

# World War 1

## Birmingham City Police

### PC E60 Charles Henry SAUNDERS MM

**Sergeant 143053**  
**Special Brigade Depot, Royal Engineers**  
**Died in England 7<sup>th</sup> November 1918**



Charles was born in 1886 in Mile End Town, Middlesex, the son of Charles William Saunders, of London

Charles joined Birmingham City Police on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1910 as a 24-year-old reservist of the Grenadier Guards

He served on the E Division with warrant number 7840 and collar number PC E60

1911 census shows Charles was residing with other police officers at Edward Road Police Station, Balsall Heath, Birmingham

On September 15<sup>th</sup> 1912, Charles (26) married Eliza Harriette Hennell (23) at All Saints Church, Mile End in Whitechapel, London. Charles was residing at Acocks Green Police Station and Eliza was residing at 50 Howard Buildings. Her father George Hennell was a waiter

On 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914, Charles was recalled to military service, and arrived in France a week later on 11<sup>th</sup> August

During his service, Charles was awarded the Military Medal for distinguished conduct which was also reported in the Birmingham Mail dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 1918

Charles died on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1918 at Devonport military hospital. He died of pneumonia

His effects were granted to his widow Eliza H Saunders

Eliza Harriette, died 8<sup>th</sup> December 1919 whilst residing at 7 Wharf Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham. Eliza left £201 19s to John Bertie Cashmore Rippington, a railway man. Eliza is buried with her husband Charles, and Mr R Rippington made the request for the inscription on the CWGC headstone of Charles

Birmingham City Police records dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 1918, detail orders for Charles's funeral which took place at 1pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1918

**Funeral of the late PC E60 Charles**

*The funeral of the above named will take place at Yardley Cemetery at 1 o'clock pm on Monday next the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 1918. Superintendent Long will provide a contingent from the E Division to attend the funeral. They will parade at Hay Mills Police Station at 1pm. The police band will attend at the same time and place.*

Charles is buried at Yardley Cemetery, Yardley, Birmingham Grave B 17510

The inscription on Charles's headstone was requested by Mr R Rippington of 30 Wharf Road, Tyseley, Birmingham reads

ALSO HIS WIFE ELIZA HARRIETT  
SAUNDERS  
AGED 30 REST IN PEACE



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