

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC B164 Sam Chidler RAVENHALL

Corporal 10727
64th Company Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)
Died in France 26th 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). His father predeceased Sam 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 18th 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 15th 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 during the Battle of Morval in operations to seize the German held Grid Trench and the Gueudecourt-Le Transoy Road near Flers

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

