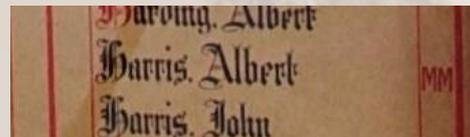


# World War 1 Roll of Honour

## Birmingham City Police

### PC A19 Albert Harris MM

#### Private 18201 5<sup>th</sup> battalion Coldstream Guards



Albert was born 19<sup>th</sup> May 1888, to William and Sophia, the family home was Ivy Cottage, Droitwich

16<sup>th</sup> March 1908 Albert joined Worcestershire County Police as a dock labourer at Royal Mail Steamship Company, Southampton, and where he was issued with warrant number 8008 and posted to the E Division at Kings Heath. On 9<sup>th</sup> November 1911, he transferred to Birmingham City Police on annexation. He served with the collar number of PC E217

18<sup>th</sup> July 1912 Albert was reprimanded and transferred to the A division for highly improper conduct at Sparkhill Police Station by fighting with PC E216 Turner in the station yard at 2.45pm on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Albert was issued with collar number PC A19 from E217

18<sup>th</sup> September 1912 Awarded a gratuity of a guinea and complimented in police orders for courageous conduct in stopping a runaway horse

29<sup>th</sup> March 1913 Severely cautioned for being drunk on duty in Suffolk Street at 1.20am 18<sup>th</sup> March and suspended until 1<sup>st</sup> April and his promotion was deferred

15<sup>th</sup> November 1915 Albert resigned to join HM Forces and served as Private 18201 5<sup>th</sup> bttn Coldstream Guards

20<sup>th</sup> May 1916 Albert married Nellie Rice, born 20<sup>th</sup> December 1892, Albert's father was William and Nellie's father was George, as of 1927 they had no family. Nellie's brother Ernest served in the Coldstream Guards and was killed 27.09.1915 aged 20

15<sup>th</sup> November 1916 Whilst serving in France, Albert received a bayonet wound in his right arm, he stated he had fallen onto the bayonet and he was admitted to No 2 General Hospital 3 days later and remained there until 14<sup>th</sup> December

30<sup>th</sup> December 1916 Albert was admitted to No 3 Stationary Hospital at Rouen his disability was described as N.Y.D severe

3<sup>rd</sup> January 1917 Albert arrived in England and was admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Northern General Hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne described as 'sick'

14<sup>th</sup> February 1917, Albert's wife wrote to the Chief Constable *I am writing to inform you that my husband Pte A Harris "Late PC" has arrived home today discharged from hospital where he has been suffering from trench feet and debility. He is now awaiting his finale discharge from the army. I may add he has recovered and is practically his old self again. I should have informed you before but though illness myself. He will write you all particulars as soon as he gets his discharge papers though which he is expecting within the next few days*

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1917 Albert re-joined the police from HM Forces he was issued with a new warrant number of 9069, he had been discharged from the army on 2<sup>nd</sup> March suffering from disordered action to the heart, it was deemed his condition was not caused by but aggravated by exertion on active service. Albert was issued Silver War/Wound Badge number 34499 for Disordered action of the Heart (DAH)

The Roll of Honour, as pictured above, indicates Albert was awarded the Military Medal, and Police Orders of March 13<sup>th</sup> 1918 also confirmed he was one of several officers to be awarded the Military Medal

17<sup>th</sup> June 1917 Whilst on duty in Birmingham Art Gallery, Albert was found in a state of collapse by Police Sergeant A10 Frost. He was removed by motor ambulance to the General Hospital and after being examined, was ordered home to return to hospital the following day which he did. He returned to work the following day, it was stated he was suffering from neurosis

2<sup>nd</sup> August 1919 Albert was dismissed from the police for being absent from duty and participating in a police strike on this date

February 1925 Albert was employed as a warder at the BSA Works, Armoury Road, Birmingham and received a salary of £2 13s 9d per week

10<sup>th</sup> September 1927 Albert was residing at 9 Kingstone Terrace, Coventry Road, Small Heath and he was still residing there in 1939 with Nellie. This record confirms their dates of births, Albert born 19.05.1888 and Nellie born 20<sup>th</sup> December 1892.

Albert was a works policeman