



Private Arthur Horace Ghent - 241573



1/5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment

Killed in action Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1917

Age 20

Bully-Grenay Communal Cemetery, British  
Extension, France – Plot 4, Row A, Grave 5  
Burbage War Memorial

Wesleyan War Memorial

Ancient Order of Foresters Memorial



James was the third child of the four children of James and Mary Jane Ghent born in Burbage on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1897.

The family lived at Woodland Terrace, Hinckley Road close to the National School where Arthur started at the age of three on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1900.

Leaving school at the age of twelve he started his working life as an errand boy for a clothing department, probably with the local Coop at Burbage.

By 1915 he was working at Robinsons Hosiery in Burbage alongside his Father and elder sister Edith.

James Ghent his Father had been a well-known Burbage cricketer and later secretary at the Hinckley Road ground across from where the family lived. It is believed Arthur also played for Burbage.

In May 1915 Arthur enlisted in Hinckley and received his military training with the Leicester's at Loughborough and Grantham.

By the Winter of 1915 he was serving in France. According to the newspaper obituary report it states he was serving in France for 19 months prior to his death and was due for leave.

He served as a special orderly for a captain in the Leicester's. There were also other men he knew from the area who he served with including his close friend Harry Powers.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June General Haig launched an offensive to break the Ypres Salient, South of Ypres.

At about 6.30pm on the 8th June Arthur was killed in action followed, two hours later, by the captain with whom he had served.

His parents received several letters of condolence from his comrades. One published with his obituary described him as always thoughtful of others, smiling, happy, never grumbling.

Name	Grade	Rank	Regt. No.
<i>GHEENT</i>	<i>Leic R</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>4391</i>
<i>A.H.</i>			<i>241573</i>
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
<i>Victory</i>	<i>4102</i>	<i>B95</i>	<i>3085</i>
<i>15 STAR</i>	<i>7883</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>died 8/6/17</i>
Theatre of War first served in	<i>France</i>		
Date of entry therein	<i>11-12-16</i>		

Medal Card – Private Arthur Horace Ghent

ANOTHER BURBAGE SOLDIER FALLS IN ACTION.

Much sympathy is felt in Burbage for Mr. and Mrs. James Ghent and family, in the sad loss they have sustained by the death in action of their only son, Private Arthur Horace Ghent (241573), of the Leicesters, at the age of 19 years. Deceased enlisted in May, 1915, when only 17 years of age, and received his training at Loughborough and Grantham. He had been in France 19 months prior to his death. He was due home on leave, and wrote to his parents to that effect just before he went into action and met his death. Before enlisting the late Private Ghent worked at Messrs. Robinson Bros., of Burbage.

Newspaper Cutting



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