

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

Detective Sergeant Charles Henry PARR MM Acting Sergeant 19748 Royal Army Medical Corps

Charles was born 12th June 1888 in Tiverton, Devon and a resident of 55 Greenfield Street, Abercynon, South Wales

16th August 1905 to December 1905 Charles enlisted in Taunton and was serving in the RAMC at Aldershot

December 1905 to August 1908 Charles served in RAMC at Netley Hospital until his service time expired. He spent 12 days in Netley hospital where he was treated for a bunion from 4th April 1908 until 15th April which had turned septic and he was described as having a tendency to hammer toes

1st August 1909 Charles married Annie Ethel ROWE of 13 Park Street, Abercynon. They had a son also named Charles Henry who was born 24th May 1910, Charles junior died 1999

2nd January 1912, Charles joined Birmingham City Police as a miner (airway man), and a reservist. He was issued with warrant number 8165, and posted to the C Division

4th August 1914, as a reservist Charles was called up to re-join his regiment, the Royal Army Medical Corp. During his service Charles was awarded the Military Medal as acting sergeant London Gazette dated 10th October 1916 refers page 9835

2nd November 1916 Charles spent some six weeks in The Lord Derby Hospital in Warrington where he was treated for debility after acute rheumatism and was recommended a spell in a convalescence home. The origin of the disability was at the Somme, in France

28th December 1917, Charles re-joined the police and was issued with a new warrant number of 9085 and returned to the C Division. He stated that his health had been impaired due to the war service, he had been discharged 27th December 1917 as he was no longer physically fit for war service due to rheumatic fever

June 1918 Charles' wife sadly died

June 1919, Charles re-married Maria Athow Long in Kings Norton, they had a son Kenneth Henry who was born 25th September 1920

29th December 1919 Charles was transferred to the R Division to perform duty in the clerical department of the criminal investigation department with collar number R64

31st December 1923 Charles was promoted to detective sergeant with collar number DS R22

12th April 1925 Charles resigned at his own request, aged 36 and a detective sergeant at the CID Newton Street, Birmingham, he stated he was to travel to Australia with his wife and family

16th April 1925 Charles sailed on the Ship Baradine to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia with his wife Maria aged 31, their sons Charles Henry aged 14 years, and Kenneth aged 4

1930 Charles became a branch inspector and was residing at 36 Courallie Avenue, Flemington, Lidcombe, New South Wales

1933 Charles was residing at Glen Iris, Milton Avenue, Eastwood, Epping, Parramatta, New South Wales, Australia

1936 Charles was residing at Alleyne, Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford, Epping, Parramatta, New South Wales, Australia

1937 Charles was still a branch inspector

1949 Charles was residing at Pitt Town Road, Kenthurst, Dural, Mitchell, New South Wales, Australia

22nd December 1958 Charles sadly died and was buried at St Jude's Cemetery in Dural, NSW

