

# World War 1

## Birmingham City Police

### PC D248 David Ernest PENNY

**Sergeant 36875**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers**  
**Died in France 27<sup>th</sup> May 1915**

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)

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 took up

The 1911 census shows David living with his parents 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

On 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> November 1915 in Birmingham. He was single, nearly 23 years of age and his next of kin was his mother Mary Ann

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

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

