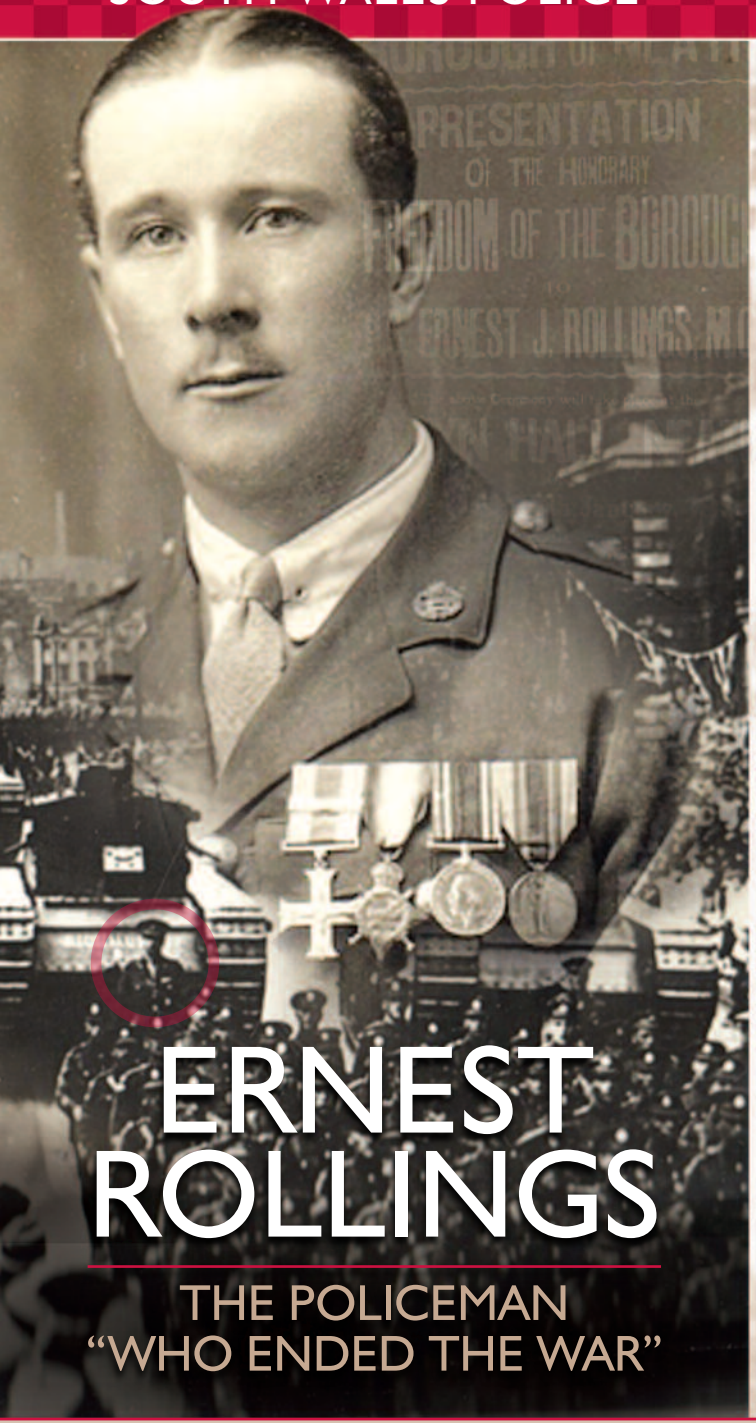
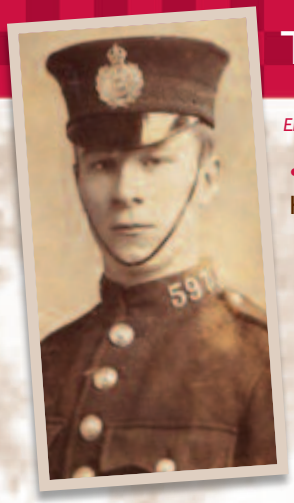
THE STORY OF ERNEST JAMES ROLLINGS



ERNEST ROLLINGS

THE POLICEMAN "WHO ENDED THE WAR"



Ernest as a young policeman

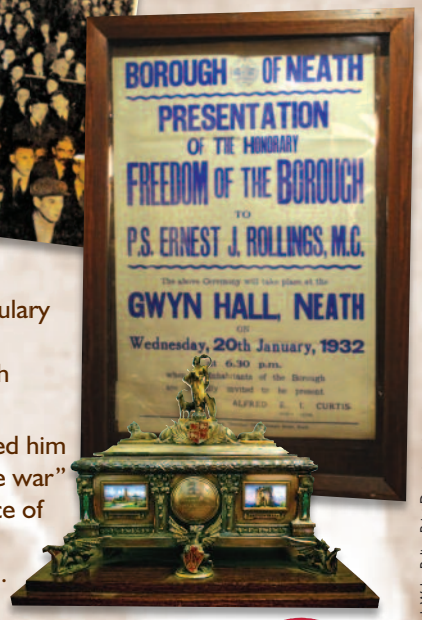
- Born in Hereford in 1893
- Worked as a porter on the Great Western Railway
- Joined the Glamorgan Constabulary in 1913.
- Enlisted in the army in November 1914.
- Went into the cavalry but transferred to the infantry and served on the Western Front.
- Became an officer in the Tank Corps in 1917.
- Awarded Military Cross for his bravery during the Battle of Passchendaele.
- Transferred to an armoured car battalion.
- In August 1918 during the Battle of Amiens, led a raid on a German HQ when he recovered top secret documents. Awarded second Military Cross.
- In July 1919 led a column of tanks during the Victory Parade in London.

(Circled on cover photograph)

A FORTUNE FOR "THE MAN WHO ENDED THE WAR."

Newspaper cutting from the Sunday Express, 22 November 1931

- A Lady Houston gave him £5000 in recognition of his bravery
- Made a Freeman of the Borough of Neath in 1932.
- Acting Chief Constable when he retired from the Neath Police in 1943.
- Died in 1966, aged 72.



Poster advertising Freedom Ceremony and the Freedom Casket

Ernest James Rollings medals

- Returned to the Glamorgan Constabulary after the war before transferring to the Neath Borough Police.
- In 1931 the press called him "The man who ended the war" because of the importance of the documents he had recovered.

Promoted to Sergeant in 1926, Neath Borough Police

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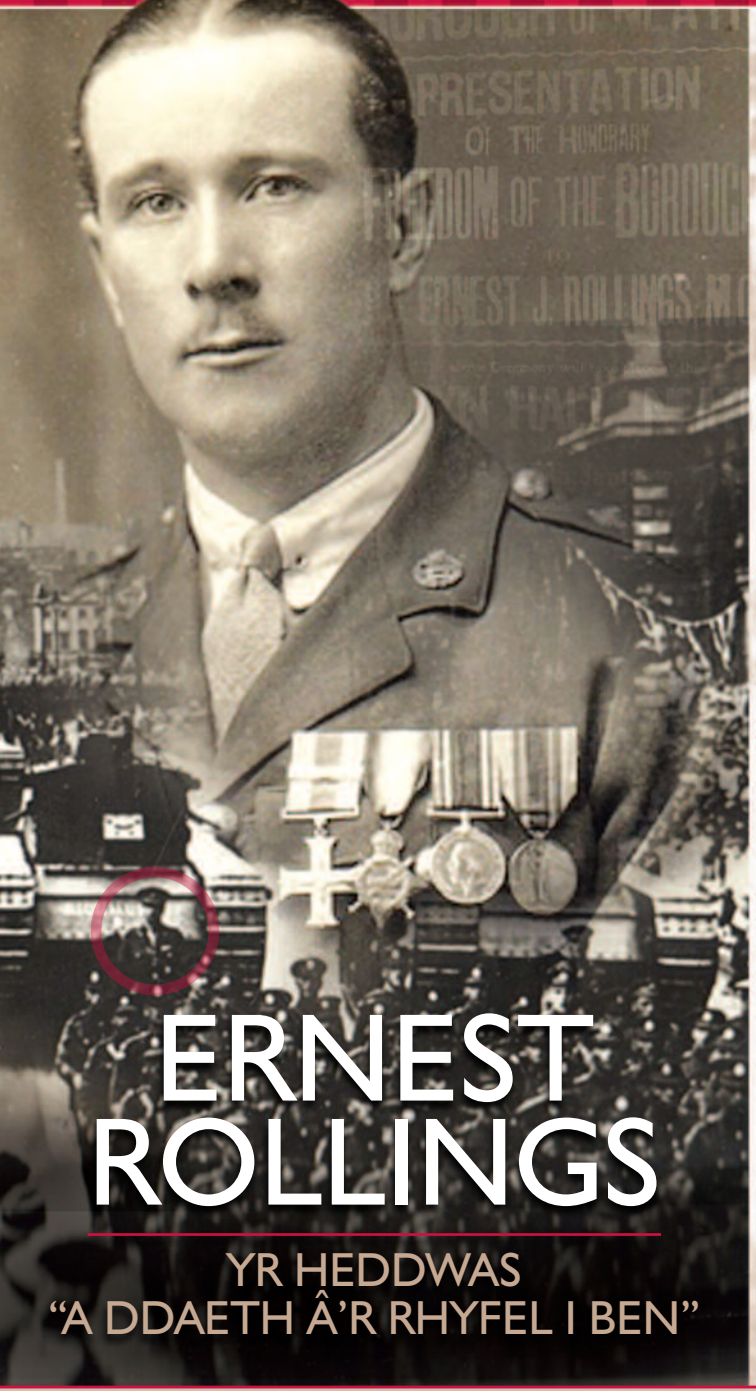

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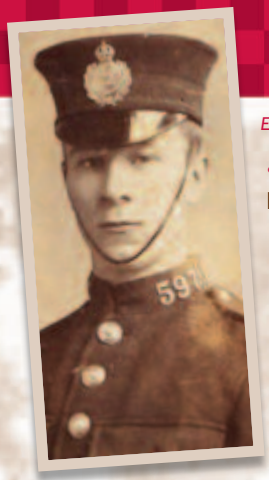
YR HEDDWAS "A DDAETH Â'R RHYFEL I BEN"



Ernest fel heddwas ifanc

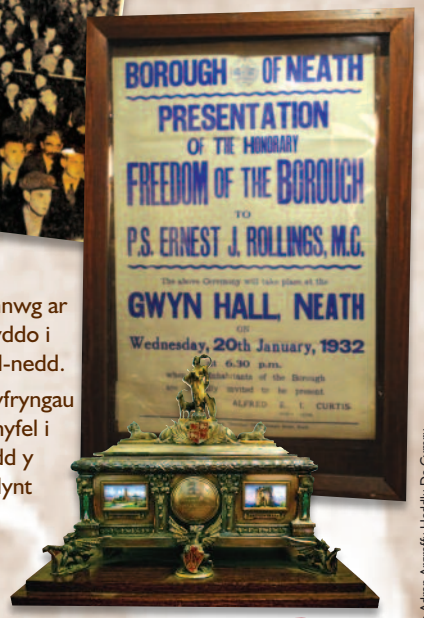
- Fe'i ganwyd yn Henffordd yn 1893
- Gweithiodd fel porthor ar Reilffordd y Great Western
- Ymunodd â Chwnstabliaeth Morgannwg yn 1913.
- Ymunodd â'r fyddin ym mis Tachwedd 1914.
- Roedd yn rhan o'r marchoglu i ddechrau ond cafodd ei drosglwyddo i fod yn filwr traed a bu'n brwydro ar Ffrynt y Gorllewin.
- Daeth yn swyddog yng Nghorfflu'r Tanciau yn 1917.
- Dyfarnwyd y Groes Filwrol iddo am ei ddewrder yn ystod Brwydr Passchendaele.
- Cafodd ei drosglwyddo i'r bataliwn ceir arfog.
- Ym mis Awst 1918 yn ystod Brwydr Amiens, arweiniodd ymosodiad ar Bencadlys Almaenig lle ddaeth o hyd i ddogfennau hynod gyfrinachol. Dyfarnwyd ail Groes Filwrol iddo.
- Ym mis Gorffennaf 1919, arweiniodd golofn o danciau yn ystod yr Orymdaith Buddugoliaeth yn Llundain.

(Cylch o'i amgylch ar lun y clawr)

A FORTUNE FOR "THE MAN WHO ENDED THE WAR."

Toriad o bapur newydd y Sunday Express, 22 Tachwedd 1931

- Rhoddodd y Fonesig Houston £5000 iddo yn gydnabyddiaeth o'i ddewrder
- Fe'i gwnaed yn Rhyddfreiniwr Bwrdeistref Castell-nedd yn 1932.
- Roedd yn Brif Gwnstabl Dros Dro pan ymddeolodd o Heddlu Castell-nedd yn 1943.
- Bu farw yn 1966 yn 72 oed.



Poster yn hysbysebu Seremoni Rhyddfraint a'r Gasged Rhyddfraint

- Dychwelodd i Gwnstabliaeth Morgannwg ar ôl y rhyfel cyn trosglwyddo i Heddlu Bwrdeistref Castell-nedd.
- Yn 1931, disgrifiodd y cyfryngau ef fel "Y dyn a ddaeth â'r rhyfel i ben" oherwydd pwysigrwydd y dogfennau y daeth o hyd iddynt

Medalau Ernest James Rollings

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Fe'i dyrchafwyd i reng Rhingyll yn 1926, Heddlu Bwrdeistref Castell-nedd

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