

# **World War 1 Roll of Honour**

## **Birmingham City Police**

### **PC A144 Frederick George HUGHES**

#### **Lance Corporal P/8125 Military Mounted Police**

Frederick was born 5<sup>th</sup> August 1879, and within his police records, it can be seen that later in his police service he refers to himself as George Frederick

8<sup>th</sup> September 1902 Frederick joined Birmingham City Police as a reservist, Albert was issued with warrant number 7196 and posted to the A division with collar number PC A144. Albert had served for 5 years 11 months as Gunner 16586 with the Royal Field Artillery in the Garrison Military Police and resided at No 7 Depot RFA Fulwood Barracks, Preston

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1904 Awarded 1<sup>st</sup> stripe of merit for the arrest of a thief in a jeweller's shop leading to his conviction

15<sup>th</sup> April 1906 Albert married Alice Riley, born April 1886, they had four children, Rose Ellen was born on 5<sup>th</sup> February 1907, Kathleen May was born 12<sup>th</sup> June 1911, Florence Grace was born 8<sup>th</sup> June 1915 and Mary Louise was born 11<sup>th</sup> September 1918

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1907 Promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> class for zeal and vigilance in the arrest of a murderer

24<sup>th</sup> February 1909 Awarded a gratuity of a guinea for skill in rendering first aid

22<sup>nd</sup> July 1909 Complimented in police orders for vigilance and activity in the arrest of three highway robbers

10<sup>th</sup> July 1911 Awarded a gratuity of a guinea for skill in rendering first aid

27<sup>th</sup> February 1917 Albert resigned to join HM Forces serving with the Military Mounted Police

15<sup>th</sup> April 1917 Albert was classed as unfit for duties overseas with attacks of bronchitis, asthma, and lumbago, which Albert states was contracted whilst in the army. In November 1916 he had a severe attack of bronchitis coupled with pleurisy. There was no record of consumption

12th June 1917 Albert re-joined the police after serving with HM Forces and was issued with a new warrant number of 9070 and again posted to the A Division. He was suffering from bronchitis. After being on duty for 13 months, he was at orderly room on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1918 when he was informed by Chief Constable Rafter that he was suffering from consumption. Albert stated he was not aware he had suffered from this ailment and stated that he has not had any need to be medically treated since returning from the war

29<sup>th</sup> September 1929 Albert retired aged 49 years, whilst performing duty at the Art Gallery, Birmingham Council House, his police pension was £164 13s 4d per annum

1939 census Albert and Alice were residing at 201 Oldknow Road, Hay Mills, Birmingham with their daughter Rose

25<sup>th</sup> October 1956, Albert's eldest daughter Rose Ellen wrote to the Chief Constable to inform him of the death of her father and that her mother was not well enough to attend to any business so as the eldest child could she be informed as to the then current procedure. She stated that Albert had died on 21<sup>st</sup> October and had been cremated three days later on 24<sup>th</sup>. Albert had died at his home address of 38 Falconhurst Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham

7th November 1956, just over two weeks after Albert's death, his widow Alice sadly died at the home address of their daughter Florence Sherlock and her husband at 195, Shenley Fields Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham. After Albert's death Alice suffered a stroke which she did not recover from. As Alice was too poorly to complete any police widow's pension, the Watch Committee arranged for a week's police widow's pension and discretionary increase which amounted to £3 17s 8d which was awarded to the eldest daughter Rose, it had been decided by Rose's other three sisters that this amount would be shared equally between the four daughters

