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1916 4 March West Surrey Times - Guildford Borough -Attested men war tribunal appeals- Application was made by Captain Saint for the exemption of PC's Cox, Hainsworth, Brant and Hornblow attached to the County Police Station Guildford (all single men). It was said the County Constabulary seemed to be doing all they could to retain the men, whereas the borough authorities were doing all they could to release them. Exemption was granted for as long as the certificate holds good.

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1917 The three constables to join the army were PC'S Cox, Hornblow (the PC'S who offered blood for a dying soldier) and Brant. PC Hainsworth, who married in April 1917, joined the Grenadier Guards on 20th April 1918.

Superintendent Stanley Digance Cox

1914 Surrey Constabulary

May 1917 Royal Garrison Artillery

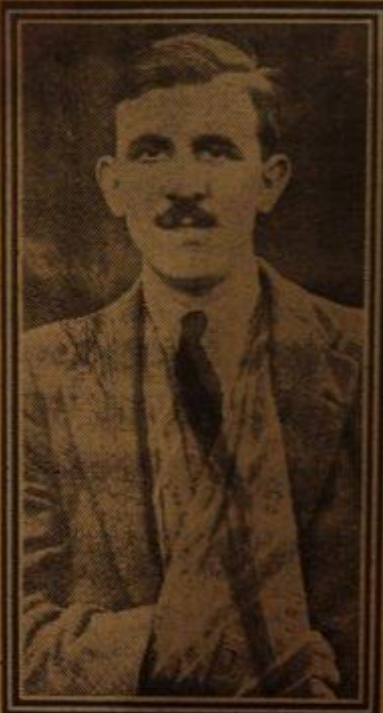
1919 12 May Rejoined Surrey Constabulary

Retired September 1944 died 25 January 1955



October 9, 1916, Daily Mirror the following press cutting seen by the editor in an exhibition to the missing in Peronné on the Somme in 2012. Blood transfusion was still being developed. Why this press cutting was on display is not now known as PC Cox survived and returned to the Surrey Constabulary.

GAVE BLOOD



Police Constable S. Cox, of Guildford, who gave three-quarters of a pint of his blood, which was transfused to a young soldier.

THIS TWIN BROTHERS DIE SIDE BY SIDE. GAVE BLOOD TH



Frank Dindoff.



Herbert Dindoff.

Frank and Herbert Dindoff, aged twenty-one, the only sons of a widow living in Brighton, were killed by the same shell. They were devotedly attached to one another, and their careers were unusually closely associated. They were educated together, entered the same employment together, joined the Sussex Regiment together, and went together to the front, where they were simultaneously transferred to another regiment. Both were over 6ft. in height.



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BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

Guildford Constable's Manly Act.

An operation which was voluntarily undergone this week by Police-Constable S. Cox, of Guildford, deserves public recognition. It appears that it was necessary to amputate the shattered leg of a young soldier in Clandon Park Hospital, but his vitality was too low to enable him to receive an anæsthetic.

Dr. H. B. Butler decided that the only way to save his patient's life was by the transfusion of blood from a healthy young man. He accordingly sought the aid of the County Police, and two strong young members of the force—Police-Constables Hornblow and Cox — expressed their willingness to undergo the ordeal. They decided to toss for what they rightly deemed to be an act of duty, and the spin of the coin went in Mr. Cox's favour.

Later in the day three-quarters of a pint of blood was taken from his arm and pumped, while it was still hot, into that of the wounded soldier. The two patients lay side by side on the operating table, and the constable chatted to the young soldier to keep his spirits up. The next day the soldier's leg was amputated, and he is now making good progress. P.C. Cox carries his arm in a sling, but he is little the worse for his plucky act.

A story of magnificent self-sacrifice from Guildford.¹

Sometimes when you want to settle who shall have the first innings at cricket or the first move at draughts, you "toss up" but what would you say if I asked you to toss up to decide who should give me a pint of his or her blood? you wouldn't very keen about that would you? Yet I have read a true story this week about two Surrey policemen who cried "heads and tails" to settle who should be tapped of a pint of blood.

"I suppose it was the loser who had to pay" I expect you will say. No, it was the winner who gave blood, and he really wanted to be bled, as did the other policeman, for they wished to save the life of a brave soldier who had been wounded in the leg. But let me tell you the whole story. There was at Guildford Hospital in Surrey a young soldier who must have his leg cut off, if his

¹ An editorial from Leicester Chronicle 14th October 1916

life was to be saved but he was so weak that the doctor dared not risk the operation. He didn't know what to do, but at last he thought, "If I could put into this soldier's body some strong healthy blood he might be saved" Then he went to the Surrey Police Station and asked if there was a man who would sacrifice his blood for the brave soldier.

Two young constables at once came forward, and neither of them would give way to the other, so keen were they to save the soldier's life, even at some risk to their own. At last, as I have told you, they decided to toss. Constable Cox won and the same day a pint of blood was taken from him and put into the veins of the wounded soldier, whose leg was then cut off quite successfully.

I have told this story because I want you to admire the splendid spirit of these two policemen. Someday it may come to your turn to be able to sacrifice yourself to save a fellow creature's life, and I hope the story of these brave fellows will help you to be brave, if the opportunity does offer. I say "two brave fellows" because I think you will agree with me that Constable Hornblow., who lost the toss was quite as courageous as Constable Cox who won. It was not the actual giving of the blood, as much as the willingness to give, that made the fine act of sacrifice.

1893 29th November Stanley Digance Cox was born at Wandsworth London registration district.

1894 11th February Stanley Digance Cox was baptized at St Stephen's Manfred Road Wandsworth, his parents were George, a coachman and Catherine Mary Cox of 8 Albert Terrace West Hill.

1901 Census 8 Highland Road Wallington lists George Cox, a gardener, his wife Catherine M. and children Stanley aged 7 years born Putney, Nellie aged 2 years and Edith 4 months.

1911 Census 8 Highland Cottages Bute Road Wallington lists George Cox, a jobbing gardener, his wife Catherine and children Stanley aged 17 years, born Putney single a grocer's assistant and Nelly aged 12 years, Edith aged 10 years and Ernest aged 8 years.

1914 November he joined Surrey Constabulary

1916 4th March - West Surrey Times - Guildford Borough War Tribunal Appeals - Application was made by Capt. Sant for the exemption of PC's Cox, Hainsworth, Brant and Hornblow attached to the County Police Station Guildford. Mr. Heath said the County Constabulary seemed to be doing all they could to retain men whereas the borough authorities were doing all they could to release them. Exemption was granted for a long a period as the certificate holds good.

1917 -12th May - Surrey Times - Police and Army - During a meeting between Sir Chas Walpole and Surrey Standing Committee it was announced that that week the Home Office

had issued an order with regard to young unmarried constables joining the Army and as a result three constables have received notice to join the Army on the next Tuesday. One of them, PC Stanley Cox, brought considerable credit on himself last year by consenting to have blood transfused from his arm into that of a wounded soldier at Clandon Park Hospital, thereby saving the soldier's life.

1917- 17th May- Dundee Evening Telegraph - Brave Policeman-soldier – Police Constable Stanley Cox of Guildford who a few months ago had blood transferred from his arm into the arm of a wounded soldier at Clandon Park Hospital near Guildford and thereby saved the soldier's life has just been allowed to enlist after frequent applications to the Chief Constable. Having been passed A, he went into training on Thursday.

1917 15th May Although on his Attestation Paper he expressed preference for Military Mounted Police he was mobilized to No 1 Depot Royal Garrison Artillery and posted first to Rugeley then with 1st Reserve Battery Royal Garrison Artillery to Winchester.

1918 1st March he was posted to B E F (British Expeditionary Force) France where he remained in the field until 4th March 1919 when he went to hospital "sick" and was struck off strength.

12th August 1918 Whilst returning to camp from the medical hut he stepped on to the road causing his right foot to twist over causing great pain. After a while he reported it to the Sergt Major who sent him to the Detention Hospital where his injury was said to be a sprain to the ankle and not serious.

1919 19th March he proceeded to Dover Dispersal Centre for release and on 7th May he was transferred to Class "Z" Army Reserve.

Stanley was Gunner no 160310 in Royal Garrison Artillery and received the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

1919 12th May Rejoined Surrey Constabulary

1920 26th June Stanley Digance Cox, a police constable of Highbury, Harvey Road Walton on Thames marries Margaret Louisa Garland at Holy Trinity Church Selhurst Surrey.

1921 Census Highbury Harvey Road Walton on Thames lists Stanley D Cox, aged 27yrs Police Constable and Margaret L Cox aged 27yrs, his wife.

1921 17th December- Chertsey Registration district Mary Edith Cox was born -mother's maiden name Garland (She married Honore Harry Dufour at Farnham Methodist Church on Easter Monday 1943).

1922 Electoral register for Walton on Thames lists Stanley Digance Cox at 26 Selwyn Road.

1922 25th November his son Stanley Ernest Cox was born Croydon Registration District.

1923 /1926 Electoral registers for Walton on Thames lists Stanley Digance Cox at 35 Selwyn Road.

1927 Electoral register for Shamley Green lists Stanley Digance and Margaret Louisa Cox at The Green.

1928 – 24th March Surrey Advertiser- Shamley Green – Shock for Policeman- Called to mishap and finds son hurt- When PC Cox of Shamley Green was called to an accident near the Council Cottages on Thursday midday he was shocked to find on arrival that his son had been knocked down by a car and seriously hurt.

The boy was Stanley Ernest Cox, aged 5 years who, while on his way to school was struck by a motor car driven by Mr. C A Botting of Albury. The little fellow, who was accompanied by an older sister received severe injuries, including it is feared, a fracture to the base of the skull. At the time of the accident PC Cox was arriving home from Guildford by bus, which was stopped and the constable called to the scene of the mishap, unaware that his son was involved. The boy was taken to the Royal Surrey County Hospital by Mr. Botting and he is now described as comfortable.

1928 4 October Jean M Cox was born Hambledon Registration District- her mother's maiden name was Garland (She married Ronald S E Clarke in July September Quarter 1959 Surrey South Eastern Registration District).

1930 Electoral Register for Hascombe lists Stanley Digance Cox and Margaret Louisa Cox at Police Cottage, Hascombe.

1931 21 November Surrey Advertiser Police Promotions included PC S Cox, Hascombe promoted to Sergeant at Cranleigh.

1933 Electoral Register for Haslemere lists Stanley Digance Cox and Margaret Louise Cox at Police Station Haslemere.

1933 30 September Surrey Advertiser - Police Changes - Police Sgt Cox who has been in charge of the Haslemere sub division of the Surrey Constabulary for 18 months is being transferred to Dorking on 16th October on his appointment as Detective Sergeant. Sgt Cox who has served in the Surrey Constabulary for 19 years, was formerly stationed at Hascombe, Shamley Green and Cranleigh.

1934 Electoral register lists Stanley Digance and Margaret Louisa Cox at 1 Myrtle Road Dorking.

1935/1936 Electoral rolls for Surrey Police Station, Woodbridge Road, Guildford lists Stanley Digance Cox and Margaret Louise Cox

1936 3rd July Surrey Mirror Police Changes - Oxted's new Superintendent - The new Superintendent of the Oxted Division will be Inspector S D Cox who is at present at Headquarters. Insp Cox has had 22 years' service in the Surrey Force and as a constable was stationed at Walton on Thames, Shamley Green and Hascombe. On promotion he was transferred to Cranleigh and later was at Haslemere. For some time in charge of CID at Dorking with the rank of Detective Sgt and eighteen months ago he was promoted inspector and went to Guildford. During the war Inspector Cox served with the Royal Artillery

In 1936/1937 Supt S D Cox played for Oxted police in several local bowls matches.

1937 Electoral Roll for Oxted lists Stanley Digance Cox and Margaret Louisa Cox at Police Station Oxted.

1937 14th May Surrey Mirror - Gypsies Fined - Six gypsies were summoned for encamping on the highway, two in White Hill Lane Bletchingley on April 29th and four in White Hill Titsey on May 6. Two of them were also summoned for doing wilful damage at Pendell Farm Bletchingley on April 28th. Supt Cox said the police received complaints every day about these gypsies. They were frequently moved on from place to place but they just went round the district in circles.

1938 6 May Sevenoaks Chronicle – Oxted - Hail and **Farewell**- Supt Cox who is leaving Oxted to take charge of the larger division of Farnham was warmly speeded upon his departure by Mr Kimber Bull (chairman of the bench). Mr. Kimber Bull told Supt Cox that the Bench had heard of this appointment to a larger division and congratulated him on it, although they were exceedingly sorry that his term of office had come to an end. They had been impressed by the competent and assiduous manner which he had carried out his duties and his courtesy to the Bench and to all with whom he had come in contact. Farnham's gain was Oxted's loss and they hoped he would be very happy there.

1939 Register for Meteren, Tilford Road Farnham lists Stanley D Cox, Police Supt, Surrey Constabulary, with Margaret L Cox, wife and two children, Stanley E Cox an apprentice motor engineer, Jean M Cox and one other whose details were officially closed.

1939 1 July Surrey Advertiser - Supt Cox in a match between Surrey Constabulary Sports Club and Surrey Constabulary **Old Comrades at Dorking** which was won by the Constabulary Sports Club

1939 7 July Daily Mirror - 3 Soldiers on murder charge - Stanley Ernest Boon (27), Arthur John Smith (26) and Joseph William Goodwin (29) serving with 2nd Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment who were encamped at Thursley were charged at Farnham at 12.45am on 6th July by Supt S D Cox of the wilful murder of Mabel Bundy, a maid employed at Moorlands Hotel Hindhead. In reply to the charge each man said, "I have nothing to say" At applied for a remand for seven days and the clerk said, "I take it you will not be a position to

proceed next week but will ask for a further remand". Supt Cox intimated that would be the case. Accused were remanded for seven days.

On 25th October 1939 Stanley Ernest Boon was hanged at Wandsworth and Arthur John Smith was hanged the next day. The third man, Joseph William Goodwin was acquitted.

1942 March - Supt Cox, Farnham Surrey was among several hundred police officers who attended the funeral at Bognor Regis of Police Sergeant Wiliam James Avis who was killed in the execution of his duty.

1944 12 February Surrey Advertiser - At the Licensing Sessions for the Farnham Petty Sessional Division Supt Cox stated five cases of drunkenness were reported in 1943 against six in 1942.

1944 30 September Surrey Advertiser - Police Chief Retiring -Supt S D Cox, Farnham Division is retiring from the Surrey Constabulary on superannuation at the end of the week. He came to Farnham from Oxted.

1948 8 May Bognor Regis Observer -Eggs from Chickens which ran wild- The Divisional Enforcement Inspector in this case where a farmer from Slindon was charged with disposing eggs otherwise than to a licensed packer was Stanley Digance Cox.

1949 - 15 July-Worthing Herald – Deaths- Cox- On July 12 1949, Margaret L Cox, wife of Stanley D Cox, 2 Heene Way Worthing passed peacefully away. (1947/48 Electoral Register lists Stanley E Cox, Freda Cox and Stanley D Cox also living at this address)

1951 April/June quarter Surrey South Eastern Registration district Stanley D Cox married Doris E Taylor

1955 Cox- On January 25th 1955, at 33 Meadow Way Reigate, Stanley Digance Cox formerly of Farnham and Worthing aged 61years. Funeral service at Reigate Methodist Church 28th January at 2.15pm

1955 4th February Surrey Mirror

DEATH OF EX-SUPT. S. D. COX

Mr. Stanley Digarce Cox, of 33, Meadow-way, Reigate, who died on January 25th aged 61, joined the Surrey Constabulary in 1915 and in 1936 became a Superintendent first at Oxted and then at Farnham. He retired from the Force in 1944 and went to live at Worthing, but returned to Reigate in 1949. During the 1914-18 war he served as a gunner in the Royal Artillery.

For the funeral at Reigate Methodist Church on Friday, a guard of honour of past and present members of the Surrey Constabulary was headed by Assistant Chief Constable H. N. Back and included Supts. S. Tappenden, Drake, Benstead, Springate and Hall, ex-Supt. C. Mann, Chief-Inspectors Holland, Crowhurst and Farndale, Det.-Inspectors Shoobridge, Hobbs and Beale, Inspectors Sizer, Chapman and Thorpe, ex-Inspector Rendell, Sgts. Campbell, Forehead, Cox, Sellwood, Atkinson, Smith, Croxton, Holbrook and France and P.C.s Holman, Guy, Aldridge, Copus, Hales and Cooper. The Rev. J. E. Dixon officiated at the service and the hymn was "The Lord is my Shepherd." Interment followed in Mitcham-road Cemetery.

The mourners included Mrs. Doris Cox (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Cox (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. Mary Dufour and Miss Jean Cox (daughters), Mr. Ernest Cox (brother), Miss N. Cox and Mrs. E. Garland (sisters), Mrs. E. Ayling (sister-in-law), Mrs. A. Cox (mother-in-law), Mr. A. Garland, Mr. A. G. Garland and Mr. C. S. Garland (brothers-in-law), Mrs. C. S. Garland, Mr. G. Rimmer (also representing Surrey Probation Officers), Mrs. J. E. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Maskell, Mr. T. Long and Mrs. P. E. German (also representing Mr. German and Miss Peggy German). The funeral arrangements were carried out under the direction of Messrs. Northover and Sons, Reigate and Redhill.

1955 19 August – Surrey Mirror- Legal Notice -Re Stanley Digance Cox deceased late of 33 Meadow Way Reigate Surrey who died on 25th January 1955. Notice is hereby given that creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of the above deceased should give notice thereof in writing to McNamara Ryan and Co, Solicitors 63 Guildford Street Chertsey Surrey who are the solicitors to the executors of the estate of the said Stanley Digance Cox not later than 16th November 1955 after which time the executors intend to distribute the estate of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been received by the said executors. Dated 12TH August 1955

1955 Probate Register - Cox Stanley Digance of 33 Meadow Way, Reigate died 25 January 1955, probate London 15th June to Doris Elizabeth Cox, widow and Stanley Ernest Cox, police constable, effects £3119 17s 7d.

Albert George Hornblow

PC 247 Surrey Constabulary February 1915

1917 15 May, Gunner no 160312 of The Royal Garrison Artillery

1919 16 June, rejoined Surrey Constabulary

1975 dies aged 81yrs

1893 17th July Albert George Hornblow was born - he was baptised at St Gabriel's Pimlico on

10 September 1893 when his name was given as George Albert Hornblow (the name given on his birth registration) - his parents were George, a police constable and Harriet Ann Hornblow of 2 Warwick Place West.

1901 Census 2 Warwick Place West Pimlico lists George, a police Constable with his wife Harriet, 4 children including George aged 7 years and five boarders.

1911 Census 19, St Alphonsus Road, Clapham lists George, a police pensioner with his wife Harriet and three children. Albert George aged 17yrs, and single was entered on the record then crossed out and away from home written.

1911 Census for Oakmere, Northwich, Cheshire lists Walter J H Jones, a cotton manufacturer along with his wife, family and twelve servants including Albert Hornblow, single, aged 18 years, a footman, born Pimlico London.

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1917 15 May he joined the army at Guildford and became Gunner no 160312 of The Royal Garrison Artillery although on his Attestation Paper he had expressed a preference for The Military Mounted Police. He was posted to the Signalling Depot at Dunfermline on 22nd May

1917, then “A” Depot Siege Artillery Catterick on 8th October 1917.

1917 14th November he was dispatched to B E F (British Expeditionary Force) France until

1917 December 21 when he was invalided back to England.

1917 22nd December to 12th February 1918 he was in Southern General Hospital Birmingham with problems with his feet.

1918 21st February to 12th April he was in hospital at Catterick with the same problem.

1918 18th April posted to Signalling Depot and 20 August Classified Signaller 1st Class.

1918 28 October posted to 472 Siege Battery Lavington.

1919 14 June He was transferred to class “Z” Army Reserve on demobilization. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

1919 16th June he rejoined Surrey Constabulary as Police Constable 247

1921 Census for Rothsay, St Mary’s Road, Oatlands Park, Weybridge Albert G Hornblow was a boarder, single and occupation Police Force.

1923 7th July Surrey Advertiser - Oatlands Park- PC Hornblow who has been stationed at Oatlands Park since the summer of 1919 is being transferred to Bletchingley.

1924 14th March Sevenoaks Chronicle - Oxted Petty Sessions - The **Obstructed path** at Bletchingley - Sydney Billen, Brewer Street, Percy Davey, Castle Gardens, Edward Coppard, Bank Buildings and William Mayne, Castle Street, all Bletchingley were summoned for obstructing a footpath at Castle Street on February 19th. The defendants pleaded guilty, Hornblow stated that the defendants were standing on the path and leaving no room for others to pass. Persons were compelled to go into the road on account of the defendants’ attitude. Billen said “We are not the only ones” Billen said he was not in the village for ten minutes. The other defendants had nothing to say. Each defendant was fined 2s 6d.

1924 4th July Surrey Mirror Merstham - At the funeral of Mrs Eleanor Hettie Brown wife of PC A Brown of Merstham, four of his tallest colleagues (PC’s Sharpe, Hornblow, Head and Dalton) acted as pall bearers. (PC Hornblow was 6ft tall)

1924 15th August Surrey Mirror - Godstone Petty Sessions - Bletchingley Motorists Offences - Douglas Aston Robertson, The Grange Bletchingley was summoned for driving a motor car without a licence at Bletchingley on July 6th and with driving the motor car without an offside white front light, with having no red rear light and no illuminated identification plate at the same time and place. He pleaded guilty to all the summons without the exception of driving

without an illuminated identification plate. PC Hornblow said he saw defendant driving the car and noticed it had no rear light, so when defendant pulled up outside his house he spoke to him about the matter, and noticed there was no white front light. He asked defendant for his licence and he replied, "What are you looking for, quick promotion." Defendant produced a licence bearing the name Ethel Hope Robertson and the witness drew his attention to this asking him if the names were his, defendant replied "Yes" his. In reply to Mr Briant, who was representing Robertson, witness said that the headlights were burning although there was no offside light. Mr Briant submitted that the Bench could not convict his client for having his identification plate unilluminated and for having no rear light on the same evidence. Both were worked from one light and only one was out. At this point the Chairman said the Bench followed Mr Briant's argument but did not agree with it. The defendant would be fined £2 on the first offence, £1 for having no white offside front light and 5s on the other two cases -£3 10s in all.

1924 7th November Surrey Mirror - Godstone Pety Sessions- Breach of By-Laws- John Grady, 10 Gaylands Cottages, Tandridge was summoned for driving a pony trap without a red light showing to the rear. PC Hornblow proved the case and defendant was fined 10s. The Chairman pointed out that the proceedings were taken under by-laws which required that vehicles should show a red light to the rear.

1926 Electoral Register for Forge Cottage Ironsbottom, Sidlow lists Albert George Hornblow.

1927 Electoral Register for Sunningdale, Grove Road, Horley lists Albert George Hornblow.

1928 3 February Surrey Mirror - PC A G Hornblow was a whip at a boxing display held at Redhill for the benefit of the Southern Provincial Police School.

1931 18th July Surrey Advertiser - Chertsey man charged - Alleged **theft on river bank** - At an occasional Court at Hersham police station before, Mr G Miskin, Arthur Camp of 125, Eastworth Road, Chertsey was charged with stealing on July 13th at Walton a lady's handbag containing 12s 3d in money, a silver wristlet watch, leather purse and other articles valued together at £3, property of Miss Dorothy S Blake. PC Hornblow said he told the accused he answered the description of a person alleged to have stolen a lady's handbag from the riverbank at Walton. Camp replied, "I am sorry that I took it, and I don't know what made me do it. I threw it in the river". He was remanded to Kingston until Saturday, bail being allowed.

1931 3rd October Surrey Advertiser Surrey Police Changes - PC Hornblow from Walton to Hersham.

1931 26th October Albert George Hornblow a police constable, aged 38 years from 19, West Grove, Hersham marries Lily Wood, aged 27 years at Bletchingley Parish Church.

1932 19 March Surrey Advertiser - **Weybridge youth killed - two policemen taken to hospital.** A distressing accident occurred at Halfway, Walton on Thursday night as the result of which a lad was killed and two police constables taken to Walton Cottage Hospital. The lad was Charles Alfred Freeman, aged 15 and a half who was employed at the Hackbridge

Works Hersham. On Thursday night he went for a cycle ride with a friend, Arthur Harrison. The two lads cycled around Weybridge and were proceeding through Walton along Hersham Road towards Hersham, when just past Halfway and close to Harrison's home, a motorcycle ridden by PC C S Turner with PC Hornblow on the pillion which was proceeding in the same direction collided with young Freeman from the rear. The boy was injured about the head and a message was sent for a doctor and ambulance. His father who is a telephone operator at Walton Post Office actually took the message not knowing it referred to his son. The ambulance arrived quickly but young Freeman died before arriving at hospital. The two constables who were off duty suffered concussion and were removed to Walton Hospital.

1932 2nd April Surrey Advertiser – page 7

POLICE MOTOR CYCLISTS' CRASH.

INQUEST ON YOUNG HERSHAM MAN.

SHADOWS SUGGESTED AS CAUSE OF COLLISION.

An inquest was held by Mr. G. Wills Taylor at the Women's Institute Hut at Hersham into the death of the young Hersham cyclist who was killed on March 17th as the result of his machine being struck by a motor cycle ridden by two members of the Surrey Constabulary.

After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of "Death from misadventure," and found that no blame attached to the motor cyclists.

The young cyclist who was killed was Charles Alfred John Freeman, aged 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Freeman, of 1, Syringavilla, Hersham-road, Hersham. At the time of the accident P.C. Turner was riding a motor cycle with P.C. Hornblow on the pillion, and both sustained concussion, and were taken to Walton Cottage Hospital.

Deputy Chief Constable W. H. Bird was present at the inquest, and Mr. C. W. Loveridge was chosen foreman of the jury. Mr. S. P. Jones (of Messrs. Joynson-Hicks and Co.) appeared for P.C. Turner.

Mr. Charles Lewis Freeman, father of the boy, said his son had been for a ride around Weybridge, and was returning home about 10.40 p.m. when the accident happened. He had had a cycle for four years.

Arthur Harrison, of London House, Halfway, Walton, a metal worker, who was cycling with Freeman, said Freeman had an electric lamp and a rear reflector. Witness could not say whether the reflector was efficient. About 10.30 p.m. they drew level with a lamp post near Halfway, and heard the motor cycle approaching. Freeman pulled in closer to witness, and the motor cycle came between them and hit Freeman's left-hand pedal. The lamp-post was near witness's home, and they intended getting off their machines.

Asked if they gave any indication to people behind that they intended to get off, witness said they did not. They had not actually dismounted. Freeman was about four feet from the kerb when struck.

P.S. Selfe said he examined the road, and the point of impact was apparently on the near side of the road. There was a mark about eight feet from the near-side kerb, and the marks continued for 23 paces, where Freeman had come to rest, while the motor cycle continued for a further ten paces before it stopped. The damage to the bicycle was on the near side, and the damage to the motor cycle was on the off side. The marks were not skid marks, but were consistent with some metal substance having struck the road.

Cecil George Paterson, upholsterer, of Manor-road, Walton, said he was standing on the green about 10.40 p.m., and heard a crash. He looked up the road and saw a form lying on the ground and a motor-cycle continuing up the road.—George Hardy, of Thistlecroft, Hersham, who was with the last witness, stated that he noticed nothing before the accident, and could not say anything about the speed of the motor-cycle.

Dr. F. C. Harvie Bennett said Freeman sustained a large fracture on the left side of the base of the skull, and death, which must have been practically instantaneous, was due to shock.

POLICEMAN'S EVIDENCE.

Charles Stanley Turner, police constable, stationed at Walton, said he visited Addlestone and patrolled the by-roads of Walton for nearly an hour on his motor-cycle. He was not on duty. About 9.55 p.m. he called at the Crown Hotel, Walton, and had two half-pint glasses of beer. P.C. Hornblow was also there, and on leaving witness agreed to give him a ride home. After they passed the Halfway cross-roads he saw a motor-car about 50 or 60 yards in front of him, and it passed a cyclist, whom witness saw plainly. He saw no other cyclist on the near side of the road. Witness opened up a little to pass the cyclist, and suddenly a second cyclist came across his front wheel and struck him.

Mr. Freeman asked witness why he did not pass the boy on the proper side, and witness replied that he did not see him. Witness estimated his speed at 20 miles per hour.

Questioned by the Coroner, witness said the only reason he could give for not seeing the second cyclist was that there were one or two dark shadows. He thought the boy came from the off side of the road.

In answer to a jurymen, Turner said he would quite definitely say the two cyclists were not riding side by side as they passed the street lamp.

"NO IDEA IT WAS A CYCLIST."

P.C. Hornblow, who was riding on the pillion, said he saw the car pass one cyclist only. Turner opened out to about 20 miles an hour, and they crashed into something. Witness did not realise what they hit, and had no idea it was a cyclist until the following day. If there had been a second cyclist on the near side he would have seen both of them.

Arthur Harrison was recalled, and said he was certain he and Freeman were riding side by side. Freeman was not on the off side of the road.

P.C. Turner, also recalled, said he did not see Freeman until he came right in front of him. He had no time to apply his brakes.

The jury inspected both the motor-cycle and push cycle, and after the Coroner had summed up they retired.

They returned a verdict of "Death from misadventure," and added that they did not consider the motor-cyclist was to blame.

Mr. Jones, on behalf of his client, and the Deputy Chief Constable, on behalf of the Chief Constable and members of the Surrey Constabulary, expressed sympathy with the parents of the boy.

1932 July/September Chertsey Registration District, Roy A Hornblow was born, his mother's maiden name was Wood.

1933 Electoral Register for 19, West Grove Villas, Hersham lists Albert George and Lily Hornblow.

1934- 1938 Electoral Registers for Police Cottage, Dark Lane, Puttenham lists Albert George and wife Lily Hornblow.

1934 11th August Surrey Advertiser - "O.K." Reply to Policeman - I told him he would be summoned and he replied 'O.K.' "said PC Hornblow giving evidence in the case at Guildford County Police Court in which Frederick Jacques Ockleford of 47, Buxton Crescent, North Cheam was fined £2 for driving a motorcycle on to common land at Puttenham.

1935 27th April Surrey Advertiser. Body found in copse – Wood Street man with pistol by his side. The body of a man with an automatic pistol and a note beside it was discovered in a copse on the Manor Farm Estate, Wanborough about 10am on Thursday. It was later identified as that of Mr George Crooke, son of Mr H Crooke of Passengers Farm Wood Street who had been missing from home since Tuesday. He was aged 35 years and unmarried. He lived with his parents at the farm where he worked. The discovery was made by Mr Charles Langridge, gamekeeper to Mr W C Perkins of Manor Farm. Mr Langridge reported the matter to the estate office who summoned PC Hornblow of Puttenham and arrangements were made for the removal of the body.

At the inquest PC Hornblow spoke of seeing the body with a mackintosh folded beside it, a note and an automatic pistol. There was one live bullet in the breach and one in the magazine. Subsequently two magazines were found in the jacket pocket each containing 13 bullets. The inquest was told that the deceased had been depressed because of the restrictions of the Potato Marketing Board as the previous year he was allowed to sell his potatoes by the ton but this year he had to work with hundred weights. This put a big strain on him to the extent he could not stand it. A verdict of 'Suicide while of unsound mind 'was given.

1935 26th June Surrey Advertiser - Bowls-In the first round of the Lasham Cup held at Guildford- A Chandler and G Heathorn (Dennis) beat A G Hornblow and Sheppard (County Police) .

1939 Register for 4, Police Cottage, Frimley Green Road, Frimley lists Albert G Hornblow, Police Constable 247, Surrey County Constabulary and Lily Hornblow.

Throughout his career PC Hornblow played cricket and bowls for divisional teams.

1945-1953 Electoral Registers for 36, Fairfield Dive, Dorking lists Albert G and Lily Hornblow.

1955-1960 Electoral Registers for 9, Chequers Place, Dorking lists Albert G, Lily and Roy A Hornblow.

1975 January – March Quarter – Albert George Hornblow aged 81yrs, born 17 July 1893 dies Surrey Mid Eastern Registration District.

Edward Charles Brant PC253

Born October 1894

Surrey Constabulary April 1915

Mountain Battery Royal Garrison Artillery, First World War September 1917

1919 7th March demobilised rejoining Surrey Constabulary as PC 253

Retired about 1959 and died in 1964

1894 October/December Quarter Easthampstead Berkshire Registration District Edward Charles Brant was born.

1901 Census 60 Brick Hill Warfield Berkshire lists John Brant, his wife Annie and three children including Edward aged 6 years, born Warfield and at school.

1911 Census Breadcroft Cottage Warfield Berkshire lists John Brant, his wife Annie and four children including Edward Charles, aged 16 years a grocer's assistant.



1915 5th April he went on to join Surrey Constabulary

1915 14th August Surrey Advertiser - County Bench - Dunsfold Farmer Fined - Charles Phillips, farmer, Benbow Lane Dunsfold pleaded guilty to having been drunk whilst in charge of a pony and trap at Shalford on 12th August, also with having no light on the vehicle and further having no rear light – PC Brant stated that at 10.10 the previous evening while on duty in Shalford Road he heard a pony and trap coming from Guildford at a terrific pace. He could not see any light. When he approached, he called upon the prisoner to stop, and he ran up on the path. The witness saw he was drunk. The pony and trap were taken to some stables and on the way to the police station the prisoner said he was very glad he had been stopped. There were no lights on the back or front of the trap. - PS Killick pointed out the danger of the prisoner driving at that speed, having no regard to the fact there were such a large number of troops

billeted in Shalford that night. The prisoner, against whom there was nothing known was fined £2.

1917 15th May like his contemporaries Charles Edward Brant enlisted and on his Attestation Paper expressed a preference for The Military Mounted Police but was given service no 160309 in the Royal Garrison Artillery and was posted to Rugeley.

1917 14th September he joined the 13th Mountain Battery Royal Garrison Artillery as a gunner.

1917 26th September he overstayed his leave from Larkhill from 1pm until reporting at 2.50pm-absent for 1hr 50mins. Forfeited 1 days' pay (next word on service record unreadable) deprived 2 days' pay.

1918 8th January he embarked at Southampton and on 9th January disembarked at Cherbourg. Then on 20th January he re-embarked at Taranto and disembarked at Alexandria on 29th January.

1918 28th February he was admitted to hospital in the field with scabies and rejoined his unit on 12th March 1918. Then on 14th September 1918 he was admitted to hospital in Palestine before joining the General Base Depot in Egypt on 18th September

1918 8th December, he was once again admitted to hospital and on 19th January 1919 he left Port Said for the UK.

1919 7th March he was transferred to Class "Z" Army Reserve on demobilization. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal

1919 He rejoined Surrey Constabulary as PC 253.

1920 18th February Surrey Advertiser - Murder of a child - Body found in a hedge - An inquest was held at the Barley Mow, West Horsley on the body of a newly born male child, which, wrapped in a brown paper parcel was found in a hedge by two farm workers. William Woodhams, Chalk Pit West Horsley said he was at work in a field at Waterloo Farm accompanied by Jas Hook. In a hedge near the main road from Horsley Station to Ockham they saw a brown paper parcel tied with a piece of string at each end. He undid it and in a piece of calico drawn up with a safety pin he found the body of a baby. James Hook gave similar evidence, stating that he found the parcel and called the previous witness's attention to it. PC Brant said he examined the parcel and Dr F E Pearse said he made a postmortem examination of the body. The child was well developed and had had a separate existence. The appearance of the face showed a strong impression that it had been flattened by pressure from the back of the head. He was sure it had lived a minute or two. The cause of death was suffocation by pressure applied immediately on birth. A verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown was given.

1920 18th December Surrey Advertiser - West Horsley - A **Shed Fire** - As PS Gooby of Ripley was cycling past Brook Cottage, West Horsley, the residence of Mr. Edward Herington just before 8 o'clock on Saturday evening he noticed flames issuing from an adjoining shed in which were stored several tins of petrol and some garden tools. Sergeant Gobby was a little later joined by PC Brant of Horsley and with buckets of water procured from neighbouring houses the fire was quickly under control. The Ripley Fire Brigade were called but on their arrival the fire was only smouldering. The shed was a wooden building with a corrugated iron roof.

1920-1923 Electoral Registers for Longreach, West Horsley lists Edward Charles Brant

1921 Census for 17 Longreach, West Horsley lists Edward Charles Brant born 1894 a boarder, single, Police Constable, Surrey Constabulary.

1922 11th February Surrey Advertiser

**LIVED ALONE FOR 25
YEARS.**
—
**DEATH OF A HORSLEY
RECLUSE.**
—
WANT OF PROPER NOURISHMENT.
A spinster lady, Mary Elizabeth Woods, who had lived alone for 25 years at Silkmore Cottage, West Horsley and was reputed to be possessed of considerable property, was on Sunday found dead in the kitchen in her night attire, by two neighbours who effected an entry into the house.

It was not known that deceased had any relatives living, but at the inquest on Wednesday Miss Mihila Woods, of East Molesey, came forward and said she was the only living relative of deceased, who was her elder sister.

The inquest was held at the Barley Mow Inn by Mr. Gilbert H. White.

Mr. Edward Thomas Luxmore, Charles Cottage, Silkmore-lane, said he was in the habit of calling on the deceased for grocery orders. He saw her about three times a week. She had no friends in the village, and always lived alone. He did not know from where she came, and she had always told witness that her sister was dead. He last saw her alive on Friday about 1.30, when she pulled the curtain at her window aside, and, in the course of conversation, complained that her legs and ankles ached. He asked deceased several times to have somebody in to live with her, but she always refused. She was a very cantankerous woman, and always said that she could not live with anyone. As far as he was concerned, deceased always appeared to have money, and always paid him for goods he supplied her with. He was in the habit of calling round to deceased's house on Sunday mornings, and did so about 11 a.m. on Sunday. As there was no answer to his repeated knocking, he called to Mr. Day, who was coming up the lane, and together they took a pane of glass out of the downstairs window. On looking in they saw deceased lying on the floor dead. The police were subsequently informed.

George Day, Silkmore-lane, said he had known deceased, and been in and out of her house for the last 30 years. About 25 years ago her uncle died, and she had been living alone ever since. The last time he saw her previous to her death was on Tuesday, when he called on her, but he only got an answer through the window.

Mihila Woods, of East Molesey, stated that deceased was her sister, and she thought she was about 76 years of age. She came to West Horsley with her uncle many years ago. Witness had not seen her for many years. She had written to her once or twice, but, receiving no answer, had discontinued writing. Her sister had ample means to live upon.

P.C. Brant said that when he went to Silkmore Cottage on Sunday morning Miss Woods was dead. She was lying on the floor, face downwards, in her night attire, and there was a large bruise on her cheek, where it had struck the floor.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said there was food in the larder, but it was unfit to eat. There was a little bread and butter, and a part bottle of gin on the table.

Dr. Pearce, who made a post-mortem, said deceased was poorly nourished. He considered that deceased's fall and subsequent death were caused by valvular disease of the heart, accelerated by want of proper nourishment. The doctor added that deceased was a very cantankerous woman, and was addicted to drink. When she was in drink she would refuse to see anybody, and would swear horribly.

The Coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the doctor's evidence.

1922 11th March Surrey Advertiser - Moving a goat without a license - Herbert Ryder, West Horsley was summoned at Guildford County Bench for moving a goat without a license under the Foot and Mouth Disease Order 1920 – PC Brant said he saw the defendant's stepson, Henry Palmer taking a goat along Long Reach Road to a cottage at Round Tree Farm. The boy had no license and Ryder, when seen pleaded ignorance. - The defendant who wrote to this effect to the magistrates was fined £1.

1924-1926 Electoral Registers for The Street, Elstead lists Edward Charles Brant.

1924 10th April West Sussex Gazette - Godalming- A girl who cut her hair - A story told to the police by a village schoolgirl had a sequel at the Bench when in the Children's Court , Georgina Gladys Naris, who will be 14 next month pleaded guilty to stealing a pair of scissors, the property of J C Withers, Corn Merchant Godalming. The girl whose home is Tadmoor Farm Elstead when interviewed by PC Brant, declared that while cycling from Godalming to Elstead a man pulled her off her machine, dragged her on to the common, bound her to a tree and cut about 12 inches of her hair off. Inquiries were made by the police who eventually began to doubt the girl's statement. Two days later the girl confessed that it was all untrue and that she herself cut her hair off with scissors picked up from the counter of Mr. Withers' shop. She threw the scissors into a field and the hair into a hedge. Supt R G Port spoke of the trouble and anxiety caused to the police and her schoolmaster stated she had a bad influence in the school. When asked by the Mayor why she wanted her hair cut off, the defendant replied, "Because I knew someone whose hair was better than mine, and I thought I could make mine as good". Her mother did not like bobbed hair and as her father would not give consent, she thought she would do it herself. The Bench placed the girl on probation for a year on her father agreeing that she should be sent to a home.

1926 5th June Edward Charles Brant Marries at Oxshott Surrey

1926 Marriage solemnized at <i>the Parish Church of St Andrew</i> in the Parish of <i>Greshott</i> in the County of <i>Surrey</i> .								
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No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
75	June 5	Edward Charles Brant	31	Bachelor	Policeman	The Bourne Farnham	John Brant	Gardener
	1926	Phyllis Rose Delemere Brooks	22	Spinster	-	Blundel Lane Greshott.	Walter Brooks	Chauffeur
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Church of England</i> by <i>Hallie Tompkins</i> after <i>Banns</i> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>Edward Charles Brant</i>		in the Presence of us,		<i>John Brant</i>		<i>N. C. Davis</i>

1928 Electoral Register for Waterloo Villa Peper Harrow Rod Godalming lists Edward Charles Brant

1929- 1933 Electoral Registers for Waterloo Villa Peper Harrow Road Godalming lists Edward Charles and Phyllis Rose Delemere Brant

1931 23rd May Surrey Advertiser - "Joining in the music" Weybridge Lady Motorist Fined- An **incident at Godalming town bridge** during the operation of the one-way traffic system, necessitated by the widening scheme, resulted in proceedings being taken at the Godalming Borough Bench when Mrs. Diasy Moir of the Tiled House St George's Hill, Weybridge was summoned for unnecessarily sounding her horn. Sir John Cameron appeared for the defendant and pleaded guilty. PC Brant said he heard excessive use being made of motor horns while cars were waiting to go over the bridge. He spoke to the drivers of the leading cars and they referred him to a car behind them. When he asked the defendant if she was aware that what she was doing was against the law, she replied "Yes". A gentleman sitting beside her said "Yes" I told my wife to join the music and wake the man in the box up. The car in front of her was making more noise than we were. The constable added that Dr Rendle came out in "A furious state because of the noise and was relieved when he saw him dealing with the matter. The Doctor described the noise as disgusting. In reply to Sir John Cameron PC Brant agreed that more than one car was making a noise. Addressing the Bench Sir John expressed his client's regret that she should have infringed the law. The Bench imposed a fine of 5s.

1931 15th August Surrey Advertiser - Anatomical Humour - What the lady told the policeman - At Godalming Police Court Lily Glead of 86 Ockford Road, Godalming was summoned for riding a **bicycle without a white front light** in Bridge Street she pleaded guilty. PC Brant said he asked the defendant where her light was and she replied, "Next to my liver." The constable then said, "If that's the case what's your name and address?" whereupon the defendant retorted "I haven't one". When told that she had better go to the police station to see if they could find whether she had a name and address, the defendant gave her correct name. A fine of 5s was imposed.

1932 6th February Surrey Advertiser Suspect arrested in High Street- O'Connor

SUSPECT ARRESTED IN HIGH STREET.

SENTENCED TO HARD LABOUR.

CANDID ADMISSION TO POLICE.

At a special sitting of the Godalming Borough Bench on Wednesday, Alan O'Connor (24), labourer, no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to a charge of being a suspected person, found loitering in High-street, Godalming, with intent to commit a felony. The magistrates were the Mayor (Ald. E. D. Brown) and Mr. R. M. Palmer.

P.C. Brant stated that at 11.15 p.m. on Thursday last week he saw prisoner in the doorway of 95, High-street. He had previously seen him walking rather slowly from the direction of the Town Hall. Asked what he was doing in the doorway, prisoner replied, "I have not started to do anything yet." When witness inquired what he meant by that he answered, "If you hadn't come along I was going to get in somewhere and have something. You cannot live without anything." He was taken into custody, and, when charged with loitering with intent to commit a felony, replied "I will say nothing now." Accused had in his possession an electric torch, a chisel and 7½d. in cash.

A long statement by accused was handed to the magistrates, and after they had read it the Mayor asked him how long he worked on the by-pass.

Accused replied, "Six months."

The Mayor: You had no unemployment pay?

"No, sir," answered the accused, who stated that he lost his unemployment card.

The Mayor: Did you leave or were you discharged?—I was temporarily stood off.

Mr. Palmer: What was the reason?—Financial difficulties; that is what I was told at the office in Stoke-road, Guildford.

Supt. Port informed the Bench that accused's real name was Arthur Goldby. He had no father, and his mother, he understood, was in domestic service. He had grandparents living at Barnes. On October 17th, 1927, prisoner, in the name of John Weston, was sentenced at Stafford to 14 days' imprisonment for damaging a window; on June 10th, 1929, charged under the name of Maxwell Harrison, he received a sentence of one month's hard labour at Winslow for loitering with intent to commit felony; and on August 30th, 1930, he was sentenced under the name of John F. Carter to 14 days' hard labour at Havant for sleeping out.

Prisoner was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

1933 19th January West Sussex Gazette - SADD, But-----? “I consider it is an **imposition on the part of the Police**, who, I consider are thieving from motorists for such trivial offences “. This was said to have been the remark said to PC Brant by Reginald C Sadd of Sunnyholme, Great Bookham who was fined £1 by the Godalming Bench for causing unnecessary obstruction on December 13. The constable gave evidence that the car was left on the opposite side of the road to Deanery Yard and a complaint was made that the entrance was obstructed. He pointed out to the defendant that there was a public parking place in Station Road a short distance away.

1934 Electoral Register for Police Cottages, Stephendale Road, Farnham lists Edward Charles and Phyllis Rose Brant

1934 25th August Surrey Advertiser - Tilford – **Alleged Housebreaking** - Soldier remanded at Farnham- Henry Waters, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards stationed at Aldershot was charged at Farnham with breaking and entering Woodhill, Tilford the residence of Sir Hugh Cholmondley and stealing £6 in money, a safety razor, a knife and a gent’s coat together value £10 on or about July 29th. Accused had been remanded from previous Monday. - Evidence was given by PC E C Brant that at 12.15pm on August 120th he was at Hankley Common, Elstead, searching for a man who had deserted from the Grenadier Guards. He saw the accused, who answered the description of the man and having questioned him charged him with the offence. Accused replied “Yes, the coat I took is here, money I took I spent, the food I had I ate, and the safety razor is here. Accused was remanded to appear at Camberley Petty Sessions. At Surrey Quarter Sessions in September Henry Waters who asked for two other cases of breaking into houses to be taken into consideration was sentenced to 6 months hard labour.

1934 22nd November West Sussex Gazette Farnham - **Smart Police work** reported. Albert McEnamey and Frederick West, London men were committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions by the Magistrates on a charge of burglary at the Railway Hotel, Farnham. PC Brant said he saw a light in the hotel garage at 5.15am and when he investigated two men tried to escape. He caught West. PC Brant said at 9.15am he arrested McEnamey after he had boarded a bus at Farnham to go to Aldershot. McEnamey was also committed for trial on a charge of stealing a cheque and money to the total of £25 9s 1d, the property of Mr T A W Mundy, licensee at the hotel. Evidence was given that he was employed as a porter at the hotel at the time and that he was given the money to take to the bank and he absconded. The Bench congratulated the police on a smart bit of work.

1935 14th September Surrey Advertiser - Camberley- “IN A FIX “With Accounts – **Manservant Bound Over** - A manservant, John William Settle who admitted he “got in a fix” with housekeeping accounts was charged at Camberley Police Court with having stolen £4 8s 2d, the money of Mary Irene Sawyerby Noakes of Oldfield Lodge, Camberley, a further charge of having fraudulently converted £2 3s entrusted to him by Mrs Noakes was withdrawn. Mrs Noakes said the defendant had been in her employ as a cook-general. Each month it was his duty to bring her the tradespeople’s books, and she gave him the money to meet the bills. On September 3rd, she gave him £12 12s 9d. Later she received an intimation that there was money

owing and found from enquiries that only £8 4s7d had been paid. PC Brant said that when asked to account for the remainder of the money, defendant said "I must have had it myself". When charged he pleaded guilty. Defendant said he got out on the accounts and got in a fix. He tried to pay the accounts out of his own purse but could not do it. Captain and Mrs Noakes had been very good to him and he would do everything to pay them back if the Bench gave him a chance. Settle was bound over for two years in the sum of £3.

1936 Electoral Registers for 35, Portesbery Road, Camberley lists Edward Charles and Phyllis Rose Brant.

1937 Electoral Register for 212, Gordion Road, Frimley lists Edward Charles and Phyllis Rose Delaman Brant

1938-1947 Electoral Registers for Police House, Robin Hood Road, Woking lists Edward Charles and Phyllis Rose Brant.

1938 21st May Surrey Advertiser-Surrey Police Changes PC Brant goes from Camberley to Knaphill.

1938 5th October Surrey Advertiser - Bacon found in sack - Defendant bound over - At Woking Police Court a charge of stealing 2s 6d worth of bacon from his employer was heard against Edward Richardson, 31yrs, Hagthorne, Lucas Green West End Chobham. - Grace Forsdick, 63 High Street, Knaphill said she helped in her father's butchery and greengrocery business. On September 8th she gave defendant scraps of meat in a sack as usual. Later she saw him put something in the sack and she made an excuse to get him out of the way, looked in the sack and saw a piece of streaky bacon. PC Brant said the defendant admitted the charge saying he "had no intention of doing it at the time and could not think what made him do it". Defendant who pleaded guilty said he was sorry. He had been in the trade for 18years and there had never been anything against him before. He had another good job to go for. He had two children, and another was expected that day or the next. Defendant was bound over for a year and ordered to pay costs of £1.

1939 Register for Police House, Robin Hood Road, Woking lists Edward C Brant born 17th November 1894, Police Constable, his wife Phyllis R Brant born 30th August 1903 and son Ronald born 10th August 1927.

By January 1940 PC Brant appears to have been promoted to Sergeant.

1940 10 January Surrey Advertiser-New Year's Eve Drinks - Brookwood driver fined and disqualified – A fine of £15 with disqualification from holding a driving licence for a year was imposed by Woking magistrate on George Alfred Flitney of Oak Bank, Brookwood for driving a motor car under the influence of drink on 31st December 1939. Defendant pleaded not guilty. – Guardsman William Parsons said he was walking from The Anchor Hotel, Knaphill towards Bagshot Road on the evening of 31st December. A car was pulled up at the side of the road and

a man, apparently the driver was leaning against the front wing. About five minutes later he heard a scraping noise and saw that a grey saloon had mounted the kerb and was coming up behind him. He squeezed into the hedge and the car passed quite close to him, then went across the road and ran into the hedge. He went towards the car but it restarted before he got there. Later he saw Flitney in the custody of a police officer and formed the opinion the defendant was drunk. PS Brant said that at 10.40pm on December 31st he found the car at one of the gates of the Brookwood Mental Hospital. Flitney tried to start the engine but failed. A soldier started the car and the defendant put it in gear, but the car went backwards. Then it started across the road and hit the kerb. An approaching cyclist had to swerve to avoid a collision. He had to assist Flitney out of the car and took him to the police office where he was examined by a police doctor and also Dr Pritchett on his own behalf. Dr H L Turner of Brookwood said he examined Flitney and formed the opinion he was quite unfit to be in charge of a car. PS Bishop also gave evidence. Flitney, in evidence said he went to public house to meet a friend and had one drink of beer, he then went to a club and had one more beer. He saw his friend at another club where he had two small rums in a period of three quarters of an hour. Returning to his car he started it with difficulty. The engine stopped in the Broadway and on two further occasions. – The Chairman of the Bench said the magistrates were prepared to believe the defendant did not realise what his condition was, but he had been a danger, not only to himself but to other people. The penalty was stated.

1940 16th March Surrey Advertiser – Brookwood - **Soldiers' prank** -remarking that it was in the nature of a prank while the men were in drink, Woking magistrates dismissed with a warning a charge against Lance Corporal Roy Ward Costello and Corporal Douglas Richardson. Both aged 21 of stealing a clock, value £2 from the Connaught Café Brookwood on March 6th. Acting Sergeant Brant said he interviewed the men the next day and saw the clock over Costello's bed. Both men told the court they had been drinking. They could not account for possession of the clock. Richardson said he had not seen it before.

1940 27th July Surrey Advertiser – Pirbright - **Black out offence** alleged- A summons for a breach of the black out regulations brought at Woking Court against Mrs Violet Cartwright of 7, Goal Road was adjourned for a week for the defendant's attendance. PS Brant said he saw a bright light showing from her house onto the railway embankment opposite. The defendant told him the wind had blown a curtain aside. Mrs Cartwright was fined 30s for breach of the black out regulations and a month allowed for payment.

1940 7th December Surrey Advertiser – Knaphill - For Trial at Sessions- - Joan Ellen Andrews, (20), domestic servant whose address was given as The Broadway Knaphill was committed for trial At Surrey Quarter Sessions by Woking Magistrates charged with **stealing property worth £10 from her employer**, Mrs Wilhelmina Sophia James of Rydenhurst, Knaphill. Mrs James said three days after she employed Andrews she missed the property which included a woman's service uniform and Army pay book. PS Brant said he saw Andrews in a bus in Guildford Road, Woking on November 23rd. He followed the bus to Commercial Road, boarded it and spoke to Andrews, who produced an Army book in the name of Wilhemina Sophia James. When charged the defendant made no reply. Andrew's who pleaded

guilty, had nothing to say to the Bench and was committed for trial. At Quarter Sessions Andrews was committed to a Borstal Institution.

1945 6th January Surrey Advertiser Sgt Brant was one of the Police Sergeants who were pallbearers at the funeral at Ripley of Police Inspector Arthur Still of Woking.

1945 10th November - Surrey Quarter Sessions - **Stole electric fire**. Drink was the excuse put forward by Leonard Francis Jennings, Coldstream Guards for breaking into the premises of Moldram and Co Commercial Rod Woking and stealing an electric fire worth 15s. PS Brant said Jennings had three previous convictions, but he joined the Coldstream Gurds in 1939 and was a prisoner of war in Germany for 3 years. Jennings was bound over.

1945 24th November Surrey Advertiser- Knaphill Bowls Club. PS E Brant was runner up in the Novice Cup and also elected a committee member.

1946 14th September - Surrey Advertiser - Summons against councillor dismissed. William James A Denney of Oak Lawn, Carlton Road, Horsell, a member of Woking Urban Council was summoned at Woking Court for **causing an obstruction** with a motor car in Chertsey Road on August 15th. It was alleged he left his car parked away from the kerb so that PS Brant had to direct traffic for three quarters of an hour. Mr Denney said he left the car in a position least likely to cause an obstruction. He had driven for 27 years without causing an offence. The Bench stated they were not satisfied that a case had been made out and dismissed the summons Whilst stationed at Knaphill PC/PS Brant was an active member of the local bowls club. He had previously played bowls for each division he had served in.

1948 -1957 Electoral Registers for 114 Church Road, Byfleet lists Edward C and Phyllis Brant (during 1950-53 Ronald Brant also listed)

In 1951 he attended Surrey Constabulary Old Comrades Reunion at Police HQ.

On his retirement he became Ministry of Food Inspector of Woking as well as an active member of Byfleet Bowls club becoming vice captain in 1959.

1962 22nd December Surrey Advertiser – At the annual meeting of Byfleet Bowls Club the president mentioned several members who had been ill including Mr E C Brant and he hoped they would soon be fit again. Mr Brant was again elected to the committee.

1964 1st November, Edward Charles Brant of 114 Church Road Byfleet died at 2 Albert Cottages, Broadmoor Road, Crowthorne. Probate Administration was at London 11th December to Phyllis Rose Delamere Brant, widow. £1848.

Superintendent Frederick William Gray KPM Surrey Constabulary 1898-1934

Additional research Nicholas Panayiotou, Jenny Tuffs, Henry Pelham, Jean Pelham, Robert Symondson Surrey History Centre

Nicholas Panayiotou contacted Surrey Constabulary History via the website and has agreed the correspondence can be published in the Journal. The message resulted in Henry Pelham undertaking research into a police officer named Gray serving in 1928. His work recovered the lost history of Superintendent Frederick Gray who was awarded the King's Police Medal for distinguished service as he retired from his career in the Surrey Constabulary.

There is a little confusion caused by there being as unlikely as it may seem, two Egbert R Winsley, one Richard the other Reginald. Reginald was a gardener and Richard a publican. Egbert Richard Winsley was a gardener at the home of one of the victims so probably the recipient of the award. Egbert Richard Winslet drops out of the story.

Nicholas Panayiotou wrote:

I am researching a presentation watch awarded to Egbert R. Winslet on November 29, 1928 by police officers from Chertsey Division.

The inscription records "Egbert R Winslet by Officers and Men of Chertsey Division, Surrey Constabulary" for "assisting police." 29-11-1928

Research was undertaken by Surrey Constabulary History volunteers who established the correct Egbert.

Egbert Reginald Winslet

b) 1875 – Epsom, Surrey d)1951 – Surrey

1881 Census – Living Epsom, Surrey

William Winslet – Father – age 46 – occupation - Painter

Emma Winslet- Mother – age 45

Henry G Winslet – Son – age 13 – Scholar

Arthur Winslet – Son – age 8 – Scholar

Percival E Winslet – Son - age 2

Egbert R Winslet – Son – age 6 – Scholar

1891 Census – Living Epsom, Surrey

William Winslet – Father – Widower – age 57 – occupation Painter

Kate Winslet – Daughter – age 26
Arthur Winslet – Son – age 18
Egbert R Winslet – Son – age 15
Percy Winslet – Son – age 11 – scholar

1901 Census - Living Epsom, Surrey
William Winslet – Father – age 68 – House Painter
Egbert Winslet – Son – age 25 – Painter
Arthur Winslet – Son – age 28 – Brewers Assistant
Percival Winslet – Son – 23 – Grocers Assistant
Kate Winslet – Daughter – age 35
Frank Winslet – Grandson – age 5

1903 Epsom – Egbert **Reginald** Winslet – married Katherine Louisa Flint

1911 Census – Living -25 Thames Street, Staines, Middlesex-
Egbert R Winslet – age 39 – occupation Cab Driver
Katherin Winslet – age 40 – wife
Reginald Winslet – age 2 – son.

1921 Census – Living Egham, Surrey
Egbert Winslet – age 46 – Widower – **occupation Gardener**
Reginald Harry – son – age 13
Elsie Curtis – visitor – age 23
Egbert's employer – Mr Notley – Independent Ass Gentleman
1924 at Egham Egbert **Reginald** Winslet – Widower – age 44 – married Elsie Curtis age 27.
Occupation shown as Gardener.

1939 Register – Living Egham
Egbert Winslet – age 65 – occupation – **Gardener Private**
Elsie Winslet – Wife – age 44

Electoral Register

1908 – Egbert Reginald Winslet – The Harrow, Maidenhead
1914 – Egbert Reginald Winslet – 25 Thames Street, Staines – A cottage in Messrs
Fitzwater's Yard.
1938 – Egbert Reginald Winslet – Harvest Road, Egham
1938 – Elsie Winslet (Wife) – Harvest Road, Egham
1938 – Reginald Harry Winslet (son) – Harvest Road Egham

1933 – 1938 – Egbert, Elsie and Reginald Winslet lived Harvest Road
1944 – 1952 – Egbert Winslet lived in Chertsey.

Egbert Reginald Winslet died 1951

Nicholas Panayiotou, this is what I have found via chat gpt, the story of Egbert R. Winsley.

The "assistance" mentioned on the watch refers to a high-profile criminal capture. In October 1928, Winsley played a pivotal role in the pursuit and capture of a dangerous individual involved in a local crime spree. The Chertsey police were so impressed by his bravery and initiative that the officers of the division personally subscribed to buy him the Bravingtons "Renown" silver watch as set out below.

Newspaper Coverage

The event was reported in the Surrey Herald and the Surrey Advertiser in early December 1928.

- The Headline: "Chertsey Presentation to Mr. E. R. Winsley" or "Police Gratitude for Civilian Help."
- The Ceremony: The presentation took place at Chertsey police station on November 29, 1928.





PLUCKY GARDENER.
Reward from Police for Helping
Inspector in Desperate Fight.

Egbert Winslet, gardener to Mrs. Keogh, of Englefield Green, received from the officers and men of the Chertsey police division to-day a silver watch in recognition of his action in coming to the help of Inspector Gray, who was engaged in a desperate fight for a quarter of an hour in Mrs. Keogh's drawing-room with a criminal he was trying to arrest.

The criminal, who victimised a number of bereaved relatives in Surrey, tried to victimise Mrs. Keogh. He has since been sent to penal servitude.

Evening Standard 30 November 1928

It is most likely that following newspaper reports cover the crimes and arrest of the violent prisoner who fought Inspector Gray.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

"BATMAN" AND LIEUTENANT WHO WAS KILLED.

At Chertsey on Friday, Walter Brackley (37), appeared on a charge of having obtained by false pretences the sum of £4 from Mrs. V. M. Keogh, of Chertsey, on August 11th.

Mrs. Keogh, who was a widow, gave evidence that the accused called on her and said that he was Sergt. Cuthbertson, D.C.M., and that he was batman in France to the late Lieut. A. C. Northey, who was killed in the war and was the son of Mrs. H. Alice Northey, of Clanricarde-gardens, Tunbridge Wells, and brother of Mrs. Keogh. He said he was with Lieutenant Northey when he died, and that he carved a cross for him.

The accused told Mrs. Keogh that he was out of work, but could obtain a position as a waiter at Lyons' if he could provide himself with a dress suit, and she gave him £4. On a second visit to Mrs. Keogh, Brackley was arrested by a detective after a struggle.

The accused was remanded.

Kent and Sussex Courier on 24th August 1928

LOCAL LADY'S DEAD SON.

NAME USED FOR ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

Alleged to have obtained money from various people by claiming that he had been batman to their relations who fell in the Great War, Walter H. Brackley (37) was remanded for a week at Chertsey on Thursday week. He had previously been twice remanded on charges of obtaining £4 by false pretences from Mrs. V. M. Keogh, of Larkshill, Englfield Green, on August 11th, and with attempting to obtain £2 15s. by false pretences from Mrs. Keogh on August 16th. At a previous hearing it was stated that he had told Mrs. Keogh that he was Sergeant Cuthbertson, D.C.M., and had been batman to Mrs. Keogh's brother, the late Lieut. A. C. Northey, son of Mrs. Alice H. Northey, of Clanricarde-gardens, Tunbridge Wells, and was with him when he died. He obtained £4 from her with which to buy a dress suit for a waiter's job at Lyons'.

On Thursday week there was a further charge of obtaining £10 by false pretences from Margaret Street on August 3rd. The prosecutrix stated that she lived at Caterham, and was the widow of Second-Lieutenant E. E. Street, of the 22nd Manchester Regiment. Prisoner told her he was Sergeant Cuthbertson, and was her husband's sergeant in France, being with him in his last moments. He said he was out of work and could obtain a job at a Lyons' restaurant, but the only thing that hindered him was that he had to procure a dress suit, which he could not well afford. Witness offered him £10, and after demurring to taking it he accepted it gratefully. A day or two later he telephoned to her that he had obtained the job and would write her a letter.

Inspector Gray said that at 10.30 a.m. that morning, August 30th, he had cautioned and charged prisoner at Chertsey Police Station. He replied: "That's all right."

Prisoner had previously asked for a remand on the other charges and his request was granted.

Kent and Sussex Courier 7th September 1928



Frederick William Gray

Age 21 years on September 1897 HEIGHT 6 feet 0 1/2 inches. COMPLEXION Fair Hair Blue
 Eyes Brown MARKS None.
 BORN in the parish of Old Windsor in the County of Berks.
 TRADE Carpenter LAST RESIDENCE Windsor Great Park
 IN WHOM LAST EMPLOYED AND WHERE W. Simmonds at Windsor Gt. Park
 WHAT QUALITIES RENDERED IN SERVICE, AND WHERE None.
 PREVIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE None.
 LENGTH OF SERVICE _____
 DATE OF APPOINTMENT 6 May 1898.
 WHERE ISSUED IN AND WHERE 7 May '98, at Guildford.
 BY WHOM ISSUED Sir Herbert Bernard & W. Eastwood.
 WHERE FIRST DETACHED Farnham.

	Date	From	To
PROMOTIONS	July 1/99	Third Class Constable	Second Class Constable
	July 1/98	Second	First
	Nov 1/98	Heret	Sergeant
	Oct 1/99	Det. Sergeant	Inspector
REMOVALS	July 2/98	Farnham	Wrecclesham
	Feb 1/98	Wrecclesham	Brookwood
	Aug 1/98	Brookwood	Bramley
	Apr 1/99	Bramley	Wrecclesham
	Apr 5/99	Wrecclesham	Woking
	Nov 1/98	Woking	Christley
	Nov 9/98	Christley	Godalming
	Feb 4/98	Godalming	Egham
	Feb 12/98	Egham	Christley

CAUSE AND DATE OF REMOVAL FROM THE FORCE Retained on completion of 29/12/99
 CORRECT RECORD SERVICE Exemplary
 DATE OF PARCHMENT CERTIFICATE 31st January 1935

Surrey History Centre register ref. 9152/1/2/1/3

No. of Appointment. 1279

REMARKS

Recommendation for promotion by rank of Inspector (London)
do do do do (London)
Passed 3rd Exam - St Johns Ambulance Assoc -
Awarded the King's Police Medal for distinguished service

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Police Act, 1890, applies.

Nature of Offence

Punishment

Died 5.5.53
Widow died 10.5.55

36 YEARS APPROVED SERVICE
AMOUNT OF PAY ON RETIREMENT £ 460-0-0 AVERAGE FOR LAST THREE YEARS £
2/3 £ 306-13-4 OR GRATUITY £ GRANTED

WEDDING AT FARNHAM.

On Monday afternoon Miss Nellie Foot, daughter of Mr. Fred Foot, of West-street, was married at the Parish Church to Mr. Frederick William Gray, a constable of the Surrey Constabulary, until lately stationed at Wrecclesham, and formerly in the service of Prince Christian, and in the Prince Consort's Carpentry School at Old Windsor. The Rector officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired, and was attended by two little bride-maids. She was for some time a teacher in the National School's, and many of the scholars attended and threw confetti in the path of the bridal party as they left the church. A reception was afterwards held at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, and later in the day the newly-married pair left for their future home at Brookwood. There were numerous wedding presents.

Surrey Advertiser 07 February 1903

Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser 12 June 1915: Inspector Gray the victim of the attack by Walter Brackley, joined the Surrey Constabulary in 1898 as a constable serving at Frimley, Hindhead, Wrecclesham, Bramley and at Mickleham where he remained for 11 ½ years.

In June 1815 PC Frederick W was awarded a certificate for his commitment to the care of "Dumb animals" - see below

Woking from acting sergeant to substantive sergeant, Chertsey as sergeant and inspector then Godalming one year as inspector 1923 followed by Egham for five years from 1924. Chertsey five years as superintendent 1929 awarded KPM 1 January 1934. Retired December 19 1934.

1925 July 20: Accident to Lord Cheylesmore: Motorcar collision near Egham: Lord Cheylesmore, chairman of the National Rifle Association was seriously injured late last evening when returning after the close of the Bisley meeting. Within two miles of his home at Cooper's Hill Park, Egham his car crashed into a telegraph pole and his left arm and left leg were fractured. He also received injuries to his head. His son was driving the car and a butler was also in the car. A passing motorist went to Egham police station from where Inspector Gray immediately

despatched Sergeant Brown and picked up Dr Bird and followed. They found Lord Cheylesmore still seated in the shattered car. A passing motor van was stopped and the Lord taken to the hospital in Englefield Green He did not lose consciousness throughout his ordeal. The King and Queen caused sympathetic enquiries to be made.²

INSPECTOR GRAY'S PROMOTION.
Inspector Gray, of the Surrey Constabulary, who has been stationed at Egham four years, has been promoted to superintendent, and will take charge of the Chertsey Division in October on the retirement of Supt. Daws. Inspector Gray, who has seen between 20 and 30 years' service, is a popular officer, and has gained the confidence of the authorities and public in a marked degree. He is to be succeeded by Inspector Minter, of Cranleigh.

21 September 1929 Surrey Advertiser

**PRESENTATION TO SUPT.
AND MRS. GRAY.**
**GIFTS OF A GOLD WATCH
AND CHEQUE.**
**OFFICER'S TRIBUTE TO SPECIAL
CONSTABLES.**
On Wednesday evening, at the Victoria Hall, there was a large gathering, including police and special constables, on the occasion of a presentation to Supt. Gray, of the Chertsey Division Surrey Constabulary, who was stationed at Egham as inspector until a few weeks ago. He had gained the esteem of the public, and this was recognised by a generous response to a suggestion that he should be presented with a parting gift.

² The Times Monday, Jul 20, 1925

The committee formed to organise the testimonial had Mr. R. V. Menzies as hon. secretary. It was decided that the testimonial should comprise a gold watch and illuminated address for Supt. Gray and a cheque, with which to purchase jewellery, for Mrs. Gray. The superintendent's initials were inscribed on the watch, together with the words: "Presented to Supt. F. W. Gray by Egham residents as an appreciation of his services as Inspector of the Surrey County Constabulary, October, 1929." The wording of the address referred to Supt. Gray's "tact, ability and courtesy," and expressed good wishes for his and Mrs. Gray's continued good health, happiness and prosperity. The names of 100 subscribers followed.

Mr. H. Weller, J.P., presided at the gathering, and among those present were Sir John Cameron, Deputy Chief Constable Kenward, Rear-Admiral B. U. Colclough (treasurer of the fund), Dr. A. G. Wilkinson, Supt. Boshier (Woking), Inspector Gower (Chertsey), a number of police and special constables, and Messrs. R. V. Menzies, G. Cameron Black, J.P. (chairman of the Chertsey Rural District Council), H. R. H. Smith (clerk to the Egham Urban Council), A. L. Pound, F. E. Larkin, E. Feltham, W. Bungard and Bennett.

The Chairman said they had met to show the esteem, respect, and affection in which the people of Egham held Superintendent Gray. He referred to a number of letters, expressing appreciation of the Superintendent's work, including letters from Sir William Barber and the matron of the Egham Cottage Hospital, and afterwards paid a tribute to Mrs. Gray.

Sir John Cameron said it was an undoubted fact that Superintendent Gray had gained the esteem of everyone in the district. It was with feelings of deep regret that they saw the chapter closed of very happy associations between that district and Superintendent Gray.—Sir John then handed the watch and address to Superintendent Gray, and the cheque to Mrs. Gray.

Deputy Chief Constable Kenward said it was good of them to make the presentations, because it showed that the police had good friends.

Mr. F. E. Laekin, on behalf of the tradesmen of the town, thanked the Superintendent for his kindness in looking after their interests, and referred to the direction and supervision of the traffic in the narrow parts of Egham and during Ascot races.

Mr. A. L. Pound thanked the chairman, and also referred in kindly terms to Superintendent Gray.

An excellent musical programme was carried out by Messrs. Stokes, Crosswell, Riley, Joe Cox and P.C. Wiggins.

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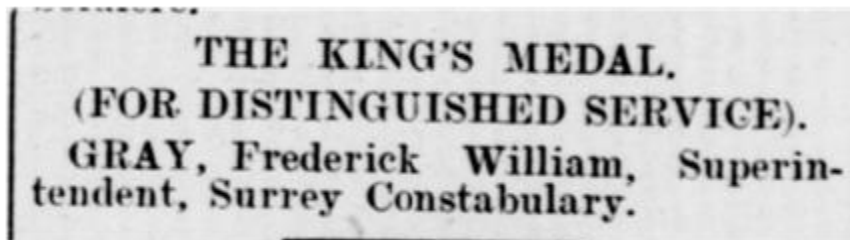
The Funeral of PC Herrett KPM

Captain M. L. Sant, Chief Constable, and over 120 officers and men of the Surrey Constabulary attended the funeral at Elstead yesterday (Friday) afternoon. All the divisions in the county were represented and among the officers were Superintendents W.R. Lucas, (Farnham), A. Dawes (Chertsey), **Inspectors Gray (Egham)**, Evans (Woking) Dibley (Hersham) Pickard (Farnham) and Rendell (Caterham). There were also present large a number of special constables from Bagshot and other districts, a contingent of men from the Hants Constabulary, and members of the Bagshot Division of the St John Ambulance Brigade. The bearers from the Bagshot section of the Chertsey Division were Sergeant Holloway, PCs Bright, Newman, O'Donnell, Tarrott, and Wood. Mrs Holloway, wife of Sergeant Holloway represented the wives of officers and men of the Bagshot Division. Windlesham Urban Council were represented by Mr. H. W. Penford, a member and Mr Cyril Gray, surveyor. Two Guardsmen represented the Grenadier Guards. -----
---. The police and representatives of other bodies lined the pathway to the church and the Venerable J. G. S. Syme (rector) conducted the service.

1931 January 10: Early yesterday a party of Surrey police officers some carrying spades set out on an extensive search of the vicinity of Virginia Water and of parts of Windsor Great Park for clues to the disappearance seventeen months ago of Winifred Parrant then aged eighteen. This was the sixth day of the search, which so far has produced two outstanding finds, a woman's hat and an attaché case. The girl went missing on August 13, 1929, and an extensive search was undertaken then without result. The search was re-activated following information from a soldier who had been stationed in the area. A conference was held in Guildford attended by Deputy Chief Constable Kenward and Inspector Head of Esher, which resulted in a search of Clock Case Plantation. The deputy chief constable and **Superintendent Gray of Chertsey** and seven constables left Chertsey police station early in motorcars. The policemen were wearing

workmen's clothes in order to avoid attracting attention. ³ ⁴ **1931 January 12:** The missing person was traced alive and well, married and living in London. ⁵

1933 June 22: Alleged attack on a woman: Attempted charge: Jack Francis Haines 33, a factory worker of Rose Bank, St Paul's Road, Egham Hythe was charged yesterday at Chertsey with the attempted murder of Mrs Mabel Rosina Smith at her home at Avenue Road, Egham Hythe on June 17. Inspector Head said that at 12.30 am yesterday he saw Haines at Staines Police Station and after cautioning him, charged him with attempting to murder Mrs Smith Haines replied, "I have nothing to say." Later at Chertsey police station Superintendent Gray charged Haines and he made no reply. **Superintendent Gray** asked for a remand for sufficient time to enable him to communicate with the Director of Public Prosecutions. Haines was remanded for seven days, and magistrates granted his application for legal aid.⁶



Surrey Mirror 5 January 1934

1934 February Court Circular: Superintendent Gray, Surrey Constabulary King's Police Medal.⁷

³ 1931 January 10: The Scotsman

⁴ The Times Saturday, Jan 10, 1931

⁵ 1931 January 12: The Scotsman

⁶ The Times Thursday, Jun 22, 1933

⁷ The Times Wednesday, Feb 28, 1934

HOLDER OF KING'S MEDAL

Supt. Gray holds the King's police medal for distinguished service, this award being made in the honours list on January 1st this year, and shortly afterwards he was presented with the medal by the King at a levee at Buckingham Palace.

On joining the police force Supt. Gray was stationed at Frimley, and later was at Hindhead, Wrecclesham and Bramley. He was transferred to Mickleham, where he remained for 11½ years. He next moved to Woking as acting-sergeant, and while there was made sergeant, and went to Chertsey with that rank. He was promoted inspector during his service at Chertsey, and took over duty at Godalming. After about a year at Godalming he served nearly five years at Egham, before going to Chertsey five years ago.

Supt. Gray has been an efficient and popular officer.

Surrey Advertiser December 1934

THIRTY-SIX YEARS WITH COUNTY POLICE

As stated last week, Supt. F. W. Gray, who has been in charge of the Chertsey Division of the Surrey Constabulary for the last five years, is retiring on December 19th. He will be succeeded by Det.-Inspector Curry, from county headquarters, Guildford.

Supt. Gray has had an honourable career in the Surrey County Constabulary for 36 years, having joined as a constable in 1898. Prior to that he had lived in Windsor Park, his father being an official in the park. Supt. Gray went to the Park School, and was in the choir of the church in the park, which was frequently attended by Royalty. He was also a member of the Windsor Park Company of the Royal Berks Volunteers, and served under the present chairman of the Chertsey Bench, Mr. J. H. W. Pilcher, who was the captain of the company for many years.

Surrey Advertiser 15 December 1934

1934 December 28: Lynn Advertiser: Detective Inspector Curry of the HQ Division of the Surrey Constabulary, Guildford will succeed **Superintendent G Gray**, Chertsey who retires on December 29. Detective Inspector Curry is the son of Mr. Alfred Curry and the late Mrs Curry of New Houghton. His family have lived in the Houghton District for many years.