

Pension Records

Born at Durrington



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World War I



3941

Richard Thomas Long

21st (EMPRESS OF INDIA'S) LANCERS

Pension Record Details for

Richard Thomas Long

Richard Thomas Long was born in 1871 at Durrington, Wiltshire to parents John & Elizabeth Long (nee Major). His birth was registered in September quarter, 1871 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire. Richard Thomas Long was baptised at Durrington on 17th September, 1871.

[The 1871 Census listed Richard Thomas Long's parents living with their 5 children at Durrington, Wiltshire. His parents were listed as John Long (Labourer, aged 37, born Durrington) & Elizabeth Long (aged 36, born Orcheston St. George). The children were all born at Durrington – Alice (Scholar, aged 11), Edward (Plough Boy, aged 9) Emma (Scholar, aged 7), Sarah (Scholar, aged 5) & Flora (aged 3).]

Thomas Long was aged 18 years and 4 months when he enlisted with Royal Artillery at Devizes, Wiltshire on 20th November, 1888. He was a Labourer & his religion was Church of England. He was given a service number of 2333 & the rank of Gunner. His next-of-kin was listed as his mother – Elizabeth Long, Durrington, Wiltshire. His older brothers & sisters were listed as Edward, Alice, Emmie, Sarah & Flora. His younger sisters were listed as Annie & Eva.

Gunner Thomas Long was transferred from Royal Artillery on 30th November, 1888 to Wiltshire Regiment. He was posted to Depot as Private on 6th December, 1888. On 12th October, 1891, he was posted to 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment.

Pte Thomas Long passed Classes of Instruction – Mounted Infantry Certificate on 6th September, 1893.

Pte Thomas Long was appointed unpaid L./Cpl. on 20th February, 1893 & appointed paid Lce/Cpl. on 1st October, 1894. L./Cpl/ Thomas Long was re-signed as Private on 2nd March, 1895. On 26th March, 1895 Thomas Long's service was extended at Mandalay, Burma to complete 12 years' service with the Colours.

Pte Thomas Long was transferred to Corps of Hussars of the Line & posted for duty to 21st Hussars on 31st March, 1895 with a service number of 3941.

Thomas Long re-engaged to complete 21 years Army Service on 28th November, 1898.

Richard Thomas Long married Fanny Louise Vallis at St. Leonard's Church, Bulford, Wiltshire on 31st January, 1899.

Thomas Long was permitted to re-engage at Abbassiyeh to complete 21 years service with the colours for Corps of Lancers of the Line on 28th November, 1898

Thomas Long was appointed L/Cpl on 14th August, 1900.

L/Cpl/ Thomas Long was deprived of his Lance Cpl. Appointment for misconduct. His rank reverted to Private & his pay was also relinquished.

L.Cpl. Thomas Long was discharged to Pension (13d. for life) - Para 390 (XXI) K.R. on 19th November, 1909 after serving 21 years. He was discharged at Canterbury & his character on being discharged was "exemplary". Thomas Long's intended place of residence on discharge was listed as 1 Kingsley Rd. Shorley, Southampton.

Thomas Long had served in Sudan Campaign 1898 & was awarded Sudan Medal 1898 with Clasp "Khartoum" & Queen's Medal 1898.

Thomas Long – Military History Sheet:

- Home – 20-11-88 to 11-10-91
- India – 12-10-91 to 23-10-96
- Egypt – 24-10-96 to 24-11-99

- Home – 25-11-99 to 19-11-09

The 1911 Census recorded Richard Thomas Long as a 38 year old Army Pensioner, Gardener living with his wife at Vicarage Cottage, Ipsden, Wallingford, Oxfordshire in a 3 roomed dwelling. His wife was listed as Fanny Louisa Long (Laundry Work, aged 37, born Elstone, Wilts). Thomas & Fanny had been married for 13 years & had no children.

Thomas Long enlisted with 21st Lancers on 11th November, 1914 at Reading. He was a 45 year old Labourer, living at Church Cottages, Ipsden, nr Wallingford, Berks. He stated he had previously served with 21st Lancers. His next-of-kin was listed as his wife – Fanny Louisa Long.

Thomas Long was attached to R.A. Cadet School from 24th November, 1916 to 27th January, 1917. He was posted to Regt. of Lancers 1st Res. on 24th February, 1917 & then transferred to Class “W” on 6th May, 1917. Thomas Long was discharged “being surplus to Military requirements” on 14th December, 1918.

Thomas Long – Military History Sheet:

- Home – 11-11-14 to 5-5-17
- Class “W” – 6-5-17 to 14-12-18.

