

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Edward Ellis Chapman  
**Rank:** Pioneer  
**Service Number:** 172639  
**Date of Death:** 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918  
**Age:** 39  
**Regiment/Service:** 6th Divisional Signal Company  
Royal Engineers



**Award:**

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** Bay1

**Cemetery/Memorial:** Arras Memorial, France.

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

**Pre War:**

After being apprenticed to Mr Charles Holmes, he was a printer by trade and at one time had a small business in Potton. He was a married man with six children, the eldest being aged thirteen, and lived at 58, Lancaster Ave, Hitchin.

He joined the army whilst working in London in June 1916. 'Soldiers died' database shows an Edward E. Chapman born in Hitchin, residing and enlisting there.

**Wartime Service:**

His Corps Number was 172639 and he was with the 6th Divisional Signal Company Royal Engineers. He was killed in action in France on the first day of the German onslaught known as the 'Spring Offensive'.

He has no known grave and is remembered in Bay I of the Arras Memorial to the Missing in France.

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