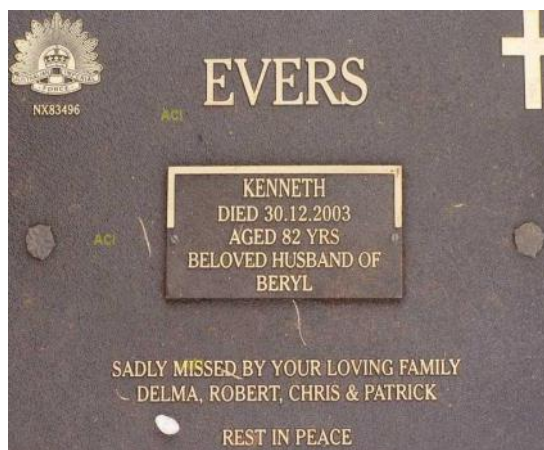


Name	EVERS, KENNETH
Service	Australian Army
Service Number	NX83496
Date of Birth	27 Jul 1921
Place of Birth	MOLONG, NSW
Date of Enlistment	13 Jan 1942
Locality on Enlistment	YULLUNDRY, NSW
Place of Enlistment	PADDINGTON, NSW
Next of Kin	EVERS, PRISCILLA
Date of Discharge	06 Jun 1946
Rank	Private
Posting at Discharge	4 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
Prisoner of War	No



### Brief Biography:

Kenneth Evers was born on 27 Jul 1921 and his birth was registered in Molong. He one of seven children (Florence b1910, Cyril b1911, Allen b1914, Athol b1918, Maxwell b 1925, and Dorothy b1928) of Albert Edward and Priscilla Evers.

Albert was living in Molong when he married Priscilla Thorncroft at Orange in 1909. According to the Australian Electoral Rolls (AER) for Calare/Molong for 1913 the couple were living at Riddell Street, Molong and Albert's occupation was a labourer.

*The Molong Express & Western District Advertiser (WDA)* - 2 May 1925, p11, reported a fire that occurred at the old homestead at Yullundry, when Mr & Mrs AE Evers and family were fortunate to escape serious injury. Two men traveling along the road before daylight notice that the rear portion of the building was on fire, and immediately aroused the Evers family and assisted them in salvaging what was possible of their belongings. Albert worked as a station hand at Yullundry until he and Priscilla retired to live at Molong by the 1963 AER for Calare/Molong. Priscilla died, aged 86 years, at Canowindra on 9 Jan 1974 and Albert died, aged 86 years, at Canowindra on 25 May 1974. Both were buried at the Molong Cemetery.

Kenneth attended Yullundry School and the *Molong Express & WDA* - 5 Sep 1931, p9, reports that Ken and Athol Evers played in a hockey game against Bournemouth School resulting in a three all draw.

Kenneth followed his elder brother Allen by enlisting in the Australian Army on 13 Jan 1942, aged 20 years. By the time Kenneth was farewelled by a large number of Yullundry and district residents at his parent's residence (*Molong Express & WDA* - 26 Jun 1942, p12), Sapper Allen Evers NXX52851, 2/6 Field Company, was already a POW of the Japanese.

Pte Kenneth Evers war records have not been opened at this time, so details of his war service is sketchy. *"During 1942, the 2/4th undertook a long period of defensive duties and training in Darwin, and then in North Queensland. The 2/4th landed at Aitape in New Guinea on 2 November 1944 to undertake its only campaign against the Japanese. Its most intense effort took place between April and July 1945. Landed at But, the battalion advanced along the coast, captured Wewak on 10 May, and then swung inland to clear the foothills of the Prince Alexander Range."* www.diggerhistory.info

Ken Evers (described as both Gunner and Private in news reports) had leave with his parents in October 1943 and returned from New Guinea for leave again in July 1945. The Yullundry community welcomed him back from war service on 2 May 1946.

Kenneth married Beryl Worthington of "Verona," Condobolin on 12 May 1951. Ken worked as a station hand at "Red Hill," Yeoval in 1954 but by 1958 Ken and Beryl had moved to live at "Verona" Condobolin. In 1963 Ken's occupation was listed in the AER as a shire employee, Condobolin.

Kenneth Evers died, aged 82 years, on 30 Dec 2003 and is buried at the Condobolin Cemetery.

Kenneth Evers is honoured on the Baldry, Cumnock and Yeoval WW2 boards.