

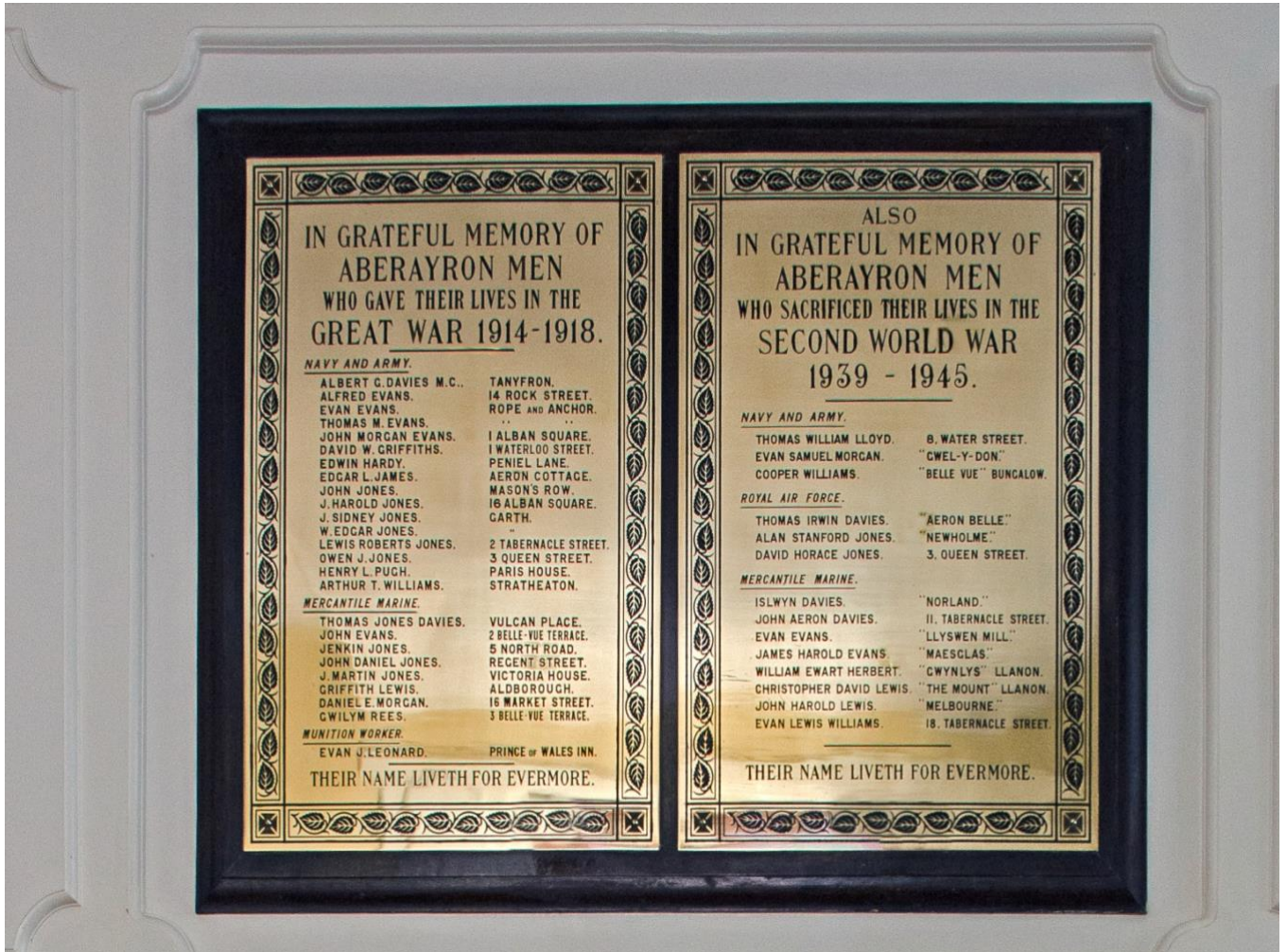
ABERAYRON ROLL OF HONOUR

*IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF ABERAYRON MEN WHO GAVE
THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 -1918*



The Memorial Hall, built to commemorate the 25 brave men from the town who made the supreme sacrifice, was officially opened on the 1st April 1925 by Mr. Rhys Hopkin Morris M.P.

The brass plaques, on a wooden background, commemorating the dead of two World Wars are situated in the Hall foyer. The 1st World War Roll of Honour was originally situated in the Town Hall and on Armistice Day 1921 wreaths of laurel and flowers were laid by Mrs Hughes Davies and Miss Moore Jones respectively



IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF
ABERAYRON MEN
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GREAT WAR 1914-1918.

NAVY AND ARMY.

ALBERT G. DAVIES M.C.,	TANYFRON,
ALFRED EVANS,	14 ROCK STREET,
EVAN EVANS,	ROPE AND ANCHOR,
THOMAS M. EVANS,	..
JOHN MORGAN EVANS,	1 ALBAN SQUARE,
DAVID W. GRIFFITHS,	1 WATERLOO STREET,
EDWIN HARDY,	PENIEL LANE,
EDGAR L. JAMES,	AERON COTTAGE,
JOHN JONES,	MASON'S ROW,
J. HAROLD JONES,	16 ALBAN SQUARE,
J. SIDNEY JONES,	CARTH,
W. EDGAR JONES,	..
LEWIS ROBERTS JONES,	2 TABERNACLE STREET,
OWEN J. JONES,	3 QUEEN STREET,
HENRY L. PUGH,	PARIS HOUSE,
ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,	STRATHEATON,

MERCANTILE MARINE.

THOMAS JONES DAVIES,	VULCAN PLACE,
JOHN EVANS,	2 BELLE-VUE TERRACE,
JENKIN JONES,	5 NORTH ROAD,
JOHN DANIEL JONES,	REGENT STREET,
J. MARTIN JONES,	VICTORIA HOUSE,
GRIFFITH LEWIS,	ALBOROUGH,
DANIEL E. MORGAN,	16 MARKET STREET,
GWILYM REES,	3 BELLE-VUE TERRACE,

MUNITION WORKER.

EVAN J. LEONARD,	PRINCE OF WALES INN,
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THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE.

ALSO
IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF
ABERAYRON MEN
WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN THE
SECOND WORLD WAR
1939 - 1945.

NAVY AND ARMY.

THOMAS WILLIAM LLOYD,	8, WATER STREET,
EVAN SAMUEL MORGAN,	"CWEL-Y-DON,"
COOPER WILLIAMS,	"BELLE VUE" BUNCALOW,

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

THOMAS IRWIN DAVIES,	"AERON BELLE,"
ALAN STANFORD JONES,	"NEWHOLME,"
DAVID HORACE JONES,	3, QUEEN STREET,

MERCANTILE MARINE.

ISLWYN DAVIES,	"NORLAND,"
JOHN AERON DAVIES,	11, TABERNACLE STREET,
EVAN EVANS,	"LLYSWEN MILL,"
JAMES HAROLD EVANS,	"MAESGLAS,"
WILLIAM EWART HERBERT,	"GWYNLYS" LLANON,
CHRISTOPHER DAVID LEWIS,	"THE MOUNT" LLANON,
JOHN HAROLD LEWIS,	"MELBOURNE,"
EVAN LEWIS WILLIAMS,	18, TABERNACLE STREET,

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE.

NAVY AND ARMY

**DAVIES,
ALBERT G (M.C)**



2nd Lieutenant Albert Gordon Davies, 5th Regiment Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Son of the late Dr John Davies and of Mrs Elizabeth Davies Tanyfron Villa, Aberayron. Educated at Aberayron County School he became a clerk at the head office of the N.P. Bank, London and joined the Inns of Court O.T.C. on 26th November 1915. Killed at Messines Ridge on 2nd August 1917. The Commanding Officer wrote the following letter to his brother: -

"It is with greater regret than I can ever hope to express that I have to tell you that your brother died from wounds yesterday or rather very early this morning. He was hit by a shell yesterday in the evening during very heavy shelling and was wounded in several places and conditions at the time were at their worst. It was and had been for a long time pouring rain and the ground was nothing but a quagmire, however he was carried down at once to the dressing station. It took several hours owing to the state of the ground and ultimately to the field ambulance where I have just been informed he died. I saw him on the way down and at that time he was able to talk. Naturally every care that could have been given was given. I had no braver or more universally liked officer in the Battalion. His courage was a byword and every man under his command liked and respected him. May I express the deepest sympathy from the whole Battalion - officers, N.C.O's and men - with you in your great loss and the hope that time will help to soften your trouble."

A Monumental Inscription on the family gravestone at Henfynyw Churchyard states:

Albert Gordon Davies M.C., 2nd Lieut. R.W.F. fell in action in France 2nd August 1917.

Buried: BAILLEUL COMMUNITY CEMETERY EXTENSION (NORD) Plot 3. Row E. Grave 265.

**EVANS,
ALFRED**



Lance Corporal 2754. Welsh Guards.

Alfred Evans was born in June 1894, the son of Jenkin and Rachel Evans of Cefnbryn, Llan-y-Crwys, Carmarthenshire in the rural district of Llanybyther. In 1911 Alfred was a 17 year old general farm servant at Cilgellyuchaf Farm, Lampeter. He enlisted at Aberystwyth in May 1916 and his address was 14 Rock Street, Aberayron. He was posted to the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards in France in December 1916. On the 12th March 1917 he was wounded at St Quentin and was evacuated to the General Hospital, Denmark Hill, London where he died, on the 20th April 1917, from the effects of gas poisoning. Lance Corporal Evans was brought home to be buried.

Buried: RHYDYBONT CONGREGATIONAL CHAPELYARD

**EVANS,
EVAN**

Private 13513. 25th Battalion Royal Fusiliers.

Evan Evans was born in 1894, the son of John and Eleanor Evans of The Rope and Anchor, Aberayron, Cardiganshire. He enlisted in Kitchener's Army in February 1915. The 25th Battalion Royal Fusiliers was raised in London by the Legion of Frontiersmen. They departed for East Africa in April 1915 arriving at the beginning of May. Evan Evans was a stonemason at Aberayron before joining the Legion of Frontiersmen. He was also a faithful member of Holy Trinity Church and was presented with a Celtic Cross, Common Prayer and Bible before he left his home town. In December 1916 while fighting in Tanzania he was wounded and hospitalised where he died of his wounds on 6th January. 1917

A M.I. on the family gravestone at Henfynyw Churchyard states: -

*Lance Corporal Evan Evans mab John ac Eleanor Evans, Rope and Anchor, Aberayron
bu farw o'i glwyfau yn Tochagowali, German East Africa, 6^{ed} Ionawr 1917 yn 24 oed.*

Buried: DAR ES SALAAM (UPANGA ROAD) CEMETERY, Plot 11. Row E. Grave 3.

**EVANS,
THOMAS M.**

Private 52053 Thomas Morris Evans, Cheshire Regiment, formerly 35482 Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Killed in action 21st November 1916. Son of John and Eleanor Evans Rope and Anchor, Aberayron and brother of Evan Evans. Born at Aberayron in 1897 he enlisted in London into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, on the 1st April 1916.

Private T.M. Evans had been employed in London as a Milk Carrier. On the 6th July the R.W.F joined the British Expeditionary Force to France and Private Thomas Evans was transferred to the 13th Cheshire Regiment on the 4th September. He was listed as missing on the 21st October 1916.

A M.I. on the family gravestone at Henfynyw states: -

Private Thomas M. Evans, eu mab gollwyd ar y Somme, Ffrainc 21 Hydref 1916 yn 19 oed.

Commemorated on: - THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Pier and Face 3C and 4A

**EVANS,
JOHN MORGAN**

Sergeant (Signaller) 562 2nd South African Rifles. Died 6th June 1916 aged 34.

John Morgan Evans was the eldest son of Mr John Evans, watchmaker and Mrs Catherine Evans 1 Alban Square, Aberayron. He had lived in South Africa for many years but when war broke out joined the B Squadron 2nd South African Pioneers and was fighting under General Smuts. Sergeant Evans died of Black Water Fever in Central Africa (Nyasaland). He was the first local soldier to lose his life in the war. A Memorial Service was held, in July 1916 at Holy Trinity Church the preacher being the Reverend E. Evans Rural Dean. Mr and Mrs Evans received a letter of condolence from General Botha.

A M.I. at Henfynyw Churchyard states:-

*Sergeant J.M. Evans died on active service 6th June 1916 aged 34
and was buried at New Langenburg.*

Buried: IRINGA CEMETERY, Plot V111. Row H. Grave 6.

**GRIFFITHS,
DAVID WILLIAM.**

Private 45141. 13th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

David Griffiths was the son of Elizabeth Griffiths, 12 Waterloo Street, Aberayron and brother of Elizabeth Armstrong. At the time of his enlistment at Lampeter on the 7th December 1915 he was employed as a Labourer and his age is given as 37. He arrived in France on 16th July 1917 and was with the Battalion during their assault on Pilckem Ridge. The Battalion then moved to Armentieres. On the 18th March Mrs Elizabeth Griffiths received a telegram informing her that her son was dangerously wounded with gun-shot wounds to the chest and regretted that permission to visit was not granted. A few days later she received the news that he had died of his wounds, at 54 Casualty Clearing Station Merville, on the 19th March 1918.

Buried: MERVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, Plot 1. Row C. Grave 64.

**HARDY,
EDWIN**



Private 41374 Edwin Lewis Hardy, 1st Battalion The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Edwin Hardy was born at 4 Peniel Lane Aberayron in 1900 son of Harry and Mary Anne Hardy. His father, born in Leicester, was a painter and decorator. His mother was a native of Llanarth and after the death of her husband in 1916 she moved to Morfa Cottage, New Quay, Cardiganshire. Edwin Hardy was a farm servant at Crugyfeilog when he enlisted into the army at Brecon aged 16. In 1918 the Battalion transferred to the 1st Brigade and took part in the Battles of Estaires, Hazelbrook, Bethune, Drocourt-Queant, Ephey, Selle and the Battle of the Sambre. Private Hardy was killed on the 18th September 1918

There is a memorial plaque in St. Non's Church, Llanerchaeron which states: -

'In Loving memory of Edwin Lewis Hardy, Glanmydyr, Llanerchaeron, Pte. in the Royal North Lancs, who fell in France Sept. 18th 1918 aged 18. Erected by friends.'

Buried: BRIE BRITISH CEMETERY: Plot 1. Row B. Grave 9.

**JAMES,
EDGAR L.**



Driver W/1341 Edgar Lewis James "B" Battery. 119th Brigade. Royal Field Artillery.

Of Aeron Cottage, Llwynhendy, Llanelli. Born in Aberayron in 1895, Edgar Lewis James was the grandson of Mrs Margaret James, son of her daughter Magdalen of Aeron Cottage, Lampeter Road, Aberayron. He enlisted at Ammanford where he was an employee of the Great Western Railway. Driver E.L. James was killed in action at Ypres on 28th May 1917 aged 22.

He is also commemorated on the G.W.R. Roll of Honour in the Ticket Clerk's Office at Chester Railway Station. There is a G.W.R. memorial on Platform 1 at Paddington Station which was unveiled by Winston Churchill on Armistice Day 1922. Inside the plinth there is a sealed casket, made at the Swindon works, which has the names of all G.W.R employees, who lost their lives during the 1st World War, inscribed on a vellum scroll.

A M.I. at Henfynyw Churchyard, on his grandparents' gravestone, reads: -

Edgar, eu hwyr, a syrthiodd yn Belgium 28 Mai 1917, 22 oed.

Buried: DICKEBUSCH NEW MILITARY CEMETERY EXT., Plot 111. Row A. Grave 19.

**JONES,
JOHN**

Seaman.1268D. Royal Naval Reserve H.M.S. Goliath.

Died 13th May 1915. Native of Aberayron, Cardiganshire. Husband of Jane Jones, 5 Parry Street, Ton Pentre. Prior to the War he had worked in the Rhondda Valley.

[H.M.S. Goliath was a Canopus Class Battleship ordered to the Dardanelles in March 1915 to participate in the Campaign. The Goliath was anchored off Morto Bay with the Cornwallis and five other destroyers when she was hit by three torpedoes from the Mouavenet-Milliye. The Goliath capsized when a third torpedo struck near the turret and began to sink very quickly with the loss of 570 of the crew of 750. The German Captain of the Mouavenet – Milliye was awarded the Iron Cross.]

Commemorated on: - PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Panel 8.

JONES
JOHN HAROLD



2nd Lieutenant 1st Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers

J. Harold Jones was the son of Mr. Benjamin Cledan Jones and the late Mrs Mary Jones 16 Alban Square, Aberayron, Cardiganshire. He was a pupil at Aberayron County School from 1901-1905. He joined the N.P. Bank and became Chief Clerk in the Bank at Brecon. Lieutenant John Harold Jones was commissioned into the 1st Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers and died on the 1st October 1917 at Zonnebeke, France aged 28.

Captain J.M. Davies writes from France on the 6th October: -

'It is with the deepest sympathy that I have to inform you of the death in action on October 1st of your dear son, 2nd Lieut. J.H. Jones. After a particularly strong attack by the Boche he accompanied me on patrol when he showed absolute fearlessness and coolness, but unfortunately, when returning, an enemy airman shot him through the back. He died instantly and was buried just behind the line. By his death I have lost one of my most valuable officers for he was always so cheerful and keen and adored by the men. His burial place is near the "Mound" 1,000 yards south of Zonnebeke. If there is anything I can do for you I will gladly do it. Kindly accept the deepest sympathies of the officers and men of his Company'.

2nd Lieut. T.W. Lewis also wrote to Mr. B.C. Jones: -

'I am sorry to have to inform you that that your son Harold was killed in action two days ago. I cannot realise that our friendship is now something that can only be cherished as a memory, but a very happy memory. We went to Litherland together and crossed to France in the same boat, and came to this Battalion on the same day. We had been together during our whole stay here and I had learned to love him for his large-heartedness and kindness concerning which you shall hear from me later. He was loved by all the officers and especially by his men. We have all lost a great friend but he died doing his duty. May you find comfort in this thought in your great trial'.

A M.I. on the family gravestone at Llanerchaeron Churchyard states:-

Harold Jones Lieutenant R.W.F. killed in action in France 1st October 1917 age 28.

Commemorated on: - TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Panel 63 to 65.

JONES
JOSEPH SYDNEY



Corporal 546053 Joseph Sidney Jones, 29th Sanitary Section, Royal Army Medical Corps.

Corporal Jones was born in 1887 at Ciliau Aeron. His father Jonathan B. Jones was headmaster of Ciliau Park School. Jonathan Jones died when his children were very young and Mrs Jones and family moved to live in Garth, South Road. Educated at Aberayron County School and University College Cardiff, Sydney Jones moved to London where he was employed by London County Council as schoolteacher. He lived at 177 High Street Lewisham and in December 1914 he married Winifred A. Plumb. After seven years' service as a schoolteacher he enlisted, in London, in the 2nd London Sanitary Section RAMC and served with the section for three years, in Egypt and Palestine. He was demobilized on the 23rd March 1919 and journeyed home under dreadful conditions. He became seriously ill and flu and phlebitis developed into pneumonia. He died at 69 Catford Hill, Kent, on 5th April 1919 aged 33 leaving a wife Winifred Alice Jones, 346 High St, Lewisham and a three year old daughter.

Buried: LEWISHAM (LADYWELL) CEMETERY, Grave 171.

JONES
REV. W EDGAR



Chaplain The Rev. William Edgar Jones, 4th Class, 9th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment. Died of wounds at Roisel, 24th October 1918 aged 30. Son of Mrs A. Jones, Garth, Aberayron, and the late Mr. Jonathan B. Jones and brother of Joseph Sidney Jones. Educated at Aberayron County School and Ystrad Meurig School Edgar Jones entered St David's College Lampeter as Late Exhibition and Scholar in 1909, and was awarded a B.A.1st Class Honours History in 1911. He was priested in 1913 and was appointed to

curacies at Loughor 1912 – 1914; St Jude's Eldon Street, Sheffield 1914 – 1916 and St Timothy's Crookes, Sheffield 1916 – 1917. The Rev. W.E. Jones is also commemorated on the Roll of Honour at St. Timothy's Church, Crookes.

His mother requested the following inscription for Rev. W.E. Jones's headstone:

*WE CANNOT LORD THY PURPOSE SEE
BUT ALL IS WELL THAT'S DONE BY THEE.*

There is a brass plaque in Holy Trinity Church which states:-

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. William Edgar Jones, Chaplain 9th Yorkshire Regiment died of wounds, Oct. 24th, 1918, aged 30. Interred at British Cemetery, Roisel, France. Joseph Sydney Jones, Corporal 2nd London Sanitary Company, R.A.M.C. died April 5th 1919, aged 33 years. Interred at Ladywell Cemetery, London. Beloved sons of J.B. and A. Jones late Ciliau Park. Their name liveth for evermore.

Buried at: - ROISEL COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION Plot II. Row D. Grave 2.

JONES, LEWIS ROBERTS

Private 201820. 1st/4th Battalion Welsh Regiment.

Son of David Rees Jones and Catherine Jones, Alma, 2 Tabernacle Street, Aberayron. Killed at the Battle of Gaza on 26th March 1917. Private Lewis R. Jones was apprenticed as an ironmonger at Aberayron and later at Swansea where he enlisted into the Welsh Regiment. He was killed at the First Battle of Gaza on 26th March 1917.

A M.I. on his parent's gravestone, at Llanddewi Aberarth Churchyard states: -

Lewis Roberts eu mab, a gollodd ei fywyd yn y Rhyfel Mawr yn Gaza 27ain Mawrth 1917.

Commemorated on: - JERUSALEM MEMORIAL, Panel 30 to 32.

JONES, OWEN J.R

Private 51595. Owen John Robert Jones 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

Killed in action 23rd October 1917 aged 19. Owen John Jones born 1898 was the son of David and Mary Jones, 9 Regent St., Aberayron, Cardiganshire and grandson of Mrs Barbara Jones, Alltygraig. He enlisted in Cardiff into the Cheshire Regiment on the 27th February 1917 and his trade or calling is given as Seaman. The local paper stated that he was formerly employed by the G.W.R. He was posted to the 13th Cheshire Regiment in France on the 11th October 1917 and was killed at Ypres three weeks later.

A M.I. at Llanddewi Aberarth Churchyard states: -

Owen John a gollodd ei fywyd yn Ffrainc 23 Hydref 1917 yn 19 oed.

Commemorated on: - TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Panel 61 to 63.

**PUGH
HENRY L.**



2nd Lieutenant Henry Loyn Pugh. 3rd Battalion South Wales Borderers.

Died 11th September 1916 aged 29. Born in 1888 he was the son of Thomas and Mary Pugh, 7 Alban Square, Aberayron, Cardiganshire.

Lieutenant Pugh was the youngest member of the Urban Council and master of the local Boy Scouts who was always ready to help with good causes. Educated at Aberayron County School and Llandovery College he joined the Inns of Court Officer Training Corps in June 1915 and received his commission in October. He'd told his friends on his last visit home that he was prepared to give his life for King and Country. On the 26th August 1916 he began his journey to France. Before the train left Waterloo Station the officers and men sang one of Henry Pugh's favourite hymns:- "*Beth sydd imi yn y byd / Ond gorthrymder mawr o hyd*"

Sixteen days later on the 9th September he was wounded by a shell in the chest and thigh and died at Heilly Military Hospital on the 11th September.

The Lieutenant Commanding 1st Battalion S.W.B. B.W. Collier wrote the following letter to Lieut. Pugh's parents:-

'I am writing to give you details of your son's death. He took part in an attack on High Wood on the 8th September and covered himself with great distinction that day. He was three times buried by a shell, but continued to do duty. During the night, after the fight he went out in a reconnoitring patrol and brought me back valuable information. Finally on the morning of the 9th he was buried a fourth time, at the same time receiving a wound from which he died. Your son was a brave man and his death is much deplored by us all. Though he had only been with

us a short time he was very much liked and admired by all ranks. His brother officers and I join in much sympathy with his family and yourself in your great loss.

Also commemorated on the Aberayron County Schooll, Llandovery College and Llanddewi Aberarth Memorials.

A M.I. on the family gravestone at Henfynyw Churchyard states:-

*Henry Loyn Pugh, their son, 2nd Lieut. 1st S.W.B. died of wounds 11th Sept. 1916 aged 29.
Interred at Heilly France.*

Buried: HEILLY STATION CEMETERY, MERINCOURT-L'ABBE, Plot IV. Row F. Grave 4.

**WILLIAMS
ARTHUR T.**



Private Arthur Thomas Williams 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

Son of David Williams and the late Jane Williams, London and Stratheaton, Aberayron. He was born in the parish of St Saviour, Southwark in 1886 and enlisted in Southwark in June 1918. Prior to enlisting he was, like his father, an employee of the London Fire Brigade. After training he was drafted to the Western Front in September 1918. He was wounded in October and died in the base hospital at Rouen on 30th October 1918.

Buried: ST. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN, Plot S.11. Row K. Grave 26.

MERCANTILE MARINE

**DAVIES,
THOMAS JONES**

2nd Mate. S.S.Duckbridge (Newcastle).

Died 22nd February 1916. Son of John and Mary Davies. In September 1912 he married Selina Thomas, Vulcan Place, Aberayron, Cardiganshire. Born in Cardiganshire.

A M.I. at Henfynyw Churchyard states: -

*Tom Jones Davies, 2nd Officer S.S. Duckbridge, priod Selina Davies, Seaford, Aberayron,
a gollodd ei fywyd ar y mor yn y Rhyfel Mawr 22 Chwefror 1916 yn 24 oed.*

[The S.S. Duckbridge was a British Merchant Steamer owned by Thomas Weiss, Newcastle. On the 22 February while on route from Cardiff to the Orkneys, carrying Welsh steam coal for the British Fleet, she was mined and sunk 6 miles N. of Straithie Point with the loss of 19 lives including the Captain, William Clayburn. The German raider S.S. Moewe set the minefield.]

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL

**EVANS,
JOHN**

Carpenter. S.S. Euston (London).

Died 24th October 1917 aged 55. Born at Aberayron in 1863 he was the son of the late John and Rachael Evans, 2 Belle Vue Terrace, Aberayron. His father John, a Mariner, died in 1887.

A M.I. on the family gravestone at Henfynyw Churchyard states: -

*John eu mab a gollodd ei fywyd yn yr S.S. Euston trwy frad y gelyn, ger Creta,
24 Hydref 1917 yn 54 oed.*

[The steamer Euston was sunk on the 24th October 1917 by the Austro Hungarian submarine UC 34, Commander Horst Obermuller, 37 miles S.W. from Cape Mattapan whilst in convoy to Mudros. In making up time the commander ordered the merchant men not to zig-zag. At the court of enquiry the blame for this loss was attributed to the S.S.Euston's Master. The R.N. escort commander was allowed to take absolutely no blame whatsoever, in spite of facts to the contrary.]

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL

**JONES,
JENKIN**

1st Mate. Mercantile Marine. S.S. Wavelet (West Hartlepool)

Died 13th February 1915 aged 40. Born at Aberayron on 12th February 1875, he was the son of the late David and Hannah Jones 1 Belle Vue Terrace, and husband of Isabella Jones, of 5 North Rd. Aberayron. Jenkin Jones's Certificate of Competency as Master was issued on 9th January 1899 in Cardiff.

A M.I. at Henfynyw Churchyard states: -

Captain Jenkin Jones, 5 North Road, Aberayron, who lost his life on board the S.S. Wavelet, which was mined off Kentish Knock 13th February 1915 aged 40.

[The iron ore carrier Wavelet, bound for Leith, was mined on 13th February 1915, 11 miles N.E. by N. from North Goodwin. There were 12 fatalities].

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL

**JONES,
JOHN DANIEL**

Sailor. S.S. Isleworth (London). Died 30th April 1918 aged 18.

Son of Elizabeth Jones 7 Regent St., Aberayron, Cardiganshire. Born at Twynllain, Ciliau Aeron.

[The Isleworth, a 2,871 ton British defensively armed merchant ship, built in 1896 by Thompson and Son Sunderland, sailing from Bilbao to Middlesbrough carrying a 4,200 ton cargo of ore, was torpedoed, without warning, and sunk by UC-17 three miles S.W. of Ventnor, Isle of Wight with the loss of 29 men. The Commander of UC17 was Erich Stephan].

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL

**JONES,
J. MARTIN**

Boatswain (Bosun) John Martin Jones, S.S. Australier (London).

Died 29th April 1918 aged 47. Son of the late John and Catherine Jones; husband of Mary Ellen Jones (nee Davies), 6 Victoria St., Aberayron, Cardiganshire.

A M.I. at Henfynyw Churchyard states: -

John Martin Jones, Victoria House, Aberayron, who lost his life thro' enemy action on the S.S. Australier 29th April 1918 aged 47.

[The 3,687 ton Australier, sailing from Bilbao to Middlesbrough, was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine UB-57, Commander Johannes Lohs, 6 miles S.W. by S. of Dungeness on 29th April. The Australier was carrying a cargo of iron ore. Five men were killed; among those saved was Dan Jones, Post Office, Aberayron]

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL

LEWIS, GRIFFITH

Captain Griffith Lewis. S.S. Oaklands Grange.

Born on 17th November 1871 at Llanarth, Cardiganshire. His mother Mary, a Master Mariner's wife was born at Silian and the family lived at Popular No 2. Llanarth. He was awarded his Master's Certificate on 3rd November 1894. In December 1904 he married Anne Ellen Jones and they resided at Aldborough, North Road, Aberayron. He died at sea of malaria on 21st October 1917. [The Oaklands Grange had been requisitioned for transport service between Chatham and France]

A M.I. at Henfynyw Churchyard states: -

*Captain Griffith Lewis, Aldborough, who died aboard the S.S. Oaklands Grange
21st October 1917 aged 45 and was interred here.*

MORGAN, DANIEL E.

Daniel Edward Morgan S.S. Baykerann.

Only son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan Butcher, 16 Market Street, Aberayron. Drowned at sea, January 23rd 1918 aged 18. [The S.S. Baykerann foundered in heavy seas 500 miles off Nova Scotia. An American warship proceeded to the vicinity however there was no trace of the ship. Chief Officer Thomas Thomas, late of Manhattan Villa, Panteg, Aberayron was also on board.]

**REES,
GWILYM**



Second Engineer Thomas Gwilym Rees. S.S. Paddington (London).

Died 21st July 1917 aged 32. Born at Aberayron, son of Elizabeth Rees and the late Joseph Rees, Louisa House, Belle Vue Terrace. Husband of Mary Rees (nee Morris), Min-Afon, Borth-y-Gest, Portmadoc, Caernarvonshire.

A M.I. on the family gravestone at Henfynyw Churchyard states: -

Gwilym eu mab a gollodd ei fywyd yn yr S.S. Paddington 21 Gor. 1917 yn 32 oed.

[The Paddington a 5,084 ton steamer sailing from Cartagena to the U.K. was torpedoed and sunk by U-96, commander Heinrich JeB, 49.47 N 15.40W 250 miles W. of Fastnet on 21st July. The steamer was carrying Admiralty cargo and passengers. Twenty nine men including the Captain lost their lives.]

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL

MUNITION WORKER

**LEONARD,
EVAN JOHN**

Evan John Leonard, Aeron House, Llanelly was born in Ferndale, Rhondda in 1890. His father had moved there from Rwybrenfawr Farm, Llanarth.

A M.I. at Neuaddlwyd Chapel states: -*Evan John Leonard, Aeron House, Llanelly, marw 29ain Mawrth 1916 yn 26 oed.*

[A munitions factory was set up at Pembrey in 1881 producing gunpowder and dynamite. It became a Royal Ordnance factory in 1914, owned by the government and run by Nobel Explosives.]

THEIR NAMES LIVETH FOR EVERMORE



**Poppy Wreaths Presented at Armistice Day Commemoration
11.11.2014**

ALSO IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF ABERAYRON MEN WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

1939-1945

LLOYD,
THOMAS WILLIAM

Trooper 14497632. Royal Armoured Corps.

Died at a military hospital in Swansea on 25th January 1944 aged 18. Son of John and Ann Lloyd, 8 Water Street, Aberayron and brother of Miss Doris Lloyd. Tommy was a prominent member of the A.T.C. and football club. He was on the clerical staff of the Crossville Motor Company and joined the Army before his age group was called up. A detachment of the Royal Artillery acted as bearers at his funeral and the Air Training Corps led the procession.

Buried: HENFYNYW (ST. DAVID) CHURCHYARD, S.E. of Church

MORGAN,
EVAN SAMUEL



Able Seaman, Royal Navy.

Died as a result of an accident, on 29th July 1943 aged 36. Son of Daniel James and Jane Morgan, Caerodor, Aberayron. Able Seaman Morgan was mortally wounded, while on shore from his ship, preparing explosives for defence work on the coast of Sicily.

Sam and his sister Betty were brought up by their aunt Miss Morgan, Gwel -y- Don as their parents had died when they were young children.

A M.I. on the Caerodor family grave at Henfynyw Churchyard states: -

Evan Samuel R.N. eu mab, a gollodd ei fywyd yn Sicily 29 Gorffennaf 1943 ac a gladdwyd yn y mor yn 37 oed.

WILLIAMS
IVAN COOPER



Ordinary Telegraphist P/JX. 299248 Ivan Cooper Williams H.M.S. Drake.

Died 13th September 1943 aged 22. Son of the late William Lewis Williams, Master Mariner and Margaret Bennet Williams, Belle Vue Bungalow, Aberayron.

Cooper Williams was on the staff of the N.P. Bank, Brecon before enlisting. He was brought home, critically ill, having contracted meningitis while on his last voyage on the Murmansk convoy. His brother Cecil, who also served in the R.N., had to rejoin his ship before the funeral.

A M.I. on the family gravestone states: -

Ivan Cooper, ei fab, m.13 Medi 1943 tra'n gwasanaethu ei wlad gyda'r llynges.

Buried: HENFYNYW(ST. DAVID) CHURCHYARD, N.W of Church

ROYAL AIR FORCE

DAVIES
THOMAS IRWIN



Leading Aircraftman 930988. Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

Son of Richard M. Davies and the late Hannah Frances Davies; grandson of Mrs Morgan, Aeron Belle, Aberayron. Died 7th November 1944. T.I. Davies had qualified in signal, relocation and wireless and had taken part in operational flights over enemy territory. After having completed a quota of flight he was transferred to ground duties. He was with a party of airmen who embarked from the U.K. aboard the Landing ship LST 420 for service on the Continent. The weather deteriorated to such an extent that the Captain of the vessel decided to return to England. After steaming for about an hour there was an explosion amidships and the vessel broke in two and sank very quickly. There was a terrible storm at the time which greatly hampered rescue operations. A great part of the company was lost including the Commanding Officer. Also lost on the same vessel was Evan Lloyd Davies, Cefnwig.

Irwin Davies's body was washed ashore on the continent and taken to Blankenberg where it was buried with full military honours.

A M.I. at Henfynyw Churchyard reads: -

*Thomas Irwin eu mab, a gollodd ei fywyd 7 Tachwedd 1944, 33 oed,
ac a gladdwyd yn Blankenberg.*

Buried: BLANKENBERGE TOWN CEMETERY, Row B. Grave 2.

JONES
ALLEN STANFORD



Sergeant 530722. 228 Squadron, Royal Air Force.

Died 7th March 1941 aged 22. Son of Timothy James Jones and Evelyn Lucy Jones, Newholme, Aberayron, Cardiganshire; brother of Gwen and the late Mrs Joan Parry.

[Sunderland L2164 at moorings in Kalafranca Bay, Malta was damaged in a strafing attack by Me 109's of 7/JG and set on fire at mooring on 7th March. Sgt. Jones was returning fire with the Vickers gun at the amidships position when he was killed.]

The Squadron Leader states: -

'Sergeant Jones was not only a very efficient member of his squadron but a most popular one and liked by all the men. He was at all times cheerful and willing to undertake any task. He will be sadly missed by his comrades and officers.'

A memorial service was held at Tabernacle Chapel and members of the Home Guard were present in uniform.

Buried: MALTA (CAPPUCINI) NAVAL CEMETERY, Prot. Sec. (Men's) Plot F. Coll. Grave 22.

JONES
DAVID HORACE



Warrant Officer (Pilot) 1056939 Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Died 12th November 1944 aged 28. Son of Captain John T. Jones and Catherine J. Jones, 3 Queen Street, Aberayron, Cardiganshire. D.H. Jones joined the R.A.F. from the N.P. Bank, Cardigan at the beginning of the war. He was a P.O.W., for 12 months, at Laghoust Camp, Algeria having made a forced landing in N. Africa; obtaining his release when the British cleared N. Africa. He lost his life in an air operation. The Commanding Officer of the flight, in a letter to Mrs Jones, stated that :

'The weather was treacherous and David had to descend into a valley and in turning the plane crashed. He was highly esteemed by the whole flight and showed an unparalleled keenness and enthusiasm which contributed largely to the success the flight had achieved.'

A M.I. on the family gravestone states: -

Eu mab David Horace Jones 1916-1944 a gollodd ei fywyd yng ngwasanaeth yr awyren yn Ffrainc.

Buried: CHOLOY WAR CEMETERY, Plot I. Row C. Grave 8.

MERCANTILE MARINE

DAVIES, ISLWYN

Chief Steward. S.S. Chulmleigh (London) M.N.

Died 10th November 1942 aged 30. Son of Mr and Mrs Davies, Norland, Aberayron and husband of Mildred M. Davies, Trefin, Pembrokeshire.

[The S.S. Chulmleigh, on a voyage to Archangel, struck a reef and capsized in atrocious weather, on 5th November off South Cape, Spitzbergen. The Master, young Captain Daniel Williams, of Llangrannog, and crew took to the lifeboats; the weather deteriorated to such an extent that their clothes froze to their bodies and the sails became frozen boards. It was the sheer will of the Captain that stopped the crew giving up hope. Early in the morning on the 19th November Islwyn Davies fell into a coma and died. His body was committed to the sea by the Captain. Eight of the crew survived after being lost for months. Captain Daniel Williams did not return to sea. For the full story of the Chumleigh see "The Merchant Navy goes to War" author Captain Bernard Edwards. Also see The Voyage of no Return]

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DAVIES, JOHN AERON

Able Seaman S.S. San Cipriano.

Son of Mr J. Ceinion Davies formerly of 11 Tabernacle Street, Aberayron. Died accidentally on 18th March 1943 aged 19.

[The crew of the San Cipriano were returning from shore leave at around 11p.m. on the 18th March at Dock Point, Middlesborough. Several of the crew climbed down the ladder to the boat which became overcrowded and sank. A tug came to the rescue and several of the crew were saved and taken to the Seamen's Mission where it was noticed that J.A. Davies was missing. Four other sailors lost their lives.]

Witness Statements at the enquiry: -

Thomas E. Rutter - Deck Hand at the disposal of D.E.M.S.

'At approximately 11p.m. on 18/3/43 I was returning to the ship having been ashore, and went to Dock Point, Middleborough to get a boat to convey me on board. Several other men were proceeding to Dock Point at the same time for the same purpose. I went down the ladder into the boat and saw Davies at the after end. The boat became overcrowded and sank at the foot

of the ladder. I scrambled ashore and attempted to get a boat to help rescue the men in the water. I was unable to get a boat and returned to the ladder where I found that lifebelts had been thrown to the men and a tug was moving to pick them up. All the men who could be seen were picked up. We were all taken to the Seamen's Mission for dry clothing and while there I was informed that J.A. Davies was missing'.

John Smith Aitken age 19 - Deck Hand at the disposal of D.E.M.S.

'About 11 p.m. on 18/3/43 I arrived at Dock Point, Middlesborough with several of my shipmates to get a boat to the ship. The boat was alongside and I went down the ladder and into the boat. I sat down next to J.A. Davies who was already in the boat and as it seemed to be overcrowded I decided to get out and scrambled up the ladder. Before I reached the top the occupants of the boat were in the water swimming, I ran for a lifeline and other men who were waiting did the same. I could not find a lifeline and jumped aboard the Customs launch which moved off to pick up the men in the water. Everyone who could be seen was pulled on board the launch and a search was made for everyone who might be missing. I went with the other men to the Seamen's Mission and was later informed that J.A. Davies was missing.'

EVANS
EVAN



Sailor. S.S. Empire Tower (London)

Died 5th March 1943 aged 31. Son of Thomas and Margaret Evans, Llyswen Mill, Aberayron, Cardiganshire.

[The 4,378 ton Empire Tower in convoy XK-2 from Gibraltar to Middlesborough, carrying a cargo of 6,532 tons iron ore, was torpedoed by U-130, Commander Siegfried Keller, and sank within a minute, 250 miles W. of Cape Finisterre. U 130 attacked convoy XK-2 and sank four ships, the Master John Williams OBE, 35 crew and 6 gunners were lost. Three crew members were picked up by HMS Oskraig and landed at Londonderry.]

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL, Panel 46

**EVANS,
JAMES HAROLD**

Junior Engineer Officer. M.V. Glanely.

Died 2nd December 1940 aged 37. Son of John Evans and Mary Evans of Aberystwyth; husband of Minnie Evans, Maesglas, Aberayron, Cardiganshire.

[The 5,497 ton motorship Lady Glanely, owner W.J.Tatem Ltd Cardiff, on a voyage from Vancouver to London in convoy HX-90 carrying a cargo of 2,000 tons of wheat and 6,125 tons of lumber was torpedoed and sunk by U-101, Commander Ernst Mengersen on 2nd December 1940, 400 miles W. of Bloody Foreland. The Master, 32 crew and one gunner were lost]

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL, Panel 63

**HERBERT,
WILLIAM EWART**



Master. S.S. Stangarth (London)

Died 16th March 1942 age 47. Son of Mr Evan Herbert (tailor) and Mrs Jane Herbert, 28 Alban Square, Aberayron. Husband of Margaret M. Herbert, Gwynlys, Llanon, Cardiganshire.

[The 5,966 ton Stangarth owned by J.A. Billneir and Co. London left New York on the 11th March 1942, on her maiden voyage, for Table Bay and India. She was hit by one torpedo from U 504, Commander Hans-Georg Friedrich Poske and sank north-east of San Juan, Puerto Rico on the 16th March 1942 with the loss of her crew of forty and 6 gunners.]

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL, Panel 101

**LEWIS,
CHRISTOPHER DAVID**

Master. S.S. Stanburn (London).

Died 29th January 1940 aged 40. Son of Owen and Sarah Peers Lewis; husband of Belva Margaret Williams Lewis, The Mount, Llanon, Cardiganshire.

[The Stanburn was struck and sunk by a German Stuka dive bomber S.E. of Flamborough Head on 29th January 1940. 25 men were killed in the attack; there were three survivors]

Captain Christopher Davies's body was washed ashore at Wheatcroft. His brother Captain L. Harold Lewis travelled to Wheatcroft to identify his body.

Buried: LLANSANTFFRAED (ST BRIDGET) CHURCHYARD, N.E. of Church

**LEWIS,
JOHN HAROLD**



3rd Officer. John Harold Lewis (Jack) M.V. Corbis (London)

Died 29th April 1943 aged 23. Son of Harold and Elizabeth Lewis, Melbourne, Aberayron, Cardiganshire and brother of Owen Llewelyn Lewis.

[The unescorted motor tanker Corbis, carrying 11,310 tons of diesel and 50 tons of aviation fuel, was torpedoed and sunk by U-180 on 18th April 1943 500 miles East-Southeast of Port Elizabeth, South Africa. The Captain, 47 men and 2 gunners were lost. Ten men were rescued after drifting in an open boat for thirteen days and were landed at East London.]

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL, Panel 31

WILLIAMS
EVAN LEWIS



Able Seaman. M.V.Kolchis (Greece)

Died 22nd November 1940 aged 37. Son of Evan and Sarah Williams, Aberayron; husband of Margaret Jane Williams, 18 Tabernacle Street, Aberayron, Cardiganshire.

A M.I. at Henfynyw Churchyard states: -

*Evan Lewis Williams, Arymor, Aberaeron, a gollodd ei fywyd ar y mor yn ystod yr ail Rhyfel
Byd Tachwedd 1940.*

[The Greek ship Kolchis was not seen after she left Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, on 22nd November for Cardiff carrying a cargo of grain.]

Commemorated on: -TOWER HILL MEMORIAL Panel 62

Merchant Seamen born at Aberayron whose Names are Not recorded on the Roll of Honour.

**THOMAS,
THOMAS**

Chief Officer S.S. Baykerran

Lost his life on 23rd January 1918 aged 55. Born at Manhattan Villa, Panteg, he was a member of an old and well known family in the town. His widow and daughters Margaret and Evelyn later moved from Bootle to live at Brynamlwg, Belle Vue Terrace.

His gravestone at Henfynyw has the following inscription: -

*Er Cof Annwyl am Captain Thomas Thomas 164 Gloucester Rd., Bootle.
(Gynt o Manhattan Villa Aberayron)*

*A gollodd ei fywyd yn yr S.S. Baykerran ar ei fordaith o New York i Ffrainc Ion.23, 1918
yn 55 oed.*

*Os caf erys i gyfeirio - i for
Roi bedd sydyn iddo;
Hafan wen o'r fan honno,
Gan ei dad gai'i enaid o.*

Anfonodd oddi uchod, cymmerodd fi, tynnodd fi allan o ddyfroedd lawer.

**WILLIAMS,
WILLIAM**

Lamps. S.S. Beatrice

Died 20th July 1917 aged 57. Son of the late David and Jane Williams (nee Davies). Born at Aberayron, Cardiganshire.

[The S.S. Beatrice, sailing from Penarth to Honfleur, was torpedoed and sunk by UC- 47 10 miles East by South from the Lizard on 20th July 1917. Eleven men were killed. The captain was among the survivors.]

Commemorated on: - TOWER HILL MEMORIAL