

PRIVATE HARRY OLIVER

5th Canadian mounted Rifles battalion

Service number: 124246

Killed on 2nd October 1916 at Regina Trench

which was captured by 5th Canadian Brigade 1st October 1916

Cemetery details: Regina trench Cemetery, Grandcourt

Grave location: II.A.14

Born: 14th March 1887

Son of Joseph and Emily Oliver of Little Brington Northamptonshire

Husband of Eva M Oliver of 243, McKay Avenue Windsor Ontario, Canada

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Father, Joseph died 1896 aged 52 and Mother, Emily died in 1921 age 73, both parents were buried in St Mary's Churchyard Great Brington.

Attended Brington School: no 589 from 1894-1900

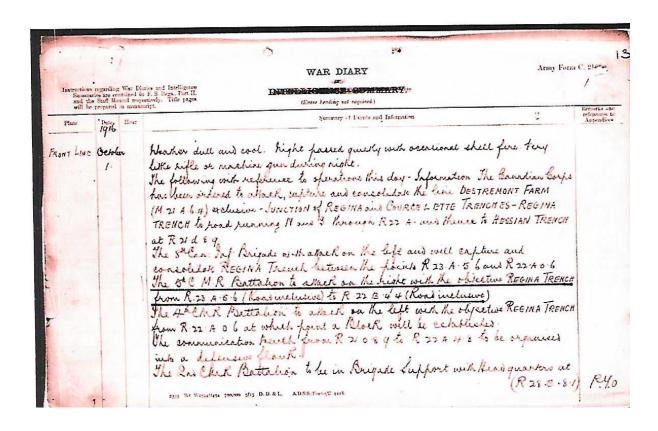
1901 census recorded as a Farm labourer, Little Brington.

1911 census recorded as a Labourer, Woodman on Estate Little Brington

Married 1909, Emigrated to Canada 1911.

The Regina Trench was a German trench dug along the North facing slope of a ridge running North-West of the village of le Sar close to the German fortifications of Thiepval on the Somme Battlefield.

The battle of Regina Trench started on 1 October 1916. The weather turned and rain dominated, the Canadian troops managed to take sections of Regina Trench but were pushed back with heavy casualties. A further attack on 8th October failed.



Extracts from war report; frontline October 1st 1916

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'The 5th RMC battalion to attack on the right with the objective REGINA TRENCH from R .22A .O 6.6(road inclusive) toR.22 13.4.4(Road inclusive)'

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'All displayed the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty. They were severely tried fighting continuously often practically hand to hand for 34 hours against superior numbers. The artillery support was unfailing'

In Memory of

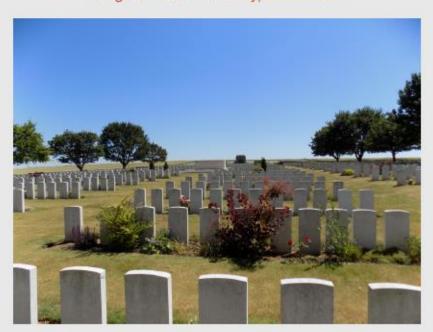
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124246, 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion who died on 02 October 1916 Age 29

Son of Joseph and Emily Oliver, of Little Brington, Northamptonshire, England; husband of Eva M. Oliver, of 243, McKay Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

Remembered with Honour Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt





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