



**Name** **WILLIAM HENRY JONES**

**DOB** About 1876

**Place of birth** Broadway, Worcestershire

**Lived at** In 1911 the family lived in the Tewkesbury, but William is residing as a groom at Cliff House Atherstone, Leics

**Occupation** Huntsman with North Staffordshire Hounds

**Family** Eldest son of James Jones of the Wheatsheaf Inn Tewkesbury and Hannah Jones [nee Fullwell]. He had four brothers and five sisters. His father was formerly Chief Whip with the North Cotswold Hounds.

**Marital Status** Single

**Age enlisted** 38

**Date enlisted** May 1915. Sent to France 27/7/1915

**Place enlisted** Stoke on Trent

**Service** 15<sup>th</sup> battery Machine Gun Corps [Motor Branch]

**Reg number** 703

**Rank** Gunner



**Date of death** 3/9/1916

**Age at death** 39

**Place of death** France and Flanders

**Cause of death** Killed in Action

**Memorial** Delville Wood Cemetery



**Medals** British, Victory and Star

**Other information**

- Two brothers also served in the war, but survived.
- An obituary notice in the Staffordshire Weekly Sentinel of 4/11/16 records that an officer, writing to Gnr Jones father, said: *"Poor Jones was killed in action on Monday evening, September 3rd, whilst the Battery was under heavy shell fire. His death must have been instantaneous, as he was struck by a heavy shell. His comrades buried him where he fell. We have erected a small cross on his grave, which we shall replace with a larger one later..."* It also says: *"...he was regarded as a fine horseman..."*
- On Gnr Jones medal card there is a note that the British and Victory medals were returned "undisposed of" on 6/3/1923. No reason is given.

