

# West Midlands Police Museum



POLICE STATION  
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Sparkhill  
Birmingham  
B11 4EA

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Mr E W Jones  
19 Rutten Lane  
Yarnton  
Oxford  
OX15 1LN

Your Ref:

Our Ref:

Date: 9 October 1998

Please Ask For: **Dave Cross**

Dear Mr Jones

Thank you for the donation of £10 towards museum funds.

I have pleasure in enclosing phot copies. Many of the commendations will have been reported in the local newspapers. The event will usually have been about a month or two prior to the date of the commendation.

The West Midlands Police Museum also have for sale three books, **Sinister Birmingham** written by Steve Jones in conjunction with my own research into Victorian Crime in Birmingham, lavishly illustrated with 100 Victorian prisoners photographs £7.99. **150 years of policing Birmingham** at £6, and **Police Uniform and Equipment** at £2.95. The manufacturers of Police Whistles Hudson's in Birmingham also supply the following items for sale:-

**The "silent" Dog Whistle £6. The Standard Police Whistle £6. A deluxe Police Whistle and chain with a gift presentation box £10 (flat packed), A Ladies solid Brass Small Police Whistle on a brass neck chain £16, and lastly a replica of the "Titanic" Bosun's whistle as used in the film. This whistle is made with original dies £7. All whistles can have a chain supplied for fitting at 99 p. All items subject to post and packing to a maximum of £2.50. All profits go towards the museum. Should you require any of the items please send a cheque for the the appropriate value, made out to **West Midlands Police Museum**. For customers abroad all cheques must be made out in £ Stirling due to the high cost of banking charges.**

  
Yours sincerely

R. 226  
P.C. ~~10045~~ Jones  
(10045)

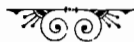




City of Birmingham Police.



RECRUITING.



POLICE ENQUIRY FORM.

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Birmingham City Police.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,  
CORPORATION STREET,

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Candidate Reginald Lloyd Jones,  
of Post Office  
Knighthwick

Sir,

The above-named man is an Applicant for appointment in this Force, and have instructed him to wait upon you as early as possible.

1. I should be glad if you would measure him as to height and chest measurement, give him the sums herewith and a short piece of Dictation, and forward same to me,
2. I should be further obliged if you would give me, in confidence your personal opinion as to the Candidate's appearance and suitability for the position he is seeking.
3. Would you also kindly enquire in the neighbourhood and inform me whether you have learnt anything to the prejudice of this Candidate and whether his character, connections, antecedents and associates are respectable.
4. Is it known that he has ever served in a police force.
5. Are the 4 signatures to the annexed certificate and 3 testimonials acknowledged by the persons named to be genuine and are the recommendations of these persons worthy of my confidence.

Please write your answer on the opposite page.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES HAUGHTON RAFTER,  
CHIEF CONSTABLE.

To Supt of Police  
Sedbury

(C10563)

6. Has epilepsy or lunacy been known to occur in Candidate's family, or has he suffered from shell shock?

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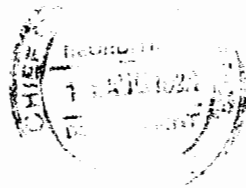
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City of Birmingham.



CERTIFICATE OF ENQUIRY.

BY *Derbyshire* POLICE

*Ladbury Station.*  
*8<sup>th</sup> August, 1924.*

*Re: Reginald Lloyd Jones,*  
*Post Office, Knightwick.*

*Sir,*

I beg to inform you that the particulars of the above named Candidate are as follows:

1. Height 5ft 11 inches, Chest Measurements, inflated 34½ inches, deflated 36 inches, Sums and Dictation attached hereto.
2. He is smart in appearance, and in my opinion suitable for the position he is seeking.
3. Enquiries have been made in the neighbourhood, but nothing has been learnt to his prejudice. His character, connections, antecedents, and associates are respectable.
4. He has not served in a Police Force.
5. The 4 signatures to the annexed Certificate and 3 Testimonials are acknowledged by the persons named to be genuine, and are those of persons worthy of your confidence.
6. Neither epilepsy nor lunacy has been known to occur in the Candidate's Family and he has not suffered from Shell Shock.

*I am Sir,*  
*Your Obedient Servant.*

*S. T. Priestley,*  
*Superintendent.*

*The Chief Constable,*  
*Central Police Station*  
*New Box Street.*

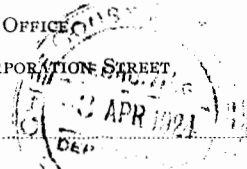
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If otherwise suitable, Candidates are sometimes accepted under the age of 21, but their service under the Police Act of 1890 does not count as approved service until they are 21.

# City of Birmingham Police.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE

CORPORATION STREET,



192

## INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS.

To R. L. Jones.

With reference to your application for employment in this Force, you are informed that Candidates must be—

1. Over 21 and under 26 years of age.
2. Not less than 5 feet 9 inches in height (in bare feet), and not less than 36 inches round the bare chest, deflated.
3. Able to read and write well, and generally intelligent and active.
4. Strong, healthy, and physically fit, in the opinion of the Surgeon of the Force.

The bodily complaints for which Candidates are most frequently rejected are:—Rupture, flat foot, hammer toes, varicose veins, varicocele, tumours, skin disease, stiffness of joints, cough, narrow chest, weak sight, defective teeth, deformity of any kind, impediment of speech, or colour blindness. Candidates living at a distance are recommended to be examined by their own medical man and measured before coming to Birmingham, to save disappointment.

If you fulfil the above requirements, carefully fill in and sign in the presence of a Police Officer the accompanying Form "A." Also have the Certificate of Character, Form "B," signed by three or more persons of respectability and position who have known you for some years, and then return this paper, together with a Certificate of your Birth and three separate written testimonials from a Clergyman, a Magistrate, a Police Officer, or your present or past employer, expressing their opinion in their own words, and a further communication will be sent to you.

Candidates are advised not to give up their situations when applying for this Force, as it takes some time to complete enquiries before they are called up to Birmingham for examination.

If accepted, time will be allowed to enable Candidates to give notice to present employers; but they will please understand that no expenses of a journey to Birmingham will be allowed.

CHARLES HAUGHTON RAFTER,

*Chief Constable.*

# CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER.

This form is to be signed by a Clergyman, a Magistrate, a Police Officer, Applicant's present or past Employer, or other persons of respectability. At least three signatures are required.

WE, the undersigned, hereby certify that Rejinald Lloyd Jones of The Post Office Knightwick Candidate for employment as a Constable in the City of Birmingham, has been known to us personally, and we have observed from his conduct during the periods stated opposite our respective names, that he is sober, honest, and of good temper, and that his connections and associates are respectable. We know nothing reproachable in his character, and we recommend him accordingly for employment as Police Constable.

Signature of Person Recommending.	Period of knowing the Candidate.		Profession and Address of Person Recommending.
	From the Year.	To the Year.	
R. Williams W.A. Cress	1921	1924	Merchant. J. P. Herefordshire - Bromsgrove
W.S. Florde-Radcliffe	1920	1924	Clerk in Holy orders. Knightwick Rectory Worcester
S. Wapner	1921	1924	Police Sergeant Police St. Bromsgrove

In addition to this Certificate of Character, separate written testimonials are required, in which the writers express their opinions of the Candidate in their own words.

If a Candidate has been employed in the public service, satisfactory testimonials as to his conduct in such service will be required.

Name ...  
Present Address  
Native Place (County)  
Are you related to a  
If so, to whom,  
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Name of last employ  
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date of discharge.  
Army Reservists will  
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Have you offered you  
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Service? If so,  
Do you belong to any  
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Are you willing to be  
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Are you subject to fits

Signature

To Chief Constable,  
Birmingham

**This Form to be filled up in Candidate's "own Handwriting" in the presence of a Police Officer and returned to the Chief Constable.**

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.				
Name ...	Reginald Floyd Jones				
Present Address ...	Post Office, Knightwick				
Native Place (Country, County, and Town) ...	No Worcester-shire				
Are you related to any person in Birmingham If so, to whom, and how ...	No				
(1) Age last Birthday, and (2) Date of Birth ...	(1) 20 years. (2) 1904				
Height, barefoot ...	6 feet 1 inches				
Chest Measurement, next skin ...	36 inches				
Weight ...	11 stones — pounds				
Single or Married (number of children) ...	Single				
Trade or calling (journeyman or apprentice) ...	Grocer's Assistant				
Name and address of present employer (if still employed) and length of time in such employment ...	J. W. Williams High St Bromyard				
Names and Addresses of all former employers for at least five years, with length of time in each situation, and reason for leaving ...	NAME.	ADDRESS.	PERIOD EMPLOYED.		REASONS FOR LEAVING.
			FROM	TO	
	Mason's Sta	Knoss West Bromwich	1918	1920	Reduction of Staff
Name of last employer (if disengaged) ...					
Date of leaving last employment, and reason ...	End of 1920. Reduction of Staff				
State Army, Navy, Volunteer, Police, or other Public Service—length of service, rank, date of discharge, pension, etc. ...	No				
Army Reservists will state length of time they must serve on the Reserve ...	No				
Have you offered yourself or been refused as a Candidate for any other Police or Public Service? If so, what, and why refused? ...	No				
Do you belong to any political or secret society ...	No				
Are you free from debt ...	Yes				
Have you ever been charged with any offence before a Magistrate or Court of Law, or had any order made against you by any Court? ...	No				
Are you willing to be Vaccinated if the Surgeon thinks it needful? ...	Yes				
Are you subject to fits? ...	No				
I declare that the above answers are true.					
Signature of Candidate ...	R. L. Jones				

Police Station, Bromyard

14th April 1924.

The above was signed in my presence.

To Chief Constable,  
Birmingham.

Signature of Police Officer

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PARTICULARS OF REWARDS AND PUNISHMENTS

DATE	PARTICULARS	REMARKS
11th. Apl. 1925	Passed in 2nd Division (64%) Council School Evening classes	
25 July 1925	Special Police Exam. Dist 85. Rank 50. Policeability 61. Report Super knowledge of. (1st Grade 75%)	
19 Dec 1927	Compliments for rendering first aid (Fractured Tibia & Fibula)	WB
4 April 1928	Compliments for arrest of a loiterer	WB
1st Jan. 1929	Awarded a guinea for arresting two men who had violently resisted and assaulted him.	W.C.
1st Oct. 1929	Awarded a Guinea for arrest of Motor Car thief	WB
1st Apr. 1930	Awarded a guinea for arrest of thieves	WB
1st Mar. 1931	Complimented for rendering First Aid - Burst Yacrose Vein	W.C.
1st April 1932	Awarded a guinea for removing motor car without owners consent also person loitering	W.C.
1st Apr 1933	Complimented for persons loitering	W.C.
1st JUNE 1935	Complimented for rendering first aid - Fractured Clavicle	W.C.
1st April 1937	Transferred to R Division - Summoning Dept.	
1.1.41	Complimented - Prompt action extinguishing I.B.	WT
1.2.42	Complimented for first aid - Street accident - accident in collision - various injuries sustained by passengers, including fractured ribs and lacerations.	WB

**OPTION FORM—To be detached and handed in when completed**

**COMPLETE EITHER PART 'A' OR 'B' AND STRIKE OUT  
THE UNSIGNED PART.**

**PART 'A'**

**Lower-rate contributions.**

I hereby give notice to the Birmingham Police Authority that I wish to pay pension contributions at the lower rate, viz. 5% of pay reduced by 1s. 2d. per week.

I fully understand that if I am liable to a reduction of pension under the Police Pensions Regulations, my Police pension will be reduced in accordance with Part III of the First Schedule to the Regulations when I reach the age of 65 (60 for Policewomen).

I have read the instructions which were attached hereto and now retained by me and I understand how the reduction (if any) is calculated.

Signature .....

Name in Full .....

Rank ..... Division .....

Warrant No. ....

Date .....

**PART 'B'**

**Higher-rate contributions.**

I hereby give notice to the Birmingham Police Authority that I wish to pay pension contributions at the higher rate, viz. 5% of pay, reduced by 2d. a week.

I have read and I understand the instructions which were attached hereto, and know that by accepting the higher rate of contributions my police pension will *not* be reduced at the age of 65 (60 for Policewomen).

Signature *R. L. Jones* .....

Name in Full *Reginald Lloyd Jones* .....

Rank *P.C.* ..... Division *"R" 226* .....

Warrant No. *10045* .....

Date *7th August 1948* .....

BIRMINGHAM CITY POLICE.

Police Pension Acts.

Name..... **JONES, Reginald Lloyd**.....  
Warrant No..... **10045**..... Rank..... **Constable**..... Divisional No..... **H.226**.....  
Date of Birth..... **12. 4. 04.**..... Date of Joining..... **27.10.24.**..... Age on Joining..... **20**.....  
Date of leaving Force..... **30.10.49.**..... Age on leaving Force..... **45**.....  
Reason for leaving..... **On superannuation.**.....  
Service in other Forces, etc..... **Nil**.....  
Total Police Service..... **25 yrs.**.....  
**Pensionable** ~~Police~~ Service..... **25 yrs.**..... (Police Pensions Act 1921, S.S. 7 to 11 and 29).  
Annual pay at date of leaving..... **£420 (average £371.7. 7).**.....  
Has Officer accepted Police Pension Act 1921..... **Yes**.....  
Particulars of Family..... **Wife - Gwendolina N. (married 31.1.28)**.....  
**Child - Edgar William (born 12.12.36)**.....  
Nature of Application..... **To be granted a pension.**.....  
What may be granted..... **£185.13. 9. per annum.**.....

Police Pensions Regulations, 1949, Reg. 4(1).


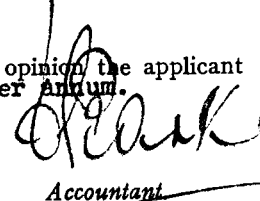
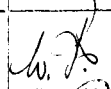
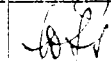
1st Schedule, Part I.

Scale 30/60ths of £371. 7. 7 - £185.13. 9.

31.10.46 to 5.11.46.	6/7th weeks @ 183/- p.w.	£ 5. 5. 5.
6.11.46 to 30. 6.49.	138.2/7th weeks @ 140/- p.w.	£968. 0. 0.
1. 7.49 to 30.10.49.	17.3/6th weeks @ 161/- p.w.	<u>£140.17. 6.</u>

Total - £1114. 2.11.

Average - £371. 7. 7.

Prepared by		<u>CERTIFICATE.</u> I have examined this statement and in my opinion the applicant is entitled to a pension of £185:13: 9 per annum.  17th October..... 19 <b>49</b> .   Accountant
Examined by		
Certified by		

AWARD.

J.S.C. Minute.....

Supt. Bloomer.

Since early 1939, I have regularly performed office duty at Sub. Offices and for 2 years I performed duty at Divisional office at Moseley Street until it was transferred to Acocks Green.

From that date, I have been Office Constable at Robin Hood Police Station, occasionally performing beat duty, but not since March 1944. I still perform Divisional Office duty when I am posted to nights.

I have recently undergone a course of instruction on Bomb Recognition and I was successful in obtaining my Certificate as a Bomb Reconnaissance Officer.

Reginald Jones.  
P.C. 1118

**BIRMINGHAM CITY POLICE**

**APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL OR SPECIAL INCREMENT  
OR PROFICIENCY PAY (POLICE AUXILIARIES)**

To:—SUPERINTENDENT *Bloomer* Division. *E.*

*5th Oct. 1944* Date.

From:—*PC E.118 Jones*

Having completed *20* years' service on the

*27th October, 1944* I apply to be granted the

*second* Additional/Special Increment of *2/6* to *95/-* per week  
Proficiency Pay

Signature *Reginald Jones*

Division and No. *E.118*

Warrant No. *10045*

REMARKS OF SUPERINTENDENT.

*Recommended*

*Oct 6th 1944* *E. Bloomer* Superintendent.

Decision. *Granted the Second Additional Increment of 2/6 to 95/- per week from 30th October 1944.*

*4th October 1944* *[Signature]* Chief Constable.

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BIRMINGHAM CITY POLICE

Form 51 B.

REWARD OR PROMOTION for consideration at Orderly Room

& Name F.C.E.118 Reginald Jones.

Date 6th October 1944.

... passed examination December 1928.

SICKNESS		MERIT	REWARDS				PUNISHMENTS Date of last.	CASES (last 2 years)				SUMMONS		TOTAL
H.D.	N.C.	Crime	1st Aid	Cour age	Other cases	LOCK UPS				Stat ute	Byc Law			
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*[Signature]*  
 Superintendent.



# BIRMINGHAM CITY POLICE

To the Watch Committee:

GENTLEMEN,

I desire to

- \* give ~~three~~ months' notice of my intention to retire from the Force under the provisions of the Police Pensions <sup>Regulations 1949.</sup> ~~Act, 1927.~~ having completed 25 years' Approved Service on the 27th October, 1949.
- \* ~~resign my appointment in the Force in one month from this date.~~
- \* (*Delete if inapplicable.*)

Reason for Resignation or Retirement:—

On Superannuation.

(Signature) Reginald L. Jones.

Division and No. "R" 226.

14th Sept. 1949.

EX. 111. 10045.  
Simplex papers attached.

**Simplex**  
DIRECTOR  
TUBE INVESTMENTS LTD.

**Electric**  
COMPANY LIMITED

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Distributors of  
MERSEY  
CABLES

LUNDBERG  
ELECTRICAL  
ACCESSORIES

BLYTHE BRIDGE  
STOKE-ON-TRENT STAFFS

TELEPHONE  
BLYTHE BRIDGE 2281

TELEGRAMS  
SIMPLEX, STOKE-ON-TRENT

The Chief Constable's Office, RCP/AVA  
Newton Street,  
Birmingham

15th December, 1953

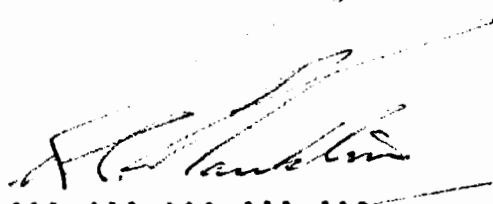
Dear Sirs,

We are considering employing a Mr. Reginald Lloyd Jones in our Security Department, and he has referred us to you for a Reference. His address is 62, Scribers Lane, Hall Green.

We should be glad to learn your opinion of Mr. Jones' general character and ability. We would be glad of a reply as quickly as possible as we are anxious to make a decision in the near future.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,  
SIMPLEX ELECTRIC CO.LTD.,

  
.....  
R.C. FRANKLIN,  
Personnel Manager.

CL/DDL

W.N. 10045  
RCP/AVA

18th December 1953

The Personnel Manager,  
Simlex Electric Co. Ltd.,  
Blythe Bridge,  
STOKE-ON-TRENT.

Dear Sir,

Reginald Lloyd Jones

In reply to your letter of the 15th December, the above-named served in this Force from 27th October 1924 to the 30th October 1949 when he retired on superannuation.

Mr. Jones had a wide and varied experience in this service and was rewarded on numerous occasions by the Watch Committee for especially good police duty.

He proved himself to be a man of the highest integrity and discharged his duties faithfully and zealously.

Since retiring from this Force Mr. Jones has maintained contact in his position as Enforcement Officer for the Ministry of Food.

I have no hesitation in recommending this man for your consideration as an employee in your Security Department.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Constable.

W.N.10045 - WPA/JB

4th March, 1954.

G. E. Rush, Esq.,  
Circulation Manager,  
Birmingham Gazette and Evening Despatch,  
Corporation Street,  
Birmingham, 4.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your telephone message of yesterday's date, I confirm that Reginald Lloyd Jones was employed as a Constable in this Force from the 27th October, 1924, to the 30th October, 1949, when he resigned on pension.

During the whole of this service his conduct was exemplary and he was rewarded and complimented by the Watch Committee on a number of occasions for exceptionally good Police work.

I know of no reason why he should not be employed by you.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Constable.

*Sir  
Mr Rush phoned 3/3/54 and  
asked for Mrs. He is going to  
employ ex-PC Jones to supervise  
street papers - secms  
10. hours*