

World War 1 Roll of Honour
Birmingham City Police
PC E225 William Charles FRANCIS
Sergeant 36872 Royal Welsh (Welch) Fusiliers

William was born 22nd March 1891 in Tewksbury, Gloucester, and a resident of 13 Newtown, Ashchurch Road, Tewksbury, Gloucestershire

31st July 1911 William joined Birmingham City Police as a gamekeeper, he was issued with warrant number 7881 and collar number PC D150 and posted to the D Division

14th March 1914, William was punished for being absent from duty without leave on Sunday 1st March 1914 from 6pm to 10pm, William was ordered to work an extra four hours in lieu of the hours he had been absent

15th November 1915 William resigned from the police to join HM Forces. He served as Sergeant 36872 of the Royal Welsh (Welch) Fusiliers. He qualified as a musketry instructor and served a total of 3 years and 178 days until his discharge on 12th May 1919

24th October 1918 William suffered from influenza, and was later discharged from hospital

12th May 1919 William re-joined the police after serving with HM Forces, he was issued with a new warrant number of 8982 and remained on the D Division

23rd October 1926 William married Annie Eliza of 51 Ash Road, Birmingham, they had a daughter Christine Eudora who was born on 31st December 1929

5th December 1926 William was transferred to the E Division and was issued with collar number PC E225

4th March 1931 William was complimented for rendering first aid (compound leg fracture)

26th May 1939, William's wife Annie died suddenly at their home address of police house No 11 Dane Grove, Kings Heath, Birmingham. She had been under the care of Dr Sandilands, the Divisional Surgeon for some time with heart trouble but was not confined to bed.

11th June 1939 William retired from the police aged 48 after serving 27 years and 9 months. He was not willing to serve in the First Police Reserve on retirement. He received a police pension of £165 4s 8d

28th June 1968 William sadly died. Police records state that the second Mrs Francis was not entitled to any police widow's pension as she married William after he had retired