

# World War 1

## Birmingham City Police

### PC E209 Thomas Henry BURT

**Lance Corporal P/8105**  
**Military Mounted Police**  
**Died in Aldershot, England 27<sup>th</sup> March 1917**

Thomas was born circa 1879 Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, son of Charles and Abigale (nee Medens) his father was a domestic gardener.

Thomas joined the Cavalry and fought in the Boer War, being at Ladysmith during the siege of November 1899 – March 1900. He left the army immediately after and joined Worcestershire Police on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1900 with an occupation of a groom. He was stationed at Stourport and Acocks Green and then Billesley in 1904.

Thomas married Louisa Schofield at Ledbury in 1904 and they resided in Kings Heath, with his elder sister and his widowed mother.

When the force joined Birmingham City Police in the 1911 annexation, Thomas transferred on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1911 and served on the E Division with warrant number 8000 and collar number PC E209.

At the outbreak of war Thomas was recalled to military service and joined the Mounted battalion of the Military Police Corps and left Birmingham to begin training at Aldershot.

However, a month later on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1915, Thomas died from an attack of cerebo-spinal meningitis at Aldershot barracks.

Birmingham City Police records dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1917 stated of Thomas's death

*The funeral of the above will take place Monday next 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1917 at Brandwood End Cemetery. The cortege will leave Billesley Lane at 2.30pm. 1 PS and 6 PCs from each of the A B C D and E Divisions will assemble at Kings Heath Police Station at 2pm sharp.*

*The band with instruments will also attend, same time, same place.*

*Insp David will also attend.*

*Great coats and black gloves will be worn by all ranks. It is understood that 50 men are on leave from Aldershot from the Military Mounted Police and desire to attend. Superintendents will please let them know of these arrangements.*

Thomas was buried at Brandwood End Cemetery, Kings Heath, Birmingham Grave B2 C 1173

The inscription on his headstone reads  
IN THE MIDST OF LIFE  
WE ARE IN DEATH

