

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC D50 Charles Henry GREGG

Lance Corporal 999 Military Mounted Police



Believed to be Charles

Charles was born 17th January 1879 in Balham, Kent and was a resident of Bridge Lane, Wellington, Hereford

27 October 1903, Charles married Sabina O'Hara, they had a son Arthur John

8th March 1900 Charles joined Birmingham City Police, as a grocer's porter he was issued with warrant number 6971 and was posted to the D Division with collar number PC D50

1st April 1905 Charles was complimented for 'prompt action at a fire in rescuing seven persons after the communication by the stairs had been cut off'

14th February 1906 Awarded a guinea for his influence in the arrest of burglars

27th March 1907 Awarded a guinea for alertness in the capture of shop breakers

23rd July 1913 Charles was suspended and the following day was reported by Inspector Aaron England for being drunk whilst on point duty in Aston Street at 5.20pm 22nd July. He was reinstated and stopped one day's leave

16th December 1914 Awarded a guinea and complimented on his first aid skills with regards to rendering first aid (varicose veins)

9th February 1915 Charles resigned to join the Military Mounted Police for the duration of the war. From 23rd March to 9th April 1919, Charles suffered from pneumonia

26th May 1919 Charles re-joined Birmingham City Police and was given a new warrant number of 9018

3rd December 1919 Awarded a guinea and complimented on his first aid skills (varicose veins)

29th March 1920 Awarded a guinea for the arrest of a metal thief

19th January 1921 Charles has his pay reduced for 12 months as he did not report off duty at Bloomsbury Police Station at 10pm 18th January 1921. Senior officers visited his home address in Legg Street Aston where they saw Charles who said he thought he had gone into the police station to book off, they saw he was drunk which Charles disagreed with

25th November 1921 Charles again had his pay reduced for entering licensed premises of George William Cooper Miller's Arms, Miller Street, whilst on duty when his presence was not required in the execution of his duty on 15th October

4th June 1924 Complimented for rendering first aid to an injury of a fractured tibia and fibula

29th March 1925 Charles retired with a police pension of £145 per annum

From 1924 to 1934 Charles struggled with heavy drinking, his wife had left him in 1927, and she and their son had no contact with him. On 22nd March 1934 Charles attempted to commit suicide in Cofton Wood, Rednal. He was found on a seat with a razor wound to his neck and a cut artery. He was charged and bound over in the sum of £20 for two years

On 22nd February 1938 Charles was residing at 90 Moseley Street, when he fell down the stairs and broke his leg, he was admitted to the Queen's hospital and discharged a month later on 24th March

On 20th April 1938 Charles was admitted to Dudley Road Hospital suffering from a breakdown of the fracture

August 1940 he was employed by Birmingham Garages Ltd Navigation Street, Birmingham and he had apparently given up drinking and was now leading a sober life

4th July 1952 Charles died at Dudley Road Hospital from asthma and heart trouble. He was buried in Witton Cemetery on 8th July 1952

