

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

PC C179 Charles RUTTER

Lance Corporal 11654 Military Foot Police

Charles was born on 25th March 1884 a native of Willenhall, Staffordshire and resided 81 Winson Street, Birmingham

9th November 1906, Charles left the army as Private 6950 of the 1st South Staffordshire Regiment and was transferred to the army reserve

19th August 1907 Charles joined Birmingham City Police as a reservist, he was issued with warrant number 7620, collar number PC C179 and posted to the C division

On his application form he stated he had been working at James Horton's iron foundry in Walsall Street, Willenhall from 1899 to 1903 when he left to enlist in the army. He was residing at 8 The Dale, Willenhall.

25th February 1909 Charles married Winifred Mary DEAKIN who was born 3rd July 1890, they had a son Charles in December 1910 who sadly died January 1911

In 1911 Charles and Winifred were residing at 34 Brookfields Road, Birmingham, Charles was 27-year old policeman, Elsie Withers was a boarder, and his two relatives Henry and Winifred Deakin were described as travellers

2nd June 1920 Charles was awarded a guinea for stopping a runaway horse

4th August 1914 Charles was recalled to his regiment, South Staffordshire Regiment, and 18th May 1917 Charles was transferred to the Military Foot Police served as lance corporal 11654

5th December 1917, Charles was admitted to No 1 casualty clearing station suffering from contusions and he was discharged to duty on 9th December 1917

2nd March 1918 Charles and Winifred's son Harry Charles was born

3rd May 1919 Charles re-joined Birmingham City Police after serving with HM Forces and was issued with a new warrant number of 8972

6th April 1921 Charles and Winifred's daughter also named Winifred Mary, was born

4th April 1925 a police report of this date confirmed Charles had returned medically unfit due to chronic dilation of the stomach having completed 17 years police service

12th April 1925 Charles left the police service medically unfit for police duty and had a police pension of £79 11s 2d

30th April 1930, as a result of annual checks that were made on medically pensioned officers, quiet enquiries were made about Charles. It was stated he was still residing at 81 Winson Street, Birmingham with his wife and two children and was working as a works policeman at Messrs Earls Bourne and Co Heath Street South from 21st August 1925. His weekly wage was £3 5s 0d and he worked permanent night duty, 10 hours each night. He was supervising the employees entering and leaving the works and also as the ambulance room attendant. He had suffered from occasional bouts of stomach trouble. It was confirmed he could not serve in the police and his medical pension was to continue

31st January 1948, Charles collapsed and died at the football match of West Bromwich Albion v Luton Town football match at the Hawthorns football ground, aged 63 years. His funeral was 6th February. Charles' widow was granted a police widow's pension of £30 per annum

23rd March 1951, Charles' widow Winifred died

