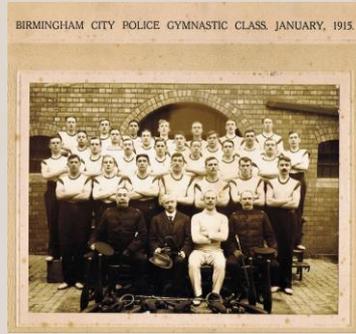


World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC R69 John Thomas WHITE

741032 Royal Field Artillery



John was born 21st January 1885 in Yorkshire and was a resident at 4 Wellington Street, Embsay, Yorkshire

25th September 1907 John joined Birmingham City Police as a moulder and an ex police constable having previously served 10 months with West Riding Constabulary from 18th November 1906 to 15th July 1907. He was issued with warrant number 7626 and posted to the B Division with collar number PC B85

26th July 1909 Awarded a guinea and complimented in Police Orders for courageous conduct in stopping a runaway horse

3rd March 1910 Stopped two days for being absent from No. 31 night duty beat for 50 minutes and being found in a private house of 19 Spring Street on 27th February

21st December 1910 Cautioned and had to pay for damage caused when drunk when coming off duty at 2am 15th December

27th November 1911 Transferred to the C Division with collar number PC C268

4th December 1911 Reduced a class for being absent from No 15 night duty beat for 1 hour from 3.15am till 4.15am on October 22nd and being found in the licenced premises of W H Cook Brewers Arms, Downing Street

3rd May 1913 John married Elizabeth Greening of Coddington. They had a son, Leslie who was born on 15th July 1920

18th June 1913 Awarded a gratuity of 2 guineas and complimented in police orders for skill in rendering first aid in connection with a very complicated case of a fracture

1915 John was a Birmingham City Police gymnastic instructor

21st May 1915 John resigned to join HM Forces, it is believed he served with the Royal Field Artillery and suffered a gun shot wound to his left leg. His Silver Wound / War Badge number was B339058

14th July 1919 John re-joined the police from HM Forces and was issued a new warrant number of 9062 and again posted to the C Division as PC C268

15th October 1923 John was transferred to the R Division to perform duty at the Lock Up with collar number PC R69

1st October 1933 John retired from the police aged 48 years, he gave his reasons to retire that he was still receiving continual pain from his war wound, and also his son Leslie had been admitted to the Cripple's Hospital, The Woodlands, Bristol Road South, for an operation by Dr Hills on 29th August and it would make it possible for John to care for him when he was discharged. He received a police pension of £164 13s 4d per annum

8th December 1936 Whilst in the tobacco department of Grey's Store, Bull Street, Birmingham, John took a pipe, placed it in his pocket and left the store. On being restrained and returned to the store, the police were called. John told the sergeant who attended, that he had promised a pal a pipe, and just took it, he said he didn't know what was the matter with himself, the store refrained from charging John as he would have lost his police pension and his job as a messenger at the treasurer's department at the council house

5th May 1967 John sadly died, he was residing with his wife Elizabeth at Shangri - la, 90 Wyche Road, Wych Cutting, Malvern, his funeral took place 8th May. His widow was granted a police widow's pension of £2 9d per week