

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PS D16 Charles BISHOP

Gunner 159341 Royal Garrison Artillery

24th May 1892 Charles was born in Nash, Worcestershire. His mother was Mary

19th May 1913 Charles joined Birmingham City Police as a man servant. He was issued warrant number 8316 and posted to the B Division with collar number PC B206

4th May 1917 Charles resigned to join HM Forces with the Royal Garrison Artillery

15th November 1917 Charles re-joined Birmingham City police from HM Forces, he was issued with a new warrant number of 9077. He was re-instated after being returned medically unfit for further Military Service having contracted arthritis and query rheumatism in both hands and right leg

August 1918 Charles commenced light duty police work in plain clothes resuming full duty after a month

27th March 1920 Awarded a gratuity of a guinea for the arrest of two boys attempting to steal letters from a letter box

5th August 1920 Charles married Florence Sarah Broadhurst, they had two children, John was born 11th April 1921 and Marguerite was born 11th April 1924

6th December 1922 Charles was awarded a guinea for the arrest of a man who indecently exposed himself to a woman. Also, for rendering first aid (fractured leg)

25th July 1923 Complimented for general good police duty

31st December 1923 Charles was promoted to the rank of sergeant and on 2nd January 1924 he transferred to the D Division as PD D16

27th November 1924 Complimented for rendering first aid (fractured tibia and fibula)

6th January 1926 Presented Royal Humane Society certificates for rendering first aid (artificial respiration to a bot drowning)

2nd January 1938 Charles left the police on a medical report. From 22nd October 1925 Charles was suffering from Meniere's disease effecting the inner ears and causing vertigo. The doctors recommended Charles needed quiet and was posted to office duty. He returned to normal duties at Duke Street police station but suffered bouts of giddiness. He received treatment but continued to suffer, he had his tonsils removed and had many bouts of sick leave for differing ailments. His rheumatism worsened and a decision was made he was unable to continue police duties as a police sergeant and had to retire medically unfit after 24 years 7 months service. He received a police medical pension of £164 7s 3d

20th September 1960 Charles sadly died in Dudley Road Hospital whilst residing at 86 Johnson Road, Erdington, Birmingham