

# World War 1

## Birmingham City Police

### PC C Frederick William FRYER

**Corporal 8795**  
**1st and 5<sup>th</sup> Kings Shropshire Light Infantry**  
**Died in France 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914, Frederick was recalled to military service and he went to France on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1914 with the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion Kings Shropshire Regiment

Birmingham City Police records dated 20<sup>th</sup> November 1916 stated Frederick had been wounded

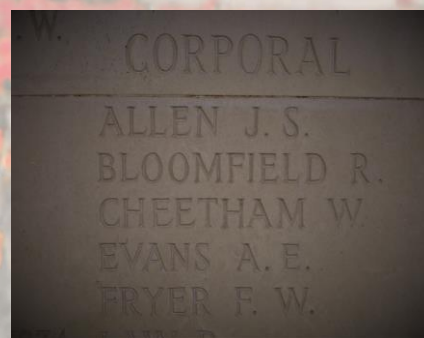
On one occasion Frederick was lucky to survive when a shell killed a sergeant that Frederick was standing next to

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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917, with the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March 1918 recorded Frederick, single, having been killed in action on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917, having previously been reported as missing

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



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