

**In Memory of
Pioneer ERNEST JOHN CHAMBERS
117446, 6th Labour Bn., Royal Engineers
Native of Faringdon, who died, age 47, on 5 March 1916
Remembered with honour
Faringdon War Memorial and
RADINGHEM CHURCHYARD**



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Radinghem is in the Pas de Calais, France. Radinghem Churchyard contains just this one Commonwealth burial of the First World War.

A Court of Enquiry was held at Radinghem, France on the 6th March 1916, by Colonel Duncan Campbell, Officer Commanding 6th Labour Battalion Royal Engineers, into how No. 117446 Pioneer E Chambers met his death by drowning on the 5th March. Pioneer B. Thomas Barrett stated that he saw Pioneer Chambers at 8.15 p.m., he was sober and proceeding towards the direction of his billet within the grounds of Radinghem Chateau; soon after he heard a splash in the moat. He, Pioneer Kingston and Corporal Dean went to the spot but could see nothing in the water. At 8:40 pm Lance Corporal Beer saw Pioneer Snowden, who was on Police Duty so he had a lantern, searching along the water side of the moat. They saw a dark object in the water about 14 feet from the walls. They obtained rods which they tied together and turned over the object which they found to be the body of Pioneer Chambers. Although they and others tried artificial respiration, life was found to be extinct.

The Court concluded that Pioneer Chambers had met his death by drowning. 'He was a sober and steady man and the Court was of the opinion that the occurrence was purely accidental