

# World War 1

## Birmingham City Police

### PC C284 Arthur Benjamin CROFT

**Corporal 12103**  
**9<sup>th</sup> battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment**  
**Died in Mesopotamia 25<sup>th</sup> January 1917**

Arthur was born in June 1891 in Stone, Staffordshire, to Benjamin and Mary, his father was a butcher. Arthur was the fifth of eight children. By 1911, Arthur's father had died

On 4<sup>th</sup> March 1912, Arthur joined Birmingham City Police as a 21-year-old sawyer. He served on the C Division with warrant number 8195 and collar number PC C284

On 21<sup>st</sup> May 1915, Arthur left the police to join the army and on 11<sup>th</sup> December that year, he left to enter the Balkan theatre of war

In November 1916, Arthur was in training at Amara but on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1917 Arthur was killed in attacks and counter attacks with the Turks

Birmingham City police records dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 1918, state

*Arthur Benjamin CROFT (single)  
Corporal Royal Warwickshire  
Regiment, killed in action  
Mesopotamia, 25<sup>th</sup> January 1917,  
(previously reported missing)*

Arthur is commemorated on Basra Memorial, Iraq Panel 9

Until 1997, the Basra Memorial was located on the main quay of the naval dockyard at Manqil, 8 kilometres north of Basra. Due to the sensitivity of the site, the memorial was moved and is currently located 32 kilometres along the road to Nasiriyah in the middle of what was a major battleground in the Gulf War

