



Private Jack Alsop 3355



D Company 1/5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

Died of wounds Saturday 8th July 1916

Age 25

Le Treport Military Cemetery, France

Plot 2 Row N Grave 4B

Burbage War Memorial

Wesleyan Methodist Memorial

Congregational Church Memorial

Jack Alsop was born in December 1890 at Saddington near Market Harborough, Leicestershire. He was the fourth child of Richard and Ann Alsop of Burbage. Perhaps seeking employment sometime after 1887, the family had moved to Main Street, Saddington where his father worked as a Framework Knitter.

The family stayed in Saddington for about ten years, but by 1901 the family returned to Burbage and were living at 43 Windsor Street. During this time his Mother Ann had died and his Father had remarried a widow Mary Jane Kirby.

Jack may have attended the Wesleyan Day School as his name is on the memorial there. Jack's step sister May was born in Burbage in 1902. His father was employed locally as a Stocking Maker.

By the 1911 census Jack is living at twenty-five and a quarter Church Street with his now widowed step mother and five siblings. The house was in a small yard opposite the Congregational Church.

Unlike his father and siblings who worked in the hosiery trade, Jack found employment as a baker at the local Co-op. The Co-op bakehouse was situated in the yard behind the store on Church Street. Master baker Alfred Nicholls ran the bakery with assistants and a baker's delivery boy. Along with Fosters Bakery on Windsor Street the Co-op Bakery produced all the bread for the village and surrounding area.



Co-op, Church Street before WW1

By late 1914 Jack had enlisted at Hinckley and was eventually posted to France with the Leicester Regiment.

During the second week in July 1916 the Battalion were station near the village of Hannescamps some three miles south of Arras. On the 8th and 9th July the fine hot days were spent pumping out trenches, whilst occasionally being shelled by 'Whizz bangs'. Whilst engaged in this work Jack received terrible wounds from a bursting shell. Perhaps surviving a few hours, he was taken to the Canadian run Military Hospital at Le Treport, where he died on the 8th July.



Previously the Coop Bakery, Church St



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Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
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Jack			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	F/102 B.	81	Dead 8.7.16.
BRITISH	Do	Do	
15 STAR	F/3 B.	11	
Theatre of War first served in (11 France)			
Date of entry therein 18.8.15			

Medal Card – Jack Alsop



Jack Alsop Grave
(bottom of headstone)

BURBAGE MAN DIES OF WOUNDS.

The death has occurred at the 7th Canadian General Hospital at Le Treport, in France, from wounds received while in action with the 5th Leicestershire Regiment, of Private Jack Alsop, who before the war was a baker employed by the Burbage Co-operative Society. It is understood that the deceased, who was an unmarried man, 25 years of age, received terrible wounds, caused by the bursting of a shell. His home was in Church Street, Burbage.

Newspaper Report