

# **World War 1 Roll of Honour**

## **Birmingham City Police**

### **PC B95 Albert John WESTON**

#### **Private 27203 Coldstream Guards**

Albert was born 29<sup>th</sup> July 1890 in Calne, Wiltshire and resided at 13 Butlins Buildings, London Road, Calne. He was the son of Albert (1863-1942) and Harriett Ann nee Angell (1863-1891). Albert's father re-married Henrietta Elizabeth Dyke (1871-1938) after the death of his mother. Albert worked at three different butchers from 1904 to 1909 in Calne and Bristol

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1910 Albert joined Birmingham City Police as a 19-year-old butcher. He was issued with warrant number 7794 and was posted to the B Division with collar number PC B95. He had previously enquired to join the Metropolitan Police but the reply was that he was too young

1911 Albert was a boarder at 121 Alston Street, Ladywood along with another boarder police constable Charles Savage, the householder was a widow, Mrs Mary Green and her daughter Sarah Jane

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1912 Albert was stopped one day's leave as he was absent from duty on his beat for 25 minutes from 7.15pm till 7.40pm on 19<sup>th</sup> February and being found sitting down in the Railway Booking Office at Somerset Road Railway Station

28<sup>th</sup> December 1912, Albert married Emily Mary Bloor (bn 4<sup>th</sup> July 1889) of The Whitehurst, Dilhorne. They had a daughter, Brenda Annie, who was born on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1915

23<sup>rd</sup> April 1918 Albert resigned from Birmingham City Police to join HM Forces with the Coldstream Guards

6<sup>th</sup> March 1919 – 1<sup>st</sup> May 1919 Albert was hospitalised at The Northern General Hospital, Lincoln with influenza and neurasthenia, he was then transferred to Gateshead War Hospital until 14<sup>th</sup> May 1919

9<sup>th</sup> July 1919 Albert re-joined the police from HM Forces, he was issued with a new warrant number of 9061 and was again posted to the B Division

1st February 1922 Awarded a guinea for rendering first aid (fractured leg)

19<sup>th</sup> July 1923 Complimented for the arrest of a thief

1<sup>st</sup> August 1937 Albert retired on superannuation hoping it would be beneficial to his recent ill health, he was 47 years of age and received a police pension of £165 4s 8d per annum. Albert was residing at 110 Gordon Road, Harborne, Birmingham where he had resided since 1918

30<sup>th</sup> January 1940 Albert sadly died aged 49 years, at his residence of Brandwood House, Dawberry Fields Road, Brandwood End, his funeral was private and took place at St Peter's Church, Harborne, 3<sup>rd</sup> February. He left his widow, Emily and his daughter Brenda aged 26 years, his widow was granted a police widow's pension of £30 per annum

September 1974 Albert's widow died

