

## *Henry Jeffery Vincent Chapman*

Acting-Corporal, 1/4th Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry. Enlisted at Bath, September, 1914. Served first in India, then in Mesopotamia, at the relief of Kut. Wounded outside Kut-el-Amara, April, 1916. Died in hospital at Amara, May 5th, 1916. Buried in Amara Military Cemetery. General Service and Victory Medals.



**H**ENRY WAS BORN IN Corsham in early 1896. His father Frederick was a banker mason working at a local stone quarry. Frederick was originally from London and Henry's mother Maggie was from Bradford on Avon.

In 1901 the family were living in Paul Street in Corsham, and Henry had a younger brother William. Another son, Frederick, was born in 1903. By 1911 they were living in The Cleeve in Corsham and Henry, aged 15, had left school and was working as an estate clerk.

Henry enlisted for the Army in September 1914 when he was 18, and was appointed to the Somerset Light Infantry serving in both India and Mesopotamia. He was Acting Corporal when he was wounded in Kut-el-Amara in Iraq in April 1916. He died from his wounds on 5th May 1916, aged just 20, and is buried in the Amara War Cemetery in Iraq. Henry is named on the Memorial plaque in Chippenham Secondary School.