

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC E178 John A CASHMAN

Corporal P/8103 Military Mounted Police



John was born 13th March 1883 in County Kerry and resided in Bunbinna Black Valley, County Kerry

12th May 1904 James joined Birmingham City Police as a 21-year-old farmer, he was issued with warrant number 7358 and was posted to the C Division with collar number PC C20

19th December 1905 Complimented for the arrest on suspicion of a thief loitering

14th February 1906 Awarded a guinea for the arrest of thieves loitering in possession of housebreaking implements

23rd January 1907 awarded a guinea for stopping a runaway horse

12th October 1909 James married Jessie Margaret Castells who had no parents but resided at 45 Kyrwicks Lane, Sparkbrook, Birmingham with her three sisters. Jessie had been employed as an assistant to Mr Giles Pawnbroker of Stanhope Street, Birmingham. Her one brother resided in Oldknow Road, Small Heath, her other brother resided in Upper Gough Street and her other sister who was married to a fireman resided at Bordesley Green Fire Station. John and Jessie had five children, John P born 5th November 1910, Kathleen born 7th June 1924, Timothy M born 6th June 1914, Sheila M born 21st December 1916 and James D born 29th November 1924

19th June 1912 Awarded a guinea for the arrest of men in possession of stolen lead

16th December 1914 Awarded 1st merit stripe for the arrest of a fowl stealers

12th April 1917 John commenced service with military mounted police, his resignation date from the police to join HM Forces is unknown

2nd March 1919 John suffered form varicose veins whilst serving in Military Mounted Police

4th July 1919 John re-joined the police, he was issued with a new warrant number of 9057 and posted back to the C Division with a collar number of PC E178

19th October 1927 Complimented for rendering first aid (fractured tibia and fibular)

21st December 1929 awarded a merit stripe for good police duty in cases of office breaking and factory breaking

15th May 1935 Awarded King's Jubilee Medal

12th March 1938 John retired aged 55 years, after serving for 33 years and 10 months, on a pension of £165. 4s 8d and was willing to serve in the First Police Reserve. John had also served as a Reserve Constable at Moseley Street Police Station. John was residing at 143 Bordesley Green East, Birmingham

19th April 1938 John attended an interview at the Bank of England for a job as night watchman and commenced working on 2nd May

September 1939 John, a watchman and his wife Jessie, his son James who was an HGV driver and his two daughters Kathleen, a tailor and Sheila a shoe sales girl, were registered as residing at 143 Bordesley Green Road. However, John had changed the family surname from Cashman to KISSANE

4th October 1957 John sadly died at his home address of 143 Bordesley Green Road after having been ill for some months with cancer of the spine. His widow, Jessie, was 71 years of age and the youngest of their five children was 32 years of age. The funeral was 8th October at the Monastery, St Bernard's Road, Olton and was private at the request of his widow who also received a police widow's pension of 22s 8d per week

