

returned to **Reason 2** Connie and Agnes are in **Reason 2** whilst George is in **Reason 2** and my youngest brother was Charles Harper GRAY Born 17.1.30 (17011930) (43 yrs at his death) he was born in Keith, Scotland.

He had completed his national service in the army after the war. I'm not sure exactly which year he settled in Birmingham but suffice to say he found work in local factories. He had no particular trade. He was in digs at **Reason 2** until he came to lodge with us for about two years 69 (000069) - 71 (000071) and then he decided for no apparent reason that he would get alternative digs and he went to live at **Reason 2** with John McQUAID. I have no idea how he met this man but he moved in with him and his wife and two children. At that time he was working as a factory worker at British Leyland at Longbridge. I think he worked days and nights but I can't be exactly sure. He visited occasionally in those latter years of his life. He would visit on a Sunday afternoon, but he was basically a loner. He enjoyed going to the cinema, particularly the Picadilly here in Sparkhill, but to be honest I don't know which places he visited I know that he liked a social drink but again I'm not really sure where he spent his time. He was a man who never

married and I am not aware of any of his friends. I only met John McQUAID as a result of Charlie's death.

I recall at that time I was on days at work and I saw that the bombs had exploded in Birmingham. I was not immediately concerned not believing that I would know anyone who frequented the Mulberry Bush or the Tavern.

The following morning John McQUAID called round and informed us that Charlie had not returned home and he was concerned. We started to make enquiries at the hospitals and also at the coroners department in Newton Street. On Friday 22 November 1974 (221174) Elizabeth identified Charlie in company with John McQUAID. I was too upset by the events to become involved. However when the matter was heard at the Opening Inquest I was again asked to identify my brother which I did.

I have since been informed by Mr & Mrs McQUAID that Charlie had been to work on Thursday 21 November 1974 (211174) and he returned home to have his tea before getting changed to go into town. They stated they were not aware exactly where he was going as far as I can establish he was not a man who used to drink regularly in the Mulberry Bush. He did not own a car and therefore he relied on public transport.