

**BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE HISTORY GROUP
ROLL OF HONOUR**

**RAILWAY, DOCK & CANAL OFFICERS
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918**

We would be most grateful for any further information or photographs of any of the men remembered here, their gravestones or war memorials that commemorate their name. Please contact RoH@btphg.org.uk

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DETECTIVE GEORGE EDWARD ASTLEY

London and North Western Railway Police
Liverpool Lime Street

DETECTIVE ASTLEY was the son of Pryce and Annie Astley of Tanhouse, Llanfair, Welshpool. He was Private 4046 in the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards and was killed in action on the 27th March 1918 aged 26 years. He is buried at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, near Arras northern France.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
LNWR Magazine May 1918
Railway Roll of Honour

PC GEORGE ALFRED BARKER

North Eastern Railway Police
Newcastle

PC 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 in action on the 4th July 1918 whilst serving as Gunner 906400 in the 96th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. He is buried at Esquelbecq Military Cemetery close to the Belgium border in northern France. He is also commemorated on the North Eastern Railway Memorial, Station Road, York.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ALBERT HENRY BARNES

North Eastern Railway Police
York

PC BARNES was born in Seamer, Yorkshire. He enlisted in Scarborough and was Private 906400 in the 1st Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment. He was killed in action on the 28th October 1914 and has no known grave. He is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, south of Ypres in Belgium and also on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC PETER FRANCIS BARTLE

Great Central Railway Police
Grimsby

PC BARTLE was born in Bradford but enlisted in Grimsby where he was a Police Constable in the Great Central Railway Police. He was Private 7009 in the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards and died of wounds on the 2nd February 1915. He is buried in the Bethune Town Cemetery, France.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GCR Magazine April 1915
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ARTHUR BAXTER

Midland Railway Police
Tilbury and Burton on Trent

PC BAXTER was killed in action on the 28th October 1914 whilst serving as a Corporal 4635 in the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium and on the Midland Railway Memorial, Midland Road, Derby.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Tamworth Herald 07 November 1914
Railway Roll of Honour

PC JOHN HUMPHREY BEDDIS

Midland Railway Police
Sheffield and probably Derby

PC BEDDIS was the son of Charles and Esther Beddis of 46, Bloomfield Street, Derby. He was killed in action on the 12th October 1915 whilst serving as Guardsman 14939 with the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards. He was 22 years old. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, northern France and also on the Midland Railway Memorial, Midland Road, Derby.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Midland Railway post war commemorative booklet
Railway Roll of Honour

PC G. BELL

North British Railway Police

PC BELL was a Sergeant in the army at the time of his death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC WILLIAM JOHN BERRETT

Great Western Railway Police
Hockley Goods (Birmingham)

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

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVIII 1916 page 257

PC FRANK VICTOR BEWSEY M.M.

Great Northern Railway Police

PC 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 he was almost immediately drafted to France as Gunner 47367 and attached to "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 on the 17th July 1917 for bravery in the field at Arras and promoted to Sergeant. He was killed in action at St Julien on the 15th November 1917. His commanding officer, Captain Noel Venning, wrote the following in 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:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
London Gazette Supplement 18th July 1917 page 7275
Mr M. Hall, Builth Wells, Powys.
Photograph Steve Beamon 2012
Railway Roll of Honour

PC HARRY BILTON

North East Railway Police
Hull Docks

PC BILTON was the son of John Bilton of Little Weighton, Hull and was married to Agnes Bilton of 6, Victoria Road, Beverley, Hull. He joined the 6th Battalion of the Lancs & Yorks Regiment and as Sergeant 39948 was killed in action on the 27th August 1917. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
NER Magazine November 1917 page 243
Railway Roll of Honour

PC SIDNEY GEORGE BOURN

Great Western Railway Police
Paddington

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

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVII 1915 page 235
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVII 1915 page 238 (photograph)
Railway Roll of Honour

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ROBERT BRITT

Great Northern Railway Police

PC BRITT was born in Camberwell, London, the son of Robert and Catherine Britt and 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 the 2nd May 1918 aged 34 years. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in northern France and on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC W.A. BROOKBANK

Great Central Railway Police
Grimsby Docks

PC BROOKBANK was the son of W and E Brookbank of Grimsby and husband of E. Bagley (formerly Brookbank) of 153, Church Street, Grimsby. He was Sergeant 59920 of "A" Battery, 153 Brigade, Royal Field Artillery and killed on the 5th December 1917 aged 26 years. He is buried at Hermies Hill British Cemetery, Northern France.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GCR Magazine February 1918
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ARTHUR 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 on the 7th December 1914 aged 24 years whilst serving as Gunner 48853 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 commemorated on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC REGINALD VICTOR BRUNDISH

Great Eastern Railway Police
Norwich

PC BRUNDISH, the son of Edgar John and Ruth Brundish, was born c.1883 and joined the Great Eastern Railway Police in March 1910, stationed at Norwich. He enlisted as a Bombardier 6942 in the 35th Division (Ammunition Column) of the Royal Field Artillery. The causes of his death are not known but he died in the Norwich Military Hospital on the 11th

July 1916 aged 35 years 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:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
BTPHG PSR2
GER Magazine
Railway Roll of Honour

PC FRANK BUTCHER

Midland Railway Police
Bradford

PC BUTCHER was born on the 25th November 1885 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 on the 18th April 1913 having served in the Essex Regiment previously. On the day Britain declared war he re-joined the Colours as Lance Corporal 8440 in his old regiment and was killed in action on the 1st May 1917 aged 32 years. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial in the town of Arras northern France and also on the Midland Railway Memorial, Midland Road, Derby.

Note: Further research has been made on PC BUTCHER by Martin Mace, and Kevin Gordon visited the Arras Memorial to pay his respects to this officer in December 2002.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour
Record Card held in the British Transport Police Archive.

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source: Railway Roll of Honour

PC T. CAMPBELL

North British Railway Police

Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source: Railway Roll of Honour

PC SIDNEY JOHN CANNELL

Midland Railway Police
Birmingham

PC. CANNELL was the son of John and Annie Cannell of Derby. He was married and lived at 10, Lockyer Street, Plymouth, Devon. He died whilst serving as Guardsman 14292 in the

1st Battalion Grenadier Guards on the 2nd November 1914 aged 28 years. He had been wounded the previous day. PC Cannell is buried in Ypres Town Cemetery in Belgium and is also commemorated on the Midland Railway Memorial, Midland Road, Derby.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC H. E. CARNELL
Midland Railway Police

Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Barry Kitchner
Midland Railway Commemorative post war booklet
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ALEXANDER NELSON CARR
North Eastern Railway Police
Middlesbrough

PC CARR was born in North Shields and lived at Monkseaton, Northumberland. He enlisted in the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards at Middlesbrough. As Lance Corporal 16457 he was killed on the Tuesday 26th September 1916. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial on the Bapaume to Albert Road in northern France and also on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC JAMES CASEY
North Eastern Railway Police
Consett

PC CASEY was the son of Thomas and Margaret Casey of 1 Whitehouse Place, Hendon, Sunderland, was stationed at Consett. On enlistment he became Private 30406 in the 15th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry. He was killed in action on the 16th September 1916 and is buried at Longueval Cemetery in the Somme. He is also commemorated on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC JOHN HERBERT CHAFER
Great Central Railway Police
Immingham

PC CHAFER was born at Broughton, Brigg. He enlisted in Lincoln as Herbert Chafer. He was Sergeant 5242 in the 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment when he was killed in action on the 27th October 1914. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Le Touret War Memorial in northern France and also on the War Memorial in Immingham Lincolnshire.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GCR Magazine January 1915
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ALBERT CHUTER

London and North Western Railway Police
Camden

PC CHUTER died of wounds on the 17th July 1918 whilst serving as Corporal 1388 with the substantive rank of Sergeant in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He is buried at Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend-on-Sea.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
LNWR Magazine September 1918
Railway Roll of Honour

PC W. CLARK

Great Central Railway Police
Immingham Docks

Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

GCR Magazine April 1917
Railway Roll of Honour

PC REUBEN ROBERT CLARKE

Great Eastern Railway Police
Bishopsgate

PC CLARKE was born in Maidstone, Kent and was married with one child and joined the Great Eastern Railway Police in 1886. He enlisted in Deal, Kent into the 35th Battery of the Royal Field Artillery and held the rank of Corporal 30346. He had been at the Front since August 1914 and was killed in action on the 21st June 1915 aged 30 years. He is buried at Caberet-Rouge Cemetery in Souchez, northern France and is also commemorated on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London where his surname is misspelt Clark.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GER Magazine August 1915
Railway Roll of Honour

PC W. H. Coe

Great Western Railway
Paddington

PC COE served in the 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment as Private G/52928. He was killed in action on the 28th March 1918 and is buried at Assevillers New British Cemetery, France. In a book prepared for the St. Paul's Memorial Service for those railway workers who died in the Great War, W.H. Coe is referred to as a Great Western Railway Policeman.

Other sources:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

GWR Magazine February 1919 page 26

Imperial War Museum Handbook for the St. Paul's Memorial Service 1919

Photo: 1920/03/58 Assevillers New British Cemetery

Railway Roll of Honour

PC J. CORMACK

North British Railway Police

PC CORMACK was a Private in the army at the time of his death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source: Railway Roll of Honour

PC JAMES CREASE

Great Central Railway Police
Wakefield

PC CREASE was born in Shoreditch, London but lived in Wakefield where he enlisted in the Foot Branch of the Military Police Corps. He was Acting Sergeant P/1213 in the 1st Traffic Control Company at the time of his death on the 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:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Railway Roll of Honour

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Railway Roll of Honour

PC H. DAVIES or DAVIS

Great Western Railway Police
Hockley Goods (Birmingham)

PC DAVIES or DAVIS joined the Great Western Railway Police in 1913. He had previously served in the army for 8 years. He was a Private in the army at the time of his death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

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 the 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 Heestert 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:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
LNWR Magazine December 1918
Railway Roll of Honour

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Railway Roll of Honour

PC HENRY JAMES CONWAY EADES D.C.M.

Great Western Railway Police
Plymouth

Born in Plymouth, the son of Alfred and Ellen Eades, this officer was Private 16840 in the 1st Battalion, Devonshire Regiment and died of wounds on the 1st September 1918 aged 25 years. He is buried at Varennes Military Cemetery, Northern France. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for distinguished conduct in the field. This award was regarded as second only to the Victoria Cross.

The citation for his Distinguished Conduct Medal reads:

“16840 Private HJC Eades (Plymouth)

In company with a non-commissioned officer, he was endeavouring to get in touch with the flank of the battalion when they met the enemy advancing to re-take the positions lost the day before. Pte Eades immediately opened rapid fire on the enemy who became

demoralised and 200 of them surrendered. The courage displayed by this man in the face of overwhelming numbers was of the finest description.” (London Gazette 15.11.1918)

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GWR Magazine Vol. XXX 1918 page 141
London Gazette 15th November 1918 page 13440
Railway Roll of Honour

PC H. EATON

Great Northern Railway Police

PC EATON was born in Bethnal Green, East London where he enlisted into the army. He was Lance Corporal 8704 in the 1st Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment when he was killed in action on the 5th September 1915. He was buried originally in the St. Jean Churchyard, one of 44 soldiers buried there. The churchyard was completely destroyed in later fighting. There are 7,479 burials in Poelcapelle British Cemetery of which 6,230 are unidentified but special memorials commemorate 8 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. PC Eaton is commemorated on one of the St. Jean Churchyard special memorials. He is also commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

DETECTIVE HAROLD GEORGE EBREY

London and North Western Railway Police
Birmingham New Street

DETECTIVE EBREY was born in Shrewsbury the son of Henry and Annie Ebrey, and lived with his wife Amelia at 170, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham. He was Acting Bombardier 31839 in the 9th Battery of the Royal Field Artillery and was killed in action on the 4th February 1916 aged 30 years. He is buried in Bethune Town Cemetery in northern France.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
LNWR Magazine April 1916
Railway Roll of Honour

PC EVAN ELLIS

Bute Dock Police
Cardiff Docks

PC ELLIS left the service of the Bute Dock Police on the 10th April 1915 to enlist into the army. He was Private 1129 in the Welch Guards Regiment when he was killed in action at Loos on the 14th December 1915. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in France and on the Pier Head Building Memorial, Cardiff Bay.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Information supported by grandson John Ellis
Pier Head Building Memorial, Cardiff Bay
Railway Roll of Honour

PC J. EVANS

Great Eastern Railway Police

PC Evans was born c.1859 and entered service of the Great Eastern Railway Police c.1886. He was killed in action on the 25th November 1914. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
GER Magazine
BTPHG PSR2.

PC DAVID HEADLEY FAIR

Midland Railway Police

PC FAIR was born in Galway, Ireland. He was Trooper 2025 in the 1st Life Guards and was killed in action on the 30th October 1914. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

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 commemorated on the London and South West Railway memorial situated at the top of the "Victory Arch" at Waterloo Railway Station, London. Nothing further is known about this officer

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 Gunner RMA/8660 in the Royal Marines Artillery. He was attached to the warship H.M.S. Queen Mary. Built in 1912, this ship had already taken part in several battles and he 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.

He was present at 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 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 Fitzwilliam's body has never been recovered.

He is commemorated on the Naval Memorial on the promenade at Southsea near Portsmouth Hampshire. 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:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

H.M.S. Queen Mary website.

Railway Roll of Honour

PC E. J. FOOT

London and South Western Railway Police

PC FOOT was the son of Mr and Mrs W Foot of Shaftsbury, Dorset. Research shows that he lived and enlisted at Battersea so he was probably a Constable at either Waterloo or Nine Elms. He was Gunner 238241 in "B" Battery, 122nd Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery at the time of his death on 27th August 1918. He is buried at the Gordon Dump Cemetery at Ovillers-La-Boisselle, Somme, France 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:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Railway Roll of Honour

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 Great Eastern Railway Police in 1911. He was Lance-Corporal 11775 in 'D' Company, 9th Battalion the Devonshire Regiment and was killed in action on the 1st July 1916 aged 25 years. 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"

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

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GER Magazine August 1916
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 the 1st November 1914. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium.

Source: Railway

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Roll of Honour

PC W. ERNEST GEATER

Great Eastern Railway Police

PC GEATER was born in Ardwick, Lancashire and joined the Great Eastern Railway Police in May 1906. Enlisting in Walthamstow, London, he re-joined his old regiment, the 3rd Battalion Scots Guards and was promoted to Sergeant 12692. 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 record shows his name as 'E. Geater' and his date of death of 19th May 1918.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GER Magazine October 1918
Railway Roll of Honour

DETECTIVE FREDERICKGOODWIN

London and North Western Railway Police
St. Helens, Lancashire

DETECTIVE GOODWIN was born in Liverpool and lived with his wife Mary in Antonio Street, Bootle, Liverpool, and enlisted in Warrington. He was killed in action, aged 33 years, on the 2nd June 1915 whilst serving as Sergeant 5954 in the 2nd Battalion of the South Lancashire Regiment. He is buried in Hoge Crater Cemetery in Ypres, Belgium.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
LNWR Magazine July 1915
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ALEXANDER GRANT

Midland Railway Police
Derby and possibly St Pancras

PC GRANT was born on the 9th December 1882, probably at Inverness, and joined the Midland Railway Police on the 29th November 1910 serving at Derby. At the outbreak of war PC Grant lived at St. Pancras in London and was probably then working at the nearby station. He was Trooper 3110 in the Royal Horse Guards and died of wounds in England on the 10th December 1918 and is buried at Brompton Cemetery in London.

Source:

BTPHG Nominal Roll
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC JAMES HENRY GRISTWOOD

Midland Railway Police

PC GRISTWOOD was the son of Mr & Mrs Gristwood of Beckton, London and lived with his wife at 472, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London. He had previously served in the Highland Light Infantry prior to joining the Midland Railway Police. He returned to his old regiment and as Sergeant 9148 and was killed in action on the 13th November 1916. He is buried at Redan Ridge Cemetery No 2 in Beaumont Hamel, France.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ALFRED JOSEPH GRUNDY

Great Eastern Railway
Parkston and Stratford

PC GRUNDY was the son of the late Walter and Emily Grundy. He joined the 1st Battalion of the Grenadier Guards and was promoted to Sergeant 11698. He was killed in action on the 29th October 1914 aged 29 years. He is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission record lists his rank as Corporal.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GER Magazine February 1915 Supplement 1
Railway Roll of Honour

PC W. HALL

North British Railway Police

PC HALL was a Private in the army at the time of his death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Railway Roll of Honour

PC JOHN HARRISON

London and South Western Railway Police
Southampton Docks

PC HARRISON joined the Colours as a Private in the army in 1914 and is commemorated on the London and South West Railway memorial situated at the top of the "Victory Arch" at Waterloo Railway Station, London. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Railway Roll of Honour

PC J. H. HARVEY

Midland Railway Police.

Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Railway Roll of Honour

PC H. J. HAYWOOD

London Brighton and South Coast Railway Police

PC HAYWOOD 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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

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. He is commemorated on the London and South West Railway memorial situated at the top of the "Victory Arch" at Waterloo Railway Station, London. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Railway Roll of Honour

PC THOMAS HICKLIN

Midland Railway Police

PC HICKLIN was born and lived in Burton-on-Trent. He was Private 7265 in the 2nd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment when he was killed in action on the 27th October 1914 aged 29 years. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC W. HICKS

Midland Railway Police

PC HICKS was a Private in the army at the time of death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

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.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010
Midland Railway post war commemorative booklet 1920
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ADAM HOGG

North Eastern Railway Police
Tyne Dock.

PC HOGG was born at Silloth, Cumberland and was the son of William and Ester Hogg, and the husband of Mary Hogg of 39 Palatine Street, South Shields. He was Guardsman 5342 in the 1st Battalion Scots Guards and aged 32 years when he was killed on the 6th October 1914 in northern France. He is buried at Vendresse British Cemetery in northern France and is also commemorated on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source: North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour
Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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 1918. He is buried at Premont British Cemetery in northern France.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010
Midland Railway post war commemorative booklet 1920
Railway Roll of Honour

PC WILLIAM JOSEPH HOLLIDAY

Great Western Railway Police
Paddington Goods

PC HOLLIDAY was a Londoner, born in Willesden. He had 8 years' service in the 2nd Battalion Kings Royal Rifles before joining the Great Western Railway Police in 1913. On being recalled to the Colours he joined the 1st Battalion of his old regiment as a Rifleman 5687. He died of wounds on the 14th January 1915 aged 27 years. He is buried at Bethune Town Cemetery in Northern France.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVII 1915 page 61
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVII 1915 page 69 (photograph)
Railway Roll of Honour

PC JOHN HOWARD

London Brighton and South Coast Railway Police

PC HOWARD was Lance Sergeant 1273 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:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Railway Roll of Honour

PC HENRY THOMAS IMBERT

Great Eastern Railway Police

PC IMBERT was the son of Mr and Mrs Imbert of Walthamstow and husband of Rose E Imbert of 48 Lynmouth Road, Walthamstow and had five children. He joined the Great Eastern Railway Police in April 1912 serving at Parkeston Quay. He enlisted in the 2nd Battalion of the Border Regiment as Private 6998. He was killed in action on the 14th October 1914 and is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GER Magazine 1915, January Supplement, PSR2
Railway Roll of Honour

PC GEORGE JAY M.M.

Great Eastern Railway Police
Canning Town

PC JAY was a Londoner born in Hackney and lived in Holloway. He had served 3 years in the GER Police prior to enlisting into the Military Foot Police of the Military Police Corps on the 26th October 1914 as Lance Corporal P/416 and later advanced to Acting Corporal. He was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field on the 14th August 1917 and was killed in action aged 35 years on the 24th March 1918 in Ypres.

On his death a colleague, 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:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GER Magazine July 1918
London Gazette 14th August 1917 page8417
Railway Roll of Honour

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

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll-of Honour

PC F. JORDAN

Midland Railway Police

PC JORDAN was a Private in the army at the time of his death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Railway Roll of Honour

SGT W. KELLY

Midland Railway Police

SGT KELLY was killed in action. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010
Midland Railway post war commemorative booklet
Railway Roll of Honour

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Railway Roll of Honour

PC FREDERICK W. LAVIS

Great Western Railway Police
Plymouth Millbay

PC LAVIS was born in Plymouth, son of Salina Lavis of 30, Cornwall Street, Bere Alston, Devon, PC Lavis joined Great Western Railway Police in September 1912. He was Corporal 10418 in the 8th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment and killed in action on the 7th May 1916 aged 21 years. He is buried at the Citadel New Military Cemetery, Fricourt, Somme, France. The Railway Roll of Honour shows his name as W. F. Lavis and his rank as 'Platform Policeman'

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVIII (1916) page 169
Railway Roll of Honour

PC CLIFFORD LAURENCE LEARNER

Great Northern Railway Police

PC LEARNER was born in Holborn London. He was killed in action on the 5th December 1914 when Private 3/8926 in the 1st Battalion of the Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres and also on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC CHARLES GORVIN LEWIS

Great Western Railway Police
Plymouth Docks

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

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVI (1914) page 312
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVII (1915) page 19 (photograph)
Railway Roll of Honour

PC WILLIAM EDWARD LIGHT

North East Railway Police
Newcastle

PC LIGHT was the son of Edward and Sarah Light of Parkstone, Dorset. He served at Newcastle in the North East Railway Police. He enlisted into the 1st Battalion, 'D' Company, Dorsetshire Regiment as Private 6753. He was killed in action on the 12th October 1914 and is remembered on the Le Touret Memorial.

Source:

NER Magazine Jan 1915 page 16
Railway Roll of Honour

PC H.J. LOUGHLIN

Great Western Railway Police

Nothing further is known about this officer.

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 and was killed in action on 31st July 1917. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

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 191736 in "Y" Anti-Aircraft Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery and died of wounds on the 29th October 1918. He is buried at Ramillies British Cemetery near Cambrai in Northern France. He is also 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

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

PC S. MACE

Great Northern Railway Police

PC MACE was a Private in the army when he died. He is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the Booking Office at Kings Cross Station. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Railway Roll of Honour

Detective HAROLD MACHIN

London and North Western Railway Police

DETECTIVE MACHIN was born in Walsall on the 5th November 1889. He joined LNWR Police on the 10th October 1912 serving at Stockport. He was Lance Corporal P/1255 in the Foot Branch of the Military Police Corps when he died on the 17th August 1916 aged 26 years. The Commonwealth War Grave Commission record is unusual in that it records he was a Railway Policeman. He is buried at Rycroft Cemetery in Walsall.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Railway Roll of Honour

PC ALBERT EDWARD MARTIN

London and North Western Railway Police

Broad Street, London

PC MARTIN was born in Deptford, London and enlisted at Rotherhythe as Gunner 130182 in the 15th Siege Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery and was killed on the 24th September 1917. He is buried at Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery in northern France.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

LNWR Magazine November 1917

Railway Roll of Honour

PC ALFRED ARTHUR MARTIN

Great Eastern Railway Police
London

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

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GER Magazine January 1916
Railway Roll of Honour

SGT CHARLES STEWART McKIMMIE

Midland Railway Police
Manchester

SGT. McKIMMIE lived in Manchester with his wife and three young children. After enlisting he was advanced to the rank of Sergeant Major 1708 in the 4th (Wessex) Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. He died in India on the 1st October 1915 and is buried in the Bangalore (Hosur Road) Cemetery, India.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC WALTER R. J. MEAKIN

Midland Railway Police
Nottingham

PC MEAKIN was born in Derby on the 6th May 1880 and was a married man with four young children. He lived and worked as a cabman in the city. On the 2nd August 1907 he joined the Midland Railway Police and stationed in Nottingham. He joined the army at the outset of the war being recruited into the 17th Lancers on the 7th September 1914 as a Trooper. He later transferred to the Royal Irish Rifles as a Rifleman 5082. He died on 22nd January 1917 and is buried at the Berks Cemetery Extension in Belgium.

Source:

British Transport Police Archives
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Railway Roll of Honour

PC E. MILLER

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Police

PC MILLER had been stationed at Wyre Dock with the L&SRP. He was Private 8331 in the 1st King's Own Royal Lancashire Regiment and died on the 16th November 1914. He is buried in the Lille Southern Cemetery in France

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Roll of Honour (1915)

Railway Roll of Honour

DETECTIVE HERBERT EDWARD BOWEN MILLER

Great Western Railway Police

Paddington

DETECTIVE MILLER was the son of Thomas and Agnes Miller of 170, Crickdale Road, Swindon. He was Private 26929 in the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards and died of wounds on 28th September 1917 aged 24. He is buried at the St Sever Cemetery (Extension), Near Rouen, Northern France. The Railway Roll of Honour shows his name as "MILLAR"

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

GWR Magazine Vol. XXX 1918 page 10

Railway Roll of Honour

PC JAMES MULHERIN

North East Railway Police

Hull Docks

PC MULHERIN was the son of Martin and Mary Mulherin (nee Tolan) born in Ballina, Co. Mayo. He served 11 years in the police at Hull Docks before he joined the Royal Navy Reserve at HMS Victory [RN Minesweepers] as Deck Hand 11026/DA. He was killed in action on 21st October 1918 and is buried at Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery. The Commonwealth War Grave Commission record shows him as served 11 years with Hull Police.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

NER Magazine December 1919 page 210

Railway Roll of Honour

PC W. MUNSON

Midland Railway Police

PC MUNSON died of wounds. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010
Midland Railway post war commemorative booklet
Railway Roll of Honour

PC JOHN MURRAY

Midland Railway Police
Toton Sidings, Derbyshire

PC MURRAY was born near Athlone, Ireland in August 1880. He joined the Royal Marine Light Infantry rising to the rank of Corporal and 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 the 22nd November 1911 with the collar number 251. The following year he moved to Toton Sidings. On the 5th August 1914 he re-joined his regiment and was attached to the 3rd Battalion, becoming a Sergeant and keeping his old regimental number 7985. In November 1914 he was wounded on the left side of his head whilst at Ypres. He was transferred to Cork Hospital but died of his wounds on 20th 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.

Sources:

British Transport Police Archive Record.
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC A. H. NEWBERRY

Midland Railway Police

PC NEWBERRY was killed in action. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010
Midland Railway post war commemorative booklet
Railway Roll of Honour

PC JOSEPH NEWBOLD

Midland Railway Police
Birmingham

PC NEWBOLD was born in Derby on the 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 the 12th January 1912. In 2 years of service he received five

commendations for arresting thieves. On 5th August 1914, with many of his colleagues, he re-joined the Colours and was killed in action on the 1st November 1914. He has no known grave but is commemorated on Panel 15 of the Quesnoy-Sur Deule Memorial at the Caberet-Rouge British Cemetery in Souchez, Northern France

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC FRANK OUNSWORTH
North Eastern Railway Police
Gateshead

PC OUNSWORTH was from Hull and was Sergeant 4605 in the Royal Army Medical Corps attached to the 1st Station Hospital. He died on the 20th May 1917 aged 32 years. He is buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension near Rouen, France. Rouen, although many miles from the Front Line, was the site of about 15 hospitals for the duration of the war. He 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:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC JOHN ARTHUR RAPER
North Eastern Railway Police
Hull

PC RAPER was the son of Walter and Elizabeth Raper of The Brickyard, Escrick, York. He served as Lance Sergeant 9323 in the 1st Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers. He was killed in action on the 21st July 1916 aged 38 years. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial in the Somme, France and also on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC PETER ALEXANDER STEWARD 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 and was killed in action on the 24th August 1918 and is buried at Croisilles British Cemetery.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC WILLIAM HODGSON REED

North Eastern Railway Police
Hull

PC REED was born in Yorkshire and lived and enlisted in Hull. He was Lance Corporal P/3507 in the Foot Police branch of the Military Police Corps attached to the D/A.P.M. (Ypres). He was killed on the 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:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC S. RIDGEWAY

Midland Railway Police

PC RIDGEWAY died of wounds. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010
Midland Railway post war commemorative booklet
Railway Roll of Honour

PC NORMAN RIGBY

Great Western Railway Police
Paddington

PC RIGBY was from Burnley, Lancashire and 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. He was killed in action aged 31 years on the 14th May 1916. He is buried at Vermelles British Cemetery, near Lens, Northern France.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GWR Magazine Vol. XXVIII (1916) page 98 (photograph)
Railway Roll of Honour

PC J. RILEY

Glasgow and South Western Railway

PC RILEY was a Private in the army at the time of his death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Railway Roll of Honour

PC JOSEPH ROBINS

Midland Railway Police
Worcester

PC ROBINS was born on the 6th October 1872 in Gloucestershire. He was married to Eliza Catherine Robins and lived in Cambridge, Gloucester. In 1911, after 21 years' service in the Royal Marine Artillery, he joined the Midland Railway Police at Birmingham with the collar number 233 and a month after joining he transferred to Worcester Station. On the 3rd August 1914 he was re-called to the Colours as a Corporal RMA/4190 at the Royal Marines Artillery Headquarters at Eastney, Hampshire. Shortly after re-joining he contracted Spotted Fever (a type of tick-borne disease) and died on 31st January 1915 aged 41 years. He is buried at in the "New Ground" of Slimbridge (St. John the Evangelist) Churchyard, Gloucestershire.

Source:

British Transport Police Archives Record
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC CHARLES FREDERICK RUTLAND

Great Central Railway Police

PC RUTLAND was born, lived and probably stationed at Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire. He was married and lived at Burt's Lane, Long Crendon, Nr. Thame, Oxen. He was Sergeant 42686 in the 121st Battery of the Royal Field Artillery. He was killed in action on 21st April 1918 aged 30 years and is buried at Morbecque British Cemetery, France.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ALFRED SCOTT

North Eastern Railway Police
Sunderland

PC SCOTT was born in Hendon, Sunderland, the son of Peter and Margaret Scott and the husband of Ethel Scott who at the time of his death lived at 11 Cheshunt Road, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, North London. He was Company Quartermaster Sergeant 5184 in the 1 Battalion, Coldstream Guards and was killed on the 23rd August 1918 aged 36 years. He is buried at Douchy-Les-Ayette British Cemetery between Arras and Amiens in northern France. He is also commemorated on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC H. SEAMAN

Great Eastern Railway Police

PC SEAMAN was serving in one of the armed services at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Railway Roll of Honour

PC A.A. SENDALL

Great Eastern Railway Police

PC SENDALL entered service of the GER Police in 1888 and served for 26 years before resigning in 1914 in order to enlist. His service to the country did not last long for he was killed in action on the 16th October 1914.

SOURCE:

British Transport Police History Group PSR2

GER Magazine January 1915 page 34

Railway Roll of Honour

PC JAMES WILLIAM SHEPLEY

Great Northern Railway Police

PC SHEPLEY was born in Weelock, Chester and enlisted as Guardsman 11626 in the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards. He died of wounds on the 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:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Railway Roll of Honour

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. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Railway Roll-of-Honour

PC F. SMITH

Bute Dock Police

Cardiff Docks

PC SMITH was a Corporal in the army at the time of his death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC T. SMITH

London and North West Railway Police

PC SMITH was a Private in the army at the time of his death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:
Railway Roll of Honour

PC WILLIAM HENRY SPARKS

Midland Railway Police
Leeds

PC SPARKS was born in Yeovil Somerset on 25th March 1888. From 1906 to 1914 he served as Private 7697 in the 2nd Battalion 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 with the collar number 208. He served just three months in the force before re-joining the 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment at the outbreak of war in August 1914 as Private 7697. He was killed in action on the 19th December 1914 and is buried at Lancashire Cottage Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium.

Source:
British Transport Police Archive Record
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC WILLIAM STEWART

North British Railway

PC STEWART had served in the Cameron Highlanders throughout the Boer War. He was married man, living with his wife in Wellesley Road Methil. He joined the North British Railway Police and was stationed at Methil. He re-enlisted with his old regiment at the outbreak of hostilities as Private S/74 in the 1st Battalion when he was posted missing from the 3rd September 1916 and was presumed to have been killed in action

SOURCE:
British Newspaper Archive: Evening Telegraph 13.10.1916 (BTPHG Ref: NA294)
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC FREDERICK RICHARD STIEBER

Great Western Railway Police
Paddington Goods

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

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

GWR Magazine Vol. XXVIII (1916) page 231

GWR Magazine Vol. XXVIII (1916) page 257 (photograph)

PC B. STOKES

Great East Railway Police

PC STOKES served as a Constable and was a Private in the army at the time of his death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Railway Roll of Honour

PC P. SULLIVAN

London, Brighton & South Coast Railway Police

PC SULLIVAN served as a Constable. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source: Railway Roll of Honour

PC A. H. SUMMERS

Midland Railway Police

PC Summers was killed in action. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Information from Viv Head and Bob Butcher August 2010

Midland Railway post war commemorative booklet

Railway Roll of Honour

PC ERNEST TARGETT

London and South West Railway Police

PC TARGETT was born in Wales the son of Mr & Mrs Edward Targett and husband of Mary Hilda Targett of 8 Portland Street, Fareham, Hampshire. He was Corporal 356441 in the 15th (Service) Battalion Hampshire Regiment when he died on the 20th September 1917 aged 31years. He is buried in Ypres Reservoir Cemetery in Belgium and is commemorated

on the London and South West Railway memorial situated at the top of the "Victory Arch" at Waterloo Railway Station, London.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC PERCY ATHUR 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 Lance Corporal 16442 in the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards and died on the 30th November 1917 aged 25 years. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial in France and also on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
North Eastern Railway Roll of Honour
Railway Roll of Honour

PC CHARLES TAYLOR

Midland Railway Police

PC TAYLOR lived with his wife Ethel May at 51 Holmes Street, Derby. He joined the Midland Railway Police in 1901 and was probably stationed at Derby until he left in 1915 to enlist into the army. As Private 31863 in the 10th (Shropshire & Cheshire Yeomanry) Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry he was killed in action on the 22nd August 1918 aged 42 years. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial Panel in France.

SOURCE:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ARTHUR TULEY

North Eastern Railway Police

PC TULEY was born in Thornwaite, Yorkshire. He enlisted as Private S/12049 in the 6th Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders. He was killed on the 23rd March 1918 aged 30 years but has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial in northern France.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

DETECTIVE HAROLD EDWARD VOYCE

London Brighton and South Coast Railway

DETECTIVE VOYCE was born on the 25th November 1881 in Birmingham and lived with his wife Eleanor at West Hill, Sanderstead, Surrey. He served in the army in the Boer War before joining the LB&SRC Railway Police on the 5th July 1906 and was probably stationed at Croydon or Redhill. Whilst serving as a Private 2766 in the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards he was killed in action on the 21st December 1914. He has no known grave but is commemorated 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:

Ancestry Railway Records
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC ALBERT GEORGE WALKER

Midland Railway Police
Leicester

PC 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. He re-joined his regiment on 5th August 1914 and placed in the 3rd Battalion with his old regimental number. He was one of the first casualties of the war as later the same month he was reported as being 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:

British Transport Police Archive Record
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC FRANK WALLEY M.M.

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. He joined the LNWR in 1909 and transferred to the police on the 20th February 1910. He served at Liverpool Lime Street Station as PC 14. He enlisted firstly into the King's Shropshire Light Infantry but was later transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps attached to the 16th Field Ambulance attached to the Shropshire Light Infantry. As Lance Corporal (Acting Corporal) 33180 in the Royal Army Medical Corps he was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field on the 2nd August 1918. He was killed in action on the 18th September 1918 aged 25 years. He is buried at Trefcon British Cemetery, Caulaincourt, France and also commemorated on a wooden memorial board on the east wall inside the Church of St. Jude, Tilstone Fearnall, Cheshire.

Source:

British Transport Police Archive Record
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
London Gazette 2nd August 1918

Railway Roll of Honour

PC WILLIAM HENRY WATTS

Great Western Railway Police
Cardiff

PC WATTS was the son of William and Ellen Watts of 27 Lyndhurst Street, Canton, Cardiff. He served with the Great Western Railway Police in Cardiff prior to 1915 when he enlisted in the Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). He was Corporal 99853 when he was killed in action on the 2nd November 1918, aged 22, less than two weeks before the armistice. He is buried at Preseau Communal Cemetery Extension in France.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GWR Magazine Vol. XXXI (1919) page 26
GWR Casualty list
Railway Roll of Honour
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PC A. WEDGE

London and North West Railway Police

PC WEDGE was a Private in the army at the time of his death. Nothing further is known about this officer.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC WILLIAM McKENZIE WELLS

Midland Railway Police
Poplar

PC 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 he joined the Midland Railway Police at St. Pancras Goods Yard and in 1912 he transferred to Poplar in east London. On the outbreak of war he re-joined his old regiment, in Edinburgh, retaining his former service number. He was killed in action on the 23rd October 1914 at the Battle of Aisne in northern France. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium.

Source:

British Transport Police Archive Record
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

PC FREDERICK CHARLES WILLCOCKS

Lee Conservancy (Canal) Police

PC WILLCOCKS was the son of the late William Henry Willocks and Harriet Willocks (nee Nankivell) of 32 Pentyre Terrace, Lipson, Plymouth. It is probable that he served in the Merchant Marine before joining the police as he was re-called to the Colours in 1914. Whilst serving in the Merchant Marine as the Boatswain on the liner *SS Minnehaha*, he was killed when his vessel was sunk by the German U Boat U-48 off the Fastnet on the 7th September 1917. He is commemorated on the Merchant Marine memorial at Tower Hill, London.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Tower Hill Memorial, London
1911 census

PC WILLIAM HENRY WILSON

Great Eastern Railway Police
Liverpool Street

PC WILSON was the son of Thomas and Emma Wilson of 25 Halidon Street, Homerton, North London. He joined the GER Police in 1912 and 18 months later he enlisted in the 1st Battalion Queens Own (West Kent) Regiment. He was killed in action on 23rd August 1914 aged 29 years. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial near the River Marne east of Paris and also on the Great Eastern Railway Memorial on the upper level of Liverpool Street Station, London. His brother had been killed in action earlier.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
GER Magazine December 1914
Railway Roll of Honour

PC EDWARD GEORGE WISE

London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Police

PC WISE was born in Twickenham c.1878. He was Private 3950 in the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards when died of wounds on the 26th October 1914. He has no known grave but he is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate), Ypres, Belgium; London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Memorials situated at Brighton Railway Station, Sussex, and on the Central (Sussex) Concourse of Victoria Railway Station, London and on the concourse at London Bridge Station.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour
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P.C. THOMAS HENRY WITCHER

Midland Railway Police
Sheffield

PC WITCHER was born in Andover, Hampshire and between 1906 and January 1914 served as Private 7681 in the 2nd Battalion Hampshire Regiment. He saw service in South Africa and Mauritius and on leaving his character was described as "very good". On 7th August 1914 he joined the Midland Railway Police at Sheffield with the collar number 211. 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 and attached to the 1st Battalion retaining his old number. He was killed in action in Flanders on 3rd November 1914. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium.

Sources:

British Transport Police Archive Record
Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Railway Roll of Honour

P.C. SAMUEL WORMALD

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Police
Manchester (Victoria Station)

PC WORMALD was the son of Tom and Margaret Hannah (nee Hainsworth) Wormald of 25 Oliver Street, Bradford and was a constable at Victoria Station Manchester. He was Rifleman 7226 in the 2nd Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps when he was killed in action on the 14th September 1914 aged 28 years. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial at Seine-et-Marne in France. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records he served with the 2nd Battalion and died on the 17th September 1914 but the L&Y Roll of Honour has him as being in the 3rd Battalion and died on 14th September 1914. Such minor discrepancies are not uncommon.

Source:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission
Glen Hopkins (Manchester Historian) and Richard Stacpoole-Ryding research
Lancashire & Yorkshire Roll of Honour 1915
Railway Roll of Honour

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