

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC Alfred Frederick MERRY

Lance corporal 7914
7th battalion East Yorkshire Regiment
Died in France 19th October 1918



Alfred was born in Fackeham, Norfolk and was a resident of Norwich

Having served his time in the army Alfred left and joined Birmingham City Police on 24th November 1913, as a printer, he served on the 'A' Division with warrant number 8409

Alfred was recalled to military service on 4th August 1914 and he enlisted in the Army in Great Yarmouth

In 1916, he married Lydia Hemming in Walsall

War records show that on 19th September 1915 Alfred as wounded

On 17th November 1916 – 10th January 1917, Alfred was hospitalised with trench foot in both feet

On 17th June 1918 Alfred was treated for a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his foot

Four months later, Alfred died in France from influenza / pneumonia at a casualty clearing station at Beaulencourt

The Birmingham Post Newspaper dated 4th November 1918 reported of Alfred's death

Lance -corporal Alfred Merry (30) a member of the A Division of the Birmingham City Police Force, has died from pneumonia in France. He had been previously wounded three times and leaves a widow at Kinwarton, near Alcester

Alfred is buried at Beaulencourt British Cemetery, Ligny-Thilloy, Pas de Calais, France. Grave I C 3



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