

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC C95 Horace Victor HUSSELL

Sergeant 92869 'Q' Company Royal Engineers

20th October 1885 Horace was born in Birmingham, he was the son of James (1850-1922) and Sarah Jane nee Joiner who died 18th December 1938

1905 Horace married Florence Ada nee Bills (1884-1957) and they had two children Harold born 16th March 1906 and their daughter Gwendoline (19.08.1908-01.08.1994). Harold married Lilian May Hinks on 26th December 1936 at St Peter's Church, Aston, Birmingham

26th March 1908 Horace joined Birmingham City Police as a labourer and reservist. Horace was discharged from the Royal Engineers as Lance Corporal 13271 on 16th March 1908 on purchasing his discharge on payment of £25, after having served 4 years 76 days. His skill was a superior Instrument Repairer and skilled fitter. The police issued him with warrant number 7679 and he was posted to the C Division with collar number PC C95. Horace had also applied to join Staffordshire police but was refused on account he was married. At the time of joining the police, he was residing with his parents at 183 Broad Street, Birmingham

13th April 1910 Horace was awarded a gratuity of a guinea for good duty in investigating an unnatural offence / case and also complimented in police orders

19th February 1912 A complaint was received from George Mundy of 10 Hunters Vale, for assaulting him by striking him on his face and kicking him on his body in Farm Street and Villa Street about 3.30am 14th November

8th September 1914 Horace was on loan to the War Office as an army Drill Instructor in the rank of sergeant

14th April 1915 Horace resumed police duties from being on loan to the War Office

23rd May 1915 Horace wrote to the Chief Constable Rafter applying for permission to re-join the Royal Engineers having, since the outcome of war, been a Sgt Drill Instructor before returning to police duties

25th May 1915 Horace resigned to join HM Forces in the Royal Engineers

4th December 1918 Horace re-joined Birmingham City Police after serving with HM Forces. He was suffering from a very damaged knee caused by a horse falling on it. He was issued with a new warrant number of 9088

25th April 1919, Horace came before Mr Alderman James who told him to start performing Court Duty for four hours and he was allowed to walk down from Kenyon Street in plain clothes owing to his lameness and change into uniform at Court. His lameness was not permanent and it was thought he may be able to perform beat duty in the following six months

4th August 1919 Horace was reported by Superintendent Arthur Penrice for being absent from duty on 2nd August and participating in a police strike. Horace was dismissed from the police

10th September 1924 whilst residing at 69 City Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Horace wrote to Chief Constable Rafter requesting a reference of his service up until the unfortunate strike in his endeavour to obtain a situation as he badly needed to support his wife and family

25th August 1965 Horace sadly died in Lichfield, Birmingham whilst residing at 1 Sampson Road, Lichfield leaving his estate to Gwendoline Butler (possibly Horace's daughter). Horace was buried in Quinton Cemetery, Birmingham

