

World War 1

Birmingham City Police

PC D157 Frederick Oscar PRITCHARD

Private 21909
1st Battalion Coldstream Guards
Died in France 27th November 1917

Frederick was born on 26th October 1894 in Pensax, Wolverhampton and resided in Hawkstone, Shropshire

He was son of Sidney and Eva (nee Waldron). Frederick was known by the family as Oscar resided with his grandparents, William and Sarah

On 1st March 1915, Frederick joined the Birmingham City Police as a labourer and served on the D Division with the warrant number 8602 and collar number PC D157

In February 1917, Frederick married his wife Lillian Beatrice Jane Yeomans and their daughter Dorothea was born 11th February 1918 three months after the death of Frederick



Birmingham City Police Records states that PC D157 Fred O Pritchard along with 42 other officers was to join the Army and they were to report on Monday 5th March 1917 at 0930 at Curzon Street, Birmingham

On 27th November 1917, Frederick's battalion were fighting in Bourlon Wood and attacked by gunfire

Frederick was killed in action but it would appear initially that he was reported missing as an article dated January 1918 which appeared in the 'Police Review and Parade Gossip' from Frederick's mother appealing for news of her son

Birmingham Constable missing - The mother of Pte F Pritchard 21909 Coldstream Guards reported missing since November 27th is anxious to hear news from any of her son's comrades. Pte Pritchard was formerly in the Birmingham Force.

Frederick is commemorated on Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, Nord-Pas-de-Calais Panel 2

He is also remembered on the WW1 memorials at Pensax Church, and again remembered on the memorial of Pensax C of E School but as reported missing

