

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC E Peter CRAWLEY

Corporal L/10885
1st battalion Middlesex Regiment
Died in France 27th September 1915



Peter was born in Holborn, Middlesex in 1888 to John and Marie, the fourth of five children. Peter's father died when Peter was young and by 1901 his mother was working as a costermonger to provide for the family

Peter started his working life as a news vendor but in 1905, aged 17, he joined the army and signed up for six years with the King's Royal Rifles, service number 8750

When Peter left the army, he worked as a porter until he joined Birmingham City Police on 19th May 1913. He served on the E Division with warrant number 8317

At the outbreak of war, Peter was recalled to military service and subsequently arrived in France on 23rd November 1914

Peter was wounded at the battle of Loos, he was taken to 1st Casualty Clearing Station in Choques where he later succumbed to his wounds

His effects were left to his widow, Edith

Peter is buried at Choques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France Grave 1 E 69



There was no request for a family inscription on Peter's headstone

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