

# World War 1

## Birmingham City Police

### PC B105 Joseph Ison CUFFLEY

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant**  
**61<sup>st</sup> Battalion Machine Gun Corps Infantry**  
**Died of wounds in France in German hands**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 1918**

Joseph was born in Nottingham in 1888, the second child of Joseph and Fanny, his father was a boot maker.

On 17th July 1911, Joseph joined Birmingham City Police, he served on the 'B' Division with warrant number 7867 and collar number PC B105

On 15<sup>th</sup> November 1915 Joseph resigned to enlist in the army.

Joseph married Alice Mary Matthews but Joseph never knew his son, Joseph Lynn Cuffley, as he was born three months after his father died.

Joseph joined the Machine Gun Corps on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1917, he was later wounded and captured by the Germans.

Joseph succumbed to his injuries whilst he was in captivity.

Joseph was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry and devotion to duty.

His citation read

*On the enemy gaining a footing in one of our trenches he at once organised and led a party and ejected the enemy. He later went in search of ammunition and delivered it across ground, heavily swept by machine gun fire, to two machine guns whose supply had run out. Throughout the attack he displayed great courage and marked energy*



Joseph is buried in Grand-Seraucourt Cemetery, Aisne, Picardie, France Grave 111 A2

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