

Private Jack Hill 41127

2/4 Battalion Leicester Regiment
Killed in Action 25th March 1918
Age 19
Arras Memorial France Bay 5
Burbage War memorial
St Catherine's Church Memorial.



Jack was the fourth son of the nine children of Henry and Emma Hill.
He was born on the 31st October 1898 at 77 Church St Burbage.



77 Church Street

Along with his five older siblings Jack started his education in the Infants department at the Burbage National on the 5th November 1901.

Following his Father and the older children Jack would have left school at the age of thirteen and started work in one of the hosiery factory's in Burbage.

By 1915 the family had moved to 5 Strut Road just a short walk from where Jack was employed as a hosiery hand at Robinson Bros. on Lutterworth Rd.

The three older Hill brothers Harry, Jim and Thomas were all serving in the forces.

On the 15th March 1917 at the age of 18 Jack made the short journey to Hinckley and enlisted.

In the year that followed Jack did the basic training and would have returned home on embarkation leave before going to France.

The Family were members of the Liberal club. A Soldiers benefit concert was held in February 1918 for his brother James who was on leave. He was presented with £1 after a collection of the audience. The 'smoking' concerts were held when members of the club were on leave and a collection taken and presented to each soldier.



5 Strutt Road

After only a year serving Jack was posted with the Leicestershire Regiment as part of the British third army to the Arras region of France.

On the 21st March the Germans started a massive bombardment which covered over 150 square miles. By the end of the 22nd March the allies had suffered 7,512 killed and over 10,000 casualties.

Jack was probably one of these casualties as he was reported missing on the 22nd of March.

By the 25th of March the regiment confirmed that Jack along with 414 of his comrades had been killed.

He has no known grave but his name can be seen on the Arras memorial.

Jacks three older brothers returned home safely after the war.