

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC E263 John Edward POWELL

Gunner 185408
113th Heavy Battery Royal Garrison Artillery
Died in France 8th October 1918

John was born in Llandyssil, Montgomery, the son of Edward and Annie (nee Woosnam) of Oak Cottage, Llandyssil, Montgomery. John's father was a wagoner on a farm

John and Annie married in December 1890 in Forden Montgomeryshire on the Shropshire border

The 1901 census records the family residing in Trehelig Gro (white house) Welshpool with four children: John Edward 9, Mary E 7, Sarah E 2 William D five months

On 1st December 1913, John joined Birmingham City Police as a 22-year-old farm hand

John served on the E Division with warrant number 8418 and collar number E263 and he resigned on 11th May 1917 to enlist in the Army

On 6th October 1918 the Brigade moved from Villers Faucon to Le Catelet, between Cambrai and St Quentin, where they became involved that day in counter battery fire, firing on German artillery positions, John was killed in action on 8th October

His effects were sent to his father, Edward

John is buried at Guizancourt Farm Cemetery, Gouy, France Grave D 16

