

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

Inspector Percy Gooding SHARPE

Lance Corporal P8112 Military Mounted Police



Inspector Percy G Sharpe pictured as Deputy Conductor of Birmingham City Police Band

Percy was born 15th December 1878 in Warwickshire and resided at 10a Terrace, Lawrence Street, Birmingham

13th June 1905 Percy married Maud Winifred Mary LAYER (born 29.10.1877) who resided in Colchester, they had a son Percy James William Sharpe. His wife's father William Layer served as a police constable for 22 years in Colchester Borough Police until he retired on ill health

1894 to 16th October 1906 Percy served as Lance Corporal 4645 for 12 years with 5th Royal Lancers as a well-trained musician. Percy served in South Africa 1899 to 1902. During his service, Percy was admonished for refusing to obey and order on two occasions, being absent, irregular on guard, and ill-treating his horse

18th October 1906 Percy joined Birmingham City Police, as a musician, he was issued with warrant number 7543 and posted to the A Division with collar number PC A181

9th October 1907 Awarded a guinea for courageous conduct in stopping a runaway horse

27th February 1917 Percy resigned to join HM Forces

1917 Percy was wounded whilst with HM Forces, he was hospitalised with a gun shot wound to his ankle

26th June 1919 Percy re-joined the police from HM Forces and was issued with a new warrant number of 9041

1st March 1920 Percy was promoted to Sergeant

1st June 1925 Percy was promoted to the rank of Inspector

31st December 1932 Percy retired on superannuation, aged 54 years and after 27 years' 6 months service, his reason to retire was due to failing health. His police pension was £240 per annum. During his service Percy was a member of the Birmingham City Police Band and was for some time in charge

2nd September 1939 Percy was in the First Police Reserve at the outbreak of war, and attached to the A Division until 27th April 1941 when he retired on medical grounds

1st May 1941 Percy sadly died at his home address of 72 Ward End Park Road, Washwood Heath, Birmingham. His widow Mary was 63 years of age and their married son Percy James William was 32. Percy had been suffering from cardiac problems a few months previously, since February and four days prior to his death had been seized with a stroke. Percy's funeral took place at Yardley Cemetery on 6th May, his widow had requested that members of the police band and colleagues act as bearers. Inspector Shorter from Selly Oak police station made arrangements for the six oldest members of the police band to act as bearers, two from the A Division and one from each of the other four divisions. Maud received a police widow's pension of £40 per annum. She had been left £318 13s 7d from Percy's estate

June 1966 Percy's widow Maud died aged 89 years

November 1988 Percy's son Percy James died aged 82 years of age

