

## John Christie



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Date	Age	Life Event
4/08/1899	0	Born in England, Halifax of Yorkshire.
	8	Fascinated by and felt pleasure in looking at his dead grandfather
1909	10	Became sexually attracted to his sisters
	11	Received a scholarship to Halifax secondary school
1913	13	Worked as an assistant cinema operator at the Gem Theater
		First sexual act which he failed at
	19	Turned to prostitutes
1916		Enlisted into the Army with the Notts and Derby Regiment and posted to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
1918		Caught in mustard gas attack during WWI Claimed to have lost sight and speech from the gas
1919		Left the Army
1919		Became clerk at wool mill and then worked as cinema operator
1920	21	Married Ethel Simpson
1921	22	Became postman
1923	24	Put on probation for obtaining money under false pretense
1923		Put on probation for charges of violence at post office
9/1924	25	Sentenced to two consecutive terms 3 and 6 months for larceny
1929	30	Separated from wife
1929		Served 3 months for assaulting a prostitute with a cricket bat
1933		Served 3 months for stealing a priest's car
1933		Wrote to his wife and convinced her to rejoin him
1938		Moved into 10 Rillington Place (location where murders took place)
9/1939	40	Volunteered as a special constable policeman during time of WWII
1943		Had an affair with married women whose husband was overseas and husband returns catch and listing Christie as co-respondent for their divorce

1943		Killed Ruth Fuerst who was 21 She was reported missing on Aug. 24, 1943
1944		Killed Muriel Eady who was 32 She was reported missing October, 1944
11/1949		Killed neighbor Beryl Evans and baby Geraldine Evans
12/1952	53	Killed his wife Ethel
1/1953	53	Killed Rita Nelson who was 25
2/1953	53	Killed Kathleen Maloney who was 26
4/1953	54	Killed Hectorina Maclellan who was 26
04/31/1953		Arrested
06/ 26/1953		Convicted and sentenced to death
07/15/1953		Executed

### General Information

Sex	Male
Race	White
Number of victims	8
Country where killing occurred	England
States where killing occurred	
Cities where killing occurred	London
Type of killer	
Height	

### Childhood Information

Date of birth	April 08, 1898
Location	Halifax of Yorkshire
Birth order	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 4
Number of siblings	3
XYY?	no
Raised by	Both parents
Birth category	middle
Parent's marital status	Married
Family event	Ruled by women of his family and fascinated with grandfathers death
Age of family event	
Problems in school?	Picked on and called "Reggie-No-Dick" and "Can't do it Christie"
Teased while in school?	yes
Physically attractive?	no
Physical defect?	Blind for several months
Speech defect?	Yes talked with whisper most of life
Head injury?	
Physically abused?	Severally beaten by father
Psychologically abused?	Bossed around by sisters
Sexually abused?	
Father's occupation	
Age of first sexual experience	15 which he failed at
Age when first had intercourse	
Mother's occupation	
Father abused drugs/alcohol	
Mother abused drugs/alcohol	

### Cognitive Ability

Highest grade in school	Secondary school
Highest degree	
Grades in school	
IQ	128

Source of IQ information	(2006) Nottingham Evening Post
<b>Work History</b>	
Served in the military?	yes
Branch	Army
Type of discharge	Honorable
Saw combat duty	Yes, in World War I
Killed enemy during service?	
Applied for job as a cop?	Yes
Worked in law enforcement?	Become part of War Reserve Police during WWII
Fired from jobs?	
Types of jobs worked	Cinema operator, clerk, postman, reserve police
Employment status during series	
<b>Relationships</b>	
Sexual preference	Heterosexual
Marital status	Married
Number of children	None
Lives with his children	
Living with	Prostitute, wife
<b>Triad</b>	
Animal torture	None
Fire setting	None
Bed wetting	None
<b>Killer Psychological Information</b>	
Abused drugs?	No
Abused alcohol?	No
Been to a psychologist?	No
Time in forensic hospital?	No
Diagnosis	
<b>Killer Criminal History</b>	
Committed previous crimes?	Theft, larceny, obtaining money by false pretences
Spend time in jail?	Yes
Spend time in prison?	Yes
Killed prior to series? Age?	No
<b>Serial Killing</b>	
Number of victims	8
Victim type	Prostitutes
Killer age at start of series	44
Date of first kill in series	August 24, 1943
Date of final kill in series	March 1953
Gender of victims	Women
Race of victims	White
Age of victims	20-54
Type of victim	prostitutes
Method of killing	Strangulation, make victims breath toxic fumes
Weapon	Used things to choke them
Was gun used?	No
Type	
Did killer have a partner?	No
Name of partner	
Sex of partner	

Type of serial killer	Organized thrill
How close did killer live?	At his place
Location of first contact	killer home
Location of killing	killer's home
Killing occurred in home of victim?	Yes
Killing occurred in home of killer?	Yes
Victim abducted or killed at contact?	
Behavior During Crimes	Strangled them
Rape?	yes
Tortured victims?	Yes
Stalked victims?	No
Overkill?	no
Quick & efficient?	Strangled
Used blindfold?	No
Bound the victims?	No
After Death Behavior	sexually assaulted after death
Sex with the body?	Yes
Mutilated body?	No
Ate part of the body?	No
Drank victim's blood?	No
Posed the body?	No
Took totem – body part	No
Took totem – personal item	
Robbed victim or location	No
Disposal of Body	
Left at scene, no attempt to hide	no
Left at scene, hidden	yes
Left at scene, buried	Yes
Moved, no attempt to hide	No
Moved, buried	No
Cut-up and disposed of	no
Moved, too home	yes
Sentencing	
Date killer arrested	March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1953
Date convicted	June 26, 1953
Sentence	Death
Killer executed?	Yes
Did killer plead NGRI?	Yes
Was the NGRI plea successful?	No
Name and state of prison	Pentonville
Killer committed suicide?	No
Killer killed in prison?	No
Date of death	July 15 <sup>th</sup> 1953

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