

Abersychan World War One Roll of Honour

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If you know of anybody from Abersychan and area who died in WWI and who does not appear on the list please let us know. We can be contacted at enquiries@gwentarchives.gov.uk.



Allen, Alfred Joseph: Ordinary Seaman, J 86305, Royal Navy. Alfred was born in 1899 at Talywain and died on 18 April 1918 at Plymouth Royal Naval Hospital from cerebro spinal fever while serving on HMS Vivid I shore training establishment. He was the son of Emily of 7 Woodlands, Talywain. Alfred was a member of St. Francis Roman Catholic Church and worked as a collier at Lower Varteg Colliery before enlisting in the Royal Navy in March 1918. He is buried at Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse Cemetery, Plymouth and commemorated on Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



Amos, Albert Edward: Private 8323, South Wales Borderers, 1st Battalion. Private Albert Amos died of wounds on the 3rd November 1914. He was 35 years of age and came from Garndiffaith and was the son of Mr George and Mary Amos. His memorial is at Ypres Menin Gate, Reference Panel 22. The 1901 Census records he was living at 85 High Street, Abersychan and his birthplace as Abersychan. He is also living at Wenalt Tump, Cwmffrwdoer in the 1891 Census.

[Submitted by Richard Roynon]

Badman, Ralph Ivor: Munition worker. Ralph was born in 1893 at Varteg and killed while on munition work in 1914 in Bedwellty district. He was the son of Charles Henry and Olivia Tamar Badman of Salisbury Terrace, Varteg, and brother of Raymond Clarence (see below), Wilfred, Ernest, and Francis. He attended Varteg Mixed School and West Mon and worked as a hay salesman before going into munitions work.



Badman, Raymond Clarence: Second Lieutenant, 235241, South Lancashire Regiment. Raymond was born on 14 March 1897 at Varteg and killed in action by shrapnel on 21 October 1918. He was the son of Charles Henry and Olivia Tamar Badman of Salisbury Terrace, Varteg, and brother of Wilfred, Ernest, Ralph Ivor (see above), and Francis. He attended West Mon school and worked as a coal clerk for Messrs. Badman Bros. before enlisting on 10 November 1914 in the 3rd Mons Regiment and later transferring to the South Lancashires. He was awarded the British War and Victory medals. Raymond is buried in Spiere church yard, Helkijn, West Vlaandaren, Belgium and commemorated on the Varteg Wesleyan Chapel Roll of Honour, West Mon School memorial and the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.

Barwood, A. J: Private, 106677, Royal Army Medical Corps (Field Ambulance). A. J. Barwood was born in 1895 and died on 19 August 1918 of gas poisoning at the 2nd Canadian Hospital, Le Treport, France. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Barwood of 83 Snatchwood Road, Abersychan. A J Barwood worked at Gwenallt Colliery before enlisting and was a member and treasurer of the Abersychan Primitive Methodist Church Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, and Choir. The nurse who had looked after Private Barwood wrote to his sister to inform her that their brother had managed to get to France to spend some time with A. J. before he died.



Berry, Henry (Harry): Able Seaman, Z/891W Anson Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Harry was born in 1897 and killed in action 26 October 1917. He was the son of William Featherstone and Mary Jane Berry of 19 Bailey Street, Garndiffaith. He enlisted on 3 May 1915 and fought in the Dardanelles and France. Harry is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, at Garndiffaith Methodist Church and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



Bethel/Bethell, John: Private, 11003, South Wales Borderers. John was born in 1894 and killed in action on 31 October 1914 in Flanders. He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bethel and the brother of William (see below), and lived at 6 Fifteen Houses, Abersychan. John attended St Francis Roman Catholic School, Abersychan (CEB1A/2).

Bethel/Bethell, William James (Willie): Able Seaman, Z/902 in the Hawke Battalion of the Royal Naval Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Willie was born in 1898 at Henshaw Street, Abersychan and killed in action in France on 13 November 1916 (the same date and place as E. Matthews and J. Powell below). He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bethell and the brother of John (see above) and lived at 6 Fifteen Houses, Abersychan. He attended St Francis Roman Catholic School and worked as a coal miner hewer and labourer before enlisting in 1915. Willie is buried at Ancre Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, Somme and commemorated on Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



Biggs, Thomas: Private, 265995, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment (Lewis Gun section). Thomas was born c. 1893 and died of wounds received in action on 15 October 1918, France. He was the son of Joseph and Martha Jane and brother of George, Joseph, Frederick, Ellen, Martha and Gertie. He also left wife Annie and two little girls and lived at Hillside View, Golynos, Talywain. Thomas is buried at Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Belgium.



Booth, William John: Company Sergeant Major, 2020, 1st Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. William was born in 1875 in Cwmtillery and died on 8 May 1915. He was the son of William of Abersychan. He enlisted at Pontypool but had been in the Army since the 1890s serving for over ten years in India. William worked at the Plum Tree Level and Gwenallt Colliery after leaving the Army and before enlisting again to serve in the Geat War. In 1911 he was living at Gwenallt cottages, Cwmffrwdoer. William left wife Blodwen and three children: Troclifford?, Ceinwen, and Nancy who was only fourteen weeks old whom he saw once when she was one week old. William is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, St Cadoc's Church Memorial, Tre- vethin and All Saints' Church Memorial, Hanbury Road, Cwmffrwdoer.

Bourton, Albert Henry: Private, 3565, Royal Welch Fusiliers, 17th Battalion. Private Bourton was aged 25 years old when he died of wounds at Varennes during the Battle of the Somme on the 2nd of September 1918. He was the son of Mr Theophilus and Mrs Rebecca Bourton of Abersychan, born at Snatchwood and had the following brothers and sisters—Lily (b.1886), Edwin (b.1891), Reginald (b.1896), Ethel (b.1898), Ivor (b.1900) and twin brothers Stanley and Percy (b.1904). The memorial to his death is at Varennes Military Cemetery, Reference III, G21.

(submitted by Richard Roynon)

Brace, Frank: Gunner, 213303, Royal Garrison Artillery, 135th Siege Battery. Private Brace was the son of Mr Henry and Mrs Alice Barce of Varteg Lane, Varteg—he was born in Blaenavon. During the Census of 1901, the family were living at 11 Forge Row, Cwmavon—Frank at that time had a brother named Arthur, aged 2 years and a sister named Lily, aged 9 months. He was killed on Thursday 31st October 1918. He was 21 years old when he was killed, his date of birth being 22 August 1897. The memorial to his death is located at Mazinghien Communal Cemetery, France. There is also a memorial to him at Varteg Wesleyan Burial Ground.

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Brain, J: Bombardier, Royal Garrison Artillery. Died of wounds in 1917. J. Brain was from Abersychan.

Bram, John: Acting Bombardier (Gunner), 44034, No. 2 Depot, Royal Garrison Artillery. John was born in 1890 in Abersychan and died at Netley Hospital on 20 March 1917 of wounds received in action by a shell explosion. The Free Press reported that: 'Bombardier Bram was for several days buried, as a result of the explosion, and, when discovered was in a very critical condition. With all speed he was conveyed to England, but his injuries were such that he could not regain strength after his long exposure'. He was the son of Peter and Elizabeth Bram of Swan Square, Abersychan, and brother of Arthur, Edward, Caroline, Hannah, Magdelene and Petrus and the husband of Emma of 9 Lethbridge Terrace, Pentwyn, Abersychan. John worked as a coal miner hewer before enlisting in Newport. He is buried at Penygarn Baptist Chapel and commemorated on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.

Butcher, William John: Private, 3121, 1st/2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. William was born in 1890 in Varteg and killed in action on 22 July 1916. He was the son of Albert and Harriet Butcher, and brother of Thomas, Harriet, Henry and Annie and lived at 48 High St, Garndiffaith. William is buried at Knightsbridge Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinsart, Somme, France.



Carter, William S: Private, 23820, 16th Bn. Welsh Regiment (Cardiff City Bn.). William was born in 1893 in Garndiffaith and died on 7 July 1916. He was the only son of Samuel and Mary Carter of Garndiffaith and brother of Hannah and George. William is buried at Flatiron Copse Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France and commemorated on the Pontypool and Abersychan Gates.



Cawsey, William Henry: Private, 1877, Monmouthshire Regiment. William was born c. 1892 and killed in action on 21 January 1917. He was the son of Henry Cawsey and in 1911 he was living at 7 Johns Row, Talywain and working as a collier. He was awarded the 1914 Star. William is buried at Guards Cemetery, Les-boeufs, Somme, France.

Cecil, Frederick: Private, 69473, 2nd Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Frederick was born in 1899 in Abersychan and died of wounds on 15 September 1918 while a prisoner of war at the Royal Fortress Hospital, Cologne, Germany. He was the son of George and Annie Elizabeth, Talywain, and brother of Francis, Daniel, Margaret, Edwin, Lily, Flossie, Ada and John. In 1901 Frederick was living at 7 Old Lion, Abersychan (near Reggie Silcox, see below). In 1911 he was living at 67 Commercial Road, Talywain and still at school. William enlisted in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at Cardiff.



Chivers, Thomas George Private, 23422, South Wales Borderers, 12th Battalion A Company. Private Chivers was the son of Mr George and Mrs Annie Chivers of 28 New Council Houses, Talywaun. IN 1901, the family lived at 2 Harpers Road, Victoria Village, Garndiffaith. There were four children; Violet (b.1892), Thomas (b.1896), Albert (b.1899) and Charley (b.1901). Thomas was born at Harpers Road on Sunday 2nd February 1896 and baptised on the 5th May 1896 in the Bible Christians Circuit, Abersychan. He was killed in action at the age of 21 years old on the 6th May 1917 at the Battle of the Somme. His memorial is the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 4A

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Clark/Clarke, William Philip: Corporal, 39471, South Wales Borderers. William was born in 1882 in Garndiffaith and died of wounds received in battle on 17 August 1917. Son of Frederick and Amelia Clark and brother of Edward, Albert, Frederick, Sarah, Mary Ann, Amelia, Thomas and Alice. William lived at 14 Fifteen Houses, Abersychan and was the husband of Matilda and father of Temperance, Violet, Gladys, Amelia and two other children (possibly Claudia and Eva). He had been in the Volunteers and Territorials and enlisted at the beginning of the war. William is buried at Dozingham Military Cemetery, Westvleteren, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen and commemorated on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.

Coward, George Percy: Lance Corporal, 11224, 2nd Bn South Wales Borderers. George was born in 1896 in Wiltshire and died on 20 September 1915 at Gallipoli. He was the son of William and Mary Coward of 4 King's Parade, British, Talywain and brother of Edith, Arthur, Herbert and Wilfred. Although he was From Wiltshire, the family were living at the British by 1911 and George worked as coal miner hewer before enlisting. He is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey, Noddfa Baptist Church Roll of Honour, High Street, Abersychan, and the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates



Cox, Arthur John: Private, 39474, South Wales Borderers (formerly Private 3344, Monmouthshire Regiment). Arthur was born in 1892 in Abersychan and killed in action on 6 June 1917 France. He was the son of John William and Harriet Cox, Manor Road, Abersychan, and brother of Alfred (below), Thomas, Charlotte, William, George, Samuel and Gertie. He worked at Blaenserchan Colliery before enlisting at Pontypool. Arthur is buried at St. Quentin Cabaret Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium and commemorated on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.

Cox, Alfred Henry Cox: Lance Corporal, 12452, 1st Bn., South Wales Borderers

Alfred was born 10 February 1882 in Cwmavon, Abersychan. He was the son of John William and Harriet Cox, Manor Road, Abersychan; brother of Arthur (above), Thomas, Charlotte, William, George, Samuel and Gertie; and husband of Margaret A. . He enlisted at Newport and served in Balkans in 1915. He was killed in action on the 27 August 1916 near Bazentin (between Albert and Baqueme). He appears on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

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Cox, George Malvern: Private, 25738, 2nd Bn. South Wales Borderers. George was born in 1897 in Abersychan and reported missing in action on 20 October 1916 and later presumed dead. He was the son of Alvarez and Isabella Cox, and brother of William, Arthur, Elizabeth, David, Mary, Stanley and James. He attended Victoria School and in 1911 was living with his family at Frwd Road, Abersychan. George worked as a coal and fire clay miner hewer's assistant and then as a collier at the Powell Tillery colliery at the British before enlisting. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.

Crane, T J Spear (Spear-Crane?): Private, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Private Crane was born in 1894 and killed in action on 22 October 1918 after only sixteen days in France. He was the son of Mr and Mrs S Crane and brother of Theresa Crane (Mrs F E Weller born USA) of Talywain and worked at the GWR sheds at Pontypool Road.



Crowley, William: Private, 1684, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. William was born in 1895 in Garndiffaith and killed in action on 22 November 1914 in France and Flanders. He was the son of Patrick and Emily Crowley and brother of Thomas, Emily, Joseph and Patrick. He lived in Talywain. On the 1911 census he was living at Foundry Road, Abersychan and working as a coal miner hewer assistant. William is buried at Le Touquet Railway Crossing Cemetery, Comines-Wameton, Hainaut, Belgium and commemorated on the Monmouthshire Regiment memorial, Trevethin Church.



Cullen, Frank, Private, Ply/3/667, Royal Marines Bn. Royal Naval Division, Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Frank was reported missing on 13 November 1916 in France and later assumed killed in action. He was the son of Mrs H. Croft of Toronto, Canada and had worked as a gardener for the manager of British Top Pits, Abersychan while living with the Keen family at 15 Foundry Road, Abersychan. Frank served in the Dardanelles and Egypt before France and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Dadey, Tom: Private, 33487, 11th Bn South Wales Borderers. Tom was born in 1895 in Varteg and killed in action by a shell while in the trenches on 31 August 1916. He was the son of Thomas and Maria Dadey of 7 Slate Row, Varteg and worked at Varteg Co-op before enlisting. A friend of Tom's from Garndiffaith who was serving with him wrote to inform Tom's parents of his death. Tom is buried at Essex Farm Cemetery, Boezinge, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, and commemorated on the Old Varteg Wesleyan Chapel Roll of Honour and Memorial, Community Centre, Wasteland Road, Varteg, and on Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.





Dare, George Henry William: Private, 2433, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. George was born on 27 August 1896 at Abersychan and killed in action on 4 April 1915 in France and Flanders. He was the son of George Henry and Elizabeth Dare of Union Street, Abersychan, and brother of Gordan, Doris, Lucy Ann, Verlie, Vera and Phyllis. In 1901 he was living at 1 Broad Street refreshment house, where his father was the refreshmen house keeper. George is buried at Calvaire Military Cemetery, Ploegsteert, Comines-Wameton, Hainaut, Belgium and commemorated on the Merchant's Hill Baptist Church roll of honour, Pontnewynydd and on the Monmouthshire Regiment memorial in Trevethin Church.

Davies, Arthur C R: Lieutenant, N. Staffordshire Regiment. Arthur died on 26 October 1915 after an operation for appendicitis. He was the son of W. H. Davies of Abersychan and is buried at Trevethin. Two of his brothers were reported missing in the same year: John Edward Davies, Sub-Lieutenant, Collingwood Battalion, Royal Naval Reserve reported missing at Gallipoli 4 June 1915, and Henry Richard G Davies, Lieutenant, N. Staffordshire Regiment, attached to the Royal Engineers as a mining adviser to the North Midland Brigade, reported missing in France in October 1915.

Davies, A: Private, South Wales Borderers. Private Davies is commemorated on the Methodist Church Memorial, Snatchwood



Davies, Stanley: Private, 9777, 2nd Bn. South Wales Borderers. Stanley was born in 1891 at Newbridge and died of wounds received in action on 15 May 1915. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Albin Davies of Garndiffaith, and brother of Laura, Annie, Albin, Ethel, Thomas, Maggie and Eunice and husband of Jesse Davies of 7 Western Street, Coventry. Stanley is buried at Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.



Denton, J J: Private, 12th Royal Lancers. John was born in London and died of wounds on 13 April 1918. A veteran of the Boer War and holder of the Queen's and King's medals for that war, John had moved to 3 Coronation Terrace, Talywain and was working as a collier at Llanerch Colliery when he was called up at the beginning of the war due to being a reservist. He joined his old cavalry regiment the 12th Royal Lancers and experienced some of the first fighting of the war. John left a wife and four brothers who were still serving. Another brother had been killed early in the war at the first battle of Ypres.

Evans, Joseph: Private, 16992, 1st Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Joseph was born in 1879 and reported missing on 25 September 1915 and later declared killed in action. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Henry Evans of Mount Pleasant, Varteg, husband of Gladys and father of Elsie and Kathleen. He worked as a coal miner before enlisting. Joseph is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, France.



Farmer, Oscar Francis: Private, PO/749, Royal Marine Light Infantry. Oscar was born in 1896 at Gloucester and killed in action on 6 May 1915. He was the son of Oscar Charles and Sarah Matilda of Ffrwd Road, Abersychan. Oscar is commemorated on Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Southsea Common, Southsea.

Flello, T H: Private, 266133, Monmouthshire Regiment. Private Flello died on the 17 September 1919 at the age of 24 years old. He is buried at St John's Burial Ground, Garndiffaith. His parents were Thomas Flello and Eliza Jane Nelmes. His parents married in 1894 in the Pontypool District. His father died in 1898.

(submitted by Richard Roynon)



Flook/Fluke, Frank: Private, 16988, 1st Bn Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Frank was born in 1894 at Varteg and killed in action on 4 November 1916. He was the son of William and Jane Flook, and lived at 9 Pembroke Terrace, Varteg. He worked as an assistant collier hewer before enlisting. Frank is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates, Pontypool.

Frost, A W: Private, 1300, 2nd Monmouthshire Regiment. Private Frost was born in 1895, killed in action on 12 April 1915. His father, Sergeant-Major Frost, had for many years run the White Hart Hotel, Garndiffaith and was a veteran who had served in India, South Africa and Burma, said on the death of his son: 'I am sorry to lose my son, but I am proud of him in the way he has given his life for his King and country, as the son of a soldier'.



Gough, George Raymond: Ordinary Seaman, Wales Z/3673, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. George was born in 1896 and died on 9 July 1917 on the HMS Vanguard at Scapa Flow. He was the son of George and Annie Gough of 10 and 11 Broad Street, Abersychan, on the 1911 census George is living with his family in Broad Street, Abersychan and working as assistant to his father a fruiterer and fishmonger. George is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, Plymouth Hoe, Devon, on the High Street Baptist Church Memorial and Roll of Honour, High Street, Abersychan and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates, Pontypool. George was the brother of Mrs Stanley Williams (nee Gough) who lost her husband (see below).



Gould, Joshua: Private, 13273, 2nd Bn. South Wales Borderers. Joshua was born in 1896 in Garndiffaith and killed in action on 1 July 1916. He lived at Council Houses, Garndiffaith and enlisted at Newport. Joshua is buried at Hawthorn Ridge, Cemetery No. 2, Auchonvilles, Somme, France and commemorated on the Wesleyan Chapel roll of honour and memorial, Garndiffaith.



Griffith, E. J: Lieutenant, East Lancashire Regiment. Lt. Griffith was born in 1875 and was killed in action in 1918 in France. E. J. Griffith, from Cwmavon, had lived at Rock Cottage, the British and worked as cashier at Messrs Hoskins and Llewellyn's Abersychan Collieries before moving to Blackburn and joining the Blackburn Borough Police. He spoke French, German and Chinese and had worked in China for some time. He was the brother of Inspector W. J. Griffith and Sergeant-Major Reginald Griffith DCM.



Griffiths, Thomas: Private, 8344, 2nd Bn. South Wales Borderers. Thomas was born in 1887 in Christchurch, Newport and Killed in action on 8 August 1915. He lived at Eleven Houses, Pentwyn, Abersychan and was the husband of Elizabeth Griffiths of Pentwyn, Abersychan. Thomas is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey and All Saints Memorial, Hanbury Road, Cwmffrwdroer

Gwyn, Thomas Henry: Private, 1917, Monmouthshire Regiment, 2nd Bn.. Private Gwyn was born at Abersychan in 1895, the son of Mt Thomas and Mrs Ann Gwyn. He had one brother named Charles, two years his junior, and a sister named Maud, born 1899. In 1901 the family lived at 3 Lower Pentrench Farm, Tranch, Pontypool. He enlisted in the Monmouthshire Regiment at Pontypool. He died at Wandsworth Hospital on the 16 September 1915 and was buried at St John's Burial Ground, Garndiffaith.

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Harnett, Thomas: Private. Thomas's photograph appears in the newspaper on 30 June 1916. He was from Abersychan. There is no other information at present.

Harrington, William (Willie) Arthur: Private, 35988, 1st/5th Bn Royal Lancasters (King's Own). Willie was killed in action on 9 April 1918. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Harrington of Stanley Road, Garndiffaith. Willie is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France, on the Wesleyan Chapel Roll of Honour and Memorial, Garndiffaith Methodist Church, and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.

Harris, Elias Morgan: Private, 10785, York and Lancashire Regiment. Elias was born in 1887 in Garndiffaith, died on 20 August 1915 of wounds received in action at the Dardanelles (Gallipoli). He was the youngest son of Mary Harris. 1891 census living Stanley Road, Garndiffaith. Awarded the 1914-15 Star, Victory and British War Medals. Buried at Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

Harvey, Alfred: Private, 265306, Monmouthshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion. Alfred Harvey of Pembroke Terrace, Varteg, was killed in action at the age of 18 years in France on the 30 November 1917. He was the son of Mr Henry and Mrs Caroline Harvey. He had three brothers, Jasper, Cyril and Wilfred, and three sisters, Ellen, Elizabeth A and Rosina. Alfred was a coal miner and was born at Bishop Sutton, Somerset. A memorial to him stands in Plot D, Row 6, Grave 29 at Varteg Wesleyan Burial Ground but his body was not interred there. A Military Memorial to him is at Cambrai Memorial Louverval, France Nord.

Hayes, John: Gunner, 105478, Royal Field Artillery. John was born 1892 and killed in action on 27 August 1918 in France and Flanders. He was the son of William and Ellen Hayes of Union Street, Abersychan. He had worked as a collier at Blaenserchan Colliery before enlisting. John left a fiancée, Jennie, mother, father, brother and sisters.



Hayward, Ivor: Private, 13986, Royal Welch Fusiliers, 11th Battalion. Private Hayward was born on the 13th September 1894, the son of Mr Thomas Brown Hayward and Mrs Ruth Hayward of 'The Bungalows' Garndiffaith. Private Hayward died of wounds at the age of 22 years on the 5th November 1916. His memorial is at Karasouli Military Cemetery, Greece. There is also a wooden tablet at Garndiffaith Methodist Church commemorating his death.

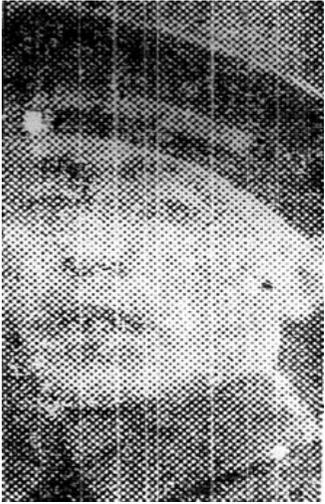
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Heaven, Godfrey: Private, 260459, 12th Service (Bristol) Bn. Gloucestershire Regiment. Godfrey was born c. 1886 in Abersychan and killed in action on 4 October 1917 in France and Flanders. He was the son of Thomas, stationmaster, and Mary A Heaven. In 1901 he was living at 1 Station Street, Abersychan and by 1911 he was living with two of his sisters at 102 Snatchwood (Road?) Abersychan. Godfrey is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Ypres, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Hill, James: Private, 1269, Monmouthshire Regiment. James was born in 1894 at Blaenavon and killed in action on 13 April 1915 at Neuve Chapelle. He was the son of James and Martha Hill and had lived in the Talywain and Garndiffaith area since at least 1901 and worked as a collier at Blaenserchan Colliery before enlisting. James is buried at Strand Military Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, France and commemorated on Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



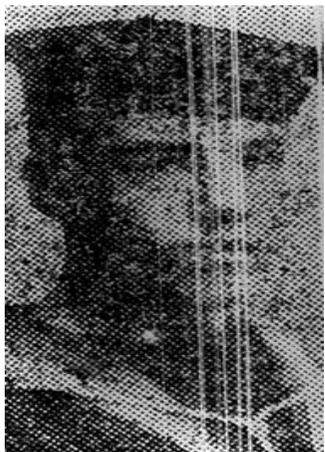
Hood, Clifford S: Driver, 740906, Royal Field Artillery. Clifford was born in 1896 in Newport and died on 17 December 1918 of influenza at the 44th Stationary Hospital, Egypt. He was the son of William Owen and Annie Hendon Hood. In 1911 he was living with his family at 4 Longfield Terrace, Abersychan and working as coal hewer filler. Clifford is buried at Kantara War Memorial Cemetery and commemorated on the English Congregational Church Memorial, Abersychan and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



Hopkins, Edward: Able Seaman, 17740, Royal Naval Division. Edward was born in 1888 in Abersychan and killed in action on 30 October 1917 in Belgium while working as a stretcher bearer. He was the son of James and Hannah Hopkins of Nailor Street, Abersychan. Edward worked as a clipper at Blaenserchan Colliery before enlisting and had served in the Dardanelles and France before moving to Belgium.

Howells, Alfred: Gunner, 9/26121, 9th Bn. South Wales Borderers. Alfred was born c. 1895 in Talywain and died of wounds on 31 October 1917. He was the son of William and Minnie Howells of the Waterloo Inn and enlisted on 23 November 1915. Alfred is buried at Dozinghen Military Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Bel-

Hunt, Alfred Ernest: Sergeant, 10940, 1st Bn. South Wales Borderers (machine gun section). Alfred was born in 1891 in Salisbury and killed in action on 19 July 1915. He was the son of Francis Tom and Margaret Ann Hunt of 12 High Street, Abersychan, had attended Abersychan Infants School, and worked as collier hewer assistant before he enlisted. His father was also serving as a Sergeant in the Monmouthshire National Reserve. Alfred is buried at Cambrian Churchyard Extension, Pas-de-Calais, France and commemorated on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



James, Samuel: Able Seaman, Z/1613, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Samuel was born in 1898 and killed in action (drowned) on 10 November 1918 on HM Trawler Renarro. He was the son of John Alfred and Mary A. James, 20 Caradoc Street, Pentwyn, Abersychan. Attended Abersychan Infants' and Mixed Schools and worked as a collier before enlisting. Samuel is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, Plymouth Hoe, Plymouth, and on the Trevethin Memorial and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.

James, Wilfred: Private, 87012, 50th Bn. Machine Gun Corps. Wilfred was born in 1898 in Trevethin and killed in action on 7 August 1918 in France and Flanders. He was the son of Ernest and Elizabeth James and brother to Lillian, Howell and Ernest and lived at Bryn House, High Street, Abersychan. He enlisted on 24 October 1916 into the Motor Transport Department. Wilfred was awarded the British War and Victory Medals and is buried at Glageon Cemetery, France.



Jayne, John: Private, 265135, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. John was born in 1886 in Garndiffaith and died of wounds on 12 March 1918 in France and Flanders. He was the husband of Edith and father of Bryn and Jackie and lived at 10 The Avenue, Garndiffaith. In 1911 he was living with his wife and children at 31 Stanley Road, Garndiffaith. John was awarded the Victory and British War Medals and is buried at Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinghe, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Jenkins, John (Jack 'Young Gent'): Private, Monmouthshire Regiment. Jack was born in 1892 and died on 17 September 1917 at Beechwood Hospital, Newport of wounds received in action. He was the only son of William and Hannah Jenkins of Herbert's Road, Garndiffaith. He was twice wounded in the 'Big Push' and the Free Press reported that Young Gent Jenkins was invalided home and 'came home to Garndiffaith in February of this year completely broken down in health, and eventually died as a result of wounds at Beechwood Park Sanatorium, on September 17th last. He was the only support for his deaf and dumb mother'. Jack was buried at Noddfa burial ground with semi-military honours.

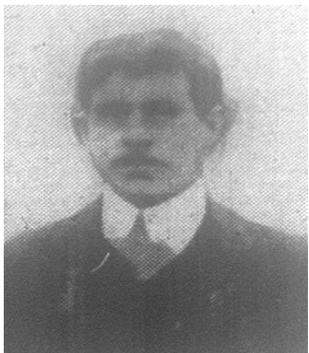




Johns, Charles Edward: Machine Gunner, 22596, South Wales Borderers (machine gun section). Charles was born in 1893 in Abersychan and died on 3 August 1917 at a clearing station of wounds received in action the previous day while fixing his gun in place. He was the son of David James and Mary Jane of 20 Co-operative Terrace, Garndiffaith. He worked as a coal miner hewer for Messrs Vipond and Co. before enlisting on 20 July 1915 and serving with the British Expeditionary Force on the Western Front.

Jones, George: Private, 3312, Monmouthshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion. Private George Jones was born 22 January 1897, and lived at Rose Cottage, Old Gutter, Talywaun. He was killed in action on the 21st November 1916. He was the son of Mr William and Mrs Sarah Jones. His brother, Private John Jones, see below, who was killed in action on the 16 July 1916; a second brother Private Walter Jones of the South Wales Borderers was held as a prisoner of war by the Germans. A third brother, Frederick Jones served in the South Wales Borderers. *(submitted by Richard Roynon)*

Jones, John: Private, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. John was born in 1882 and killed in action on 16 July 1916. His wife lived at Cross Street, Garndiffaith and his parents lived at Rose Cottage, Talywain. He had three brothers serving in the war: George, Walter and Fred. There is a service record for a John Jones who attested in 1901, served in India from 1902 to 1909, whose father William Jones lived at 31 Percy Street, Garndiffaith, and married wife Eleanor in 1911 in Abersychan, and daughter Brenda May born in 1912.

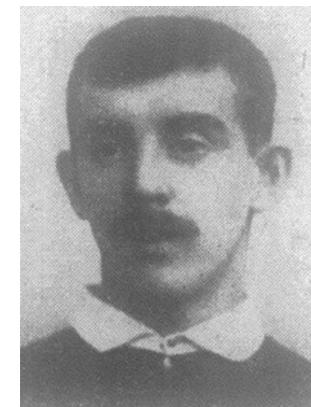


Jones, Octavius: Private, 1198, 13th Bn. Australian Imperial Force. Octavius was born on 8 October 1881 at Abersychan and died from wounds received in action at Gallipoli on 22 May 1915 (CWGC website states 12 May 1915). He was from Snatchwood, Abersychan but emigrated to Australia in May 1911. He was the son of Edwin and Martha Jones who were living at 48 Snatchwood Road with Octavius in 1901. Octavius enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force at the beginning of the war and is commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial, Turkey.



Jones, Stanley: Lance Sergeant, 8872, 2nd Bn Coldstream Guards. Stanley was born in 1892 at Talywain and died on 16 September 1916 on the Somme at Lesbouefs. He was the son of Edwin William and Sarah Ann Jones of Incline House, Manor Road, Abersychan. Stanley is commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, Somme and on Noddfa Baptist Church Memorial, Abersychan.

Keefe, W: Lance Corporal, 2658, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. Lance Corporal Keefe was born in 1885 in Talywain and killed in action on 26 April 1915 in France and Flanders. He was the son of John and Anna Keefe of Woodside Villa, Talywain and worked as a collier at Blaenserchan Colliery and was a member of Talywain Rugby Football Club. He spoke to a Prussian soldier during the 1914 Christmas Truce and sent home souvenirs the soldier had given him. Lance Corporal Keefe is commemorated at Calvaire (Essex) Military Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium.



Kenealey, Tom: Private, 2846, 2nd Monmouthshire Regiment. Tom was born in 1895 and killed in action on 5 May 1915. Lived with his grandmother at 11 Swan Square, Abersychan. Before enlisting he worked at Powells Tillery New Navigation Colliery at the British.



King, Reginald: Second Lieutenant, 1st Bn Monmouthshire Regiment (attached to 1st Bn South Wales Borderers). Reginald was born in 1893 and died of wounds on 15 September 1918 at Vermand, France. Son of Joshua and E A King of Fair View, the British, Talywain. He was mentioned in dispatches for gallantry and recommended for a commission. The Free Press states that: 'Second-Lieutenant King fell when gallantly leading a patrol against a German machine gun'. Reginald is buried at Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres, Somme, France and commemorated on the High Street Baptist Church Memorial and Roll of Honour, High Street, Abersychan, St. Woolos Cathedral Memorial, Stow Hill, Newport and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



King, Walter Philip: Private, South Wales Borderers. Walter was born in 1891 at Ton Pentre and died on 1 July 1916 at the Somme. He was the son of Philip and Jane King of Neville Street, Garndiffaith. In 1901 he was living at 9 Old Lion, Abersychan. Walter is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France, Noddfa Baptist Church Memorial and Roll of Honour, High Street, Abersychan and the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



Knott, Walter Leolin: Private, 559th Agricultural Division. Walter was born in 1884 and died at Hereford General Hospital of double pneumonia on 7 May 1918. He was the son of E W Knott, tailor, of High Street, Abersychan. Walter was age 34 and single. He worked at Penlasgarn farm for Richard Williams before he enlisted. Walter was buried at Hereford Cemetery on 10 May with full military honours.

Lawley, Howard: Private, 1433, 1st Bn. Welsh Guards (formerly of the 2nd Monmouthshire regiment). Howard was born in 1896 in Oxfordshire and killed in action on 24 August 1918 in France and Flanders. He was the son of C W Lawley of Talywain and worked as a surface man at Tirpentwys Colliery before enlisting at Newport.

Lewis, Albert: Bugler, King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Albert was born in 1895 and died on 22 October 1914 of wounds received in action at Fleurs Bain, France. He was the son of William and Mary Ann Lewis of Factory Lane, Abersychan and brother of Alfred Charles (see below). The family were in Abersychan by 1906 as Albert was attending St. Francis Roman Catholic School, Abersychan. Albert is buried at Bois Gormer Cemetery.



Lewis, Alfred Charles: Private, 31451, 19th Battalion Welsh Regiment. Alfred was born in 1889 in Cardiff and died on 10th May 1918. He was the son of William and Mrs. M. A. Lewis of 11 Factory Lane, Abersychan and the brother of Albert Lewis who also gave his life for his country (see above). Alfred is buried at Harponville Communal Cemetery, Somme, France and commemorated on High Street Baptist Church Memorial and Roll of Honour, Abersychan and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



Lewis, (Henry) Colin: Lance Corporal, 3253, 3rd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. Colin was born in 1896 in Abersychan and killed in action on 29 December 1915 in France and Flanders. He was the only son of David, a grocer and draper, and Rosalamina Lewis of Garndiffaith and brother to Beryl. In 1901 he was living at 66 High Street, Garndiffaith. Colin enlisted at Abergavenny.

Martin, Thomas: Private, 2962, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. Thomas was born c. 1885 at Abersychan and killed in action on 26 May 1915. He lived at 28 Pentwyn Terrace, Abersychan and enlisted at Pontypool. Thomas is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.



Matthews, E: Able Seaman, Z/886, Drake Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. AB Matthews was born in 1896 in Talywain, and died 13 November 1916 (the same date and place as W. Bethell and James Powell). He was the son of John and Lydia Matthews. In 1901 the family were living at Church Terrace, Talywain. AB Matthews is buried Ancre Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, Somme and commemorated on St Thomas Church Memorial, Abersychan and Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.





Middle, Harry H J: Private, 3411, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. Harry was born c. 1889 at Clydach Vale, Glamorgan and killed in action on 6 July 1916. He lived at Church Road, Abersychan and was the son of Eliza Ann Middle and brother of Edgar, George, Reginald and Sybil. Harry was awarded the Victory and British War medals and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

Millard, Jocelyn Alfred: Engine Room Artificer/submariner, Royal Navy, M/3565. Jocelyn was born in 1890 and died on 15 August 1916 in a submarine accident whilst on manoeuvres in the North Sea (H. M. Submarine E 4). He was the son of George and Bessie Matilda Millard, husband of Mary K. and brother of Amy, George E, Bessie Olive, Edgar H, Ida, Horace J. in 1911 he was living at Iona House, Top Road, Garndiffaith. He attended West Mon School and worked as a colliery fitter and turner before enlisting in the RN in 1911 and starting work on submarines in 1913. Jocelyn is buried at St. Mary's Church, Shotley, Suffolk and commemorated at St. Thomas Church, Talywain, West Mon School and on Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



Miller, William: Private, 266689, 14th Bn. Welsh Regiment (formerly of the Mons. Regiment). William was born in 1886 in London and died of wounds on 22 August 1917. He was the son of Jesse and Annie Miller and brother of Jesse, Winifred, Richard and Thomas. The family had moved to Varteg by 1893 and were living at 12 Gladstone Terrace, Varteg in 1911. William worked as a coal miner hewer before enlisting at Pontypool. William was awarded the British War and Victory Medals and is buried at Mendinghem Military Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.



Mills, Louis Alfred: Private, M2/181565, 688th Coy. Army Service Corps. Louis was born in 1895 in Birmingham and died of wounds received in action on 10 April 1917. He was the son of Louis Alfred and Ada Elizabeth Lewis of Holly Tree Cottage, Garndiffaith and worked at Lower Varteg Colliery before enlisting. Louis was awarded the Croix de Guerre and a bar and is buried at Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria.

Mogg, Albert George: Corporal 19657, Royal Welch Fusiliers, 1st Battalion. Corporal Albert George Mogg was born in London in 1887 and was the son of Mr David and Mrs Augusta Mogg. He was killed in action on Tuesday 28th March 1916. There is a memorial to him in the form of an engraved cross in St John's Church, Garndiffaith, and another memorial at Point 110 New Cemetery, Military Cemetery, Fricourt.

(submitted by Richard Roynon)



Morgan, Edward: Able Seaman, Z/633 - Drake Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Edward was born in 1890 and died on 21 August 1918 at Soustre, Somme. He was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Morgan of 3 Coed Terrace, Waterloo, Talywain. Edward is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France, on Pisgah Church Roll of Honour and Memorial, Pisgah Road, Talywain, and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates, Pontypool.

Morgan, Stephen Hubert: Private, 2814, 2nd Monmouthshire Regiment. Stephen was born in 1897 in Talywain and died of wounds on 4 May 1915. He was the son of David James and Hannah Morgan of 4 Co-operative Buildings, Talywain and enlisted in Pontypool. Stephen is buried at Klein-Vierstraat British Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Morris, William (Willie): Private, South Wales Borderers. Willie was born in 1891 in Abersychan and killed in action on 28 May 1915. He was the son of John and Polly Morris, Cwmavon Road, Cwmavon and worked as a collier hewer before enlisting. Willie is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.

Neagle, Patrick: Private, 15213, South Wales Borderers, 1st Battalion. It is recorded in the book published by H. M. Stationary Office entitled 'Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-19' that Private Neagle was born at Abersychan and was killed in action at Flanders, France on the 9th May 1915. His parents were Patrick and Hannah, both born in Ireland. On the 1881 Census, he was living at 15 Houses, Abersychan. His name was recorded on the Le Touret Cemetery Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

(submitted by Richard Roynon)

Needs, Walter: Private, 266232, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. Walter was born in 1882 in Abersychan and killed in action on 12 April 1918 in France and Flanders. He was the son of John and Mary Anne Needs and brother of Stanley and Martha and lived at 66 High Street, Abersychan. He enlisted at Abersychan into the Army Reserve on 12 December 1915 and mobilized on 11 April 1916. Walter was awarded the Victory and British War medals and is commemorated at Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium.



O'Brien, William Bernard: Guardsman (Private), 24766, 3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards. William was born in 1895 in Newport and killed in action by a shell while working as a stretcher bearer on 3 August 1917 at the Somme. He was the son of John and Johanna O'Brien. He worked as a police constable in Abersychan before enlisting in Abergavenny in November 1915. William was commended for gallant conduct during the battle of 31 July 1917. He was awarded the British War and Victory medals and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres and St Mary's Roman Catholic Church Memorial, Newport.

Palfrey, Ernest: Private, 2341, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. Ernest was born in 1895 and died on 25 December 1914 by a shot to the back of the head after burying dead comrades during the Christmas Truce. He was the son of Charles and Ann Palfrey of Aer-y-Gryn, Ffrwd Road, Abersychan. Ernest is buried at Calvaire (Essex) Military Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium.





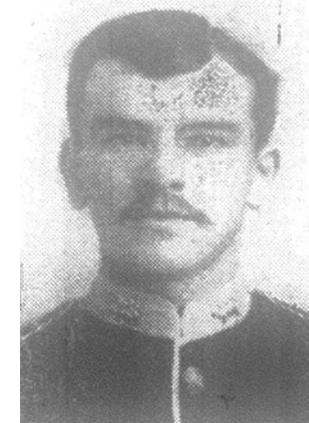
Palmer, Henry: Private, 85756, East Surrey Regiment. Henry was born in 1888 in Taunton and was killed in action on 20 October 1918. He was husband of Lilian of 9 Severn View Terrace, Pentwyn, and brother of Frank, Edwin and William. Henry is buried at Bethancourt village cemetery.



Parry, Alfred Henry: Private, 41977, Royal Medic Corps. It was recorded in the book published by H M Stationary Office entitled 'Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-19' that Private Parry was born at Abersychan and died of wounds at the age of 28yrs at Flanders, France on the 7th September 1915. He was the husband of Mrs B M Langley, formerly Parry, of 3 Gem Terrace, Icknield Port Road, Birmingham. He is buried at Smethwick (Uplands) Cemetery. *(submitted by Richard Roynon)*

Parsons, Ernest Edward Owen: Sapper, 145132, 72nd Field Coy Royal Engineers. Ernest was born in 1896 in Caerphilly and died on 9 March 1917 of gunshot wounds and was found dead in a pontoon floating down the Tigris. He was the only son of William J and Anna Maria Parsons and in 1911 he was living at 149 manor Road, Abersychan. Ernest fought in the Asiatic Theatre (Mesopotamia) and worked as a blacksmith in the army he is buried by the Tigris River in Iraq.

Parsons, W: Sergeant, 2160, 2nd Monmouthshire Regiment. Sergeant Parsons was born in 1881 and died of wounds received in action on 12 January 1915 at No. 2 Casualty Clearing Station. He lived for many years with his aunt, Mrs Phillips, at 41 Rose Cottages, Talywain and served in the Boer War for which he was awarded the Queen's medal and four bars. Sergeant Parsons was buried in the churchyard near to the Clearing Station.



Phillips, Stanley: Private, 11938, 1st Ballatlion Welsh Borderers. Stanley was born on 18 August 1897. It appears that he was raised by his grandparents, Richard and Louisa Phillips. He attended Pontnewynydd School and lived at George Street, and later 39 Freeholdland. He appears in both the 1901 Census and 1911 Census with Richard and Louisa. Private Stanley Phillips was killed in action on the 26 September 1915. He is buried at Loos, France. However, he is also remember on the family gravestone at St Cadoc's Church, Trevethin.

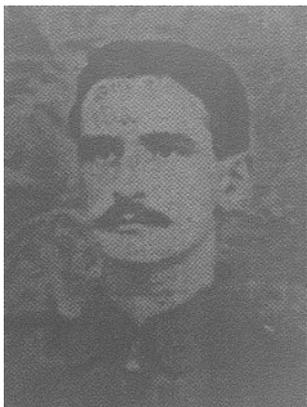
[Submitted by Pauline Leigh]



Powell, James: Able Seaman, Z/969, Drake Battalion, Royal Naval Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. James was born in 1895 in Garndiffaith and died 13 November 1916. He was the son of William and Alice Powell of 2 Dublin Row, British, Talywain and worked as an engine driver before enlisting in 1915. He served with 3rd Field Co. RND Engineers Dug Out Platoon July 1916 and re-joined Drake Btn Oct 1916. James is buried at Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, Somme (same date and place as W. Bethel and E Matthews) and commemorated on the Wesleyan Chapel Roll of Honour and Memorial, Garndiffaith Methodist Church and on Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.

Price, David: Sapper, 137699, Royal Engineers. David was killed in action on 1st June 1916 while working in the mines at the face (tunnels undermining enemy defences). Husband of Winifred of 6 Percy Street, Garndiffaith and father of two small children.





Perks, William E: Private, 8189, 1st Bn. South Wales Borderers. William was killed in action on 26 September 1914 at Vendresse, northern France. He was from Abersychan. William is commemorated on the Le Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, France.

Perrin, William: Lance Corporal, 16102, 8th Bn. South Wales Borderers. William was born in 1888 in Abersychan and killed in action on 20 September 1915. He was the son of Richard and Mary Ann Perrin and brother of Mrs Davies, Richard, Edwin, Alfred, Elizabeth, and Emma. William is buried at Assevillers New British Cemetery, Somme and commemorated on Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



LANCE-CORPORAL W. PERRIN
(Abersychan).
16012, 8th Battalion South Wales Borderers. Killed in a bomb accident in France on September 20th, 1915. The above is reproduced from a small group photograph, the only one of the deceased in existence.

Powell, Ivor: Private, 757152, Canadian Infantry (Le Regiment de Manitoba) 87th Battalion. Private Powell was the son of Mr James and Mrs Angelina Powell of 27 Harpers Road, Victoria Village, Garndiffaith. He was born on the 17 June 1879. He died on Wednesday 4th September 1918 at the age of 40. His memorial stands at Dury Mill Cemetery.

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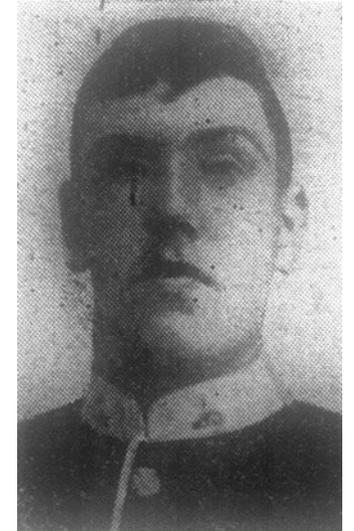
Price, Albert Clement: Private, 13769, South Wales Bordered, 6th Battalion, 'B' Company. In the book entitled 'Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-19' published by H. M. Stationary Office, Private Albert Clement Price is recorded as being born at Abersychan and was killed in action at Flanders, France on the 15 April 1918. He was the 26 year old son of Mr William and Mrs Susan Price, of Freeholdland, Pontnewynydd. His memorial is at Ploegsteert, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.

(submitted by Richard Roynon)



Price, Evan: Private, 11th Bn South Wales Borderers. Evan was born in 1881 at Pontnewynydd and died on 31 July 1917. He was the son of David and Polly Price of Oakdale House, Snatchwood, Abersychan and husband of Alice Maud George (formerly Price) of 6 Gas Square, Abersychan. Evan is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, on the English Congregational Church Memorial, Abersychan and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.

Price, John: Private, 7950, 1st Bn. South Wales Borders. John was born in 1886 in Blaenavon. He survived the Battle of Vendresse (see William E Perks) and was killed on 31 October 1914 in the Battle of Gheluvelt near Ypres, Belgium. He was the son of Mr and Mrs T Price of Ivanhoe House, Cwmavon, and worked at Varteg Hill Colliery. John was a veteran and had served in the Boer War and in India. He left a wife and two small sons. He was re-buried at the Railway Cutting (Larch Wood) cemetery close to Gheluvelt and was awarded the 1914 “Mons” Star with bar, the British and the Victory medals. He is commemorated on the Blaenavon War Memorial.



Price, Stanley James: Private, 23084, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Stanley was born in 1886 in Pontypool and died of wounds on 27 September 1915. He was the son of James and Sarah Ann Price and had seven brothers and four sisters and worked as a labourer on the colliery surface before enlisting. He left a wife Rose and son Stanley Alfred Price of Fifteen Houses, Abersychan. Stanley is buried at Abbeville Communal Cemetery, Somme, France.



Prosser, Albert (Bert) Victor: Private, 280th Auxiliary, Horse Transport Coy. Royal Army Service Corp. Bert was born in 1888 and died on 1 December 1918 of pneumonia at Dieppe Military Hospital. He was the son of George Edward and Eliza Prosser of Grove House, Cwmavon. Albert 'Bert' Victor Prosser was specially enlisted into the Royal Army Service Corps in 1915 for his skills as a shoeing smith. Described as a driver on his army service records he would have played a crucial role in a war that relied on horsepower, driving the horses that pulled gun carriages and wagons as well as shoeing and caring for them. After three years in France tending to the horses Bert contracted influenza and broncho-pneumonia and died in a military hospital in Dieppe on 1 December 1918. Bert was awarded the British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1914/15 Star. Bert is buried at Janval Cemetery, Dieppe, France.



Protherough, Arthur Simpson: Boy First Class J/37731 (Gunner), Royal Navy. Arthur was born in 1898 in Varteg and died on 30 December 1915 on HMS Natal. He was the son of Albert J. and Florence Protherough of 9 Salisbury terrace, Varteg. Arthur is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Southsea Common, Southsea, Hampshire and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates, Pontypool. Arthur is the youngest person on the Abersychan Roll of Honour.

Protherough, H: Stoker, Royal Navy. Stoker Protherough is commemorated on the Old Varteg Wesleyan Chapel Roll of Honour and Memorial, Community Centre, Wasteland Road, Varteg.

Reardon, William: Gunner, 279299, 262nd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. William was born in 1874 in Talywain and killed in action in France and Flanders on 14 August 1917. He was the son of Charles A and Margaret Reardon and husband of Catherine and father of Annie Constance and William James. In 1911 he was living at 4 Bluetts Road, Talywain working as coal miner hewer. William is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates.



Rees, David (Darren): Lance Corporal, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Darren was born in 1887 and killed in action on 14 May 1915 at Ypres. He served at Mons and Hill 60. Darren left a wife, of Davies Court, Garndiffaith, and four children.



Rees/Reece, Tracey: Chief Engine Room Artificer, 270158, Royal Navy. Tracey was born in 1878 in Merthyr Tydfil and died on 5 November 1915 on a submarine in the Dardanelles. The vessel was lost as a result of enemy action (H.M. submarine E20). He was the son of David and Ann Rees of Pentwyn Villa, Pentwyn, Abersychan and brother of David, Maria, Henry, Horatio, William, Thomas, Prudence and Ivor and worked as a fitter before enlisting in the RN in 1900. The family had been living in Abersychan at least since 1901. Tracey is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates, and at Noddfa Baptist Church, Abersychan.

Roberts, ? From Talywain. His photograph appeared in the newspaper on 25 January 1918, however there is no other information as yet (newspaper damaged).

Rogers, William John: Private, 13754, South Wales Borderers, 1st Battalion. In H. M. Stationary Office publication entitled 'Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-19', Private William Rogers is listed as being born at Abersychan. He was the son of Mr and Mrs T W Rogers and husband of Mrs Gertie Rogers of 29 Lewis Street, Blackwood. He was killed in action at the age of 32 years old on the 25 August 1916. His death is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

(submitted by Richard Roynon)



Rosser, Edward: Private, 7/18158, South Wales Borderers, 7th Battalion. In H. M. Stationary Office publication entitled 'Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-19', Private Edward Rosser was born at Abersychan and died at home on 26 August 1915. His body was interred at Aldershot Military Cemetery. *(submitted by Richard Roynon)*



Savery, Reginald: Private, 3035, 3/2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. Reginald was born in 1889 at Kingswood, Gloucestershire and died of wounds on 9 January 1916 on the Somme. He was the son of Tom and Edith Savery, and brother of eight siblings. In 1911 he was living at 2 High Street, Abersychan. Reginald is buried at Villers-Bocage Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France and commemorated on the St Thomas Church Memorial, Talywain and Trevethin War Memorial Chapel, St. Cadoc's Church, Trevethin.

Saxon, Ethel: Sister, Territorial Force Nursing Service. Sister Saxon's name appears on the Roll of Honour at Snatchwood Road Methodist Church, Abersychan. She was the daughter of Mr Henry and Mrs Adelaide Saxon, of The Rosery, Kingsland, Hereford. Sister Saxon was a staff nurse and died in India on the 3rd Septemeber, aged 26. He body was buried at Karachi Cemetery, Pakistan and her name is inscribed on the Delhi Memorial (India Gate).

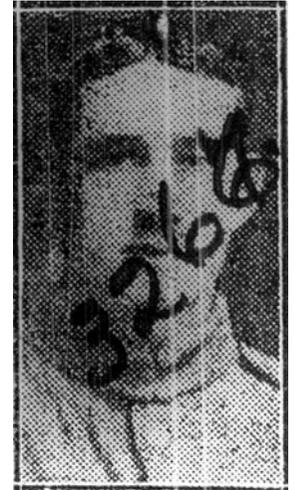
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Shaw, (Fred) William Frederick: Private, 40218, 1st Bn. Cheshire Regiment. Fred was born in 1896 at Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire and died on 24 October 1917. He was the son of William and Caroline Shaw, of 39 Fairfield, Talywain and worked as a collier at Blaensychan Colliery before enlisting in 1915 into the Tanks Corps (no. 300314) at Newport. Fred was awarded the British War and Victory medals and is buried at Hooge Crater Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium.



Silcox/Silcock, Thomas Reginald (Reggie): Leading Signalman, Z/668, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (served on HMS President). Reggie was born in 1895 at the British, Abersychan and died on 25 March 1919 from illness at home. He was the son of John and Sarah Jane Silcox and in 1901 the family were living at 5 Old Lion, Abersychan. He worked as a collier before enlisting in 1915. Reggie was awarded 1914/15 Star, Victory, and British War medals and is buried at Ebenezer United Reformed Church, Pontnewynydd and commemorated at Cardiff Western Cemetery on the English Congregational Church Memorial, Abersychan, and on the Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates, Pontypool.

Smart, Stanley R: Sergeant, 265594, 2nd Bn. South Wales Borderers. Stanley was born in 1892 in Abersychan and reported missing on 22 November 1917 and later assumed dead on that date. He was the son of Mary Smart. In 1911 he was living at 19 Pear Tree Road, Snatchwood and worked at Llanerch Colliery before enlisting, he then worked as a drill instructor with the South Wales Borderers before being sent to France in September 1917. Stanley is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, France and on the Methodist Church Memorial, Snatchwood Road, Abersychan.



Smith, Frank Harold: Second Lieutenant, 9th Bn. Tank Corp. Frank was born on 13 December 1892 in Abersychan and died on 2 September 1918. He was the son of Francis Albin and Edith Smith and brother to Herbert and Caradoc. In 1901 they were living at Ty Bryn, High Street, Abersychan. Frank is buried at Dury Mill British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France and commemorated on the Pontypool and District Hospital Memorial and the West Mon School Memorial, Pontypool.

Smith, William Joseph, Military Medal: Lance Corporal, 14814, 7th Bn. Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry. William was born in 1883 in Newport and killed in action 24 June 1917 in France and Flanders. He was the son of William and Margaret Smith of Newport and husband of Clara of 15 Nursery Avenue, Onchan, Isle of Man. He enlisted at Abersychan. William is buried at Noreuil Australian Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.



Smithey/Smythey, George, Distinguished Conduct Medal: Corporal/Gunner, 14855, 5th Bn South Wales Borderers. George was born in 1885 in Abersychan and killed in action on 17 June 1918. He was the son of William and Annie Smithey, brother of John, Willie, Edith and Rhoda. In 1901 the family were living at 31 River Row, Abersychan and later at 31 Lasgarn Place, Abersychan. George is buried at Marfaux British Cemetery, Marne, France and commemorated on Pontypool and Abersychan Memorial Gates. The Report on his DCM award appeared in the Free Press on 21 June 1918 before people knew he had been killed.

Stone, Ivor Henry: Private, 91420, 38th Welsh Division, 13th Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Ivor was born in 1899 in Talywain and died on 1 September 1918 the day after being wounded by gunshot at Baupaume, France. He was the son of Henry and Elizabeth Ann Stone, and brother of five siblings. He lived at Waterloo Road, Talywain. Ivor is buried at Bagneux British Cemetery, Somme, France and commemorated at St. Cadoc's Church, Trevethin and on the Pisgah Church Roll of Honour and Memorial, Talywain.

Targett, Lewis: Stoker. Lewis went down on HMS Indefatigable during a Naval battle. He was the son of Mrs Targett of Viaduct Road, Garndiffaith.

Thomas, A J: Private, Royal Army Medical Corps. Died late 1918? From Pentwyn. No other information as yet.

Thomas, William S: Lance Corporal, 33888, 10th Bn. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. William was born in 1893 in Abersychan and died on 28 April 1917. He was the son of Frederick and Mary Thomas of Abersychan and brother of Richard, Frederick, Stanley and Annie. In 1901 the family were living at High Houses, Twynyffrwd, Abersychan. William is buried at Canadian Cemetery No. 2, Neuville-St, Vaast, Pas de Calais, France.



Tovey, Joseph T: Lance Corporal, 11078, 1st Bn South Wales Borderers. Joseph was born in 1897 at Cwmavon and died on 17 November 1914 at No. 11 General Hospital, Boulogne from tetanus caused by wounds (he was shot in the thigh). He was the son of Oliver Tovey. In 1901 he was living with his family at 25 Bailey Street, Garndiffaith and before enlistment worked as a timberman at Dekin's Slope, Lower Varteg. Joseph is buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.

Vaughan, S: Corporal, 2nd Monmouthshires. Corporal Vaughan was born in 1885 and died on 15 January 1915. He was the son of Thomas and Mrs Vaughan and lived at Varteg with his wife.



Walker, R. J: Private, 9922, South Wales Borderers. Private Walker died on 7 July 1915 of wounds received in action at the Dardanelles. He was from Talywain.

Walters, H J: Lieutenant, 2nd Monmouthshires. Lieutenant Walters was killed in action in May 1915. He lived at Abersychan.

Warnes, William James: Private, 96681, Royal Field Artillery, 'D Battery, 154th Brigade. William J Warnes was born in Aldershot in the year 1881. The 1891 Census shows the family living at 43 Commercial Road, Talywaun and in the 1901 Census at 8 Emlyn Terrace, Talywaun. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records show that Private Warnes was the husband of Selina Hill, formerly Warnes, of 39 Neale Street, Clowne, Chesterfield. He was killed on Sunday 16th March 1916 at the age of 35 years. His Memorial stands at Beauval, Somme.

(submitted by Richard Roynon)

Warren, William Lewis: Private, 265661, 1st Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. William was born in 1895 in Lambeth, London and died on 23 October 1917 in Belgium. He was the son of William and Sarah Warren of Hafodwen Farm, Cwmavon, Varteg and he enlisted in Pontypool. William is buried at Bard Cottage Cemetery, Boezinge, Ypres, Belgium.





Waters, Ernest Griffiths: Lance Corporal, 260357, 12th Bn. Gloucester Regiment. Ernest was born in 1877 in Snatchwood, Abersychan and died of wounds on 7 October 1917 in France. He married Sarah Ann on 4 December 1897 and was the father of ten children including: Ernest, Elvira, Ethel, Alfred, Elise, Ivy and Edith. In 1901 he was living on Snatchwood Road, and in 1911 he was living at Old Lion Houses, Abersychan and he worked at Bleanserchan Colliery before enlisting on 12 April 1915. Ernest is buried at Godewaersvelde British Cemetery, France and commemorated on the Trinity Methodist Church Memorial, High Street, Abersychan.

Waters, Roger: Private, 8089, 2nd Welsh Regiment. Roger was born in 1881 in Abersychan and died from wounds on 25 April 1915 at Boulogne General Hospital after being hit by a trench bomb on 18 April at Hill 60 during the battle of Ypres. He was the son of David and Martha Waters of Barrack Farm, the British, Talywain. He was a veteran who served with the South Wales Borderers during the Boer War for which he received a medal and four or five clasps, he then served with the 2nd Welsh Regiment in India for a number of years before returning back to Wales and working as a colliery haulier. He was recalled when war broke out and went to the front with the first Expeditionary Force and fought at the retreat from Mons and the battles of the Marne and Aisne. Roger is buried at Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.



Watkins, Charles H: Lance Corporal, 56800, 15th Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Charles was born in 1888 in Garndiffaith and died of wounds on 15 October 1916. He was the son of Mrs Temperance Watkins of Pentwyn, Abersychan. He enlisted in Newtown. Charles is buried at Mendingham Military cemetery, Poperinge, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Watkins, David: Private, 9388, 1st Bn South Wales Borderers (the Gallant 24th). David was killed in action on 20 October 1914 at Langemarck, France. He had served in India before returning to the area and staying with his sister at 2 Dublin Row, the British before re-joining his regiment. His sister Mrs Alice Powell also lost a son James in the Great War (see above). David is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres.

Watkins, W. C.: Private, 39069, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, 2nd Battalion. Private Watkins was born in Brecon but his parents Mr Charles and Mrs Emily Watkins is recorded as living at 51 High Street, Abersychan. He was killed at the age of 27 years on the 16 October 1918. The Memorial to him stands at Dadizeele New British Cemetery. There is also a Memorial Tablet in High Street Baptist Church, Abersychan bearing his name.

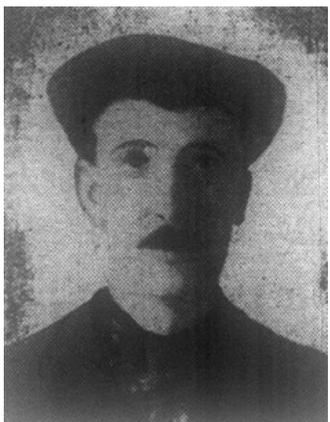
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Webb, William: Private, 14748, 1st Bn. South Wales Borderers. William was born in 1886 and died of wounds received in action on 27 August 1917. He was the son of Mr and Mrs W. Webb of Castlewood Talywain. He had served for a number of years in India before returning home and working as a collier at Blaenserchan Colliery. He left a wife, a little boy of two years and a five month old daughter whom he had never seen.

Werrett, Wilfred: Private, 21381, South Wales Borderers, 10th Battalion. Private William Werrett was the son of Mr Joseph and Mrs Margaret Werrett of 11 Post Office Row, Varteg. He was killed in action on the 10 July 1916 and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

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Whitcombe, William James: Private, 2365, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. William was born in 1878 in Bristol and died on 25 May 1915. Of Viaduct Place, Garndiffaith. He had lived in Abersychan for about twenty four years and was married to Martha Ann and had five children. He worked as a collier at Llanerch Colliery before enlisting. William is commemorated on the St. Cadoc's Church Memorial, Trevethin.



Whitehouse, Dennis: Lance Corporal, 14454, 8th Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Dennis was born in 1892 in Pontypool and died of wounds on 24 July 1916 in hospital in Bristol. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Whitehouse and in 1901 was living at 5 Fifteen Houses, Abersychan. He enlisted at Rotherham. Dennis is buried at St. John Burial Ground, New Road, Garndiffaith.



Williams, Fred: Private, 26074, 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regiment. Fred was born in 1885 and killed in action on 2 December 1917. He lived at 11 Gas Square, Abersychan with his wife and five children. Fred was a collier at Llanerch Colliery before he enlisted and also a member of Talywain Rugby Football Club.



Williams, Godfrey Basil: Private, 37th Bn. Machine Gun Corps (formerly 69826, Royal Welsh Fusiliers). Godfrey was born in 1897 in Abersychan and killed in action on 23 October 1918. He was the youngest son of Moses and Margaret Williams and one of seven brothers fighting in the war. He attended St Francis Roman Catholic School, and worked at Llanerch Colliery before enlisting.

Williams, Herbert: Private, 90686, 153rd Coy, Machine Gun Corps (formerly of South Wales Borderers). Herbert was born in 1887 in Abersychan and killed in action on 17 September 1917. He was the son of Caroline Williams and married Florence Emily in 1911. He lived in Abersychan and enlisted at Pontypool. Herbert is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.



Williams, Pryce: Corporal, Gloucester Regiment. Pryce was born in 1897 and was killed in action c. 21-25 September 1918. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Williams of Little Grove House, Cwmavon and brother of Cornelius.

Williams, Stanley: Armourer-Staff Sergeant, A/2205, Army Ordnance Corps, attached to 173rd Infantry Brigade. Stanley was born in 1891 and killed in action on 24 March 1918. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Williams late of Tirpentwys, husband of Mrs Williams of 19 Station Street, Abersychan and brother-in-law of George Gough (see above). Stanley worked as a fitter at Tirpentwys Colliery before going to Australia and working there for three years as a colliery mechanic. He came back to Britain when war broke out.

Woodland, Thomas: Private, 7175, Somerset Light Infantry, 1st Battalion. Private Thomas Woodland died on the 6th July 1915 having taken part in an attack that day on the Ypres Salient. His grave/memorial is at Talana Farm Cemetery. His name is also inscribed on a Memorial Tablet in High Street Baptist Church, Abesychan.

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