

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC E34 Gwilym EVANS

Private 21902 Coldstream Guards



PC E34 and First Police Reserve R405 Gwilym EVANS

Gwilym Evans was born 4th January 1893 in Llanfynydd, Carmarthen, and resided at 97 Bute Street, Treherbert, in Glamorgan.

On 3rd June 1914, Gwilym joined Birmingham City Police as a railway fireman from Taff Vale railway company on Cardiff where he worked from 1907 to 1912, he was issued with warrant number 8497 and posted to the E division with collar number PC E34

5th July 1915 Gwilym was awarded a gratuity of a guinea for vigilance in the arrest of a thief stealing a bicycle

15th April 1920, Gwilym transferred to the R Division to perform duties in public carriageway department with collar number PC R98

5th March 1917 Gwilym resigned to join HM Forces as Private 21902 of the Coldstream Guards, he served in France from 28th December 1917 until 12th October 1918

18th October 1918 a police report stated *PC E80 Thomas Tobin has received a letter from PC E34 Evans stating that he was wounded in the back by machine gun bullets fired from an enemy aeroplane at Cambrai on 12th October 1918 and is now lying in the 4th Northern General hospital in Lincoln with a fractured sacrum caused by the bullets.*

Gwilym remained in hospital until 10th April 1919

5th May 1919 Gwilym re-joined Birmingham City Police with warrant number 8974. Due to his gunshot injury he was deemed to be unfit for full police duties but fit for light duties in doors until his wounds healed

16th December 1922 Gwilym married Hazel Nancy Price, who had worked at Cadbury Brothers in Bournville since she left school, she resided with her parents at 58 Tiverton Road, Bournbrook. They had two children, Gwenneth N who was born 3rd February 1926 and Glenda Audrey who was born 20th May 1934.

Gwilym was classed as an additional constable 1st April 1935

18th November 1940, police records state Gwilym's next of kin was his wife at 71 Watwood Road, Hall Green, Birmingham and his brother Mr D J Evans of Half Way House, Nantgaredig, Camarthanshire

4th January 1948 Gwilym retired on superannuation as he had reached the age limit of 55 years. He had completed 33 years 7 months approved service. Since April 1920 Gwilym had been employed in the lost property office. He was awarded a pension of £243 10s per annum

25th March 1956 Gwilym sadly died in Solihull Hospital. His funeral was held on 28th March. The cortege left his home of 71 Watwood Road, Hall Green at 3pm and the service was held at Robin Hood Cemetery at 3.30pm

Gwilym's wife was awarded a police widow's pension of 19s 2d per week as she was already in receipt of a national insurance widow's pension

