

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:**

**Ernest P (Denton)  
Chandler**

**Rank:**

**Private**

**Service Number:**

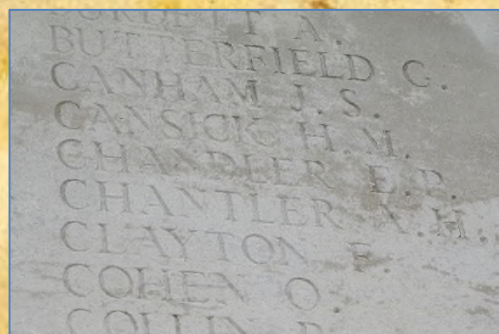
**G/22426**

**Date of Death:**

**5<sup>th</sup> April 1918**

**Age:**

**32**



**Regiment/Service:**

**6<sup>th</sup> Btn The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)**

**Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel 16**

**Cemetery/Memorial: Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France.**

**UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church. Panel B  
St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)**

**Pre War:**

He is shown as 'E.P. Chandler' on the Hitchin War Memorial. He was a married man with a son of three-years and a daughter of five-months. Their home was at 34, Lancaster Road, Hitchin. Before joining up he was employed by W.B. Moss & Son, the grocers of Hitchin, as a clerk. He was well known as a tenor in the St. Mary's Church choir.

He was born in Reading, lived in and enlisted in Hitchin in March 1917.

**Wartime Service:**

Ernest was allocated the Regimental Number G/22426 and posted to the 6th Battalion of the Regiment which was in the 37th Brigade of the 12th Division in the V Corps of the 3rd Army. He went to France in June 1917 and returned home two months later suffering from trench feet. He did not return to France until the 30th January 1918 and was killed in action in France.

On the day of his death, the Division, tired and weak, was in a position just to the west of Albert and repelled a German attack which was part of their Spring Offensive.

He has no known grave and is remembered on Panel 16 of the Pozieres Memorial to the Missing in France.

**Additional Information:**

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