

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC D248 David Ernest PENNY

Sergeant 36875
2nd battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Died in France 27th May 1917

David was born in Winchpit, St Nicholas, Cardiff in the spring of 1893. He was the fourth child of John and Mary Ann Penny (nee Donelly) who married 1883

In the 1901 census the family are living at Winchpit, St Nicholas, just outside Cardiff, Glamorgan. His father was a shoemaker and his two older brothers were gardeners, a profession which David also followed

The 1911 census shows David (18) living with his parents John (53) a shoemaker, and Mary Ann (48) at the same address and working as a gardener. His two older brothers, George and William were married, and Helena, Harriet and Harold were all working and living in service. The youngest son John was living with his grandmother, Ellen Penny

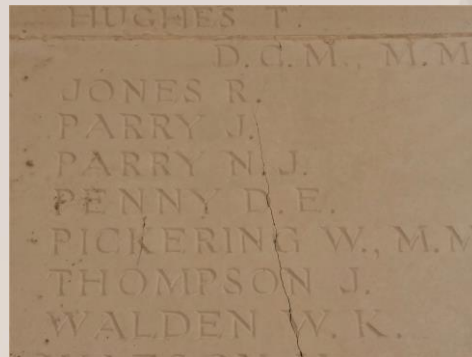
1921 census, Mary, now a widow was residing in St Nicholas with her three sons Harold a 23-year-old gardener, John (22) and Edward (20) both general labourers. David's father was buried on 18th July 1920 at St Nicholas

On 3rd June 1914 David joined Birmingham City Police as a 21-year-old gardener. He served on the 'D' Division with warrant number 8498 and collar number PC D248

David resigned from the police and enlisted in the army on 15th November 1915 in Birmingham, aged 22 years and 10 months of age

On the day David died, his regiment was engaged in an attack on the Hindenburg Support Line, and also wounded and killed in the same action, was Police Constable B205 George William Morris, who is also on the Roll of Honour and buried at Sunken Road Cemetery, France

David is commemorated on Bay 6 of Arras Memorial Pas de Calais, France



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Photograph of David in uniform from The Western Mail June 13th 1917 - Death of Welsh War Heroes

David Penny is also commemorated on St Nicolas Memorial, South Glamorgan
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