

**A SCARCE GREAT WAR GALLIPOLI M.M. M.I.D. PAIR TO A SERGEANT OF THE 4TH BATTALION WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT WHO WAS TWICE WOUNDED AT GALLIPOLI. HE WAS KILLED IN ACTION ON 30 NOVEMBER 1916 AND HAD REPORTEDLY FURTHER DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON A PATROL THE NIGHT BEFORE HIS DEATH.**



MILITARY MEDAL GV '12140 L. SGT: C. W. EVERISS. 4/ WORC: R.', BRITISH WAR MEDAL '12140 L. SGT. C. W. EVERISS. 4/ WORC. R.'

M.M. *London Gazette* 3 June 1916. First M.M. Gazette

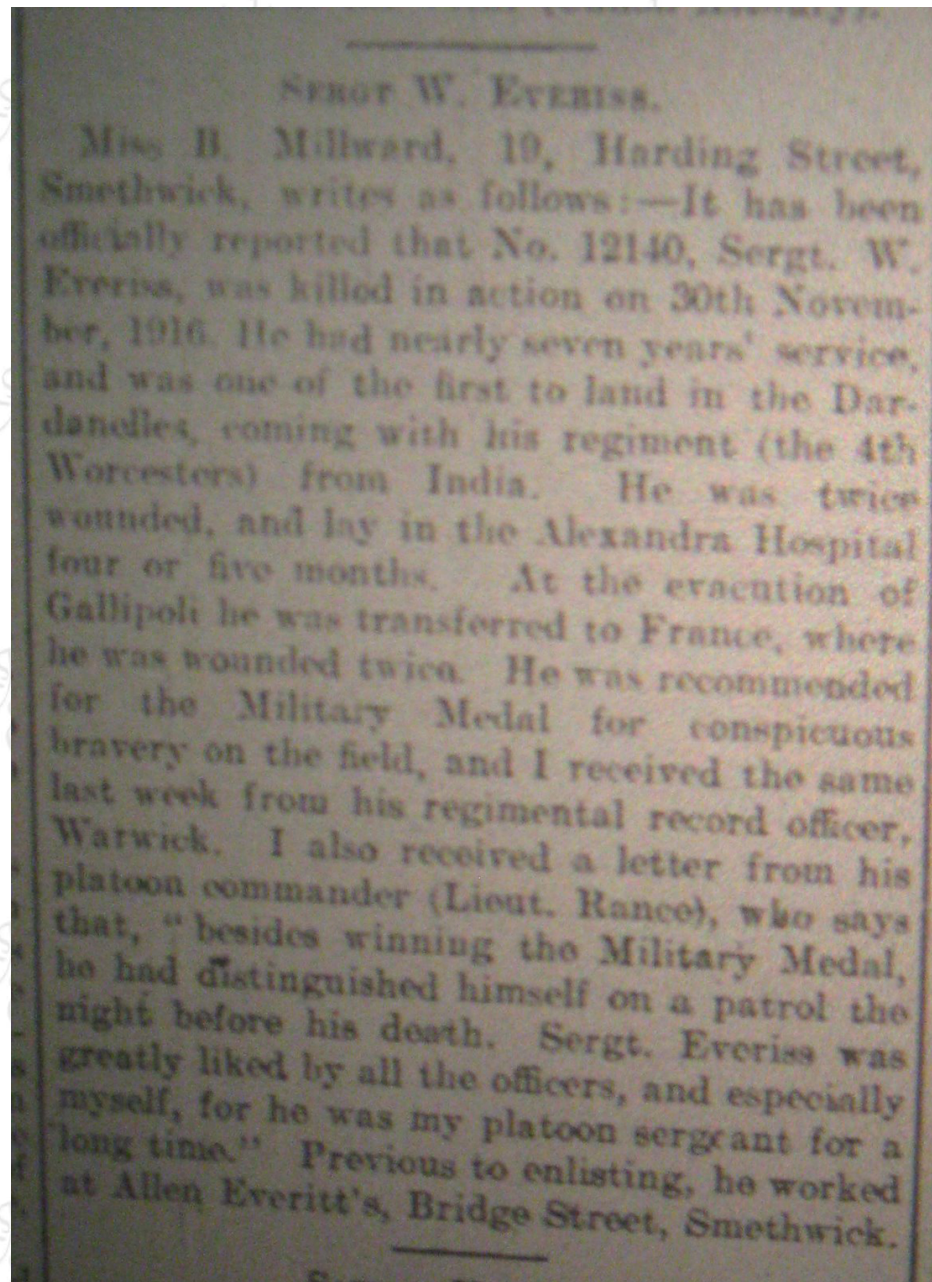
M.I.D. *London Gazette* 5 May 1916. Listed as one of the men not included in General Sir Ian Hamilton's 'Gallipoli' despatch of 11 December 1915

Charles Everiss was born in Stourbridge and was a pre War regular soldier who had volunteered for service in the 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment on the outbreak of war. Landing at Cape Helles, Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915, the Worcesters suffered heavily during the following months, Sergeant Everiss himself being reported as twice wounded during the campaign. His wounds being published in 7 August 1915, he was noted as having spent four plus months in hospital in Alexandria.

After Gallipoli was evacuated, Everiss, now fit for duty, joined his battalion as they went to Egypt and then to the Western Front, landing there on 30 March 1916. For his gallantry, Sergeant Everiss was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry (*London Gazette*, 3 June 1916) having earlier been Mentioned in Dispatches (*London Gazette* 5 June 1916). The M.I.D. listed with the men missed from General Sir Ian Hamilton's 'Gallipoli' despatch of 11

December 1915. His M.M. is also certainly for Gallipoli, being listed in the first M.M. Gazette and also for the fact that he only served on the front line in France from April 1916.

On the first day of the Somme in 1916 they were in the follow up line at Hawthorn Ridge but the losses among the first troops caused the attack to be halted. They spent August in the Ypres Salient which was quiet and returned in October to the Somme to capture Gueudecourt and secure the Transloy ridges. Staying in the front line at Lesbœufs during November 1916, Lance Sergeant Everiss was killed in action on the 30th of that month. An obituary tells how his platoon commander had sent a letter saying Everiss had again distinguished himself on a patrol the night before his death. Newspaper article suggests he may have been twice wounded in France also



Charles Everiss is commemorated on the Thiepval, Brierley Hill, Kidderminster and Brierley Hill church Memorials.

#### **The 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment**

*"After the tour in Burma the Battalion returned to England on 1 February 1915 ready for action in the First World War. The 4th Battalion left Avonmouth on 21 March 1915 as part of 88th Brigade, 29th Division. After passing through Egypt the Battalion arrived at Gallipoli on 24 April 1915 and went ashore under heavy fire. The battalion at that time consisted of 29 officers and 931 other ranks. Part of X Company reached the River Clyde and attempted to land at V Beach, but most were killed or wounded. The remainder of the Battalion landed on W Beach and formed up with Z and Y Companies in front, and X and Y Companies in support. They then moved forward using the bayonet to clear the enemy from Hill 138. In the advance towards Krithia, the Battalion again launched a bayonet charge and by the end of April had suffered 35 killed, 199 wounded and 74 missing. During May the Battalion continuously fought along the firing line between the Krithia Nullah and Gully Ravine and by the end of the month their strength was reduced to 11 officers and 483 other ranks. In June and July the Battalion took part in the Third Battle of Krithia and during this time Lieutenant H. James earned his VC for outstanding courage in defence and leading attacks. From July to December the Battalion was rarely out of action. In September they suffered heavily at Sulva Bay and amongst those killed was Lieutenant James shot by a sniper. In October all 20 officers in the Battalion were Second Lieutenants and it was not till the 26th that Captain Kerans took command of the Battalion. On the night of 7/8 January 1916 the Battalion embarked from W Beach and sailed back to Egypt. They had been in action from the beginning of the campaign to the very end and had lost 64 officers and 1550 other ranks killed, wounded or died from other causes. A total of 1614 dead.*



*From Egypt the Battalion was posted to France, arriving at Marseilles on 20 March 1916, still part of 88 Brigade, 29th Division. In France/Flanders they fought in every major battle until the 11th November 1918, including the Somme from 1 July to the 18 November 1916,*

then at Albert, Le Transloy, Arras, Scarpe, Ypres 1917, Langemarck, Polcappelle, Cambrai, Estaires, Lys, Bailleul, Kemmel, Ypres 1918 and finally at Courtrai in October 1918. “



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