sources

1. *CR Birth*. 1900 Q1 Guiltcross Norfolk Vol 4B Page 258. Cit. Date: Q1 1900.
2. *1901 Census*. RG13 Piece 1866 Folio 22 Page 8 Schedule 49. Cit. Date: 31 March 1901.
3. *PR - Baptism*. Rickingham Inferior, Suffolk. Cit. Date: 25 February 1906.
4. *1911 Census*. RG14 PN10722 RD210 SD2 ED7 SN59. Cit. Date: 2 April 1911.