



Lance-Corporal Albert Arthur Smith 241151



1/5 Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

Killed in action Tuesday 24th September 1918

Age 24

Bellicourt British Cemetery, France.

Plot 3 Row E Grave 1

Burbage War Memorial

Wesleyan War Memorial



Albert was born in Hinckley in 1894. A son of four or more children of John and Elizabeth Smith.

His early life cannot be traced but by 1901 it appears both his parents had died and the younger children were put in the care of various relatives in the Hinckley and Burbage area.

On the 1911 census Albert and his younger Brother Alonza are living with an aunt and uncle William and Rebecca Clough and their four cousins at 49 Windsor St.

By the age of sixteen Albert and his younger brother, fourteen-year-old Alonza, were working locally as hosiery hands.

Albert was employed at Brocklehurst Hosiery in Hinckley.

Albert was a well-known local footballer with some talent. His cousin Percy played for Blackburn Rovers.

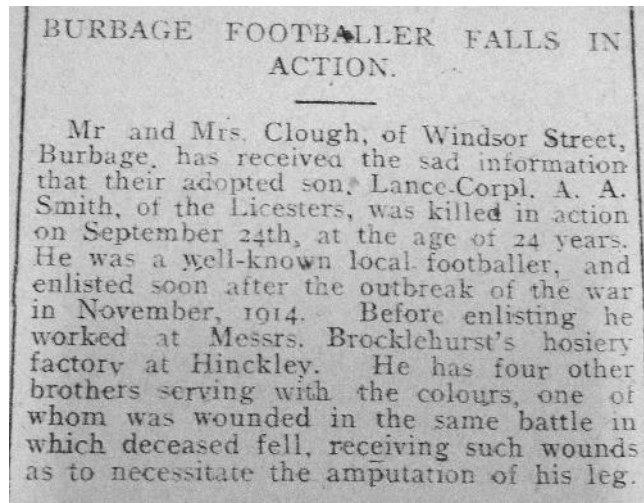
However, when War was declared in 1914 Albert then age 20 and his 18-year-old brother enlisted. Albert joined the Leicester's and brother Alonza joined the Royal Flying Corps.

Training for Albert was at Bishop Stortford and in February 1915 he would have embarked for Le Harve, France.

Having survived four years in combat and rising to the rank of Lance Corporal by September 1918 the Leicester's were heavily involved in the Battle for St Quintin Canal which lasted from 24 - 30 September.

Albert was killed in action on the first day of the battle.

In his obituary it mentions he had four other brothers serving with the colours one of whom was wounded and necessitated the amputation of his leg, in the same battle as Albert fell.



Newspaper cutting

The brothers and Alonza survived, he died in 1966.

Albert Smith was one of the 629 British soldiers interred at Bellicourt Cemetery.



Bellicourt British Cemetery, Aisne, France

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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Rebecca Blough	Wife	44	Married	17	4	4	4	0	Shop	Windsor	English	
William Blough	Son	17	Single						Hand	Windsor	English	
Alice Blough	Daughter	14	Single						Hand	Windsor	English	
Walter John Blough	Son	8	Single						School	Windsor	English	
Joseph Edward Blough	Son	8	Single						School	Windsor	English	
Edward Arthur Smith	Nephew	16	Single						Hand	Windsor	English	
Olivera Smith	Nephew	14	Single						Hand	Windsor	English	

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Signature: William Blough
Postal Address: 49 Windsor Street Burbage, Leicestershire

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