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| 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 2nd/6thBattali | |
| 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 | |

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| 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 Maclennan 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 | | | 3rd 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 |

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| Source of IQ information | (2006) Nottingham Evening Post |
| **Work History** | |
| 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 |  |
| **Relationships** |  |
| Sexual preference | Heterosexual |
| Marital status | Married |
| Number of children | None |
| Lives with his children |  |
| Living with | Prostitute, wife |
| **Triad** | |
| Animal torture | None |
| Fire setting | None |
| Bed wetting | None |
| **Killer Psychological Information** | |
| Abused drugs? | No |
| Abused alcohol? | No |
| Been to a psychologist? | No |
| Time in forensic hospital? | No |
| Diagnosis |  |
| **Killer Criminal History** | |
| 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 |
| **Serial Killing** | |
| 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 |  |

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| 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-op and disposed of | no |
| Moved, too home | yes |
| Sentencing |  |
| Date killer arrested | March 31st , 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 15th 1953 |

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