

# World War 1 Roll of Honour

## Birmingham City Police

### Inspector Francis Howard JEFFS

### Gunner 144729 Royal Garrison Artillery



Francis was born on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1895 in Wylde Green, Warwick and a resident of 268 Highbridge Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield. His father was Francis (1865-1947) his mother was Janetta nee Feraday 1866-1956

27<sup>th</sup> July 1914 Francis joined Birmingham City Police, aged 19, his occupation was a boot repairer (journeyman); he was posted to the B Division and was issued with collar number PC B39

22<sup>nd</sup> September 1915 police records show Francis requested to resign from the police to work on munitions or to join the army, his request was not recommended

10<sup>th</sup> December 1915, Francis attested into the Royal Garrison Artillery and his workplace was listed as Ladywood Police Station

5<sup>th</sup> March 1917 Francis resigned for the police to join HM Forces as Gunner 144729 Royal Garrison Artillery X7 Trench Mortar battery, Italian Expedition Force

4<sup>th</sup> May 1917, Francis was wounded, a letter written by himself stated he was wounded on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1917 in the left forearm whilst serving with the 95<sup>th</sup> brigade R.G.A siege on the Italian Front and was in the British Military Hospitals in Italy, and at British Red Cross Hospital in Italy

25<sup>th</sup> June 1917 Birmingham City police records, of reservists killed and wounded in WW1, stated that PC Howard (sic) JEFFS had been wounded

5<sup>th</sup> May 1919 Francis re-joined Birmingham City Police from HM Forces and was issued with a new warrant number of 8976

A letter dated January 1920, was written by Francis Jeffs from Ladywood Police Station to the officer in charge of the RGA in Dover *Sir, before I left my unit in March last, I was medically examined and was given a form No Z 22 demobilisation claim form. Recording to the form it was my commanding officer's place to forward this to your office however they failed to take the form being rather busy at the time I left the unit for England*

1<sup>st</sup> February in 1922, Francis was awarded a guinea for rendering first aid (fractured leg)

2<sup>nd</sup> July 1927 Francis married Winifred Edith Wragge, of 53 Gladys Road, Smethwick. Winifred was a manageress at A D Wimbush and son Confectioners of Small Heath. They married at St Mary's Church in Bearwood. They had one child, Stanley Francis who was born on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1929 and died 17<sup>th</sup> May 1999

2<sup>nd</sup> April 1928 Francis was promoted to sergeant and was posted to the E Division with collar number PS E8

1<sup>st</sup> January 1933 Francis was promoted to Inspector and posted to the A division

1<sup>st</sup> December 1935 Francis was posted to the D Division

31<sup>st</sup> July 1947 Francis retired on superannuation aged 52, whilst residing at 9 Hidson Road, Erdington, Birmingham and received an annual pension of £343 6s 8d

7<sup>th</sup> August 1966 Winifred sadly died

December 1969, the death of Francis was registered

