

JOHN EDWARD CHANDLER

Private 48723, 2nd Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment

Died a prisoner of war, 8th September 1918, buried at Montcornet, East of Soissons



Born in Pirbright on 6th January 1899 to John, a Necropolis gardener and Eleanor Chandler. He was baptised on 2nd April 1899 and confirmed on 30th April 1915 at St Michaels.

In the 1891 census, his father John was living at Stanford, a labourer for George Fry. He married Eleanor Simms in 1895 and they had four children.

He started school on April 28th 1906 and left over age on January 4th 1913.

He enlisted at Guildford on April 19th 1917 into the 2nd Battalion, Northampton Regiment. He was described as 18 years old and a gardener.

Posted missing on May 27th 1918, he was taken prisoner and died in a prisoner of war camp.

Mr. J. Chandler, of Stanford Cottage, Pirbright, has heard that his son, Pte. John Edward Chandler, Northamptonshire Regt., has been taken prisoner by the Germans. Pte. Chandler, who is only 19 years of age, enlisted in February, 1917, and was called up for service with the colours the following April. He was posted to the Training Reserve, and on volunteering for France was transferred to the Northamptonshire Regt., being sent to the Front in April this year.