

## MOSS Thomas Maylor ✓



Deir El Belah War Cemetery, Palestine

Private Moss – 201386 Cheshire Regiment 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Btn

Thomas enlisted at Birkenhead. He died, aged 38, in Gaza, Palestine on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1917 from wounds. It appears that he was not killed in action. The Battalion was to the rear of the Front on that day and, according to their diary, the "Companies (were) engaged in bayonet training and extended drill". Three were sent to hospital, including Moss and two came back. Unfortunately, Thomas died and is buried in Deir El Belah War Cemetery which is in Palestine about 16 kilometres east of the Egyptian border, and 20 kilometres south-west of Gaza.

Thomas was the son of Charles, a miller and clerk, and Mary Maylor. He was married in June 1911 to Olive Daisy (nee Mitchell) and lived at 30, Broughton Rd Seacombe.

### Other information

#### 1901 Census

Thomas was a boarder with Joseph Davies, journeyman baker, at 330 Borough Rd Birkenhead, along with his brother James Frederick. Thomas was an assistant butcher.

#### 1911 Census:

Address – 23 Mostyn St, Poulton

Mr Thomas Caunce aged 34 married born in Neston and a Letterpress printer

Mrs Jane Caunce aged 34 married 4 yrs born in Willaston

Daughter Edna aged 3 born in Poulton, Seacombe

Thomas Moss, age 32, boarder, single, baker's assistant

(Although listed as a boarder, Jane Caunce was his sister, Mildred Jane.)

Cheshire Regt records have Thomas as a printer. Did he change occupation when boarding here?

**Family:** Charles Moss, 1839-1911, b. Liverpool, in 1867 married Mary Maylor, 1843-1921, from the **Red Lion, Willaston.**

10 children, all living in 1911:

Edith Emily 1867-1956, m. 1902 Joseph Charmley, farmer, of Burton, but was not with the rest of the family at any earlier census

John Maylor Moss 1868-1954, m. Charlotte Baker

Charles Henry Moss 1870-1930, m. Mary Maylor (?wife in 1911 census is Kate)

William Joseph 1871- (He seems to have reversed his names, as he was Joseph William when at the Red Lion in 1911)

Catherine Ann 1873-1952, unmarried, became a school teacher

Mary Barbara, 1875-1960, m. Robert Caunce Mildred Jane 1877-1965, m. Thomas Caunce

Amy Elizabeth 1881-1963, m. Arthur H Caunce

James Frederick 1885-1979?, m. Florence May Pugh