

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC Richard TILLEY



Private 5695

1/5th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Killed in Action 18th July 1916

Richard was born in 1891 in Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, the son of Samuel and Mary Ann, his father was an iron worker

Richard joined Birmingham City Police on 1st January 1912 as a groom and served on the E Division with warrant number 8158

Richard's brother, Edwin, was also a police constable in the Birmingham City Police

Edwin Tilley became a Chief Inspector and later Chief Constable of Wolverhampton Police. As a reservist he was recalled to his regiment on 4th August 1914 and also served in WW1. Edwin was wounded, he received a gun-shot wound to his left arm. On 10th July 1915 he was discharged from the army as unfit to serve. He returned to Birmingham City Police and worked as a clerk, initially not on the police pay roll but he was later reinstated into Birmingham City Police remained working as a clerk

Richard married Norah Creina Fulham in March 1916, the marriage was registered in Kings Norton

Richard died 18th July 1916, three months after they married

His body was reinterred from a battlefield burial, (Grid reference X.8.B 9-9) which was believed to have been by a Canadian burial party and Richard was re-buried in Pozières British Cemetery, Ovillers-la-Boisell in Grave I.D.36, on Thursday 15th May 1919



Edwin TILLEY

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