

Dallas War Memorial

The Dallas War Memorial is situated to the South-west of the village of Dallas and takes the form of a column with a pedestal, which formerly was topped with the figure of a British lion, though this has been removed.

Unveiling ceremony was undertaken on 10th April 1921 and was reported in *The Northern Scot* newspaper of 16th April 1921 as follows: ‘Two More Moray War Memorials Unveiled. Impressive Ceremonies at Mosstodloch and Dallas. Pledge for the Years to Come. Capt. J. F. Cumming on the Building of a New Scotland. The proceedings at Dallas were witnessed by people from the parish and also from the districts of Knockando, Rafford, Forres, Elgin, and Pluscarden.

The ceremony opened with the singing of the 23rd Psalm, after which Rev. J. L. Brown, Parish Church, offered prayer. Rev. R. R. Davidson, U.F. Church, convener of the memorial committee, then called upon Mr Cumming to unveil the memorial. He expressed the thanks of the committee to Mr Cumming for the service he was rendering that day.

When the Union Jack had fallen, disclosing the three panels, Mr Alex. Sutherland, secretary of the committee, read the inscriptions and the names of the men to whose memory the monument had been erected, and Mrs Mitchell, Dallas village, placed a laurel wreath at the base.

Captain Cumming’s Speech. Captain Cumming said they were gathered to dedicate a memorial which would stand throughout the years to come as a pledge of the love, admiration, and honour in which they held those men of the parish who fought and died in the defence of all they held dearest to them – their country and their homes. Nothing that those who were left behind could say would add to the greatness of their deeds or the splendour of their memory. He wanted to remind them that the memorial stood as a witness that those left behind had as great a part to play now towards the realisation of the ideals which had urged on the fallen.

Those brave men went quietly and resolutely forth from factory, from desk, from mansion and cottar house as their time came to fight for freedom, truth and justice, and just as quietly but were magnificently they gave their lives for the faith that was in them. To those who were bound to them by closest ties of kinship that day was the proudest day of their lives.

When at length the war came to an end one thing became plain for all to see – that their sacrifice had inspired all thoughtful men with a resolution to take a new view of life, that in this country there should be better, happier and fuller conditions of life to all.

It was easy for them to make the common mistake of expecting a better state of things without troubling themselves to ask what they had done to deserve it. Notwithstanding the dark clouds which overhung the world and especially this country at present, he believed that a better understanding was coming between all classes of mankind. It was a fallacy to think that the greatest change in civilisation could be brought about in a few years after a great war. It would be long and tedious.

Everyone a Fighter. They were themselves the fighters in that peaceful campaign, and not spectators waiting to see what the leaders of the nation proposed to do for them. In their hands, by thought and work, lay the power that could bring about a new and better Scotland,

and therefore a happier and better world. Each one of them must take up his part and share in the noble burden which the sacrifice of those men had laid upon their shoulders.

That memorial was a witness that they had to decide, for them whether the price they freely paid was for something great and beautiful or for a mistaken trust in their loved ones and friends. It would be well for them to keep that in close remembrance when they looked upon the memorial. It would also be well if, zealous to guard their clear fame, they met there year after year, for if they allowed the memory of their brave ones to fade and pass from their minds, in that day they would deserve the fate from which they had saved them and would no longer be able to account themselves part of a great people.

He had spoken not as he would have wished to speak, but as he knew how. With these words from a master of English prose he would conclude his remarks – “They never fail who die in a great cause. They but augment the deep and sweeping thoughts which overpower all others and conduct the world at last to freedom.”

Memorial Handed Over. Rev. R. R. Davidson, on behalf of the committee, then handed over the memorial to the Parish Council. He said he was sure the Council would do all in their power to keep the sacred trust that was being given them. He desired to thank Mr Wittet, the architect, and Mr Smith, the contractor, for carrying through the work in so fitting a manner.

In accepting the memorial on behalf of the Parish Council, Mr Wm. Young, Hillockhead, chairman of the Council, said that as representing that body he had much pleasure in doing so. He was sure that as long as such a body existed it would see that the memorial and its surroundings were kept in a manner fitting to the sacred purpose for which the memorial was erected.

To the young men he would say in regard to the 39 names on the memorial, “They were your schoolmates. They played with you, fought with you, and died for you. I would like to remind you of two words, ‘dinna forget.’”

Paraphrase 66 was thereafter sung, and then the “Last Post” was impressively sounded by Drum-Major Neil Campbell, Elgin.

The ceremony closed with the singing of the hymn “For all the Saints,” and with the benediction.

The Monument and the Names. The monument, which is built of freestone from the Greenbrae quarries near Hopeman, has a triangular base, on which is set a circular shaft. The shaft is headed by the figure of a British lion. The memorial has three panels, the front one bearing the following inscription:-

In honour of the men of Dallas parish whose names are inscribed on this memorial. They gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1919. “See ye to it that these shall not have died in vain.”

The names of the fallen are as follows:-

Privates John Macdonald, 6th Seaforths, David Mackintosh, do.; John Maclean, do.; Jas. Munro, do.; Jas. Petrie, do.; Alex. B. Rose, do.; Alex. G. Roy, do.; George Jamieson, 8th Seaforths; John Stephen, 4th Camerons; John Rothnie, 5th Camerons; Alex. Walker, 4th Gordons; J. Walker Clark, 2nd Black Watch; Alex. Jack, 13th H.L.I.; Alex. Garrow, 8th P.O. Rifles; W. Grigor, 10th Canadians; Lachlan Fraser, 13th Canadians; Magnus H. Brown, 50th Canadians.

Privates Andrew Sutherland, 27th Australians; Alex. C. Cook, New Zealanders; Lieut. J. Sutherland Brown, 3rd Nig. Regt; Sergt. Thomas Brown, M.M. 6th Seaforths; Sergt. David Denoon, 4th Gordons; Sergt. Alex. James, 48th Canadians; Corpl. Richard E. Bisset, 5th Seaforths; Corpl. Lawrence Grigor, do.; Corpl. Wm. C. Watt, do.; Lance-Corpl. J. D. Morgan, 23rd Royal Fusiliers; Lance-Corpl. Wm. A. Ross, 2nd Seaforths; Gunner, Wm. Walker, R.F.A.; Privates Frank Gordon, 1st Seaforths; Wm. Allan, 2nd Seaforths; Wm. W. Innes, do.; George Grant, 4th Seaforths; David Allan, 6th Seaforths; Joseph Allan, do.; Wm. Bluntach, do.; David Ettles, do.; William Grigor, do.

The members of the War Memorial Committee were:- Rev. R. R. Davidson, convener; Rev. J. L. Brown, Messrs W. D. Young, John Ross, Alex. Mitchell, John Phimister, all Dallas village; B. Findlay, Rhiniver; John Robertson, Firwood; James Murdoch, Mains of Kellas; Alex. Sutherland, Jas. Mitchell, David Rothnie, Wm. Mackenzie, Alex. Collie, Gordon Grigor, Robert Phimister, Wm. Hay, Dallas Lodge; George Menzies, Dallas Mills; William Cant, Torcastle; George Grant, Bauds, Kellas; Andrew Izatt, Schoolhouse.'

The unveiling ceremony for those men killed in World War II was reported in *The Northern Scot* newspaper of 6th May 1950 as follows: 'Dallas Remembers. Tribute to Fallen of Second World War. In the picturesque setting of the village nestles peacefully amid the wooded slopes of the hills, the people of Dallas, gathered on Sunday to pay homage to the four men of the parish who gave their lives in the second world war.

At a ceremony as impressive as the memorial of local stone which honours the dead of the first World War in the words "See ye to it that they shall not have died in vain" they dedicated a tablet bearing the names of the men of a later generation who did not return.

The tablet was unveiled by Mrs H. W. Houldsworth, of Dallas Lodge, wife of Lord Lieutenant of Moray.

In this moving tribute to the fallen, Brigadier Houldsworth said the occasion was a very special one for him, as he had known the men personally practically all their lives.

"War is a terrible thing," he said, "but there is something about the service of one's country which brings out the finest qualities in us, individually and nationally.

"All our ships, aircraft, guns and tanks would have been of little use unless there were in them men like these whose memory we are honouring; men ready and willing to answer the call of duty, ready to face the enemy onslaughts unflinchingly."

The main lesson we learned from the war was that it was the man who counted first; the man before the machine.

In Honour and in Memory. "As we stand round this memorial today, and as we pass by it in the years to come, in our ordinary way of life, let us remember why it is here; that it stands in honour and in memory of those brave men who left Dallas to serve their country, and who gave their lives in the execution of their duty," he concluded.

Mrs Houldsworth then drew aside the flag covering the tablet, with the words- "I unveil this tablet to the glory of God, and in memory of those men who gave their lives in the second World War, 1939-45."

After the Lord Lieutenant and Mr J. Stark, chairman of the Welcome Home Fund which financed the erection of the tablet, had laid wreaths on behalf of the people of Dallas and

relatives of the fallen, the ringing notes of The Last Post and Reveille resounded across the valley.

Rev. J. A. Matheson and Rev. R. McMillan, ministers at Dallas, conducted the service of dedication, arrangements for were made by Mr Stark.

Relatives of the dead later paid their personal tributes to the memorial.

The names inscribed on the tablet are:- F./Sgt. John A. Dunbar, R.A.F.; A.C.2. Alexander Gow, R.A.F.; Pte. George A. Perrie, 5/7 Bn. Gordon Highlanders, and Pte. John Grant, Army Catering Corps.'

In Honour of the Men
of Dallas Parish
whose names are inscribed
on this memorial.
They Gave Their Lives
In The Great War
1914-1919.

See ye to it that these
shall not have died in vain.

Lt. J. Sutherland Brown, 3rd Nig. Regt.
Sgt. Thomas Brown, M.M., 6th Sea. Hrs.
Sgt. David Denoon, 4th Gord. Hrs.
Sgt. Alexr James, 48th Canadians.
Cpl. Richard E. Bisset, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Cpl. Lawrence Grigor, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Cpl. William C. Watt, 6th Sea. Hrs.
L/Cpl. John D. Morgan, 23rd R. Fus.
L/Cpl. William A. Ross, 2nd Sea. Hrs.
Gr. William Walker, R.F.A.
Pte. Frank Gordon, 1st Sea. Hrs.
Pte. William Allan, 2nd Sea. Hrs.
Pte. William Innes, 2nd Sea. Hrs.
Pte. George Grant, 4th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. David Allan, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. Joseph Allan, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. Willm Bluntach, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. David Ettles, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. George Grigor, 6th Sea, Hdrs.
Pte. John MacDonald, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. John Macintosh, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. John MacLean, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. James Munro, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. James Petrie, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. Alexander B. Ross, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. Alexander G. Roy, 6th Sea. Hrs.
Pte. George Jamieson, 8th Sea. Hrs.

Pte. John Stephen, 4th Cam'n. Hrs.
Pte. John Rothnie, 5th Cam'm. Hrs.
Pte. Alexr Walker, 4th Gord. Hrs.
Pte. J. Walker Clark, 2nd B. Watch.
Pte. Alexr Jack, 12th H.L.I.
Pte. Alexr Garrow, 8th P.O. Rifles.
Pte. William Grigor, 10th Canadians.
Pte. Lachlan Fraser, 13th Canadians.
Pte. Magnus H. Brown, 50th Canadians.
Pte. Andrew Izatt, 50th Canadians.
Pte. Andrew Sutherland, 27th Australs.
Pte. Alexr C. Cooper, New Zealanders.

In memory of the Men
Who gave their lives
In the Second World War
1939 - 1945

F/Sgt. John A. Dunbar, R.A.F.
A.C.2. Alexander Gow, R.A.F.
Pte. George A. Perrie, 5/7th Gord. Hrs.
Pte. John Grant, Catering Corps.

The Roll of the Fallen 1914-1918

David Allan

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 3) as follows: 'No. 265976, Pte., 4th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Marydale of Newton, Parish of Spynie, 29th March, 1892; joined at Elgin, Nov. 1914; served in France and Belgium; killed 2nd August 1917, Belgium. Son of Alexander and Isabella Allan, East Edinvale, Dallas. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 26, Private 265976, 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium, panel 38. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly 2731 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, and later 265976 of the 4th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin and Nairn Gazette* of 29th August 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Private D. Allan, Seaforths. Private David Allan, Seaforth Highlanders, son of Mr and Mrs Allan, Edinvale, Dallas, has been killed in action. He was 25 years of age, and formerly worked with his father on the farm.'

Recorded on family headstone in Dallas Churchyard of 'In memory of Alexander Allan who died 11.2.1947 aged 86. And his wife Isabella Masson who died 28.12.1954 aged 91. And their sons Joseph, 2/6th Seaforth Highlanders, who died 15.2.1915 aged 21. Private David Allan, 4th Seaforth highlanders, who was killed in action at Ypres 2.8.1917 aged 25. And their daughter Mary, wife of Malcolm Douglas, who died 12.12.1941 aged 45.'

Joseph Allan

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 5) as follows: 'No. 2678, 2/6th Seaforths; born at Marydale of Newton, Parish of Spynie, 29th March, 1892; joined at Elgin, Nov. 1914; died on service, 15th Feb. 1915, at Edinvale. Son of Alexander and Isabella Allan, East Edinvale, Dallas. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 2678, 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, buried at Dallas Parish Churchyard, Dallas R. 29. (On East boundary). Not listed in Medal Roll in National Archives as did not serve abroad.

Death certificate indicates that he died of cerebro-spinal fever of 1½ days at Edinvale, Dallas (usual address Burgh of Elgin), son of Alexander Allan, Farmer and Isabella Allan nee Masson. Informant was his brother Alexander Allan. Occupation stated as Private 6th (Service) Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courier & Courant* of 26th February 1915 of the following: 'Allan – Suddenly, at Echinvale, Dallas, on the 15th inst. Private Joseph Allan, fourth and beloved son of Mr and Mrs Allan, aged 20 years.'

Recorded on headstone in Dallas Churchyard of '2678 Private J. Allan, Seaforth Highlanders 15.2.1915.' Also recorded on family headstone (see above entry).

William Allan

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 6) as follows: 'No. 13510, Pte., 6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Bodnamuir, Kellas, 11th March, 1898; joined at Elgin, 1916; served in France; killed in action at Arras, 15th August 1917. Son of John and Barbara Allan, Huntly. Occupation, ploughman.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private S/13510, 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, died 5th August 1917, buried at Roeux British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, row A, grave 52. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly S/13510 of the 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Reported in the *Elgin Courant & Courier* of 24th August 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Pte. Wm. Allan, Kellas. To Mr and Mrs Allan, Bodnamuir, Kellas, has come the sad intelligence that their second son, Pte. Wm. Allan, Seaforth Highlanders, has been killed in action. Pte. Allan, who was only 19 years of age, and a general favourite in the district, crossed over to France little more than two months before. The chaplain writes to Mrs Allan – "He was hit by the explosion of a shell and was instantaneously killed, There was no suffering, just a swift, lightning death. His body was carried down the trench and buried in our trench cemetery. You may feel proud of a son who died the noblest death that man can die, gaining the highest honour a man can win, in laying down his life for his country and home. A cross will be put on his grave tomorrow." The sympathy of the entire district goes out to the parents of the deceased lad, who, on account of his quiet, unassuming manner and unfailing good nature, had endeared himself to everybody. An older brother is on foreign service with the R.G.A.'

Also commemorated on the Kellas War Memorial.

Richard Edwin Bisset

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, page 28) as follows: 'No. 266033, Cpl; 2/6th Seaforths; born at Station Buildings, Findhorn, 24th August 1895; joined at Elgin, 1st Dec. 1914; served in France with 1/6th Batt. Seaforths for over 2 years; killed in action near Rheims, between 20th and 26th July, 1918. Son of John (deceased) and Elsie Bisset, Station Buildings, Findhorn. Occupation, carpenter.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being buried at Marfaux British Cemetery, Marne, France, section VII row J grave 3. Parent address given as Station Place, Findhorn. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly 2847 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders with rank as Acting/Corporal.

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin and Nairn Gazette* of 7th August 1918 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Private Richard Bisset, Seaforths. Mrs Bisset, Findhorn, has been informed that her son, Private Richard Bisset, Seaforths, has been killed in action. Before enlisting he was employed as a carpenter at Dallas.'

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courier & Courant* of 30th August 1918 of the following: 'Bisset – Killed in action in France, Lance-Corporal Richard Edwin Bisset (Dick), youngest son of the late John Bisset and Mrs Bisset, Station Place, Findhorn – dearly loved and deeply regretted.'

Recorded on family headstone at Kinloss Abbey of 'In memory of Alexander Bisset who died at Findhorn 31.12.89 aged 52. His sons Alexander who died 10.4.1876 aged 15, Joseph, Assoc. R.C.S; PHAS; M.R.A.S.E; who died 15.2.1897 aged 33. Margaret Brown, his spouse, who died 23.12.17 aged 84. John who died at Findhorn 5.7.1905. His sons Alexander who died at Cottage Hospital, Marabea, Australia, 25.3.1905, George killed in action 9.9.16, Richard also killed in action 24.7.1918. Elsie Anderson, widow of John Bisset, who died 3.5.1940 aged 84.'

Also commemorated on the Findhorn War Memorial.

William Bluntach

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 29) as follows: 'No. 41453, Pte., 1/6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Kellas, Dallas Parish, Nov. 8th 1899; joined at Nairn, March 8th 1917; served in France; presumed killed. Son of Alexander & Margaret Bluntach, Clach Connachie, Kellas, Dallas Parish. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private S/41453, aged 19, died 14th April 1918, commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, panel 9.

Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly 126376 of the Lovat Scouts, 31821 of the Cameron Highlanders and latterly S/41453 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Death Notice in the *Northern Scot* of 13th September 1919 of the following: 'Bluntach – Previously reported missing, now reported presumed killed between 9th and 14th April 1918, Pte Wm Bluntach, Seaforth Highlanders, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Bluntach, Connachie, Kellas – deeply regretted.'

Recorded on family headstone in Dallas Churchyard as 'Erected by Alexander Bluntach, Farmer, Kellas, in memory of his father Alexander Bluntach who died at Forres 17.9.1893 aged 74. Also Alexander son of the said Alexander Bluntach died 17.3.1894 aged 8 months.'

Also John Alexander son of the said Alexander Bluntoch who died 2.10.1902 aged 8 months. Also William son of the said Alexander Bluntoch killed in action, France, between 12th and 14th April, 1918 aged 18. Also Thomas, brother of the said Alexander Bluntoch who died at Kellas 22.11.1922 aged 66. And of the said Alexander Bluntoch who died 7.7.1941 aged 87. His wife Margaret Brown who died 15.11.1954 aged 91.'

Also commemorated on the Kellas War Memorial.

James Sutherland Brown

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 36) as follows: 'Lieut., 3rd Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force; born at The Manse, Dallas, May 2nd 1881; joined at Northern Province, Nigeria, West Africa, March 1917; served in East Africa; killed in action near Lindi, East Africa, 30th Sept. 1917. Son of Rev. John Low Brown, The Manse, Dallas and Amy D. Sutherland or Brown (deceased). Occupation, Assistant Director of Public Works Department, Nigeria.'

Biography in *Elgin Academy Magazine* of April 1922 as follows: 'Lieutenant 3rd Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force; eldest son of the Rev. J. L. Brown, Dallas; born at the Manse of Dallas 2nd May 1881; was Assistant Director of Public Works Department, Nigeria, on outbreak of war; joined at Northern Providence, West Africa, March, 1917; went to East Africa where he took part in the fighting that accompanied the rounding up of the German forces remaining there; killed in action near Lundi, East Africa, 30th September 1917.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Special List attached 3rd Nigeria Regiment, W.A.F.F., commemorated on the Dar Es Salaam British and Indian Memorial, Tanzania. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being Temp Lieutenant General List employed King's African Rifles, West African Field Force attached Nigeria Regiment awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Noted as killed in action. Address for correspondence given as The Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4 Millbank, Westminster, SW1.

Unfortunately his service sheet and details of his commission are missing from his Military Service Papers in the National Archives at Kew (Ref. WO339/137255). Noted as missing 30 September 1917 3rd Lincolns attached 3rd Nigerian Regiment in telegram of 3 October 1917 to the War Office. Letter of 16 January 1918 notes him as 'District Engineer in the Public Works Department of Nigeria'. Death certificate notes him to have been killed in action at Hyngedi, East Africa on 30 September 1917.

Reported in the *Supplement to the London Gazette* of 4th July 1917 page 6651 – 'The undermentioned to be temp. Lts. whilst empld. with W. Afr. Frontier Force for service with Carrier Corps: - J. S. Brown. 16th Feb. 1917.'

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 24th October 1917 of the following: 'Roll of honour. Missing. Lieut. James S. Brown, Dallas. Rev. J. L. Brown, the Manse, Dallas, has received intimation that his eldest son, Lieut. James Sutherland Brown, has been posted missing since September 30. Educated at Dallas and Elgin Academ. Lieut. Brown was for a time in the office of Messrs Mackenzie & Grant, solicitors, Forres. He then proceeded to South Africa, where he engaged in engineering work. Afterwards he obtained an appointment in Portuguese West Africa, and while there received an important Government situation in

the Public Works Department of Nigeria. He received his commission a few months ago, and was drafted to German East Africa, where he took part in the recent fighting. Much sympathy is felt for Mr Brown and family in their anxiety. Another son was killed in Flanders over a year ago, while two others are serving with the forces, one in King Edward's Horse and the other as a doctor with the Army Medical Corps in East Africa.'

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 13th February 1918 of the following: 'The Late Lieutenant J. S. Brown, Dallas. Deep regret was felt in the Dallas district when it became known that Lieutenant James Sutherland Brown, West African Forces, reported as missing on September 3, 1917, is now officially reported killed on that date. Lieut. Brown, who held an important appointment in the Public Works Department, Nigeria, last year received his commission in the West African Frontier Force, and proceeded to East Africa, where he took part in the fighting that accompanied the rounding up of the German Forces remaining there. Major Beattie, of the Colonial Office Staff, now writes of him as follows:- "I have lost a friend, the West African Frontier Force a most popular officer, and Nigeria a faithful servant." Lieut. Brown was the eldest son of Rev. J. L. Brown, Dallas, and the deepest sympathy is felt for Mr Brown and the family. Another son, Private Magnus Harold Brown, of the Canadian Infantry, was killed in Flanders in August 1916. Three other sons are serving - Dr Robert Walker Brown, of the R.A.M.C. is at present invalided from East Africa; Ian A. Brown is in the Inns of Court O.T.C; and the youngest and sixth son, Sutherland Brown, has just joined the R.F.C. George Gordon Brown, late private in King Edward's Horse, has received his discharge owing to blindness, the effect of shell shock.'

Also commemorated on the Elgin Academy War Memorial.

Magnus Harold Brown

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 36) as follows: 'No. 435261, Pte., 50th Battalion Canadian Infantry; born at The Manse, Dallas, Oct 28th 1894; joined at Alberta, Canada, June 1915; served in France; killed in action near Ypres, 31st August 1916. Son of Rev. John Low Brown, The Manse, Dallas and Amy D. Sutherland or Brown (deceased). Occupation, ranching.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 21, buried at Ridge Wood Military Cemetery, Voormezele, Belgium, section III, row G, grave 6.

Canadian Archives (RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 1169-3, Item 69717) his attestation paper shows he enlisted 1st June 1915 at Calgary where he gave his occupation as Farmer, with next of kin being his father Rev. John L. Brown. Summary of Service - Sailed from Halifax 27 October 1915 on the "Orduna" arrived England 4 November 1915, arrived France 11 August 1916, killed in action 31 August 1916. In his will left his estate to his father. Awarded British War and Victory Medals. Latest Address (1925) of Ian Charles Brown, 36 Carless, Avenue, Harborne, Birmingham, England. Canadian Circumstances of Death Registers (Ref: Volume 31829_B016723) note him as 'killed in action'.

Reported in the *Forres News* of 23rd September 1916 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Private M. Brown. Much sympathy has been expressed for Rev. J. L. Brown, Dallas, on the death in action of his fifth son, Private Magnus Brown, Canadian Infantry. He was educated at Dallas Public School and Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, then proceeding to Canada, where he was engaged in farming. When war broke out he joined the colours, and

afterwards came to this country with the second contingent. Pte. Brown had been in France only a few days when he met his death.'

Thomas B. Brown M.M.

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 6) as follows: 'No. 265375, Sgt., 6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Forfar, 1889; employed on Innes Estate and at Kellas as gamekeeper for several years prior to outbreak of war; mobilized, August 1914; served in France, killed at Arras, 12-16th May, 1917; awarded Military Medal. Occupation, gamekeeper.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 30, died 14th May 1917, buried at Brown's Copse Cemetery, Roeux, France, section II, row A, grave 3. Son of Thomas and E. Brown, of Burnside Cottage, Meigle, Perthshire. Born at Nether Mill, Alyth Junction, Perthshire. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 1st May 1915. Formerly 1644 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. Noted as killed in action. Award of Military Medal was announced in the *Supplement to the London Gazette* on 18th June 1917, page 6018.

Reported in the *Elgin Courant & Courier* of 18th May 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Sergt. T. Brown, Kellas. In the midst of so many casualties (writes our Kellas correspondent) it is pleasing to get some good news from the field of battle. The many friends of Sergt. Thomas Brown will be pleased to know that he has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry on the field. Sergt. Brown, who was mobilised as a Territorial in the 1/6th Seaforths at the beginning of the war, and who has been in France for two years, was, in civil life, gamekeeper to Mr T. N. Christie in Kellas. Previous to that he was employed at Innes House, and is well known in Elgin and district. He was decorated on the 4th of May, and the news comes as good hearing to the inhabitants of Kellas, by whom Sergt. Brown is held in very great esteem. Two other brothers are serving with the colours – one is in France with the Royal Engineers, while a younger one is in training with the Lovat Scouts.'

Reported in the *Elgin Courant & Courier* of 25th May 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Sergt. T. Brown, Kellas. News has just been received at Blackhills House that Sergt. Thomas Brown, Kellas, was killed in action on Saturday, 12th May. It was only a couple of weeks ago that his name appeared as having done so splendidly in the severe fighting on the 9th and 23rd April, through which he came without a scratch. He was twice recommended for the D.C.M., and got the M.M. for the first day, and it has not been intimated what he was to get for the second. Captain A. G. Peter, R.A.M.C., who intimates the sad occurrence, relates that on the 12th, early morning, they moved into an aid post, and he goes on the say – "I am more sorry than I can say to tell you that poor Sergt. Tom Brown was killed by a shell while going in with his platoon. I should not have minded so much if it had been in open battle, but to be struck down by an unknown foe, possibly five miles away, seems always a hard dispensation of Providence. He was buried a few hundred yards from the Aid Post in a little wood, which will be a British cemetery. Poor fellow, he was a brave, fearless soldier, on whose courage and resource his company commander could always depend, and he was immensely liked by the other men"

Sergt. Brown being a Territorial, joined up on the declaration of war, and when the battalion went to the front he proved his value as a sniper, for he was a first-rate shot, and earned his stripes. He was well known in the district, for he was for some time an assistant keeper at Innes house when Mr James Davidson was tenant there, and he became keeper at Kellas when Mr T. N. Christie purchased that property. Mr Christie and the whole household at Blackhills held him in the highest estimation. He was the son of Mrs Brown, Glen-Luie, Meigle.'

Also commemorated on the Kellas War Memorial.

John Walker Clark

Not recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921). Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private S/6707, 2nd Battalion Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), aged 31, died 13th March 1915, commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, panels 24 to 26. Son of John and Grace Walker Clark. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 18th March 1915. Noted as killed in action 13th May 1915.

Also commemorated on the Keith War Memorial.

Alexander 'Alick' Campbell Cooper

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 65) as follows: 'No. 41740, Pte., New Zealand Regt.; born at Dallas, 11th May 1892; joined in New Zealand, Jan. 1916; served in England; died at Tidworth Military Hospital, 28th Feb. 1918. Son of David and Flora Cooper, 114b High Street, Elgin. Occupation, shepherd.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 41740, Wellington Regiment, aged 25, buried at Tidworth Military Cemetery, Tidworth, Wiltshire, UK, section C, grave 306. Son of Mr and Mrs David Cooper, Furnace, Argyll; Husband of A. C. Cooper, Huntley School, Marton, Wanganui.

New Zealand Archives (Ref. R21897143) his attestation paper shows he enlisted 18th December 1916 at Masterton where he gave his occupation as Shearer, with next of kin being his wife Mrs A. C. Cooper, Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt, NZ. Stated as being in New Zealand 9 years. Stated as last address as Clareville with last employer of W. Bey, Gladstone. Married his wife Constance Pollington at Wellington Registrar Office 20 October 1915, daughter Flora Cooper born 15 September 1916 at Masterton. Wife's last address given as 270 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui in 1922. Summary of Service – Posted to B Company 24th Reinforcements NZEF 2 January 1917, embarked from Wellington 5 April 1917, disembarked at Devonport H.T. 'Devon' 11 June 1917, 13 October 1917 classed as unfit for further service (Medical Records indicate right shoulder dislocated on 'numerous occasions'), 21 February 1918 admitted to Tidworth Military Hospital, died at Brimstone Bottom Isolation Hospital, Tidworth with measles and pulmonary bronchitis pneumonia. New Zealand Archives notes him being awarded British War Medal.

Reported in the *Wanganui Herald* of the 6th March 1918 of the following: 'Wellington, March 6. The following reported died of sickness:- Private Cooper (Lower Hutt).'

Also commemorated on the Elgin War Memorial.

David Denoon M.M.

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 88) as follows: 'No. S/40914, Cpl., 1/6th Gordon Highlanders; born at Mosstowie, Elgin Parish, Sept. 8th 1892; joined at Glasgow, Feb. 26th 1916; served in France; twice wounded, awarded Military Medal. Son of David and Jessie Denoon, Easter Kellas, Kellas, Dallas Parish. Occupation, iron hardener.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Serjeant, 1/4th Battalion Gordon Highlanders, aged 26, died 2nd June 1919, buried at Cologne Southern Cemetery, Germany, section IX, row E, grave 4. Son of David and Jessie Denoon, of Moss of Meft, Urquhart, Morayshire. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly S/27184 of the 7th Cameron Highlanders with rank of Corporal, S/40914 of the 6th Battalion Gordon Highlanders, and latterly Acting Sergeant of the 6/7th Battalion Gordon Highlanders.

Surviving Service papers in the National Archives shows he enlisted in the 2/2 Lovat Scouts (1st Yeomanry Cyclist Regiment) on 8 Dec 1915 with No. 6258 at Glasgow. Gave address as George Street, Colvilewell, Glasgow W with occupation of steel hardener. Stated formerly served 1 year in the 6th Seaforth Highlanders. Next-of-kin given as his father David Denoon, Easter Kellas. Family stated as Jessie Denoon, mother, Easter Kellas, Robert Denoon, 24, c/o Post Office Lumsden, Southland, New Zealand, William Denoon, 21, Easter Kellas, James Denoon, 10, Easter Kellas, Helen Denoon, 19, Baile-ur, Elgin, Jessie Denoon, 17, Easter Kellas and Mary Denoon, 14, Easter Kellas.

Mobilised 22 Feb 1916 at Glasgow, 16 Dec 1916 transferred to 3rd Cameron Highlanders S/27184 when stationed at Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk, transferred to 7th Cameron Highlanders same day, transferred to Gordon Highlanders 19 Mar 1917, appointed paid Lance-Corporal 7 Jun 1918, appointed Acting-Sergeant 12 May 1919, died at 11 Stationary Hospital, Duren, Germany.

Award of Military Medal was announced in the *Supplement to the London Gazette* on 6th July 1917, page 6828. Service papers indicate award for 'Bravery in the Field'.

Death Notice in the *Northern Scot* of 7th June 1919 of the following: 'Denoon – At Duren, Germany, on 2nd inst; of pneumonia, Sergt. David Denoon, eldest son of David Denoon, East Kellas, Dallas.'

Recorded on family headstone in Elgin Cemetery of 'In memory of Sergeant David Denoon who died 2.6.1919 aged 26 years. And Alice Murdoch Denoon who died 27.1.1933 aged 31 years. Their father David Denoon who died 23.10.1945 aged 78 years. Their mother Jessie Murdoch who died 2.1.1956 aged 89 years.'

Also commemorated on the Kellas War Memorial.

David Ettles

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 107) as follows: 'No. 266687, Pte., 6th Seaforths; born at Westerton Lodge, Pluscarden, 24th April 1894; joined at Fort George, 10th April 1915; served in France; killed, 9th April 1917, on the Somme. Son of Peter and Margaret Ettles, Slackend, Dallas. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 23, buried at Roclincourt Valley Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, section II, row H, grave 4. Son of Peter Ettles, of Slackend, Dallas. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and

Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly 4002 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 16th May 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Pte. David Ettles, Dallas. Official information has reached Mr and Mrs Ettles, Slackend, Dallas, that their son, Private David Ettles, Lewis Machine Gun Section, Seaforth Highlanders, was killed in action on 9th April. Private Ettles was in the service of Messrs J. & W. Campbell, Breach, previous to his joining the Army. The chaplain of the battalion to which Private Ettles belonged sent a very sympathetic letter to his parents.'

Recorded on family headstone in Dallas Churchyard of 'Erected by Peter and Margaret Ettles, in memory of the family, Margaret and Jane, who died in infancy, interred Urquhart. Private David, killed in action at Vimy Ridge, 8.4.1917 aged 23 years. Rosie, died Forres, 23.6.1917 aged 12 years. Also Margaret Rose, wife of Peter Ettles died 11.2.1948 aged 78 years. And the said Peter Ettles, died Gray's Hospital, Elgin, 25.1.1956 aged 81 years.'

Lachlan Fraser

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 126) as follows: 'No. 426540, Pte., 46th Battn. Canadian E.F.; born at Edinkillie, 27th May 1881; joined at Saskatchewan, June 1915; served in France; killed near Ypres, 27th June, 1916. Son John Fraser (deceased), Lurg, Dunphail. Occupation, farmer.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 42654, 13th Battalion Canadian Infantry, aged 35, commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium, panels 24 - 26 - 28 - 30.

Canadian Archives (RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 3287-28, Item 399519) indicates he enlisted 7th April 1915 at Regina where he gave his occupation as Labourer, with next of kin being his father Mr J. Fraser, Dunphail, Elginshire. Stated as born at Dunphail, Elginshire. Summary of Service – Sailed from Halifax 21 October 1915 on the "Lapland" arrived Devenport 30 October 1915, arrived France 16 June 1916, taken on strength 17 June 1916, killed in action 27 June 1916. Awarded British War and Victory Medals. In his will left his estate (Savings Account £161.3.2, Insurance Policy £62.11.0 & Army Pay £22.0.2, total £245.14.4) to his brothers (John, Alex, James, William, David and Robert) £15 each, to his sisters (Maggie and Barbara) £20 each and to his Aunt (Elizabeth Findlay) £20 with the remainder of his estate going to his sister Barbara. His brother John being executor. Canadian Circumstances of Death Registers (Ref: Volume 31829_B016744) note him as 'killed in action'. Unit was in trenches near Zillebeke at time of death.

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin and Nairn Gazette* of 26th July 1916 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Private L. Fraser. News has been received by the relatives of Private Lachlan Fraser, Dallas, that he was killed on June 27. Private Fraser came over with the 46th Canadian Infantry, and was for a short time training in England. He was however, drafted to the Royal Highlanders, Canadian 1st Division, and had only been on active service for ten days when he was killed. Much sympathy is felt for his relatives.'

Also commemorated on the Edinkillie War Memorial.

Alexander Garrow

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 133) as follows: 'No. 372634, Pte., 2/8th Post Office Rifles; born at Woodside, Dallas, Forres, 25th May 1892; joined at Fort George, 8th Feb. 1916; served in France; reported missing, 30th Oct. 1917, afterwards presumed killed on that date. Son of Alexander and Jane Garrow, Woodside, Dallas, Forres. Occupation, postman.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Rifleman 372634, 2/8th London Regiment (Post Office Rifles), died 30th October 1917, commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, panel 150 to 151. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly Rifleman 5393 of the 8th London Rifles. Noted as D.P 30th Oct 1917. In France from 4th Feb 1917 to 30th Oct 1917.

Reported in *The Northern Scot* of 3rd August 1918 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Private A. Garrow, Dallas. Mr and Mrs Garrow, Woodside, Dallas, have received official intimation that their only son, Alick, who was previously reported missing, is now presumed to be dead. Private Garrow, who was 26 years of age, and who in private life was a postman, joined the London Regiment (Post Office Rifles) in February, 1916. After being trained in England, he went to France in January, 1917, and took part in the heavy fighting of last year. In the attack which preceded the taking of the Paschendael Ridge by the Canadians in October Private Garrow's regiment suffered severely, and it was then that he was reported missing. Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Garrow in their bereavement.'

Recorded on family headstone in Dallas Churchyard of 'John Garrow, Mason, Woodside, Dallas, died 5.7.1881 aged 61. His wife Elizabeth Mitchell died 29.5.1860 aged 34. Their children William died aged 7 years, and John aged 5, both drowned in the Lossie at Torcastle 3.5.1856. Also Jane Douglas, wife of Alexander Garrow, who died 20.11.1920 aged 63. Their children John died 29.12.1889 aged 22 months and Alexander was killed in action in Flanders, 30.10.1917 aged 25. The said Alexander Garrow died 10.9.1931 aged 75. Annie Garrow died in R.N.I., Inverness, 21.11.1946 aged 62.'

Frank Gordon

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 143) as follows: 'No. 9275, Pte., Seaforths; born at The Village, Dallas, 21st Feb. 1891; joined at Fort George; served in India, France, and Persia; killed at the Persian Gulf, April 6th 1916. Son of Frank Gordon and Margaret Stuart or Gordon.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 9275, 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 29, commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq, panel 37 and 64. Son of Mrs. Margaret McMillan Gordon. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 23rd August 1914. Formerly 9275 of the 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders and latterly 9275 of the 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courier & Courant* of 9th June 1916 of the following: 'Gordon – Killed in action on 6th April 1916, No.9275, Private Frank Gordon, Seaforth Highlanders, grandson of the late Alex. Stewart, Shoemaker, Dallas.'

George Grant

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 154) as follows: 'No. 2398, Pte., 1/6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Kellas, Dallas Parish, March 24th 1896; joined at Elgin, Sept 19th 1914; served in France; killed in action in France, April, 1917. Son of George and Margaret Grant, Kellas, Dallas Parish. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 265811 4th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 21, died 19th April 1917, buried at St. Nicolas British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, section I, row F, grave 8. Son of George Grant, of Bands, Kellas, Elgin. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly 2398 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 11th May 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Pte. G. Grant, Kellas. Mr and Mrs Grant, The Bauds, Kellas, have received the sad intelligence that their eldest son, Pte. Geo. Grant, Seaforths, has fallen on the field of battle. Pte. Grant was a promising young fellow, and was very popular in the district on account of his bright, cheery manner. He enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war, and proceeded to France with the Morayshire Seaforths in May, 1915. For thirteen months he did his duty there, during which time he received a slight wound. At the end of that time he came home for some months, thereafter proceeding to Ripon for fresh training. At the beginning of March he again crossed to France; and now comes the sad news that he was killed by the bursting of a shell on the 19th of April while carrying in the wounded. Pte. Grant is the sixth Kellas man to give his life in the service of his country. Four of these fell on the battlefield of France, one died while in training at Bedford, while another died of wounds received in action at the Persian Gulf. The sympathy of the whole district goes out to the sorrowing relatives of these brave lads, who have shown their courage and steadfastness by making the noblest sacrifice that it is possible for man to make.'

Also commemorated on the Kellas War Memorial.

George Grigor

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 166) as follows: 'No. 3158, Pte., 3/6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at New Elgin, 28th Sept 1891; joined at Elgin, 12th June 1915; served in France; killed at Beaumont Hamel, 13th Nov. 1916. Occupation, ploughman.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 3158, 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, buried at Maily Wood Cemetery, Maily-Maillet, Somme, France, section I, row G, grave 26. Son of Mrs. L. Campbell, of Ditchland, Dallas, Forres. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 3rd September 1915. Noted as killed in action.

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 6th December 1916 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Pte. G. Grigor, Dallas. Mrs Campbell, Ditchhead, Dallas, has heard from her son, Private Gordon Grigor, Seaforth Highlanders, that his brother, Private George Grigor, of the same regiment, was killed in the recent battle. Pte. George Grigor joined his battalion soon after it was raised, and went across with the first draft sent forward to France, after only a short training. He had thus been at the front over a year. In civil life Private Grigor worked his mother's croft.'

Lawrence James Grigor

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 167) as follows: 'No. 2779, Cpl., 6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Dallas, 22nd April 1894; joined at Elgin, 30th Nov. 1914; served in France; killed at Beaumont Hamel, 13th Nov. 1916. Son of John Grigor, Haughland, Elgin and Betsy Cameron or Grigor. Occupation, mason.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 2779, 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, buried at Mailly Wood Cemetery, Mailly-Maillet, Somme, France, section I, row E, grave 9. Son of Mr J. Grigor, of Haughland, Elgin. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Rank noted as Acting Corporal.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courier & Courant* of 8th December 1916 of the following: 'Grigor – Killed in action on the 15th November, Lance-Corpl, Lawrence Grigor, Seaforth Highlanders, third son of John Gow, Haughland, Elgin, aged 22 years.'

Commemorated on family headstone at Dallas Churchyard – see below entry.

Also commemorated on the Elgin and Miltonduff War Memorials.

William Grigor

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 167) as follows: 'No. 19063, Pte., Canadians; born at Dallas, 25th Nov. 1889; joined in Canada, 1914; served in France; died of gunshot wounds at Bailleul, France, 12th March, 1916. Son of John Grigor, Haughland, Elgin and Betsy Cameron or Grigor.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being W Gregor, Private 19863, 1st Ammunition Park Canadian Army Service Corps, buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France, section II, row C, grave 216.

Canadian Archives (RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 3808-3, Item 430472) his attestation paper shows he enlisted 22 September 1914 as Pte 19853 in the 103rd Regiment at Valcartier, where he gave his occupation as Stonemason, with next of kin being his father Mr John Gregor, Haughland, Fleenas, Elgin. Stated as born Elgin on 25 November 1890. Formerly served 3 years in 2nd Scottish Horse. Summary of Service – Transferred to 10th Battalion Canadian Infantry, Sailed from Canada 3 Oct 1914, 28/29 January 1915 forfeited 2 days' pay, arrived France 15 February 1915, admitted to No.13 General Hospital Boulogne 21 February 1915 sick (gonorrhoea), transferred to No.9 Stationary Hospital, Harve being discharged 23 March 1915; wounded gunshot wound to knee 24 April 1915 admitted No.1 Canadian Stationary Hospital, returned to Field 5 July 1915; Transferred to Canadian Army Service Park 15 December 1915, 27 December 1915 was awarded 28 days Field Punishment No.1 (for being absent from parade, drunk, in town without a pass); wounded 10 March 1916 and died 12 March 1916 at No.2 Casualty Clearing Station. Awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals. Canadian Circumstances of Death Registers (Ref: Volume 31829_B016687) note him as 'Died of wounds' (gunshot wounds abdomen) at No.2 Casualty Clearing Station.

Reported in *The Northern Scot* of 1st April 1916 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Private William Grigor, Elgin. Mr John Grigor, contractor, Haughland, Elgin, has received official information from the War Office that his son, Private William Grigor, of the Canadians, has died of wounds. The information was conveyed in the following letter from

the Canadian Record Office – “It is my painful duty to inform you that a report has been received from the War Office notifying the death of Private W. Grigor, and I am to express to you the sympathy and regret of the Military Council at your loss. The cause of death was ‘gunshot wound, abdomen.’”

Last week Mr Grigor received a letter from the sister in charge, L. E. Jolley, dated March 12, saying – “Dear Mr Grigor, I am sorry to tell you your son has been brought in here to No.2 Casualty Clearing Station, severely wounded in the abdomen, and is in a very critical condition. Everything possible is being done for him, and we are making him as happy and comfortable as we can. I trust I may be able to give you better news of his condition, but at present all I can say is he is just holding his own and no more, and the doctor thinks very seriously of him.”

Next day he received another letter from Nurse Jolley, dated March 13, intimating his son’s death. The letter stated – “Dear Mr Grigor, I am very sorry to tell you your son, Private Grigor, passed peacefully away last night at ten minutes past ten. Everything possible was done to try to save him, but he was too badly wounded to recover. The poor fellow was conscious to within a very short time of the end. He will be buried tomorrow in a part of the cemetery here reserved for our brave troops, and a little wooden cross bearing the name and date marks each resting place. The name of the place and the number of his grave will be sent to you later from headquarters.”

Private Grigor was 26 years of age, and was for some time in Canada. Before emigrating he was employed as a mason with his father.

Mr Grigor has every reason to be proud of his family, all the male members of which are serving in the forces. Private A. Grigor is on active service with the Canadians, Private John Grigor with the Royal Engineers, and Private Lawrence Gregor with the 2/6th Seaforths.’

Recorded on family headstone in Dallas Churchyard as ‘East Face – Sacred to the memory of Betsy Cameron, the beloved wife of John Grigor who died at Village of Dallas, 18th August 1898, aged 35 years. Also of his son David Cumming Grigor, who was accidentally drowned while bathing in Lossie at Haughland, Elgin on the 9th July 1911, aged 15 years. The said John Grigor Builder Elgin, who died 27th August 1926, aged 73 years. North Face – And of his sons Private William Grigor 1st Divisional Ammunition Park C.A.S.C. formerly 1st Battalion, died of wounds in the 12th day of March 1916, and is buried in Bailleul, cemetery extension, aged 26 years. And of Laurence Grigor who was killed in action at Beaumont Hamel, on the 13th Novr 1916, aged 22 years. South Face – Also Margaret Murdoch, widow of the said John Grigor who died at Elgin, 28th Novr 1947, aged 83 years.’

Also commemorated on the Elgin and Miltonduff War Memorials.

William Innes

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 187) as follows: ‘No. 1319, Pte., 2nd Seaforth Highlanders; born at Blackdam, Fochabers, 21st Sept., 1896; joined at Elgin, 14th Jan., 1914; served in France; killed in action in France. Son of John Innes, Alves, Alves Parish, and Bella Watt or Innes (both deceased). Occupation, farm servant.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 19, 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, died 5th March 1916, buried at Amara War Cemetery, Iraq, section II, row B, grave 3. Son of John and Isabella Watt Innes. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him

being awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 18th December 1914. Noted as died of wounds. Formerly 139 of the 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders and latterly of the 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Reported in *The Northern and Moray & Nairn Express* of 25th March 1916 of the following: 'Local Casualties. Private William Innes, Kellas. Mr and Mrs Allan, The Point, Kellas, have received the sad news that Private William Innes 91319), 1st Seaforth Highlanders, has died from wounds in Mesopotamia. He was wounded at the Persian Gulf on January 7, and died on March 5. Private Innes was a young soldier of great promise. He was only 19 years of age, and joined the Seaforths before the war broke out. He was an orphan, and his death has caused profound sorrow to Mr and Mrs Allan, who brought him up.

In the earlier stages of the war Private Innes was wounded in France. While in hospital at Birkenhead he came under the notice of a well-known citizen of that town, Dr Thomas S, Floyd, with whom he became a great favourite. On receiving the intimation of his death, Dr Floyd was deeply grieved, and wrote to Mr Allan as follows:- "Dear Mr Allan, I received your letter this morning, and so full of sorrow at the very sad news that I hardly know what to say. I was half expecting it, and yet I hoped, with his young and strong constitution, that with God's help he might have pulled through. It has been ordained otherwise. Willie was a dear, food, warm-hearted and affectionate lad, and I was most devoted to him and loved him dearly. We had many a pleasant little outing together, and we both looked forward to many more. To have known him was a true pleasure, and to have lost him will ever be to me an abiding sorrow. I have prayed night and morning for Willie ever since he left for France that he might be spared, but God knows best, and all we can long for now is that we may yet meet him where sorrow is unknown. Have you heard from him since he went to Mesopotamia? My last letter was written when he was 19 days at sea. In calling at the hospital today, I told the sister of his ward, and she was truly sorry to hear of his death. He was a great favourite there. I will be greatly indebted to you for any further news you may hear of him. Thanks so much for your kind letter. With a very sorrowful heart, I remain, your very sincerely, Dr Thomas S. Floyd.'

Also commemorated on the Kellas War Memorial.

Andrew Izatt

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 187) as follows: 'No. 434940, Pte., 50th Btn. Canadian Infantry; born at Dallas, 1st Nov. 1890; joined at Calgary, Feb. 1915; served in France; killed on Albert-Bapaume Road, 9th Nov. 1916. Son of Andrew and Annie M. Izatt, of Schoolhouse, Dallas. Occupation, book-keeper.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 26, commemorated on the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Canadian Archives (Ref. RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 4731-32, Item 489226) his attestation paper shows he enlisted 9th February 1915 at Calgary where he gave his occupation as Dairyman, with next of kin being his father Mr Andrew Izatt, School House, Dallas. Noted as had formerly served 3 years and 6 months in the Gordon Highlanders. Summary of service – Embarked from Halifax, Canada 27th October 1915 on S.S. "Orduna", arrived England 4th November 1915, admitted Bramstott Military Hospital 23rd February 1916 with mild bronchitis, released 8 days later, proceeded to France 10th August 1916,

disembarked 11th August 1916, killed in action 9th November 1916. In his will left everything to his Father. Canadian Archives notes him awarded British and Victory Medals. Canadian Circumstances of Death Registers (Ref: Volume 31829_B016696) note him as 'killed in action'. Unit was at Contalmaison Village at time of death.

Reported in the *Forres News* of 25th November 1916 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Private Guilan Izatt, Canadian Infantry, only son of Mr and Mrs Izatt, Schoolhouse, Dallas. He was 26 years of age, and was some time a clerk in the North of Scotland Bank at Dufftown. Emigrating to Canada about six years ago he obtained a good position in a large dairying concern, which he resigned to join the Canadian Overseas Forces about the beginning of 1915.'

Alexander MacDonald Jack

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 187) as follows: 'No. 41716, Pte., 12th Btn. Highland Light Infantry; born at Stankhouse, Birnie, Elgin, Oct. 27th 1893; joined at Elgin, April 29th 1916; served in France; killed, March 26th 1918. Son of David (deceased) and Isabella Jack. Occupation, ploughman.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being 12th Battalion Highland Light Infantry formerly 24187 K.O.S.B, commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France, panel 72. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly 24187 Kings Own Scottish Borderers attached 21st Infantry Base Depot, latterly 41716 of the 12th Battalion Highland Light Infantry.

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 11th December 1918 of the following: 'Dallas – Killed in Action – Private Alex. Jack, H.L.I., husband of Mrs Jack, Edinvale, Dallas, reported missing on the 26th March, is now presumed to have been killed in action on that date. Before enlisting he was a farm servant at Westerfolds, Drainie, Elgin.'

Also commemorated on the Elgin War Memorial.

Alexander James

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 189) as follows: 'No. 430165, Sgt., 48th Canadians; born at Kellas, Dallas Parish, Oct. 3rd 1885; joined in Canada, March 10th 1915; served in France; killed in action in France, Jan. 23rd 1917. Son of Alexander and Annie James (deceased), Kellas, Dallas Parish. Occupation, woodman.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Lance Sergeant 430165, 3rd Battalion Canadian Pioneers, aged 31, died 25th January 1917, buried at Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France, section I, row F, grave 38. Son of the late Alexander and Annie James. Native of Kellas, Elgin.

Canadian Archives (Ref. RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 4769-30, Item 482595) his attestation paper shows he enlisted 3rd March 1915 at Victoria, British Columbia where he gave his occupation as Rancher, with next of kin being his father Mr Alexander James, Brooks Cottage, Kellas. Stated as born Elgin. Formerly served in the 102nd Regiment Rocky Mountain Rangers. Summary of service – Sailed from Canada 1st July 1915, arrived England 10th July 1915, awarded 12 days Field Punishment 29th September 1915 for being absent without leave and forfeited 12 day's pay, awarded 120 hours detention on 6th October 1915,

admitted to hospital St. Martins Plain, Shorncliffe on 15th November 1915 for 3 days – cause not stated, forfeited 1 day's pay on 28th December for being absent without leave. Embarked for France 9th March 1916, admitted 7th August 1916 to 9th Canadian Field Ambulance with Pryexia (fever) transferred to Divisional Rest Station, returned to duty 15th August, appointed Lance-Corporal 16th September 1916, appointed acting-Corporal (with pay) same day, confirmed to rank of Corporal 20th November 1916, appointed Lance-Sergeant 6th January 1917, wounded 24th January 1917, died next day. Canadian Archives notes him awarded British and Victory Medals. Canadian Circumstances of Death Register (Ref: Volume 31829_B016709) note him as 'Died of Wounds. (Gunshot wound, right arm and leg being amputated) at No.30 Casualty Clearing Station.'

Reported in the *Elgin Courant & Courier* of 2nd February 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Died of Wounds. Sergt. A. James, Kellas. The Kellas district has been saddened this week by the news of the death from wounds received in action of Sergt. Alex. James, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Sergt. James was the son of Mr Alex. James, Brooks Cottage, Kellas. He emigrated to Canada some years ago, and on the outbreak of war, he like so many more true sons of the Mother Country, gave up everything and enlisted in defence of his native land. Over a year ago he was drafted to France, and now comes the sad tidings that he has made the supreme sacrifice. On account of his bright, cheery manner he was a general favourite with the people of the district, whose heartfelt sympathy is extended to his sorrowing relatives.'

Recorded on family headstone in Dallas Churchyard of 'Erected by Alexander James, in memory of his wife Ann Miller, died Brooks Cottage, Kellas, 7.10.1903, aged 43. And the said Alexander James, died Brooks Cott. 7.7.1919, aged 60. Their son Alexander, died of wounds received in action in France, 24.1.1917, aged 31.'

Also commemorated on the Kellas War Memorial.

George Jamieson

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 190) as follows: 'No. 266428, Pte., 8th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Kerrs Close, Forres, 22nd March 1883; joined at Forres, 30th Oct. 1915; served in France; gunshot wound in left shoulder, 8th Dec. 1917, and wounded by a bomb, 24th July 1918, died 2nd August 1918. Son of George and Mary Alexander Jamieson. (both deceased). Occupation, farm worker.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 35, buried at Senlis French National Cemetery, Oise, France, section II, row E, grave 91. Husband of Jessie Stephen Jamieson, of Dallas Village, Forres, Morayshire. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly 3569 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders and latterly 266428 of the 8th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Reported in *The Northern Scot* of 17th August 1918 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Died of Wounds. Private G. Jamieson, Dallas. Mrs Jamieson, Dallas Village, has received notice that her husband, Private George Jamieson, Seaforths, died in hospital in France on 2nd inst. from a chest wound received in action. Private Jamieson, who was 35 years of age, and who before the war was a farm servant, joined the Seaforths in November, 1915, and went to France in March, 1916. He was invalided home in December, and after a short time in

Ireland, he assisted Mr Masson, Rafford Farm, for a few months. He finally in August returned to his unit. Mrs Jamieson is left with a family of seven, the eldest of whom is only 11 years of age.'

John MacDonald

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 292) as follows: 'No. 265752, Pte., 1/6th Seaforths; born at Elgin, 11th June 1896; joined at Elgin, Sept. 1914; served in France; died of wounds, 25th Sept. 1917, at 46th Casualty Clearing Station, France. Son of Isabella McDonald. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 20, buried at Mendinghem Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, section VII, row D, grave 34. Nephew of Isabella Stuart, of School Brae, Dallas, Forres. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly 2308 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Reported in the *Elgin Courier & Courant* of 5th October 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Pte. J. Macdonald, Dallas. The Misses Stuart, Schoolbrae, Dallas, have been notified from the Seaforths' Record Office, Perth, that their nephew, Pte. John MacDonald, Seaforths, died on 25th September from shell wounds in the head. Pte. MacDonald, who was 21 years of age, was a farm servant before enlisting. He joined the Seaforths on the outbreak of war, and had been on active service in France for over a year. He was of a most obliging disposition and a universal favourite. Lieut. Munro writes of him as follows:- "He was splendid fellow and a brave soldier – always doing his full share of duty. He was a great favourite with my platoon, and will be sadly missed."

David MacIntosh

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 299) as follows: 'No. 7192, Pte., 1st Seaforths; born at Forres, 1st Sep. 1893; joined at Cromarty, 21st Jan. 1915; served in France and Persian Gulf; killed in Persian Gulf, 7th Jan. 1916. Son of David MacIntosh, of Dallas Village, by Forres, and Christina Reid or MacIntosh. Occupation, farm servant.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being, aged 21, commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq, panel 37 and 64. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date into a theatre of war of 2nd June 1915. Noted as killed in action. Service number of S/7192.

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of the 9th February 1916 of the following: 'Local Casualties. Pte D. MacIntosh, Dallas. Word has been received by Mr David MacIntosh, Dallas, that his son, Private David MacIntosh, 1st Seaforth Highlanders, has been killed in the recent fighting in Mesopotamia. Private MacIntosh enlisted in December 1914, and before joining the Army was in farm service in the district.'

John MacLean

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 314) as follows: 'No. 265750, Pte., 1/6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Bishopmill, Elgin, May 19th 1896; joined at Dallas, 14th Dec. 1914; served in France; killed in action near Arras, 16th May 1917. Son of William and Margaret McLean (deceased), 18 New Street, Rothes. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, Bay 8. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly 2306 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courier & Courant* of 15th June 1917 of the following: ‘McLean – Killed in action between 12th and 16th May, Pte. John McKenzie McLean, Seaforth Highlanders, second son of Mr and Mrs William McLean, 35 Green Street, Rothes, aged 21 years.’ Also commemorated on the Rothes War Memorial.

John Donald Morgan

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 241) as follows: ‘No. 291, L/Cpl., 1st Sportsman’s Btn., 23rd Royal Fusiliers; born at Geniehall Cottage, Tullochery, Crathie, Aberdeen, 21st Feb. 1875, residing in Morayshire since 1879; joined at Elgin, 10th Oct. 1914; served in France; killed at Bethune, 10th Feb. 1916. Son of William (deceased), Post Office, Kellas and Mary Ann Cavers or Morgan. Occupation, gamekeeper.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being 23rd Battalion Royal Fusiliers, buried at Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, Pas de Calais, France, section I, row J, grave 4. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Noted as in France 16th Nov 1915 to 10th Feb 1916.

Reported in *The Northern Scot* of 26th February 1916 of the following: ‘Local Casualties. Fallen in the Recent Fighting. Killed. Lance-Corporal Morgan, Kellas. Mrs Morgan, Braeside, Kellas, has received the sad news this week that her husband, Lance-Corporal John Morgan, of the Sportsman’s Battalion, 23rd Royal Fusiliers, has been killed in action in France. Lance-Corporal Morgan, whose photograph we reproduce, was the eldest son of Mr William Morgan, gamekeeper, Kellas. He was 40 years of age, and leaves a widow and a family of six. Before the war he carried on a grocer’s business at Lossiemouth, and at a still earlier date he had worked as a gamekeeper. In October, 1914, he joined the Sportsman’s Battalion, and was promoted lance-corporal before going to France in November last. He was a man of fine character, and his death is deeply regretted by many friends.

Mrs Morgan has received the following letter from Lieut. Colonel H. A. Vernon, commanding officer, 23rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, which gives a graphic account of the manner in which Lance-Corporal met his death – ‘Madam, - It is with very deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of your husband Lance-Corporal Morgan, on the 10th instant. Corporal Morgan was a man of exemplary character and fearless disposition. It was for this reason that he was especially chosen as my personal orderly to go with me wherever I went and generally look after me. On the morning in question he left my headquarters at 4.30 a.m. to go round the front line with me. About 6 o’clock we were going up one of the saps which ran from our front line to the crater which divided us from the German line, when the enemy blew up a mine. No one was hurt, but for the next hour or so there was a brisk fight with bombs, rifle grenades, &c. During this time, Morgan, who was constantly by my side, showed great coolness and presence of mind. At about 8 a.m. by the most cruel bad luck, a chance rifle grenade landed right on top of him whilst he was beside me. I find it difficult to put into words my sympathy for you in your sad bereavement. It will be some consolation to

you to know that your husband did not suffer at all, and that he died doing his duty to his King and country. He is greatly missed by his comrades. Although he had only been my orderly for a few days, he was constantly with me, and I had formed a great respect and affection for him. Please let me know if there is anything we can do for you. Lance-Corporal Morgan was buried in a cemetery by a Presbyterian minister, and a cross has been put up over his grave.”

Recorded on family headstone in Dallas Churchyard of ‘Erected in memory of William Morgan, for 36 years Gamekeeper, Kellas, who died 18.3.1918 aged 87. And his sons John, killed in action, France, 10.2.1916 aged 40 years. Fred, who died Kellas, 3.3.1919 aged 41 years. Also Mary Cavers, wife of the said William Morgan, who died at Elgin, 13.12.1921 aged 70 years.’ Recorded on family headstone in Elgin Cemetery of ‘In memory of L/Cpl John D. Morgan who died on action in France 10.2.1916 aged 40. His son Frederick who died as the result of an accident 25.6.1927 aged 18. And his wife Jessie A. Norrie who died 18.12.1949 aged 74. And their son James who died 10.8.1959 aged 58.’

Also commemorated on the Kellas War Memorial.

James Munro

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 248) as follows: ‘No. 2599, Pte., 1/6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Keith, 16th May 1885; residing in Morayshire since 1896; joined at Elgin, 12th Oct. 1914; served in France; killed at Festubert, 15th June 1915. Son of James (deceased) and Margaret Munro, Auchenthalrig, Morayshire. Occupation, mason.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 2599, ‘B’ Company, 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 30, commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, Panel 38 and 39. Son of Margaret Munro, 3 Lennox Place, Port Gordon, and the late James Munro. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 1st May 1915. Death Notice in the *Banffshire Advertiser* of 1st July 1915 of the following: ‘Munro – Killed in action on the 15th June, Pte. James Munro, 1/6th Seaforths Highlanders, eldest son of James Munro, farm grieve, Auchinhalrig, aged 30 years. Deeply regretted.’

Reported in the same edition of the following: ‘Portgordon Seaforth Killed. Private James Munro, 1/6th Seaforths, son of Mr Munro, grieve, Auchenthalrig, Portgordon, was killed in action on 16th June. He served his apprenticeship as a mason with the late Mr Alex. Milne, Buckie, and was working in Cullen when the war broke out. His sister has received the following letter from Lance-Corporal Black, No.11 section, No.7 Platoon, B Coy.:- Dear Miss Munro, - It is with sincere regret that I write you these few lines with regard to the death of your brother James. Both your brothers were in my section and were a great help to me and also most agreeable to be with. On Tuesday night James, along with Robert Ross, took up the left of the section and were only about five minutes at the parapet when a shell blew in the trench, killing both of them. I was quite close at the time and saw the thing happen, and I am quite sure they suffered no pain. We buried then both at daybreak and put up a cross to mark the sacred spot with his name and regiment. All No.11 Section join me in sending you their heartfelt sympathy in your sore bereavement.’

Recorded on family headstone in Buckie Cemetery of ‘To the dear memory of our father James Munro, Auchinlrig, Spey Bay, who died 3.6.1917 and our mother Margaret Gordon

who died at Portgordon 8.2.1941 also our brother Jimmy who fell in action in France 15.6.1915.’ Also commemorated on the Fochabers and Bellie War Memorial.

James Maclean Petrie

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 341) as follows: ‘No. 1656, Pte., 1/6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Elgin Road, Lossiemouth, 1st August 1895; joined at Lossiemouth, 1913; served in France; died in Choquex Hospital, France, of wounds received in action at Festubert, 9th June 1915. Son of James and Agnes Petrie, 32 Grey Friars’ Street, Elgin. Occupation, farm servant.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being buried at Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, section I, row D, grave 4. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 1st May 1915. Noted as died of wounds.

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 30th June 1915 of the following: ‘Additional Morayshire Casualties. Previously reported Wounded and since Died of Wounds. 1656 Private James Petrie, 287 High Street, Elgin (D Company).’

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant & Courier* of 2nd July 1915 of the following: ‘Petrie – Died from wounds on 9th June, 1915, at Choquex Hospital, France, Private James Maclean Petrie, 1/6th Seaforth Highlanders, aged 19 years and nine months, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Petrie, 287 High Street, Elgin, and grandson of the late Hugh Macintyre, moulder, Lossiemouth – Australian papers please copy.’

Reported in the same edition of the following: ‘Died from Wounds. Private J. M. Petrie, Elgin. Private James M. Petrie, 287 High Street, Elgin, has also died from wound received on 6th June, when the Seaforths were in the trenches for the second time. He was severely wounded on the calf of his left leg with shrapnel. Private Petrie was 19 years of age, and was the only son of Mr and Mrs Jas. Petrie. Before the outbreak of the war he was a farm servant in the employment of Mr Wattie, Coxton, Lhanbryde.

In the course of a letter to Mr and Mrs Petrie, Captain R. Young writes – “Your son is one of the many brave lads who have laid down their lives for their country. I can assure you that he was a brave boy before and after his wound, and I and the Company were very sorry to lose hi. I know what a grief it must be to you both.”

Also commemorated on the Elgin War Memorial.

Alexander Beattie Ross

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 369) as follows: ‘No. 2694, Pte., 6th Seaforths; born at Nethertown, Glenbuchat, Aberdeenshire, 26th Oct. 1898, parents residing at Coldhome, Dallas; joined at Forres, 10th Nov. 1914; served in France; died of wounds at Beaumont Hamel, 14th Nov. 1916. Son of John Ross, Coldhome, Dallas and Mary Ann Beattie or Ross. Occupation, farmer.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 2694, 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 18, buried at Couin British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, section V, row A, grave 7. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war.

Reported in the *Forres News* of 9th December 1916 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Died of Wounds. Pte. A. B. Ross. Mr J. Ross, Coldhome, Dallas, has been officially informed that his son, Private Alexander Beattie Ross, Seaforth Highlanders, has died of wounds. Private Ross, who was 18 years of age, enlisted nearly two years ago.'

William Alexander Ross

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 376) as follows: 'No. 6924, Lce.-Cpl., Seaforths; born at Crossley, Pluscarden, Elgin, Nov. 19th 1881; joined at Fort George, 1890; served in France; died of wounds received on the River Douve, south of Messines, France, 10th April 1915. Occupation, railway porter.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being of the 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 32, husband of Mary Ann Baxter (formerly Ross), 12 Fletcher's Buildings, Harbour Street, Nairn. Buried at Berks Cemetery Extension, Hainaut, Belgium, section III row C, grave 9. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of 23rd August 1914 given as entry into a theatre of war.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courier & Courier* of the 30th April 1915 of the following: 'Ross – Killed in action near River Douve, south of Messines, Lance-Corporal W A Ross, 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, aged 33 years, beloved husband of Mary Mann.'

Also commemorated on the Fochabers & Bellie and Forres War Memorials.

John Rothnie

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 377) as follows: 'No. 200202, Pte., Cameron Highlanders; born at Dallas, July 19th 1894; joined at Kingussie, August 5th 1914; served in France; killed, 23rd Oct. 1918. Son of David and Williamina Rothnie, feuar, Dallas. Occupation, carpenter.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 200202, 5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders, aged 25, died 22nd October 1918, buried at Duhallow Advanced Dressing Station Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium, section IV, row J, grave 11. Son of David and Williamina Rothnie, of The Inn, Dallas, Forres. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Noted as 5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders.

Reported in the *Forres News* of 12th May 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Wounded. Private John Rothnie, Camerons, son of Mrs Rothnie, The Inn, Dallas, has been wounded in the arm. He was in the employment of Mr Griger, carpenter, Auldearn, at mobilisation. His younger brother is recovering from wounds received some time ago.'

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 16th May 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Wounded. Mrs Rothnie, The Inn, Dallas, has received intimation that her son, Private John Rothnie, Camerons, has been wounded in the arm. His brother, Private D. Rothnie, Seaforths, was also wounded some time ago, and is now in hospital.'

Recorded on family headstone in Dallas Churchyard of 'Erected by Margaret Duncan, in memory of her husband John Anderson, died Findhorn 26.9.1866, aged 49. Their son James, lost at sea, 10.1.1871, aged 18. The said Margaret Duncan, died Dallas, 9.3.1890, aged 63. Their son-in-law, David Rothnie, died Dallas, 12.6.1914, aged 57. And his wife Williamina

Anderson, died Dallas, 2.3.1948, aged 86. Their son John Rothnie, died of wounds in Belgium, 22.10.1918, aged 25.'

Alexander G. Roy

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 532) as follows: 'No. 1883, Pte., 1/6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Kellas, Dallas Kellas, 20th Nov. 1892; joined at Elgin, 20th Sept. 1914; died 23rd Jan. 1915. Son of Annie Roy. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 22, buried at Dallas Parish Churchyard, grave 1.19 (South of Church). Son of Annie Roy, 61 Main Street, New Elgin. Not listed in Medal Roll in National Archives as did not serve abroad.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant & Courier* of 5th February 1915 of the following: 'Roy – At Bedford on the 23rd ult., Private Alex. Roy, F Company, 6th Seaforth Highlanders, grandson of the late James Roy, Bodnamuir, Kellas, aged 23 years.'

Recorded on headstone in Dallas Churchyard of '1883 Private A. G. Roy, Seaforth Highlanders 23.1.1915, aged 22.'

Also commemorated on the Kellas War Memorial.

John Stephen

Not recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921).

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 1175, 4th Battalion Cameron Highlanders, aged 19, died 21st March 1915, buried at Brompton Cemetery, London, grave N.172993. Son of James and Jane Cumming Stephen, of Lesliefield, Rothes. Born at Dallas. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 19th February 1915. Noted as died of wounds 16th June 1915. 4th Cameron Roll Book – B Company, Arrived France 19 February 1915, wounded to UK 14 March 1915, died of wounds 21 March 1915.

Reported in *The Northern Scot* of 3rd April 1915 of the following: 'Dallas Cameron Dies From Wounds. Private John Stephen, B Company, 4th Cameron Highlanders, has died of wounds at St Thomas's Hospital, London, being wounded at Neuve Chapelle.'

It appears that Private Stephen was wounded in the head by shrapnel and was conveyed to London for treatment, and died while undergoing an operation. Prior to the outbreak of war Private Stephen was engaged as farm servant at Earlsmill, Brodie. He was a native of Dallas, and 19 years of age.'

Andrew Sutherland

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 439) as follows: 'No. 701, Pte., 27th Btn. Australian Imperial Forces; born at Dallas, 1895; joined in Australia, 1915; served in Egypt, Dardanelles, and France; killed in France, August 1917. Son of Hugh Sutherland, Moorak, Mount Gambier, South Australia and Agnes Knox or Sutherland. Occupation, farmer.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 701, 27th Battalion Australian Infantry, died 20th September 1917, commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium, panel 7 - 17 - 23 - 25 - 27 - 29 - 31.

Australian Archives (Ref. D2994/2038943) unfortunately his attestation papers have not survived. His surviving paybook notes he enlisted at Millicent, South Australia on 23 February 1915 aged 21½, listed as 'C' Company 27th Battalion, with next of kin being his mother Mrs Agnes Sutherland, Mount Gambier. Embarked from Adelaide on 31 May 1915 on HMAT Geelong where he forfeited 7 days' pay on 9 June 1915, 20 July 1915 at Abbasia Camp, 23 December at Murdos, 15 January 1916 at Tel-al-Kidu, 4 November 1916 at Bovington. Upon his death had £266.16.0 in his paybook, to which his mother made claim. Family listed as Hugh Sutherland (father) Anne Sutherland (sister) of Millicent, S. Kinmonth, Agnes Margaret Sutherland (sister) of Adelaide, Jessie Sutherland (sister) of Adelaide, Jean Sutherland (sister) of Moorak, Hugh Sutherland (brother) of Mount of Gambier, Alick Sutherland (brother) of Mount Gambier and W Sutherland (brother).

Reported in the *Border Watch* (Mount Gambier, South Australia) of 17th October 1917 of the following: 'Private A. Sutherland Killed in Action. The Rev. Jas. Cully, B.A., received a communication from Major Pendlebury on Thursday morning stating it was officially reported that Priv. A. Sutherland had been killed in action on September 20, and asking him to notify the soldier's mother. The rev. gentleman conveyed the sad news to Mr and Mrs H. Sutherland, of the Old Woolshed block, Moorak. Priv. Sutherland, who was 23 years of age, enlisted two years ago. He had been wounded three times, but had on each occasion returned to the trenches after recovering. Much sympathy is felt for the parents.'

Also commemorated on the Mount Gambier War Memorial, South Australia.

Alexander Walker

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 459) as follows: 'No. 201560, Pte., 4th Gordon Highlanders; born at Tomshill Cottage, Dunlugas, Turriff, 8th August 1899, father residing at Forres; joined at Aberdeen, 27th Sept. 1915; served in France; died of wounds at No.1 Australian General Hospital, Rouen, France, 12th Nov. 1918. Son of Alexander and Jessie Walker, Dallas Village, Forres. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 19, buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France, block S, section III, row T, grave 21. Son of Alexander and Jessie Walker, 110 High Street, Forres. Native of Forglen, Banffshire. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Formerly 4349 of the 4th Battalion Gordon Highlanders, 201560 of the 7th Battalion Gordon Highlanders and latterly 201560 of the 4th Battalion Gordon Highlanders.

Death Notice in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 27th November 1918 of the following: 'Walker – At 1st Australian General Hospital, Rouen on the 13th inst. Alexander Walker, Private, sixth Gordon Highlanders, second and dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs Walker, Dallas Village.'

William Walker

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 460) as follows: 'No. 5216, Gnr., R.F.A.; born at 4 Sunnybrae, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, 9th July 1897, father residing in Forres; joined at Aberdeen, 25th Oct. 1915; served in France; died of wounds at 49 Casualty Clearing Station,

France, 13th Dec. 1916. Son of Alexander and Jessie Walker, Dallas Village, Forres. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Gnr 5130, "B" Battery 255th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, aged 19, buried at Contay British Cemetery, Contay, Somme, France, section VIII, row E, grave 13. Son of Alexander & Jessie Walker, Forglen, Turriff, Aberdeenshire. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Noted as died of wounds. Noted as R.F.A. Territorial Force.

Reported in the *Aberdeen Weekly Journal* of 22nd December 1916 of the following: 'North Officers and Men in Casualty Lists. Turriff. Killed – Gunner William Walker, R.F.A. He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Walker, The Village, Dallas, Forres. Prior to enlisting he was engaged in agricultural work in Turriff, while his relatives resided at Forglen.'

Also commemorated on the Forglen War Memorial.

William Connon Watt

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 464) as follows: 'No. 265747, Cpl., 1/6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Plewland, Drainie, 22nd March 1898; joined at Dallas, Elgin, 14th Sept. 1914; served in France; slightly wounded by shrapnel in hand and killed, 13th June 1918. Son of George Watt, The Village, Dallas, Forres and Eleanor Paul or Watt. Occupation, farm worker.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being buried at Maroeuil British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, section IV, row K, grave 1. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Watt, of Dallas, Forres. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 1st May 1915. Noted as killed in action. Formerly Corporal 2303 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, 36970 of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, 265747 of the 5th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders and latterly 265747 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.

Reported in *The Northern Scot* of 29th June 1918 of the following: 'Their Duty Done, Corpl. W. C. Watt, Dallas. Mr and Mrs George Watt, The Village, Dallas, have been informed that their son, Corpl. Wm. C. Watt, Seaforth Highlanders, was killed in action on June 13. Corporal Watt enlisted in September, 1914, though then only 16½ years of age, being one of the first seven Dallas lads to join the colours. He went to France in May, 1915, and was wounded in December of that year. Owing to ill-health he was several times invalided home, but finally returned to France in January last, and took part in the recent severe fighting. In a letter to Mrs Watt, Lieutenant Maclean, who was behind Corpl. Watt in the front line when he fell says he was killed instantaneously by a stray bullet from a machine gun, and adds – "Although I have been with the platoon only for a short time I had noticed Corpl. Watt to be a smart and efficient n.c.o., as well as a brave and cool-headed soldier." Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Watt in their bereavement. Another son, David, recently enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, and is at present training in England.'

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John Alexander Dunbar

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Flight Sergeant 1348084, 07 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, aged 27, died 30th July 1943, commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey, panel 136. Son of William and Elizabeth Dunbar, of Dallas, Morayshire.

Recorded on family headstone in Dallas Churchyard of 'To the memory of my son John Alexander Dunbar (Joe) Flight Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R., posted missing at Hamburg, 30.7.1943, aged 27 years. In memory of our dad William Dunbar, who died 23.7.1937 aged 42 years.'

Alexander Gow

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Aircraftman 2nd Class 1571997, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, aged 20, died 29th February 1944, buried at Maynamati War Cemetery, Bangladesh, section II, row B, grave 14. Son of Jemima Gow, of Elgin, Morayshire.

Death Notice in *The Northern Scot* of 11th March 1944 of the following: 'Gow – Reported to have lost his life by drowning in India on 29th February, 1944, Alexander Gow (Sonny), R.A.F., beloved grandson of the late Mr Gow, New Duffus, and nephew of Mr and Mrs Jas. Stuart, Dallas Village, Forres, aged 20 years. Deeply mourned.'

Reported in the same edition of the following: 'A. C. Alex. Gow. It is reported that A.C. Alexander (sonny) Gow has lost his life in a drowning accident in India. A.C. Gow is a nephew of Mr and Mrs Stuart, Dallas, with whom he resided. His mother, who received the news, lives in Elgin. Well known and popular in the Forres district, he was formerly engaged in forestry work at Dallas. He was twenty years of age.'

Recorded on family headstone in Duffus Churchyard of 'In memory of Isabella Rhind, wife of Alexander Gow, who died 24.8.1908, aged 52. Also the said Alexander Gow, who died 3.9.1931, aged 83. Also their grandson A/C Alexander Gow (Sonny) R.A.F., V.R., drowned while on active service in India 29.2.1944, aged 20.'

John Grant

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 10631634, Army Catering Corps attached Royal Army Service Corps, aged 28, died 15th July 1943, buried at Bone War Cemetery, Annaba, Algeria, section V, row F, grave 15. Son of James and Jessie Grant; nephew of Margaret Grant, of Dallas, Morayshire.

Death Notice in *The Northern Scot* of 24th July 1943 of the following: 'Grant – Died of malaria in North Africa, on 18th July 1943, Pte. John Grant, A.C.C., aged 27, beloved younger son of ex-Constable James Grant, Glasgow and dearly loved nephew of Miss M. Grant, Dallas Village. Deeply regretted.'

Recorded on family headstone in Dallas Churchyard of 'In memory of Private John Grant, who died of malaria in North Africa, 15.7.1943, aged 27.'

George A. Perrie

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 14383465, 5/7th Battalion Gordon Highlanders, aged 22, died 2nd September 1944, buried at St. Desir War Cemetery, Calvados, France, section III, row D, grave 13. Son of Peter and Margaret Perrie; husband of Jessie M. C. Perrie, of Spynie, Morayshire.

Death Notice's in *The Northern Scot* of 23rd September 1944 of the following: 'Perrie – In North West Europe in September, 1944, Private George A. Perrie, The Gordon Highlanders, aged 22 years, dearly beloved eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Perrie, 75 King Street, Burghead, and grandson of the late Mrs Perrie and Mr George Perrie, 55 King Street, Burghead. Sadly missed and deeply mourned.'

And in the same edition of 'Perrie – Died of wounds in North West Europe in September, 1944, Pte George A. Perrie, Gordon Highlanders, aged 22 years, dearly loved husband of Jessie Watson, Gallon's Building's, Dallas, and eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Perrie, 75 King Street, Burghead. Sadly missed.'

Also commemorated on the Burghead War Memorial.

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