

# World War 1

## Birmingham City Police

### PC B164 Sam Chidler RAVENHALL

**Corporal 10727**  
**64<sup>th</sup> Company Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)**  
**Died in France 26<sup>th</sup> September 1916**



Sam Chidler Ravenhall was born in July 1894 in Castle Bromwich, Warwickshire

He was the son of John Joseph and Clara Louisa (nee Shuttleworth). Sam's father predeceased him in 1912

Sam had three older siblings, Clara Elizabeth, John and George Joseph

In 1901 the family were living in a cottage in Little Heath, Castle Bromwich. Sam's father was a coal merchant's carter

The 1911 census, records Sam and his parents living in Little Heath, his older siblings were no longer at home. His father was still working as a carter and Sam was working as a grocer's porter

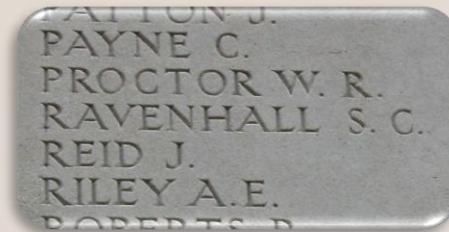
Sam married Bertha Eliza Wilson in 1916 and they resided at 77, Hartopp Rd, Saltley, Birmingham

On 18<sup>th</sup> September 1914 Sam joined Birmingham City Police as a 20-year-old labourer, he served on the B Division with warrant number 8538 and collar number PC B164

On 15<sup>th</sup> November 1915 Sam left the police to enlist in the army, he had previously served as Corporal 36880 in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Sam was killed in action on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1916

Sam is commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France Pier and Face 5C and 12C



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