

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC D227 Matthew DOYLE

Corporal 8326 Military Mounted Police

Matthew was born 14th November 1881 in Dublin and was a resident at 31 North Summer Street, Dublin

17th October 1901, Matthew joined Birmingham City Police as a postman, he was issued with warrant number 7111 and posted to the D Division with collar number PC D227. His father had served as a Police Sergeant in Dublin Metropolitan Police for 30 years

23rd March 1903 Matthew was awarded the first stripe of merit for good police duty in arresting three burglars

25th July 1903, Matthew had his leave stopped for a day for neglect of duty in not discovering a house broken into in Hagley Road

27th April 1904 Awarded a gratuity of guinea and allowed to retain 10/6 sent by Mr Powell, Broad Street, for courageous conduct in stopping a runaway horse

22nd July 1905 Awarded the second stripe of merit for detectability in the arrest of three dangerous thieves loitering near Meadow Road, with intent to commit a felony

10th November 1906, Matthew's leave was stopped until further order for being absent from his beat on 4th November and found in a private yard in St Vincent Street

1st January 1909 Matthew had two days leave stopped and was suspended for being drunk on duty

7th January 1909 Matthew was re-instated

16th September 1911 Matthew was cautioned for being absent from his night duty beat for four hours on 23rd August and found coming from St John's Churchyard, Monument Road

9th September 1912 Complimented in police orders for diligence in the arrest of a man who had stolen from a shop

13th October 1913 Awarded a guinea for skill in rendering first aid (varicose vein)

17th January 1914 Awarded a guinea for courageous conduct in stopping a runaway horse

27th January 1916 Matthew had one day's leave stopped for being asleep at his special protection post under arms at 1105pm January 20th

2nd February 1916 Awarded a guinea for stopping a runaway horse

20th May 1916, Matthew married (Juliet) Agnes Goodman (1881–1949) of 195 Park Road, Aston, Birmingham. They had their first child Matthew Gerrard on 11th September 1917 (Died 5th November 2012) and their second child, Robert was born on 11th June 1920 (Died April 2004)

4th March 1917 Matthews resigned to join HM Forces serving with the Military Mounted Police

26th May 1919 Matthews re-joined the police from HM Forces, he was issued with a new warrant number of 9016

23rd July 1923 Awarded the third stripe of merit for prompt action at an explosion at Saltley Gas Works

27th November 1924 Awarded a guinea for stopping a runaway horse

31st March 1926 Complimented for rendering first aid (fractured elbow joint)

9th December 1928 Matthew retired from the police aged 47 and received a police pension of £164 13s 4d per annum

31st May 1929, a character reference for Matthew Doyle of 48 Colonial Road, Bordesley Green, Birmingham was received from The Austin Motor Co Ltd, Longbridge works

September 1949 Matthew's wife died

April 11th 1950, Matthew's sister Rose Doyle wrote from New York to ask of Matthew's whereabouts as she was planning a visit to England and wanted to see him. Matthew was residing at 200 Kenelm Road, Small Heath and was shown her letter at Hay Mills police station and the police said Matthew get in touch with his sister himself

6th October 1955 Matthew sadly died at Selly Oak Hospital. His address was 25 Norton Crescent, Bordesley Green, Birmingham

