



Inquest Report

First Welsh Soldier Found Dead in His Room at Tidworth Barracks

At Wiltshire & Swindon Coroner's Court, Salisbury

A Soldier who struggled to show his emotions but "got along with everyone" was found dead in his room at an Army barracks, an inquest heard.

Fusilier Jake Llewellyn Plumb, born in Pembrokeshire, died on November 3, 2021, at Lucknow Barracks, Tidworth Garrison.

Concerns were raised about the 23-year-old's welfare following a call to the base from Mr. Plumb's friend Drew McDowall.

Miss McDowall made the call at 11.55 pm on November 3, around 24 hours after receiving a Snapchat message, and Sergeant Shaun Gibbon found Mr. Plumb dead in his room at 12.30 a.m. on November 4.

Mr. Royal Welsh, was due to deploy into Estonia but Mr. Plumb would have been unable to join his comrades due to a dental issue, which he was "gutted" about according to his close friend Fusilier Garth McLean.

The inquest, held at Salisbury Coroners Court on June 21, heard that Mr. Plumb's ex-girlfriend had ended their relationship around two days before he died and had no contact with him after that.

Mr. Plumb was not known to Army welfare support and there was no indication of suicidal ideation leading up to his death.

Fusilier McLean told the inquest that Mr. Plumb was a "class bloke" but "never showed any emotions".

He last saw him on the night of November 2 and noticed something was wrong.

He said: "Something wasn't quite right with him but Jake being Jake just said he would have a brew or go for a fag."

"I knew something was off but he wasn't the person to tell you his problems."

Toxicology tests conducted by Dr. Matthew Flynn at Salisbury District Hospital showed that Mr. Plumb had no traces of drugs or alcohol in his system.

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Senior coroner David Ridley concluded Mr. Plumb's death as suicide by hanging sometime on November 3, 2021.

He said: "Jake has made a considered effort here to end his life. Why, I do not know. Any conclusion there would be speculation. Any reason Jake had he took it with him."

Mr. Ridley offered his condolences to Mr. Plumb's mother Amanda and sister Naomi as well as to his comrades and friends.

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