

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC C197 George BLOOMFIELD KPM

Lance Corporal 16475 Royal Garrison Artillery



George was born 11th August 1884 in Hoo, Kent and had been a resident in Shaftsbury Workhouse, Shaftsbury, Dorset as a porter

16th October 1911 George joined Birmingham City Police as a workhouse porter and was issued with warrant number 7911 and collar number PC C197, George was posted to the C Division

18th January 1909 George married Ethel Maud JOHNSON of St Marys, Kent and they had four children Esther Celia born 21st December 1909, George Edward who was born 23rd June 1911, Frederick who was born 16th February 1913 and Edna who was born 19th February 1921

4th August 1914 George was called up to re-join his regiment, as Lance Corporal 16475 with the Royal Garrison Artillery attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps. He had previously served as a Gunner with the RGA from 1903 to 1906

20th August 1914 George served with the BEF until 6th November 1915

7th November 1915 George served in Salonica until 25th December 1918

26th December 1918 George left for the United Kingdom where he arrived on 2nd January 1918

3rd January 1918 to 24th October 1919 George served at home

22nd April 1919 George re-joined the police, he was issued with a new warrant number of 8946 and remained on the C Division

5th July 1920 George was awarded the 1st and 2nd stripes of merit for zeal and efficiency in the performance of his duties

2nd March 1921 George was awarded the 3rd stripe of merit for the arrest of a man with a loaded revolver who had attempted to shoot his wife; and also, for two men stealing and receiving and also for two cases of rendering first aid

10th July 1922 George was presented with the Kings Police Medal by King George V. The incident which won for him this distinction occurred in St George Street, Hockley on the afternoon of 19th June. George saw a man named KNIBBS who was wanted for threatening to shoot his wife, and the would-be killer had fled on an open cart. George boarded a motor lorry going in the same direction, which set off in pursuit. Knibbs forced the cart driver at gun point to urge his horse into a gallop. When the vehicles drew level, George jumped from the motor lorry into the cart just as Knibbs fired twice but the shots were wild. George seized the revolver from Knibbs, they rolled about on the swaying cart until he was handcuffed. Knibbs was subsequently sentenced to three months' hard labour

9th November 1922 George was complimented for the arrest in a case of indecent exposure

25th July 1923 George was awarded a guinea for zeal and activity in rescuing persons imperilled by the flood at Hockley Brook and awarded another guinea for general good police work

27 November 1924 George was complimented for rendering first aid (fractured femur)

11th February 1925, George was fined 20/- for neglect of duty by omitting to promptly carry out his duty whilst in charge of Dudley Road Police Station when a report of attempted robbery with violence in Handsworth New Road, was submitted to him by PC C150 Gasside at about 7am on Wednesday 21st January 1925, viz to report the facts to his superior officers or the CID

19th October 1927 George was awarded a guinea for rendering first aid (Severed forearm, smashed humerus, and fractured femur)

18th October 1936 George retired from the police

1939 George was residing at 70 Douglas Road, Birmingham with his wife and their daughter Esther who was a manageress

13th January 1960 George sadly died at the General Hospital in Margate aged 75 of a cerebral haemorrhage