

World War 1 Roll of Honour Birmingham City Police

PC R89 Edwin William Archibald ROBERTS Lance Corporal 27533 Coldstream Guards

Edwin was born 13th October 1891 in Cannock. He resided with his parents in Cannock until circa 1906 when his parents left the area. He was later a resident of 5 Naseby Road, Saltley, Birmingham, 12 Poplar Avenue, Kings Heath, Birmingham and 204 School Road, Hall Green, Birmingham

From October 1905 to January 1912, and between June 1912 to January 1913 Edwin was employed at Midland Railway, Saltley, Birmingham

Edwin joined Birmingham City Police on 14th July 1913 aged 21, he was issued with warrant number 8346 and was posted to the E Division

17th June 1914 Edwin was awarded a gratuity of a guinea for his skill in rendering first aid (wound)

7th December 1914 Edwin married Mildred Lilian Hill (bn 22.03.1895) in Kings Norton, they resided at 5 Naseby Road, Saltley, Birmingham. They had three children Edwin George who was born 23rd March 1915, and twins Harold Francis and Marjorie Lilian who were born on 1st July 1917. At the outbreak of WW2, the family were residing at 204 School Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, Edwin was a collector of accounts, Harold was a motor driver, and Marjorie was a shop assistant. Edwin was listed as a retired police constable

2nd May 1917 Edwin was again awarded a guinea for his skill in rendering first aid (varicose vein)

23rd April 1918 Edwin resigned from the police to join HM Forces. Edwin served as Lance Corporal 27533 Coldstream Guards. He served at home from 10th December 1915 to 23rd November 1918 and with the BEF from 24th November 1918 when he landed in Le Havre from Southampton

28th April 1919 Edwin re-joined Birmingham City police after serving with HM Forces and was issued with a new warrant number of 8971

3rd December 1919 Edwin was awarded a guinea for his skill in rendering first aid (fractured leg)

11th April 1920 Edwin was posted to the R Division with collar number PC R89, as a motor driver in the transport department

8th March 1921 Edwin was awarded a 1st stripe of merit for rendering first aid to four men buried in a hole and also dealing with a fractured femur

1st February 1922 Edwin was complimented for his skill in first aid (varicose vein)

4th June 1924 Edwin was complimented for rendering first aid (fractured pelvis and leg)

2nd November 1924 Edwin was awarded a guinea for rendering first aid (two cases of a fractured femur and arm)

5th January 1927 Edwin was complimented for rendering first aid (fractured femur)

5th December 1934 Edwin was awarded a guinea for rendering first aid (coal gas poisoning)

3rd April 1934 Edwin was again awarded a guinea for rendering first aid (coal gas poisoning)

2nd June 1937 Edwin was awarded his Coronation medal

16th July 1939 Edwin retired on a pension of £165 4s 8d per annum after 26 years completed service aged 48 years

May 1951 Edwin requested a rise in his pension on attaining the age of 60 and also to assist the fact that his wife was an invalid. It was duly increased. It would appear Edwin's widow Mildred may have died, as on 31st December 1955, Edwin re-married Beatrice Godbehere. Her brother Herbert lost his life in WW1 when on HMS Lasso which sank off the Dutch coast when it was either torpedoed or mined.

Edwin's second wife, Beatrice, was the widow of PC Henry Harvey Glover, a Birmingham City policeman who is also named on the BCP WW1 Roll of honour, he served and survived WW1/ He resided at Digbeth police station, and died on 19th October 1948 in Knowle, Birmingham. PC A199 Henry Harvey GLOVER and was Edwin's widow's first husband.

On 17th June 1957, Edwin sadly died at Queen Elizabeth Hospital and his estate of £2306 5s 4d was left to his widow Beatrice Roberts. On 19th June 1957, the Chief Constable wrote to Edwin's widow and their address of 204 School Road, Hall Green, Birmingham to extend his sympathy on the death of her husband Edwin's funeral took place on 24th June, at Robin Hood Cemetery, Hall Green, Birmingham. Edwin's second wife Beatrice died 27th August 1979 in Birmingham



PC Henry Harvey Glover

