

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC E249 James WINSTANLEY

Lance Corporal 42207
1st battalion Somerset Light Infantry
Died in France 24th October 1918



James is recorded on the Roll of Honour as John.

James was born in 1890 in St Helens, Lancashire. He was the son of Thomas and Adeline

James joined Birmingham City Police on 4th October 1911, as a miner and served on the E Division with warrant number 7885 and collar number E249

In 1913 James married Abigale Sabina Gilderthorpe. James and Abigale had a daughter Frances Adeline. After the death of James, Abigale remarried in February 1920 and had a second daughter Marjorie Minnie

James resigned from the police on 23rd April 1918 to enlist in the Army which he did in Birmingham

After training James joined his battalion on 25th September 1918 in France and was killed less than a month later in the Battle of Selle

Birmingham Police Constable Ernest Knight also of the Somerset Light Infantry was killed in the same action as James and they are buried together at Verchain British Cemetery Verchain-Maugre, France. James is buried in grave A 9 and Ernest is buried in grave C 17



Ernest Knight

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James Winstanley

