

# William Thomas Humphries

My granddad William (Bill) Thomas Humphries was born on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1882. He lived in Newport, Wales with my grandmother Esther.

Whilst Bill was in the army, he was badly injured and taken to Tilbury Hospital on a Red Cross Ship. My grandmother, Esther, was notified of his poor health. She grabbed her four boys and made her way from Newport to Tilbury begging lifts and walking.

When she arrived in Tilbury she found out that Bill was in the mortuary and demanded to see him. She picked him up and shook him saying "I've come all this way, you can't leave me with these boys on my own". Whilst she shook him she realised that William was breathing.

He was put back into the ward, but later transferred to get better treatment at a monastery on Iona, an island in Scotland.

Bill made a wonderful recovery and lived until the age of 93. The family are very proud of him and Esther.

Story provided by Williams granddaughter,  
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