

**Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery,
Surrey, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1608 PRIVATE

H. CHENERY

2ND KING EDWARD'S HORSE

3RD NOVEMBER 1917

He Answered The Call

He Gave His All

Our Hero Brave & True

Harold CHENERY

Harold Chenery was born at Shoreham, Sussex, England on 15th May, 1894 to parents Charles & Alice Chenery (nee Whittle). His birth was registered in June quarter, 1894 in the district of Steyning, Sussex, England.

The 1901 England Census recorded Harrold Chenery as a 6 year old, living with his family at No. 5 Trafalgar Terrace, Mundesley, Norfolk, England. His parents were listed as Charles Chenery (Evangelist - Undenominational, aged 41, born Ipswich, Suffolk) & Alice Chenery (aged 41, born Ipswich, Suffolk). Harold was one of four children listed on this Census – Edith E. Chenery (aged 17, born Ipswich, Suffolk), Charles H. Chenery (aged 11, born Spennymoor, Durham) then Harrold & Constance M. Chenery (aged 4, born Weybourne, Norfolk).

Harold Chenery was listed as a student at Church Hill School, Grimston, Norfolk England. Harold was admitted to the school on 23rd June, 1902 & his brother had been admitted to the school on 26th May, 1902. Both boys had previously attended Mundesley on Sea. “*Gone Away*” listed against their names in the Admissions Register – Charles with the date of 1st August, 1902 & Harold with date of 8th August, 1902.

The 1911 England Census recorded Harold Chenery as a 16 year old, Apprentice Bookbinding & Ruling, living with his family at 61 Silver St, Reading, Berkshire, England which was an eight roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Charles Chenery (Home Missionary, aged 51) & Alice Chenery (aged 51). Charles & Alice had been married for 30 years & had six children. Harold was one of five children listed on this Census – Edith Emma Chenery (Domestic, aged 27), Charles Henry Chenery (Baker & Confectioner, aged 21) then Harold, Constance May Chenery (age 14) & Olive Chenery (aged 8, born Grimstone, Norfolk).

Harold's parents – Charles (Evangelist, aged 55) & Alice Chenery (aged 54) & Olive Chenery (aged 11), were passengers on *Borda* which had embarked from the port of London, England on 17th September, 1914 bound for Victoria, Australia.

H. Chenery, aged 20, Customs, was listed as a passenger on *Delta* which had embarked from the port of London, England on 6th March, 1914 bound for Shanghai, China.

H. Chenery, Clerk, aged 21, was a passenger on *Teiresias* which had departed from the port of Hong Kong & arrived at the port of Plymouth, England on 12th May, 1915. He had resided in Shanghai.

Harold Chenery enlisted in the British Army at Plymouth, England. He was posted to 2nd King Edwards Horse with a Regimental Number of 1608.

2nd King Edwards Horse

King Edward's Horse (The King's Overseas Dominions Regiment) was a cavalry regiment of the British Army, formed in 1901, which saw service in the First World War.

On the outbreak of war in 1914, the regiment was mobilised at the Duke of York's Headquarters in Chelsea, London, and remained in London until April 1915. At this point, the regiment was dispersed, and the four squadrons were sent to the Western Front with separate divisions. They were reunited in June 1916, the regiment serving as corps troops, and moved to Italy in December 1917. The regiment returned to France in March 1918, serving until the end of hostilities. Some reports suggest that the final British casualty of the war was a private in C squadron. During the First World War Langley Park House was used as a hospital for officers of the 2nd Regiment of King Edward's Horse.

(Information from Wikipedia)

Private Harold Chenery first entered a Theatre of War on 30th July, 1915 (as listed on Medal Index Card – see below).

Private Harold Chenery was transferred to Officers Cadet Battalion as Cadet. (no date)

[In September, 1940, as a result of a fire by an incendiary bomb at the War Office Record Store, Arnside Street, London, England approximately two thirds of 6.5 million soldiers' documents for World War 1 UK Soldiers were destroyed. It appears that Private Harold Chenery's records were destroyed.]

Private Harold Chenery died on 3rd November, 1917 at Moore Park Camp, Fermoy, Ireland. An Inquest was held into his death & the finding was *"death from a gunshot wound in the head, accidentally caused by the discharge of a rifle by himself."*

A death for Harold Chenery, aged 24, was registered in the December quarter, 1917 in the district of Fermoy, Ireland.

Private Harold Chenery was buried in Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery, Surrey, England – Plot number A. "U". 274 and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Newspaper item – *The Irish Independent* – 7 November, 1917:

A verdict of "death from a gunshot wound in the head, accidentally caused by the discharge of a rifle by himself" was returned at an inquest in Fermoy Military Hospital in the case of Cadet Harold Chenery, trooper, King Edward's Horse, attached to Cadet Corps, Moorepark. Deceased had been under arrest for being in possession of a comrade's coat, but was not in close confinement. The medical evidence went to show that the wound might have been inflicted whilst using the rifle for instructional purposes.

Newspaper item – *The Evening Star and Daily Herald*, Ipswich, England – 29 November, 1917:

The death is announced of Harold Chenery, of the Canadian King Edward's Horse. He entered the Civil Services at an early age and went to Shanghai (China). At the outbreak of war he came to England to join up. He was promoted to Corporal, and through his daring and bravery and devotion to duty he received a commission in the Tank (Canadian) Section. Whilst undergoing his training at Manor Park, Fermoy (Ireland), he was accidentally shot, and was buried with full military honours at Norbiton, Surrey. He was 23 years old. His parents, who are Ipswichians, reside in Australia. Their eldest son Charles is serving with the Australians on the Western front, in the A.S.C.

The Australian Red Cross Wounded & Missing Files for Cadet Harold Chenery, 1608, King Edwards Horse, with a request to ascertain the location of the Grave of 1608 Private Harold Chenery. The file contains several reports regarding his death & burial:

- From London (Dated 5th January, 1918) – 1608, *Harold Chenery, King Edward's Horse. With reference to your enquiry. This man died on Nov. 3rd 1917 from gunshot wound of the Head – accidental – in Moor Park Camp, Fermoy, Ireland, and was buried at Fermoy.*
- From Lieutenant T. Stevenson, Camp Adjutant, Moore Park, Kilworth: *"Died of Wounds" The Medical Officer Military Hospital, Fermoy states that Cadet Chenery met with an accident at Moore Park on the 3rd November 1917 and death occurred before he was conveyed to Hospital. The body was conveyed to England by War Office Authority and was addressed to Mrs Chenery, Lime Grove, New Malden, Surrey. A Copy of verdict is attached.*
- Lt. Col. R.A.M.C., Officer i/c Military Hospital, Fermoy: *King Edwards Horse. Att. 7th Officer Cadet Battn. Chenery, Cadet. Harold "Died of Wounds" The following is copy of Verdict:- Said deceased died of a gun shot wound to the head causing destruction of the brain on the 3rd of November 1917 at Moore Park Camp, accidentally caused by discharge of a rifle by himself on same occasion. He was a batchelor aged 24 years. (Sgd) by Jury and Coroner."*
- From Australian Red Cross Information Bureau – Melbourne: *King Edwards Horse. CHENERY, H. 1608, Tpr. Died of Wounds 3/11/17. We received a slip from you dated 14th January 1918 reading as under:- "Died*

on 3/11/17 G.S.W. Head – accidental in Newe Park Camp Fermoy Ireland and buried at Fermoy. Cert. by B.R.C.S. letter 5/1/18.”

We sent this to the relatives of the soldier and they have replied advising that the soldier was not buried at Fermoy Ireland but that in England and that his young lady and other friends attended the funeral. Would you please look into this and have the report verified. The soldier’s father is anxious to obtain a photograph of his grave if same is obtainable.”

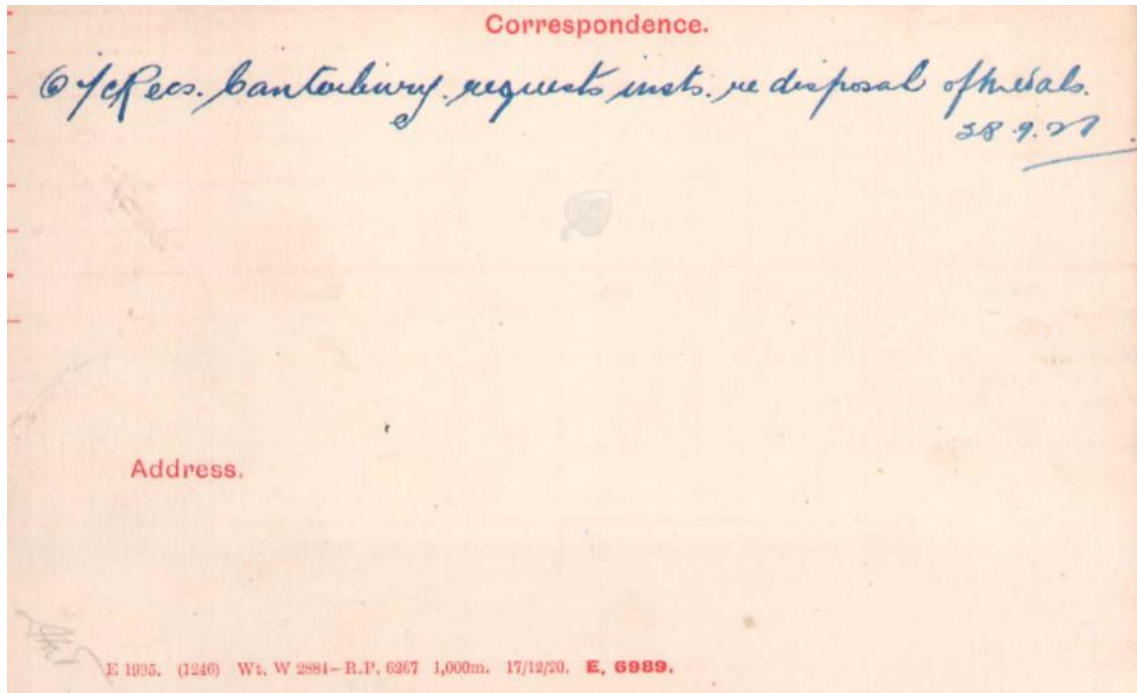
- From O.C. Cavalry Records, London 5th June, 1918: King Edward’s Horse. CHENERY, Pte Harold, 1608. “Died of Wounds”. I am informed by the O.C. Military Hpl Fermoy Ireland, that this man died at Moore Park Camp, Kilworth C. Cork and his body was claimed by relatives for burial at Surrey. (Note: We have no addresses of relatives in England and suggest that his fiancée might be able to give particulars and obtain a photograph.)

The UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 recorded Private Harold Chenery, 1608, 2nd King Edwards Horse, died on Home Service. His residence was listed as Attleborough.

Private Harold Chenery was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. The Medal Index card recorded “Died (S.I.W.) 3.11.17.” (S.I.W. = self-inflicted wound)

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
CHENERY	H. Edward's H.	Pte	1608
HAROLD			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	CC/120 B	16	* Died (S.I.W.) 3.11.17.
BRITISH	" "	" "	
15 STAR	66/142 B	26	
theatre of War first served in			WS/1/21813 WS/5/3489. E/543751/1
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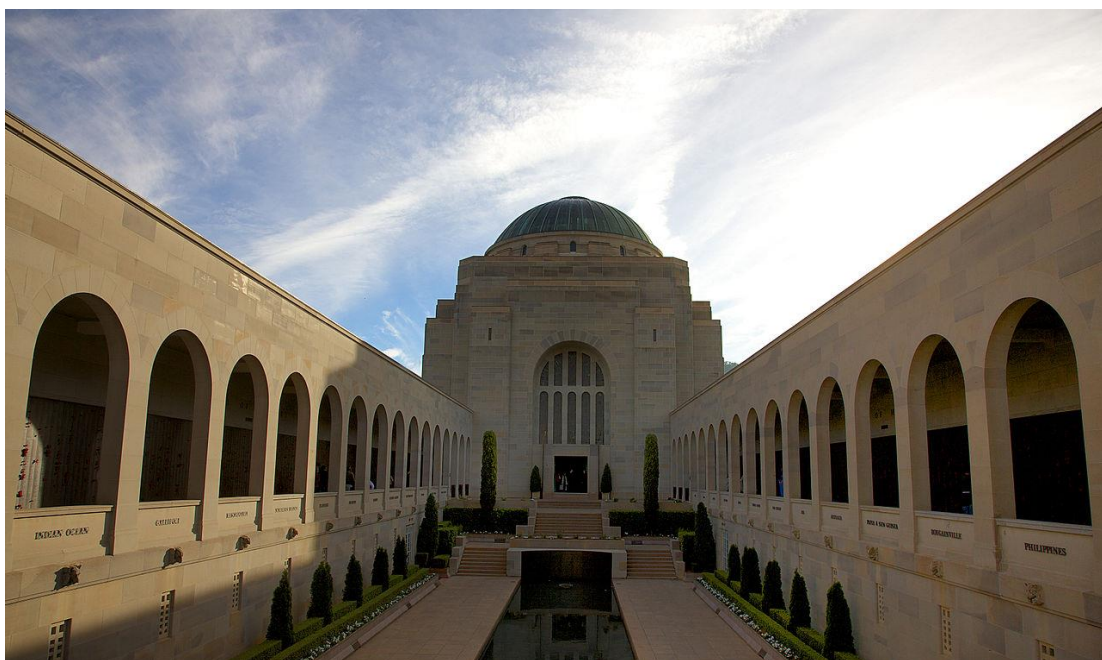
Medal Index Card



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Harold Chenery – service number 1608, aged 24, of 2nd King Edward’s Horse. He was the son of Charles & Alice Chenery, of The Cedars, 24 Hillside Crescent, Launceston, Tasmania.

Private Harold Chenery, 1608, 2nd King Edward’s Horse, is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.

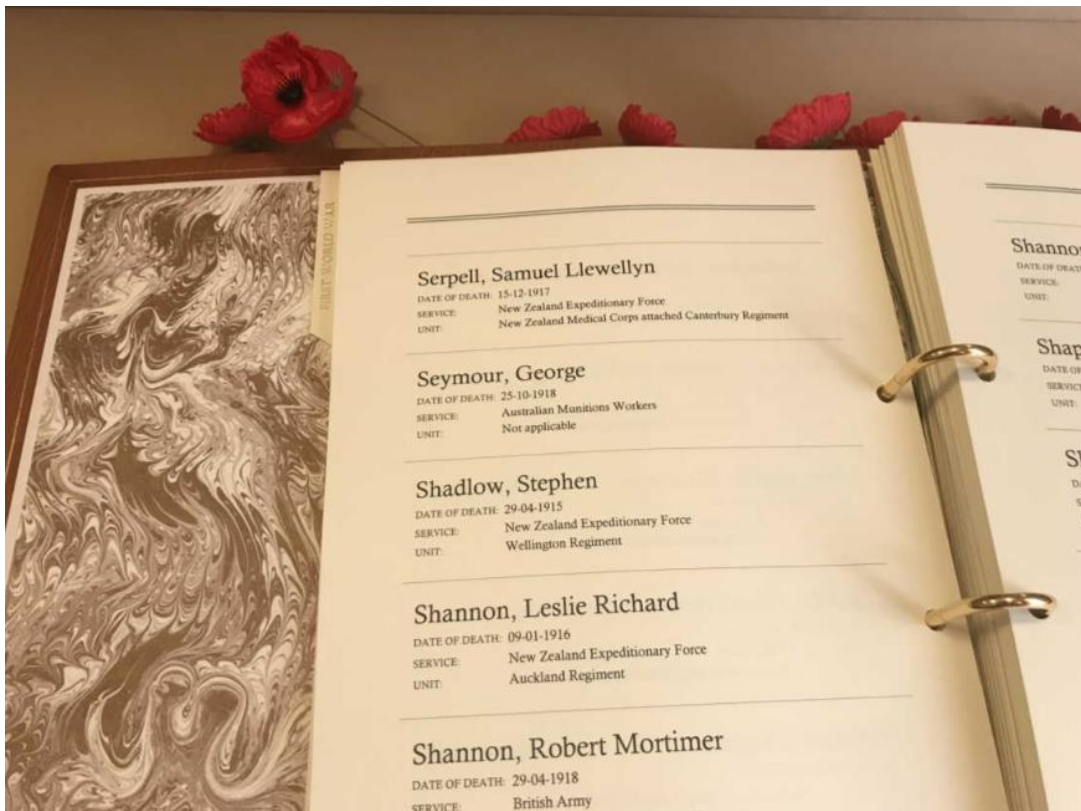
(Note: It appears that Private Harold Chenery’s name on the Commemorative Roll may be in error. When the Commemorative Roll was compiled, it was based on the information that if a soldier’s next-of-kin’s address was listed as Australia it was assumed that the soldier would be Australian or had lived in Australia.)



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial *(Capital Photographer)*



Commemorative Roll (Photo from AWM)



Example of names in Commemorative Roll Book

Information obtained from the CWGC & Australian War Memorial (Commemorative Roll & Red Cross Wounded & Missing Files)



Newspaper Items

OBITUARY

REV. C. CHENERY, OF LAUNCESTON

Rev. Charles Chenery died in Launceston yesterday in his 82nd year.

Mr. Chenery was a member of the Congregational ministry in London before coming to Australia 25 years ago. He held appointments at Reading and other centres in England, and afterwards was associated with the London Missionary Society and various enterprises which gave him full scope for his gifts of evangelism.

On arriving in Australia he became associated with the Victorian Evangelical Society, and had special appointments in military camps on the mainland during the Great War.

Mr. Chenery's first appointment in Tasmania was to the Launceston Memorial Church 17 years ago, and afterwards he became minister at Perth and at several churches in Southern Tasmania. For the past few years he lived in retirement. Mrs. Chenery died four years ago. He leaves a family of five, four daughters - Mrs. A. Butler, of Kerang (Vic.), Mrs. H. Murfet (Yolla), Mrs. C. Carnet. (Taranna), and Miss O. Chenery. of Launceston; and one son, Charles, now in Sydney. **During the war of 1914-18 his second son, Harold Chenery, lost his life.** The funeral is fixed for to-morrow afternoon.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – 15 July, 1940)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Private H. Chenery has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone with the following inscription:

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The cemetery, at Norbiton, was begun in 1854, and now covers 25 acres. It belongs to the Kingston Joint Burial Committee, serving Kingston, New Malden and Coombe. It contains scattered War Graves and a War Cross is erected facing the main entrance.

Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery contains 165 Commonwealth War Graves – 106 from World War 1 & 59 from World War 2.
(Information from CWGC)



Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery *(Photo from Find a Grave – julia&keld)*



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Photo of Private H. Chenery's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Kingston-Upon-Thames Cemetery, Surrey, England.



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