

BRADDICK, Tom

Tom was born in Membury in summer 1878 (although his military records say 11 July 1876). The Braddicks were a large family of 4 girls and 6 boys. The parents were: Tom Braddick (b 1855 d 1924), an agricultural labourer and Ann (b 1858 in Membury, nee Pennycard d 1843) (married in 1876).

Tom and Ann had 10 children, all born in Membury or Kilmington: Elizabeth (1878, Tom (1879) – Royal Marines, William (1881) – Royal Marines, Samuel (1884) who in 1901 was a Blacksmith apprentice at Post Office, Widworthy, Ernest (1886) – Army, Lily (1887), James (1889) – Army, Joan (1892), Mary (1893), John (1898) – Royal Marines Labour Corps – invalided out on 24 October 1917

In 1881, they were at Henry Farm, Membury

In 1891, they were at Cleave Hill, Membury: Tom (36), Ann (39), Tom (12), William (9), Samuel (7), Ernest (5), Lillian (4) and James (2).

In 1901 the family were living at Cowley Pitt, Kilmington

In 1911 only Joan (20) and John (13) were living at home in Rock, Membury

He enlisted in the Royal Marines Light Infantry, Plymouth Division on 19 September 1895
ADM 159/73/7693

In 1911, he was a Private RMLI in Southampton on *HMS Skipjack*

In 1912 he was discharged – invalided

3 August 1914 he re-enlisted

26 May 1919 discharged - demobilised