

# World War 1

## Birmingham City Police

### PC C James Francis BUNN

**A/Corporal 777**  
**1<sup>st</sup> battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment**  
**Died in Belgium 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1915**

James was born in 1888 in St Johns, Leamington to James and Emma Louise, one of several children, and his father was a general labourer.

James joined the army in 1906 and served in India until December 1912.

He joined Birmingham City Police on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1913 and served on the C Division with warrant number 8295, as a reservist James was recalled to military service on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914.

A newspaper article in The Royal Leamington Spa Courier and Warwickshire Standard dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1915 is a reply from James Bunn to a Mr Taylor who had sent him a card.

James stated *after joining Birmingham City Police, his place, at the outbreak of war was back in the army. He stated he was in the thick of fighting, having it very rough, on account of heavy rain and up to their knees in water and mud in the trenches but the spirit of the troops was wonderful, never down hearted because they knew they were fighting for a good cause.*

James was killed eight weeks later.

James is buried at Ration Farm, (La Plus Douve) Annexe, Hainout, Belgium Grave 1 D 7.

His headstone reads  
EVER IN THE THOUGHTS  
OF THOSE WHO HELD HIM DEAR

