

# World War 1

## Birmingham City Police

### PC B Arthur Stratford ROGERS

**Sergeant 6003**

**1<sup>st</sup> battalion Coldstream Guards**  
**Died in France 27<sup>th</sup> September 1918**

Arthur was born 4<sup>th</sup> August 1886 in Aston, Birmingham and resided in Brownhills, Staffordshire, he was the son of Arthur and Sarah

Arthur married Mary Ann RYAN and they had a daughter Mary Isobel who was born 1918 the year of her father's death

Arthur joined Birmingham City Police on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1908 as a 21-year-old page having previously served as a soldier. He served on the B Division with warrant number 7673. Arthur was stationed at Selly Oak

In 1911, the census shows Arthur was lodging at Bridge Street West Police Station, 203-4 Bridge St West, Birmingham aged 25 along with other police officers

On 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914, Arthur was recalled to the Colours as a reservist 1<sup>st</sup> Coldstream Guards

Arthur had been wounded on four occasions during his four years-service and was killed during an attack on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1918, a day that also claimed the life of Lance Corp Thomas Norman Jackson VC of the same battalion as Arthur, Jackson was awarded a Victoria Cross for his brave and courageous actions that same morning that Arthur was killed



Arthur is buried at Sanders Keep Military Cemetery, Graincourt-les-Havrincourt, France Grave 111 C 4 directly behind

*Thomas Norman Jackson VC*



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