## PRIVATE LLEWELYN ROBERTS JONES (203626)

## **ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS**

Llewelyn Roberts Jones came from a Welsh speaking farming family in Caerhun. The Census data is a little confusing but it looks as if his father was Rowland Jones and his mother Ann J. Roberts (although in the 1911 Census she is recorded as Rowlands' sister). He was the eldest of a family of five – he had two younger sisters, Mary and Blodwen, and two brothers, Evan and Robert. The place of birth is recorded as Tan y Bwlch. In the 1901 Census Llewelyn's great grandfather, Robert Jones was alive and head of the family. Both Rowland and Ann were recorded as his grandchildren.

However, a memorial inscription in Llanbedr churchyard is to Rowland Jones, Fron Haul, Llanbedr who died Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1947 aged 76 and Ann Jane Roberts who died April 27<sup>th</sup> 1954 aged 79. In addition, Robert Jones who died April 2 1958 aged 51. There is no memorial to the other children – they presumably had moved away. It seems as though Ann retained her own family name.

Llewelyn was working on the family farm in 1911 but on January 19<sup>th</sup> 1917 aged 19 he enlisted in the RWF in Bangor. His service record is very faint and difficult to read, but has been enhanced to make it legible. His address was given as Tai Uchaf, Llanrhychwyn. This would explain why his name is on the Trefriw memorial. His occupation was recorded as horseman and he named Rowland Jones as his father and next of kin. He enlisted in January 1917 and died of pneumonia in Park Hall training camp in Gresford a month later, on18<sup>th</sup> February 1917.

Eryl Prys Jones refers to a report in a newspaper (*Y Genedl 17.4.17*) of his burial in Llanbedr y Cennin – apparently a much-liked young man.

The memorial stone reads: Royal Welch Fusileers (sic) L.R. ROBERTS served as 203626 LI JONES Royal Welch Fusileers 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1917 aged 19.

Sources: 1901 Census 1911 Census Military Service records Caerhun Church Burial Records 1939 Register

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Enhanced Service record for Llewelyn Roberts Jones

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Llewelyn Roberts Jones Enlistment Record, showing his next of kin as Rowland Jones, (father)



Tai Uchaf, Llanrhychwyn, where Llewelyn Roberts Jones was living and working when he enlisted.

