

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC A155 Thomas Victor SMITH

Signaller 159401
528th siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery
Died in France 3rd November 1918



Thomas was born in 1890 in Primrose Cottages, Palmerstone Road, Woodstone, Peterborough

His father was John Thomas who was known as Thomas and his mother was Maria (nee Northfield). He had three older sisters, Jessica, Lydia, and Anne

Thomas had a younger brother, Ernest Albert SMITH who was also a Police Constable in Birmingham City Police, he is pictured here in uniform as PC E260



Ernest also served in WW1, as Lance Corporal P/8133 with the Military Mounted Police from 1915 until he returned from HM Services and re-joined the police on 29th September 1919

Ernest was posted to the B Division but retired on ill health grounds on 25th June 1941, he died on 29th January 1960

Thomas joined Birmingham City Police on 2nd January 1912 as a 21-year-old railway porter. He served on the A division with warrant number 8171 and collar number PC A155

Thomas resigned on 13th May 1917 to enlist in the army which he did in Birmingham

On 6th August 1917 Thomas married Mary Ann McGinley, but just over a year later, on 3rd November 1918, Thomas died at the General Hospital in Boulogne of bronchial pneumonia

Thomas is buried at Terlincthun British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave IX C 16



The inscription at the request of his wife reads

THE LOVE AND LIFE OF HIS DEAR WIFE
MRS M A SMITH

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