

Dinton Roll of Honour



Lest we Forget

World War I



22569 LANCE CORPORAL

W. H. CHAPMAN

WILTSHIRE REGIMENT

18TH OCTOBER, 1916 AGE 23

Walter Henry CHAPMAN

Walter Henry Chapman was born at Chilhampton, Wiltshire. His birth was registered in the March quarter, 1893 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire. His parents were John & Fanny Jane Chapman (nee Moore).

The 1901 Census recorded Walter Chapman as an 8 year old living at South Newton, Wilton with his grandparents Samuel Moore (Retired Carter on a Farm, aged 74) & Ann Moore (aged 74).

The 1911 Census shows that Walter was born in Chilhampton, Wiltshire and his occupation was listed as a Milker on a farm. He was listed with his parents – John and Fanny Jane, his 12 year old brother – Hugh Frank and 10 year old cousin – Harold Chapman. The family lived at Hunt's Cottage, Dinton, which had 3 rooms.

Walter Henry Chapman enlisted with the 2nd Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's) at Salisbury. He was given a service number of 22569.

Lance Corporal Walter Henry Chapman was killed in action on 18th October, 1916 at the age of 23 years. Lance Corporal Chapman is remembered on Pier and Face 13 A of the Thiepval Memorial in France, as he has no known grave.

Lance Corporal Walter Henry Chapman's Medal Index Card does not show when he entered a Theatre of War. He was entitled to the British War Medal & Victory Medal.

War Diaries of 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment:

Date – 18th October, 1916

Location – France, Trenches

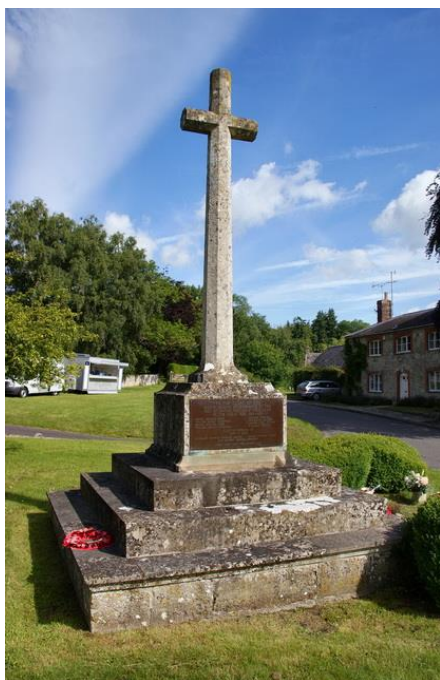
Entry – *The artillery shelled heavily the enemy positions until 2.40am when the bombardment was intense. Previous to this hour C & D coys were formed up in waves, each company having two platoons in the first wave and two in the second wave. Both of these were in advance of the front line. A coy formed the third wave, lying behind the parapets of our front line, and B coy were ready to move up from support line. At 3.40am the 21st Brigade attacked, the 2nd Wilts on the left, the 18th Kings L'pools in the centre and the 2nd Yorks on the right, with the 19th Manchesters in support. Very little information forthcoming. Apparently C & D coys reached their objectives but failed to take them. 2/LT EW WARE wounded and missing, 2/LT SG HINE wounded; LT FN VERRAN and 2/LT DI LYALL missing, all of D company. 2/LT EB GARNETT missing, 2/LT IC TRENCH, VW VENABLES, AEL CRAVEN wounded, all of C coy. A coy advanced but were held up by wire and were eventually driven back. 2/LTS HT Newton and HL REEVES wounded. B coy advanced but lost direction and part of the coy under Capt VH CLAY crossed the SUNKEN ROAD and got into the first German lines. They bombed up a communication trench, but were driven back before a block could be made. They again bombed up the trench but were again driven back on account with shortage in bombs. On being reinforced by the Camerons of the 26th Brigade 9th Division this trench was captured and a block made. The first line trench captured in conjunction with the 9th Divn, of which we held a part, and was consolidated. Capt VH CLAY was killed during the consolidation, and 2/Lt JH THOMPSON was killed during the advance. 2/Lt EA CARRINGTON volunteered to seek information as regards the position of our companies some while after the attack started. He did not return and parties sent in search afterwards found no trace of him. 2/LT RL SCULLY who acted as liaison officer was buried by a shell and consequently had to be sent down suffering from the shock. Information did not arrive and it was understood that the attack had failed on the whole of the 21st Brigade front but that the 9th Division had gained all their objectives. Our estimated casualty report read: 14 officers 350 other ranks. The remainder of the Battalion held the old British front line from the SUNKEN ROAD to the junction of TURKLANE and FRONTLINE. The trenches were by this time in an appalling state owing to the bad weather. The 19th Manchester Regt took over the front line from TURKLANE to the right.*

(Source: [The Wardrobe](#) – Home of Infantry Regiments of Berkshire and Wiltshire)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal Walter Henry Chapman as the son of the late John and Fanny Chapman of Dinton, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

W. H. Chapman is also remembered in the Diocese of Salisbury Casualties of WW1 Memorial Book 1914 – 1918.

Walter Henry Chapman is also remembered on the Dinton War Memorial, which is located at the northern end of the Churchyard.



(Photos by Andrew Stacey)



They Died That We Might Live

The Thiepval Memorial

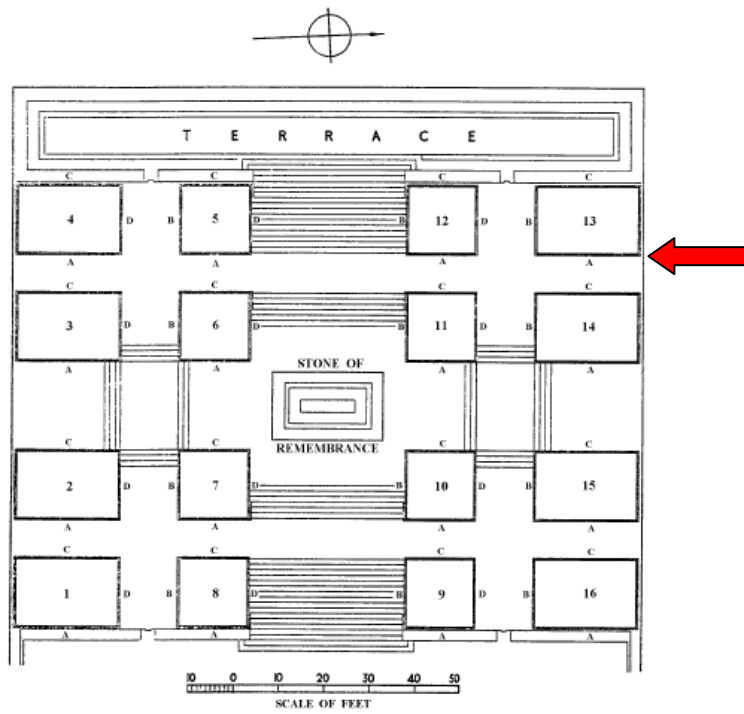
The Thiepval Memorial, the Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. The memorial also serves as an Anglo-French Battle Memorial in recognition of the joint nature of the 1916 offensive. (CWGC)



(Photo from Wikipedia - [Alertomalibu](#))

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THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

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AND LETTERS OF THE FACES