

World War 1 Roll of Honour
Birmingham City Police
PC C208 Albert Wallace BARKER
Lance Corporal P/16472 Military Foot Police
Formerly Lance Corporal 42193 3rd bttn Somerset Light Infantry

31st August 1893 Albert was born in Kidderminster son of William Joseph Barker and Eliza nee Whatmore

1901 census shows residents of 38 Cobden Street, Kidderminster were William Joseph Barker 35 years of age, a carpet weaver born in Cheshire and married to Eliza 30 years who was born in Wordsley, Staffordshire. They resided with their sons Albert Wallace Barker aged 7, Percy William aged 6, Gilbert Ridness aged 6 months all born in Kidderminster as was their daughter Ivy May aged 2 years. A boarder Charles Christie a 24-year-old journeyman / baker also resided at their address.

21st September 1914 Albert joined Birmingham City Police his occupation was given as a carpet weaver. He was issued with warrant number 8541 and posted to the C Division with collar number PC C 208

5th July 1915 Albert was awarded a guinea for stopping a runaway horse

30th October 1915 Albert married Lucy Kate nee Turve (1891-1973) a spinster from 15 Victoria Buildings, Coralie Street, Brookfields, Birmingham, they married at St Mary's Church in Kidderminster. Lucy was born December 1891 in Kidderminster. Albert's father's name was recorded as Joseph William Barker not William Joseph

2nd May 1917 Albert was awarded a guinea for rendering first aid (severed fingers) also two guineas for stopping a runaway horse on two occasions

22nd April 1918 Albert resigned from the police to join HM Forces with the Military Foot Police

25th March 1919 Albert re-joined Birmingham City Police from HM Forces, he was issued with a new warrant number of 8919 and again posted to the C Division

3rd December 1919 Albert was awarded a guinea for the arrest of a thief

4th June 1924 Albert was awarded a guinea for arresting shoplifters

31st March 1926 Albert was complimented for rendering first aid (crushed foot)

19th October 1927 Albert was complimented for rendering first aid (fractured tibia and fibula)

2nd October 1929 Albert was complimented for the arrest of a person stealing

1939 census Albert, a police constable and his wife Lucy were residing at 18 Herbert Road, Birmingham

4th March 1941 Albert was commended for rendering first aid (burst varicose vein) and for stopping a runaway horse

29th December 1940 Albert retired from the police

20th August 1979 Albert sadly died in Tenbury Wells