

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC D166 George William Dix DEARLOVE

Private 306326
2nd/7th Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Died in France 25th October 1918

George was born in April 1894 in Grimsbury, Banbury, son of George and Ellen (nee Dix) and in 1901 they were residing in Stratford on Avon. George's father was a railway signalman.

Aged 14, George began working as a lad clerk at Banbury goods yard for Great Western Railways and later became a railway porter.

In 1911, George was using his middle name of William.

On 1st December 1913, George joined Birmingham City Police as a 19-year-old porter. He served on the D Division with warrant number 8417 and collar number PC D166.

On 15th November 1915, George left the police to enlist in the army, in Aston and travelled to France on 6th February 1916.

George was wounded on 26th March 1916 where he received a gunshot wound to his right arm.

He returned home and spent from 8th April 1916 to 14th October 1916, in Princess Christian Hospital in Weymouth.

George returned to France in March 1918 and in October 1918, he was again wounded in action in East Cambrai, he was taken to a casualty clearing station but died of his wounds the following day.

His effects were signed for by his next of kin Ellen, they consisted of a wallet, photographs, a fountain pen, letters, a purse, two knives, two religious' books, a pouch, a badge, a pipe and cards.

George is buried in Awoingt British Cemetery, Nord Pas-de-Calais, France.



The inscription on his headstone reads
LOVE IS OF GOD