

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC A Thomas BILLINGSLEY

Guardsman 13178
1st battalion Grenadier Guards
Died in France 10th-13th March 1915

Thomas was born in Pattingham, South Staffordshire in 1889, son of Thomas and Jane (nee Gardener) he had four brothers and one sister.

Thomas's father died in September 1906 at the age of 59 when Thomas was 17 years of age.

Thomas joined Birmingham City Police on 23rd May 1910 as a 21-year-old labourer and a reservist with the Grenadier Guards.

He served on the 'A' Division with warrant number 7801.

In 1911, Thomas was residing at Duke Street Police Station along with many other police constables.

Thomas had enlisted at Wolverhampton and on 5th August 1914, he was recalled to military service.

Records show that Thomas died between 10th and 13th March 1915 but it is believed to be that he died on 13th March in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle.

Thomas was single when he died and his effects were left to his mother Jane.

Thomas is commemorated at Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Panel 2.

Thomas is commemorated alongside another Birmingham City Police Constable, PC Herbert Horace GOODLEY who also paid the ultimate sacrifice when he died of his wounds on 24th December 1914.

