

## THOMAS EVERY – Private 26862, 4<sup>TH</sup> Battalion South Wales Borderers

Thomas was one of the 8 children of farm worker Eli Every and his wife Elizabeth, born on October 18 1882. They lived in cottages around Buckland St Mary; when Thomas started school at Buckland in 1893 they were living at Long Lye; when his younger brother Eli started school in 1901 they were at Marlpit Cottage. Later on Thomas and family lived at Meanwood.

Thomas had married Alice Whatley in 1910; at the time of the 1911 Census they were living with his mother in law Elizabeth Whatley at Newtown; both the women were lacemenders. By 1915 they had 2 little girls, Elizabeth and Olive; their first born, William, had died at under a year.



Thomas's Service Records don't survive, so only a sketchy idea of his Army career is possible. A photograph, perhaps a farewell picture, exists of the whole family. Olive is probably less than a year old, which suggests a 1916 date for his calling up. His cap badge appears to be that of the Somerset Light Infantry, but other written records suggest he was (perhaps later) recruited into the South Wales Borderers, we believe the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, given where they were serving - on November 29 1916 the Rector had written to Sam Pym "Tom Every is in Hospital in Mesopotamia".

It seems likely that Thomas joined the Battalion in Egypt early in 1916.

In the 1939 Register of England and Wales Thomas and Alice are living in Meanwood with two of their sons, Jim and Frank.

Thomas didn't enjoy good health, suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, and died in 1947 aged 64. His youngest daughter, Mary, died only recently in 2017, and many of his descendants live in the area.



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Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
EVERY	S Wales Bord	Pt	26862
Thomas			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
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Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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(SUPPLEMENTARY) SOUTH WALES BORERS. REGIMENT OR CORPS.

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders 201 & 206 of 1919.

6255 (b). of 19 .

Engr. No.	Rank	NAME	As required to be entered in the Roll of Individuals entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above.	Character of war in which served	Charges awarded (to be left blank)	Record of Award of decorations	REMARKS
			(a) For service in a theatre of War, unless awarded for gallantry, being shown against the name of the regiment or Corps which is to be recorded on the medal.			(a) Frontal (b) Regarded by Post (c) Taken into Stock	
26861	Pte.	DUNGEY Sidney.	S. Wales Bord. ) Pte. 26861. )				Infantry Base Depot.
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26862	Pte.	EVERY Thomas.	S. Wales Bord. ) Pte. 26862. )				Infantry Base Depot.
			4 S. Wales Bord. ) S. Wales Bord. ) 4 S. Wales Bord. )				Infantry Base Depot.
26876	Pte.	SINNICK Robert James.	S. Wales Bord. ) Pte. 26876. )				Infantry Base Depot.
			4 S. Wales Bord. ) 4 S. Wales Bord. )				

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above.

Place 2 JUN 1922 For Officer I/C Infantry Records, Shrewsbury.

Date 2 JUN 1922 Signature and rank of Officer certifying.



Mary Every, Tom's youngest daughter

