

# World War 1

## Birmingham City Police

### PC C31 Robert GILPIN

**Company Sergeant Major 45753**  
**6<sup>th</sup> battalion Northamptonshire Regiment**  
**Died in France 30<sup>th</sup> August 1918**

Robert was born in County Armagh in November 1894 to Robert and Ellen (nee Ross) he had an elder brother who sadly died within a month of his birth and two younger sisters

In March 1914, Robert's father sadly died aged 70 and his mother died 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1935

Robert married Ellen Carroll of Armagh, and they moved to England where Robert joined Birmingham City Police on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1914 as a 20-year-old linen finisher

Robert served on the C Division with warrant number 8506 and collar number PC C31

On 21<sup>st</sup> May 1918 Robert resigned from the police to join the army, and initially enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment number 12110 but later transferred to the 6<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment

Robert was killed in action aged 25 years of age, in a German attack near Combles, north of Bapaume

Robert was thought to have been buried in a smaller and isolated cemetery in the area of Combles, and was re-buried at Combles Communal Cemetery Extension, Picardie, France Plot II F 7

Robert's widow Ellen sadly died in Armagh in 1920 as a 31-year-old young mother of a son and a daughter



*In loving memory of Robert GILPIN who died 7th March 1914 aged 70 years. Also, his wife Ellen who died 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1935 aged 78 years. Also, their son Robert Gilpin, killed in action 1<sup>st</sup> September 1918 aged 25 years interred in France (CWGC record Robert's death a 30<sup>th</sup> August 1918)*

*Photograph courtesy of Martin White  
Robert's parent's headstone at Moy St James Church of Ireland*

