

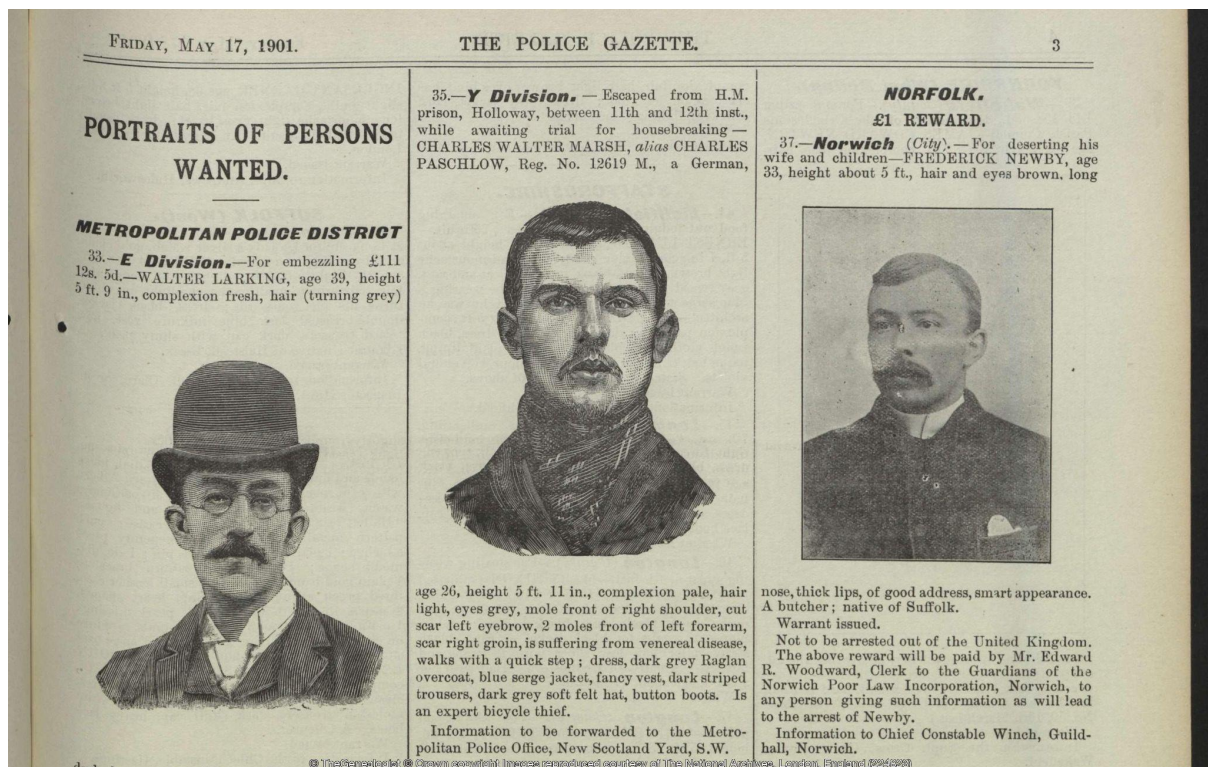
Press Release:

Find your Infamous Ancestors

These records cover wanted persons, absentees and deserter records in TheGenealogist's latest release

Over 56,000 individuals and 20,802 further aliases from **The Police Gazette** have been released by [TheGenealogist](#) covering the years 1901, 1911, 1921 and 1931 and are now available to Diamond subscribers in their **Court and Criminal Records Collection**.

Searchable by name, alias, offence among other keywords, these records have been transcribed by volunteers from **UKIndexer** to provide an effective resource for discovering descriptions of our wayward ancestors.



MEPO 6 on TheGenealogist includes the Police Gazette for 1901, 1911, 1921 and 1931

These newly released Police Gazette records (sometimes known to researchers by its historic name of Hue and Cry) are a part of the MEPO 6 criminal records on TheGenealogist that also include Habitual Criminals Registers and Miscellaneous Papers.

The images of the pages from the Police Gazette publication on TheGenealogist were originally published by the Metropolitan Police and circulated to Police forces in the British Isles. They include a number of portraits of the offenders and always give descriptive written details of the individuals. Expect to see the names of persons charged who were known but not in custody, and also the description of those who were not known, their appearance, dress, and every other mark of identity that could help identify the person. Also included in the Police Gazette were the names of

accomplices and accessories, with every other particular that may lead to the apprehension of the individuals.

Wanted for Theft and Desertion

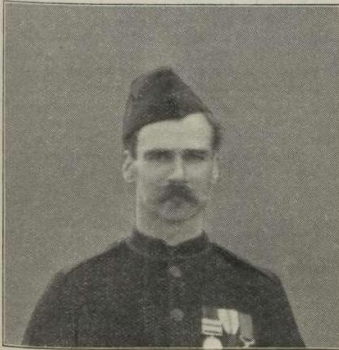
Sections of the Police Gazette were devoted to "Deserters and Absentees" from the military and those "Discharged for Misconduct". These provide interesting details about ancestors missing from the Army and the Navy. As an example we can find Albert Eyre, 45, a Colour-sergeant in the 1st Battalion Royal Rifles Reserve Regiment. He appears firstly in the alphabetical list on the front page of "Deserters and Absentees from Her Majesty's Service" in January 1901.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1901. THE POLICE GAZETTE. 3

PORTRAITS OF PERSONS WANTED.

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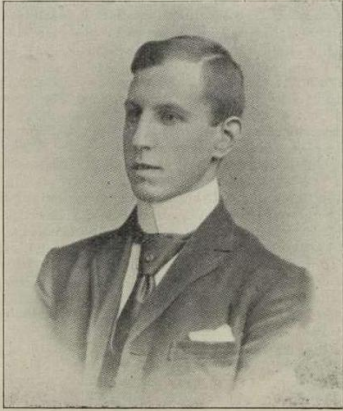
30.—**Portsmouth (Borough).**—For stealing a considerable sum of money—ALBERT EYRE, age 45, height 5 ft. 5 in., complexion sallow, hair brown, moustache and imperial dark, eyes grey; dress, black overcoat, dark suit, grey cap. Is a colour-sergeant of 1st Battalion Royal Rifles Reserve Regiment, from which he is a deserter.



May endeavour to leave the country. He left Portsmouth, 8th ult., accompanied by A WOMAN, age 23 (looks older), height 5 ft. 5 in., stout build, complexion sallow, hair (short) dyed auburn colour, 1 front upper tooth deficient; dress, black skirt and cape, round sealskin hat.
Information to the Chief Constable, Portsmouth.

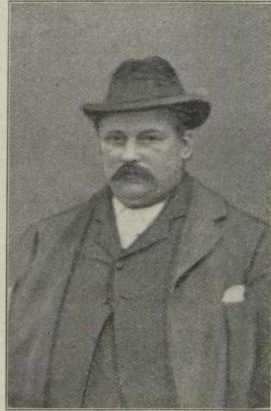
MONMOUTHSHIRE.

32.—**Abergavenny (County).**—For embezzling £83 — ALEXANDER SEYMOUR HOLMES, age 26, height 5 ft. 9 or 10 in., complexion pale, long thin features, prominent nose, hair light brown, clean shaved, of smart appearance; dress, dark jacket and vest, light tweed breeches, brown leather leggings and boots, light colour Newmarket mackintosh, black hard hat. A bank clerk; native of Cinderford, Gloucester. May endeavour to leave the country.
Warrant issued.
Not to be arrested out of the United Kingdom. Information to Supt. Davies, Abergavenny.



SUSSEX (East).

33.—**Hove (Borough).**—For embezzlement—CHARLES WILLIAMS, age about 35, height about 5 ft. 5 in., stout build, complexion fresh, hair (thin on top) dark brown, moustache brown, small powder mark under left eye, short thick hands; dress, fawn colour dust coat, grey trousers and vest, black hard hat, sometimes wears a soft Alpine hat, lace boots. A wheelwright; supposed a native of Manchester.
Warrant issued.
Information to Major Teevan, Chief Constable, Hove.



STAFFORDSHIRE.

34.—**Wednesbury (County).**—Committed for trial at next Staffordshire Quarter Sessions, for larceny, and obtaining money by false pretences—SUSANNAH THOMPSON *alias* MORAN, EDITH CHAMBERS, THOMPSON, MORGAN, SMITH, MARY McDONALD, and ELIZABETH

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Albert Eyre in the portraits of persons wanted and list of Deserters and Absentees from the Police Gazette

Eyre then warrants several mentions, including a photograph of him, on the inside pages of subsequent editions. He had by then also become wanted, along with a female accomplice, by Portsmouth Police for "Stealing a considerable amount of Money." The fugitive was described as: *age 45, height 5 ft. 5 in., complexion sallow, hair brown, moustache and imperial dark, eyes grey; dress, black overcoat, dark suit, grey cap.*

We can read that he had left Portsmouth accompanied by an unnamed woman whose unflattering description is also published: *age 23 (looks older) height 5ft. 5 in., stout build, complexion sallow, hair (short) dyed auburn colour, 1 front tooth deficient.*

TheGenealogist has an extensive Court and Criminal Records collection that can be used to discover trouble-making ancestors that include the MEPO 6 records that embrace Registers of Criminals as defined by sections 5-8 of the Prevention of Crimes Act 1871, with examples of the Police Gazettes.

Read TheGenealogist's featured article where a search of the MEPO 6 Criminal Records discovers female gang leaders known as the Queen of the Forties:

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2023/the-queens-of-the-forties-1683/>

About TheGenealogist

TheGenealogist is an award-winning online family history website, which puts a wealth of information at the fingertips of family historians. Their approach is to bring hard to use physical records to life online with easy to use interfaces such as their Tithe and newly released Lloyd George Domesday collections.

TheGenealogist's innovative SmartSearch technology links records together to help you find your ancestors more easily. TheGenealogist is one of the leading providers of online family history records. Along with the standard Birth, Marriage, Death and Census records, they also have significant collections of Parish and Nonconformist records, PCC Will Records, Irish Records, Military records, Occupations, Newspaper record collections amongst many others.

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MEPO 6

This release is of the Police Gazette, where we have captured the 'Apprehensions' sections which included 'Apprehensions Sought', 'Persons Wanted' and 'Persons in Custody' And also, the Deserters and Absentees.

MEPO 6/53 Police Gazette.	Metropolitan Police: Criminal Record Office: Habitual Criminals Registers and Miscellaneous Papers. 1901
MEPO 6/54 Police Gazette.	Metropolitan Police: Criminal Record Office: Habitual Criminals Registers and Miscellaneous Papers. 1911
MEPO 6/55 Police Gazette.	Metropolitan Police: Criminal Record Office: Habitual Criminals Registers and Miscellaneous Papers. 1921
MEPO 6/56 Police Gazette.	Metropolitan Police: Criminal Record Office: Habitual Criminals Registers and Miscellaneous Papers. 1931 Jan-June
MEPO 6/57 Police Gazette.	Metropolitan Police: Criminal Record Office: Habitual Criminals Registers and Miscellaneous Papers. 1931 July-Dec