

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC D 188 Henry Oliver ENGLAND

Private 42243 1st battalion Somerset Light Infantry

25th August 1887 Henry Oliver England was born in Olton, Warwickshire to Henry (1844-1923) and Hannah nee Carpenter (1849-1926)

1 July 1911 Henry married Nellie Vesta Colledge (1887-1967). After sadly losing a baby daughter Irene in 1912, it would appear they had six children. Maurice Henry born 9th April 1913 who died in 1992, Sydney Lawrence born 20th October 1915 who died in 2000, Kathleen Nora born 21st April 1918 who died in 2002, Florence born 5th October 1920 and who died in 2005, Thomas born 20th October 1922 and Harry born 20th September 1924 who died 2004

15th April 1912 Henry joined Birmingham City Police as a gardener, and he was posted to the D Division with collar number PC D 188

23 April 1918 Henry resigned to join HM Forces and served with the 1st bttn Somerset Light Infantry. This was when his daughter, Kathleen, was just 2 days old

17 February 1919 Henry re-joined the police from HM Forces and was issued with a new warrant number 8857 and again posted to the D Division

29th March 1920 Henry was awarded two guineas for the arrest of a shop breaker and also for skill in rendering first aid

10th March 1922 Henry's pay was reduced for 12 months as he was found to be unfit for duty through drink whilst on night duty in Dartmouth Street at 1215am on a Sunday morning in February 1922

4th June 1924 Henry was praised for his skills in first aid in a case of poisoning

30th November 1927 Henry's pay was again reduced for a 12 month period for neglect of duty by failing to render assistance to Lillian A Homer 2/305 Newtown Row, when requested by her to telephone for an ambulance her brother in law having drunk 2 units of turpentine with the intention of committing suicide at about 6.30 am same date

2nd October 1935 Henry was awarded a guinea for rendering first aid in a case of gas poisoning

18 April 1937 Henry retired from the police

1939 census Albert and his wife were residing at 16 Aston Brook Street, Birmingham, with Kathleen Griffin (nee England) Florence Cuxson (nee England) Thomas England and Harry England

Henry sadly died in June 1947

