

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PS E4 George Thomas Barber DCM MSM

Company Sergeant Major 92870 Royal Engineers

Formerly Sergeant 3238 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers)



PS E4 George BARBER with HRH Prince of Wales July 1923

21st August 1873 George was born in Ropsley, Lincolnshire son of William Ward Barber (1831-1899) and Sarah nee Hall (1835-1908)

2nd August 1897 George then 24 years of age married Minnie Price 21 years of age, in Hockley, Birmingham, whilst George was a corporal in the 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers). They had six children, George Thomas, Victoria May, Florence Annie, John Richard, William Henry and Sidney Frank

13th November 1893 George enlisted in Wakefield into the 6th Dragoon Guards. His occupation was an engine cleaner

30th May 1894 George was admitted to a hospital in York until 9th June suffering from a boil to his inner left knee

20th November 1895 George was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal

30th August 1896 George attained the rank of Corporal

18th January 1898 George attained the rank of Sergeant

15th March 1899 George joined Birmingham City Police as a reservist

15th October 1899 George was called upon to re-join his regiment and from 4th November 1899 to 29th July 1902 he served in South Africa

22nd September 1902 George returned from South Africa and re-joined Birmingham City

31st October 1902 The London Gazette confirmed George had been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and on

12th December 1903 George received a gratuity of £20 from the regiment for his distinguished conduct

12th November 1905 George was discharged from the Dragoon Guards as Sergeant 3238 at Canterbury, in consequence of his termination of the first period of engagement

23rd December 1908 George was awarded guinea from Birmingham City Police for stopping a runaway horse

1911 census shows George and Minnie were residing at 54 Blythe Street, Ladywood, Birmingham with their six children

5th April 1911 George was awarded a guinea for rendering first aid

3rd May 1911 George was awarded a guinea for again stopping a runaway horse

4th June 1913 George transferred to the E Division on his promotion to the rank of Sergeant

11th December 1913 George was complimented for arrest of men stealing scrap metal

8th September 1914 George was on loan to the War Office as an Army Drill Instructor

26th May 1915 George resigned from Birmingham City Police to re-join the Army serving with the Royal Engineers

12th March 1916 George served overseas in France and Belgium

28th May 1915 George was promoted to Sergeant and promoted to Company Sergeant Major the following day

28th December 1917 The London Gazette confirmed George had been awarded the Merititious Service Medal

13th March 1918 Birmingham City Police records confirm George was awarded the Merititious Service Medal

27th June 1919 George again re-joined Birmingham City Police from HM Forces, he was issued with warrant number 8740 and was posted to the A Division

6th January 1919 a letter was received and read to the Watch Committee respecting the good services of Sergeant Major Barber during his services with the Royal Engineers

27th March 1924 George retired on superannuation

11th February 1946 George sadly died whilst still residing in Balsall Heath, Birmingham at 6 Pembroke Road