

**Compton Chamberlayne  
War Graves Cemetery,  
Wiltshire, England**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**2075 PRIVATE**

**E. JONES**

**30TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**8TH DECEMBER, 1916 Age 27**

*EFE A BRYDFERTHA*

*Y RHAI LLEDNAIS*

*(Translation – “He Will Beautify the Meek”)*

## Evan JONES

Evan Jones was born in Llandderfel, near Bala in the county of Merioneth, Wales in 1890, to parents Evan and Margaret Jones.

The 1891 Wales Census recorded Evan Jones as a 1 year old, living with his parents at Penybranch, Llandderfel, Wales in a 4 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Evan Jones (Farmer & Gardener, aged 38, born Llandderfel, Merioneth) & Margaret Jones (aged 29, born Llangower, Merioneth). Evan (jnr) was the youngest of four children listed on this Census – William Jones (Scholar, aged 7, born Llangower, Merioneth), John Jones (Scholar, aged 5, born Llandderfel, Merioneth), Sarah Jones (aged 3, born Llandderfel, Merioneth) & Evan. Also listed was Elizabeth Jones (aged 81), widowed mother of Evan Jones (snr).

The 1911 Wales Censuses recorded Evan Jones as a 21 year old Horsebreaker, living with his family in a 9 roomed dwelling at Blaengwnodde, Cynwyd, Merioneth, Wales. His parents were listed as Evan Jones (Framer, aged 59) & Margaret Jones (aged 51). Evan & Margaret Jones had been married for 28 years & had a total on 13 children, 2 having since died. Evan (jun) was the eldest of 7 children listed on this Census – Evan then Ellis Jones (Farm Labourer, aged 18), Winifred Jones (Farmer's Daughter, Dairy Work), aged 14), Jane Jones (School, aged 13), Robert Henry Jones (School, aged 10), Thomas Edward Jones (School, aged 8) & Catherine Jones (School, aged 7). Also listed was William Richards (Farm Labourer, aged 69), widower Cousin of Evan Jones (snr).

Evan Jones came to Australia when he was 24 years old.

Evan Jones was a 25 year old, single, Tram Conductor from Llewellyn Street, Merewether, Newcastle, NSW when he enlisted on 26th September, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force. His service number was 2075 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Evan Jones of Blaenaward, Cyhywd, Wales.

Private Evan Jones was posted to Recruits on 22nd September, 1915. He was transferred to 3rd Reinforcements of 30th Battalion on 30th December, 1915.

Private Evan Jones embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Ballarat (A70)* on 16th February, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 30th Infantry Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements & disembarked at Suez on 23rd March, 1916.

Private Evan Jones proceeded to join 30th Battalion from 8th Training Battalion at Zeitoun on 1st April, 1916. He was taken on strength of 30th Battalion at Ferry Post on 1st April, 1916.

Private Evan Jones embarked from Alexandria on 16th June, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He was disembarked at Marseilles, France on 23rd June, 1916 for active service from *Hororata*.

Private Evan Jones was wounded in action in France on 20th July, 1916. He was admitted to 2nd Casualty Clearing Station on 20th July, 1916 with then was transferred by Ambulance Train to 3rd Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne, France & admitted on 21st July, 1916 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to arm. Private Jones was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *Cambria* on 22nd July, 1916.

### 30th Battalion

The 30th Battalion was raised as part of the 8th Brigade at Liverpool in New South Wales on 5 August 1915. Most of its recruits hailed from the Newcastle region and other parts of country New South Wales, but almost an entire company was composed of former RAN ratings from Victoria.

The 8th Brigade joined the newly raised 5th Australian Division in Egypt and proceeded to France, destined for the Western Front, in June 1916. The 30th Battalion's first major battle was at Fromelles on 19 July 1916. It was tasked with providing carrying parties for supplies and ammunition but was soon drawn into the vicious fighting. Following Fromelles, the battalion was rotated in and out of the front line along with others in the brigade, but played no major offensive role for the rest of the year.

*(Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

## War Diary - 30th Battalion

19th July, 1916

6pm – Attack on German trenches about 2000x N.W. of FROMELLES which was preceded by 7 hours Artillery .  
Preparation commenced at this hour....

20th July, 1916

10 am – 29th Bn occupied our trenches action having ended + 30th Bn retired + bivouacked at CROIX BLANCHE as Reserve to the 29th.

After concentration & roll call our losses were found to be as follows:

KILLED [3 Officers named ] and 51 O.R's

WOUNDED [5 Officer named] and 224 O.R's

MISSING 68 O.R's

Strength 20 Officers 585 O.R's

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Evan Jones was admitted to Military Hospital at Silver Street, Edmonton, England on 22nd July, 1916 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to his right forearm & fracture to his radius & ulna (slight). He was discharged from 2nd Auxiliary Hospital to furlo from 26th October, 1916 to 10th November, 1916 & was then to report to Perham Downs.

Private Evan Jones was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham downs, Wiltshire, England on 13th November, 1916 from furlough. He was marched in to 8th Training Battalion at Hurdcott, Wiltshire the same day.

Private Evan Jones was admitted to Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire on 3rd December for observation.

Pte Evan Jones died at 3.55 a.m. on 8th December, 1916 at the Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire, England of Bronchitis.

A death for an Edward Jones, aged 26, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Private Evan Jones was buried in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England on 9th December, 1916 – Front Row, Grave Plot # 6.

From the burial report of Pte *Edward Jones* – “*The Funeral left Fovant Hospital at 2 p.m. this afternoon (the body being carried on a gun-carriage) for Compton Chamberlayne, Wiltshire, burial ground where the deceased was buried with full Military Honours. The 8th Training Battn supplied a full band, buglers, firing party and bearers.*”

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Evan Jones – service number 2075, of 30th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F. He was the son of Evan and Margaret Jones, of Blaengwnodle, Cynwyd, Merioneth, Wales.

Private Evan Jones was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque (July, 1922) were sent to Private Evan Jones's father – Mr E. Jones in Wales.

Private E Jones is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 117.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

*(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)*

E. Jones is remembered on the Mereweather Memorial Gates, located at Mitchell Park, Mitchell Street, Mereweather, NSW.



**Mereweather Memorial Gates** *(Photos from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)*



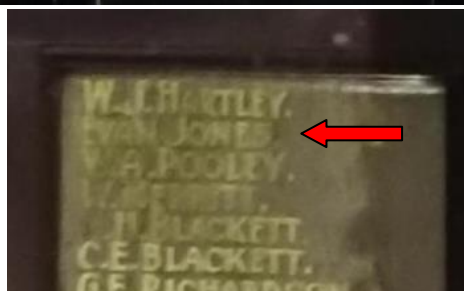
**Mereweather Memorial Gates** (Photos from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)

Evan Jones is remembered on the Newcastle District Tramways Roll of Honor, located at Denison Street, Hamilton, NSW



**Newcastle District Tramways Roll of Honor**

*(Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Kardent)*



Evan Jones is remembered on the Cynwyd War Memorial, Wales.



Cynwyd War Memorial, Wales

(62 pages of Private Evan Jones' Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives.*



## **Newspaper Reports**

### **CASUALTIES**

#### **New South Wales**

#### **Died Of Illness**

Pte E. Jones, England, previously reported wounded

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – Tuesday 2nd January, 1917)



### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

*(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)*

Pte E. Jones does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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### **Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England**

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery contains 34 Commonwealth War Graves. There are 28 Australian War Graves, 4 British & 2 Irish. The War Graves, interspersed with some Public graves, are located in the front section of the Cemetery. The majority of the Public graves are in the back section of the Cemetery.



**Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery**



**Looking left & right from front of Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery. (Photos by Andrew Stacey)**



**Photo taken from back of Cemetery looking towards the Entrance (Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)**

Photo of Private E. Jones's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone at Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)*



*(Photo taken c March, 1919)*

Graves of Australian soldiers in the cemetery at Compton-Chamberlyne, each marked by a cross.

*Back row, left to right:* 55821 Private (Pte) Alfred Alwin Dreckow, 32nd Battalion (Bn), died 19 October 1918; 3712 Pte Thomas Cass, 10th Bn, died 17 August 1918; 3764 Pte William Joseph Arnold, 31st Bn, died 2 July 1918; Captain Roy Allan Sillar, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 30 June 1918; 1993A Pte Sydney Ross, 18th Bn, died 31 May 1918.

*Front row:* 1666 Sergeant Percy Robert Knowles, 9th Australian Light TM Battery, died 30 January 1918; 1995 Pte Thomas James Skipper, 51st Bn, died Fovant Military Hospital 7 January 1918; 687 Pte John Thomas Wehrmann, 32nd Bn, died 3 November 1917; 3462 Pte William Joseph Park, 60th Bn, died 23rd September 1917; 1725 Pte William Ernest Riley, 60th Bn, died 22 May 1917.



**Compton Chamberlayne War Graves** (Photo from CWGC)

### Compton Chamberlayne War Grave Locations







































British Soldier



Irish Soldier



Australian Soldier

Front Row	Grave	Middle Row	Grave	Back Row	Grave
<i>Public</i>	1	 Oliver	1		1
<i>Public</i>	2	 Knowles	2	<i>Public</i>	2
 Haywood	3	 Skipper	3	 Turner	3
 Gilbert	4	 Wehrmann	4	 Evans	4
 Le Tisser	5	 Park	5	 Dreckow	5
 Jones	6	 Riley	6	 Cass	6
 Cook	7	 Turnbull	7	 Arnold	7
 Pairman	8	 White	8	 Sillar	8
	9	 Howard	9	 Ross	9
 Norris	10	 Tull	10	 Finn	10
 Lintott	11	 Snell	11	 McCarthy	11
 Redman	12	 Ferrow	12	 Trengove	12
<i>Public</i>		 <i>Public</i>			13
<i>Public</i>		<i>Public</i>			14
<i>Public</i>				 Walsh	15
					16
				 Hooper	17
					18
				 Larkin	19