

Stephen was born at Cowes, on the Isle of Wight, in 1893, the son of Thomas Ratsey and his wife Lucy Margaret, nee Prangley. On 26th June 1913, aged 18, he left Liverpool aboard the PERSIC, for Sydney.

He enlisted in the AN&MEF and assigned to H Company. He stated that he was a farmer and single. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 18th January, having completed 161 days service.

He returned to England and was given a commission in the 8th Isle of Wight Rifles, part of the 8th Hampshire Territorial Force.

Stephen was killed on 19th April during the 2nd Battle of Gaza.

Two of his three brothers, Donald White Ratsey and Clayton Ratsey were both killed on the same day, 12th August 1915, at Suvla Bay on the Gallipoli Peninsula.