



Philip Benjamin Chapman

1881 – 1915

Philip was born in Norwich in 1881. His father was Thomas William Chapman, a Cordwainer born in New Catton, Norwich in 1849 and died in 1932. His mother was Amelia Sarah (nee Boulton) born in Beccles, Suffolk in 1854 and died in 1931. They were married in 1878.

Sarah had a son, William George Boulton, born in 1874. He served pre-war in the Royal Garrison Artillery for 7 years.

Their other children were; Thomas William, born in 1879 and died of wounds 14th January 1917, Beatrice Maud, born in 1884, Albert James, born in 1885 and was drowned at sea 17th November 1915, Alfred Arthur (I) born in 1887 and died in 1889, Amelia Susannah, born in 1890 and died in 1892, Alfred Arthur (II), born in 1892 and served in World War 1, Amelia Susannah, born in 1894 and Charles Harry, born in 1897.

On the 1891 Census the family lived at 24, Angel Road, St. Clement, Norwich, in 1901 at 3, Blakeley's Yard, St. Mary Coslany, Norwich, in 1911 at 3, Muspole Street, Norwich and later at 1, Long Row, New Catton.

The 1901 Census shows Philip working as a Brickmaker's Labourer and on the 1911 Census he was living with his half-brother William George Boulton and his wife Mary Jane at Dearnley Street, Ravensthorpe. His occupation was a Gas Stoker and he had worked for four years at the Mirfield Gas Works on North Road, Ravensthorpe. He was also a member of the Working Men's Club and Institute on Poplar Road, Ravensthorpe. His elder brothers Thomas Chapman and William George Boulton also worked as stokers at the Mirfield Gas Works, his younger brother Albert James, (known as *Jim*) later worked for the Yorkshire Electric Power Station in Thornhill.

He enlisted on 7th September 1914 serving as Private 3/10088 in the 9th Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment. He was killed in action during the Battle of Loos on 26th September 1915. His remains were never identified for burial and so he is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Philip was awarded the 1914 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The local newspaper report at the time of Philip's death stated that he came from a family of soldiers and that his father had served for 21 years and belonged to the 54th Foot.

The Loos Memorial forms the sides and back of Dud Corner Cemetery. Loos-en-Gohelle is a village north-west of Lens, and Dud Corner Cemetery is located 1 kilometre west of the village. The Loos Memorial commemorates 20,599 officers and men who have no known grave, who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the First Army, east and west of Grenay, from the first day of the Battle of Loos to the end of the war.

Philip is also commemorated as *P.B. Chapman* on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and as *Philip B. Chapman* on the Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Church.

In Memory of

Private

Philip B. Chapman

3/10088, 9th Bn., Norfolk Regiment who died on 26 September 1915 Age 35

Son of William Thomas and Amelia Susannah Chapman, of 7, Long Row, New Catton, Norwich.

Remembered with Honour

Loos Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

