

World War I

Birmingham City Police

PC Richard TILLEY

Private 201625
1/5th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Died in France on 18th July 1916



Richard was born in 1891 in Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, the son of Samuel and Mary Ann, his father was an iron worker

Richard joined Birmingham City Police on 1st January 1912 as a groom and served on the E Division with warrant number 8158

Richard's brother, Edwin, was also a police constable in the Birmingham City Police, he became a Chief Inspector and later Chief Constable of Wolverhampton Police. As a reservist he was recalled to his regiment on 4th August 1914 and also served in WW1. Edwin was wounded, he received a gun-shot wound to his left arm. On 10th July 1915 he was discharged from the army as unfit to serve. He returned to Birmingham City Police and worked as a clerk, initially not on the police pay roll but he was later reinstated into Birmingham City Police remained working as a clerk

Richard married Norah Creina Fulham in March 1916, the marriage was registered in Kings Norton

Richard died three months after they married

Richard enlisted in the 1/5th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment with regimental number 5695, later renumbered to 201625, at Birmingham and was killed in action during the Somme offensive. He had less than a years' service in the Army

Richard is buried in Pozières British Cemetery, Ovillers-la-Boisell in Grave I.D.36, his body being reinterred from a battlefield burial on Thursday 15th May 1919. He was 24 years of age

It is probable that Richard was killed during the attack on Sunday 16th July 1916, the later date being the date that casualty list was drawn up



Edwin TILLEY

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