

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC B72 Arthur JONES

Lance Corporal P/8121 Military Mounted Corps

4th Traffic Control Squad

Arthur was born 16th January 1880 in Pembridge, Herefordshire and a resident of 3 The Ferns, Havelock Street, Saltley, Birmingham

15th July 1901 Arthur joined Birmingham City Police as a tram conductor of the Midland Railway company, he was issued warrant number 7081, collar number PC B72 and posted to the 'B' Division

22nd June 1904 Arthur was awarded a gratuity of a guinea for courageous conduct in stopping a runaway horse

30th September 1905 Arthur was punished and had a day's pay stopped for neglect of duty by failing to discover a shop door which was insecure during the night of the 27th

14th August 1909, Arthur married Gertrude Mary Dowell of 20 Station Road, Harborne, Birmingham, they married in Kings Norton. They had two children Laurence A born 7th November 1912 and Joan M who was born 8th August 1914

17th February 1910 Arthur was cautioned for negligence by losing an envelope containing routes etc entrusted to him to convey from Ladywood to Wellington Road Police Station

27th July 1917 Arthur left the police to join HM Forces. Arthur was Lance Corporal P/8121 of the Military Mounted Police Corps, 4th Traffic Control Squad and he served in Germany

25th March 1919, it was reported that Arthur's wife had a serious nervous breakdown, the Chief Constable had written, on the 4th March, to the War Office Secretary for his release but had not received a reply. Arthur was on 14 days leave and had to re-join his unit in Germany in the next few days

April 1919, the War Office replied and requested that Arthur was to complete a form requesting his release which was to be verified by a Justice of the Peace, a Minister of religion or another public person. There is no further record of the outcome

20th May 1919 Arthur re-joined the police from HM Forces, he was issued with a new warrant number of 9000

1st April 1928 Arthur retired on superannuation after completing 26 years and 7 months service, and was in receipt of a police pension of £164 13s 4d per annum

1939 register shows Arthur as a nurseryman residing with Gertrude at 1546 Pershore Road, Bournville, Birmingham

November 1948, Arthur's wife sadly died, her funeral took place 27th November at St Peter's Church, Harborne, Birmingham

8th February 1971 Arthur sadly died whilst residing at 94 School Road, Hockley Heath, it stated there was no widow, but a son who was residing in Lapworth. Arthur's funeral took place 12th February at Robin Hood Cemetery, Hall Green, Birmingham

