

**Private Arthur Edwin Howgate** 25499 2<sup>nd</sup> Lincolnshire Regiment died on 15/04/1917 and is buried in St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen

He was the husband of Mrs Edith Eliza Howgate, Meech House, Ollerton Road, Retford, Notts.



His parents were Mr John Robert & Alice Howgate of 39 Moorgate. Arthur was severely wounded above the elbow of his right arm in action on the 5<sup>th</sup> April but was able, using his left hand, to write home on the 14<sup>th</sup> to his wife. He succumbed to his wounds and exhaustion on the 15<sup>th</sup>. His wife received notification of his death in the same post as she received his last letter. He had, prior to joining up, been employed by Mr Iremonger, boot and shoe maker. He was known locally as a good vocalist winning prizes with a quartet at the North Notts Music Festival. Arthur's wife Edith had 2 brothers serving overseas and has also lost a brother.

In July 1917 Edith acknowledged receipt of his few possessions being returned to her :- letters, photos & cards, 1 pipe, 1 medal, 3 metal rings, 2 pocket wallets, 1 match box case, 1 purse, 1 tobacco pouch.