

RAILWAY POLICE ROLL OF HONOUR

THE GREAT WAR

It is intended to update and add to this list when further information becomes available. Many of these men will be remembered on local War Memorials and I would be grateful for photographs of these if one of the below named is shown on it. Should any officer visit Northern France or Flanders I would also be grateful of photographs of the graves of these Railway Policemen who gave their lives in the Great War.

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Detective George Edward ASTLEY
London and North Western Railway Police
Liverpool Lime Street

PC ASTLEY was the son of Pryce and Annie ASTLEY of Tanhouse, Llanfair, Welshpool. He was a Private in the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards but was killed in action on Wednesday 27th March 1918 aged 26 years. He is buried at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, near Arras northern France.

Source: LNWR Magazine May 1918
CWGC Website
Railway Roll of Honour

PC George Alfred BARKER
North Eastern Railway Police
Newcastle

George BARKER was the son of Mr & Mrs BARKER of Anlaby Common, Hull and lived at 16, Charles Street, Heaton, Newcastle with his wife Mary. He was killed on Thursday 4th July 1918 whilst serving as Gunner 906400 in the 96th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. He is buried at Esquelbecq Military close to the Belgium border in northern France. He is also remembered on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC Albert Henry BARNES
North Eastern Railway Police
York

Born in Seamer, Yorkshire this officer enlisted in Scarborough and was a Private in the 1st Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment. He was killed in action on Wednesday 28th October 1914 but has no known grave. He is remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial, south of Ypres in Belgium and also on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC Peter Francis BARTLE
Great Central Railway Police
Grimsby

PC BARTLE was born in Bradford but enlisted in Grimsby where he was a PC in the Great Central railway police. He was Private 7009 in the Coldstream Guards and was died of wounds on 2nd February 1915. No further information is available.

Source: GCR Magazine April 1915
Railway Roll-of Honour

PC A. BAXTER
Midland Railway Police
Tilbury

Killed in action in the Great War whilst serving as a Corporal in the Coldstream Guards. He is remembered on the Midland Railway Memorial, Midland Road, Derby.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour.

PC John Humphrey BEDDIS
Midland Railway Police
Sheffield

PC BEDDIS was the son of Charles and Esther BEDDIS of 46, Bloomfield Street, Derby. He was killed in action on 12th October 1915 whilst serving as a Guardsman with the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards. He was 22 years old. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Loos Memorial, Northern France and also on the Midland Railway Memorial, Midland Road, Derby.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour.
CWGC Website.

PC G BELL

North British Railway Police

PC BELL was a Sergeant in the Army at the time of his death. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC William John BERRETT

Great Western Railway Police
Hockley Goods (Birmingham)

This officer was the son of William and Ellen BERRETT of 195, Pucknell, near Romsey, Hampshire and a native of Overton, Hampshire. He was Private 17593 of the 6th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment and died of wounds on 13th September 1916 aged 22 years. He is buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, Northern France.

Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXVIII (1916) – page 257
CWGC Website

PC Frank Victor BEWSEY MM

Great Northern Railway Police

Frank BEWSEY was born in Dulwich in 1891, the son of Mr A and Mrs C. BEWSEY of 11, Silvester Road, East Dulwich, London SE22. By the age of 18 he was a member of the Berkshire Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery. On leaving the army he joined the Great Northern Railway Police, but on the outbreak of war was almost immediately drafted to France as part of "A" Battery of the 50th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery.



He took part in numerous actions including Ypres, Hill 60, Loos, Arras and Paschendale. He was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in the field at Arras and was promoted to Sergeant. He was killed in action at St Julien on 15th November 1917. His Captain Noel VENNING wrote a letter to PC BEWSEY'S mother Clara. *"(Frank) was killed by shell-fire at the battery position... He was buried at a Military Cemetery at Adinkerke with four of his comrades who were killed with him. A large wooden cross has been made, painted white and inscribed with black paint and green shading. This has been very beautifully made and painted."*

He is buried at Adinkerke Military Cemetery in De Panne, Belgium and is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the travel centre at Kings Cross Station, London

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour CWGC Web-Site
Mr M. HALL, Builth Wells, Powys.
Photo: Steve Beamon (2012)

PC Sidney George BOURN
Great Western Railway Police
Paddington

Son of Susan and John BOURN of 28, Myrtle Road, Acton, London, Sidney BOURN joined Great Western Railway Police in June 1913. On the outbreak of war he enlisted as Rifleman 962 of the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade but died of wounds aged 28 years on 7th July 1915. He is buried at Ferme-Olivier Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium.



Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXVII (1915) – page 235
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVII (1915) – page 238 (photograph)
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC D BOYLE
Great Northern Railway Police

PC BOYLE was a Sergeant in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC Robert BRITT
Great Northern Railway Police

PC BRITT was born (son of Robert and Catherine BRITT) in Camberwell London but joined the Great Northern Railway Police.

On the outbreak of War he enlisted into the 8th Battalion of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment at Seaforth. As Private 28951, he was killed in action on 2nd May 1918. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Loos Memorial in northern France and on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC W.A. BROOKBANK

Great Central Railway Police
Grimsby Docks

Son of W and E BROOKBANK of Grimsby and husband of E. BAGLEY (formerly BROOKBANK) of 153, Church Street, Grimsby.

This officer was Serjeant 59920 of "A" Battery, 153 Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. He was killed on 5th December 1917 aged 26 years and is buried at Hermies Hill British Cemetery, Northern France.

Source: GCR Magazine February 1918
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC A. BROWN

North Eastern Railway Police
Gateshead

PC BROWN was from York but was based at Gateshead and lived with his wife Winifred at 34, Ellison Street, West Gateshead. He was killed, aged 24 years on Monday 7th December 1914 whilst serving as a Gunner in the 65th Battery of the Royal Field Artillery. He is buried at Dranoutre Military Cemetery, near the French border in Belgium. He is also remembered on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC Reginald V. BRUNDISH

Great Eastern Railway Police
Norwich

PC Reginald BRUNDISH was born and worked in Norwich. He was a Bombardier in the 35th Division (Ammunition Column) of the Royal Field Artillery.

The circumstances of this officers death are not known but he died in Norwich on 11th July 1916 and is buried in Norwich Cemetery. He is also commemorated on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC Frank BUTCHER
Midland Railway Police
Bradford

PC BUTCHER was born in Warley, Essex, the son of Elizabeth BUTCHER of 24, Longfellow Road, Walthamstow, Essex and the late Herbert BUTCHER. He joined the Midland Railway Police in April 1913 after having served in the Essex Regiment. On the very day Britain declared war on Germany, Frank re-joined the colours as a Lance Corporal. He was killed in action on 1st May 1917 aged 32 years. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Arras Memorial in the town of Arras northern France and also on the Midland Railway Memorial, Midland Road, Derby.

Further research has been made on PC BUTCHER by Martin MACE.

(Note: I visited the Arras Memorial to pay my respects to this officer in December 2002 - KG)

Source: Record Card held in the British Transport Police Archive.
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website.

PC W. J. BUTLER
Great Northern Railway Police

PC BUTLER was a Sergeant in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC Sidney John CANNELL
Midland Railway Police
Birmingham

This officer was the son of John and Annie CANNELL of Derby. He was married and lived at 10, Lockyer Street, Plymouth, Devon. He died, aged 28 years whilst serving as a Private in the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards on Monday 2nd November 1914. He had been wounded the previous day. PC CANNELL is buried in Ypres Town Cemetery in Belgium and is also on the Midland Railway Memorial, Midland Road, Derby.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour.
CWGC Website.

PC H. E. CARNELL

London Brighton & South Coast Railway Police

No further information known. There are three soldiers with the name "H Carnell" on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission list.

Source: Barry KITCHENER

PC Alexander Nelson CARR

North Eastern Railway Police
Middlesbrough

Alexander CARR was born in North Shields and lived at Monkseaton, Northumberland. He enlisted in the Coldstream Guards at Middlesbrough.

As Lance Corporal 16457 CARR, he was killed on Tuesday 26th September 1916. He has no known grave but is remembered on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York and also on the Thiepval Memorial on the Bapaume to Albert Road in northern France

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC J CASEY

North Eastern Railway Police
Consett

PC CASEY was a Private in the Durham Light Infantry. He is remembered on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission shows two privates in the Durham Light Infantry with the name of J CASEY. One from Gateshead was killed in 195 aged 35 and is buried in Boulogne and the other from Sunderland was killed in 1916 and is buried at Longueval in the Somme. I have yet to ascertain which of these was a Railway Police Officer.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC John Herbert CHAFER
Great Central Railway Police
Immingham

This officer was born at Broughton, Brigg and enlisted in Lincoln. He enlisted as Herbert CHAFER.

He was Sergeant 5242 in the 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment but was killed on 27th October 1914. He is commemorated the Le Touret War Memorial in northern France and also on the Immingham War Memorial in Immingham Lincolnshire.

Source: GCR Magazine January 1915
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Web-site

PC A. CHUTER
London and North Western Railway Police
Camden

PC CHUTER died of wounds on Wednesday 17th July 1918 whilst serving as a Serjeant in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He is buried at Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend-on-Sea.

Source: LNWR Magazine September 1918
Railway Roll of Honour

PC Reuben Robert CLARKE
Great Eastern Railway Police
Bishopsgate

PC CLARKE was born in Maidstone, Kent. He joined the Railway Police in 1886. He enlisted in Deal, Kent into the 35th Battery of the Royal Field Artillery and held the rank of Corporal. He had been at the Front since August 1914 but was killed in action on Monday 21st June 1915. He left a widow and a child. He is buried at Caberet-Rouge Cemetery in Souchez, Northern France.



He is also commemorated on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London. (name shown as CLARK)

Source: GER Magazine August 1915
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC W. CLARK

Great Central Railway Police
Immingham Docks

No further information is available.

Source: GCR Magazine April 1917

PC Walter Henry COE

Great Western Railway Police
Paddington

Walter COE was born in Henley-on-Thames, the son of Richard and Lydia COE of Slough. PC COE was a Corporal of the Royal Field Artillery and died on Tuesday 5th November 1918 aged 35 years. He is buried at St. Mary's Church, Upton-Cum-Chalvey, Slough, Buckinghamshire.

Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXXI (1919) – page 26
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC J. CORMACK

North British Railway Police

PC CORMACK was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour

PC J. CREASE

Great Central Railway Police
Wakefield

PC CREASE was born in Shoreditch, London but lived and enlisted in the Foot branch of the Royal Military Police at Wakefield. He was an acting Sergeant in the 1st Traffic Control Company at the time of his death on 10th August 1918.

He is buried at Ligny-St-Flochel British Cemetery, near Arras northern France. Ligny-St-Flochel was the site of a Royal Army Medical Corps Casualty Clearing Station.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
CWGC Web-site

PC J. DAVEY

Great Northern Railway Police.

PC DAVEY was a Corporal in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC H DAVIES

Great Western Railway Police
Hockley Goods (Birmingham)

PC DAVIES was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information is known.

Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXVII (1915) – page 32
Railway Roll-of Honour

Police Clerk H DODD

London and North Western Railway Police
Euston.

Mr DODD was the son of Jonathan DODD of 18, Grangers Road, Lefwich Green, Northwich and was a Second Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment. He was killed in action on Wednesday 23rd October 1918 aged 26 years, and is buried at Heestert Military Cemetery in Zwevegem, Belgium. Mr DODD was probably one of the officers who took the village of Heestart in October 1918 and was buried where he fell on the battlefield. In 1919 local farmers gathered both British and German battlefield graves and formed the Military Cemetery.

Source: LNWR Magazine December 1918
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website.

PC J. T. DODDS

Great Northern Railway Police

PC DODDS was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC Henry James Conway EADES DCM

Great Western Railway Police
Plymouth

Born in Plymouth, the son of Alfred and Ellen EADES. This officer was Private 16840 of the 1st Battalion, Devonshire Regiment and died of wounds on Sunday 1st September 1918 aged 25 years. He is buried at Varennes Military Cemetery, Northern France.



Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXX (1918) – page 141
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC H. EATON

Great Northern Railway Police

PC EATON was born and enlisted in Bethnal Green, East London. He was Lance Corporal 8704 in the 1st Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment when he was killed in action on 5th September 1915.

He is buried in Poelcapelle British Cemetery in Belgium. (This cemetery contains the grave of John CONDON who, at the age of just 14, was the youngest British battle victim of the Great War.)

PC EATON is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

DC Harold George EBREY

London and North Western Railway Police
Birmingham New Street

EBREY was born in Shrewsbury, the son of Henry and Annie EBREY, Harold lived with his wife Amelia at 170, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham. He was an Acting Bombardier in the 9th Battery of the Royal Field Artillery, but was killed in action aged 30 years on Friday 4th February 1916. He is buried in Bethune Town Cemetery in northern France.

Source: LNWR Magazine April 1916
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website.

PC E. ELLIS

Cardiff Railway Police

PC ELLIS was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information known. There are 112 men by the name of "E. Ellis" on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission files.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC David Headley FAIR

Midland Railway Police

PC FAIR was born in Galway, Ireland. He was a Trooper in the 1st Life Guards but was killed in action on 30th October 1914. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Menin Gate in Ypres.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC C. FISHER

London and South West Railway Police

PC FISHER was a Sergeant in the Army at the time of his death. He is remembered on the London and South West Railway memorial situated at the top of the "Victory Arch" at Waterloo Railway Station, London. There are 72 men with the name "C. Fisher" on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission files.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC Joseph FITZWILLIAM

London Brighton and South Coast Railway Police

PC FITZWILLIAM was married to Rose FITZWILLIAM and lived in Staunton Road, Havant, Hampshire. On enlistment he became a gunner in the Royal Marine Artillery. He was attached to the warship H.M.S. Queen Mary. Built in 1912, this ship had already taken part in several battles. Joseph would have been part of the crew responsible for one of the ships eight 13.5 inch guns or one of the sixteen 4 inch guns. There were four anti-aircraft guns.

This officer took part in the Battle of Jutland on 31st May 1916. The German fleet who had bombarded the British east coast, had hoped to lure British ships into a battle. The Royal Navy (who were at this time able to decipher all German Radio traffic) took up the challenge and sailed across the north sea for the fight. In all over 250 vessels took part in the action. H.M.S. Queen Mary took five direct hits from the German ships Seydlitz and Derfflinger. It blew up with the loss of 1,266 crew. There were only 9 survivors.

PC FITZWILLIAMs body has never been recovered from the North Sea. He is remembered on the Naval Memorial on the promenade at Southsea near

Portsmouth Hampshire. This memorial commemorates over 10,000 sailors of the Great War who lost their lives.

He is also commemorated on London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Memorials at Brighton Railway Station, Sussex, on the Central (Sussex) Concourse of Victoria Railway Station and on the concourse at London Bridge Station in London.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-Site
HMS Queen Mary web-site.

PC E. J. FOOT

London and South Western Railway Police

Research shows that this officer lived and enlisted at Battersea so he was probably a PC at either Waterloo or Nine Elms. He was the son of Mr and Mrs W FOOT of Shaftsbury, Dorset. PC FOOT was a Gunner in "B" Battery, 122nd Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery at the time of his death on 27th August 1918.

Gunner FOOT is buried at the Gordon Dump Cemetery at Ovillers-La-Boisselle, Somme, France. He is remembered on the London and South West Railway memorial situated at the top of the "Victory Arch" at Waterloo Railway Station, London.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site

PC Henry FORRESTER

Great Eastern Railway Police
London

PC FORRESTER was the son of Henry and Emma FORRESTER of 40, Skiers Street, Stratford and joined the Police in 1911. He was killed in action on 1st July 1916. His record in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records is unusual in that it records that he is a Great Eastern Railway Policeman. A photograph and a short article about him appeared in the August 1916 edition of the Great Eastern Railway magazine:



"News has been received of the death in action during the recent British Advance of Police Constable H FORRESTER of the GER Company's Police Force. Mr Forrester entered the service in September 1911 and was 26 years old at the time of his death. He was a most promising officer and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. In 1914 he enlisted in the 9th Battalion Devonshire regiment (K1) and was shortly promoted to Lance-Corporal attached to a machine gun section.

On the morning of July 1st he went out in company with an officer to select a position and was afterwards given a dispatch to deliver by his adjutant. On his way back he was mortally wounded.

The Chief of Police writes to the editor “ Forrester was a first-class all-round man. In addition to his other good qualities, he possessed a cheery wit and was able to transfer the same to paper. I have had some capital letters from him and also some sketches which are quite clever. I am sending herewith an essay on his rifle in the hope that you will find space for it.”

“My Rifle – A Soldiers Best Friend” – by H FORRESTER.

My old Friend has been in action again for his country. He has been to France before in the early part of the war in the RW Surrey's. His late owner we presume was killed or wounded. His present owner has carried him and looked after him in France since 28th July 1915. He has been through the Battle of Loos, Sept. 25th etc. where the majority of rifles changed hands, were lost or blown to pieces. He helped to repel the counter attack which the Boches made soon after and his deadly accuracy proves on the ranges that he is a good service rifle. I have carried him to many a famous place on the British Front. I have also had the pleasure of covering a barbed wire working party out in front of the trenches of a night time. He has been a good many miles in France with his guardian or temporary owner and I feel sure that in the future I will not be found wanting”

PC FORRESTER has no known grave and is remembered on the huge Thiepval Memorial in northern France and also on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London.

Source: GER Magazine August 1916
GWGC Website
Railway Roll of Honour

PC David GARVEY

London and South West Railway Police

PC GARVEY was born in Dunmore, County Galway, Ireland. He was probably based at Waterloo and enlisted in Whitehall. He was private 917 of the 1st Battalion of the Irish Guards and was killed in action on 1st November 1914.

He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Menin Gate in Ypres.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC W. Ernest GEATER

Great Eastern Railway Police
(location not known)



W. E. GEATER was born in Ardwick, Lancashire and joined the Railway Police in May 1906. Enlisting in Walthamstow, London, he re-joined his old regiment, the 3rd Battalion Scots Guards and was made Sergeant. He died on 16th May 1918 in the Military Hospital at Colchester as a result of heart failure which had been induced by trench fever he had contracted on active service in France. He is buried in Colchester Cemetery, Essex. He is also commemorated on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission shows this officers name as "E.GEATER" and his date of death of 19th May 1918.

Source: GER Magazine October 1918
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

Detective Frederick GOODWIN

London and North Western Railway Police
St. Helens, Lancashire

This officer was born in Liverpool and enlisted in Warrington.

DC GOODWIN was killed in action aged 33 years, on 2nd June 1915 whilst serving as Serjeant 5954 in the 2nd battalion of the South Lancashire Regiment. He was married to Mary GOODWIN and lived in Antonio Street, Bootle, Liverpool. He is buried in Hoge Crater Cemetery in Ypres, Belgium.

Source: LNWR Magazine July 1915
CWGC Web Site
Railway Roll of Honour

PC Alexander GRANT

Midland Railway Police

Although from Inverness, on the outbreak of PC GRANT lived at St. Pancras in London and probably worked at the nearby station. He was Trooper 3110 in the Royal Horse Guards. He died of wounds in England on 10th December 1918 and is buried at Brompton Cemetery in London.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC James Henry GRISTWOOD

Midland Railway Police

James GRISTWOOD was the son of Mr & Mrs GRISTWOOD of Beckton and lived with his wife at 472, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London. He had previously served in the Highland Light Infantry prior to joining the railway police.

He was killed in action at the rank of Serjeant on 13th November 1916. He is buried at Redan Ridge Cemetery No 2. in Beaumont Hamel, France.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC W. HALL

North British Railway Police

PC HALL was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information known. There are 690 men by the name of "W Hall" on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission files.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC F. H. HARRISON

Midland Railway Police

PC HARRISON was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information known. There are 6 men by the name of "F.H. Harrison" on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission files. It likely to be either Frederick Henry Harrison or Francis Henry Harrison who were both from Sheffield and were both privates in the York and Lancashire Regiment at the time of their death.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PC J. HARRISON

London and South Western Railway Police

PC HARRISON was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. He is remembered on the London and South West Railway memorial situated at the top of the "Victory Arch" at Waterloo Railway Station, London.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC J. H. HARVEY

Midland Railway Police.

PC HARVEY was a Second Lieutenant at the time of his death. (He died of wounds) No further information is known. Although there are seven men by the name of "J.H. Harvey" on listed at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

he is likely to be John Henry Harvey DCM. Who was a Private in the Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derby Regiment) He died in Iraq on 17th November 1918 (just a week after the armistice) He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Basra Memorial. Details of his Distinguished Conduct Medal are not known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC H. J. HAYWOOD

London Brighton and South Coast Railway Police

PC HAYWOOD was a Sergeant in the Army at the time of his death.

He is commemorated on London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Memorials at Brighton Railway Station, Sussex, the Central (Sussex) Concourse of Victoria Railway Station and at London Bridge Station in London.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC G. HEWITT

London and South West Railway Police

PC HEWITT was a Sergeant in the Army at the time of his death. No further information is known. He is remembered on the London and South West Railway memorial situated at the top of the "Victory Arch" at Waterloo Railway Station, London.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC Thomas HICKLIN

Midland Railway Police

PC HICKLIN was a Private in the 2nd Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment when he was killed in action, age 29 years on 27th October 1914. he was born and lived in Burton-on-Trent.

He has no know grave but is commemorated on the Menin Gate, in Ypres, Belgium.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PC W. HICKS

Midland Railway Police

PC HICKS was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC Arthur Edwin HIND

Midland Railway Police

PC HIND was the son of Nathan and Harriet Hind of Ashover near Chesterfield. He died of wounds on 20th March 1916 whilst serving as private 14250 in the 1st Company, 1st Battalion of the Grenadier Guards. He is buried at Brandhoek Military Cemetery in Flanders. His name is shown in a 1920s Midland Railway Booklet.

Source: Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PC Adam HOGG

North Eastern Railway Police

Tyne Dock.

PC HOGG was born at Silloth, Cumberland and was 32 when he was killed on 6th October 1914 in northern France. He was a Guardsman in the Scots Guards. He is buried at Vendresse in northern France and is also remembered on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC J. V. HOLBERT

Midland Railway Police

PC HOLBERT was Private 41212 in the 1st battalion of the North Staffordshire Regiment. He died of wounds on 12th August 1919. He is buried at Premont British Cemetery in northern France. His name is shown in a 1920s Midland Railway Booklet.

Source: Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PC William Joseph HOLLIDAY

Great Western Railway Police
Paddington Goods



This officer had 8 years service in the 2nd Battalion Kings Royal Rifles before joining the Great Western Railway Police in 1913. He was a Londoner, born in Willesden.

On being recalled to the colours he joined the 1st Battalion of his old regiment as a Rifleman. He died of wounds aged 27 years on Thursday 14th January 1915. He is buried at Bethune Town Cemetery in Northern France.

Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXVII (1915) – page 61
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVII (1915) – page 69 (photograph)
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC John HOWARD

London Brighton and South Coast Railway Police

PC HOWARD was a Lance Sergeant in the 1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers at the time of his death. He was killed in action on 17th October 1914. he has no known grave but is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial in Northern France.

He is also commemorated on London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Memorials at Brighton Railway Station, Sussex, the Central (Sussex) Concourse of Victoria Railway Station and at London Bridge Railway Station in London.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-Site

PC G. HUTCHINGS

Great Northern Railway Police

PC HUTCHINGS was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC George JAY MM

Great Eastern Railway Police
Canning Town



Another Londoner, George JAY was born in Hackney and lived in Holloway.

PC JAY enlisted into the Military Foot Police on 26th October 1914 having served three years in the GER Police. He had been awarded the Military Medal but was killed in action aged 35 years on Sunday 24th March 1918 in Ypres. He held the rank of Lance Corporal.

On his death a colleague of his Corporal BLYTHE (who was also a GER Police Officer) wrote:

“As soon as I heard he had been wounded by shell fire I went to see him at the dressing station but he was unconscious and died three hours later. He was killed as he would have wished in the execution of his duty and has been buried amongst other heroes who gave their lives for King and Country. He was bold and fearless under shell fire and set a fine example of courage and devotion to those who he was in charge, creating in them a feeling of confidence and safety by his coolness when in danger.”

He is buried in Ypres Reservoir Cemetery in Belgium and is also commemorated on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London.

Source: GER Magazine July 1918
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website.

PC Stephen JERMYN

Midland Railway Police
Manchester

PC JERMYN was born in Norwich but was probably based in Manchester as he enlisted in the City.

He was Serjeant 8667 in the 91st Battalion of the Machine Gun Corps. He died of wounds on 24th March 1916 and is buried at Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-sur-Somme, Northern France.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site

PC F. JORDAN

Midland Railway Police

PC JORDAN was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information is known. There are 30 men with the name "F. Jordan" listed with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC B. KELLY

Great Northern Railway Police

PC KELLY was a Sergeant in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC J. E. KELLY

Great Northern Railway Police

PC KELLY was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

Sergeant W KELLY

Midland Railway Police

Sgt Kelly was killed in action during the Great War. Name shown in a 1920s Midland Railway Booklet. No further information is known.

Source: Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010

PC E. KING

Great Northern Railway Police

PC KING was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC Frederick W. LAVIS

Great Western Railway Police
Plymouth Millbay

Born in Plymouth, son of Salina LAVIS of 30, Cornwall Street, Bere Alston, Devon, PC LAVIS was Corporal 10418 in the 8th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment. He was killed in action on Sunday 7th May 1916 aged 21 years and is buried at the Citadel New Military Cemetery, Fricourt, Somme, France.

The Railway Roll of Honour shows his rank as "Platform Policeman"

Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXVIII (1916) – page 169
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC Clifford Laurence LEARNER

Great Northern Railway Police

PC LEARNER was born in Holborn London. He was killed in action on 5th December 1914 when a Private (3/8926) in the 1st Battalion of the Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment.

There is no known grave for PC LEARNER but he is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres and also on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC Charles Gorvin LEWIS

Great Western Railway Police
Plymouth Docks

This officer joined the GWR police 12th July 1910. On 2nd August 1914 he was called to Colours and served as Private Ply7171 of the Plymouth Division, Royal Marine Light Infantry. He died on Sunday 8th November 1914 and is buried at Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery, Kent.

Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXVI (1914) – page 312
GWR Magazine Vol XXVII (1915) – page 19 (photograph)
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC H.J. LOUGHLIN

Great Western Railway Police

No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour

PC Horace Henry LOVEDAY

Midland Railway

PC LOVEDAY was born in Sprowston, Norfolk but enlisted in Carlisle, Cumbria. He was Sergeant 14617 in the 8th Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment but was killed in action on 31st July 1917. There is no known grave for PC LOVEDAY but he is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC Charles LUTTMAN

South East and Chatham Railway Police

PC LUTTMAN was born in Stratford-on-Avon but lived in Eltham, Kent. He was a Bombardier in "Y" Anti-Aircraft Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery but died of wounds on 29th October 1918.

He is buried at Ramillies British Cemetery near Cambrai in Northern France. PC LUTTMAN is commemorated on the South East and Chatham Railway Memorial on the Eastern (Kent) Concourse at Victoria Railway Station. He is incorrectly shown as being a member of the "Coaching Department"

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC S. MACE

Great Northern Railway Police

PC MACE was a Private in the Army when he lost his life. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour

Detective Harold MACHIN

London and North Western Railway Police

Detective MACHIN was born in Walsall and lived and enlisted at Stockport. He was an acting Lance Corporal in the Foot Branch of the Corps of Military Police when he died on 17th August 1916.

The Commonwealth War Grave Commission record for Harold is unusual in that it mentions that he was a Railway Policeman.

He is buried at Rycroft Cemetery in Walsall.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
CWGC Website

PC Albert Edward MARTIN

London and North Western Railway Police
Broad Street, London

Albert MARTIN was born in Deptford and enlisted at Rotherhythe.

This officer was Gunner 130182 of the 15th Siege Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery and was killed on Monday 24th September 1917. He is buried at Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery in northern France.

Source: LNWR Magazine November 1917
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website.

PC Alfred Arthur MARTIN

Great Eastern Railway Police
London

PC MARTIN was born in Orpington, Kent on 12th March 1886, the son of James and Eliza MARTIN of Orpington, Kent. He was married to Caroline MARTIN and lived at 51, Blackwall Buildings, Fulbourne Street, Whitechapel, London. The officer joined the Police in June 1914 having transferred from the Engineers Department of the Great Eastern Railway. A Serjeant, number 5918 in the 10th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry, he was killed in action on Friday 12th November 1915 aged 31 years. He is buried at Ypres Reservoir Cemetery in Belgium. He is also commemorated on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London.

Source: GER Magazine January 1916
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Web-Site

Sergeant Charles Stewart McKIMMIE

Midland Railway Police

Sergeant McKIMMIE was a Sergeant Major in the 4th (Wessex) Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. He died in India on 1st October 1915 and is buried in the Bangalore (Hosur Road) Cemetery, India.

Source: Railway Roll-of Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC Walter MEAKIN

Midland Railway Police
Nottingham

Walter MEAKIN was born in Derby on 6th May 1880. He lived and worked as a cabman in the city. On 2nd August 1907 he joined the Midland Railway Police as a constable and was stationed in Nottingham.

PC Meakin joined the army at the outset of the war being recruited into the 17th Lancers on 7th September 1914 as a Trooper. He later transferred to the Royal Irish Rifles as a rifleman.

He died on 22nd January 1917 and is buried at the Berkshire Cemetery Extension in Belgium. He was married and had four young children.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
CWGC Web-site
BTP Archives

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M.R. POLICE FORCE.

Walter Meakin BORN May 6th 1880

NATIVE PLACE Derby OCCUPATION Cabman

HEIGHT 5'10" EYES Blue HAIR Dark COMPLEXION Fair

MARRIED OR SINGLE Married NO. OF CHILDREN 4 - 11, 10, 10, 10

RECOMMENDED BY Mr. Rutland, Emergency Officer, Derby
Dr Wright, Rose Hill, Derby
Dr Potter, Rose Hill, Derby

PROMOTIONS PUBLIC SERVICE Kitchener's Army
7/9/14 Joined 17th Lancers 1914
Transferred to Royal Irish Rifles
Killed 22/1/17

ARMY RESERVE EXPIRES

POLICE No. 100 NO. OF WARRANT CARD 110 FIRE BRIGADE Yes

EXAMINATIONS

AMBULANCE Passed 1st examination July 1915
3rd 15 Sept 1915

DATE	STATION	PARTICULARS OF PROMOTIONS, ADVANCES, AND REMOVALS	RATE OF WAAGE
2 8 1907	Nottingham	JOINED THE FORCE AS Police Constable	23/-
31 7 08	do	Advanced to	24/-
30 7 09	do	do	25/-
31 7 10	do	do	27/-
7 9 14	do	Joined the Army K. A.	-
22 1 17	-	Killed in action in France	27/-

PC A. MERRITT

Great Northern Railway Police

PC MERRITT was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour

PC F. MILLER

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Police

PC MILLER was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour

Detective Herbert Edward Bowen MILLER

Great Western Railway Police
Paddington

Son of Thomas and Agnes MILLER of 170, Crickdale Road, Swindon. Detective Miller was Private 26929 in the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards. He died of wounds on 28th September 1917 aged 24 and is buried at the St Sever Cemetery (Extension), Near Rouen, Northern France.

The Railway Roll of Honour shows his name as "MILLAR"

Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXX (1918) – page 10
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC W. MUNSON

Midland Railway Police

PC MUNSON died of wounds during the Great War. Name shown in a 1920s Midland Railway Booklet. No further information is known.

Source: Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010

PC John MURRAY

Midland Railway Police
Toton Sidings, Derbyshire

John MURRAY was born near Athlone, Ireland in August 1880. He joined the Marine Light Infantry rising to the rank of Corporal. In 1902 he transferred to the 1st Connaught Rangers, leaving in 1911. The Army gave him a reference to join the Midland Railway Police which he joined at Nottingham on 22nd November 1911. He was PC 251. The following year he moved to Toton Sidings.

On the 5th August 1914 John rejoined his regiment, becoming a Sergeant but keeping his number - 7985. In November 194 he was wounded on the left side of his head whilst at Ypres. He was transferred to Cork Hospital but died of his wounds in December 1915.

He was buried at Cork Military Cemetery however the Commonwealth War Graves Commission were unable to maintain the graves there. The headstone is now arranged before a memorial at Grangegorman Cemetery, Cork.

This officers name is not shown on the Railway Roll-of-Honour.

Sources: Archive record held by the British Transport Police.
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Web-site

PC A. H. NEWBERRY

Midland Railway Police

PC NEWBERRY was killed in action during the Great War. Name shown in a 1920s Midland Railway Booklet. No further information is known – this name does not appear on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission list.

Source: Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010

PC Joseph NEWBOLD

Midland Railway Police

Birmingham

PC NEWBOLD was born in Derby on 4th February 1885. He served as Private 8375 in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry between 1904 and 1911 and on leaving his senior officer, Major MEDHURST recommended him to the Midland Railway Police. He was recruited as PC 267 at Birmingham on 12th January 1912.

In two years of service he received five commendations for arresting thieves.



On 5th August 1914, with many of his colleagues, he rejoined the colours.

PC NEWBOLD was killed in action on 1st November 1914. He is buried at Caberet-Rouge British Cemetery in Souchez, Northern France.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
CWGC Web-site.

PC Frank OUNSWORTH

North Eastern Railway Police
Gateshead

PC OUNSWORTH was a Serjeant in the Royal Army Medical Corps attached to the 1st Station Hospital. He was from Hull. He died on Sunday 20th May 1917 aged 32 years and is buried at St. Sever Cemetery near Rouen, France. Rouen, although many miles from the Front Line was the site of about 15 Hospitals for the duration of the War. PC OUNSWORTH probably died of disease whilst working in one of these hospitals. He is also remembered on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC John RAPER

North Eastern Railway Police
Hull

This officer was the son of Walter and Elizabeth Raper of The Brickyard, Escrick, York. PC RAPER served as a Lance Serjeant (number 9323) in the first battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

He was killed in action on Friday 21st July 1916 aged 38 years. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial in the Somme and also on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC Peter Alexander Stewart RATTRAY

Great North of Scotland Railway Police

PC RATTRAY was born in Morvan, Banffshire and enlisted into the Army at Aberdeen. He was Guardsman 17280 in the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards but was killed in action on 24th August 1918.

He is buried at Croisilles British Cemetery.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
CWGC Web-site

PC William Hodgson REED

North Eastern Railway Police
Hull

REED was born in Yorkshire and lived and enlisted in Hull.

PC REED was Lance Corporal P/3507 in the Military Foot Police. He was killed on Thursday 19th July 1917 and is buried at Dozinghem Military Cemetery in Poperinge, Belgium. He is also remembered on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC S. RIDGEWAY

Midland Railway Police

PC RIDGEWAY died of wounds during the Great War. Name shown in a 1920s Midland Railway Booklet. No further information is known.

Source: Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010

PC Norman RIGBY

Great Western Railway Police
Paddington

This officer from Burnley, Lancashire, joined Great Western Railway Police in April 1913. On being called up he served as Private 15165 in the 8th Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers. PC RIGBY was killed in action aged 31 years on Sunday 14th May 1916. He is buried at Vermelles British Cemetery, near Lens, Northern France.



Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXVIII (1916) – page 98 (photograph)
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC J. RILEY

Glasgow and South Western Railway

PC RILEY was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour

PC Joseph ROBINS

Midland Railway Police
Worcester

Joseph ROBINS was born on 6th October 1872 in Gloucestershire. In 1911 after 21 years service in the Royal Marine Artillery he joined the Midland Railway Police at Birmingham. He was PC 233 and a month after joining he transferred to Worcester Station. He was married to Eliza Catherine ROBINS and lived in Cambridge, Gloucester.

On 3rd August 1914, Joseph was re-called to the colours as a Corporal at Royal Marines Artillery Headquarters at Eastney, Hampshire. Shortly after re-joining he contracted Spotted Fever and he died of this disease on 31st January 1915. He is buried at in the "New Ground" of Slimbridge (St.John) Churchyard, Gloucestershire.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
Record card held in the British Transport Police Archives.
CWGC Web-site.

PC Charles Frederick RUTLAND

Great Central Railway Police

PC RUTLAND was born lived and was probably stationed at Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire. He was killed in action aged 30 years whilst serving as a Serjeant in the 121st Battery of the Royal Field Artillery.

He is buried at Morbecque British Cemetery.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
CWGC Web-site

PC Alfred SCOTT

North Eastern Railway Police
Sunderland

This officer was born in Hendon, Sunderland, the son of Peter and Margaret SCOTT. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission shows that his wife was Ethel who, at the time of his death was living at 11, Cheshunt Road, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, North London.

He was a Company Quartermaster Serjeant in the First Battalion, Coldstream Guards but was killed on Friday 23rd August 1918 at the age of 36 years.

He is buried at Douchy-Les-Ayette British Cemetery between Arras and Amiens in northern France. He is also remembered on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC H. SEAMAN

Great Eastern Railway Police

PC SEAMAN was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour

PC James William SHEPLEY

Great Northern Railway Police

PC SHEPLEY was born in Weelock, Chester and enlisted as a Guardsman in the Grenadier Guards where he served in the 2nd Battalion.

He died of wounds on 26th February 1915 and is buried at Bethune Town Cemetery in Northern France. He is also commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
CWGC Web-site

PC C.J. SMITH

Great Northern Railway Police

PC SMITH was a Sergeant in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour

PC F. SMITH

Cardiff Railway Police

PC SMITH was a Corporal in the Army at the time of his death.

A search of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records show that he is likely to have been Frederick Charles SMITH who, at the time of his death on 18th November 1918 (just a week after the armistice) was a Corporal in the Military Foot Police. He was the son of John and Elizabeth Smith of Chewton Mendip and was married to Elizabeth Ann Smith of Cardiff.

PC SMITH is buried at liile Southern cemetery in Northern France.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PC T. SMITH

London and North West Railway Police

PC SMITH was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour

PC William Henry SPARKS

Midland Railway Police

Leeds

PC 208 SPARKS was born in Yeovil Somerset on 25th March 1888. From 1906 to 1914 he served as Private 7697 in the Second Hampshire Regiment seeing foreign service in both South Africa and Mauritius. On leaving the Army he became a baker for a couple of months in Bristol before enlisting with the Midland Railway Police at Leeds on 25th May 1914.

He served just three months in the force before rejoining the First Hampshire Regiment at the outbreak of war in August 1914. On 19th December 1914 Private 7697 SPARKS was killed in action in Belgium. He is buried at Lancashire Cottage Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium.

Source: Record Card held in the British Transport Police Archive.
Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website.

PC W. STEWART

North British Railway

PC STEWART was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. No further information is known.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour

PC Frederick Richard STIEBER

Great Western Railway Police

Paddington Goods

Born in Reading Berkshire he was married to Emily STIEBER of 59, Leinster Square, Bayswater, London. He was Serjeant 10128 in the 6th Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment. PC STIEBER died of wounds on Sunday 23rd July 1916 aged 24 and buried at Abbeville Communal Cemetery, Northern, France.

Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXVIII (1916) – page 231
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVIII (1916) – page 257 (photograph)
CWGC Website

PC A. H. SUMMERS

Midland Railway Police

PC Summers was killed in action during the Great War. Name shown in a 1920s Midland Railway Booklet. No further information is known. 3 men with this name appear on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission list.

Source: Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010

PC Ernest TARGETT

London and South West Railway Police

A Welshman by birth, on joining the railway police Ernest settled with his wife, Hilda, in Fareham, Hampshire. At the time of his death on 20th September 1917 he was a Corporal in the 15th (Service) Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment. He was 31 years old.

He is buried in Ypres Reservoir Cemetery in Belgium and is remembered on the London and South West Railway memorial situated at the top of the "Victory Arch" at Waterloo Railway Station, London.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
CWGC Web-site

PC Percy Arthur TAVENER

North Eastern Railway Police
Newcastle

PC Tavener was from Portsmouth, Hampshire but lived with his wife, Lillian at 140, Poppleton Road, York. He was a Lance Corporal in the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards and died, aged 25 years on Friday 30th November 1917. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Cambrai Memorial in France and also on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
CWGC Website

PC Arthur TULEY

North Eastern Railway Police

Arthur TULEY was born in Thornwaite, Yorkshire. He enlisted and was a private in the 6th Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders. He was killed, aged 30 years on 23rd March 1918 but has no known grave. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial in northern France.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
CWGC Web-Site

Detective Constable Harold Edward VOYCE

London Brighton and South Coast Railway

Harold Edward VOYCE, born on 25th November 1881. He was from Birmingham and was a veteran of the Boer War prior to joining the railway police on 5th July 1906. He lived with his wife, Eleanor, in West Hill, Sanderstead, Surrey so was probably based at Croydon or Redhill. Whilst serving as a Private in the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, he was killed in action on 21st December 1914.

He has no known grave but is remembered on Le Touret Memorial in northern France. He is also commemorated on London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Memorials at Brighton Railway Station, Sussex and on the Central (Sussex) Concourse of Victoria Railway Station in London. He is also shown on the War Memorial at London Bridge Railway Station.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
 CWGC Web-site
 Ancestry Railway Records

PC Albert George WALKER

Midland Railway Police
Leicester

Albert WALKER was born on 17th January 1885 in Great Rollwright, Oxfordshire. Between 1905 and 1912 he served as Private 6406 in the Coldstream Guards and it was the Army who recommended him when he joined the Midland Railway Police on 9th June 1913. He served at Leicester as PC 61 and a year after his recruitment was commended for arresting a railwayman for stealing luggage.

Albert rejoined his regiment on 5th August 1914 but was one of the first casualties of the war as *later the same month* he was reported as being killed in action. He was killed in action on 25th August 1914 fighting a rear-guard action after the Battle of Mons.

He is buried in Landrecies Communal Cemetery in Northern France.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
 Archive Record held by the British Transport Police
 CWGC Web-Site

PC Frank WALLEY

London and North West Railway Police
Liverpool Lime Street

PC WALLEY was born in Chester, the son of Henry and Annie WALLEY of Tarporley, Cheshire. Frank joined the LNWR in 1909 and transferred to the Police Force on 20th February 1920. He served at Liverpool Lime Street Station as PC 14.

As Private 33180 of the 16th Field Ambulance of the Royal Army Medical Corps he was awarded the Military Medal.

Frank was killed in action aged 25 years on 18th September 1918. He is buried at Trefcon British Cemetery, Caulaincourt, France. He is also remembered on a wooden memorial board on display on the east wall inside the Church of St. Jude, Tilstone Fearnall, Cheshire.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
Archive Record held by the British Transport Police
CWGC Web-site.

PC W.H. WATTS
Great Western Railway Police
Cardiff

No information is known about this officer.

Source: GWR Magazine Vol. XXXI (1919) – page 26



PC A. WEDGE
London and North West Railway Police

PC WEDGE was a Private in the Army at the time of his death.

There are two persons by the name “A Wedge” listed with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Both are Alfred Wedge and both served as privates in the South Staffordshire Regiment.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PC William McKenzie WELLS
Midland Railway Police
Poplar

William McKenzie WELLS was born in Newington, Edinburgh on 5th March 1882. Between 1901 and 1909 he served as Private 5861 in the 2nd Battalion, Cameron Highlanders. On leaving the army in 1909 he joined the North British Railway in Scotland where he worked as a labourer for seven months. Later in the year he joined the Leeds City Police where he worked for two years.

On 2nd June 1911 PC WELLS joined the Midland Railway Police at St Pancras Goods Yard. In 1912 he transferred to Poplar in east London but on the outbreak of war in August 1914 re-joined his old regiment, in Edinburgh, retaining his former service number.

PC WELLS was killed in action at the Battle of Aisne in northern France. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Menin Gate memorial in Ypres, Belgium.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
Record held in the British Transport Police Archives.

PC William Henry WILSON

Great Eastern Railway Police
Liverpool Street

Son of Thomas and Emma WILSON of 25 Halidon Street, Homerton, North London, he had joined the 1st Battalion Queens Own (West Kent) Regiment eighteen months after joining the Police. He was killed in action on 23rd August 1914 aged 29 years. He has no known grave but is remembered on the "La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre" Memorial near the River Marne east of Paris also on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London.



His brother had been killed in action a few weeks earlier.

Source: GER Magazine December 1914
CWGC Website

PC E.G. WISE

London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Police

PC WISE was a Private in the Army at the time of his death. He is commemorated on London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Memorials situated at Brighton Railway Station, Sussex, on the Central (Sussex) Concourse of Victoria Railway Station in Sussex and on the concourse at London Bridge Station.

There are three men "E.G. Wise" listed at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. They are all Edward George.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PC Thomas Henry WITCHER

Midland Railway Police
Sheffield

Thomas WITCHER was born in Andover, Hampshire and between 1906 and January 1914 served as Private 7681 in the 2nd Hampshire Regiment. He saw service in South Africa and Mauritius and on leaving his character was describes as “very good”

On 7th August 1914 he was recruited as PC 211 in the Midland Railway Police at Sheffield. On his first day he undertook Fire Brigade training but the very next day he was recalled to the colours. He joined his former regiment retaining his old number.

PC WITCHER was killed in action in Flanders on 3rd November 1914. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium.

Sources: Record held in the British Transport Police archives.
CWGC Website.

PC S. WORMALD

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Police

PC WORMALD was born in Whitby and was the son of Joseph and Ellen Wormald. He was a Private in the Army Service Corps when he died aged 38 years on 2nd September 1918. At the time of his death he was serving with the 884th Mechanical Transport Company but was seconded to the XIXth Corps of Heavy Artillery.

He lived at “Ganton” Well Close Terrace, Whitby with his wife Ada.

Source: Railway Roll-of-Honour
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Lest We Forget.