

World War 1 Roll of Honour

Birmingham City Police

Chief Inspector Edwin TILLEY OBE

Later Chief Constable of Wolverhampton

Lance Corporal 8944 Durham Light Infantry



Edwin was born on 9th July 1886 in Stockton on Tees, Durham

25th September 1907 Edwin joined Birmingham City Police as a reservist, he was issued with warrant number 7622 and posted to the A Division with collar number PC A97

27th September 1913 Edwin married Sarah Ann Walters of 41 all Saints Road, Hockley, they had a son also named Edwin who was born in 1915 and a daughter Ida Mary born in 1921

23rd February 1910 Edwin was awarded a guinea for stopping a runaway horse

27th March 1912, Edwin resigned at his own request, as he had obtained an engagement to travel the Colonies with a Military Band. Edwin was a member of Birmingham City Police Band

4th September 1912, Edwin re-joined the police and was posted to the C Division.

27th September 1913 Edwin returned to the A Division

4th August 1914 Edwin was called up to re-join his regiment, he served as Lance Corporal 8944 3rd Btn Durham Light Infantry. Edwin served a total of 6 years 341 days in the Durham Light Infantry from 29th August 1904

10th July 1915 Edwin was discharged from the Durham Light Infantry with a gunshot wound to his left forearm, he was awarded Silver Wound/War Badge Number was 5788

12th July 1915 as Edwin had been wounded, he returned as unfit by the War Office and was employed by the police as a Civil Clerk at the same rate of pay he was receiving before the War pending the decision of the War Office as to his Pension. He acted as Clerk in the Public Carriage Department, but his name did not appear on the pay sheet. The separation allowance to his wife was discontinued

3rd July 1916 Edwin re-joined Birmingham City police, he was issued with a new warrant number of 9106 and was posted to the 'R' Division. The decision had been made that Edwin was to be reinstated in the Force and it was declared that his previous service in the Police Force was to be allowed to count as approved services under the police Pensions Act

18th July 1916 Edwin's brother Richard, who was also a police constable in Birmingham City Police, was killed in France whilst serving as Private 5695 with the 1/5th Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He had married Norah Fullham in Kings Norton, Birmingham in March only some three months before his death. Richard is also on the Birmingham City police Roll of Honour

April 1919 Edwin was promoted to the rank of sergeant

December 1921 Edwin was promoted to the rank of Inspector

April 1927 Edwin was promoted to the rank of Chief Inspector

19th December 1929 Edwin was appointed Chief Constable of Wolverhampton, he continued to serve in Birmingham City Police until 14th January 1930 and joined Wolverhampton Borough Police on 15th January 1930 as Chief Constable of that Force

1939 New Year's Honours, Edwin was awarded an OBE. He died in 1950 in Bridgnorth, Shropshire aged 63, and on 3rd March 1966, Edwin's widow, Sarah died in Bridgnorth

