

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC C224 George Henry RUFFLES

Company Sergeant Major 12099
11th battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Killed in action in France 16th July 1916

George was born in Plumtree, Nottinghamshire, the son of George Alfred 1863-1948 and Annie (nee Brammer) 1861-1933. George had an older sister, Mary Frances and a younger sister, Doris Annie.

Their father was a marker and landscape gardener and in 1911 George was 16 years of age and working in the family gardening business, and residing in Nottingham.

George joined Birmingham City Police on 17th March 1914 as a 19-year-old gardener; he served on the C Division with warrant number 8451 and collar number PC C224.

He resigned on 19th May 1915 and enlisted in the Army in Birmingham.

The Nottingham Evening Post, dated 25th August 1916, states George had previously served with the Robin Hood Battalion of The Sherwood Foresters.

George was killed during an attack on Pozieres and is commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Panel 10B

Photograph of George courtesy of Nottinghamshire County Council Roll of Honour



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