

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



2075 PRIVATE

E. JONES

30th BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

8th DECEMBER, 1916 Age 27

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(Translation – “He Will Beautify the Meek”)

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte E Jones is located in Front Row

Grave Plot # 6 of Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery

Evan Jones was born in Llandderfel, near Bala in the county of Merioneth, Wales in 1890, to parents Evan and Margaret Jones. He came to Australia when he was 24 years old. He was a Tram Conductor, single & aged 25 years & 7 months, from Llewellyn Street, Merewether, Newcastle, NSW when he enlisted on 26th September, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 30th Infantry Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements of the Australian Army. His service number was 2075 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Evan Jones of Blalnaward, Cyhywd, Wales.

Pte Evan Jones embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Ballarat (A70)* on 16th February, 1916 & disembarked at Suez on 23rd March, 1916.

In April, 1916 Pte Jones was taken on strength to 30th Bn & on 16th June, 1916 embarked at Alexandria. He was sent to Marseilles, France on 23rd June, 1916 for active service.

On 20th July, 1916 Pte Evan Jones was wounded in action with a gunshot wound to his right forearm & fracture to his radius & ulna. He was taken to Hospital at Boulogne on 21st July, 1916 & then evacuated back to England. He was released from hospital in October, 1916.

On 14th November, 1915 Pte Jones joined 8th Training Bn at Hurdcott. He was admitted to Military Hospital at Fovant on 3rd December for observation.

Pte Evan (Edward) 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. (Fovant was a parish in the district of Wilton).

Pte Evan Jones was buried in Compton Chamberlayne cemetery on 9th December, 1916. 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.*

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



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

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

(62 pages of Pte 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.

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CASUALTIES

New South Wales

Died Of Illness

Pte E Jones, England, previously reported wounded

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

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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 Jones does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte E Jones's Headstone at Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery



Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey