

STRUCK BY A SHELL

Harborough Man Killed in a Dug-out

Frank H Burdett (recorded as Burditt)

Born in 1895 and when he was enlisted he was recorded as 5ft 8ins, weighing 126lbs with light brown hair, grey eyes and a fresh build.

In 1901 his parents Emma and John and siblings Horace, Annie, Hilda and Leslie lived at 74 Nelson Street, but his parents were at 17 Northampton Rd MH by the time of his death.

He was engaged to Mabel Plowright, who is named by the War Commission along with his mother as dealing with his affairs

He was a butcher employed by the London Central meat Co in MH.

Date enlisted 26/08/1914

Place enlisted Market Harborough

Initial service no. 10395

Initial regiment Leicestershire

Date of death 16/05/1916

Died at age 21

Cause of death Killed in action

Bienvillers Military cemetery , Pas de Calais France



'He was a very good worker and always did his best and rapidly becoming a very good NCO. His loss will be very much felt in the platoon.' Letter from 2nd Lieutanant Gillet

"I hope it will be a comfort to you to know your poor boy suffered no pain whatsoever. A large shell fell directly on his dugout killing him and three of his comrades.. We laid him to rest in a Military Cembetry nearby, and a large number of men attended the service. Some men are now making a memorial cross, which I will have placed in position in a few days. Letter from the chaplain.