

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC B105 Joseph Ison CUFFLEY

2nd Lieutenant
61st Battalion Machine Gun Corps Infantry
Died of wounds in France in German hands
31st 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 15th 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 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



Father, Joseph Ison Cuffley MC and the son he never knew, Joseph Lynn Cuffley

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

Joseph succumbed to his injuries whilst he was in captivity



Photographs of Joseph and his MC courtesy of his grandson, David Cuffley and photographs of Joseph's headstone and cemetery courtesy of Su and Paul Handford taken 2019



In the field

