

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC R118 Frederick RATCLIFF

Gunner 49427 Royal Field Artillery



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11th May 1889 Frederick was born in Richmond, Surrey, son of Thomas Charles (1862-1933) and Mary Emily nee Argent (1863-1938)

10th January 1908 Frederick enlisted at Kingston upon Thames for the Royal Field Artillery

20th November 1912 Frederick married Emma Elizabeth Pindred, they had eight children. Charles Frederick was born on 25th October 1913; John Arthur was born 5th November 1917; Edward Douglas was born 30th January 1919; Wilfred Ernest was born 14th January 1920; Doris Alice May was born 25th July 1922; Donald George was born 31st August 1923; Harold Stanley was born 6th May 1927 and Betty Mary was born 25th September 1929

18th November 1913 Frederick joined Birmingham City Police, as a hall porter and a reservist. He was issued with warrant number 8399 and was posted to the B Division with collar number PC B218

4th August 1914 Frederick was recalled to his regiment, Royal Field Artillery

23rd October 1916 Frederick was wounded by gunshot in his right forearm near Albert, France, he was struck by a fragment of shell when he was in charge of the ammunition wagon. The wound healed his radius was shattered, he had no grip, and he could only write with difficulty

11th April 1917 Frederick was discharged for the Royal Field Artillery

12th April 1917 Frederick re-joined Birmingham City Police from HM Forces and was reposted to the B Division. He was awarded a new warrant number of 9076

9th November 1922 Complimented for arrest of a fowl thief

15th June 1931 Transferred to 'R' Division to perform duty at the Police Telephone Exchange

20th November 1938 Frederick retired after twenty-five years-service; he took advantage of this owing to his wife's ill health. He was awarded a police pension of £153 13s 4d. He applied for employment as a telephone operator at Castle Bromwich Aeroplane Factory, Labour Department, Kingsbury Road, Erdington, Birmingham 24

3rd June 1947 Frederick sadly suddenly died at his home address of 142 Pineapple Road, Kings Heath where he resided with his son Charles. His funeral took place at Lodge Hill cemetery 6th June. His widow Emma was awarded a police pension of £30 per annum

