

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC E50 William COLLINS

Private 7051 5th Lancers

William was born 13th July 1888 in County Kildare and was later a resident at Marlborough Barracks, Dublin

17th December 1913 William joined Birmingham City Police as a waiter and was posted to the E Division serving with warrant number 8427 and collar number PC E50

William's application form dated 26th October 1913 shows on applying he was residing at Marlborough Barracks, Dublin serving as a Private 7051 with the 5th Lancers under the command of Lieutenant Burridge. He served from 27th April 1905 to April 1913 when his time with the service had expired, he was not in receipt of a pension but in receipt of Reservist pay

From April 1913 to May 1913 he worked at Messer Walton's in Selby Yorkshire

27th April 1913 William was posted to the Army Reserve until 4th August 1914

4th August 1914 William was called up to re-join HM Forces

15th August 1914 William served in France until 27th November 1918

4th July 1918 Military papers confirmed William made an allowance of 9s to his father Mr Collins of Stanhope Street, Athy, County Kildare, Ireland

22nd November 1918 William was admitted to Cunnagh Military Hospital suffering from gastritis. The disability was deemed attributable to his service in the war. It stated there was pain in the gastro area usually two hours after meals. The pain was usually followed by vomiting which relieved the pain. The next of kin on his military form was his brother James Collins 39 St James Terrace, Dublin.

28th November 1918 William returned home until 23rd January 1919

9th January 1919 William was discharged as no longer physically fit for War service, a total military service served was 13 years 272 days

23rd January 1919 William was issued with a Silver War Badge Number B144747 under the Regulation of Sickness Overseas

19th May 1919 William re-joined Birmingham City Police from HM Forces and was issued with a new warrant number of 8996

31st March 1926 William was complimented for rendering first aid (abrasions)

8th June 1929 William married his wife Ivy Gibbs of Malvern Lodge St Bernard's Road Olton

4th March 1931 William was again complimented for rendering first aid (fractured wrist)

13th April 1932 William was complimented for rendering first aid (fractured tibia and fibula)

16th December 1938 William gave one months' notice to resign from the Police stating "*Owing to failing health I feel it necessary to tender my resignation*"

18th December 1938 William resigned from Birmingham City Police aged 50, at his own request with a police pension of £153 13s 4d

5th December 1956 Mrs Ivy Collins telephoned the police pensions department to report the death of her husband the previous evening at his home 2 Newport Road, Moseley, Birmingham. He died of cancer which started as a fibrous growth on his leg and spread through his system. His Funeral was to be private and to take place at Olton Monastery 10th December 1956

