

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

Detective Inspector Bertram Arthur Armitage

Lance Corporal 4924 1st bttm Coldstream Guards



September 17th 1885 Bertram Arthur Armitage was born in Birmingham, the son of Abraham 1850-1922 and Caroline nee Lees 1855-1895. He was one of 6 children. His only brother, served as Private 5580 of 4th bttm Royal Berkshire Regiment and sadly died 20th July 1919 of pneumonia and is commemorated on the memorial in the military plot at Yardley Cemetery, Birmingham
April 2nd 1906 Bertram joined Birmingham City Police as a reservist. He was issued with warrant number 8616 and posted to the C Division

December 12th 1906 Bertram was awarded a guinea for the arrest of a gas meter thief

July 14th 1907 Bertram married Phoebe Emily Eliza Greenfield 1884-1946. They had a son whom they named Bertram Arthur, who was born 14th December 1909 and who died 1983 in Great Barr, Birmingham. Bertram and Phoebe resided at 47 Tenby Street North, Birmingham

24 November 1909 Bertram was awarded a guinea for stopping a runaway horse

1911 census Bertram was residing with his wife Phoebe, and their son Bertram at 74 Unett Street, Hockley, Birmingham

June 1st 1914 Bertram was posted to the R Division to perform duty in the summoning department

August 4th 1914 Bertram was recalled to his regiment Coldstream Guards

January 24th 1915 Bertram, whilst at Boulogne, was severely reprimanded for misconduct by attempting to send personal clothing to England contrary to orders

September 9th 1915 An article in Picture World reported '*A hero of Mons' Lance Corporal B A Armitage No 1 Co 1st bttm Coldstream Guards has just returned to the front after spending his first weeks leave since the outbreak of war. Armitage, in company with several other members of the City Police Force were among the first batch of reservists to be called up and like Corp Albert Coakley of 'A' Division went to France with the Expedition Force. In the retreat from Mons Armitage had the misfortune to severely sprain his ankle and has since acted as a clerk with the Headquarters Staff at Havre*

November 27th 1915 Bertram re-joined Birmingham City Police from HM Forces and was posted to the CID on the R Division

December 31st 1923 Bertram was promoted to Detective Sergeant

January 7th 1925 Bertram was awarded a book prize

July 1st 1930 Bertram was promoted to Detective Inspector

July 31st 1933 Bertram resigned on superannuation

October 22nd 1967 Bertram sadly died whilst residing in Great Barr, Birmingham and his estate was left to his son Bertram, an accountant

