



## Private Francis Benjamin Burton - 11969



2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

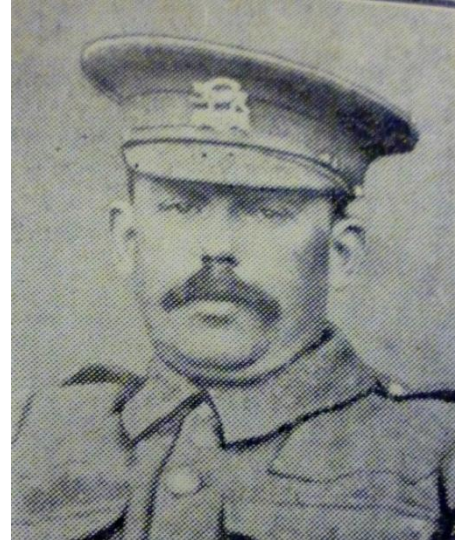
Killed in action 15<sup>th</sup> May 1915

Age 32

Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

Panel 11

Burbage War Memorial



Francis Benjamin Burton was the son of Benjamin and Eliza Burton. The family had moved from Leicester a year before his birth when his father found work as a Stockman on a local farm, probably through his connections as a local Methodist Preacher.

By 1901, the family had moved to 82 Hinckley Road and Francis worked as a Gardener for the Burbage Nurseries. In 1901, at the age of 17, he volunteered for the South African War and saw service with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Leicestershire Regiment.

On returning to Burbage he found employment as a Stone Quarryman at nearby Stoney Stanton.

After the early death of both parents Francis became head of the household and lived with his two brothers Edgar and Bertie who both worked in the hosiery trade. Edith his sister kept house at 82 Hinckley Road, now demolished.



82 Hinckley Road, Burbage

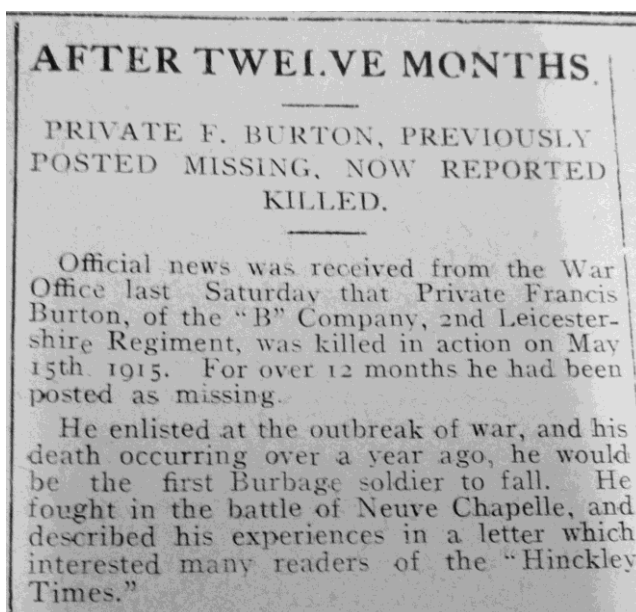
At the outbreak of World War 1, in August 1914, he enlisted in Hinckley and as a Veteran Soldier was soon posted to France. He saw action in the battle of Neuve Chapelle and described his experiences in an article for the Hinckley Times.

His last letter home was to Rector J.P.A. Fletcher in April 1915 shortly before going into action.

The Leicester's were involved in the failed attacks to take Aubers Ridge in the Battle of Festubert on the Western Front.

Late on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> May 1915, the Leicester's along with the 39<sup>th</sup> Garhwal Rifles had to retreat to No Man's Land and their own trenches. Eight officers and many men were killed in this attack and it is probable Francis was one of the casualties.

It cannot be sure where he actually fell as there is no known grave. Private Burton was reported missing to his family in May 1915, but it was twelve months before his family received confirmation of his death.



Le Touret Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

Name.	Corps.	Rank	Regt. No.
BURTON	Leic K	Pte	11969
F. B.	- " -	- -	- -
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	F/102 B 5	508	Kin A/15. 5.15
BRITISH	ca	ca	
15 STAR	F/3 B 2	99	
Theatre of War first served in	1- In action		
Date of entry therein	26.1.15		

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Medal Card

# CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 95  
(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

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NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule)	RELATIONSHIP to Family	AGE AND SEX		PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE				PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.		BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
		Male	Female	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether engaged as "At Home" or "Out of Home"	(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish, if the name of the Parish is not given.	State whether— (1) British subject by birth, (2) Naturalized British subject, (3) "Totally" naturalized, (4) "Unincorporated" national of a foreign state, (5) "Foreign born" subject of a foreign state, (6) "Alien" subject of a foreign state, (7) "Enemy" subject of a foreign state, (8) "Enemy" subject of a foreign state, (9) "Enemy" subject of a foreign state, (10) "Enemy" subject of a foreign state.			
1. <i>Frances B. Burton</i>	Head	27								Leicester	—	
2. <i>Agnes B. Burton</i>	Sister	22								Burbage Leicestershire	—	
3. <i>Bertie Burton</i>	Brother	28								Leicester	—	
4. <i>Edith Burton</i>	Sister	18								Burbage Leicestershire	—	
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(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *Frances Burton*  
Postal Address *52 Hinckley Rd. Burbage*

6. Rooms

Total.	
Male	3
Female	1
Total	4

Initials of Enumerator *WCB*