

Private Thomas Bagley, 1st Bn Irish Guards, Army No 4524

Private Bagley's entry in the ledger expresses his best wishes to Miss King and all at the Hospital for their kindness. He does not give a date of when he signed the ledger or when he arrived. From the position of the entry it seems likely that he was wounded around April or May 1915. However that is speculation.

No trace of him before or after the war has been found but the Medal Roll Index and the entry in the Silver War Badge List shows that he went to France very early in the war on 27 August 1914. He is shown as having enlisted on 22 August 1913. He was discharged from the army on 25 February 1919 and awarded the Silver Badge as being unfit through wounds. It has not been possible to ascertain whether the wounds that incapacitated him were those for which he was treated at Halloughton.

The 1st Battalion of the Irish Guards were sent to France in August 1914 and were in some of the fiercest fighting in the subsequent months.

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