

**BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE HISTORY GROUP
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**RAILWAY, DOCK & CANAL OFFICERS
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918**

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DETECTIVE GEORGE EDWARD ASTLEY

London and North Western Railway Police
Liverpool Lime Street

DETECTIVE ASTLEY was born on the 4th April 1892 at Llanfair Montgomeryshire, the son of Pryce and Annie Astley. He enlisted in the army between June and July 1917 and was Guardsman 4046 in the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards. He was killed in action on the 27th March 1918 aged 26 years. He is buried at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Arras, France, Plot VI. Row G. Grave 24. His parents had the inscription 'Till The Day Breaks' placed on his headstone.

PC GEORGE ALFRED BARKER

North Eastern Railway Police
Newcastle

PC BARKER was born in 1891 at Newington, Hull, the son of George and Rachel Barker of Anlaby Common, Hull. In March 1917 he married Mary Elizabeth Sampson and lived at 16, Charles Street, Heaton, Newcastle with their son George. He was killed in action on the 4th July 1918 whilst serving as Gunner 906400 in the 96th Brigade Royal Field Artillery aged 27 years. He is buried at Esquelbecq Military Cemetery, Nord, France, Plot III. Row C. Grave 6. His wife had the inscription 'Forever With The Lord' placed on his headstone. He is also commemorated on the North Eastern Railway Memorial, Station Road, York.

PC ALBERT HENRY BARNES

North Eastern Railway Police
York

PC BARNES was born in 1887 at Seamer, Yorkshire. Before the war he served in the East Yorkshire Regiment as Private 7804 enlisting between 1905 and 1905 serving as Musician in the 2nd Battalion. He was placed on the Reserve List when discharged. He was called up when war broke out and re-enlisted at Scarborough with his old regiment retaining his regimental number and rank and posted to the 1st Battalion. He landed with the BEF in France on the 8th September 1914 and was in action almost immediately. He was killed in action on the 28th October 1914 aged 27 years and has no known grave. He is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut in Belgium on Panel 4. He is also commemorated on the North Eastern Railway Memorial in Station Road, York.

PC PETER FRANCIS BARTLE

Great Central Railway Police
Grimsby

PC BARTLE was born on the 9th August 1882 at Bradford, Yorkshire the son of George and Emily Bartle. Before the war he served in the Coldstream Guards as Guardsman 7009 enlisting between 1906 and 1907 and was placed on the Reserve List when discharged. He was called up when war broke out and re-enlisted at Grimsby with his old regiment retaining his regimental number and rank and posted to the 3rd Battalion. He landed with the BEF in France on the 12th August 1914. He died of wounds he received in action on the 2nd February 1915 aged 33 years. He is buried in the Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais in France Plot III. Row B. Grave 75.

PC ARTHUR BAXTER

Midland Railway Police
Burton on Trent

PC BAXTER was born on the 31st October 1881 in Tamworth, Staffordshire the son of Richard and Emily Baxter. Between 1901 and 1902 he worked for the Midland Railway at Birmingham as a Carriage washer and then a Lampman. While there he lodged with George Jarvis a Midland Railway Police at Birmingham. Between 1902 and 1903 he enlisted in the Coldstream Guards as Guardsman 4635 and was placed on the Reserve List when discharged. When war broke out he was called up and re-enlisted with his old regiment retaining his regimental number and rank and posted to the 3rd Battalion. He landed with the BEF in France on the 26th August 1914. He was advanced to Lance Corporal and was killed in action on the 28th October 1914 at Rentel in Belgium aged 34 years. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium on Panel II and on the Midland Railway Memorial, Midland Road, Derby

PC JOHN HUMPHREY BEDDIS

Midland Railway Police
Sheffield and probably Derby

PC BEDDIS was born in 1892 in Derby the son of Charles and Esther Beddis of 46, Bloomfield Street, Derby. Between 1910 and 1911 he enlisted in the Grenadier Guards as Guardsman 14939 in the 2nd Battalion, and was placed on the Reserve List when discharged. When war broke out he was called up and re-enlisted with his old regiment and battalion retaining his regimental number and rank. He landed with the BEF in France on the 27th August 1914. He was killed in action on the 12th October 1915 aged 22 years. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in France on Panel 5 to 7 and also on the Midland Railway Memorial, Midland Road, Derby.

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.

PC WILLIAM JOHN BERRETT

Great Western Railway Police
Hockley Goods (Birmingham)

PC BERRETT was born in 1894 at Overton, Hampshire, the son of William and Ellen Berrett of 195, Pucknell, near Romsey, Hampshire. In early 1915 he enlisted in the army at Birmingham as Private 13054 in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry was almost immediately transferred to the Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's) as Private 17593 and posted to the 6th Battalion. He landed with the BEF in France on the 8th September 1915. On the 12th or 13th September 1916 he was wounded and moved to Etaples Military Hospital where died from his wounds aged 22 years. He was buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, France Plot X. Row D. Grave 6. His parents had the inscription 'To Memory Ever Dear' placed on his headstone. He is also commemorated on the war memorial at Micheldever, Hampshire.

PC FRANK VICTOR BEWSEY M.M.

Great Northern Railway Police

PC BEWSEY was born in 1891 at Dulwich SE London, the son of Mr Albert Edward and Mrs Clara Bewsey of 11, Silvester Road, East Dulwich, London SE22. In 1909 he was a Gunner (Cook) in the Berkshire Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery (Territorial Force). On the outbreak of war he was called up and enlisted in London as Acting Bombadier 47367 in the Royal Horse Artillery and attached to 'K' Battery 15th Brigade and landed with his unit in France on the 6th October 1914. He was later transferred to 'A' Battery 50th Brigade. He took part in numerous battles and actions including Ypres, Hill 60, Loos, Arras and Paschendale. He was advanced to Sergeant and awarded the Military Medal on the 17th July 1917 for bravery in the field at Arras. He was killed in action at St Julien on the 15th November 1917 aged 26 years. 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 Row E. Grave 12 and is commemorated on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial near the travel centre at Kings Cross Station, London.

PC HARRY BILTON

North East Railway Police

Hull Docks

PC BILTON was born in 1884 at Sculcoates, Hull, Yorkshire the son of John Bilton of Little Weighton, Hull. He married a girl named Agnes and they lived at 6, Victoria Road, Beverley, Hull. At the outbreak of war he enlisted at Beverley as Private 27069 in the East Yorkshire Regiment. He was later transferred to the York and Lancashire Regiment where he was Sergeant 39948 and posted to the 6th Battalion. He was killed in action on the 27th August 1917 aged 33 years. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium Panels 125 to 128.

PC SIDNEY GEORGE BOURN

Great Western Railway Police
Paddington

PC BOURN was born in 1888 at Swainswick, near Bath, Somerset the son of John and Susan Bourn of 28, Myrtle Road, Acton, London. He was a career soldier having enlisted in the Army Medical Corp and discharged as unsatisfactory he went on to enlist in the 7th Battalion Royal Fusiliers and later transferring to the Rifle Brigade on the 10th July 1905 in London and was posted to the 4th Battalion.

During his service he was posted to Malta in 1906 with the 2nd Battalion then to India in 1907 where he remained until the 11th July 1912 when he was discharged at Kulanda and placed on the Reserve List. He returned to England and joined the Great Western Railway Police in June 1913 and was posted to Paddington Station, London. When war broke out he was called up and re-enlisted with his old regiment retaining his regimental number and rank and posted to the 5th Battalion. He was later posted to the 1st Battalion and landed with the BEF in France on the 22nd August 1914. He was wounded on the 3rd January 1915 in the left thigh and was returned to England for treatment at the 3rd London General Hospital in London on the 22 January and remained there for 27 days. He was then on convalescence until the 26th May 1915 when he joined his regiment and battalion in Belgium. In July 1915 he was once again wounded and died from these wounds on the 7th July aged 28 years. He is buried at Ferme-Olivier Cemetery in Belgium Plot 1. Row K. Grave 9. His parents had the inscription 'In Loving Memory Of My Dead Son' placed on his headstone.

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, London. Nothing further is known about this officer.

PC ROBERT BRITT

Great Northern Railway Police

PC BRITT was born in 1880 at Camberwell, London, the son of Robert and Catherine Britt. He joined the Great Northern Railway Police and was probably worked in Liverpool. In 1916 he enlisted at Seaforth, Liverpool into the Liverpool Regiment as Private 23205 and posted to the 12th Battalion. He was later transferred to the 8th Battalion of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment as Private 28951 and 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 France Panel 19 and 20 and also on the Great Northern Railway War Memorial at Kings Cross Station London.

PC W.A. BROOKBANK

Great Central Railway Police
Grimsby Docks

PC BROOKBANK was born in 1891 at Kings Lynn, Norfolk, the son of William Alfred and Eliza Frances Brookbank. In 1906 he worked for the Great Central Railway at Immingham but after three years decided to join the army. On the 15th November 1909 he enlisted as a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery and posted to the 150th Battery at Topsham Artillery Barracks, Heavitree, Devon. He was discharged in November 1912 and placed on the Reserve List. He then joined the Great Central Railway Police in 1913 and posted to Grimsby Docks. When war broke out he was called up and in August 1914 at Grimsby re-enlisted with his old regiment as Gunner 59920 with A Battery 153rd Brigade and remained on home service. On the 4th July 1915 he married Eliza Clarke in Grimsby. On the 24th September 1915 he landed with the BEF in France with his Battery. Over the following two years he was advanced in the ranks and became a Sergeant. In March 1916 he returned to England on leave for a short while and returned to France. On the 6th January 1917 he had a son born named William Alfred Dennis who died later on the 1st July 1918. On the 5th December 1917 he was killed in action at Cambrai aged 26 years. His commanding officer, Major Vernon Fitch, wrote the following to his widow. " He died at his post of duty, fighting the gun like the brave soldier he was. The battery was responding to the S.O.S. call, which means the artillery are saving the lives of the infantry in front, even at the sacrifice of their own. Sergt. Brookbank will be sadly missed in the battery, whilst personally, I greatly deplore and grieve for the loss of such a gallant and efficient No.1." The Chaplain attached to the Battery sent the following words. "...Your husband was a brave soldier, and his loss is deplored by both the officers and men of his battery." He is buried at Hermies Hill British Cemetery in France Plot1. Row C. Grave 18. His wife had the inscription placed on his headstone 'In The Midst Of Life, We Are In Death. R.I.P.'

PC ARTHUR BROWN

North Eastern Railway Police
Gateshead

PC BROWN was born in 1892 in York. In 1911 he was working as a general labourer but later joined the NER Police and was posted to Gateshead where lived with his wife Winifred at 34, Ellison Street, West Gateshead. When war broke out he enlisted at York in the Royal Field Artillery as Gunner 48853 and posted to the 65th Battery. He landed in France with his battery on the 19th August 1914 and were moved to Belgium. He was killed in action on the 7th December 1914 aged 24 years. He is buried Dranoutre Military Cemetery firstly in grave reference P.3.R 'A'. Grave 7. In 1923 his body was exhumed and re-interred in the same cemetery in Plot II. Row K. Grave 17. His wife had the following inscription placed on his headstone 'Not Done. But Gone Before'. He is also commemorated on the North East Railway War Memorial in York.

PC REGINALD VICTOR BRUNDISH

Great Eastern Railway Police
Norwich

PC BRUNDISH was born in 1881 at Horning Nr. Norfolk, the son of John Edgar and Ruth Brundish. In 1900 he enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery as Gunner 6942 and was discharged in 1910 and placed on the Reserve List. In March 1910 he joined the Great Eastern Railway Police and was stationed at Norwich and in the following year he moved to Stratford, London and lived as a boarder locally. He married Jessie Mabel White in Norfolk on the 24th March 1911 and possibly moved back to Norfolk to live and work. When war broke out he was called up and re-enlisted under his old number but with the rank of Bombadier and placed in the Royal Field Artillery and attached to the 35th Division (Ammunition Column). He landed in France with his unit on the 6th October 1914. During his time with his unit he held acting ranks of Bombadier and Corporal. It is not known whether he was wounded or contracted a disease whilst on the western front but he returned to England during 1916 and sent to Northampton Military Hospital. On the 11th July 1916 he died in the Northampton Military Hospital aged 35 years. He is buried at Norwich City Cemetery in Row 27. Grave 242. He is also commemorated on the Great Eastern Railway War Memorial in Liverpool Street Station (Upper Level), London.

PC FRANK BUTCHER

Midland Railway Police
Bradford

PC BUTCHER was born on the 25th November 1885 in Warley, Essex, the son of Herbert and Elizabeth Butcher of 24, Longfellow Road, Walthamstow, Essex. In 1901 he was a kitchen boy in a local hotel and between 1905 and 1906 he enlisted in the Essex Regiment as Private 8440 and in 1911 was serving in India with his regiment. He was discharged in 1913 and placed on the Reserve List. On the 18th April 1913 he joined the Midland Railway Police. When war broke out he was called up and re-enlisted at Warley, Essex with his old regiment retaining his old regimental number and advanced to the rank of Lance Corporal and posted to the 2nd Battalion. He landed in France with his regiment on the 22nd August 1914. On the 1st May 1917 he was killed in action aged 32 years. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras War Memorial Bay 7. He is also commemorated on the Midland Railway War Memorial in Derby.

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.

PC T. CAMPBELL

North British Railway Police

Nothing further is known about this officer.

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.

PC H. E. CARNELL

Midland Railway Police

Nothing further is known about this officer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

PC W. CLARK

Great Central Railway Police
Immingham Docks

Nothing further is known about this officer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Hooge Crater Cemetery in Ypres, Belgium.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

PC J. H. HARVEY

Midland Railway Police.

Nothing further is known about this officer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SGT W. KELLY

Midland Railway Police

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

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.

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 21years. 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'

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.

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.

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.

PC H.J. LOUGHLIN

Great Western Railway Police

Nothing further is known about this officer.

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.

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".

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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"

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.

PC W. MUNSON

Midland Railway Police

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

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.

PC A. H. NEWBERRY

Midland Railway Police

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

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

PC FRANK OUNSWORTH

North Eastern Railway Police
Gateshead

PC OUNSWORTH and 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.

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.

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.

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.

PC S. RIDGEWAY

Midland Railway Police

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

PC P. SULLIVAN

London, Brighton & South Coast Railway Police

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

PC A. H. SUMMERS

Midland Railway Police

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

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 31 years. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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