

ERIC CHALKER was the third and youngest son of the late Charles and Rosa Chalker of Steeple Langford, Wiltshire, where he was born on July 1, 1893. He was for a time at Bedford County School before entering Oundle (Dryden House) in September 1909. Prominent on the river and on the football field, he was also a notable boxer, winning the Public Schools Middleweight Championship in 1912.

From Oundle he went to Edinburgh University to study Forestry, and had almost completed his course when war was declared in August 1914. Chalker was immediately gazetted to a Commission (from the Special Reserve of Officers) and attached to the 67th Battery R.F.A., going to the front near Ypres in December 1914.

He was mentioned in dispatches on April 5, 1915, and wounded on May 9. Later he was attached to the 46th Battery R.F.A. and returned to the front in Flanders. He was in the battles of Ypres, St. Eloi, Hooze, Loos, and the Somme, and was killed on July 21, 1916.

He was buried near the quarries north of Montauban.



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