

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC C Frederick William FRYER

Corporal 8795
1st and 5th Kings Shropshire Light Infantry
Died in France 3rd May 1917

Frederick was born in 1890, the third child of David Henry and Hannah, he had an older sister and brother and a younger sister. He and his family resided in Marylebone, Surrey, his father was a valet/domestic servant and in 1901 the family were residing in Carshalton, Surrey and his father was now working as a house painter and his mother was taking in laundry

Frederick initially enlisted in the army in Kingston upon Thames

Frederick joined Birmingham City Police as a 23-year-old reservist. He served on the C Division with warrant number 8397

On 4th August 1914, Frederick was recalled to military service and he went to France on 20th September 1914 with the 1st battalion Kings Shropshire Regiment

Birmingham City Police records dated 20th November 1916 stated Frederick had been wounded

On one occasion Frederick was lucky to survive when a shell killed a sergeant that Frederick was standing next to

In 1915, Frederick was wounded in the leg at Hooge, Belgium, but he recovered sufficiently to return to France

Frederick was killed in action in France in the Arras sector on 3rd May 1917, with the 5th Kings Shropshire Regiment, but he was initially reported missing and wasn't reported as killed in action until December 1917

Birmingham City Police records dated 13th March 1918 recorded Frederick, single, having been killed in action on 3rd May 1917, having previously been reported as missing

Frederick is commemorated on Arras Memorial, Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery, France Bay 7

