

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC A102 Herbert Harry Davis

Lance Corporal P/8108 Military Mounted Police



Herbert was born 11th July 1891 in Burton upon Trent, Stafford, son of George Harry bn 1861 and Hannah Maria Jones bn 1864, one of seven brothers and four sisters

18th January 1911, Herbert joined Birmingham City Police as a labourer, he had previously requested to join Metropolitan Police but he was refused as he was under twenty years of age

19th June 1912 Awarded a gratuity of a guinea for vigilance in the arrest of a housebreaker

2nd September 1914 Herbert married 'the girl from next door', she lived next door to his house in Burton upon Trent, Nina May Morris, they had three children, Herbert F R who was born 17th July 1915, Reginald H who was born 26th September 1917 and Leonard F who was born 29th May 1923. They later resided at 10 Gladstone Street, Aston, Birmingham

27th February 1917 Herbert resigned to join HM Forces to serve with the Military Mounted Police

June 1917, whilst serving in Ypres, Belgium, Herbert was suffering from arthritis to his ankles, knees, hips, hands and wrists which was declared as attributable to service during the war

8th July 1917 Herbert was admitted to Fort Pitt Military Hospital for two days suffering from myalgia, he was transferred to Rust Hall Hospital in Tunbridge Wells where he remained until 29th August diagnosed with holy arthritis. He was treated with colossal sulphur and then transferred to Droitwich 1st Southern Hospital where he stayed until 28th November, diagnosed with rheumatic arthritis

January 1918 Herbert was suffering from arthritis; his joints were still painful and swollen and it was arranged for him to receive massages and radiant heat baths organised by the Local War Pensions Committee

14th February 1918 Herbert was declared unfit and on 7th March 1918, he was discharged from the army as no longer physically fit for war service

8th March 1918 Herbert was reinstated into Birmingham City Police from HM Forces, he was issued with a new warrant number 9074. He was then issued with a WW1 pension as his rheumatism was deemed to be aggravated by war service. He was residing at 10 Gladstone Street, Aston, Birmingham

1st February 1922 awarded a guinea for rendering first aid (fractured femur)

27th November 1924 complimented for rendering first aid (wound to forehead)

4th March 1931 complimented for rendering first aid fractured femur and wounds

11th July 1937 Herbert retired and received a police pension of £153 13s 4d per annum

Herbert sadly died and as his then wife had married Herbert after he had left the police, she was not intitled to a police pension

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