

MALONE, Blain

Born in Stoneykirk but parents lived in Wigtown. A married man, he enlisted with the Royal Regiment of Artillery before transferring to the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. One of five brothers who served their country he died of his wounds in 1917. Named on Wigtown and Stoneykirk War Memorials.

GRoS: Blain McCulloch Malone was born on 8/12/1876 at Laigh Flash [?], Stoneykirk, the son of John Malone, ploughman, and Grace Malone nee McCulloch.

1881 Stoneykirk Census: High Culgroat: Blain Malone

(4, born Stoneykirk), with father, John, ag lab, and mother, Grace; + 1 brother and 1 sister.

1891 Kirkcolm Census: Ervie Farm: Blain<u>e</u> Malone (14, born Stoneykirk, farm servant) on the McClymont's farm.

1901 Sorbie Census: Cruggleton Cottage, Sorbie: Blain Malone (23, born Stoneykirk, Carter on Farm), with father, John, and mother, Grace; + 5 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Glasserton Census: West Drumrae Cottage: Blain Malone (33, born Stoneykirk, farm labourer, with wife of 2 years, Mary S Malone, and daughter, Grace McC Malone, 11 months.

Soldiers who Died in the Great War: Private Blain Malone, born Stoneykirk; resident in Wigtown; Died 12 July 1917, France & Flanders. Enlisted Glasgow, Private 35974, 1st Bn, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Formerly 175753, RFA. Army Form B2513, Record of Service Paper, 28/9/1916. Blain Malone, 19 High Street, Wigtown. Aged 37. Labourer. Enlisted 2/3/1916. Presbyterian. Medical examination at Ayr, 28/9/1916: born Stoneykirk, 5 ft 6.5in tall, Above average physical development. Enlisted with Royal Regiment of Artillery (no 175753), transferred to 78th Training Reserve Bn (no 512543), then Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (no 35974). Embarked Folkestone/Disembarked Boulogne 12/1/1917. Joined 1st L N Lancs 9/2/1917. Wounded in action 11/7/1917, Died of Wounds 12/7/1917, Buried in cemetery 12/7/1917.

Medal Card: Blane [sic] Malone, Pte, N Lan R, 35974. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: Blain Malone. 1 Bn, Lethanes [?], Pte 35974. Died 12/7/1917, France or Belgium. £4 19s 6d paid to mother, Grace, the sole legatee on 28/3/1918 and War Gratuity of £3 to the same on 3/11/1919. CWGC: Private Blain Malone 35974 The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (1st Bn). Died 11/7/1917 (aged 39). Son of John and Grace Malone, of 19, High St., Wigtown. Native of Stoneykirk, Stranraer. Grave I. E. 64 Coxyde Military Cemetery.

Galloway Gazette (11/8/1917): Mr & Mrs John Malone, 19 High Street, Wigtown have received official intimation that their eldest son, Private Blain Malone, Loyal North Lancs., has died of wounds received in action on 12 July. Private Blain Malone, who was 39 years of age, has four other brothers and a brother-in-law ob active service. One brother, Private James Malone, is in hospital in Alexandria suffering from wounds received in action in Egypt on 19th April and the brother-in-law, Lance-Corporal James McCulloch, has been posted as missing since 13th September last. The deceased was well known and much respected by all who knew him, and much sympathy is felt for his father

and mother and other members of the family.



MALONE, David

Served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in the Mediterranean and France, one of five brothers who saw active service. Died of wounds and is buried in Wigtown High Cemetery. Named on Wigtown War Memorial along with his brother, Blain.

GRoS: David Malone was born on 25/9/1897 at Cruggleton, the son of John Malone, ploughman, and Grace Malone nee McCulloch.

1901 Sorbie Census: Cruggleton Cottage: David Malone (3, born Sorbie) with father, John Malone, and mother, Grace Malone; + 5 brothers and 2 sisters. **1911 Whithorn Census**: Bridgehouse Farm Cottage: David Malone (13, born Sorbie), with father, John Malone, cattleman, and mother, Grace Malone; + 2 brothers.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Service Record: David Malone, Z/4680. Date of birth 25/9/1896. Date of Entry 25/5/1915. Address: Cotland, Bladnoch. Next of kin: John Malone, same address, later amended to Mrs Grace Malone, 19 High Street, Wigtown. Game keeper. Presbyterian. 5ft 6in tall, fresh complexion, brown hair, grey eyes. Promotions: AB 25/8/1915, AB HG 31/7/1918, Act LS 12/9/1918. October 1915 transferred to Howe Battalion as a Bomber with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. Returned to Marseilles 19/5/1916. Admitted to hospital in Rouen 14/11/1917 suffering from Bursitis and transferred to University War Hospital, Southampton. On leave in Wigtown January 1918. Wounded 23/8/1918 then again 6/10/1918 with gunshot wound right forearm and compound fracture to radius. Died at 6am 11/10/1918 at Southern General Hospital, Portsmouth.

CWGC: Able Seaman David Malone, Clyde Z/4680 Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (Drake BN RN Div). Died 11/10/1918 (aged 21). Son of Grace Malone, of 19, High St., Wigtown.

Wigtown High Cemetery: Military headstone: CZ/4680 Able Seaman D Malone RNVR Drake Battn RND 11th October 1918 Age 21.

Wigtownshire Free Press (19/9/1918): Mr & Mrs Malone, High Street, Wigtown, have received intimation that their son, AB David Malone, was wounded in action on 23rd August; and also their son, Private Robert Malone, RSF, wounded on 22nd August.

Galloway Gazette (26/10/1918): Information was received by Mr & Mrs Malone, 19 High Street, Wigtown, that their youngest son, Lance-Sergeant David Malone, RN, who was severely wounded on 9th October, at Cambrai, had died in an hospital in Portsmouth. His remains were brought to Wigtown and buried in the cemetery on the 15th. Lance-Sergeant Malone enlisted in May 1915, and was sent to the Dardanelles, thence to France where he had been through some of the heaviest fighting, being twice wounded. He was much esteemed in the district and the news of his death has caused much sorrow and regret. Mr & Mrs Malone have lost two sons and a son-in-law and deep sympathy is felt for them in their bereavement.

MALONE, James

One of five brothers who fought in the War. Not a native of Wigtown but his parents had moved there. Wounded in action in Egypt.

GRoS: James Malone was born on 24/6/1886 at Kirkbride, Stoneykirk, the son of John Malone, agricultural labourer, and Grace Malone, nee McCulloch.

1891 Kirkcolm Census: Cot House: James Malone (5, born Stoneykirk), with father, John Malone, ag lab, and mother, Grace Malone; + 3 brothers and 1 sister.

1901 Sorbie Census: Cruggleton Cottage, Sorbie: James Malone (14, born Sorbie), with father, John Malone, cattleman on farm, and mother, Grace Malone; + 5 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Sorbie Census: Little Balsier: James Malone (23, born Kirkmaiden, ploughman), working for the Aitchison family.

Galloway Gazette (11/8/1917): Mr & Mrs John Malone, 19 High Street, Wigtown have received official intimation that their eldest son, Private Blain Malone, Loyal North Lancs., has died of wounds received in action on 12 July. Private Blain Malone, who was 39 years of age, has four other brothers and a brother-in-law on active service. One brother, Private James Malone, is in hospital in Alexandria suffering from wounds received in action in Egypt on 19th April and the brother-in-law, Lance-Corporal James McCulloch, has been posted as missing since 13th September last. The deceased was well known and much respected by all who knew him, and much sympathy is felt for his father and mother and other members of the family.

MALONE, Robert

One of five brothers to serve in the War he was born at Stoneykirk but worked in the Distillery in Bladnoch prior to enlisting with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Wounded twice in the conflict.

GRos: Robert Malone was born on 24/11/1888 at Auchleach, Stoneykirk, the son of John Malone, farm labourer, and Grace Malone, nee McCulloch. **1891 Kirkcolm Census:** Cot House: Robert Malone (2, born Stoneykirk), with father, John Malone, ag lab; mother, Grace Malone; + 3 brothers and 1 sister. **1901 Sorbie Census:** Cruggleton Cottage, Sorbie: Robert Malone (12, born Stoneykirk), with father, John Malone, cattleman on farm; mother, Grace Malone; + 5 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Whithorn Census: Bridgehouse Farm Cottage: Robert Malone (20, born Stoneykirk, ploughman), with father, John Malone, cattleman; mother, Grace Malone; + 1 brother.

Medal Card: Robert Malone, Pte 20911, Royal Scots Fusiliers. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Wigtownshire Free Press (7/12/1916): Mr & Mrs Malone, 19 High Street, Wigtown, have been officially notified by the War Office that their son, Private R Malone, Royal Scots Fusiliers, was wounded on the 13th ult. Private Malone was employed in the Distillery, Bladnoch, before enlisting, and he has now four brothers and a brother-in-law serving with the colours.

Wigtownshire Free Press (19/9/1918): Mr & Mrs Malone, High Street, Wigtown, have received intimation that their son, AB David Malone, was wounded in action on 23rd August; and also their son, Private Robert Malone, RSF, wounded on 22nd August.

MCADAM, Andrew

Born in Mochrum but lived in Bladnoch. Named on the Burgh Roll of Honour as a Private in the 5th KOSB, a pre-war territorial in the transport section. Served with the 1/5th KOSB and saw service at Gallipoli. Demobilised in 1919.

1891 Mochrum Census: Falyennan Cothouse: Andrew McAdam (3, born Mochrum), living in his grandfather, James Rodger's, house; with mother, Jane

Rodgers, 42, and Elizabeth Graham, 2.

1901 Mochrum Census: Mochrum Village: Andrew McAdam (13, born Mochrum) living with his grandfather, James Rodger and mother, Jane Rodger. **1911 Wigtown Census**: Bladnoch: Andrew McAdam (23, born Mochrum, labourer (well digger) boarding with the Fergusin family.

Medal Card: Andrew McAdam, Pte 975, later 240069, 1/5 Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Theatre of War first entered: Balkans, 6/6/1915. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. Demobilised 5/6/1919.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "...Also the above Andrew McAdam died 29th Sep 1962 aged 75 years." Husband of Margaret McCutcheon.



MCCASKIE, David

Born Glenluce and employed at Bladnoch Creamery before war. Killed in action 1918 and named on Wigtown War Memorial. His brother also died in the war.

GRoS: David Henry McCaskie was born on 24/10/1892 at Dunragit Lodge, Old Luce, the son of Thomas McCaskie, creamery worker, and Maggie McCaskie, nee Edgar.

1901 Wigtown Census: Bladnoch Village: David McCaskie (8, born Glenluce), with father, Thomas McCaskie, Creamery Milkman, and mother, Margaret; + 2 brothers and 1 sister.



Scottish Co-operative Society Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery. David McCaskie, Pte HLI. Killed.

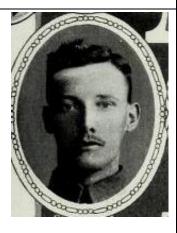
Soldiers who died in the Great War: Private David H McCaskie. Born: Old Luce. Residence: Wigtown. Enlisted: Newton Stewart. Regiment: Highland Light Infantry, 12th (Service) Bn. Regimental number: 32404. Killed in action 29/4/1918, France & Flanders.

Medal Card: David McCaskie, Pte 32404, 12th HLI. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: David McCaskie. 12th Bn, HLI. Pte 32404. Died 29/4/1918 in action, France. £6 3s 7d paid to father, Thomas and £3 1s 10d to sister, Mary J on 7/10/1918 and £3 1s 9d to brother, Robert E on 9/12/1918. War Gratuity of £8 10s to father, Thomas, on 16/3/1920.

CWGC: Private David H McCaskie 32404, Highland Light Infantry (12th Bn). Died 29/4/1918 (aged 25). Son of Thomas and Margaret McCaskie, of 22, Agnew Crescent, Wigtown. His brother Thomas also died. Panel 72, Pozieres Memorial. **Wigtown High Cemetery**: "...Also his son Pte David H McCaskie, 12th Batt HLI killed in action in France on 29th April 1918 aged 25 years." Son of Thomas McCaskie and Margaret Edgar and brother, Thomas McCaskie, died at Netley Hospital

Galloway Gazette (18/5/1918) reported: Mr McCaskie, Agnew Crescent, Wigtown, has received the following letter in regard to his son:-It is with very great regret I have to inform you that your son, David McCaskie, was killed in action yesterday. The Company were holding the line, and your son was gallantly holding his post with his Lewis gun, when a bomb fell beside him



killing him instantaneously and smashing his gun besides wounding two others on the gun team. The German attack was repulsed, thanks to your son's splendid work with his gun. He was buried last night is a small British cemetery near where he fell, as a true British hero. I collected all his personal effects and will post them to you tonight. I offer you my heartfelt sympathy in your very sad loss and also on behalf of the other officers, NCOs and men of the Company. He was very much respected in the Company, and I am extremely sorry to lose such an excellent soldier from my platoon. I was near him when he died, and he did not utter a word when he fell. Again offering you my dearest sympathy to yourself and family —

Yours etc
John Callan

MCCASKIE,



Thomas

Born Old Luce and employed at Bladnoch Creamery before war and played football for Wigtown Utd. A pre-war member of the territorials. Evacuated from Gallipoli suffering from dysentry and died at hospital in Southampton. Buried in Wigtown High Cemetery and named on Wigtown War Memorial.

GRoS: Thomas McKenzie McCaskie was born on 13/2/1890 at Dunragit Lodge, Old Luce, the son of Thomas McCaskie, railway porter, and Margaret McCaskie, nee Edgar.



1891 Old Luce Census: Dunragit (off Stranraer Road): Thomas Macaskie (1, born Old Luce), with grandmother, Jan Macaskie, father, Thomas Macaskie, railway porter, and mother, Maggie.

1901 Wigtown Census: Bladnoch Village: Thomas McCaskie (11, born Glenluce), with father, Thomas McCaskie, Creamery Milkman, and mother, Margaret; + 2 brothers and 1 sister.

1911 Wigtown Census: 4 High Vennel: Thomas McCaskie (21, born Old Luce, Creamery Clerk), with father, Thomas McCaskie, Cheese Maker at Creamery, and mother, Margaret McCaskie; + 2 brothers and 1 sister.

Scottish Co-operative Society Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery. Thomas McCaskie, Corpl, 5th KOSB. Died on Service.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: Corporal Thomas McCaskie. Born: Old Luce. Residence: Wigtown. Enlisted: Wigtown. Regiment: Kings Own Scottish Borderers, 1st 5th Bn. Regimental number: 4102. Died 7/11/1915, "Home". **Medal Card:** Thomas McCaskie, Corporal 4102, 1/5th KOSB. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

CWGC: Corporal Thomas McCaskie 4102, Kings Own Scottish Borderers (1st/5th Bn). Died 7/11/1915 (aged 25). Son of Thomas and Margaret McCaskie, of 22, Agnew Crescent, Wigtown. His brother David also died on service. Grave 688, Wigtown Cemetery.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "...Also his son Corporal Thomas McCaskie, 1/5th KOSB who died at Netley Hospital on 7th Nov 1915 aged 26 years." Son of Thomas McCaskie and Margaret Edgar and brother, David McCaskie, killed in action in France.

Galloway Gazette (30/11/1915): Great regret was felt throughout Wigtown and district this week when word was received that Corporal Thomas McCaskie of

the 1/5th KOSB had died at Netley Hospital on Sunday. He had been to the Front, and it is understood that he was suffering from dysentery. Corporal McCaskie, prior to mobilisation, was a clerk at the Creamery, Bladnoch, and was a great favourite of the district. He was about twenty five years of age. The funeral took place on Thursday, and was very largely attended, among those present being several of Corporal McCaskie's comrades who are at present invalided home from the Dardanelles. The remains were accompanied to Wigtown Cemetery by the Town Band playing the Dead March from "Saul". The utmost sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents and family. As a mark of respect all places of business were closed during the funeral service.

MCCHEYNE,



Thomas

Born Kirkinner but emigrated to Canada and enlisted with the Canadian Army in 1914. Killed in action 1916 and named on Wigtown and Kirkinner War Memorials. Thomas McCheyne had no fewer than five cousins who were killed in the war; four are commemorated on Kells Parish War Memorial, New Galloway and one on Kirkmabreck Parish Memorial, Creetown.

GRoS: Thomas McCheyne was born on 18/8/1889 at Kirkinner village, the son of Thomas McCheyne, gamekeeper, and Elizabeth McCheyne, nee McClelland.



1891 Kirkinner Census: Springwell Cottage: Thomas McCheyne (aged 2, born Kirkinner), with mother, Elizabeth McCheyne (22). Living at grandfather, Alexander McClelland's home.

1901 Kells Census: High Street: Thomas McCheyne (aged 11, born Kirkinner), with mother, Elizabeth McCheyne, aged 31, Grocer's Shop Keeper, + 1 brother and 2 sisters.

1911 Marquette, Manitoba Census: Village Merida: Thomas McChe<u>nn</u>e (21, born Scotland) lodging with the Stewart family. Immigrated in 1906.

Canadian Great War Project: Private Thomas McCheyne, 81625, 2nd Bn Canadian Infantry. Born 18/8/1889 Wigtown. Enlisted 12/12/1914 at Winnipeg, aged 25. Farmer. Next of kin MaggieLindsay, Miniota, Manitoba. Height 5 ft 7 inches. Dark complexion, brown eyes,dark brown hair. Presbyterian. Killed in action 26/4/1916. Buried Woods Cemetery, Belgium.

CWGC: Private T McCheyne, 81625 Canadian Infantry (2nd Bn). Died 26/4/1916 (aged 25). Son of the late Tom McCheyne and of Elizabeth McCheyne, of Scotland. Grave II. C. 11, Woods Cemetery.

MCCLELLAND,

Born in Wigtown but lived in Whithorn. A postman before the war, he served with the Post Office Rifles. Died of wounds received on the Somme at Perth Hospital and buried in Whithorn Cemetery. Named on Whithorn War Memorial.



Alexander

GRos: Alexander McClelland was born on 5/8/1882 at Bladnoch, the son of Alexander McClelland, general labourer, and Jane McClelland, nee McGinn. **1891 Whithorn Census**: High Street Vennel: Alexander McClelland (9, born Wigtown), with father, Alexander McClelland, agricultural labourer, and mother, Jane McClelland; + 3 sisters.

1901 Whithorn Census: 8 George Street:
Alexander McClelland Junr (18, born
Wigtown, rural postman (letter carrier)),
with parents Alexander McClelland,
general labourer, and Jane McClelland.
1911 Whithorn Census: 49 St John Street:
Alexander McClelland (28, born Bladnoch,
postman), with father, Alexander
McClelland, general labourer, and
mother, Jane McClelland; + 1 sister.



Soldiers who died in the Great War:

Rifleman Alexander McClelland. Born and enlisted: Whithorn. Regiment: London Regiment, 8th (City of London) Battalion (Post Office Rifles). Regimental number: 4165. Died 14/10/1916: "Home".

Medal Card: Alexander I McClelland, Pte 4165, 8 London Reg. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Theatre of War in which served: France & Belgium, 14/3/1916 - 27/9/1916. Died of wounds: 14/10/1916.

CWGC: Rifleman Alexander McClelland, 4165 London Regiment (Post Office Rifles) (8th Bn). Died 14/10/1916. Whithorn Cemetery.

GRoS: Died of Wounds – 14 October 1916 of Septicaemia and Gunshot wounds "received at the Somme" at Perth Royal Infirmary.

Whithorn Cemetery: "...Also their son, Alexander, Post Office Rifles, who died of wounds recieved at the Battle of the Somme 19 Oct 1916, aged 32 years. Interred here." Son of Alexander McClelland and Jane (McGinn) McClelland. Galloway Gazette (October 1916): Private Alex McClelland, Park Lane, died on October 14th in the Perth Royal Infirmary. The Private had been serving with the Post Office Rifles, having joined up shortly after the outbreak of war. Hw was sent to France after a few months training but he was badly wounded and invalided home to Perth to recover. He had been progressing favourably, but blood poisoning set in, causing his death. Before the war he was a rural postman based at Whithorn Post Office, where he was held in high esteem for his courteous and obliging manner.

MCCLELLAND, David Smart

Born Bladnoch, part of the family of distillers, he moved to Liverpool at an early age. Became a brewer there and ended the war serving as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Service Corps.

GRoS: David Smart McClelland was born on 14/9/1880 at Carleton House, Bladnoch, the son of Thomas McClelland, distiller, and Margaret McClelland, nee Smart.

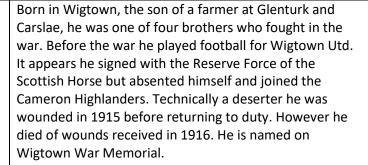
1881 Wigtown Census: Carleton House: David Smart McClelland (6 months, born Bladnoch) with father, Thomas McClelland, distiller, and mother, Margaret McClelland; + 1 sister and 2 servants.

1891 Liverpool Census: 6 Parkfield Rd, Toxteth Park: David S McClelland (10, born Scotland), with father, Thomas McClelland, brewer, and mother, Margaret McClelland; + 6 sisters and 4 servants.

1911 Blackpool Census: Imperial Hydro Hotel, Claremount Park: David Smart McClelland (30, born Bladnoch, brewer), with wife, Veronica McClelland.

Medal Card. David Smart McClelland, 2nd Lieut RASC. Theatre of War first served in: Salonica, 28/9/1918. Address: Southwood, St Michael's Hamlet, Liverpool. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

MCCLELLAND, Ernest







Selected Births (via Ancestry): Ernest McClelland was born on 19/10/1891, the son of Andrew McClelland and Mary Broadfoot McClelland.

1901 Wigtown Census: Glenturk: Earnest McClelland (9, born Wigtown), with father, Andrew McClelland, farmer, and mother, Mary McClelland; + 5 brothers, 2 sisters and 3 others.

1911 Wigtown Census: Glenturk, Newton Stewart Road: Ernest McClelland (19, born Wigtown, working on farm), with father, Andrew McClelland, farmer, and mother, Mary McClelland; + 2 brothers, 2 sisters and 3 others.

Army records: 1/9/1914 attestation of Private 4108 Ernest McClelland with 1st Reserve Regiment of Scottish Horse. Farmer living at Croft-an-Righ, Wigtown. Declared a deserter on 10/5/1915. Absented himself from the Scottish Horse on 17/4/1915 and enlisted with the Cameron Highlanders on 20/4/1915 at Edinburgh, service number 17892. 5ft 8in tall and 160lbs. Joined battalion in war zone 27/6/1915; wounded, gunshot wound right foot 25/9/1915 and evacuated to England 10/10/1915. Admitted to Aberdeen Hospital 13/1/1916 to 11/3/1916 "Varicocele". Died of wounds 24/11/1916.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: Ernest McClelland. Born and resident in Wigtown. Enlisted: Edinburgh. Rank: Private. Regiment: Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, 1st Bn. Regimental number: S/17892. Died of wounds 24/11/1916, France & Flanders.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: Ernest McClelland. 1 Cameron Hdrs. Pte S/17892. Died of wounds 24/11/1916. £5 5d paid to mother, Mary, sole legatee on 16/2/1917 and War Gratuity of £7 to same on 16/10/1919.

CWGC: Private Ernest McClelland, S/17892 Cameron Highlanders (1st Bn). Died 24/11/1916 (aged 25). Son of Andrew and Mary McClelland, of Redbrae, Wigtown. Grave IV. C. 3, Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "... Ernest died of wounds received in action in France 24th Nov 1916 aged 25 years." Son of Andrew McClelland and Mary Broadfoot McClelland.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte Ernest McClelland Scottish Horse.

Galloway Gazette (25/11/1916): Mr & Mrs McClelland, Dunmore, Wigtown, have received a letter from their son, Private Ernest McClelland, 1st Cameron Highlanders, in which he states that he was wounded in action in France on 26th September, and is now in hospital suffering from a shot wound in the foot and slight shrapnel wounds in the legs and neck. Shortly after the outbreak of war he joined the Scottish Horse, and transferred to the 1st Cameron Highlanders in April last.

Galloway Gazette (2/12/1916): There was much regret in Wigtown and neighbourhood when the news was received on Wednesday that Private Ernest

McClelland, Cameron Highlanders, son of Mr Andrew McClelland, late of Glenturk, had died on 24 November, at a Casualty Clearing Station in France, of wounds received in action some five days previously, and much sympathy was expressed for Mr & Mrs McClelland and family. It is not too much to say that Ernest McClelland (who was just 25) was one of the flower of the young men of the Machars. Bright, modest and manly he was a favourite of everybody, and his fine winsome figure will be much missed in the district. Some years ago, when a mere lad, his management of the farms at Glenturk and Carslae, during his father's long illness evoked great admiration and was much talked about. Ernest and three brothers (two from South Africa and one from Australia), all joined the colours early in the war before compulsion was talked about. He was wounded in France in September 1915, and after recovering went back to the front. His three brothers are at present on active service, one in France, another in the Balkans, and a third in Egypt.

MCCLELLAND, John

Born in Wigtown, the son of a farmer at Glenturk and Carslae, he was one of four brothers who fought in the war. Had served with the Scottish Horse in the Boer War and re-enlisted with the South African Scottish Horse.

GRoS: John McClelland was born on 21/2/1886 at Glenturk, the son of Andrew McClelland, farmer, and Mary McClelland, nee Broadfoot.

1891 Wigtown Census: Glenturk Farm House: John McClelland (5, born Wigtown), with father, Andrew McClelland, farmer, and mother, Mary McClelland; + 3 brothers and 4 others.

1901 Wigtown Census: Glenturk: John McClelland (15, born Wigtown), with father, Andrew McClelland, farmer, and mother, Mary McClelland; + 5 brothers, 2 sisters and 3 others.

List of individuals in 1st Scottish Horse entitled to Queen's South Africa Medal and Clasps (dated 30/4/1903): Pte 37615 John C McClelland served with Scottish Horse April & May 1902 with service in Highland Light Infantry previously. Served in Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Transvaal. **Nominal Roll of Scottish Horse**: John Charles McClelland: Enrolled 6/2/1902, discharged 3/9/1902. Was a shoeing smith.

Wigtownshire Free Press (26/4/1917): Intimation has been received by Mr & Mrs McClelland, Wigtown, that their son, Private John McClelland, South African Scottish, has been wounded and is in hospital. He is suffering from a shrapnel bullet on the left shoulder. Before enlisting he was engaged in farming in South Africa, and went through the South African Rebellion, afterwards engaging in the South African campaign under General Botha.

MCCLELLAND, Norman

Born in Wigtown, the son of a farmer at Glenturk and Carslae, he was one of four brothers who fought in the war. Emigrated to Australia and enlisted with the Australian army.

GRoS: Norman McClelland was born on 17/7/1889 at Glenturk, the son of Andrew McClelland, farmer, and Mary McClelland, nee Broadfoot.

1891 Wigtown Census: Glenturk Farm House: Norman McClelland (1, born Wigtown), with father, Andrew McClelland, farmer, and mother, Mary McClelland; + 3 brothers and 4 others.

1901 Wigtown Census: Glenturk: Norman McClelland (11, born Wigtown), with father, Andrew McClelland, farmer, and mother, Mary McClelland; + 5

brothers, 2 sisters and 3 others. **Australian Imperial Force Attestation Papers** signed at Sydney, 19/12/1915. 1st Field Squadron, Engineers. Sapper 14917, Norman McClelland, aged 26 yrs and 5 months, born Wigtown. Next of kin, Mary Elizabeth McClelland (wife), 100 Queen St, Woollahra, Sydney. Fitter by trade; previously apprenticed to J Brown & Co, Clydebank. 5ft 9.3/4 in tall, fair complexion, brown eyes, light auburn eyes. Roman Catholic. MCCLELLAND, Son of the proprietor of Bladnoch Distillery and lived in Bladnoch prior to **Thomas** emigrating to Canada in 1910. Enlisted with the Canadian Army in 1916. Returned to Canada after war but returned to UK in 1951 with his wife to live in Belfast. **GRoS**: Thomas McClelland was born on 17/12/1879 at Bladnoch, the son of Charles McClelland, distiller, and Margaret McClelland, nee Davidson. **1881 Wigtown Census**: Bladnoch Village: Thomas McClelland (aged 1, born Bladnoch) with father, Charles McClelland, Distiller of whisky, and mother, Margaret McClelland; + 3 sisters and 2 others. 1891 Wigtown Census: Poldbank [Fordbank] House: Thomas McClelland (11, born Wigtown) with father, Charles McClelland, Distiller of whisky, and mother, Margaret McClelland; + 1 brother, 4 sisters and 2 others. Canadian Great War Project: Corporal Thomas McCleland, 327896 59th Battery, Canadian Field Artillery. Enlisted 13/3/1916 at Winnipeg. Next of kin, Charles McClelland, Fordbank House, Wigtown. Note: Declaration of Passenger Arrival in Canada shows he emigrated to Canada in May 1910. By 1924 he was living at 135 Canora Street, Winnipeg. Passenger arrivals: Liverpool. 27/4/1951 from New York on MV Britannic. Thomas McClelland, aged 70, and wife, Rose McClelland, 66. Intended address 86 Mountpottinger Rd, Belfast. MCCLELLAND, Born in Wigtown, the son of a farmer at Glenturk and Carslae, he was one of Wilfred four brothers who fought in the war. Served with the Scottish Horse. **GRoS**: Wilfred Victor McClelland was born on 27/10/1887 at Glenturk, the son of Andrew McClelland, farmer, and Mary McClelland, nee Broadfoot. 1891 Wigtown Census: Glenturk Farm House: Wilfred Victor McClelland (3, born Wigtown), with father, Andrew McClelland, farmer, and mother, Mary McClelland; + 3 brothers and 4 others. **1901 Wigtown Census**: Glenturk: Wilfred V McClelland (13, born Wigtown), with father, Andrew McClelland, farmer, and mother, Mary McClelland; + 5 brothers, 2 sisters and 3 others. Medal Card: Wilfred V McClelland, Sit 533, Scottish Horse; later Sit 225409 Cameron Highlanders. Theatre of War first served in: Balkans. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. Discharged 16/4/1919. Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Lance-Corp W McClelland Scottish Horse. Wigtownshire Free Press (8/10/1914): Mr Wilfrid McClelland, formerly of Glenturk, who recently came home and joined the Scottish Horse, has been promoted to Lance-Corporal.

Born in Wigtown and worked at the Bladnoch Creamery before enlisting with

MCCLURG or

MCLURG, William

the Scottish Horse, later transferring to The Black Watch. Wounded in action and discharged as no longer physically fit.

GRoS: William McLurg was born on 9/3/1896 at Torhousekie, the son of Thomas McLurg, ploughman, and Elizabeth McLurg, nee Lamond.

1901 Wigtown Census: Cotland Cot House: William McClurg (5, born Wigtown), with father, Thomas McClurg, ploughman, and mother, Elizabeth J McClurg; + 1 sister.

1911 Whithorn Census: 4 Isle Street: William McLurg (15, born Wigtown), with father, Thomas McLurg, ploughman, and mother, Elizabeth McLurg.

Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery: William McLurg, wounded.

Medal Card: William McClurg. Pte 5458, Scottish Horse. Then Pte 293168, Black Watch. Theatre of War first served in: Balkans, 18/8/1915. Discharged: 20/11/1918, no longer physically fit for service. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. Medal Roll indicates serving with the 4/5th Bn Black Watch (no 7145) and 1/7th Bn (no 7130).

Wigtownshire Free Press (21/1/1915): Recruited at Newton Stewart: William McClurg, Whithorn, Scottish Horse.

MCCONNELL, William

Born in Kirkinner but farmed at various farms in the area including Maidland. Enlisted in Bradford with the West Yorkshire Regiment but died in July 1916. Commemorated on Kirkinner War Memorial.



GRoS: William McConnell was born on 1/12/1881 at Boreland, Kirkinner, the san of James McConnell, farmer, and Elizabeth McConnell, nee Stroyan.

1891 Kirkinner Census: Boreland Farm House: William McConnell (aged 9, born Kirkinner), with father, James McConnell, farmer, and; mother, Elizabeth; + 2 brothers, 2 sisters and 6 others.

1901 Penninghame Census: Low Glasnick: William McConnell (aged 19, born Kirkinner), visitor on farm.

1911 Bradford Census: 32 Grosvenor Rd: William McConnell (aged 29, born Kirkinner, credit draper), boarding with John and Ann Varo.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: William McConnell. Born Kirkinner. Died 27/7/1916, France & Flanders. Enlisted: Bradford. Rank: L Corporal. Regiment: 16th Bn, Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire) Regiment. Regimental number: 16357. Killed in action. Medal Card: William McConnell 16/357, W Yorkshire Regiment. Theatre of War first served in: Egypt from 22/12/1915. Awarded Victory Medal, British War Medal and 1915 Star. Killed in action. Register of Soldiers' Effects: William McConnell. 16th Bn, W Yorks. L/Cpl 16/357. Died 27/7/1916 France. £8 8s 11d paid on 5/4/1917 to Executor nominated, James McConnell (brother) and War Gratuity of £8 10s to same on 26/9/1919.

CWGC: Lance Corporal W McConnell, 16/357, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales Own) (16th Bn). Died 27/7/1916. Grave III. B. 15, St Vaast Post Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue.

Kirkinner Churchyard: "...Also his third son, William McConnell, killed in action July 1916 aged 34 years." Son of James McConnell and Elizabeth (Stroyan) McConnell.

Wigtownshire Free Press (10/8/1916): Information has been received that Mr Wm McConnel, son of the late James McConnel, of Boreland and Maidland, has

	been killed in action.
MCCOURT, George	Born in Wigtown but emigrated to Australia at the age of 13. He lived in Perth and worked as an upholsterer and was twice married. He enlisted in 1917, understating his age and saw action with Tunnelling Company for 5 months before being invalided home with sciatica. George McCourt died in 1932. Births and Baptisms (Ancestry): George McCourt was born on 7/12/1869 at Wigtown, the son of John McCourt and Elizabeth Waller. 1871 Wigtown Census: High Street: George McCourt (1, born Wigtown) with father, John McCourt, stone dyker, and mother, Elisabeth McCourt. 1881 Beckenham (Kent) Census: No 3 Lower Field: George McCourt (11, born Scotland), with father, John McCourt, labourer, and mother, Eliza McCourt; + 2 brothers. Attestation Papers for Australian Imperial Force: February Reinforcements Tunnelling Company signed 11/4/1917. George McCourt, born Wigtown. Labourer aged 43 years 11 months. Originally stated Widower with mother, Eliza McCourt as next of kin. Later amended to wife, Jessie McCourt of Perth, W Australia. 5ft 2in tall, medium complexion, blue eyes, dark brown with grey hair. Transferred to Miner's Corps 5/3/1917. Embarked Melbourne 11/5/1917, arrived Plymouth 19/7/1917. Returned to Australia 21/12/1917 suffering from sciatica. Discharged 8/4/1918. George McCourt arrived in Cooktown, Australia on 24/1/1884 aged 13 aboard the Duke of Buckingham which had sailed from Plymouth. He married Georgina Marjory Forbes on 4/1/1892 in Australia. In 1899 he married Jessie Annie Barrett. He died in 1932 in Perth, Western Australia. In 1913 he was living in Perth and working as an upholsterer. (Source: Family tree on Ancestry)
MCCREDIE, Alexander	Born and lived in Wigtown and, according to a newspaper report of his brother, James' death, was wounded in action. GRoS: Alexander McCredie was born on 12/12/1892 at High Street, Wigtown, the son of John McCredie, house painter, and mother, Susan McCredie, nee Cosker. 1901 Wigtown Census: 31 North Main Street: Alexander McCredie (8, born Wigtown), living with his parents John P McCredie and Susan McCredie + 2 brothers and 1 sister. 1911 Wigtown Census: 31 North Main Street (off close): Alexander McCredie (18, born Wigtown, law clerk). Wigtownshire Free Press (14/6/1917): Mrs McCredie, Panmure Villa, Glenluce, has received official intimation that her husband, Pte James McCredie, KOSB, has been missing since 3rd May. Pte McCredie has been on active service on the western front for some five months. Prior to enlisting, he carried on a thriving painter's business in Glenluce and district. He also rendered valuable and much appreciated service to the local company of the Boy's Brigade and to the Parish Church Choir. He is a son of Mr McCredie, Wigtown, and his youngest brother, who is also in khaki, is meantime in hospital in this country.
MCCREDIE, Arthur	Born in Wigtown but emigrated to USA where he was drafted to the US Army. His military draft card completed for World War Two showed he was still living in Pittsburg in April 1942.

GRoS: Arthur McCredie was born on 17/12/1888 at Church Lane, Wigtown, the son of John McCredie, journeyman house painter, and mother, Susan McCredie, nee Cosker.

1891 Wigtown Census: High Street: Arthur McCredie (7, born Wigtown), with father, John Paxton McCredie, painter, and mother, Susan McCredie; + 1 brother, 1 sister and 1 other.

1901 Wigtown Census: 31 North Main Street: Arthur McCredie (17, born Wigtown, butcher shopkeeper), living with his parents John P McCredie and Susan McCredie; + 2 brothers and 1 sister.

US Army Draft Card completed 5/6/1917: Arthur McCredie, 715 Melhouse St, Pittsburg. Born Wigtown 17/12/1890. Occupation: House Painter by the Oliver Estate at the Oliver Building. Short with grey eyes and brown hair.

MCCREDIE, James

Born in Thornhill but spent much of early years in Wigtown. Killed in action while service with 6th Battalion, Kings Own Scottish Borderers. He is named on Glenluce War Memorial.



GRoS: James McCredie was born on 12/8/1880 at New Street, Thornhill, the son of John McCredie, journeyman painter, and mother, Susan McCredie, nee Cosker.

1881 Morton (Dumfriesshire) Census: James McCredie (7 months, born Thornhill), with mother, Susan McCredie, painter's wife; + 2 sisters. **1891 Wigtown Census**: High Street: James McCredie (10, born Thornhill), with father, John Paxton McCredie, painter, and mother, Susan McCredie; + 1 brother, 1 sister and 1 other.

1901 Wigtown Census: 31 North Main Street: James McCredie (20, born Thornhill, house painter) living with his parents John P McCredie and Susan McCredie + 2 brothers and 1 sister.

1911 Glenluce Census: Main Street: James McCredie (30, born Thornhill, housepainter) boarding with the McGill family.

Register of Marriages: 1/1/1915 at Panmure Villa, Glenluce: James McCredie, son of John Paxton McCredie(master painter) and Susan McCredie (deceased) married Catherine Mitchell Smith of Panmure Villa, Glenluce.

Medal Roll: Pte James McCredie, 24657, 6th Bn, Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: James McCredie: 6th Bn KOSB, Pte 24657. Died on service (presumed) 3/5/1917. £2 7s 11d paid to Catherine McCredie on 21/11/1918 and £3 war gratuity paid to Catherine McCredie on 18/11/1919. CWGC: Private James McCredie, 24657, Kings Own Scottish Borderers (6th Bn). Died 3/5/1917, aged 37. Son of John McCredie, of 31, North Main St., Wigtown; husband of Catherine McCredie, of Panmure Villa, Glenluce, Wigtownshire. Bay 6, Arras Memorial.

Wigtownshire Free Press (14/6/1917): Mrs McCredie, Panmure Villa, Glenluce, has received official intimation that her husband, Pte James McCredie, KOSB, has been missing since 3rd May. Pte McCredie has been on active service on the western front for some five months. Prior to enlisting, he carried on a thriving painter's business in Glenluce and district. He also rendered valuable and much appreciated service to the local company of the Boy's Brigade and to the Parish Church Choir. He is a son of Mr McCredie, Wigtown, and his youngest brother, who is also in khaki, is meantime in hospital in this country.

MCCUBBIN, William

Born in Castle Douglas but moved to Wigtown to live with his aunt. Worked at Bladnoch Creamery. Married, he served with the Royal Scots Fusiliers and was wounded a number of times.

GRoS: William McCubbin was born on 9/11/1887 at 76 Queen Street, Castle Douglas, the illegitimate son of David McCubbin, ploughman, and mother, Agnes Rigg (deceased).

1891 Wigtown Census: South Side of High Street: William McCubbin (3, born Kelton, Kirkcudbrightshire), living with his "cousin" Elizabeth McCubbin, charwoman + 3 others.

1901 Wigtown Census: 16 High Street, Oriental Hotel: William McCubbin (13, born Castle Douglas), with his aunt, Elizabeth McCubbin + 3 others.

Scottish Co-operative Society Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery. Wm McCubbin, Pte RSF. Wounded.

Medal Card: Pte William McCubbin, 23803 Royal Scots Fusiliers. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Wigtownshire Free Press (25/10/1917): Mrs McCubbin, High Street, Wigtown, has been officially notified that her husband, Pte W McCubbin, RSF, has been admitted to hospital.

Wigtownshire Free Press (9/5/1918): Mrs McCubbin, 18 High Street, Wigtown, has received official intimation that her husband, Private William McCubbin, Royal Scots Fusiliers, has been wounded in action. This is the second time Pte McCubbin has been wounded. Before the outbreak of war he was a cooper at Bladnoch Creamery.

Wigtownshire Free Press (19/9/1918): Mrs McCubbin, High Street, Wigtown, has received official intimation that her husband, Private William McCubbin, has been severely wounded in the left shoulder. Pte McCubbin has seen much fighting, and this is the third time he has been wounded. Prior to enlisting he was a cooper at Bladnoch Creamery.



MCCULLOCH,
James

Born at Stoneykirk but married and moved to Sorbie. Wife was living in Wigtown when he went missing in action. Named on Burgh Roll of Honour as being in Army Service Corps but served with Gordon Highlanders. Killed in action and named on Wigtown and Glasserton War Memorials.

GRoS: James McCulloch was born on 20/10/1882 at Float Farm, Stoneykirk, the son of John McCulloch, dairyman, and Annie McCulloch, nee Wither.

1891 Stoneykirk Census: Float Cottage: James McCulloch (8, born Stoneykirk), with father, John McCulloch, ag. lab., and mother, Annie McCulloch; + 3 brothers and 1 sister.

1901 Aldershot Census: Stonhope & Wellington Lines: Gordon Highlanders: James McCulloch (18, born Scotland, soldier).

1911 Sorbie Census: Doonhill Cottage: James McCulloch (24, born Stoneykirk, ploughman), with wife, Annie, aged 18.

Register of Marriages. St Rollox Parish, Glasgow. At 102 Parson Street, James McCulloch (24, Broadwigg Farm, Sorbie) married his cousin, Annie Malone (17, farm servant, Broadwigg Farm, Sorbie). Son of John and Annie McCulloch, nee Wither.

UK Soldiers who died in the Great War: James McCulloch. Born Stoneykirk. Enlisted: Ayr. Rank: Lance Corporal. Regiment: Gordon Highlanders, 1st Bn. Regimental Number: S/8549. Killed in action 13/11/1916, France & Flanders.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: James McCulloch. 1 Gordon Highlanders. Pte 8549. Died on or since 13/11/1916, presumed dead. £4 3s 10d paid to widow, Annie, 10/2/1918 and War Gratuity of £8 10s to same on 31/10/1919.



CWGC: Lance-Corporal James McCulloch, S/8549 Gordon Highlanders (1st Bn). Died 13/11/1916 (aged 34). Husband of Annie McCulloch, of 21, Harbour Rd., Wigtown. Pier and Face 15B and 15C, Thiepval Memorial.

Galloway Gazette (21/12/1916): Mrs McCulloch, Kilquhirn Road, High Street, Wigtown, has received intimation from the War Office that her husband, Pte James McCulloch, Gordon Highlanders, was wounded on the 13th November 1916, four times. Pte McCulloch enlisted two years ago. Prior to enlisting he was employed by Mr Nicholson, Kidsdale, Whithorn.

Galloway Gazette (10/3/1917): Considerable anxiety is felt as to the fate of Private Jas McCulloch, Gordon Highlanders, who has been missing for four months. He had been at the front for two years, and has come through some of the fiercest fighting. Previous to enlisting he was employed by Mr Nicholson, Kidsdale, Whithorn. Any information as to Private McCulloch will be thankfully received by Mrs McCulloch, High Vennel, Wigtown.

Galloway Gazette (29/12/1917): Mrs McCulloch, 21 Harbour Road, Wigtown, has received official intimation that her husband, Lance Corporal J McCulloch, Gordon Highlanders, was posted wounded and missing since 13th November 1916, is now reported to have been killed on that date. Lance Corporal McCulloch joined the colours on 7th January 1915. Previous to enlisting he was employed by Mr Nicholson, Kidsdale Farm, Wigtown. He was well known and much respected. Great sympathy is felt for his young widow and child.

MCCULLOCH, William

Born Bladnoch but moved to Kilmarnock. Served as apprentice printer before enrolling in the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1911. Served in Palestine and invalided out of army in 1920. Emigrated to Canada.

GRoS: William McCulloch was born on 21/7/1892 at Bladnoch, the son of John McCulloch, coach painter, and Grace McCulloch, nee Kennedy.

1901 Kilmarnock Census: 22 Richardland Road: William McCulloch (8, born Wigtown), with father, John McCulloch, coach painter, and mother, Grace McCulloch; + 1 brother, 2 sisters.

1911 Kilmarnock Census: 22 Richardland Road: William McCulloch (18, born Bladnoch, painter), with father, John McCulloch, coach painter, and mother, Grace McCulloch; + 1 brother, 1 sister.

Attestation Papers: 2213 William McCulloch, Royal Horse & Royal Field Artillery. Signed 1/4/1911 at Kilmarnock. Born Bladnoch. Age 18 yrs 6 months. Apprentice Printer with Ritchie Sturrock & Co. Home address: 22 Richardland Rd. 5ft 6.5in tall. Served for 4 years 266 days: character = exemplary. Served in Palestine from June 1915 and promoted to Corporal 28/11/1917. Discharged 31/3/1920 from hospital. After war emigrated to Vancouver, Canada.

MCCULLOCH,	Named on Burgh Roll of Honour as a Private serving with the West Yorkshires.
William	
	Medal Roll: 269005 Pte William John James McCulloch, 1/7 West Riding
	Regiment. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Class Z [Discharged to Reserve] 26/10/1919.
	to Neserve, 20, 10, 1515.
MCDOWALL, John	Born in Mochrum and had emigrated to Canada when he enlisted. Stated on attestation papers that his next-of-kin, his father, was living in Wigtown. Killed in action April 1916.
	GROS : John McDowall was born on 12/9/1880 at Elrig Village, the son of John McDowall, farm labourer, and Jessie McDowall nee McCreadie.
	1881 Mochrum Census : Elrig Village: John McDowall (6 months, born Mochrum), with father, John McDowall, labourer, and mother, Jessie McDowall + 4 sisters.
	1891 Mochrum Census : High Milton Cot House: John McDowall (10, born Mochrum), with father, John McDowall, labourer, and mother, Jessie McDowall; + 2 brothers and 2 sisters.
	Attestation Papers 22/9/1914 completed at Valcartier, Quebec: John McDowall, born Wigtown on 14/1/1881. Next of Kin: John McDowall, Main St, Wigtown. Trade: Bar Tender. No 18853, 9th Bn, 101st Regt. 5ft 3.5 in. Dark complexion, hazel eyes, dark hair. Presbyterian. Killed in action: 26/4/1916. CWGC: Private John McDowall, 18853, 2nd Bn, Canadian Infantry. Died 26/4/1916. Grave II. D. 3, Woods Cemetery.
MCGAW, Alexander	Lived at Bladnoch and was employed at the Creamery there along with his father and brother. Served with the Motor Transport section of the Royal Army Service Corps.
	1901 Wigtown Census: Bladnoch Village: Alexander McGaw (11, born Glenluce), with father, Charles McGaw, margarine maker, and mother, Margaret McGaw; + 1 brother and 5 others. 1911 Wigtown Census: Bladnoch Village: Alexander McGaw (21, born Old Luce assistant foreman at creamery), with father, Charles McGaw, foreman at creamery; + 1 brother and 4 others. Scottish Co-operative Society Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery. Alex
	McGaw, Pte, Motor Transport, RASC. Born and resident in Kirkinner but employed at Bladnoch Creamery. Named on
	Kirkinner War Memorial.
	1901 Kirkinner Census: Wigtown Road, Braehead: David McGaw (8, born Kirkinner), with father, Alexander McGaw, mason, and mother, Helen J S McGaw; + 1 brother and 2 sisters. 1911 Kirkinner Census: Knockann: David McGaw (18, born Kirkinner) farm servant working on William Russell's farm.
MCGAW, David	UK Soldiers who died in the Great War : David McGaw. Born and resident in Kirkinner. Enlisted: Newton Stewart. Rank: Private. Regiment: Highland Light Infantry, 10th (Service) Bn. Regimental Number: 1796. Killed in Action 25/9/1915, France and Flanders.

Medal Roll: Highland Light Infantry list of soldiers entitled to Victory Medal, British War Medal and 1915 Star ... 1796 Pte David McGaw, 10th Bn. Disembarked 12/5/1915. KIA 25/9/1915.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: David McGaw. 10th Bn, HLI. Pte 1796. Died 25/9/1915 in action. £2 6s 11d paid to sister, Mrs Mary McCreadie on 17/2/1916 and War Gratuity of £3 to same 9/8/1919.

CWGC: Private David McGaw, 1796, Highland Light Infantry, 10th Bn. Died 25/9/1915, aged 23. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McGaw. Employed at Bladnoch Creamery, Wigtown. Panel 108 to 112, Loos Memorial.

Kirkinner Churchyard: Also David McGaw, son of the above Alexander McGaw who was killed at the Battle of Loos 25th Sepr 1915 aged 23 years. **Galloway Gazette** (26/12/1914) reported recruitment to Kitchener's Army

MCGAW, William

Worked at Bladnoch Creamery before the war and was a pre-war territorial. Named on the Burgh Roll of Honour as a Sergeant in the 5th Battalion KOSB. Played football for Wigtown Utd.

including David McGaw, labourer, Kirkinner, HLI.

GRoS: William McGaw was born on 24/11/1887 at West Challoch, Old Luce, the son of Charles McGaw, dairyman, and Margaret McKie McGaw, nee McKie Green.

1901 Wigtown Census: Bladnoch Village: William McGaw (13, born Glenluce), with father, Charles McGaw, margarine maker, and mother, Margaret McGaw; + 1 brother and 5 others.

1911 Wigtown Census: Bladnoch Village: William McGaw (23, born Old Luce, bacteriologist at creamery), with father, Charles McGaw, foreman at creamery; + 1 brother and 4 others.

Scottish Co-operative Society Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery. William McGaw, Sergt 5th KOSB. Wounded.

Medal Roll: William McGaw, 1/5 Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Sergeant 4083, later 240997. Theatre of War First Served in: Balkans, 6/6/1915. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. Demobilised 4/3/1919. Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers: Sergeant Wm McGaw 5th KOSB.

Wigtownshire Free Press (5/8/1915): Wigtown Territorials Casualties ... Sergt McGaw wounded.

MCGEOCH, Martin

A teacher at Wigtown School he played football for Wigtown Utd before enlisting with the Scottish Horse, winning the Distinguished Conduct Medal and received his commission to 2nd Lieutenant. Returned to teaching after the war.

GRoS: Martin McGeoch was born on 21/5/1889 at 64 Victoria Street, Newton Stewart, the son of James Murray McGeoch, master saddler, and Jane-Rumaye McGeoch, nee McKean.

1891 Newton Stewart Census: 64 Victoria Street: Martin McGeoch (2, born Newton Stewart), with father, James M McGeoch, saddler and shoemaker, and mother, Jane R McGeoch; + 4 brothers and 2 others.

1901 Newton Stewart Census: 64 Victoria Street: Martin McGeoch (12, born Newton Stewart), with father, James M McGeoach, saddler and shoemaker, and mother, Jane R McGeoch; + 4 brothers, 1 sister and 2 others. **1911 Glasgow Census**: 152 Hill Street: Martin McGeoch (21, born Newton

Stewart, teacher) visiting his brother, William McGeoch (law student) who was boarding with Mrs Thomson and family.

Medal Card: Martin McGeoch DCM. 350 Lance Corporal, Scottish Horse, later Corporal 151135. Later 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Garrison Artillery. Theatre of War First Served in: Balkans from 1/9/1915. Home address in 1920: The School House, Port William. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. Applied for Oak Leaf Emblem 29/11/1920. Medal Roll indicates transfer to RGA on 27/5/1917.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Lance Corp Martin McGeoch Scottish Horse.

Galloway Gazette (20/11/1915): Mr James McGeoch, Victoria Street, Newton Stewart, has received the following letter from Mr J Parker Smith (formerly an MP for Glasgow) regarding the heroism of his son, Corporal Martin McGeoch, towards Mr Parker Smith's injured son after the troops landed at Sulva Bay in the Dardanelles.

My Dear Sir, I have been anxious to hear about your son, Corporal McGeoch, who took charge of my son, Lieut W Parker Smith, of his regiment, when he was mortally wounded immediately on landing at Sulva Bay. Major Maxwell wrote to me and described how my son was picked up and put in such shade as they could find, and lay there for the whole day, as the shelling was too heavy to move him during daylight. He said: "Corporal McGeoch sat beside him through the whole of that long day (he was wounded about 6am), fanning the flies off him and keeping wet seawater bandages on his forehead in the most selfless and devoted way." I wrote out saying that I wished to thank him but Major Maxwell said your son was in hospital in Malta; adding that he was a very fine fellow. I am afraid that sickness has been as deadly an enemy as the Turkish shells, and I hope you have a good account of your son. If he is not fit to return to the front you may soon have him back in this country. My own son they had no hope of from the first, and though he lived through the voyage to Malta, he died immediately on arrival there. Please accept our thanks for what your son did for him, and let us know what accounts you have from him.

Wigtownshire Free Press (20/1/1916): Sergeant Martin McGeoach, of the 1/3rd Scottish Horse, has been recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal for going out on five different occasions, dressing wounds and fetching in wounded men of other units, under heavy fire. Sergeant McGeoach's many friends in Newton Stewart and Wigtown will be pleased to hear of this honour bestowed on him.

Wigtownshire Free Press (15/6/1916): Sergt Martin McGeoch, 1/3rd Scottish Horse, son of Mr James McGeoch, Newton Stewart, has been awarded the DCM. He won the medal for gallant conduct at Gallipoli while acting as an orderly to the medical officer of the regiment. On five different occasions he went out under heavy shell fire, dressed wounds, and brought in wounded men of other units. **Wigtownshire Free Press** in 1920 mentions him as an assistant at Wigtown School.

"Wigtown's Historic Buildings" (ISBN 1 872350 83 6) in extracts from the School Board ... 1914, "Mr McGeoch, teacher, and the janitor joined HM Forces"; 1916, "The Board congratulated Mr McGeoch on his being awarded the DCM".

MCGINN, Andrew

Born in Wigtown he became a railway porter before joining the Cameron

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Highlanders. Received Commission as 2nd Lieutenant with the Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Emigrated to USA in the 1920s.

brothers and 3 sisters.

GRoS: Andrew McGinn was born on 26/10/1880 at Bank Street, Wigtown, the son of James McGinn, general labourer, and Helen McGinn, nee Turner. **1881 Wigtown Census**: Bank Street: Andrew S McGinn (6 mo, born Wigtown), with father, James McGinn, general labourer, and mother, Helen McGinn; + 3

1891 Wigtown Census: South Side, High Street; Andrew McGinn (10, born Wigtown), with father, James McGinn, labourer, and mother, Ellen McGinn; + 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

1901 Kilmacolm (Renfrewshire) Census: Market Place: Andrew McGinn (20, born Wigtown, railway porter), boarder.

GRoS: Andrew Stewart McGinn, 21, railway porter of Gorse Cottage, Kilmacolm, married Agnew Brown, 22, of Kirklands, Kilmacolm, on 19/6/1903 at Kirklands, Kilmacolm.

1911 Kilmacolm (Renfrewshire) Census: Burnside Place, Port Glasgow Road: Andrew McGinn (29, born Wigtown, railway porter), with wife, Agnes McGinn; + 2 sons, 2 daughters and his mother-in-law.

Medal Card: Andrew S McGinn: Pte S/18486, Cameron Highlanders. Theatre of War First Served In: France, 30/10/1915. Received Commission: 29/5/1917 to 2nd Bn Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Address: 4 Moss-side Cottages, Georgetown, nr Paisley. Later (from 21/2/1927): 151 Neptune Ave, Jersey City, USA. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star.

Wigtownshire Free Press (14/6/1917): Pte A. S. McGinn has been promoted to Sec-Lieutenant and has been posted to the 3rd KOSB. He has already seen service at the front.

MCGINN, Peter Carroll

Born in Wigtown and lived there until shortly before the war when he moved to Gatehouse of Fleet. Named on the Wigtown Burgh Roll of Honour as serving with the Royal Scots Fusiliers but enlisted with the Royal Field Artillery.

GRos: Peter McGinn was born on 8/11/1876 at Low Vennel, Wigtown, the son of Peter McGinn, general labourer, and Catherine McGinn, nee Carroll. **1881 Wigtown Census**: Low Vennel: Peter McGinn (4, born Wigtown), with father, Peter, labourer, and mother, Catherine McGinn; + 3 sisters. **1891 Wigtown Census**: Church Lane: Peter McGinn Junior (14, born Wigtown), with father, Peter, agl labourer, and mother, Catherine McGinn; + 4 sisters. **1911 Wigtown Census**: 25 High Street: Peter McGinn (32, born Wigtown, general labourer), with father, Peter McGinn, farm labourer, and mother, Catherine McGinn; + niece Katherine McGinn.

Attestation Papers completed at Dumfries on 23/9/1915. Peter Carrol McGinn. 104242, Royal Horse Artillery & Royal Field Artillery. Age: 33 yrs 93 days. Address: Mossyard, Gatehouse of Fleet. Ploughman. 5ft 5.5in tall. Next of kin: Niece, Miss Cathrin Walker McGinn, 7 High Vennel, Wigtown. Born: Mochrum. Posted to France: 5/12/1915. October 1916 punished for neglect of duty as hut orderly in failing to keep the hut clean. June 1917 punished for drunkenness on active service. On leave to UK 30/9/1917. Discharged 12/3/1919 - address, 9 Low Vennel, Wigtown. Letter from 12 Botany Street on 20/8/1917 stating parents had not heard from him for over 14 months.

Medal Card: Peter C McGinn. Royal Field Artillery, Gunner 104242, later Driver.

	Theatre of War first served in: France on 6/12/1915. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star.
MCGOWAN, Alexander	Born Wigtown and served with the Royal Scots Fusiliers being wounded at least three times.
	GRoS : Alexander McGowan was born on 2/11/1893 at Auchleand, Wigtown, the son of Alexander McGowan, ploughman, and Elizabeth McGowan, nee Cowan.
	1901 Wigtown Census : Torhousekie Cot House: Alexander McGowan (7, born Wigtown), with father, Alexander, ploughman, and mother, Elizabeth McGowan; plus one brother.
	1911 Penninghame Census : Mochrum Park: Alexander McGowan (17, born Wigtown, carter on farm), with father, Alexander McGowan, ploughman, and mother, Elizabeth McGowan; + two brothers.
	Wigtownshire Free Press (25/10/1917): Mr and Mrs McGowan, Kirvennie, have received official intimation that their son, Pte A McGowan, RSF, has been admitted to hospital suffering from wounds received in action on September 30th. Before signing up he was employed at Messsrs Jardine & Sproul, Kirvennie.
	Wigtownshire Free Press (24/10/1918): Mr & Mrs McGowan, Kirvennie, Wigtown, have received official intimation that their son, Pte Alex McGowan, RSF, is at present in the 3rd Canadian General Hospital in France suffering from a severe gunshot wound to the right hand. This is the third time he has figured in the casualty list.
MCGOWAN, John	Born Newton Stewart but lived at Torhousekie. Signed up with the Black Watch in December 1914 but discharged within a fortnight as physically unfit for duty.
	GRoS : John McGowan was born on 2/12/1894 at Corsbie Farm House, Newton Stewart, the son of Alexander McGowan, ploughman, and Elizabeth McGowan, nee Cowan.
	1901 Wigtown Census: Torhousekie Cot House: John McGowan (6, born Newton Stewart) with father, Alexander McGowan, ploughman, and mother, Elizabeth; + 1 brother.
	1911 Penninghame Census : Mochrum Park: John McGowan (16, born Penninghame, farm labourer), with father, Alexander McGowan, ploughman, and mother, Elizabeth McGowan; + 2 brothers.
	Attestation Papers signed 14/12/1914 to serve with The Black Watch. John McGowan, born Penninghame, resident at Torhousekie, Wigtown. Gardener aged 20 years. Son of Alexander McGowan. 5ft 7in tall. Discharged 26/12/1914 as unlikely to be an efficient soldier. Medical examination identified he suffered from a severe rheumatic condition.
MCGOWAN, Thomas	Born in Wigtown and worked as a fisherman before the war. Joined Royal Naval Reserve in 1915 and served on trawlers.
	GRoS: Thomas McGowan was born on 16/6/1869 at Bank Street, Wigtown, the son of Thomas McGowan, innkeeper, and Mary McGowan, nee Davis. 1871 Wigtown Census: 14 Law Dermal [Low Vennel]: Thomas McGowan (1, born Wigtown), with father, Thomas McGowan, Iron Keeper [Inn Keeper] and

fisherman, and mother, Mary McGowan; + 2 brothers and 5 sisters. **1881 Wigtown Census**: Bank Street: Thomas McGowan (11, born Wigtown), with father, Thomas McGowan, fisherman, and mother, Mary McGowan; + 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

1891 Wigtown Census: Close off Bank Street: Thomas McGowan Junr (21, born Wigtown, fisherman), with father, Thomas McGowan, fisherman, and mother, Mary McGowan; + 1 brother.

1901 Wigtown Census: 8 North Back Street: Thomas McGowan (31, born Wigtown, fisherman) with his brother, John McGowan.

Naval Service Record. Thomas McGowan. Enrolled 17/7/1915.Born 1871. Son of Thomas & Mary McGowan. Address: North Back Street, Wigtown. 5ft 9in tall, fresh complexion, brown eyes. Transferred to trawler section of RNR on 1/10/1916. Served on trawlers "Wallington" and "Two Boys". Demobilised 13/2/1919. Naval Prize Money forfeited "on account of desertion".

Wigtownshire Free Press: (22/7/1915): Royal Naval Reserve Recruiting: Thomas McGowan, The Square, Wigtown.

MCGOWAN, William

Born and resident in Wigtown he played football for Wigtown Utd before the War. Named on both the Burgh and United Free Church Rolls of Honour as a Private in the Royal Scots Fusiliers. After war he returned to Wigtown and resumeda as a draper.

GRoS: William McGowan was born on 11/12/1891 at Bank Street, Wigtown, the son of William McGowan, house painter, and Jane McGowan, nee Fulton. **1901 Wigtown Census**: 9 South Bank Street: William McGowan (9, born Wigtown), with father, William McGowan, house painter, and mother, Jane McGowan; + 2 sisters.

1911 Wigtown Census: 9 Bank Street: William McGowan (19, born Wigtown, draper's assistant), with mother, Jane McGowan, and sister, Maggie McGowan. Medal Card: William McGowan. Pte, then Cpl, 16436, 8th Bn, Royal Scots Fusiliers. Theatre of War first served in: France, 20/9/1915. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1914-15 Star. 1914-15 Star Medal Roll indicates demobilised 7/5/1919.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "Also their son William McGowan, died 19th April 1973 aged 81 years." Son of William McGowan and Jane Fulton. **Galloway Gazette** (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte Wm McGowan Royal Scots Fusiliers.

MCGUFFIE, Alexander

Born Sorbie, the adopted son of Alexander McGuffie Snr, who farmed in the local area, including Gouse. Lost in the sinking of the transport ship *Royal Edward*. Named on Kirkinner War Memorial.



1901 Mochrum Census: Drughtay (cot house): Alex McGuffie (6, born Sorbie, adopted son), with father by adoption, Alexander McGuffie, ploughman, and mother, Mary (or Margaret) McGuffie; + 3 sisters by adoption.

1911 Kirkinner Census: Low Malzie Cot House: Alexander McGuffie (16, born Sorbie, general labourer), adopted son of



Alexander McGuffie.

Alexander McGuffie, ploughman, andmother, Margaret Blair; + 3 sisters by adoption.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: Alexander McGuffie. Born: Mochrum. Resident: Port William. Enlisted: Port William. Rank: Private. Regiment: Kings Own Scottish Borderers, 1st Bn. Regimental number: 1667. Died 13/8/1915, at sea.

De Ruvigny: Alexander McGuffie, Private, no 16167, 9th (Service) Battalion, Kings Own Scottish Borderers; b Sorbie, 9/12/1895; educated Ravenstone Public School; was a farm servant at Low Malzie for five years, and for a short time at the farms of Drumbeg and Knockeffrick; enlisted in October 1914; left for the Dardanelles in July 1915, and was lost on HM Transport Royal Edward 13 August following when that ship was sunk in the Aegean. Unmarried.

Medal Card: Alexander McGuffie: Pte 16067, 1st KOSB. First theatre of war: Balkans, 31/7/1915. Won British War Medal. Victory Medal and 1915 Star. MPD 13/8/1915 [Missing Presumed Dead].

Register of Soldiers' Effects: Alexander McGuffie. 1st Bn, KOSB. Pte 16167. Died 13/8/1915, Aegean Sea. £2 13s 11d paid on 7/2/1916 to Foster Mother, Margaret and War Gratuity of £3 to the same on 17/7/1919.

CWGC: Private Alexander McGuffie, 16167, Kings Own Scottish Borderers ("C" Coy, 1st Bn). Died 13/8/1915, aged 20. Foster-son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McGuffie, of Gouse, Wigtown. Panel 84 to 92 or 220 to 222, Helles Memorial. **Galloway Gazette** (3/10/1914) listed recruitment at Port William including Alex McGuffie, Druchtag.

MCGUFFIE, Edward John

Born Wigtown he served with the Cameron Highlanders before being discharged as unfit. Half-brother of Louis McGuffie VC

GRoS: Edward John McGuffie was born on 23/7/1886 at Botany Street, Wigtown, the son of Edward McGuffie, general labourer, and Lily McGuffie, previously McCallum, nee McKay.

1891 Wigtown Census: East Side High Vennel: Edward John McGuffie (4, born Wigtown), living at the home of his grandparents, Thomas and Margaret McGuffie, with his father, Edward McGuffie; +2 brothers, 1 sister.

1901 Wigtown Census: 20 Low Vennel: Edward John McGuffie (14, born Wigtown), living with his father, Edward McGuffie, ploughman, and stepmother, Catherine McGuffie and half-brothers Louie and Robert.

Galloway Gazette (21/12/1918): His [Louis'] three brothers all joined up early in the war. Thomas, the eldest, is in the RSF, and is still in France, where he has seen much service. John Edward, the second son, was in the Lochiel Cameron Highlanders, but some time ago got his discharge owing to ankle trouble. Louis was the third son, and the youngest is Robert, who is also in the RSF, and has been wounded at least half a dozen times, and in the Somme offensive last autumn he lost an arm. He is at present at home in Wigtown, but is to return to hospital for treatment in the New Year. The father, Edward McGuffie, died about a year ago, and the mother lives in Main Street, Wigtown.



MCGUFFIE, Louis

Born and resident in Wigtown, one of three brothers who served in the war. Named on the Burgh Roll of Honour and played football for Wigtown Utd. Won the Victoria Cross for gallantry on the Western Front but was killed shortly afterwards. Had served throughout the war. Named on Wigtown War Memorial. His Victoria Cross can now be seen in the Kings Own Scottish Borderers museum at Berwick-on-Tweed.



GRoS: Louis McGuffie was born on 15/2/1893 at High Street, Wigtown, the son of Edward McGuffie, General labourer, and Catherine McGuffie, nee Gilmour. **1901 Wigtown Census**: 20 Low Vennel: Louie McGuffie (8, born Wigtown), with father, Edward McGuffie, ploughman, and mother, Catherine McGuffie, and brother Robert and half-brother Edward John.

1911 Wigtown Census: 21 Low Vennel: Louie McGuffie (18, born Wigtown, general labourer), with father, Edward McGuffie, general labourer, and mother, Catherine McGuffie; brother, Robert, and cousin, Agnes Mitchell.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: Lewis McGuffie. Born, resident and enlisted: Wigtown. Rank: Sergeant. Regiment: Kings Own Scottish Borderers, 1st 5th Bn. Regimental number: 240693. Killed in action 4/10/1918. Comments: VC

Medal Roll: A/Sgt Louis McGuffie, 240693 (formerly 2255), 1/5th Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Register of Soldiers' Effects: Louis McGuffie. 1/5th Bn KOSB, a/Sgt 240693. Died 4/10/1918 in action, France. 4s 5d paid on 24/2/1919 to mother, Catherine.

CWGC: Serjeant Louis McGuffie, 240693 Kings Own Scottish Borderers (1st/5th Bn). Died 4/10/1918 (aged 24) Awarded VC. Son of Mrs. Catherine McGuffie, of 1, North Main St., Wigtown, Wigtownshire. Grave I. D. 12, Zandvoorde British Cemetery.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte Louis McGuffie 5th KOSB.

Galloway Gazette (26/10/1918) (Births, Marriages & Deaths): On the 5th inst, killed in action in France, Sgt L McGuffie, eldest son of Mrs E McGuffie, North Main Street, Wigtown, aged 25 years- Sadly missed by his mother.

Also: Mrs E McGuffie, Low Vennel, Wigtown, has received official intimation of the death in action on 4th inst of her son, Sergt L McGuffie, KOSB. The Chaplain in writing to his mother says that the Commanding officer told him that in her son he had lost his best and bravest man. During the fighting recently Sergt McGuffie took 40 prisoners single-handed, and released ten men of a British regiment that had been taken prisoners by disarming the enemy escort that was leading them off. He was killed instantaneously by shell fire.

Galloway Gazette (21/12/1918): The Victoria Cross has been awarded to the late Louis McGuffie, 1/5th Battalion, KOSB (TF), Wigtown "for most conspicuous bravery and resourceful leadership under heavy fire near Wytschaete on September 18th 1918. During the advance on Piccadilly Farm, he single-handed, entered several dug-outs and took many prisoners, and during subsequent operations dealt similarly with dug-out after dug-out, forcing one officer and twenty-five other ranks to surrender. During consolidation of the first objective he pursued and brought back several of the enemy who were slipping away, and he was instrumental in releasing some British soldiers who were being led

off as prisoners. Later in the day, when in command of a platoon, he led it with the utmost dash and resource, capturing many prisoners. This very gallant soldier was subsequently killed by a shell."

Corporal McGuffie joined up early in the war, and went through the Gallipoli campaign being afterwards sent to France. He was unfortunately killed by shell fire on 4th October, soon after winning the greatest of honours, and the Chaplain, writing to his mother, said that the Commanding Officer had told him that in her son he had lost his best and bravest man. In the recent fighting he had taken forty prisoners single handed, and had, by disarming their escort, released British prisoners, who were being led away.

His three brothers all joined up early in the war. Thomas, the eldest, is in the RSF, and is still in France, where he has seen much service. John Edward, the second son, was in the Lochiel Cameron Highlanders, but some time ago got his discharge owing to ankle trouble. Louis was the third son, and the youngest is Robert, who is also in the RSF, and has been wounded at least half a dozen times, and in the Somme offensive last autumn he lost an arm. He is at present at home in Wigtown, but is to return to hospital for treatment in the New Year. The father, Edward McGuffie, died about a year ago, and the mother lives in Main Street, Wigtown.

Louis' companions all speak in glowing terms of his fearless bravery and say that never was honour more deservedly won, and all regret he shall have "gone West" so soon after winning it".

Galloway Gazette (25/1/1919): Mrs McGuffie, 1 North Main Street, Wigtown, has received from the War Office, a letter asking her if she is desirous of attending Buckingham Palace to receive from His Majesty The King, the Victoria Cross awarded to her late son Corporal (A/Sergt) Louis McGuffie, 1/5th KOSB. Enclosed was a full statement of services for which the VC was awarded.

Galloway Gazette (10/5/1919) [Report of County Council meeting]: Provost Shaw said that it occurred to him that the County Council, being the most important body, might be willing to give general approval to a project which they had in hand in Wigtown, and the individual members might give their personal support to it. They were raising a small fund for the benefit of the widowed mother of the Wigtown VC winner. He was the only one in the county who had succeeded in winning that great distinction, and, unfortunately, he had been killed within a few days after his meritorious deeds. The meeting

approved of the project.

The Scotsman (6/12/1920): "Wigtown - An interesting and impressive ceremony was performed in the county town of Wigtown on Saturday, when the Right Hon. Sir H. E. Maxwell, Bart., Lord-Lieutenant of the county, unveiled a beautiful brass tablet on a granite background in the County Buildings, Wigtown, in memory of Corporal (Acting Sergeant) Louis McGaffie (sic), Wigtown, late of the 1/5th Battalion K.O.S.B., who was awarded the Victoria Cross for most conspicuous bravery and resourceful leadership under heavy fire near Wytschaete, Belgium, on September 20, 1918. The memorial was erected by Sir Peter McClelland, a native of Wigtown. There was a large attendance at the unveiling, which included a contingent from the Newton-Stewart Comrades of the Great War, under command of Captain McNeill and Captains Brand and Salmond. At the close of the ceremony several of the men of the parish who had also won distinctions in the war were presented with watches in recognition of their services."

"Answering the Call: Auchencairn and the First World War" by Stuart Wilson: p

176, extract from official history of the KOSB describing the events of 29 December 1915: When the mine under G11a exploded the party rushed through the opening and into the enemy trench, taking possession. We were now put to dig a new communication trench, and on the counter-attack by the Turks we manned the parapets and assisted in repelling the attack. Near us our bombing detachment, also attached to the Fusiliers, did magninficent service. Lance-Corpl McMurray was shot through the head by a sniper whilst throwing a continuous series of bombs during a strong Turkish counter-attack. He was able seconded by Pte McGuffie, who later won the VC in France.

MCGUFFIE, Robert

Born and resident in Wigtown, one of three brothers who served in the war, one, Louis, winning the Victoria Cross. Served with the Royal Scots Fusiliers but was wounded a number of times before losing his arm. A well known figure in the town until his death in 1977.

GRoS: Robert McGuffie was born on 24/11/1897 at 18 Botany Street, Wigtown, the son of Edward McGuffie, general labourer, and Catherine McGuffie, nee Gilmour.

1901 Wigtown Census: 20 Low Vennel: Robert McGuffie (3, born Wigtown), with father, Edward McGuffie, ploughman, and mother, Catherine McGuffie; brother Loui<u>e</u> and half-brother Edward John.

1911 Wigtown Census: 21 Low Vennel: Robert McGuffie (13, born Wigtown), with father, Edward McGuffie, general labourer, and mother, Catherine McGuffie; brother Loui<u>e</u> and cousin, Agnes Mitchell.

Medal Card: Robert McGuffie. Pte 28538, R. S. Fus. Awarded Victory Medal and British War Medal.

Wigtown High Cemetery: In loving memory of Robert McGuffie who died 6 January 1977 aged 79 years. Deeply loved husband of Margaret McGhie who died 21 February 1980 aged 80 years.

Galloway Gazette (14/9/1917): Mrs Edward McGuffie, 1 North Main Street, Wigtown, has received official intimation that her son, Private Robert McGuffie, RSF, has been severely wounded and has had his right arm amputated.
Galloway Gazette (21/12/1918): His [Louis'] three brothers all joined up early in the war. Thomas, the eldest, is in the RSF, and is still in France, where he has seen much service. John Edward, the second son, was in the Lochiel Cameron Highlanders, but some time ago got his discharge owing to ankle trouble. Louis was the third son, and the youngest is Robert, who is also in the RSF, and has been wounded at least half a dozen times, and in the Somme offensive last autumn he lost an arm. He is at present at home in Wigtown, but is to return to hospital for treatment in the New Year. The father, Edward McGuffie, died about a year ago, and the mother lives in Main Street, Wigtown.

MCGUFFIE, Thomas

Born Wigtown, half-brother of Louis. Named on United Free Church Roll of Honour as serving with Scottish Horse.

GRoS: Thomas McGuffie was born on 4/9/1884 at Botany Street, Wigtown, the son of Edward McGuffie, general labourer, and Lily McGuffie, nee McKay, previously McCallum.

1891 Wigtown Census: East Side, High Vennel: Thomas McGuffie (6, born Wigtown), with his father, Edward McGuffie. Staying in his grandparents' house with 2 brothers.

	1911 Kirkinner Census: Kirkland Farm: Thomas McGuffie (27, born Sorbie,
	steam thrashing mill man) visiting.
MCGUFFIE, Thomas	Born Wigtown and played football for Wigtown Utd. Named on the Burgh Roll as serving with the Army Service Corps where he attained the rank of CSM.
	GRoS : Thomas McGuffie was born on 5/9/1891 at High Street, Wigtown, the son of Thomas McGuffie, general labourer, and Mary Bella McGuffie, nee Hannah.
	1901 Wigtown Census : 7a High Street: Thomas McGuffie (9, born Wigtown), with his father Thomas, general labourer, and mother, Mary Bella McGuffie; + 3 sisters.
	1911 Wigtown Census : 25a North Back Street: Thomas McGuffie (19, born Wigtown, law clerk), father, Thomas McGuffie, and mother, Mary Bella McGuffie; + 1 sister.
	GRoS : Thomas McGuffie, law clerk, married Jeannie Pretsell on 28/2/1913 at Whithorn.
	Attestation Papers: Signed at Ayr 7/1/1915. T/4/040876 Thomas McGuffie, Army Service Corps. Address: 30 Agnew Crescent, Wigtown. Age: 23. Occupation: Horseman. 5ft 6.75 tall. Wife: Jane McGuffie nee Pretsell. Married: 28/2/1913. Children: Mary Ann, born 10/6/1913 at Wigtown; Margaret Aird, born 1/8/1915 at Wigtown. Home service from 7/1/1915 to 29/8/1915 and promoted to Corporal 8/3/1915. France from 30/8/1915. Mentioned in despatches. Medal Card: Thomas McGuffie, ASC. Rank: A/WO II. Number: T4/040876. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Royal Army Service Corps Medal Roll: Thomas McGuffie, T4040874. A/WO Class II. Discharged 19/1/1919 from 196 Coy, RASC, with rank of CSM. Medal Card: A/WO Thomas McGuffie. T/4/040876. Army Service Corps. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Wigtown High Cemetery:Also the above Thomas McGuffie died 31st July 1963 aged 71 years. Husband of Jane Pretsell.
	Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Sergeant Thomas, Army Service Corps. Galloway Gazette (3/8/1963): The death took place at Newton Stewart hospital
	on Wednesday at the age of 71 years of Mr Thomas McGuffie, Fountainblue Terrace, Wigtown, a well-known and much respected native of the county townHe served with HM Forces during the 1914-18 war.
MCHARRIE, John	Born at Penninghame, son of a blacksmith, and moved to Wigtown. Served with the Gordon Highlanders and was awarded the Military Medal before being wounded and captured.
	GRoS: John McHarrie was born on 29/7/1890 at Spittal Smithy, Penninghame, the son of John McHarrie, master blacksmith, and Lydia McHarrie, nee Martin. 1891 Penninghame Census: Blacksmith's House. John McHarrie (8 months, born Penninghame), with father, John McHarrie, blacksmith, and mother, Lydie McHarrie; + 3 brothers, 3 sisters (including his twin sister), and 1 other. 1901 Wigtown Census: House of No 1 High Vennel. John McHarrie (10, born Penninghame), with father, John McHarrie, blacksmith; + 2 brothers and 1 other.

1911 Inch Census: Beoch. John McHarrie (20, born Penninghame, carter)

boarding with the Gray family.

Medal Index Card. John McHarrie. Pte S/1642, then 292364 Gordon Highlanders. Theatre of War first served in: France, 11/5/1915.

Medal Roll. John McHarrie. Corporal 1642, 7th Gordon Highlanders, the 292364 8th Gordon Highlanders.

British Army Recipients of Military Medal. John McHarrie, 292364. Gordon Highlanders.

Wigtownshire Free Press (30/5/1918): Corporal John MacHarrie, Gordon Highlanders, who was posted as missing in March, is wounded and a prisoner of war in Limberg, Germany. Corporal MacHarrie has seen much active service, having been in France since March 1915. He was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in action at the battle of Cambrai on November 20th last. He is a son of the late Mr MacHarrie, blacksmith, Wigtown.

MCKEAND, Andrew

Born on Mull, worked in Glasgow then in Rangoon where he served with the Rangoon Volunteer Rifles. Returned to Wigtownshire where he took up farming. Named on the United Free Church Roll of Honour.

GRoS: Andrew McKeand was born on 27/11/1876 at Scoor, Mull, the son of Peter McKeand, farmer, and Jane McKeand, nee McConnell.

1881 Kilfinichen and Kilvickeon (Argyl) Census: Scoor House: Andrew McKean (4, born Argylshire), with father, Peter McKeand, farmer; mother, Jeanell Anne McKeand; + 2 sisters and 4 others.

1891 Edinburgh St Cuthbert's Census: 26 Reseneath Place: Andrew McKeand (14, born Kilvicuon, Argyllshire, scholar) boarding.

1901 Govan Census: 2 Sutherland Street: Andrew McKeand (24, born Mull, East India Merchant clerk) boarding.

Galloway Gazette (7/11/1953): Mr Andrew McKeand who was 76 years of age was born at Scoor, Bunnessan, in November 1876 and was educated at Daniel Stewart's College, Edinburgh. He was the eldest son of the late Peter McKeand of Airlies.... For 25 years Mr McKeand was in Rangoon with the firm of Graham, East India Merchants, as manager of their Rangoon office. ... When in Rangoon, Mr McKeand commended a mounted company of the Rangoon Volunteer Rifles while it is also interesting to recall that he was with the Glasgow Highlanders when they lined the streets of London at the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

MCKEAND, Peter Alexander

Born in Wigtown and named on the United Free Church Roll of Honour as a member of the Scottish Horse he obtained his commission and transferred to the Army Service Corps.

GRoS: Peter Alexander McKeand was born on 30/4/1889 at Airiequillhart, Mochrum, the son of Peter McKeand, farmer, and Jane McKeand, nee McConnell.

1891 Mochrum Census: Airiequillhart: Peter Alexr McKeand (1, born Mochrum), with father Peter McKeand, farmer, and mother, Jane McKeand; + 1 brother, 4 sisters and 5 others.

1901 Edinburgh Robertson Memorial Census: 7 Thirlstane Street: Peter McKeand (11, born Wigtown) living with his sister, Isabel McKeand, student of medicine; + 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Kirkinner Census: Airlies: Peter Alex McKeand (21, born Mochrum,

farmer), with father, Peter McKeand, farmer, and mother, Jane McKeand; + 1 sister and 2 servants. Medal Card: Not digitised but is for Lieutenant Peter Alexander McKeand, Royal Army Service Corps. **London Gazette** (23/12/1916) reported transfer to the Army Service Corps of "Pte Peter Alexander McKeand, from Sco Horse Yeo, TF. 13th November 1916." MCKEAND, Born in Mochrum and named on the United Free Church Roll of Honour as William Ian serving with the Border Regiment. Law Student at Edinburgh University before the war. Awarded the Military Cross for service in France and Flanders. GRoS: William Ian McKeand was born on 27/7/1891 at Airiequillhart, Mochrum, the son of Peter McKeand, farmer, and Jane McKeand, nee McConnell. **1901 Edinburgh Robertson Memorial Census**: 7 Thirlstane Street: William McKeand (9, born Wigtown) living with his sister, Isabel McKeand, student of medicine; + 2 brothers and 2 sisters. 1911 Edinburgh Morningside Census: 40 Marchmont Crescent: William Ian McKeand (19, born Mochrum, apprentice chartered accountant), boarding with Effie McKenzie. Medal Card: William Ian McKeand: 2 Lieut, then Temp Capt. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. Address 41B Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common, London, SW 18. Edinburgh University Roll of Honour: McKEAND, WILLIAM IAN. Edinburgh Academy. O.T.e. 1908-9. Student of Law, 1912-14. O.T.e. Infantry, 1914-15, Cadet. 7th Border Regiment, 2nd Lieut. Jan. 1915; Lieut. Nov. 1916; Captain June 1917. 2nd Lancashire Infantry Brigade, France; The Rhine. **London Gazette** (30/5/1919): The King has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday, to approve of the undermentioned rewards for distinguished service in connection with Military Operations in France and Flanders. Military Cross - T/Capt William Ian McKeand, Gen List. MCKIE, William Although there is some discrepancy between the register of births and the John Scott army draft papers over the precise date of births it seems clear that William McKie was born just outside Wigtown and at some time emigrated to Canada where he enlisted. **GRoS**: William Scott McKie was born on 16/12/1891 at Cunninghame [Farm], Wigtown, the illegitimate son of Annie McKie, domestic servant. **1901 Kirkinner Census**: Boreland Cottage No 1: William McKie (10, born Penninghame), with mother, Annie McKie; + 3 brothers & 1 sister. 1911 Kirkinner Census: Barnbarroch Home Farm: William McKie (19, born Wigtown), ploughman, boarding with the Blair family. **Draft papers for Canadian Army** completed at Brandon, Manitoba on 12/1/1918. William John Scott McKie. Born: 6/2/1892 at Wigtown. Current address: RR No 1, Hayfield, Brandon, Manitoba. Trade: Farm Labourer. Next of kin: Mother - Annie Scott McKie, Black Craig Farm, Newton Stewart. Single, Presbyterian. 5ft 8in, dark complexion, blue eyes, black hair. 1st Bn, NSR Regiment. Number: 2129246. MCKINNA, Born in Wigtown and named on the United Free Church Roll of Honour (Argyll **Charles McBride** & Sutherland Highlanders). Died of Wounds and named on Wigtown War

Memorial.



GRoS: Charles McBride McKinna was born on 24/5/1892 at High Street, Wigtown, the son of William McKinna, joiner (master), and Elizabeth McKinna, nee Reed.

1901 Wigtown Census: No 10 (Lop Kat): Charles McBryde McKenna (8, born Wigtown), with father, William McKenna, and mother, Elizabeth McKenna; +1 brother and 1 sister.

1911 Wigtown Census: Hillend: Charles McB McKinna (18, born Wigtown, crofter's son), with father, William McKinna, crofter and joiner, and mother, Elizabeth McKinna.

Attestation Papers signed 10/12/1915 at Wigtown. Charles McKinna, Hillend, Torhousemuir. Ploughman. Age: 23 years 208 days. 5ft 10.¾in tall. Next of kin: Mother, Mrs Elizabeth McKinna. Mobilised and posted 25/2/1916 to Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. In hospital 3/11/1916 to 13/12/1916 with injury to left arm. Posted to 11th Bn 25/4/1917. Died of Wounds 1/8/1917.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: Charles McKinna. Residence:

Thornhousemuir, Wigtonshire. Enlisted: Stirling. Regiment: Princess Louise's (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders), 11th Battalion. Regimental number: 276762. Died of Wounds 1/8/1917, France and Flanders.

Medal Card: Pte Charles McKinna, 4818 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (later 276762). Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: Charles McKinna. 7 A7S Hdrs. Pte 276762. £2 4s 7d paid on 6/3/1918 to mother, sole legatee, Elizabeth and War Gratuity £6 to the same on 10/7/1919.

CWGC: Private C McKinna, 276762, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (11th Bn). Son of William and Elizabeth McKinna, of Hillend, Torhousemuir, Wigtown. Died 1/8/1917, aged 25. Grave XVI. J. 20A, Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery. **Galloway Gazette** (18/8/1917): Died of wounds received in action on 1 August, Charles McBride McKinna, youngest son of William and Elizabeth McKinna, Torhousemuir, Wigtown, aged 25 years.

MCKIRDY, James

Born in Glasgown and worked as a grocer in Kirkinner. Was the trainer of the Wigtown Utd football team. Served with the Highland Light Infantry but was wounded in 1915 and only fit for light duties.

GRoS: James McKirdy was born on 13/10/1895 at 104 Henderson Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow, the son of James McKinnon McKirdy, carter, and Elizabeth McKirdy, nee Gibson.

1901 Glasgow St David Census: 73 John Street: James McKirdy (5, born Glasgow), with mother, Elizabeth McKirdy, blouse machinist: + 6 other women.

1911 Kirkinner Census: Main Street: James McKirdy (15, born Kinning Park, Glasgow, grocer's apprentice), living with his uncle, Robert A Gibson, shopkeeper; and his mother, Elizabeth McKirdy, housekeeper.

Attestation Papers signed at Dumfries 24/12/1914 for 10th Bn Highland Light Infantry: Pte 1818 James McKirdy, aged 19 years 3 months. Grocer living at Kirkinner. 5ft 6.5 in tall. Next of kin: Elizabeth McKirdy (mother). Also served with 13th Bn HLI and 3rd Bn Scottish Rifles. Wounded in action (gas) 25/9/1915



and admitted to 1st Northern General Hospital (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) 1/10/1915. Discharged fit for light duties 15/1/1916.

Medal Card. Pte James McKirdy, 1818, later 74307 Highland Light Infantry. Theatre of War first served in: Western Europe from 12/5/1915. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. Demobilised 14/5/1919. Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte James McKirdy Highland Light Infantry.

MCLORIE, Andrew Briggs

Born in Wigtown but family moved soon after to live at St Helens, England. Worked as a miner before joining Royal Regiment of Artillery in 1915. His brother, David, was born at Mochrum and was killed in the war.

GRoS: Andrew Briggs McLorie was born on 4/2/1894 at Botany Street, Wigtown, the son of David McLorie, flesher, and Annie McLorie, nee Briggs. **1901 St Helens Census**: 244 Bamford Street: Andrew McLorie (7, born Scotland), with father, David McLorie, stoker at colliery, and mother, Annie McLorie; + 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

1911 St Helens Census: 30 Bamford Street: David McLorie (17, born Wigtown, brickworker), with father, David McLorie, stoker at colliery, and mother, Annie McLorie; + 2 brothers and 1 sister.

Attestation Papers: Royal Regiment of Artillery dated 12/1/1915. Andrew McLorie, 30 Bamford Street, St Helens. Age: 20 years 11 months. Occupation: Miner. 5ft 6in tall. Next of kin: David McLorie, father. Number: 62586. Served in France 30/8/1915 to 14/3/1918 and 29/3/1918 to 5/11/1918. Admonished for being absent without leave 9/7/1915 to 13/7/1915. Discharged 19/3/1919, no longer physically fit.

MCMASTER,

Born in Wigtown. Served with the 1st Bn, Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Died of Wounds and commemorated on Buittle War Memorial.



GRoS: James McMaster was born on 22/10/1894 at 4 South Back Street, Wigtown, the son of John McMaster, seaman, and Jane McMaster, nee Dorian. **1901 Whithorn Census**: Donnegal Cottage: James McMaster (6, born Wigtown), with father, John McMaster, fisherman, and mother, Jane McMaster; + 3 sisters.

James

1911 Sorbie Census: James McMaster (16, born Wigtown, carter at corn mill), with father, John McMaster, seaman (coasting trade), and mother, Jane McMaster; + 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

Medal Card: James McMaster: 1 Kings Own Scottish Borderers, Pte 20251. Theatre of War first served in: Balkans, 24/9/1915. Died of Wounds, 7/5/1917. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star.

Soldiers who Died in the Great War: James McMasters. Born: Wigtown. Resident: Palnachie. Enlisted: Dumfries. Rank: Private. Regiment: Kings Own Scottish Borderers, 1st Bn. Regimental number: 20251. Died of Wounds at home.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: James McMaster. 1st Bn, KOSB. Pte 20251. Died 7/5/1917, West Gen Hosp, Cardiff, wounds. £8 3s 5d paid to father, John on 28/11/1917 and War Gratuity of £7 to the same on 23/10/1919.

CWGC: Private J McMaster, 20251, Kings Own Scottish Borderers (1st Bn). Died 7/5/1917 aged 21. Son of John and Jane McMaster, of Glen Rd., Palnackie, Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbrightshire. Buried in Buittle Parish Churchyard.

Buittle Churchyard: CWGC Headstone: 20251 Private J McMaster. KO Scottish Borderers. 7th May 1917. Age 21. Gone but Not Forgotten. [Also family headstone] Also their eldest son James McMaster died of wounds received in action, 7th May 1916 in his 21st year. Son of John McMaster and Jane Dorian. **Dumfries & Galloway Standard** (16/5/1917): On Friday the remains of Private James McMaster, King's Own Scottish Borderers, a Palnackie boy, were interred at Buittle Churchyard. Private McMaster died of wounds in a hospital in Cardiff on the 7th inst and his remains arrived at Dalbeattie station on Thursday evening last. His father and brothers, along with a few friends from Palnackie and Dalbeattie followed the hearse by motor to the gate of the churchyard, where they were met by a number of mourners from the village, and also be a detachment from the Canadian Forestry Battalion at present in camp at Screel, under the command of Lieut Merryfield and Sergeant Major Eggleshaw. The party lined the road from the gate to the grave, which is situated at the west end of the old church ruins. The coffin, which was of polished oak, was borne by pall-bearers drawn from the ranks. A most impressive service was conducted by the Rev WR Henderson, Auchencairn. Bugler Blackmoor sounded "The Last Post" and amid total stillness another of our brave sons was laid to rest. Private James McMaster was 21 years of age. He joined Kitchener's Army in May 1915 and was drafted to Gallipoli in the end of that year. He was wounded there, and was for some time in hospital in Malta, but was later invalided home. Several months ago he was drafted to France where he was again wounded. He was brought to a hospital in Cardiff, and was getting on well and was about to go about, but fell suddenly ill and died the same day. Previous to joining the Army Private McMaster was employed by Messrs Haliday and Sons, wood merchants, Palnackie. MCMILLAN, Isaac Born Wigtown and served with the Royal Scots. **GRoS**: Isaac McMillan was born on 31/10/1897 at Botany Street, Wigtown, the son of Isaac McMillan, tinsmith, and Annie McMillan, nee O'Neill. **1901 Sorbie Census**: "Old Road passing through Culnoag Farm near Doonhill": Isaac McMillan (3, born Wigtown), with father, Isaac McMillan, tinsmith, and mother, Anne McMillan; + 1 brother and 1 sister. Medal Card: Isaac McMillan. Pte 273028, Royal Scots. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. MCMILLAN, Born Mochrum but moved to Wigtown. Named on United Free Church Roll of **James** Honour as serving with the Ayrshire Yeomanry. **1891 Mochrum Census**: Airyolland Cottage: James McMillan (4, born Mochrum), with father, James McMillan, farm servant, and mother, Mary A McMillan; + 1 brother and 1 sister. 1901 Wigtown Census: Glenturk Cottage: James McMillan (15, born Mochrum, ag lab general), with father, James McMillan, ploughman, and mother, Mary Agnes McMillan; + 2 brothers and 4 sisters. MCMILLAN, John Born Wigtown but enlisted with the Cameronians in Glasgow. Killed in action Hunt 1/8/1917. GRoS: John Hunt McMillan was born on 5/4/1894 at Back Crescent, Wigtown,

the son of John McMillan, watchmaker, and Agnes McCandlish McMillan, nee Rennie.



1901 Wigtown Census: 19 South Main Street: John McMillan (6, born Wigtown), with mother, Agnes McMillan; + 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Wigtown Census: 18 South Main Street: John McMillan (16, born Wigtown, grocer's assistant), with mother, Agnes McMillan; + 1 brother and 2 sisters.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: John Hunt McMillan. Born: Wigtown. Enlisted: Glasgow. Rank: L Corporal. Regiment: Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), 10th Bn. Regimental Number: 23013. Killed in action 1/8/1917, France & Flanders.

Medal Card: John H McMillan. Pte 23013, Scottish Rifles. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: John Hunt McMillan. 10th Bn, Scottish Rifles. Lance Corporal 23013. Died on or since 1/8/1917, France & Flanders (death presumed).

CWGC: Lance Corporal John Hunt McMillan. 23013. 10th Bn Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). Died 1/8/1917 aged 23. Son of Mrs. Agnes McMillan, of 24, Park Avenue South, Hornsey, London. Panel 22. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

MCMURRAY,



David Simpson

Born Glasserton but lived on High Street, Wigtown and was, at one time, keeper of the County Buildings. Served in the army prior to emigrating to Australia where he re-enlisted. Killed in action at Ypres and named on Wigtown War Memorial. His brother was also killed in the war.

GRoS: David Simpson McMurray was born on 29/7/1885 at Drumrae, near Glasserton, the son of James McMurray, farmer, and Margaret McMurray, nee McClure.

1891 Wigtown Census: South Side of High Street: David Simpson McMurray (5, born Glasserton), with father, James, keeper of the County Buildings,, and mother, Maggie; + 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

1901 Wigtown Census: 3 South Bank Street: David Simpson McMurray (15, born Glasserton, bank clerk) with Father, James, keeper of the County Buildings, and , Maggie; + 1 sister.

1911 Wigtown Census: County Buildings: David Simpson McMurray (26, born Glasserton, keeper of County Buildings).

AIF Records for David Simpson McMurray. Attested at Brisbane on 31/1/1916, with 13/26 Bn. Born Wigtown. Age 30 years 5 months. Farmer. Declared 10 years' previous experience with Imperial Force. 5ft 9.5 in tall, 148 lbs. Presbyterian. Scar on right side of abdomen (abdomen) and double set of false teeth. Next of Kin: Mother, Mrs Margaret McMurray nee Simpson, 7 Ashdale Rd, Mossley Hill, Liverpool. Beneficiary of will: sister; Mrs M Graham, 79 Crawford Ave, Wavertree, Liverpool. Embarked at Brisbane on HMAT Seang Choon 4/5/1916, arrived 15/6/1916. Unit based at Etaples but numerous incidences of sickness with scabies in 1916 and 1917. Served at Cayeaux, Etaples, Camiers. On leave in England 8/9/1917 - 22/9/1917. Killed in action in Belgium 9/10/1917.

CWGC: Private David Simpson McMurray, 5088 Australian Infantry AIF (26th Bn). Died 9/10/1917 (aged 32). Son of James and Margaret McMurray, of 79, Crawford Avenue, Wavertree, Liverpool, England. Native of Drumrae, Wigtownshire, Scotland. Panel 7 - 17 - 23 - 25 - 27 - 29 - 31, Ypres (Menin Gate)

Memorial.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "... Also David Simpson McMurray, Private AIF, who was killed at Passchendaele on 9th October 1917 aged 32." Son of James and Margaret McMurray.

Galloway Gazette (27/10/17): McMurray: Killed in action on the 9th inst Private DS McMurray, Australian Imperial Force, youngest son of Mrs McMurray, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, late of Wigtown.

Wigtownshire Free Press (1/11/17): Information has been received in Wigtown that Private David McMurray, formerly of the County Buildings, has been killed in action. He went to Australia on leaving Wigtown a few years ago and joined on the outbreak of war. An elder brother (John) is reported missing.

MCMURRAY,

Born Glasserton but lived in Wigtown before moving to Edinburgh where he worked as a law clerk. Killed in action at Passchendaele but not named on the town's War Memorial, unlike his brother.



John

Scotland: Selected Births & Marriages: John McMurray, born 25/8/1873 at Glasserton. Household members: Margaret McClure, James McMurray 1881 Glasserton Census: Drumrae Farm House: John McMurray (7, born Glasserton) with father, James McMurray, Farmer of 188 acres all arable Employing

1 man, 2 boys and 2 girls; mother, Margaret; + 4 brothers, 2 sisters ans 7 others.

1801 Wigtown Consus: South Side of High Street: John McMurroy (17, he

1891 Wigtown Census: South Side of High Street: John McMurray (17, born Glasserton, law apprentice) with father, James, keeper of the County Buildings, and mother, Maggie; +3 brothers and 4 sisters.

1901 Edinburgh Robertson Memorial Census: 9 Spottiswoode St: John McMurray (27, born Glasserton, Law Clerk) boarding with his sister, Janet D McMurray and 2 others.

1911 Edinburgh George Square Census: 90 South Clerk Street: John McMurray (37, born Glasserton, law clerk) lodging with Sarah Johnstone and her niece.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: John McMurray. Rank: Captain. Regiment: The Royal Scots, 12th Bn. Killed in action 12/10/1917.

Medal Card: John McMurray: R Scots, CQM. R Scots, Capt. Theatre of war first served in: France. Decd 12/10/17. Address: Mrs McMurray (mother), 79 Crawford Ave, Wavertree, Liverpool.

CWGC: Captain John McMurray, 12th Bn, Royal Scots. Died 12/10/1917. Panel 11 to 14 and 162. Tyne Cot Memorial.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "... And of John McMurray, Captain, Royal Scots, who was killed at Passchendaele on 12th October 1917 aged 42." Son of James and Margaret McMurray.

Edinburgh University Roll of Honour: McMURRAY, JOHN (b. 1873). Ewart High School, Newton Stewart; Dux. Student of Law. Galloway Rifles and 1st Queen's Edinburgh. Royal Scots, Private Dec. 1914; Coy. Q.M.S., Feb. 1915; 2nd Lieut. May 1915; Lieut; Captain. France. Killed at Passchendaele 12th October 1917.

Wigtownshire Free Press (23/5/1918): Captain John McMurray, Royal Scots, who was reported missing in October 1917, and is now officially presumed dead, was the second son of the late Mr James McMurray, and of Mrs



McMurray, 79 Crawford Avenue, Wavertree, Liverpool. He was educated at Ravenstone Public School, Glasserton, gained a bursary open to Dumfries and Galloway, was equal dux of Ewart High School, Newton Stewart and in the law classes at Edinburgh University, took honours in Scots Law and first prize in conveyancing. Previous to enlistment in December 1914, he was employed with Messrs Davidson and Syme, WS, Edinburgh. In the Army his promotion was rapid rising to sergeant within a month of enlistment, to company quarter master sergeant in February 1915 and to commissioned rank in May 1915. He held the volunteer long service medal having served in the Galloway Rifles for four years and in the 1st Battalion Queen's Edinburgh (afterwards the Royal Scots) for 16 years.



MCNEIL, James

Lived and worked in Bladnoch and named on United Free Church Roll of Honour, and Burgh Roll of Honour: Pte 5 KOSB. Played football for Wigtown Utd. Killed in action at Gallipoli and named on Wigtown War Memorial.

GRoS: James McNeil was born on 7/6/1893 at Bladnoch. The son of Andrew McNeil (mason) and Mary Jean McNeil (nee Johnston).

1901 Wigtown Census: Bladnoch Village: James McNeill (7, born Wigtown), with father, Andrew, and mother, Mary; + 2 brothers and 1 sister.

1911 Wigtown Census: 10 North Main Street: James McNeil (17, born Bladnoch, cooper at creamery), with father, Andrew McNeil, and mother, Mary Jean McNeil.

Scottish Co-operative Society Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery. James McNeil, Pte 5th KOSB. Killed.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: James McNeil. Born and resident in Wigtown. Rank: Private. Regiment: Kings Own Scottish Borderers, 1st 5th Bn. Regimental Number: 993. Killed in action 14/7/1915, Dardanelles.

CWGC: Private James McNeil 993, Kings Own Scottish Borderers (1st/5th Bn). Died 14/7/1915 (aged 22). Son of Andrew McNeil, of Bladnoch, Wigtown. Panel 84 to 92 or 220 to 222, Helles Memorial.

Wigtown Free Press (5/8/1915): Wigtown Territorials Casualties: Private James McNeill has been killed. Previous to the war he was a motor lorry driver at the SCWS Creamery at Bladnoch. He was about 22 years of age, and was practically the sole support of his father.

MCNEILLIE, James Stuart

Born in Lancashire but living in Bank Street, Wigtown by 1911. Named on the United Free Church as joining the Scottish Horse. It appears that, after the war, he married and emigrated to southern Africa.

Register of Births (Ancestry): James Stuart McNeillie's birth was registered at West Derby in the first quarter of 1893.

1901 Kirkdale (Liverpool) Census: 86 Braemar Rd: James S McNeillie (8, born Bootle), with father, Stuart McNeillie, dock labourer, and mother, Agnes McNeillie; + 1 sister and 2 boarders.

1911 Wigtown Census: 13 Bank Street: James Stuart McNeillie (12, born Lancashire), with father, Stuart McNeillie, ploughman, and mother, Agnes

McNeillie; + 2 sisters.

Passenger Lists (Ancestry): SS Euripides, Cape Town to Southampton. Arrived: 16/4/1926. James Stuart McNeillie, 33, blacksmith; Edith Elizabeth McNeillie, 26; Doreen McNeillie, 2. Intended address: 16 Terregles St, Dumfries. SS Ballarat, London to Australia (via The Cape) 17/6/1926. James Stuart McNeillie, 33, blacksmith; Edith Elizabeth McNeillie, 26; Doreen McNeillie, 2. Last UK address: c/o C G Graham, 18 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. SS Edinburgh Castle from Natal to Southampton. Arrived: 2/6/1930. James Stuart McNeillie, 36, blacksmith. Intended address: 28 Arbroath Rd, Dundee. Country last resident in: S Rhodesia. Country of future intended residence: other country of the British Empire.

MCROBERT, James

Born in Wigtown and named on United Free Church Roll of Honour. His brother served in the same regiment and was killed in action.

GRoS: James McKnaught McRobert was born on 14/2/1895 at 6 Agnew Crescent, Wigtown, the son of John McRobert, ironmonger, and Eliza McRobert, nee McKnaught.

1901 Wigtown Census: 6 Agnew Crescent, Wigtown: James McK McRobert (6, born Wigtown), with father, John, Ironmonger, plumber & Coal Merchant, and mother, Eliza; + 2 brothers, 1 sister, + one other.

1911 Wigtown Census: 6 Agnew Crescent, Wigtown: James McK McRobert (16, born Wigtown), with father, John, Ironmonger, and mother, Eliza McRobert; + 1 brother and 3 sisters.

Medal Card: James McN McRobert. Cpl, S/13389 A&SH. Awarded Victory Medal and British War Medal.

MCROBERT,

Born in Wigtown and enlisted in 1915. Named on United Free Church Roll of Honour. Killed in action shortly before the end of the war and named on Wigtown War Memorial.



GRoS: Joseph McRobert was born on 3/6/1897 at 6 Agnew Crescent, Wigtown, the son of John McRobert, ironmonger, and Eliza McRobert, nee McKnaught.

1901 Wigtown Census: 6 Agnew Crescent, Wigtown:
Joseph McRobert (3, born Wigtown), with father, John,
Ironmonger, plumber & Coal Merchant, and mother, Eliza; + 2 brothers, 1
sister, + one other.

1911 Wigtown Census: 6 Agnew Crescent, Wigtown: Joseph McRobert (13, born Wigtown), with father, John, Ironmonger, and mother, Eliza McRobert; + 1 brother and 3 sisters.

UK Soldiers who died in the Great War: Joseph McRobert. Born and resident in Wigtown. Died 28/10/1918, France & Flanders. Enlisted Dumfries. Rank: Private. Regiment: 1st 7th Bn, Princess Louise's (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders). Regimental number: 277165. Killed in action. Formerly 54644

Medal Roll: Pte Joseph McRobert, 5357 7th Bn, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, then 277165 in 8th Bn before returning to 7th Bn. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: Joseph McRobert. 1/7 Bn Argyll & Suth Hldrs. Pte 277165. £24 2s (including War Gratuity) paid to mother, sole legatee, Eliza, on

Joseph

10/6/1919.

CWGC: Private Joseph McRobert 277165, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (1st/7th Bn). Died 28/10/1918 (aged 21). Son of Mr. and Mrs. John McRobert, of 4, Agnew Crescent, Wigtown. Panel 10, Vis-En-Artois Memorial. Wigtown High Cemetery: "... Also his son Joseph killed in action in France 28th Oct 1918 aged 21 years." Son of John McRobert and Eliza McKnaught. Galloway Gazette (23/11/1918): Mr & Mrs John McRobert, Agnew Crescent, Wigtown, were officially informed on Tuesday last that their youngest son, Private Joe McRobert, 7th A & SH (51st Division), was killed in action on 28th October. The first intimation of the sad news, all the more sad in that it reached his parents on the day intimation of the signing of the armistice was made, was contained in a letter from his CSM who gave the young soldier a grand character and complimented him highly on his courage and devotion. Private McRobert offered his services on the outbreak of hostilities but was refused on account of his youth. Early in 1915, although not 18, he enlisted and since then did his duty manfully only to fall at the last lap. Before enlisting he was a clerk in the Admiralty Office, London, and by his supreme sacrifice a promising career has been cut short. Much sympathy is felt for his parents in their bereavement.

MCROBERTS, Samuel

Born Wigtown and spent early years there before moving to the Gatehouse of Fleet area. Named on Stewartry Roll of Honour: Enlisted 8/8/1914, 5th Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Saw Home Service on account of age.

Scotland's People Index: Birth of Samuel McRoberts at Wigtown in 1862. Also marriage of Samuel McRoberts to Agnes Bertram in 1890, at Anwoth, Kircudbrightshire.

1871 Wigtown Census: North Back Street: Samuel McRoberts (8, born Wigtown) with father Robert (70, labourer - confined to bed), and mother Elizabeth (45); + 2 brothers.

1881 Wigtown Census: Back Lane: Samuel McRoberts (18, apprentice Blacksmith, born Wigtown) with widowed mother Elizabeth, 55, and brother Andrew.

1891 Girthon Census: Mill Cottage: Samuel McRoberts (27, born Girthon), with wife Agnes (27, born England) + son Cornelius G McRoberts (9 months). Living at the home of Agnes' parents, Henry and Agnes Bertram (bobbin makers). **1901 Girthon Census**: Boatgreen: Samuel McRoberts (36, stonemason, born Gatehouse) with wife Agnes + children Godfrey, Agnes, Bertram and Maggie. **1911 Girthon Census**: Catherine Street: Samuel McRoberts, 46, stone mason, born Girthon. Wife Agnes and daughter Margaret G.

MCVEA, William Becom

Born Wigtown but working as a gardener in Renfrewshire when he joined The Black Watch, possibly understating his age. Discharged after 8 days due to flat feet.

GRoS: William Becom McVea was born on 14/1/1876 at Corsemalzie, Mochrum, the son of David McVea, gardener, and Mary McVea nee Becom. **1881 Wigtown Census**: Harbour Rd: William McVea (4, born Wigtown), with father, David McVea, gardener, andmother, Mary McVea; + 2 brothers and 1 other.

1891 Wigtown Census: South Side of High Street: William McVea (15, born Wigtown, baker's assistant), with father, David McVea, gardener and mother,

Mary McVea; + 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

1901 Inchinnam (Renfrewshire) Census: Gar<u>dn</u>er's Bothy: David McVea (25, born Wigt<u>on</u>, gardener (domestic)); + 1 other.

Attestation Papers signed 6/11/1914 at Glasgow with The Royal Highlanders (Black Watch). Regimental number: 6442. William McVea, born Wigtown, aged 29 years 9 months. Gardener. 5ft 4.5in, pale complexion, blue eyes, dark brown hair. Tattoo of thistle and "Scotland" on right forearm. Father David McVea, 13 Main Street, Wigtown. Discharged 14/11/1914 as unfit for further service: reason "Pes Plavis" [flat feet] exacerbated by two days of drill.

MELVIN, Charlie

Born in Sorbie and resident in Kirkinner, he played as goalkeeper for Wigtown Utd. Killed at the Battle of Loos in September 1915, just a month after his brother had died in the sinking of his transport ship.



GRoS: Charlie Wheeler Melvin was born on 28/3/1895 at Penkiln, Sorbie, the son of William Melvin, farm grieve, and Catherine Melvin, nee Milvern.

1901 Kirkinner Census: Cot House North Balfern

Cottage: Charlie W Melvine (6, born Whithorn), with father, William Melvin, ploughman, and mother, Catherine Melvine; + 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: Charles Melvin. Born Sorbie, resident Kirkinner. Enlisted Newton Stewart. Regiment: Highland Light Infantry: 10th (Service) Battalion. Regimental number: 1797. Killed in action 25/9/1915, France & Flanders.

Medal Roll: Pte 1797 Charles Melvin 10th HLI awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Arrived in conflict zone: 12/5/1915. Presumed dead: 25/9/1915. **Register of Soldiers' Effects**: Charles Melvin. 10th Bn, HLI. Pte 1797. Died on or since 25/9/1915, death presumed. £3 1s 6d paid to mother, Catherine, 7s 9d to brother, William, 7s 8d to brother James on 30/1/1917. 7s 9d to mother, Catherine, on 7/3/1917. £3 7s 9d War Gratuity to mother, Catherine, on 17/10/1919.

CWGC: Private Charles Melvin, 1797, Highland Light Infantry (10th Bn) Died 25/9/1915, aged 20. Son of the late William and Catherine Melvin, of Kirkinner, Wigtownshire. Panel 108 to 112 Loos Memorial.

Whithorn Cemetery: "...Also his son Charles who was killed in action at the Battle of Loos on the 25th September 1915 aged 20." Son of William Melvin and Catherine Milveen Melvin.

Galloway Gazette (26/12/1914) reported recruitment to Kitchener's Army including Charles Melvin, labourer, Sorbie, HLI.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte Chas Melville Highland Light Infantry.

Wigtownshire Free Press (21/9/1916): Mrs William Melvin has received official intimation of the death of her son, Private Charles Melvin, HLI, on September 25th 1915. Private Melvin was also employed by Mr Sproat, North Balfern, before he enlisted, and was held in respect by his fellow workmen. This is the second son Mrs Melvin has lost through the war, the other being drowned in the Royal Edward. Private Melvin had only attained the age of 20 years when killed.



MILROY, James

Born Wigtown but lived in Kirkinner. Worked as a postman at Newton Stewart before enlisting at Wigtown with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Died 1916 and named on Kirkinner War Memorial.

GRoS: James Milroy was born on 14/5/1895 at Station Cottage, Wigtown, the son of James Milroy, Railway Station Master, and Annie Milroy, nee Gordon. **1901 Kirkinner Census**: James Milroy (5, born Wigtown), with mother, Annie, grocer's wife; + 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Kirkinner Census: Main Street: James Milroy (15, born Wigtown, grocer), with father, James Milroy, grocer, and mother, Annie Milroy; + 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Attestation Papers signed at Wigtown 10/12/1915: 20804 James Milroy, Royal Scots Fusiliers. 20 years 9 months. Postman at Newton Stewart. 5ft 9½in tall. Next of Kin: Annie Milroy (mother), Kirkinner. Served in France 16/5/1916 to 14/6/1916. Family members: James Milroy (father), Annie Milroy (mother), brothers Gordon Hugh and John Alexander, sisters Annie Jane and Margaret Mary. [In 1919 parents were living in Canada.]

Soldiers who died in the Great War. James Milroy. Born and enlisted in Wigtown. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1st Bn. Regimental number: 20804. Killed in action 14/7/1916, France & Flanders.

Register of Soldiers' Effects. James Milroy. 1 R Scots Fus. Pte 20804. Died 14/7/1916 in action. £3 9s 6d paid to father, James and 9s 11d to brother, Gordon H, on 14/9/1916. War Gratuity of £3 on 20/11/1919 to father.

CWGC: Private James Milroy, 20804, Royal Scots Fusiliers (1st Bn). Died 14/7/1916 aged 21. Additional Information: Son of James and Annie Milroy (nee Gordon), of Hardisty, Alberta, Canada. Pier and Face 3C, Thiepval



Memorial.

MUIR, Hugh

Born in Wigtown and moved to Newton Stewart as a printer compositor. Married Mary Ann McClory in 1900 in Liverpool. In 1910 it appears he left (alone) for Australia, leaving behind a wife and four children. At the outbreak of war he enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force as Hugh Jamison, stating that he had no living heir. Went missing at Gallipoli and declared dead a year later. A fellow soldier claimed to be beneficiary of his will as there were no living relatives. After the war his widow, Mary Ann, came forward with a will stating she was his heir.

Ancestry (Scottish marriages): Marriage of Hellen Jamieson to Samuel Muir on 28/11/1867 at Kirkinner.

GRoS: Hugh Muir was born on 14/3/1870 at High Street, Wigtown, the son of Samuel Muir, groom, and Helen Muir, nee Jamieson.

Free BMD: Hugh Muir marries Mary Ann McClory in December quarter of 1900 at West Derby, Liverpool.

1871 Wigtown Census: South Main Street: Hugh Muir (3, born Wigtown), with father, Samuel Muir, coachman, and mother, Helen Muir; + 1 sister. **1881 Penninghame Census:** Salt Box Brae: Hugh Muir (11, born Wigtown), with father, Samuel Muir, farm servant, and mother, Ellen Muir; + 1 brother and 1

1891 Penninghame Census: 52 Arthur Street, Newton Stewart: Hugh Muir (21, born Wigtown, printer compositor) lodging at the home of the Bruckenridge family.

1901 St Peter with St Nicholas (Liverpool) Census: 13 Seabrow: Hugh Muir (31, born Scotland, printer compositor; wife, Marya Muir, 24; + 2 servants. **1911 Liverpool Census**: 60 Molyneux Rd: Mary Ann Muir, 34, married 10 years; Alexander Jamieson Muir, 9; Hugh Muir, 7; Sidney Joseph Muir, 4; Norah Rose Muir, 2.

Australian Imperial Force: 2nd Reinforcements, 7th Bn. 1457 Hugh Jamison, joined 23/12/1914 at Rochford, Victoria. Born Wigtown, age 40 yrs 9 months, labourer. No next of kin. 5ft 11.5 in, dark complexion, brown eyes, iron grey hair. Presbyterian. Embarked at Alexandria on SS Mashobra for Gallipoli 5/4/1915. Reported missing 8/5/1915 and declared dead by court of inquiry held in France 5/6/1916. Fellow soldier declared Jamieson had no next of kin and claimed he was beneficiary of will. On 18/7/1918 his next-of-kin came forward and stated his name was Muir, not Jamieson. Her name was Mrs M A Muir, 60 Molyneux Rd, Kensington, Liverpool. Extract from will produced in evidence.

CWGC: Private Hugh Jamison 1457, 7th Bn Australian Infantry. Died 8/5/1915. Panel 201 to 204 or 332, Helles Memorial.

Passenger List: "Fifeshire" leaving London 21/8/1910: Hugh Muir, labourer, 36, bound for Melbourne.

Wigtownshire Free Press (7/11/1901): At 14 Valentine Grove, Larch Les, Liverpool, on the 23rd ult, the wife of Hugh Muir, compositor, late of Newton Stewart, of a son. [Note: probably the birth of Alexander]

MUIR, Robert Erskine

Born at Mochrum but moved to Wigtown. Played football for Wigtown Utd and named on Burgh Roll of Honour as serving with the Scottish Horse but military records indicate he served with the Army Service Corps and was discharged as unfit for military service. His Medal Index Card indicates he entered the war zone 5 days after the declaration of war.

GRoS: Robert Erskine Muir was born on 18/9/1883 at Port William, the son of Alexander Muir, master blacksmith, and Elizabeth Muir, nee Erskine.

1891 Mochrum Census: Robert Muir (7, born Mochrum), with father, Alexander Muir, blacksmith; 1 brother and 2 lodgers.

1901 Mochrum Census: Eagle Hotel: Robert Muir (16, born Mochrum, carter), with father, Alexander Muir, blacksmith; + 1 brother.

GRoS: Robert Erskine Muir (ostler) married Jane Black McVea (dressmaker) on 22/3/1907 at Wigtown.

1911 Wigtown Census: 3 South Main Street: Robert Erskine Muir (28, born Mochrum, ostler). Living at his father-in-law's house with his wife Jane Muir (nee McVea) and daughter, Mary Elizabeth Muir.

Medal Roll: Army Service Corps. Pte Robert Muir, no 2860. Discharged 24/2/1915 as a recruit with more than three months service considered unfit for further military service. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Medal Card: Robert Muir: ASC (1 Div Amn Pk), Pte MS 2860. First enterred theatre of war 13/8/1914. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1914 Star. Discharged.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte Robert Muir Army Service Corps.

MURCHIE, David

Born in Wigtown in 1866/7 but in 1888 emigrated to Australia. In 1916 he was a miner working in the Kalgoorlie area when he enlisted with the Australian

Imperial Force. Wounded within 8 weeks of arriving in France and was discharged as unfit for further duty and returned to Western Australia where he died in 1922.

1871 Penninghame Census: Cottage in Grange: David Murchie (4, born Wigtown), with grandmother, Jane Murchie and 6 other family members. Attestation Papers Australian Imperial Force. Joined 6/1/1916 at Calgoorlie. No 4875 David Murchie, born Wigton, Scotland. Age 40. Occupation Miner. 5ft 7in tall, fair complexion, gray eyes, brown eyes, crooked nose due to old fracture. Presbyterian. Joined 48th Battalion. Sailed for Europe on transport ship "Ulysses" arriving at Alexandria 26/4/1916. Arrived at Marseilles 14/6/1916. Admitted to hospital with gunshot wound to hand 12/8/1916. "Was in the trenches and was struck by a bullet (Shrapnel) which entered the back of the left hand near the thumb and emerged on the outer side of hand near base of little finger, fracturing two metacarpal bones on index and middle fingers. He cannot close his left hand and it is quite useless". Evacuated to Napsbury Hospital, St Albans and then various hospitals in England before returning to Australia on troopship Benalla 13/2/1917. Discharged as unfit and awarded pension of 60 shillings per fortnight from 9/10/1917. Died in Western Australia 25/9/1922 and his Victory Medal was passed on to his friend Mrs S Doidge. Queensland, Australia, Passenger Lists 1848-1912: David Murchie, age 21, born about 1867 at Wigton, Scotland. Arrived at Moreton Bay, 11/8/1888, aboard "Duke of Argyll" from London.

MURRAY, John Herbert

Born at Borrowmoss Farm, Wigtown but moved from the area soon afterwards. Gained commission with the Scottish Horse.

GRoS: John Herbert Murray was born on 19/11/1890 at Borrowmoss, the son of William Murray, farmer, and Jane Grace Murray, nee Broadfoot. **1891 Wigtown Census**: Borrowmoss: John Herbert Murray (4 months, born

Wigtown), with father, William Murray, farmer, and mother, Jane Grace Murray; + 4 others.

1911 Closeburn Census: Kirkland: John Herbert Murray (20, born Wigtown, son working on farm), with father, William Murray, farmer, and stepmother, Elizabeth Murray; + 1 sister and 3 others.

Wigtownshire Free Press (25/2/1915): Mr Herbert Murray, the only son of Mr William Murray, Kirkland, Thornhill, and formerly well known in Wigtownshire as the tenant of Borrowmoss, has been gazetted as second lieutenant in the Scottish Horse. Prior to the outbreak of war, Second Lieut Murray assisted his father in the management of the farm, and took particular charge of a select flock of pure-bred Border Leicester sheep.

MURRAY, Robert

Born and resident in Newton Stewart, his links with Wigtown are unclear except that he is named on the War Memorial and his aunt and uncle lived at Torhousekie.

GRoS: Robert Taylor Murray was born 5/1/1883 at Greenock, the son of Alexander Murray and Maggie Millar Murray nee Ramage. **1891 Kirkcowan Census:** Robert T Murray (8, born Greenock), with father,

Alexander Murray, woollen dyer, and mother Maggie Murray.

Soldiers Who died in the Great War: Corporal Robert Murray. Born and



Enlisted Newton Stewart. Corporal 1921, 2nd Bn, Black Watch (Royal Highlanders). Died 21/1/1916, Persian Gulf.

Medal Card: Private 1921 Robert Murray, Royal Highlanders. Promoted to Acting Corporal. Awarded Victory, British War and 1914 Star and clasp with Star. Entered theatre of war 12/10/1914. Died 21/1/1916.

Register of Soldiers' Effects. Robert Murray. Royal Hdrs, A/Cpl 1921. Died 21/1/1916, on or since, presumed. £25 19s 3d paid on 3/12/1918 to Uncle Matthew and War Gratuity of £9 to same on

27/10/1919. A separate ledger records a further 6s 1d paid to Uncle Matthew on 15/7/1919.

CWGC: Corporal Robert Murray 1921, Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) (2nd Bn). Died 21/1/1916. Panel 25 and 63, Basra Memorial.

Galloway Gazette (19/1/1918): Mr & Mrs Matthew Murray, Torhousekie, Wigtown, have received official intimation that their nephew, Private Robert Murray, Black Watch, who has been missing in Mesopotamia since the 21st January 1916, is now reported to be dead. He was 32 years of age.

Nay, David

Born in Wigtown, one of five brothers. Later moved to Stoneykirk and served with the Gordon Highlanders.

GRoS: David Nay was born on 29/1/1894 at Auchleand Croft, the son of Robert Nay, Horse Breaker, and Margaret Nay, nee Kirk.

1901 Wigtown Census: Torhouse Mill Farm House: David Nay (7, born Wigtown, with father, Robert, farmer, and mother, Margaret; grandmother, Elizabeth; + 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

1911 Stoneykirk Census: East Ringuinea: David Nay (17, born Wigtown, bottleman with father, Robert Nay, farmer, and mother, Margaret Nay; + 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Medal Roll. David Nay, Pte 26796, Scottish Rifles. Then S/16377 1st Bn Gordon Highlanders. Awarded British War Medal.

NAY, Robert

Born in Wigtown, one of five brothers. Emigrated to USA before the war but was drafted to the US Army in 1917. Remained in Chicago after the war.

GRoS: Robert Nay was born on 11/4/1887 at Torhousemuir, the son of Robert Nay, Horse Breaker, and Margaret Nay, nee Kirk.

1891 Wigtown Census: Knockskeog: Robert Nay (3, born Wigtown), with father, Robert, horsebreaker and crofter, and mother, Maggie; + 1 brother and 2 sisters.

1901 Wigtown Census: Torhouse Mill Farm House: Robert Nay (13, born Wigtown, with father, Robert, farmer, and mother, Margaret; grandmother, Elizabeth; + 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

Passenger List. SS Caledonia from Glasgow on 31/10/1908. Robert Nay. Age: 21. Occupation: blacksmith. Father: Robt Nay, Torhousemill, Wigtown. Destination: Chicago.

Passenger List. SS Cedric from New York to Liverpool 19/7/1912. Robert Nay. Blacksmith.

Passenger List. SS Celtic from Liverpool on 24/10/1912. Robert Nay. Age: 25. Occupation: blacksmith. Father: R Nay, East Ringuinea, Sandhead. Final destination: Chicago. **US Army Draft Card**: Completed 5/6/1917. Robert Nay. 1946 Newfort Ave, Chicago. Born: 9/8/1888 at Wightonn, Scotland. Occupation: self-employed horse shoer. Married. Tall, slender, brown hair and brown eyes. 1940 US Census. Chicago. Robert Nay, aged 52 with wife Mary and son, Robert NAY, William Born in Wigtown. Military service is assumed as his exemption from service was removed at a Military Service Tribunal in 1917. **GRoS**: William Nay was born on 27/1/1889 at Auchleand Croft, Wigtown, the

son of Robert Nay, Horse Breaker, and Margaret Nay, nee Kirk.

1901 Wigtown Census: Torhouse Mill Farm House: William Nay (2, born Wigtown, with father, Robert, farmer, and mother, Margaret; grandmother, Elizabeth; + 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

1911 Stoneykirk Census: East Ringuinea: William Nay (12, born Wigtown), with father, Robert Nay, farmer, and mother, Margaret Nay; + 3 brothers and 2

Wigtownshire Free Press (5/4/1917): Military Service Appeal Tribunal. The military represented appealed against the exemption of William Nay, byreman, East Ringuinea Farm, Sandhead, Stoneykirk, employed by his father, Robert Nay, dairy farmer, 18 and single. Captain MacDonald, appeal miltary representative, asked Mr Nay if it was true that he had publicly stated that he would rather break his sons' arms and legs than have them go in the army. Mr Nay denied that he ever said so. He had a son in the army. One son was unfit for work and there were two daughters. Captain MacDonald said the father was fit and there were three sons and two daughters, and the farm only extended to 128 acres. The Sheriff - the only difficulty is that you are taking a man away from agriculture. Captain MacDonald - In Wigtownshire there is no scarcity of agricultural labour. Sherriff - I am surprised to hear that. Captain MacDonald said that recently agriculturalists were invited to make applications for extra assistance and out of the whole of the Rhins Division of Wigtownshire only six made application. The appeal was supported and exemption withdrawn.

NEIL, Hugh

Born in Stranraer and employed at Bladnoch Creamery before war, boarding at Bladnoch. Discharged from army due to illness. Named on Wigtown War Memorial. His brother was also killed in the war.

1891 Leswalt Census: 11 Sheuchan Street, Stranraer. Hugh Neil (6, born Stranraer) with mother Helen, house keeper marine fireman's wife; + 1 brother. **1901 Leswalt Census**: 11 Sheuchan Street, Stranraer. Hugh Niel (16, born Stranraer), tinsmith's apprentice, with mother Ellen Niel; + 1 brother and 2 sisters.

1911 Wigtown Census: Bladnoch Village: Hugh Neil (26, born Stranraer, tinsmith at Creamery), boarding with 2 others at the home of Jeannie Rennie.

Scottish Co-operative Society Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery. Hugh Neil, Pte Motor Transport, RASC. Died after Discharge.

Army Discharge Papers: Private Hugh Neil, 170788 ASC MT [Army Service

Corps, Motor Transport]. Discharged 3/10/1917 at Woolwich Dockyard. 5ft 6in tall, fresh complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair, tattoo on left arm "HNEIL". Trade: tinsmith. Intended place of residence, 11 Sheuchan Street, Stranraer. Discharged as no longer physically fit for war service. Service period 17/4/1916 to 3/10/1917. Cause of discharge: tubercular of lung. Tubercular laryngitis. **Record of Soldiers' Effects**: Hugh Neil: ASC MT, Pte 170788. Died 20/12/1917 (discharged 3/10/1917). 2s 11d paid on 25/4/1918 to mother, Ellen B, and War Gratuity of £4 10s to the same on 25/11/1919.

CWGC: Private DM2/170788 Hugh Neil, Army Service Corps. Died 20/12/1917 aged 32. Son of Helen Neil and the late Hugh Neil.

Sheuchan Cemetery, Stranraer: "... Also their eldest son Hugh Neil who died at 11 Sheuchan Street 20th December 1917 aged 32 years." Son of Hugh Charles Neil and Helen Bingham.

Galloway Gazette (29/12/1917): Private Hugh Neil, motor mechanic, ASC, son of Mrs Neil, 11 Sheuchan Street, Stranraer, who was discharged some time ago through illness while serving in the Army, died on Thursday at his mother's residence. Before joining the army he was in the employment of the Scottish Co-operative Society, Bladnoch. Mrs Neil's youngest son was killed in action on 9th July.

NICOL, William

Born in England but moved to Wigtown where he played football for Wigtown Utd. Named on Burgh Roll of Honour as serving with the Scottish Horse.

Baptism Record (Find My Past): William RH Nicol, son of Thomas and Lavinia Nicol of West Leake, baptised at St Helena's Church, West Leake, on 16/1/1887. **1891 West Leake (Nottinghamshire) Census**: 21 Main Street: William Nicol (4, born West Leake), with father, Thomas Nicol, gardener; mother, Lavinia Nicol; + 2 sisters and aunt, Margaret Nicol.

1901 Wigtown Census: 29 North Back Street: William Robert Hay Nicol (14, born England), with uncle Patrick Hay Nicol, Bank Teller, and aunt, Margaret Nicol.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte Wm Nicol 5th KOSB.

NIMMO, John

Born and resident in Wigtown where he worked as a draper's assistant before enlisting. Named on the United Free Church Roll of Honour.

GRoS: John Stewart Nimmo was born on 18/12/1887 at High Street, Wigtown, the son of James Nimmo, woollen and linen draper, and Agnes Nimmo, nee Stewart.

1901 Wigtown Census: 17 North Main Street: John Nimmo (13, born Wigtown), with father, James Nimmo, draper and clothier, and mother, Agnes Nimmo; + 2 sisters and 2 others. [17 North Main Street was the family draper's shop.]

GRoS: John Stewart Nimmo (draper's assistant, aged 23) married Jeannie Carson Kennedy (assistant housekeeper, aged 18) on 9/3/1911 at 21 Agnew Crescent, Wigtown.

1911 Wigtown Census: 2 Church Lane: John Nimmo (23, born Wigtown, draper's assistant), with wife, Jeannie Nimmo.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "Also his father John Stewart Nimmo, born 18th December 1887, died 9th November 1966." Husband of Jeannie Carson Kennedy and father of Fraser Nimmo [who is named on Wigtown War

	Memorial as a casualty in World War Two] and John Nimmo.
NIMMO, John Kennedy	Born Wigtown but moved to Glasgow where he enlisted with the Royal Field Artillery. Injured whilst training and invalided out in 1917. In 1921 he emigrated to South Africa but returned 7 years later having qualified as a lawyer.
	GRoS: John Kennedy Nimmo was born on 26/9/1891 at Bank Street, Wigtown, the son of Robert Nimmo, master tailor, and Agnes Nimmo, nee Kennedy. 1901 Wigtown Census: John H Nimmo (9, born Wigtown), with father, Robert Nimmo, tailor, and mother, Agnes Nimmo; + 1 brother and 2 sisters. 1911 Govanhill Census: 89 Toryglen Street: John Kennedy Nimmo (19, born Wigtown, draper) boarding with the Milroy family. Attestation Papers signed Glasgow on 21/1/1916. John K Nimmo, c/o Mrs Kumer, 100 Argowan Street, Glasgow. 2679, later 661121, Royal Field Artillery.
	Age 24 years. Next of kin: Robert Nimmo, father. Discharged on 22/10/1917 as no longer physically fit following accidental injury to coccyx while on training on Salisbury Plain.
	Medal Card: John K Nimmo, Gunner 661121, Royal Field Artillery. Silver War Badge: John K Nimmo, Gunner 661121, Royal Field Artillery, served 21/1/1916 to 22/10/1917 and saw active service abroad. Passenger List: SS Ascanius, from Glasgow 13/11/1921 for Cape Town with
	wife, Emily Gertrude Nimmo. Arrivals at Dover on 22/5/1928 aboard SS Umkuzi. From Durban: John Kennedy Nimmo, lawyer; Emily Gertrude Nimmo; & Margaret Nimmo (age 5). Address: 129 Craigton Rd, Glasgow.
NIMMO, Thomas	Born Wigtown but later moved to Port William where he worked as a butcher. Named on the Burgh Roll of Honour as serving with the Scottish Horse and on the United Free Church Roll of Honour as serving with the Army Service Corps. Military documents indicate the latter.
	GRos : Thomas John Nimmo was born on 25/4/1889 at Bank Street, Wigtown, the son of Robert Nimmo, tailor and clothier, and Agnes Nimmo, nee Kennedy. 1891 Wigtown Census : Church Street: Thomas Nimmo (1, born Wigtown), with father, Robert Nimmo, tailor, and mother, Agnes Nimmo; + 2 sisters. 1901 Wigtown Census : 12 Harbour Rd, Wigtown: Thomas Nimmo (11, born Wigtown), with father, Robert Nimmo, tailor; + 1 brother and 2 sisters.
	1911 Port William Census: Thomas Nimmo (21, born Wigtown, butcher) lodging with Anne Higgins. Medal Roll: Royal Army Service Corps. Sergeant S4/035616 Thomas Nimmo. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.
PARK, Andrew	Born in Wigtown and lived in Agnew Crescent. Played football for Wigtown Utd and served with the Cameron Highlanders in France where he was wounded in action.
	GRoS : Andrew William Park was born 26/4/1895 at 16 Agnew Crescent, Wigtown, the son of Samuel Park, tailor and clothier, and Hannah McKenzie Park, nee Clanahan. 1901 Wigtown Census : 16 Agnew Crescent: Andrew W Park (5, born Wigtown),
	with father, Samuel Park, <u>sailor</u> and clothier; + 2 sisters and 1 other.

1911 Wigtown Census: 5 Agnew Crescent: Andrew W Park (15, born Wigtown, law clerk), with father, Samuel Park, tailor and clothier, and step mother, Margaret Park; + 3 sisters.

Attestation Papers signed 11/12/1914. 16188 Private Andrew William Park, Cameron Highlanders. Address: The Craig, Wigtown. Age 19 years 7 mths. Ast Cashier. Next of Kin, Samuel Park (father). 5ft 11in tall. Awarded 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal. Served in France 13/4/1915 to 4/10/1918. Wounded in action 5/10/1918 and remained on home service until 15/2/1919. Signed up with Army Reserve 12/4/1922.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd footballers called to the colours ... Pte Andrew Park, Camerons.



PATON, William

Born at Bladnoch and served with Royal Army Service Corps. Died in 1919 at Cambuslang War Hospital and is buried in Wigtown Churchyard. Named on War Memorial.

GRoS: William Paton was born on 20/2/1876 at Bladnoch, the son of William Paton, tea dealer, and Annie Paton, nee McCulloch.

1881 Wigtown Census: William Paton (5, born Wigtown), with father, William Paton, tea dealer, and mother, Annie Paton: + 3 sisters and 2 others. **1891 Wigtown Census**: Bladnoch Village: William Paton (15, born Wigtown) with father, William Paton, tea merchant, and mother, Annie; + 1 brother, 5 sisters, and 1 other.

1901 Penninghame Census: Barrachan: William Paton (25, born Wigtown, farm ser (general) Farmer's son) with father, William Paton, farmer, and mother, Annie; +1 brother, 4 sisters, + 3 others.

1911 Penninghame Census: Barrachan: William Paton (35, born Wigtown, chauffeur (domestic)), with mother, Annie Paton, farmer; + 1 brother, 2 sisters, 3 others.

Medal Card: William Paton, Pte M/401864, ASC. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: William Paton. RASC (MT), Pte M/401864. Died 19/2/1919 at War HP Cambuslang. £12 13s 7d (including War Grant of £5) paid on 30/10/1919 to mother, Annie McCulloch Paton.

CWGC: Private W Paton M/401864, Royal Army Service Corps. Died 19/2/19 (aged 42). Eldest son of the late William Paton and of Mrs. Annie Paton, of 15, North Main St., Wigtown. Born at Barrachan. Grave in Wigtown Churchyard. **Wigtown Cemetery** (family headstone): "... Also his son William Paton RASC who died at Cambuslang 19 February 1919 aged 43 years." Son of William Paton and Annie McCulloch.

CWGC Headstone: M/401864 Private W Paton. Royal Army Service Corps. 19th February 1919.

GRos: William Paton died at the Cambuslang War Hospital on 19th February 1919. Son of William Paton (deceased) and Annie Paton nee McCulloch. He was a chauffeur and his normal address was 15 North Main Street, Wigtown. Cause of death: "305 DAH, 2 months". [Disordered action of the heart - a combination of over exertion, mental stress and fatigue.]

Galloway Gazette (22/2/1919) Death Notice: On the 19th inst at the War Hospital, Cambuslang William, the eldest son of the late Wm Paton, farmer, Barrachan, and Mrs Paton, 15 North Main Street, Wigtown.

PAXTON, George	Born in Stranraer but was living in Wigtown in 1911/12 where he worked as a grocer. Moved to Kilmarnock and enlisted with Royal Field Artillery in 1916. Gassed while in the Army but was demobilised at the end of the war.
	GRoS : George Paxton was born on 19/4/1890 at 30 Agnew Crescent, Leswalt, the son of James Paxton, grocer (journeyman), and mother, Mary Paxton, nee Muir.
	1891 Leswalt Census: 30 Agnew Cres, Stranraer: George Paxton (11 months, born Stranraer) with father, James Paxton, grocer's assistant, and mother, Mary Paxton; + 1 other.
	1911 Wigtown Census : 30 North Main Street: George Paxton (20, born Stranraer, grocer); with 3 sisters and 1 brother.
	Attestation Papers signed at Ayr 7/11/1916, Royal Field Artillery. George Paxton, 12 Armour Street, Kilmarnock. Age: 26. Occupation: Salesman. 5ft 6.25 tall. Wife: Roberta Paxton, nee Milligan. Son: Thomas (born 30 North Main Street, Wigtown on 9/8/1912). Served in France. Accidentally wounded in right leg 27/7/1917. Gassed 16/10/1918. Discharged on demobilisation and awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.
	Wigtown Directory 1912: George Paxton, grocer, 30 North Main Street.
POLLOCK, Hume	Born Wigtown and played football for Wigtown Utd before the war. Named on the United Free Church Roll of Honour as serving with the Lovat Scouts but records show service with Cameron Highlanders. GRoS: Hume Pollock was born on 13/6/1895 at 33 North Main Street, Wigtown, the son of Peter Pollock, flesher, and Elizabeth McGowan Pollock, nee Lennox. 1901 Wigtown Census: 9 North Main Street: Hume Pollock (5, born Wigtown), with father, Peter Pollock, flesher; + 1 sister and 1 other. 1911 Wigtown Census: 26 North Back Street: Hume Pollock (15, born Wigtown), living with 3 aunts and his sister. Medal Card: Hume Pollock. Pte 5744, later S/41022 Cameron Highlanders. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte Hume Pollok, Lovat Scouts. Wigtownshire Free Press (4/2/1915): reported Hume Pollock, Wigtown, enlisting at Newton Stewart with the Lovat Scouts. Wigtownshire Free Press (23/11/1916): Hume Pollock is the other Wigtown soldier reported wounded, but details are not yet at hand. At the outbreak of war he was in the office of Mr R McWilliam, law agent, Wigtown.
RANKIN(E), Thomas	Born Wigtown and lived there until he emigrated to Canada. Enlisted with Canadians in 1914.
	GRoS : Thomas Rankin was born on 8/12/1880 at Low Vennel, Wigtown, the son of Thomas Rankin, master blacksmith, and Elizabeth Rankin, nee Stitt.
	1881 Wigtown Census : Low Vennel: Thomas Rankine (3 months, born Wigtown), at the home of his grandfather, Robert Stitt, innkeeper; grandmother, Jessie Stitt; mother, Elizabeth Stitt Rankine; + 4 uncles, 2 aunts
	and 1 other. 1891 Wigtown Census : Low Vennel: Thomas Rankin (10, born Wigtown), with

grandmother, Jessie Stitt; + 1 aunt, 1 cousin.

Passenger List: Thomas Rankin arrived St John's Newfoundland on 22/4/1913 from Glasgow. Age: 34. Occupation: patternmaker. Destination: Montreal. Canadian Attestation Papers: completed 23/9/1914 at Valcartier: 8th Regiment Royal Highlanders of Canada. 24525 Pte Thomas Rankin. Born Wigtown. Born 8/12/1881. Occupation: Cook. 5ft 5 in tall. Dark complexion, light blue eyes, dark brown hair.

RICHMOND, James Fleming

Born in Wigtown and lived there until emigrating to Canada in 1909. Named on United Free Church Roll of Honour. Two brothers also served.

GRos: James Fleming Richmond was born on 21/2/1889 at High Street, Wigtown, the son of Paul Henry Richmond, druggist and stationer, and Annie Richmond, nee Fleming.

1891 Wigtown Census, South Side, Main Street, Wigtown: James Fleming Richmond (2, born Wigtown) with father Paul Henry (Druggist Stationer's assistant - born Houron County, Ontario) and mother, Annie.

1901 Wigtown Census, 15 North Main Street, Wigtown: James Fleming Richmond (12, scholar, born Wigtown), with father Paul Henry (Shopkeeper, Medical Stationery), mother Annie + brothers Paul Henry and Wesley William and sisters Annie Spence and Janet Fleming.

Passenger List: SS Lake Manitoba from Belfast to Montreal on 14/10/1909. James F Richmond, aged 20, clerk.

Canadian Great War Project: John Fleming Richmond (attestation papers show as James) 645939 158th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Duke of Connaught's Own). Enlisted Vancouver, British Columbia on 1/3/1916. Born 21/2/1889, Wigtown. Father Paul H Richmond, Wigtown. Bank Clerk with Royal Bank of Canada, Vancouver. Previous service with 72nd Seaforth Highlanders, Vancouver. 5ft 6in tall, pale complexion, blue eyes, dark brown hair. Presbyterian.

RICHMOND, Paul Henry

Born Wigtown and named on United Free Church Roll of Honour. Played football for Wigtown Utd. Served from 1915 to 1919. His two brothers also served.

GRoS: Paul Henry Richmond was born on 7/2/1896 at 20 South Main Street, Wigtown, the son of Paul Henry Richmond (stationer) and Annie Richmond (nee Hamilton).

1901 Wigtown Census, 15 North Main Street, Wigtown: Paul Henry Richmond (5, born Wigtown), with father Paul Henry Richmond,



Shopkeeper, (Medical Stationery), and mother Annie Richmond; + brothers James Fleming and Wesley William and sisters Annie Spence and Janet Fleming. **1911 Wigtown Census**: 27 South Main Street: Paul Henry Richmond (15, born Wigtown), with father Paul Henry Richmond, bookseller and stationer, and mother Annie Richmond; + 1 brother and 2 sisters.

Military Records: Enlisted as an Ordinary Seaman with Royal Naval Division on 7/6/1915, no. Clyde Z/5268. Age 19y4mo. Was 5ft 5½in tall, grey eyes, brown hair, unmarried, clerk, Presbyterian. Next of kin - father Paul Richmond, 27

South Main Street, Wigtown. October 1915 at Gallipoli. Returned, disembarking at Marseilles 19/5/1916. Wounded - gunshot wound left leg and admitted to hospital at Etaples 14/11/1916; transferred to Brook Street War Hospital, Woolwich 16/11/1916. Returned to France via Boulogne 16/4/1917. Joined 7th Entrenching Battalion 22/2/1918. Demobilised at Georgetown, Paisley 25/3/1919 and paid £21 10s.

Wigtownshire Free Press (17/6/1915): On Monday morning Messrs P Richmond and Wesley Richmond, sons of Mr Paul H Richmond, stationer, left Wigtown to join the Royal Naval Division.

Wigtownshire Free Press (23/11/1916): Paul Richmond, son of Paul H Richmond, stationer and postmaster, Wigtown, has been wounded below the knee, and is in hospital. He was in the office of the Sherriff Clerk, Wigtown, when the war broke out.

RICHMOND, Wesley William

Born Wigtown and named on United Free Church Roll of Honour. Played football for Wigtown Utd and captained the team. Served from 1915 to 1919. His two brothers also served.

GRoS: Wesley William Richmond was born on 7/2/1896 at 20 South Main Street, Wigtown, the son of Paul Henry Richmond (stationer) and Annie Richmond (nee Hamilton).

1901 Wigtown Census, 15 North Main Street, Wigtown: Wesley William Richmond (5, born Wigtown), with father Paul Henry Richmond,

Shopkeeper (Medical Stationery), and mother Annie Richmond; + brothers James Fleming and Paul Henry and sisters Annie Spence and Janet Fleming. **1911 Wigtown Census**: 27 South Main Street: Wesley William Richmond (15, born Wigtown), with father Paul Henry Richmond, bookseller and stationer, and mother Annie Richmond; + 1 brother and 2 sisters.

Military Records: Enlisted as Ordinary Seaman with Royal Naval Division on 8/6/1915, no. Clyde Z/5267. Age 19y4mo. Was 5ft 2¾in tall, grey eyes, brown hair, unmarried,, law clerk, Presbyterian. Next of kin - father Paul Richmond, 27 South Main Street, Wigtown. October 1915 at Gallipoli. Returned, disembarking at Marseilles 19/5/1916. Rose through the ranks becoming Petty Officer 22/8/1917. Wounded - gunshot wound left thigh and admitted to hospital at Abbeville 21/8/1918. Transferred to Queen Mary's Hospital, Whalley 28/8/1918. Discharged from hospital 1/10/1918. Discharged from service 24/12/1919.

Wigtownshire Free Press (17/6/1915): On Monday morning Messrs P Richmond and Wesley Richmond, sons of Mr Paul H Richmond, stationer, left Wigtown to join the Royal Naval Division.

RODGER, Edward

Born in Mochrum but lived in Bladnoch where he worked in the Creamery. Enlisted in Kitchener's Army and named on the Burgh Roll of Honour as serving with the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

1871 Mochrum Census: Edward Rodgers (4, born Mochrum), with father, James Rodgers, ag lab, and mother, Elizabeth Rodgers; + 3 sisters and 1 other. **1881 Kirkinner Census:** Cavinfield: Edward Rodgers (14, born Mochrum), with



father, James Rodgers, ag lab, and mother, Elizabeth Rodgers; + 3 brothers and 1 sister.

1891 Ochiltree Census: 5 Trabboch Row - No 1: Edward Rodgers (24, born Mochrum, pit drawer) boarding with the Rodgers family.

1901 Old Luce Census: Whitecrook Cottage: Edward Rodger (32, born Mochrum, ag lab), with father, James Rodger, Creamery worker, and mother, Elizabeth Rodger; + 3 others.

1911 Wigtown Census: Bladnoch: Edward Rodger (40, born Mochrum, engineman at Creamery), with wife, Mary Rodger; + 4 children, 1 step-child and mother.

Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd Roll of Honour: Edward Rodger, Pte Pte RSF.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "In loving memory of my dear husband Edward Rodger who died 12th January 1946 aged 78 years ..." Husband of Mary Barrett. **Wigtownshire Free Press** (21/1/1915): Enlistments ... Edward Rodger, Kitchener's Army.

ROLFE, Stanley

A Londoner who spent some time in Wigtown working in a bank and living with his aunt at Broadfield Farm. Killed in action in 1916 and named on Wigtown War Memorial and on the London Galloway Association Roll of Honour.



Taverner

Free BMD: birth of Stanley Taverner Rolfe Q1 1891, Fulham 1891 St Thomas (Hammersmith) Census: Infant (not named) (1mo, born Hammersmith) with father, Henry Rolfe, draper's assistant, and mother, Susannah; + 1 brother, 1 sister and 3 others.

1901 St Thomas (Hammersmith) Census: Stanley Rolfe (10, born Hammersmith) with father, Henry Rolfe, draper's assistant, and mother, Susannah; + 3 brothers, 1 sister and 1 servant.

1911 Wigtown Census: Broadfield farmhouse: Stanley Rolfe (20, born England, bank clerk), living with his aunt, Eliza Anderson, farmer.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: Stanley <u>Davernor</u> Rolfe. Born Hammersmith. Resident, Fulham. Died 10/9/1916, France & Flanders. Enlisted: Westminster. Rank: Rifleman. Regiment: 16th (County of London) Battalion (Queen's Westminster Rifles). Regimental Number: 2096. Killed in action. Medal Card: Stanley T Rolfe, Pte 2096, 1/16 R London Reg. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1914 Star. Entered theatre of war 1/11/1914. Killed in action 10/9/1916.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: Stanley Taverner Rolfe: 1/16th Bn Lon Reg, Pte 2096. Died 10/9/1916 in action. £4 4s 8d paid on 19/2/1917 to mother, sole legatee, Susannah, and War Gratuity of £9 to same on 10/10/1919.

CWGC: Rifleman Stanley Rolfe, 2096 London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles) (1st/16th Bn). Died 10/9/1916 (aged 25). Son of Henry and Susannah Rolfe, of 66, St. Stephen's Avenue, Shepherd's Bush, London. Enlisted Aug., 1914. Pier and Face 13C, Thiepval Memorial.

Galloway Gazette (11/11/1916): Official intimation has been received that Private Stanley Rolfe, Queen's Westminster Rifles, was killed in action on 10th September last. The first report received was to the effect that he was missing, but subsequently his body was found and was identified by means of his paybook. Private Rolfe, who was a nephew of Mrs Anderson, late of Broadfield, was trained in the Clydesdale Bank, Wigtown, and previous to enlisting he was on the staff of a London Bank. Shortly after the outbreak of war, he joined the

Queen's Westminster Rifles, and was nearly two years in France. He was well known in Wigtown and neighbourhood, where his kindly disposition and pleasing manner made him a general favourite.

RONNIE (RONEY),

Born in Kirkcowan he enlisted at Bladnoch with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Died in the sinking of his transport ship. His father lived on a farm near Wigtown.

Named on Kirkinner War Memorial.



GRoS: William Roney was born on 7/11/1896 at Clugston, Kirkcowan, son of John Roney, farm servant, and Isabella Roney, nee McDowall.

1901 Kirkcowan Census: Clugston Cottages: William Ro<u>ney</u> (4, born Kirkcowan), with father, John Roney, ploughman, and mother, Isabella Roney; + 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Kirkinner Census: Ballaird Cothouse: William Roney (14, born Kirkcowan), with father, John Roney, ploughman, and mother, Isabella Roney; + 1 brother and 1 sister.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: William Ronnie. Born Kirkcowan. Enlisted, Bladnoch. Rank: Private. Regiment: Royal Scots Fusiliers, 3rd Bn. Regimental Number: 47719. Died at Sea 30/12/1917.

Medal Card: Pte William Ronnie, 47719 Royal Scots Fusiliers. Awarded British War Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: William Ronnie. 3rd Bn, R. Scots Fus, Pte 47719. Died 30/12/1917 pres drowned in loss of HS Aragon. £5 1s10d paid on 28/5/1919 to father, John and War Gratuity of £3 to same on 12/12/1919. CWGC: Private William Ronnie, 47719, Royal Scots Fusiliers, 3rd Bn. Died 30/12/1917, aged 21. Son of John Ronnie, of Ballaird, Wigtown. Chatby Memorial.

William

ROSS, John Alexander

Born in Banff but likely to have lived in Wigtown in late 1890s when his baby sister died and was interred at Wigtown High Cemetery. In the army prior to the war and died in 1916 serving with The Hampshire Regiment.



GRoS: John Alexander Ross was born on 18/9/1893 at Court Buildings, Low Street, Banff, the son of Alexander Ross, police constable, and Mary Ross, nee Mayor.

1901 Banff Census: 1 Low Street, Banff: John A Ross (7, born Banff) living with his grandfather, John Mavor, sheriff's officer, and mother, Christina Mavor; + 2 others

1911 Berwick Barracks Census: John Ross, aged 17, born Banff, army private. Soldiers who died in the Great War: John Ross. Born, Banff. Resident, Stranraer. Died 3/9/1916, France & Flanders. Enlisted: Portsmouth. Rank: Sergeant. Regiment: 14th (Service) Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment. Regimental number: 3/5094. Killed in action.

Medal Card: John A Ross: Sergt 3/5094, Hamps R. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: John Alexander Ross. 14th Bn Hants Regt. Sergt 3/5094. Died 3/9/1916 in action. £5 4s 11d paid on 10/4/1917 to father, Alexander. War Gratuity paid on 30/10/1919 and split £11 to father, Alexander, and £1 to sister, Jessie.

CWGC: Name: Serjeant Ross, John Alexander, 3/5094 Hampshire Regiment (14th Bn) Died 3/9/1916 Memorial: Thiepval Memorial

Wigtown High Cemetery: "...Son John Alexander, Sergeant, Hampshire Regiment, killed in action Somme 3rd September 1916 aged 22 years." Son of Mary Mayor and brother of Christina Mayor.

Wigtownshire Free Press (21/9/1916): ROSS - Killed in action in France on the 3rd inst, Sergt J A Ross, Hampshire Regiment, son of Superintendent Ross, Stranraer, aged 23 years.

SANDFORD, Matthew

Born Glasserton but lived in Wigtown where he was an apprentice shoemaker before the war. Named on Burgh Roll of Honour. Played football for Wigtown Utd.

GRos: Matthew Sandford was born on 27/11/1893 at Drury Lane, Glasserton, the son of John Sandford, ploughman, and Agnes Broadfoot Sandford, nee McLellan.

1901 Wigtown Census: 16 Harbour Rd, Wigtown: Matthew Sandford (7, born Glasserton), with father, John Sandford, 31, general labourer, and mother, Agnes, 29; + 1 brother and 1 sister.

1911 Wigtown Census: 21 High Street: Matthew Sandford (17, born Glasserton, apprentice shoemaker), with father, John Sandford, creamery worker, and mother, Agnes Sandford; + 1 brother and 2 sisters.

Attestation Papers signed 7 January 1915 at Ayr: 62074 Matthew Sandford, 21 High Street, Wigtown. Aged 21 years and 1 month. Shoemaker. 5ft 6.5 inches tall. Next of kin: Agnes Sandford (mother). Joined Royal Engineers. Embarked BEF 28/8/1915. Discharged 3/5/1919.

SCOTT, Thomas

Born Penninghame but lived on a farm near Wigtown. Died of wounds in 1918 and named on Wigtown War Memorial.



GRoS: Thomas McWalter Scott was born on 14/6/1894 at Knockstocks, Penninghame, the son of William Scott, farm grieve, and Janet Scott, nee McGeoch.

1901 Wigtown Census: Blackpark F Hse: Thomas McW Scott (6, born Penninghame) with father, William Scott, 45, farmer and mother, Janet Scott; + 4 brothers and 4 sisters.

McWalter

1911 Wigtown Census: Blackpark: Walter Scott (17, born Penninghame, working on farm), with father, William Scott, farmer, and mother, Janet Scott; + 2 brothers, 3 sisters, niece and uncle.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: Thomas Mcw. Scott. Residence: Wigtown. Enlisted: Ayr. Rank: Private. Regiment: 5th (City of Glasgow) Regiment (Territorial), Highland Light Infantry. Regimental Number: 32405. Died: 28/10/1918, France & Flanders. Died of Wounds.

Medal Roll: Pte Scott, Thomas MW, 12th HLI 32405, Pte 5th HLI. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: Thomas Scott. 1/5th BN HLI, Pte 32405. Died 28/10/1918 of wounds. £24 15s 10d paid on 26/2/1919 to father, William, and War Gratuity of £10 10s 1d to same on 13/12/1919.

CWGC: Private Thomas McWalter Scott, 32405, Highland Light Infantry (1st/5th Bn). Died 28/10/1918 (aged 24). Son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott, of New Mills,

	Wigtown. Grave VI. D. 45, Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille. Wigtown High Cemetery: "Also Thomas McWalter, their son, who died at Wimereux, France 28 October 1918 from wounds received in action with the Highland Light Infantry." Son of William Scott and Janet McGeoch. Galloway Gazette (9 November 1918): Scott: Died in action on 28th ult at No 8 Stationary Hospital, Wimereux of wounds received in action on 19th September, followed by pneumonia, Private Thomas McWalter Scott, 1/5th HLI, dearly beloved son of Mr & Mrs Scott, New Mills, Wigtown, aged 24 years.
SKIMMING, Keith	Born and lived in Kirkinner but worked at Bladnoch Creamery. Served the war in Scotland.
	GRoS: Keith Carter Skimming was born on 14/1/1881 at Kirkinner, the illegitimate son of Margaret Skimming, housekeeper to her uncle. 1891 Kirkinner Census: 1 Ashtree Cottage: Keith Skimming (10, born Kirkinner), living with his grandparents Thomas and Jane Skimming; + 2 uncles. 1901 Kirkinner Census: Sawmill Cottage: Keith Skimming (20, born Kirkinner, joiner), living with his grandmother, Jane Skimming + 2 others. 1911 Kirkinner Census: Main Street: Keith Carter Skimming (30, born Kirkinner, joiner), with his wife, Maggie E Skimming (21) and daughter, Jessie. Scottish Co-operative Society Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery. Sapper Keith Skimming, Royal Engineers. Military Service Papers: Keith C Skimming, Kirkinner. Joiner aged 35 years. 5ft 5%in. Next of kin: Margaret Skimming, wife. Number S/24532, Cameron Highlanders. Enrolled 31/7/1916. Transferred to Royal Scots 13/9/1916. Transferred to Labour Corps 21/4/1917. Demobilised January 1919 after serving the war in Scotland.
SMITH, John	Born Wigtown but lived in Kirkinner. Served with the Scots Guards and was killed in action in 1915.
	GRoS: John Smith was born on 19/8/1887 at Agnew Crescent, Wigtown, the son of Thomas Smith, engine driver, and Annie Smith, nee Lean. 1891 Kirkinner Census: John Smith (3, born Wigtown), with father, Thomas Smith, Locomotive Traction E Driver, and mother, Annie Smith; + 3 brothers and 1 other. 1901 Kirkinner Census: Ashton Cottage: John Smith (13, born Wigtown), with mother, Annie Smith, traction E Driver's wife; + 1 brother and 1 sister. Soldiers Who Died in the Great War. John Smith, born Wigtown Dumbarton [?]. Died: 12/3/1915. Enlisted: Wigtown. Rank: Gdsn. Regiment: Scots Guards. Service Number: 9308. Killed in action. Medal roll: Pte 9308 John Smith, 2 SG. Awarded Victory Medal and British War Medal. CWGC: Private John Smith, 9308 Scots Guards (2nd Bn). Died 12/3/1915. Panel 3 and 4, Le Touret Memorial.
SMITH, William	Born Sorbie and lived in Whauphill but worked at Bladnoch Creamery before the war. Served with the Royal Scots and was killed in action in 1917. Named on Kirkinner War Memorial.
	GRoS : William Smith was born on 24/9/1891, the illegitimate son of Charlotte

Smith, domestic servant.

1911 Kirkinner Census: Barwhanny: William Smith (19, born Sorbie, ploughman), with grandfather, David Smith, ploughman; grandmother, Margaret Smith; and *(possibly)*, sister, Annie.



Soldiers who died in the Great War: William Smith. Born: Sorbie. Resident: Whauphill. Enlisted: Ayr. Rank: Private. Regiment: The Royal Scots(Lothian Regiment), 9th Battalion. Regimental number: 351580. Killed in action 21/4/1917, France & Flanders.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: William Smith. 9th R Scots, Pte 351580. Died 21/4/1917 in action. £2 19s 1d paid on 10/10/1917 to Grandmother, Margaret and War Gratuity of £4 to same on 28/10/1919.

CWGC: Private William Smith, 351580 Royal Scots (1st/9th Bn). Died 21/4/1917, aged 26. Son of Mrs Charlotte Smith. Grave J15, Athies Communal Cemetery Extension.

Sorbie Old Churchyard: "...Also their grandson William Smith killed in action 21st April 1917 aged 26 years." Grandson of David Smith and Margaret Smith nee Keith.

Wigtownshire Free Press (14/6/1917): Mr & Mrs Smith, March Farm Row, Whauphill, have been officially informed that their grandson, Pte William Smith, Royal Scots, was killed in action on 22nd April. He enlisted in March last year, and went to the front in December. Prior to joining he was employed in Bladnoch Creamery, and was 26 years of age.

SPROUL, William

Born Ochiltree but farmed at Wigtown. Enlisted in 1916 and died in 1918 at Salonika, Greece of malaria and pneumonia. Named on Wigtown War Memorial.



Jardine

GRoS: William Jardine Sproul was born on 6/8/1883 at Bonnyton, Ayrshire, the son of David Sproul, farmer, and Catherine Sproul, nee Jardine.

1891 Ochiltree Census: Bonnyton, Ochiltree. William J Sproul (7, born Ochiltree), scholar. With father David and mother Catherine. Also uncle, William Jardine [Note the census states William Jardine as William Jardine Sproul's father but he was, in fact, his uncle (Catherine's brother)] + 3 brothers, 2 sisters and 2 others.

1901 Ochiltree Census: Bonnyton, Ochiltree. William Sproul (17, born Ochiltree), agricultural labourer. With father, David, and mother, Catherine, and uncle William Jardine + 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Neilston, Renfrewshire Census: Commore Farm: William Sproul (27, born Ochiltree, farmer's son), a visitor at David Kirkwood's farm.

Soldiers Died in the Great War: William Jardine Sproul, born Ochiltree, Ayrshire. Residence Wigtown. Died 20 June 1918 at Salonika. Enlisted Newton Stewart. Rank: Private. Regiment: Machine Gun Corps. Battalion: (Infantry). Regimental Number 59595. Formerly 6073. ASH. [Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders]

Du Ruvigny's Roll of Honour: Sproul, William Jardine, Private, No 59595, 84th Coy, Machine Gun Corps. 2nd son of the late David Sproul, by his wife, Katherine (Kirvennie, co Wigtown); b Bonnyton Farm, Parish of Ochiltree, co Ayr, 6 Aug 1883; educ. Ochiltree and the Agricultural College, Glasgow; was a Farmer; enlisted in July 1916; served with the Salonika Army in Salonika from Jan 1917, and died at No 85 Field Ambulance 20 June 1918, from malarial fever and pneumonia, contracted while on active service. Buried in Kopiwa Militart

Cemetery, west of the Struma. His Commanding Officer wrote: "All who knew him liked him As his Commanding Officer, I had formed a very high opinion of his capabilities, and his loss is a serious one to me. His section officer, too, considered him a most capable and reliable man," and a comrade: "We shall all miss him, as he was very well liked and thought a lot of in the company."

CWGC: Private William Jardine Sproul, 59595 Machine Gun Corps (84th Coy). Died 20/6/1918 (aged 34). Son of David and Catherine Jardine Sproul, of Kirvennie, Wigtown. Farmer at Carslae Farm, Wigtown. Native of Ochiltree, Cumnock, Ayrshire. Grave V. D. 2, Struma Military Cemetery.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "... Also their son Private William Jardine Sproul, Machine Gun Corps, died 20th June 1918 aged 34 years. Interred in Kopriva Cemetery, Struma Valley, Salonika." Son of David Sproul and Katherine Jardine. Galloway Gazette (6/7/1918): Died of pneumonia on 20th ult, William J Sproul, Machine Gun Corps, dearly beloved second son of the late David Sproul and Mrs David Sproul, Kirvennie, Wigtown, in his 34th year.

STIRLING, John

Born in Glasgow but moved to Wigtown where his father managed the local Coop. Named on the United Free Church Roll of Honour as serving in the Royal Navy.

GRoS: John Stirling was born on 8/9/1899 at Chapel Street, Hamilton, the son of John Stirling, Co-operative Society Manager and Maggie Neil Stirling, nee Young.

1901 Townhead (Glasgow) Census: 9 Morrin Square: John Stirling (1, born Glasgow), with father, John Stirling, engineer, and mother Agnes Stirling; + 1 sister.

Probate notice: John Stirling (senior) 5 Agnew Crescent Wigtown. Died 12 June 1923. Confirmation of John Stirling junior, fishmonger, as heir.

RN Service Papers. John Stirling born Lanark 8/9/1899. Grocer's apprentice. 5ft 11/8 tall, light brown hair, grey eyes, fresh complexion. Two scars on abdomen from appendix operation. Boy sailor from June 1915 on HMS Ganges. HMS Moldavia Feb 1916 to Sep 1917. HMS Vivacious Jan 1918 to Feb 1919. Invalided out of service 3/3/1920 due to peritoneal illness.

GRoS Marriage Register: John Stirling (aged 30), grocer, married Jean Dempster McQuistan (aged 30), school teacher, on 11/7/1930 at the Station Hotel, Elgin. John's address given as 20 South Main Street, Wigtown, and Jean's as 20 North Main Street, Wigtown. John's father (deceased) was a grocer. **Park Cemetery**: In loving memory of John Stirling dearly beloved husband of Jean Dempster McQuistan who died at Wigtown on the 6th February 1945 aged 45 years.

Galloway Gazette (19/6/23): At 5 Agnew Crescent, Wigtown, on 12th inst, John Stirling, aged 53 years. ... The death occurred on Tuesday evening at his residence in the Crescent, Wigtown, of Mr John Stirling, as a result of gunshot injuries, evidently self inflicted. Deceased, who was about 50 years of age, had been at one time manager of Wigtown and District Co-operative Society, but some time ago had started as a fish merchant and had built up a large connection throughout the district. He was well known over a wide area and was much regarded by those with whom he came in contact. He is survived by his widow and grown up family.

STRACHAN,

Born Fraserburgh but moved to Wigtown where he was a teacher at Wigtown

Robert

School. Played football for Wigtown Utd before serving with the Cameron Highlanders.

GRos: Robert John Strachan was born on 24/3/1891 at Fraserburgh, the son of Robert and Bella Birnie Strachan.

1891 Fraserburgh Census: 9 High Street: Robert Strachan (13 days, born Fraserburgh) living at the home of his grandparents, John and Isabella G Middleton. Also his parents Robert Strachan (carter) and Bella B Strachan.

1901Fraserburgh Census: 46 Frith Side Street: Robert Strachan (10, born Fraserburgh), with mother, Bella Strachan and brother, George.

1911 Wigtown Census: 26 North Main Street: Robert Strachan (21, born Fraserburgh, certified teacher, Wigtown School Board) boarding with the Kellys.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte R Strachan, Camerons.

Wigtown Burgh Directory, 1912: teachers at Wigtown Burgh & Public School ... Robert Strachan.

TAIT, William

Born in Wigtown but moved away as a child. Named on Burgh Roll of Honour as a Private in the Reserve 5th KOSB.

GRoS: William Tait was born on 1/4/1886 at Lochancroft Street, Wigtown, the son of James Tait, general labourer, and Mary-Jane Tait, nee Kennedy. **1891 Wigtown Census**: South Side of Back Road: William Tait (5, born Wigtown), with father, James Tait, and mother, Mary Jane Tait; +1 brother, 1 sister and 1 other.

1901 Ayr Census: 111 Mill Street, Ayr: William Tait (15, born Ayr, groom (non domestic)) with father, James Tait, general labourer, and mother, Mary J Tait; + 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

1911 Irvine Census: Ravenspark: William Tait (25, born Wigtown, groom). **Medal Card**: Pte William Tait, 2238, 1/5 Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

TEMPLETON, Robert

Born at Riccarton, Ayrshire but educated at Kirkinner and Kilmarnock Academy. At the time of the war his parents were living at Broadfield Farm. Named on Kirkinner War Memorial.

GRoS: Robert Templeton was born on 16/1/1891 at Braehead, Riccarton, the son of William Templeton, tennant farmer, and Maggie Templeton, nee Steele. **1891 Riccarton Census**: Brachead Farm: Robert Templeton (2 months, born Riccarton), with father Wm Templeton, 30, farmer, and mother, Margaret Steel Templeton, 23; plus 3 others.



1901 Kirkinner Census: Dalreagle Farm: Robert Templeton (10, born Riccarton), with father, William, farmer, and mother Margaret Steel; + 1 brother, 1 sister and 2 others.

1911 Kirkinner Census: Dalneagle Farm: Robert Templeton (20, born Riccarton, helping father on farm), with father, William, and mother, Maggie Templeton; + 2 brothers and 1 sister.

De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour: Private 202183 Robert Templeton, 6th Bn The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), eldest s of William Templeton of Broadfield, Wigtown, Farmer, by his wife, Margaret, dau of John Steele, of Shaw Farm, Kilmaurs, co Ayr; b Riccarton, co Ayr, 26/1/1891; educ Kirkinner, co Wigtown,

and at the Kilmarnock Academy, co Ayr; subsequently managed his father's farm being a first-class ploughman; enlisted 26/7/1916; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 14 November following, and was killed at Polygon Wood 26 Sep 1917; unm[arried.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: Robert Templeton, Born: Riccarton. Residence: Wigtown. Enlisted: Newton Stewart. Rank: Private. Regiment: 5/6th Bn Cameronian (Scottish Rifles). Regimental number: 202183. Died 26/9/1917, France & Flanders. Killed in action.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: Robert Templeton. 5/6th Bn Sco Rifles, Pte 202183. Died on or shortly after 26/9/1917 in action or shortly after. £7 13s 3d paid on 11/3/1918 to father, William, and War Gratuity of £4 10s to same on 12/11/1919.

CWGC: Private Robert Templeton, 202183, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 5th/6th Bn. Died 26/9/1917 (aged 26). Son of William and Margaret Templeton, of Broadfield, Wigtown. Panel 68 to 70 and 162 to 162A, Tyne Cot Memorial.

TENNANT, Alexander



Paterson

Born in Renfrew, Alexander Tennant spent his early years in Wigtown and worked in the town's chemist's shop before moving to Glasgow. Before the war he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps, re-enlisting when war broke out while living in South Africa with his wife and young family. One of the first soldiers to go to Belgium when war broke out, he worked in a hospital in Boulogne where he died from acute blood poisoning. He is buried in Boulogne and named on Penninghame Parish War Memorial.

GRos: Alexander Paterson Tennant was born on 22/8/1883 at 43 Canal Street, Renfrew, the son of James Tennant, hammerman, and Maggie Tennant, nee Paterson.

1891 Wigtown Census: Bank Street: Alexander Tennant (7, born Renfrew), with father, James Tennant, police constable, and mother, Margaret Tennant; + 1 brother and 2 sisters.

1901 Glasgow (Govan) Census: 24 Carfin Street: Alexander P Tennant (17, born Renfrew, chemist's assistant) boarding with Mr & Mrs Cruikshank.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: Private Alexander Patterson Tennant. Born: Renfrew. Enlisted: Glasgow. Regiment: Royal Army Medical Corps. Regimental number: 18941. Died 7/1/1915, France & Flanders.

Medal Roll: Tennant, Alexander Paterson, 18941, RAMC, No 13 General Hospital. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Died 7/1/1915.

CWGC: Private Alexander Paterson Tennant,18941, Royal Army Medical Corps, 13th (London) General Hospital. Died 7/1/1915 (aged 31). Son of James and Margaret Tennant; husband of Henrietta Tennant (nee Changuion), of 93, Beyers St., West Krugersdorp, Transvaal. Native of Newton Stewart, Scotland. Grave III. C. 47, Boulogne Eastern Cemetery.

Wigtownshire Free Press (28/1/1915): Mr James Tennant, Newton Stewart, inspector of weights and measures for the county, received word on Monday of the death, at Boulogne, of his son (Private A. P. Tennant, of the RAMC). Lieut Warburton, Company Officer, in a letter to the deceased's father, states that he was taken ill, very suddenly, on 3rd January, with a severe type of bllod poisoning, and in spite of all that could be done for him, he died at 8.20am on January 7th. The funeral took place to the chief cemetery of Boulogne on 9th January, the Lieutenant being among those present. He states that Private Tennant was very popular among the men in his ranks, and many beautiful

wreaths were sent, and he adds that he died in his own hospital near his companions. The news of Private Tennant's death was received with great regret throughout Wigtown and Newton Stewart, where he was well known and a great favourite. Educated at Wigtown, he started with Mr Starke, a chemist there, and was for some time with Mr A Nicholson, when the latter took over Mr Starke's business. He completed his apprenticeship with Mr JP Wilkie, chemist, Newton Stewart, and had charge of his branch shop in Albert Street. He then, at the age of eighteen, proceeded to Glasgow, where he took the opportunity of attending College, and afterwards proceeded to Helensburgh. He joined the RAMC and, on completing his three year's service, he returned to Glasgow and qualified as a chemist. After six months in Dumfries, he went to England, and while there he had the offer of a lucrative appointment in South Africa, which he accepted, and spent six years there, till the war broke out, when he came over with the troops. While at Aldershot, he was visited by his father, who found him in the best of health and spirits. He was among those who went out to go to Antwerp, and had reached Ostend when the fall of Antwerp necessitated a change in the arrangements. He proceeded to Dunkirk, and from there to Boulogne, this short journey taking something like ten days. He had been engaged at one of the hospitals in Boulogne up till the time he took ill. He was 31 years of age, and is survived by a widow and two children, the younger being only fifteen days old when he had to leave South Africa for England on his way to the front. On every hand one hears expressions of deepest regret at his untimely end, and of sincere sympathy with his relatives, and especially with his widow, who is still in South Africa, in her sore and unexpected bereavement.

THOMSON, David

Born Wigtown and played football for Wigtown Utd. Named on Burgh Roll of Honour as serving with Scottish Horse and on United Free Church Roll as with Army Service Corps.

1891 Wigtown Census: East Side Agnew Crescent: David Thomson (4 months, born Wigtown) with his uncle, John Jardine; aunt, Elizabeth Jardine; + 4 cousins and 1 other.

1911 Mochrum Census: 39 South Street, Port William. David Thomson (20, born Wigtown), Post Office driver, boarding with the Robb family. **Galloway Gazette** (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte David Thomson Army Service Corps.

THOMSON, James

There is some confusion over this man. I have assumed that James Thomson and James Love are one and the same. Born James Thomson Love at Mochrum, the son of Agnes Love in 1890. In 1892 there was a legal judgement that named James Thompson (sic) of Loch Head as his father. Named on the Burgh Roll of Honour as James Love, 3rd KOSB he served as James Thomson in the Royal Scots Fusiliers until his death in July 1916. Named on Wigtown War Memorial as James Love but on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Scottish National War Memorial as James Thomson.

1891 Mochrum Census: Elrig Village: James Thom<u>p</u>son (1, born Mochrum), with mother, Agnes Love, general worker; + 1 half-brother and 2 half-sisters; **1901 Mochrum Census**: High Milton Cothouse: James Thomson (11, born Mochrum), with mother, Agnes Love; 2 half-brothers and 1 half-sister.

CWGC: Private James Thomson 20961 Royal Scots Fusiliers (2nd Bn). Died 30/7/1916. Pier and Face 3c, Thiepval Memorial. Scottish National War Memorial states born Mochrum.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: James Thomson, born Mochrum, Resident: Port William. Died 30/7/1916. Private 20961, Royal Scots Fusiliers, 2nd Bn. Medal Card: James Thomson. Pte 20961, Royal Scots Fusiliers. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: James Thomson: 2nd Bn R Scots Fusiliers. Pte 20961. Died on or since 30/7/1916 - death presumed. £2 6s 5d paid to mother, Agnes Love, on 9/10/1917 and war gratuity of £3 on 24/10/1919.

THOMSON, Robert Kemp

Born in Edinburgh but living in Wigtown by the age of 12. Son of a photographer who had a studio at 6 Bank Street. Named on burgh and United Free Church Rolls of Honour and the Co-op's as having served with the 5th Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Played football for Wigtown Utd.

GRoS: Robert Kemp Thomson was born on 28/10/1888 at 54 Cockburn Street, Edinburgh, the son of Robert Kemp Thomson, photographer, and Ellen Thomson, nee Forbes.

1891 Edinburgh High Church Census: 54 Cockburn Street, Edinburgh: Robert K Thomson, (aged 2, born Edinburgh), with father Robert K Thomson (photographer), and mother Helen J Thomson; + brother Alexander F Thomson (4 months) + 47 others.

1901 Wigtown Census: 6 Balgreen: Robert K Thomson jr (12, born Edinburgh), with father, Robert K Thomson, photographer; brother, William and 4 others. **1911 Wigtown Census**: 6 Bank Street: Robert Kemp Thomson (22, born Edinburgh, house painter), with father, Robert Kemp Thomson, photographer. Two other families also lived there.

Scottish Co-operative Society Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery. Thomson, Robert, Cpl. 5th KOSB.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "...Robert K Thomson born 31st October 1888, died 26th February 1931." Husband of Jeanie McN Turner.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers joining the colours ... Pte Robert K Thomson 5th KOSB

THOMSON, William

Born Edinburgh but moved to Wigtown. Worked as a farm labourer and at Bladnoch Creamery. Named on the Burgh and United Free Church Rolls of Honour as a Private in the Reserve 5th Kings Own Scottish Borderers.

1901 Wigtown Census: 6 Balgreen: William F Thomson (6, born Edinburgh), lodging with his father, Robert K Thomson, photographer; brother, Robert, and 4 others.

1911 Wigtown Census: Meadowbank Farm: William Thomson (18, born Edinburgh, farm servant) at the Hornell's Farm.

Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd Roll of Honour: Bladnoch Creamery: William Thomson, Pte 5th KOSB.

TODD, Arthur Robert

One of five brothers from Wigtown who served their country. Served with the Australians in Gallipoli, Egypt and France. Returned to Australia after the war.

GRoS: Arthur Robert Todd was born on 6/3/1895 at Carleton House, Wigtown, the son of Hugh Todd, solicitor, and Catherine Todd nee MacGregor.

1901 Wigtown Census: Dunure House: Arthur Todd (6, born Wigtown). Parents absent on census day. 3 brothers and 2 sisters.



1911 Wigtown Census: Dunure House: Arthur R Todd (16, born Wigtown), with father, Hugh Todd, law agent; + 2 brothers, 2 sisters and 2 servants.

Australian Imperial Force Attestation Papers signed 2/6/1915 at Melbourne. Arthur Robert Todd, aged 20 years and 2 months. Born: Wigtown. Trade: Engineer. 5ft 7in tall, fresh complexion, blue eyes, brown hair. Presbyterian. Embarked from Australia 16/7/1915 with 6th Bn. Joined unit at Lemnos, 5/9/1915. Admitted to hospital ship with bullet wound to left ankle 30/10/1915 and transferred to Gibraltar 7/11/1915. Transferred to England then sent to Egypt, arriving Alexandria 5/4/1916 but returned to England 8/6/1916. Awarded Military Service Medal 16/3/1917. Transferred to Rouelles, France 10/9/1917. Admitted to Southern General Hospital, Dudley with shellshock 15/6/1918. Discharged in London 29/1/1919 as medically unfit.

Wigtownshire Free Press (18/11/1915): Word was received in Wigtown on Monday that Lance-Corporal Arthur R Todd, son of Mr Hugh Todd, procurator fiscal, Wigtown, has been wounded at the Dardanelles, and is now in hospital at Gibraltar. It appeared Corporal Todd, who is with the Australians, was with several comrades carrying through a difficult operation at night, when the Turks discovered their presence, and at once opened fire. There were several casualties, and a bullet passed right through Corporal Todd's foot. The latest information is that he is making good progress.

Wigtownshire Free Press (22/3/1917): Corporal Arthur R Todd, of the Australian Imperial Force (Mr Todd's fourth son) has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for gallantry in the performance of military duty, the intimation appearing in the "Times" the same day that word was received of his brother's [George] death. The following is an extract from the Corps' orders of 3/8/16 referring to Corporal Todd's gallant conduct: "The Commanding Officer has much pleasure in recording and bringing to notice the gallant and meritorious conduct of No 1536 A/Cpl A. R. Todd, Australian Cyclists. This NCO, while participating in the practice of live grenade throwing this afternoon, picked up and threw out of reach a live grenade which had been dropped among five men, and was in immediate danger of exploding. By his act of coolness and courage Corpl Todd undoubtedly saved many men's lives". Corporal Todd was wounded at the Dardanelles, but made a good recovery, and was soon at the front again.

Wigtownshire Free Press (20/6/1918): Corporal A R Todd (son of Mr Hugh Todd,, procurator fiscal, Wigtown) who was engaged with the Australians in the recent fighting in France, has been removed to hospital in England, suffering from shell shock. Corporal Todd has been on service since an early stage in the war. He was wounded at Gallipoli, and lay for some time in hospital in Gibraltar. Subsequently, about fifteen months ago, he was awarded the Military Medal for a daring act, which, in the words of his officer, "undoubtedly saved the lives

of several men."

TODD, George Frederick

One of five brothers who served in the war. Named on Wigtown War Memorial and the Ewart High School memorial plaque. Played football for Wigtown Utd before the War.



GRoS: George Frederick Todd was born on 14/4/1896 at Carleton House, Wigtown, the son of Hugh Todd, solicitor, and Catherine Todd, nee MacGregor.

1901 Wigtown Census: Dunure House: George Todd (4, born Wigtown). Parents absent on Census Day. Plus 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Wigtown Census: Dunure House: George F Todd

(14, born Wigtown), with father, Hugh Todd, law agent; + 2 brothers, 2 sisters and 2 servants.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: George Todd. Born: Wigtown. Enlisted: Glasgow. Rank: Private. Regiment: Cameronian (Scottish Rifles), 5th Battalion. Regimental number: 201058. Killed in action 6/3/1917, France & Flanders. **Medal Card**: George Todd, Scottish Rifles, number 8775, later 201058. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: George F Todd. 1/5th Bn Scot Rfls, L Cpl 201058. Killed in action, 6/3/1917. £7 17s 7d paid on 27/6/1917 to father, Hugh, and War Gratuity of £9 to same on 16/1/1920.

CWGC: Lance-Corporal G Todd 201058, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) (5th Bn). Died 6/3/1917 (aged 20). Son of Hugh Todd, of Dunure, Wigtown, Scotland. Grave XI. C. 10, Assevillers New British Cemetery.

Sheuchan (Stranraer) Cemetery: "...Also L/Cpl George Frederick Todd Scottish Rifles sixth son of the above who fell in action in France 6th March 1917 interred at Frise Somme aged 20 years." Son of Hugh Todd and Katherine MacGregor.

Galloway Gazette (3/4/ 1915): WIGTOWN SOLICITOR'S FOUR SONS IN THE ARMY. Mr Hugh Todd, Procurator Fiscal, Wigtown, has four sons who have answered the country's call. Shortly after the outbreak of war, Mr Hugh Todd, solicitor, Newton Stewart, joined the Scottish Horse; Dr William Todd went to the RAMC; and Mr Norman Todd returned from India to join the Middlesex Hussars, his situation being kept for him after the war. Now the youngest son, George, has followed his brothers' example, and offered his services.

Galloway Gazette (17/3/1917): Quite a gloom was cast over Wigtown on Wednesday when it became known that George F Todd, youngest son of Mr Hugh Todd, Procurator Fiscal, had been killed on the 6th inst. The information was contained in a letter from his officer at the front who spoke in terms of the highest praise regarding him. He was home on leave for a short time about New Year. He was 20 years of age and had had a brilliant career at the Ewart High School, and was a general favourite with all who knew him.

Galloway Gazette (24/3/1917): In connection with the death of Corporal George F Todd, Scottish Rifles, fifth son of Hugh Todd, procurator-fiscal, Wigtown, who was killed in action on the 6th inst, Lieut Rigby, his platoon commander, has written to his father, and in the course of the letter he says – "It is with deep regret that I write to inform you of the death of your son George, which took place last night (6th) while we were moving into a new

sector of the trench. He was killed in action by shellfire, and death was instantaneous. I am very sorry indeed to lose him, for as NCO in charge of my Lewis gun, I depended greatly on him for smooth working of that section, and always found the work well done. His comrades will miss him, too, as he was always a great favourite among them My fellow officers and your son's comrades join with me in tendering deepest sympathy to you and your family in your sad bereavement."

TODD, Hugh Comrie

One of five brothers who served in the war. A solicitor in Newton Stewart when the war broke out he joined the Scottish Horse. Returned to his practice after the war.

GRos: Hugh Comrie Todd was born on 9/11/1886 at Ardmohr House, Lewis Street, Stranraer, the son of Hugh Todd, solicitor, and Catherine Todd, nee MacGregor.

1891 Wigtown Census: Carleton House: Hugh Comrie Todd (4, born Stranraer), with father, Hugh Todd, solicitor, and mother, Katherine Todd; + 2 brothers, 2 sisters, and 5 others.

1901 Wigtown Census: Dunure House: Hugh Todd (14, born Stranraer). Parents absent on Census Day. Plus 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Glasgow Kelvinside Census: 150 Wilton Street: Hugh C Todd (24, born Stranraer, law clerk), boarding at the home of Jeanie Walker. His mother was visiting on census day.

Medal Card. Hugh Comrie Todd. Address Dunure Wigtown, Scotland. Private 3/17891, Cameron Highlanders. Then 2nd Lieut, 4th Bn, Rifle Bde. Theatre of war first served in: France from 18/5/1915. Commissioned 2nd Lieut 24/2/1916. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. Galloway Gazette (3/4/1915): WIGTOWN SOLICITOR'S FOUR SONS IN THE ARMY. Mr Hugh Todd, Procurator Fiscal, Wigtown, has four sons who have answered the country's call. Shortly after the outbreak of war, Mr Hugh Todd, solicitor, Newton Stewart, joined the Scottish Horse; Dr William Todd went to the RAMC; and Mr Norman Todd returned from India to join the Middlesex Hussars, his situation being kept for him after the war. Now the youngest son, George, has followed his brothers' example, and offered his services. Wigtownshire Free Press (8/10/1914): ...Mr Hugh Comrie Todd, solicitor, Newton Stewart, left some time before and is serving with the Scottish Horse at present at Perth.

London Gazette 23/10/1917 (announcement of commissions to 2nd Lieutenants): Hugh Comrie Todd, Rifle Brigade.

TODD, James

Parents lived at West Kirkland Farm. Served with the 7th Bn, Kings Own Scottish Borderers and died of wounds in 1915.

GRoS: James Todd, born 21/6/1891 at Kircurd, Peebleshire. Parents: Jane Wilson Todd and John Todd.

1901 Kirkinner Census: Wigtown Rd, Braehead: James Todd (9, born Kirkurd), with father, John Todd, gamekeeper, and mother, Jane Todd; + 1 brother, 2 sisters.



1911 Kirkinner Census: Barnbarroch: James Todd (19, born Kirkurd, gamekeeper), with father, John Todd, gamekeeper, and mother, Jane Todd; + 2 sisters

Soldiers who died in the Great War: James Todd. Born: Kirkaird, Peebles. Resident and enlisted: Castle Douglas. Rank: A/Sergeant. Regiment: Kings Own Scottish Borderers, 7th Battalion. Regimental number: 13702. Died of Wounds 27/9/1915, France & Flanders.

Medal Roll: 13702, Sgt James Todd, 7th KOSB. Awarded Victory Medal. Date of disembarkation in France 9/7/1915, D W [Died of Wounds] 27/9/1915. **Register of Soldiers' Effects**: James Todd: Sergt 13702, 7th (S) Bn KOSB. Died of wounds 27/9/1915. £11 16s 1d paid to mother, Jane, 31/12/1915; £5 3s 11d

paid on 24/1/1916; £6 10s War Gratuity paid 23/8/1919.

CWGC: Serjeant James Todd, 13702, Kings Own Scottish Borderers, 7th Bn. Died 27/9/1915, aged 24. Son of John and Jean Wilson Todd, of West Kirkland, Wigtownshire. Grave VII. F. 3, Vielle-Chapelle New Military Cemetery, Lacouture.

TODD, Norman

One of five brothers who served in the war. In 1910 he was responsible for the rescue of a friend who was drowning in Wigtown harbour; he was awarded for his bravery by the Royal Humane Society and the Carnegie Hero Award. Named on the Burgh Roll of Honour: Middlesex Hussars and played football for Wigtown Utd. Served with the 1st County of London Yeomanry (also known as the Middlesex Duke of Cambridge's Hussars) and then the Company of Hussars. After the war he emigrated to Australia and died there in 1980.



GRoS: Norman MacGregor Todd was born on

15/6/1890 at Carleton, Wigtown, the son of Hugh Todd, solicitor, and Catherine Todd, nee MacGregor.

1891 Wigtown Census: Carleton House: Norman Magregor Todd (9 months, born Wigtown), with father, Hugh Todd, solicitor, and mother, Katherine Todd; + 2 brothers, 2 sisters, and 5 others.

1901 Wigtown Census: Dunure House: Norman Todd (10, born Wigtown). Parents absent on Census Day. Plus 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

1911 Wigtown Census: Dunure House: Norman M Todd (20, born Wigtown, law student), with father, Hugh Todd, law agent; + 2 brothers, 2 sisters and 2 servants.

Medal Card. Norman M Todd. Pte 3886, 1st Co of London Yeo. Then 260528 C of Hrs. Theatre of War first served in: Egypt from 11/9/1915. Disembodied 10/4/1919. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star.

Wigtownshire Free Press (10/12/1914): Mr Norman Todd, son of Mr Hugh Todd, procurator fiscal, is on his way home from India having volunteered for active service. His situation is to be left open for him.

Galloway Gazette (3/4/1915): WIGTOWN SOLICITOR'S FOUR SONS IN THE ARMY. Mr Hugh Todd, Procurator Fiscal, Wigtown, has four sons who have answered the country's call. Shortly after the outbreak of war, Mr Hugh Todd, solicitor, Newton Stewart, joined the Scottish Horse; Dr William Todd went to the RAMC; and Mr Norman Todd returned from India to join the Middlesex Hussars, his situation being kept for him after the war. Now the youngest son,

George, has followed his brothers' example, and offered his services. **Wigtownshire Free Press** (2/5/1918): Pte Norman Todd, third son of Mr Hugh Todd, procurator-fiscal, has been wounded in the recent fighting in Palestine. The information to hand shows that he has been admitted to hospital suffering from gunshot wounds below the knee.

TODD, William Alexander

Born Stranraer, one of five brothers who served in the war. Named on the Burgh Roll of Honour: RAMC. After the war became superintendent of Leeds Sanatorium.

GRoS: William Alexander Todd was born on 14/2/1884 at 37 Castle Street, Stranraer, the son of Hugh Todd, solicitor, and Catherine Todd, nee MacGregor.

1891 Wigtown Census: Carleton House: William Alexr Todd (7, born Stranraer), with father, Hugh Todd, solicitor and mother, Katherine Todd; + 2 brothers, 2 sisters, and 5 others.

1901 Edinburgh St Michael Census: 16 Granville

Street: William Todd (16, born Stranraer, scholar) lodging with the McCracken family.

1911 Paisley Census: Royal Alexandra Infirmary: William Alexander Todd (25, born Stranraer, resident surgeon).

Medal Card: William Alexander Todd. Captain, Royal Army Medical Corps. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. **Medal Roll for British Red Cross Society & St John Ambulance**: Served France 22/11/1916 to 8/7/1917.

Sheuchan Cemetery (Stranraer): "William Alexander Todd MB CHB, Medical Superintendent of Leeds Sanatorium eldest son of the late Hugh Todd Wigtown who died at Leeds 1st December 1930 aged 46 years."

Edinburgh University Roll of Honour: William Alexander Todd. George Watson's College. MB. ChB 1910. OTC. Medical 1908 to Dec 1910, Cadet Staff Sergeant. RAMC Lieutenant Oct 1914; Captain Oct 1915; Acting Major June to Nov 1919. France and The Rhine.

Wigtownshire Free Press (8/10/1914): On Thursday Dr Todd, son of Mr Hugh Todd, Procurator Fiscal, left Wigtown to take up his duties in Colchester, where he will probably have a busy time with the wounded from the Continent. Dr Todd was home on holiday when he was called away.

Galloway Gazette (3/4/1915): WIGTOWN SOLICITOR'S FOUR SONS IN THE ARMY. Mr Hugh Todd, Procurator Fiscal, Wigtown, has four sons who have answered the country's call. Shortly after the outbreak of war, Mr Hugh Todd, solicitor, Newton Stewart, joined the Scottish Horse; Dr William Todd went to the RAMC; and Mr Norman Todd returned from India to join the Middlesex Hussars, his situation being kept for him after the war. Now the youngest son, George, has followed his brothers' example, and offered his services.

Galloway Gazette (27/10/1917): Official information was received on Monday that Captain W Todd RAMC had been wounded and removed to a hospital in England. Captain Todd is the eldest son of Mr Hugh Todd, procurator fiscal, Wigtown. A younger son, Arthur, was wounded at Gallipoli and afterwards awarded the Military Medal; while the fifth son, George, was killed in France in April last.

Galloway Gazette (5/12/1930): It is with regret we record the death of Dr Wm Alex Todd MB ChB which occured suddenly at Leeds on Monday. Dr Todd was

the eldest son of the late Mr Hugh Todd, solicitor, Stranraer, and Procurator Fiscal of the Machars District, and of Mrs Todd, Dunure, Wigtown. Dr Todd, who was Superintendent of Leeds City Sanatorium and had held that post since 1920, was one of five brothers who all answered their country's call in the Great War. He was a Captain in the RAMC and was wounded in the autumn of 1917. His youngest brother, George F Todd of the Scottish Rifles, was killed in action in the Spring of that year. The funeral took place to Stranraer yesterday.

TURNER, William



John

Born Wigtown but lived at Newton Stewart. Enlisted with the Kings Own Scottish Borderers and died of wounds in hospital at Boulogne. Named on the Newton Stewart Free Church Roll of Honour and on Penninghame War Memorial.

GRoS: William John Turner was born on 7/5/1895 at 3 North Main Street, Wigtown, the son of John Turner, blacksmith, and Margaret Turner, nee Stitt. **1901 Wigtown Census:** 1 & 3 Low Vennel: William J Turner (5, born Wigtown), with grandmother, Jessie Stitt; mother, Maggie Turner; + 3 sisters. **1911 Penninghame Census**: 31 Queen Street, Newton Stewart: William John Turner (16, born Wigtown, apprentice blacksmith), with father, John Turner, blacksmith, and mother, Margaret Turner; + 4 brothers and 4 sisters.

Soldiers who died in the Great War. William John Turner. Born: Wigtown. Resident: Newton Stewart. Enlisted: Dumfries. Rank: Private. Regiment: Kings Own Scottish Borderers, 2nd Bn. Regimental number: 12010. Died of wounds 11/3/1915, France & Flanders.

Medal Card. William J Turner. Pte 12010, 2nd Bn Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Theatre of War first served in: France from 5/12/1914. Died of wounds 11/3/1915. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. Register of Soldiers' Effects: William John Turner. Pte 12010, 2nd Bn, Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Died of Wounds 11/3/1915. £3 18s 3d paid to father, John; 6s 6d paid to each of siblings Robert, Lily, Margaret, Jane, Nellie & Sarah on 21/7/1915. War gratuity of £5 paid to father on 27/6/1919.

CWGC: Private John William Turner, 12010, Kings Own Scottish Borderers, 2nd Bn. Died 11/3/1915 aged 19. Son of John and Margaret Turner, of 35, Church St., Stranraer, Wigtown. Grave I D 23, Wimereux Communal Cemetery. [*Note forenames different way round.*]

Wigtownshire Free Press (13/5/1915): On Friday word was received in Newton Stewart that Private William John Turner, KOSB, was lying severely ill in Rawal Pindi British General Hospital, Boulogne, from a dangerous gunshot wound in the head. For about a year previous to the outbreak of the war, Private Turner was engaged in the Stranraer district with Mr W K Gibson, road surveyor. He joined the 3rd KOSB and was recently transferred to the 2nd KOSB. A letter was received fom him the previous Monday, written in good spirits, and the best wishes to all at home. Private Turner has succumbed to his injuries. The sad news was conveyed in a letter from the chaplain at Boulogne to Private Turner's sister in London. He was a son of Mr John Turner, Queen Street, Newton Stewart, and was about 20 years of age.

Wigtownshire Free Press (30/6/1916): Occasionally reference is made in the press to the great care with which the graves of our soldiers are marked and all details recorded for the information of relatives. Mr and Mrs Turner, 42 George Street, Stranraer, have just received official intimation that the body of their son, Pte W J Turner, 2nd KOSB, is interred at Mimereux [sic] Cemetery the

number of the grave being given. Private Turner was killed in March last year. For about a year previous to the outbreak of war he was engaged with Mr WK Gibson, road surveyor. He joined the 3rd KOSB and was transferred to the 2nd KOSB and was about 20 years of age when he was killed. He was well known in Newton Stewart, Kirkcowan and Wigtown, as well as in Stranraer, and his early death was much regretted by a large circle of friends, some of whom have since followed him in laying down their lives for their country.

WADDELL, Robert

Born in Cumbernauld but settled in Wigtown where he married and ran a butcher's shop. Enlisted with the Army Service Corps at the age of 40.

GRoS: Robert Waddell was born on 5/6/1878 at Kilbowie, near Cumbernauld, the son of Andrew Waddell, gamekeeper, and Catherine Waddell, nee Cowan. **1881 New Monkland Landward Census**: Robert Waddell (2, born Cumbernauld), with father, Andrew Waddell, general labourer, and mother, Cathrine Waddell; + 5 brothers and 1 sister.

1891 Kilsyth Census: 68 Newtown Street: Robert Waddell (13, born N Monkland), with father, Andrew Waddell, draff agent, and mother, Cath Waddell; + 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

1901 Wigtown Census: 14 North Main Street: Robert B Waddell (23, born Cumbernauld, butcher), with 1 brother, 2 sisters and 1 other.

1911 Wigtown Census: 17 South Main Street: Robert Waddell (36, born Cumbernauld, butcher), with wife, Mary, and daughters Mary and Catherine. Enrolment Papers completed 22/3/1918 at Ayr for Army Service Corps (Motor Transport). S/423733 Robert Waddell, 17 South Main Street, Wigtown. Age: 40 yrs. Trade: butcher. 5ft 8 7/8in tall. Wife: Mary Waddell, nee Rowan. Children: Mary and Catherine. Served as a butcher with the ASC. Posted to France 1/10/1918.

Wigtown Directory 1912: Robert Waddell, butcher, 16 North Main Street.

WALKER, James

Born in Wigtown and educated at the Ewart High School, Glasgow University and Edinburgh University. Joined cadet force at Edinburgh and ended the war as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Corps. Followed his father into the legal profession, becoming a King's Counsel and Law Lord, chairing the Scottish Law Reform Committee. Died in 1972.



GRos: James Walker was born on 19/4/1890 at Croft an Reigh, Wigtown, the son of Alexander Davidson Walker, solicitor, and Ellen Walker, nee McClelland. **1891 Wigtown Census**: Croftangry: James Walker (11 months, born Wigtown), with father, Alexander D Walker, solicitor; sister, Mary; + 2 servants. **1901 Wigtown Census**: Croft-an-Righ: James Walker (10, born Wigtown), with father, Alexander Davidson Walker, solicitor, and mother, Ellen Walker; + 1 brother, 2 sisters and 2 servants.

University of Edinburgh Roll of Honour: James Walker. Ewart High School, Newton Stewart. M.A. (Glasg) 1913. Student of Law 1913-15. Advocate 1914. O.T.C. Artillery Nov 1914 to Oct 1915, Cadet 4th Royal Scots, Private Feb 1916. Machine Gun Corps Oct 1917; Officer Cadet Nov 1917. Machine Gun Corps 2nd Lieut Feb 1918 to May 1919. France.

WALKER, James

Born in Liverpool but moved to Wigtown (where his mother came from).

Edgar



Returned to Liverpool where he enlisted and was killed in action in 1917. His parents are buried in Wigtown High Cemetery.

Ancestry: James Edgar Walker was born on 7/6/1896 at St Cleopas, Liverpool, the son of James and Helen Walker.

1901 Toxteth Paul (Liverpool) Census: 68 Beresford Rd: James E Walker (4, born Liverpool), with father, James Walker, joiner, and mother, Ellen Walker. **1911 Wigtown Census**: 13 High Vennel: James Edgar Walker (14, born England), with father, James Walker, joiner, and mother, Helen Fraser Walker, dressmaker.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: James Edgar Walker. Born & enlisted: Liverpool. Rank: Private. Regiment: Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire) Regiment, 8th Battalion. Regimental number: 40719. Killed in action 29/9/1917, France & Flanders.

Medal Card: James E Walker, S Lan Reg, Pte 40719. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: James Edgar Walker. 8th Bttn S Lancs, Pte 40719. Died 28/9/1917 in action, France. £5 3s 8d paid on 30/4/1918 to aunt, Mrs Jane Knowles, and War Gratuity of £3 to same on 6/12/1919.

CWGC: Private James Edgar Walker 40719 South Lancashire Regiment (8th Bn). Died 28/9/1917 (aged 21). Son of James and Helen Fraser Walker, of 13, High Vennel, Wigtown. Bay 6, Arras Memorial.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "...Also James Edgar, their son, Killed in action in France 28th Septr 1917, aged 21 years." Son of James Walker and Helen Fraser Edgar.

WALKER, Mary Broadfoot

Born in Wigtown, Mary Walker served with the Royal Army Medical Corps in Salonica and Malta. After the war she resumed her academic career and pioneered the treatment of Myasthenia Gravis, and neurological ailment.

GRoS: Mary Broadfoot Walker was born on 17/4/1888 at Croft an Reigh, Wigtown, daughter of Alexander Davidson Walker, solicitor, and Ellen Walker nee McClelland.

1891 Wigtown Census: Croftangny: Mary B Walker (2, born Wigtown), with father, Alexander D Walker, solicitor; + 1 brother and 2 others.

1901 Wigtown Census: Croft-an-Righ: Mary B Walker (12, born Wigtown), with father, Alexander Davidson Walker, solicitor, and mother, Ellen Walker; + 2 brothers, 1 sister and 2 others.

1911 Wigtown Census: Croft-an-Righ: Mary Broadfoot Walker (22, born Wigtown, medical student and head of household) living with her sister Grace, brother, William, and one servant.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "...His daughter Mary B Walker died 13th September 1974 aged 86." Daughter of A D Walker and Ellen McLelland Walker.

The Scotsman (21/12/1935): [Reporting on University of Edinburgh graduation ceremony]: Amongst those graduated as Doctor of Medicine was Mary Broadfoot Walker MB, ChG, of Wigtown, who had also gained the Thesis Gold Medal. Congratulating Dr Walker of "a very rare distinction", Sir Thomas



Holland mentioned that it was the second time only that the medal had been won by a woman graduate, the previous occasion having been 30 years ago. Dr Walker is at present working in a London hospital.



WALKER, William

Born in Wigtown and educated at Ewart High School. Named on burgh Roll of Honour. Employed in Newton Stewart before moving to Edinburgh where he worked for the British Linen Bank and enlisting there. After serving in Royal Scots obtained commission in Royal Flying Corps and won bravery medals before his death when his plane was shot down. Named on Wigtown, Ewart High School and the British Linen Bank War Memorials.

GRoS: William Walker was born on 17/2/1894 at Croft an Righ, Wigtown, the son of Alexander Davidson Walker (solicitor) and Ellen Walker (nee McClelland). **1901 Wigtown Census**: Croft-an-Righ: William Walker (7, born Wigtown), with father Alexander Davidson Walker, solicitor, and mother, Ellen Walker; + 1 brother, 2 sisters and 2 others.

1911 Wigtown Census: Croft-an-Righ: William Walker (17, born Wigtown, bank apprentice) with his sisters, Mary Broadfoot Walker and Grace Walker, and one servant.

Medal Card: William Walker: Pte 1695 4th Royal Scots, later re-numbered 200278. Later Captain on General List and RAF. Entered theatre of war: Balkans 12/6/1915. Next of kin: James Walker (brother) Crofton Righ, Wigtown. CWGC: Captain William Walker, Royal Air Force, 6th Sqdn. and General List, Formerly (Pte.), 4th Bn. Royal Scots. Died 8/10/1918 (aged 24). Awards DFC and Croix de Guerre (Belgium). Son of the late A. D. Walker (solicitor), of Wigtown. Arras Flying Services Memorial.

Wigtown High Cemetery: "...His son Capt Wm Walker DFC RAF Killed in Action 8th Oct 1918 aged 24." Son of A D Walker (solicitor) and Ellen MacLelland. **Galloway Gazette** (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers joining the colours ... Pte William Walker, Queen's Edinburgh.

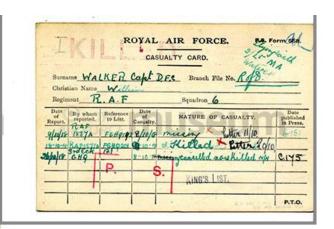
Galloway Gazette (24/5/1915): Mr William Walker, sometime of the British Linen Bank, Newton Stewart, and lately of Edinburgh, writes to a friend in Newton Stewart a long and characteristically cheery letter of the serious operations there, and his share in them. His friends in the neighbourhood will be glad to hear that, notwithstanding all he has passed through, he was on the 23rd ult well, but he adds that he is sure the munitions workers in this country would work their fingers to the bone if they knew what was passing at the Front.

Galloway Gazette (19/10/1918): Word has been received in Wigtown that Captain William Walker, RFC, is reported missing since 8th October. He is the son of the late Mr A D Walker, solicitor, Wigtown, and served his time with Mr A F Matthews, British Linen Bank, Newton Stewart. Since joining he has been awarded different honours, and has won rapid promotion. He holds the Croix de Guerre, and the Distinguished Flying Cross, and is a Flight Commander.

London Gazette (2/11/1918): Lieut. (T./Capt.) William Walker. On August 9th accurate information as to the whereabouts of our cavalry patrols was urgently required; Captain Walker undertook to obtain this. After patrolling for three hours at a very low altitude, subjected to intense machine-gun fire, he brought back the requisite information. This officer had already completed two previous reconnaissances that day, and on the day before he had flown for six and a half hours engaging enemy aeroplanes and troops. A striking example of courage,

endurance and devotion to duty.

Flight Magazine (18/4/1918): Awarded Belgian Croix de Guerre: Temp 2nd Lieut W Walker RFC.



WALLACE, James

Born in Wigtown and named on both the Burgh and the United Free Church Rolls of Honour as a Private in the 5th Battalion, Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Played football for Wigtown Utd before the war.

GRoS: James Wallace was born on 24/2/1889 at Botany Street, Wigtown, the illegitimate son of Eliza Jane Wallace, field worker.

1891 Wigtown Census: East Side, High Vennel: James Wallace (2, born Wigtown), living with his grandmother, Hannah Wallace, and mother, Eliza Wallace (aged 21).

1901 Wigtown Census: 16 North Back Street: James Wallace (12, born Wigtown), living with William Wallace (possibly his step-father) and three Clark children.

1911 Wigtown Census: 20 Botany Street: James Wallace (22, born Wigtown, general labourer) boarding with Edward Black and family.

Medal Card. Pte James Wallace. 15470 KOSB. Then 8386 MGC. Theatre of War first served in: Western Europe, 9/7/1915. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star.

Wigtownshire Free Press (19/11/1914): Wigtown still continues to add to the list of recruits and must now occupy a favourable position compared with places of a similar size. On Monday three more left to serve their King and country: James Wallace, John Kennedy and Edward Clark.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers Pte James Wallace 5th KOSB.

WALLACE, James

Born and lived in Wigtown as a butcher. Served with the Highland Light Infantry and was wounded twice.

GRoS: James Wallace was born on 15/11/1890 at Back Crescent, Wigtown, the illegitimate son of Maggie Wallace, domestic servant.

1891 Wigtown Census: East Side, Agnew Crescent: James Wallace (4 months, born Wigtown), living with his grandparents, James Wallace, general labourer, and Catherine Wallace; mother, Maggie Wallace; + 3 others.

1901 Wigtown Census: 30 North Back Street: James Wallace (9, born Wigtown), living with his grandparents, James Wallace, general labourer, and Catherine

Wallace; mother, Margaret Wallace; + 1 other.

1911 Wigtown Census: 10 South Back Street: James Wallace, 20, born Wigtown, butcher), living at home of his grandmother, Catherine Wallace: + mother, uncle and 2 others (possibly his sisters).

Wigtownshire Free Press (3/5/1917): Mrs Wallace has received intimation that her son, Pte James Wallace, HLI, has been wounded on the right shoulder and face. Pte Wallace joined the forces at the commencement of hostilities, serving for a time with the Ayrshire Yeomanry and afterwards in the HLI. Prior to the war Pte Wallace was in the employ of Mr Stroyan, flesher, Wigtown.

Wigtownshire Free Press (24/10/1918): Mrs James Wallace, 18 Bank Street, Wigtown, has received intimation that Pte James Wallace, HLI, has been wounded in the left arm and is undergoing treatment in a hospital in England. This is the second occasion on which he has been wounded.

WALLACE, John (Jack)

Born and lived in Kirkinner but played football for Wigtown Utd.

GRoS: John

1901 Kirkinner Census:

1911 Kirkinner Census: Littlehills Farm House: John Wallace (17, born Kirkinner, law clerk), with father, James Wallace, farmer, and mother, Mary Wallace; + 1 brother and 2 sisters.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd footballers enlisting: Jack Wallace, Army Service Corps.

Kirkinner Roll of Honour: John Wallace, Army Service Corps.



WALLS, David

Born Wigtown but lived at Newton Stewart where he enlisted. Served with the Royal Scots Fusiliers and was killed in action in 1917. Named on Penninghame Parish War Memorial, Newton Stewart.

GRoS: David Andrew Walls was born on 14/8/1893 at Lochancroft Street, Wigtown, the son of Anthony Walls (coachman) and Elizabeth Walls (nee Smith).

1901 Penninghame Census: 3 King Street: David A Walls (7, born Wigtown), with father, Anthony Walls, lab driver, and mother, Helen Walls; + 2 brothers and 1 cousin.

1911 Penninghame Census: 6 King Street: David Walls (17, born Wigtown, draper's apprentice), with father, Anthony Walls, posting driver, and mother, Helen Walls; + 2 brothers and 1 cousin.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: David Walls. Born: Wigtown. Enlisted: Newton Stewart. Regimental number: 11596. Rank: Sergeant. Regiment: Royal Scots Fusiliers, 6/7th Bn. Killed in action: 23/4/1917.

Medal Card: David Walls: 6 R Scots Fusiliers. Cpl then Sergeant 11596. Theatre of War first served in: France 11/5/1915. Awarded British War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: David Walls: 6/7th Royal Scots Fus, 11596, Sgt. Killed in action 23/4/1917, France. War gratuity of £15 10s paid to brother, Peter, on 9/1/1920.

CWGC: Serjeant David Andrew Walls. 11596, Royal Scots Fusiliers, 6th/7th Bn. Died 23/4/1917 aged 26. Bay 5, Arras Memorial. Son of late Anthony and Helen Walls.

Galloway Gazette (28/11/14): three sons of Mr A Walls, King Street, Newton

Stewart, have joined the forces since the outbreak of war. Peter Walls has since been promoted corporal instructor of the RSF, and David Walls to Lance Corporal. W H Walls is a trooper in the Scottish Horse.

WALLS, William (or Highet)

Although he is known as William Walls it seems very likely that he was born as William Highet but lived with his uncle, Anthony Walls, and assumed the surname. Born in Wigtown and played football for Wigtown Utd. Named on the Burgh Roll of Honour as serving with the Scottish Horse, he transferred to other regiments and remained in the army after the war.

1901 Penninghame Census: 3 King Street, Newton Stewart: William Highet (7, born Wigtown), with uncle, Anthony Walls, <u>lab</u> driver, and aunt, Helen Walls; + 3 cousins.

1911 Penninghame Census: 6 King Street: William Highet (17, born Wigtown, butcher's apprentice), with uncle, Anthony Walls, posting driver, and aunt, Helen Walls; + 3 cousins.

Medal Card: William Walls. Cpl 754 1 Scottish Horse; 26773 Gordons; Cpl 2866154 Tank Corps. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal. Served in India 1919 - 1921 with Tank Corps at Fort Delhi.

Galloway Gazette (28/11/14): three sons of Mr A Walls, King Street, Newton Stewart, have joined the forces since the outbreak of war. Peter Walls has since been promoted corporal instructor of the RSF, and David Walls to Lance Corporal. W H Walls is a trooper in the Scottish Horse.

Galloway Gazette (15/5/1915): Wigtown Utd Footballers enlisting: Pte Wm Walls Scottish Horse.

WATT, Harry Stewart

Born and lived in Wigtown but emigrated to the United States in 1911. Registered with the draft to serve his country in 1917 but unclear whether he actually was called up. Married and lived in Needham, Massacheusetts.

GRos: Harry Stewart Watt was born on 24/9/1890 at Lochancroft Street, Wigtown, the son of Thomas Watt, engine driver, and Annie Watt, nee McWilliam.

1891 Wigtown Census: Road behind High Street: Harry Stewart Watt, 6 mo, born Wigtown), with father, Thomas Watt, traction engine driver, and mother, Annie Watt; + 1 brother and 1 sister.

1901 Wigtown Census: Kirkland Hill Cottage: Harry S Watt (10, born Wigtown), living at the home of his grandmother Sarah Brier, with his father, Thomas Watt, garden labourer, and mother, Annie Watt; + 3 brothers and 3 sisters. **1911 Penninghame Census**: Gilmour Terrace: Harry Watt (20, born Wigtown, hairdresser) with father, Thomas Watt, retired traction engine driver, and mother, Annie Watt; + 1 brother, 1 sister, grandmother + 1 visitor.

Passenger List. Harry Watt, born 1891 at Wigtown. Age 20. Dep Glasgow on SS Parisian. Arrived 7/5/1911 at Boston, Massacheusetts with William Watt. US Army Draft Registration completed 5/6/1917. Harry Stewart Watt, Smith Street, Needham, Massachusettes. Born 24/9/1890, Wigtown. Occupation: gardener, for Mr HG Otis, Needham. Married with wife and daughter. Short with brown hair and brown eyes.

US Naturalisation Certificate: Harry Stewart Watt, born September 14th 1891 at Wigtown. Address: South Street, Needham. Trade: garageman. Name of wife: Beatrice. Admitted: 3/3/1919.

WHITESIDE, James

Born in Ireland but lived on Harbour Rd, Wigtown, with his wife and children. A shoemaker by trade he appears to have been trained at Craigeach School, Mochrum which was a residential, agricultural school for boys. An appeal on his behalf against military service was refused and he served with the Cameron Highlanders.

1901 Mochrum Census: Craigeach School: James Whiteside (16, born Ireland, shoemaker).

Record of Service Paper completed at Ayr on 29/9/1916. 2/4 Cameron Highlanders. 202986 James Whiteside, 19 Harbour Street, Wigtown. Age 29 years 1 month. Shoemaker. 5ft 3 1/8in. Wife: Annie Whiteside nee Hannah. Children: James & Winifred. 5ft 3tall. Transferred to Royal Army Medical Corps 13/2/1918, service number 137395. Demobilised 23/12/1919. Served on Home Front throughout war. Medical examination reports extensive scarring over buttocks and thighs. Hospitalised at Barry Island October and November 1918 suffering from debility.

Wigtownshire Free Press (14/9/1916): Report of Military Appeal Tribunal at Dumfries. The Wigtownshire and District Co-operative Society appealed for James Whiteside, boot and shoe maker, Wigtown, 28 years of age, on the ground that he was indispensable for the carrying on of the appelant's business, which was already short handed. Mr Morton, solicitor, Newton Stewart, stated in support of the appeal that, as Whitehouse had only been passed for garrison duties abroad, he was in a certified occupation, although he would not have been so had he been named for general service. Captain McDonald pointed out that, although there was no actual shoemaker in Wigtown, there were repairers in the locality. If Whitehouse had pleaded in his appeal that he was in a certified occupation, he did not think it would have been disputed. The Chairman said that it was perhaps not fair to take advantage of technicalities, but in any case they did not consider this man indispensable, and he thought the needs of the Army were more claimant than the needs of the community in the matter of boots and shoes. The appeal was refused.

WILSON, David McNaught

Private David McNaught Wilson. Home: Fleet Street, Gatehouse of Fleet. Mobilised 4th August 1914, in 1/5th Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Served in Egypt, Palestine and France.

Scotland's People Index: 1886 birth of David McKnaught Wilson at Wigtown. 1891 Anwoth Census, Fleet Street: David Wilson (4, born Wigtown) with mother Elspeth (sailor's wife); + 3 brothers, 3 sisters.

1901 Borgue Census, Muiryard Farm: David Wilson (14, farm servant, born Wigtown) with John and Isa Rome and family.

1911 Anwoth Census, Fleet Street: David Wilson (24, woodcutter, born Wigtown) with widowed father John (quarryman); 2 brothers, 1 sister, 1 nephew.

WOOD, William Davies Richard

Born in 1887 at High Street, Wigtown he left the town at an early age as his father moved from job to job across England. Enlisted at Pangbourne, Berkshire and was killed in action in 1918.



GRoS: William Davies Richard Wood was born on 21/9/1887 at High Street, Wigtown, the son of William Wood, gamekeeper, and Mary Wood, nee Roney. **1891 Yardley Hastings, Northampton Census:** Spotley Cottages: William DR Wood (3, born Wigtown), with father, William Wood, gamekeeper, and mother, Mary Wood; + 1 brother.

1901 Yardley & Hastings, Northampton Census: Spotley Cottages: Richard Wood (13, born Wigtown), with father, William Wood, gamekeeper, and mother, Mary Wood; + 1 brother & 3 sisters.

1911 Reading Census: Unhill Wood: Richard Wood (23, born Wigtown, gamekeeper), with father, William Wood, gamekeeper, and mother, Mary Wood; + 2 sisters.

Soldiers who died in the Great War: William Davis Wood. Born: Wigtown. Residence: Tilehurst, Berks. Enlisted: Pangbourne, Berks. Rank: Private. Regiment: Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire) Regiment, 6th Bn. Regimental number: 33184. Died of wounds 18/6/1918, France & Flanders. Formerly 24393, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Medal Roll: Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire) Regiment. Pte William Davis Richard Wood. 33184, 6th Wilts Reg. Died 18/6/1918. Awarded British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Register of Soldiers' Effects: Wood, William D. 6 Battalion Wilts Regt. 33184. Died of Wounds 18/6/1918. £8 19s 5d paid to widow, Ada, on 29/4/1919 and £17 8s 8d war gratuity paid to same on 19/7/1920.

CWGC: Private WDR Wood, 33184, Wiltshire Regiment, 6th Bn. Died 18/6/1918. Grave IX B 7, Berlin South Western Cemetery.

Probate Calendar, Index of Wills via Ancestry. William David Richard Wood of Keeper's Cottage, Tilehurst, Berkshire. Private, 6th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, died 18 June 1918 at Auxilliary Hospital H of Jager Maddeburg, Germany, on active service. Administration (with Will) Oxford 5 August to Ada Louisa Wood widow. Effects £266 10s 5d.