

Edinkillie War Memorial

1914-1919

Alastair M. S. Cumming, Logie

William Allan, Carnoch

George MacBeth Calder, Presley

Andrew Calder, Dava

Donald Calder, Dava

William Calder, Dava

Thomas Campbell, Darnaway

Duncan Clark, Ballinreach

William Douglas, Presley

John Durrant, Dava

Lachlan Fraser, Lurg

George James Grigor, Drumine

Evan McBain, Lower Ardoch

Malcolm McBain, Lower Ardoch

William McBain, Berryley

David McColl, Conicavel

Donald McDonald, Relugas

William MacDonald, Darnaway

Alastair J. G. Murray, Relugas

Hugh McLeod, Dunphail

John McTavish, Carnoch

Frederick Mathieson, Newton

Douglas Morrison, Tomcork

Andrew Munro, Glenearnie

George Munro, Glenearnie

John Munro, Lochanuan

Lachlan Nicol, Sleawhite

John Ramsay, Woodside

Alexander Robertson, Dunphail

Alexander Rose, Darnaway

Thomas Rose, Downduff

John Shand, Ramphlet

David Stirling, Relugas

John Pirrie Tulloch, Longlea

1939-1945

James F. Anderson, Outlawell

Robert Bruce, Glenernie Lodge

George M. Calder, Presley Cottage

William J. Davidson, Glenernie Gardens

Robert Forbes, East Lodge Dunphail

Lewis MacDonald, Glenernie Farm
Roderick Macrae, Glenernie Kennels
James M. Murdoch, Relugas – 1949

Private William Allan

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 6) as follows: ‘No. 38925, Pte., Canterbury Battalion, New Zealand; born at Tullyglens, Dunphail, 22nd Feb., 1884; joined at New Zealand, No., 1916; served in France; killed at Passchendaele, 12th Oct., 1917. Son of William Allan, Carnoch, Dunphail and Jane Boyne Paxton Allan. Occupation, farming.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 1st Battalion Canterbury Regiment, New Zealand Expeditionary Force, aged 33, commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, N.Z. Apse, panel 2. Son of William Allan of Dunphail, Morayshire.

Records in the New Zealand National Archives note him as enlisted 4th October 1916 at Ashburton, when he stated he had been in New Zealand 2 years before enlisting. Occupation given as Teamster, with last employer being W. Buchan in Lyndhurst. Next of kin given as W Allan (Father) of Carnoch, Dunphail and Miss Helen Allan (Sister) c/o Mrs Wm Owen, Lincoln, Christchurch formerly of 15 Leinster Road, Christchurch. Posted to C Company 22 Reinforcements, embarked from Wellington 16th February 1917 on H.M.N.Z.T ‘Navua’ arriving Devonport 26th April 1917. Left for France 26th May 1917 and joined 1st Company 1st Battalion Canterbury Regiment 19th June 1917. Noted as killed in action.

Awarded British War and Victory Medals, plaque and scroll which were sent to his father. Plaque was signed for by James Allan, 273 Great Western Street, Moss-side, Manchester.

Reported in the *Press* (NZ) of 29th of October 1917 of the following: ‘The Roll of Honour. Allan – On October 12th, killed in action in France, Private Wm. Allan, 22nd Reinforcements, second son of Wm. Allan, Morayshire, Scotland, and beloved brother of Nellie and Jessie Allan, Christchurch; aged 33 years.’

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin and Nairn Gazette* of 21st November 1917 of the following: ‘Roll of Honour. Killed. Private William Allan, Dunpahil. Official intimation has been received by Mr William Allan, Carnoch, Dunpahil, that his son, Pte. William Allan, New Zealanders, was killed in France on 12th October. Deceased was a farm servant before emigrating, about six years ago.’

Second Lieutenant George MacBeth Calder

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 41) as follows: ‘Calder, James MacBeth. 2nd Lieut; 4th Gordons and 8th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Presley, Edinkillie, Morayshire, 29th May 1891; joined at Aberdeen, August, 1914; served in France and Belgium; killed at the Battle of Loos, 25th Sept; 1915. Son of George M Calder, Presley Cottage, Dunphail, and Isabella Moir or Calder. Occupation, medical student.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 24 at date of death, buried at Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos, France, plot V, row H, grave 1. Son of George Macbeth Calder and Isabella Calder, of Presley Cottage, Dunphail, Morayshire. M.A. (Aberdeen), Medical Student.

Medal Card in the National Archives noted his entry into a theatre of war as France on 19th February 1915. Formerly Sergeant 1051 of the 4th Gordon Highlanders. Address for correspondence given as Mr G M Calder (father) of Presley Cottage, Dunphail, Morayshire. Awarded 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Part of Lieutenant Calder's military career can be found within the following entry in the *Supplement to the London Gazette*:

- 24 February 1915, pages 1958-9 – 'War Office. The undermentioned to be temporary Second Lieutenants. Dated 23rd February 1915: George MacBeth Calder.'

Recorded in the Aberdeen University Roll of Service (Allardyce, 1921, 13) as follows: 'Calder, George MacBeth: 2nd Lieutenant, Seaforth Highlanders; son of George M Calder, inspector of poor, Edinkillie; born Edinkillie, Morayshire, 29 May 1891. After an elementary education at Logie School, he attended Gordon's College, Aberdeen, where he distinguished himself both as a student and as an athlete. Entering the University in 1910, he not only completed an Arts course in which he showed special aptitude for languages, both Classical and Modern, but also studied Medicine, 1912-14. He was a well-known figure in the social life of the University, and his popularity is evidenced by the fact that each year of his University course he was elected a Member of the S.R.C.

In 1911 he joined "U" Company, 4th Gordons, and was shortly afterwards promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Mobilized at the outbreak of war, after training at Bedford, he proceeded overseas with his regiment in February 1915. In March 1915 he was commissioned to the 8th Seaforths, and embarked again for France in July 1915. His death, on 25 September 1915 at the battle of Loos, cut short a life marked by rare ability and rich promise.'

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 6th October 1915 of the following: 'Lieut George Calder, Presley, Killed. Information has reached Mr Calder, Presley, Edinkillie, that his son, Lieutenant George Calder, of the 7th Seaforths, was killed in the recent engagement in France. He graduated at the end of last session at Aberdeen University and afterwards enlisted.'

Reported in the *Inverness Courier* of 8th October 1915 of the following; 'The Late Lieut. Calder, 8th Seaforths. Second-Lieut. George M. Calder, 8th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, who was killed in action on 25th September, was the youngest son of George M. Calder, Presley, Edinkillie. Second-Lieut. Calder entered Aberdeen University from Gordon's College, and graduated M.A. in absentia in July 1915. He was about to enter the third year of his medical course when the war broke out. He volunteered for service, and went to France as a sergeant in the 4th Gordons in January. He obtained his commission in March. News has been received that he was killed instantaneously while leading his men on the morning of the great attack. Mr Calder was a member of a family which has gained high distinction in the academic world, and he himself was a brilliant student both in Arts and Medicine. One of his brothers is Professor of Greek at Manchester University, and is at present an officer in the University O.T.C; a corps which has turned out many excellent officers since the beginning of the war.'

Recorded in the *Forres News* of 9th October 1915 of the following: 'Mr Calder, Presley, has received word that his son, Lieut. George Calder, of the 7th Seaforths, was killed in the recent engagement in France. He graduated at the end of last session at Aberdeen University, and afterwards enlisted.'

Reported in the *Northern Scot and Moray & Nairn Express* of 9th October 1915 of the following: ‘2nd Lieut George M Calder, Forres. Second Lieutenant George M Calder, 8th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders who was killed in action on the 25th September, was the youngest son of Mr George M Calder, Presley, Edinkillie. Second Lieutenant Calder, who was 24 years of age, entered Aberdeen University from Gordon’s College, and graduated M.A in absentia in June, 1915. He was about to enter the third year of his medical course when the war broke out. He volunteered for service and went to France in January as a sergeant in the 4th Gordon Highlanders. He obtained his commission in March. News has been received that he was killed instantaneously while leading his men in the morning of the great attack.’

Recorded in the *Forres, Elgin & Nairn Gazette* of 13th October 1915 of the following: ‘The Late Lieut G M Calder, Presley – It was with much regret that we published among the casualties in our columns last week the death of Second-Lieut. George M Calder, 8th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, who was killed in action on 25th September. He was the youngest son of George M Calder, Presley, Edinkillie. Second-Lieut Calder entered Aberdeen University from Gordon’s College, and graduated M.A *in absentia* in July 1915. He was about to enter the third year of his medical course when the war broke out. He volunteered for service, and went to France as a sergeant in the 4th Gordons in January. He obtained his commission in March. He was killed instantaneously while leading his men on the morning of the great attack. Mr Calder was a member of a family that has gained high distinction in the academic world, he himself being a brilliant student both in Arts and Medicine. One of his brothers is Professor of Greek at Manchester University, and is at present an officer in the University O.T.C; a corps that has turned out many excellent officers since the beginning of the war.’

Obituary in *The British Medical Journal* of 16th October 1915 of the following: ‘Casualties in the Medical Services. Army. Medical Students. Calder, George M. Second Lieutenant 8th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs) youngest son of George M. Calder of Pressley, Forres, killed in France September 25th-28th, aged 24. He was educated at Aberdeen, where he had taken the M.A; and had completed his second year in medicine when war broke out. He then enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, and went to France as a sergeant in that regiment. He got a commission on February 25th, 1915.’

Andrew Calder

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 41) as follows: ‘No. 12096, Pte., 6th Seaforths and 5th Cameron Highlanders; born at Dava Station, Morayshire, 23rd Sept., 1896; joined at Inverness, Sept., 1914; served in France; reported missing, 25th Sept., 1915. Son of Donald and Jessie Calder, of Dava Station. Occupation, railway porter.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being 5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders, aged 19, commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, panels 119 to 124. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war as 23rd June 1915 in France. Noted as died 25th September 1915.

Donald Calder

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 41) as follows: 'No. 40753, Pte., 5th Cameron Highlanders; born at Dava Station, Morayshire, August 2nd, 1891; joined at Nairn, 1915; served in France; killed, 12th Oct., 1917. Son of Donald and Jessie Calder, of Dava Station. Occupation, ploughman.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, panels 136 to 138.

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 5622 of the Cameron Highlanders.

William Calder

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 42) as follows: 'No. 2553, Pte., Seaforth Highlanders; born at Dava Station, Morayshire, 18th Dec., 1892; joined at Elgin, Sept. 1914; served in France; killed 15th Sept., 1915. Son of Donald and Jessie Calder, Dava Station. Occupation, ploughman.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 22, buried at Becourt Military Cemetery, Becordel-Becourt, France, section I, row B, grave 17. Son of Donald and Jessie Calder, of Dava, Morayshire; husband of Annie MacKay Brands (formerly Calder), of Beachans, Dunphail. Medal Card 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 in France. Noted as killed in action.

Thomas Campbell

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 53) as follows: 'No. 18179, Cpl., 4th Batt. 1st Contingent Canadians; born at Redstone, Edinkillie, Morayshire, 4th August 1887; joined at Edmonton, August, 1914; served in France; killed, 13th June, 1916. Son of Alexander Campbell, Redstone, Edinkillie and Isabella Fraser or Campbell. Occupation, store-keeper.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as died 12th June 1916, aged 28, commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium, panel 18-24-16-30. Son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Campbell, of Redstone, Darnaway, Forres.

Canadian Archives (Ref: RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 1455-38, Item 85695) his attestation paper shows he enlisted 23rd September 1914 at Valcartier where he gave his occupation as Timekeeper, with next of kin being his mother Mrs A Campbell, Redstone, Darnaway, Forres. Sailed from Canada SS "Tollland" 3 October 1914, promoted 11 October 1914 to Lance-Corporal and to Corporal on 10 December 1914; transferred to 5th Battalion 4 April 1915, embarked for France 26 April 1915, taken on strength 2 May 1915, granted leave 5 to 13 January 1916, killed in action 12-14 June 1916. Awarded 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, with plaque and scroll sent to his mother Mrs Isabella Campbell.

Canadian Circumstances of Death registers (Ref: Volume 31829_B016726) note him as 'killed in action'.

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin and Nairn Gazette* of 5th July 1916 of the following: 'Darnaway Canadian Killed. On Thursday last Mr and Mrs Campbell, Redstone, Darnaway, received official information that their son, Corporal Thomas Campbell, of the Canadians, had been killed in action in France between the 12th and 14th of June. A letter of sympathy

from the King and Queen accompanied the intimation. As yet no details have been received of the circumstances under which the smart and active young soldier met his death. Corporal Campbell was twenty-eight years of age. Many friends in the district join in tendering deep sympathy with the bereaved parents.'

Recorded on family headstone in Dyke Churchyard as follows: 'Isabella Fraser, wife of Alexander Campbell, Redstone, Darnaway, 14.9.1929, aged 79. Their son Thomas, killed in action in France, 14.6.1916, aged 29. The said Alexander Campbell, died 30th April 1937, aged 87.'

Duncan Alexander Clark

Not recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921). Recorded in The Nairnshire Roll of Honour (Nisbet, 2009, 39) as 'No 2545 Lance Corporal 4th Battalion Cameron Highlanders also No S/40130 6th Battalion Cameron Highlanders. The son of Duncan Clark, Mason, and Margaret Clark, née Shaw he was born in the 23rd of August 1894 at Meikle Urchany Nairn. He enlisted at Nairn and first went to France 18th April to serve in the 4th Battalion Cameron Highlanders. He was wounded for the second time in September in September 1916 whilst serving with the 6th Cameron Highlanders and was treated in hospital at Broughty Ferry Dundee. He was killed in action on the 11th of April 1917 at Arras and having no known grave is commemorated on the Arras Memorial France. His name appears on the Cawdor Parish War Memorial and Cawdor Section Nairnshire War Memorial.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private S/40130, 6th Battalion Cameron Highlanders, aged 25, died 11th April 1917, commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, panel 9. Medal Card 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 April 1915. Formerly 2545 of the 4th Battalion Cameron Highlanders. Noted as killed in action.

4th Battalion Cameron Highlanders Roll Book (Fort George Regimental Museum) notes him as Lance-Corporal, B Company, arrived France 18th April 1915, Reinforcement 19th April 1915, Reverted to Private 26th April 1915, wounded 14th July 1915, to UK with wound 25th July 1915, Arrived back in France 11th February 1916, Reinforcement 24th February 1916, Posted to 1st Entrenching Battalion 12th March 1916, Promoted to Lance-Corpl unpaid (while at Entrenching Battalion) 1st August 1916, Reverted to Private 9th September 1916, Posted to 1st Cameron Highlanders 9th September 1916, transferred to 1st Cameron Highlanders 9th September 1916 (No. S/40130).

Lieutenant Alastair Mansfield Smith Cumming

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 76) as follows: 'Cumming, Alastair Mansfield Smith. Lieut; Seaforth Highlanders; born at Wraceley Cottage, Campden Hill, London, W; Dec; 14th, 1889, parents residing for many years at Logie, Parish of Edinkillie; joined at Woolwich, 1909; served in Peshawar, Agra, and France; killed at Trilport, near Meauk, in a motor accident while on duty, Oct 2nd, 1914; Mentioned in Despatches, Sept; 1914. Son of Capt. Mansfield Smith Cumming and Marian Smith Cumming, 2 Whitehall Court, S.W. Occupation, officer, regular army.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 24, died 3rd October 1914, buried Meaux New Communal Cemetery, France, grave 424. Son of Capt. Sir Mansfield S. Cumming, K.C.M.G., C.B., R.N., and Lady Cumming, of 22 Fitzjames Avenue, West Kensington, London.

Medal Card in the National Archives noted his entry into a theatre of war as France on 25th August 1914. There is a note of him being '1st class agent' of the Inter and Intelligence Corps. Address for correspondence given as Capt Sir Mansfield Cumming KCMG, CB, RN, 1 Melbury Road, W14 also Cumming, 2 Whitehall Court, SW. Awarded 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

Part of Lieutenant Cumming's military career can be found within the following entries in *The London Gazette* and the *Supplement to the London Gazette*:

- 12 October 1909, page 7496 – 'Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's) Gentleman Cadet Alastair Mansfield Smith-Cumming, from The Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenant, vice J. MacA. Craig, admitted to the Indian Army. Dated 13th October, 1909.' (LG)

- 18 April 1913, page 2812 – 'Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's) The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants – Alastair M Smith-Cumming. Dated 15th March 1913.' (LG)

- 30 September 1914, page 7774 – 'Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's) Lieutenant Alastair Mansfield Smith-Cumming is seconded for service on the staff. Dated 5th August, 1914.' (SLG)

- 17 February 1915, page 1651 – 'Mentioned in Despatches - Intelligence Corps. Smith-Cumming, Lieutenant A M; Seaforth Highlanders. (Deceased)' (SLG)

Death Notice in *The Times* of 14th October 1914 of the following: 'Died of Wounds – Smith-Cumming – On the 3rd Oct, at Meaux, France. Alastair Mansfield Smith-Cumming, Lieut 1st Battn Seaforth Highlanders (Intelligence Corps) aged 24, only son of Commander Mansfield-Cumming R,N; and Mrs Cumming, 2 Whitehall Court, S.W; and of Logie, Morayshire.'

Reported in *The Aberdeen Daily Journal* of 14th October 1914 of the following: 'Fatal Accident in France. Seaforth Officer Killed. News has been received of the death in France, as the result of a motor accident, of Lieutenant Alistair Smith Cumming, 1st Seaforth Highlanders, only son of Commander and Mrs Smith Cumming of Logie, Morayshire.

Lieut. Cumming, who was 24 years of age, was home on leave from India when the war broke out, and was offered an appointment on the Headquarters staff of the Expeditionary Force by a general on whose staff he had served in India. He accepted the offer, and proceeded to France with the Expeditionary Force, where he was in command of the motor cycle section attached to the intelligence department of the Headquarters Staff. On the 2nd of October, according to reports in the French papers, he was traversing the woods of Meaux in a car driven by his father, Commander Cumming, R.N: when one of the tyres burst. The car swayed instantly, and dashed against a tree, and Lieut Cumming received such severe injuries that he succumbed almost immediately.

Commander Cumming, who was seriously hurt, was taken to hospital at Neuilly, where he is being carefully attended to. The French papers report, and translations of these reports have appeared in many papers in this country, that it was found necessary to amputate Commander Cummings right leg. There is, however, no truth in this report. No amputation has taken

place, and Commander Cumming is going on well as can be expected in the sad circumstances.

The Late Lieut. Cumming was a young man of high promise, and his death will be greatly regretted in Morayshire, where his family have lived for many generations, and where he and his parents were held in high esteem. That regret will, if possible, be increased by the fact that he lost his life in an accident, after having passed unscathed through many weeks of arduous and dangerous service, in which he had acquitted himself brilliantly. To his parents, whose only child he was, the sympathy of a wide circle of friends goes out in no unstinted measure.'

Reported in *The Northern Scot and Moray & Nairn Express* of 17th October 1914 of the following: 'Tragic Death of Morayshire Officer – Lieut. Alastair Smith Cumming – The sad intelligence has been received of the death in France as the result of a motor accident, of Lieutenant Alastair Smith Cumming, 1st Seaforth Highlanders, only son of Commander and Mrs Smith Cumming of Logie Morayshire.

Lieutenant Cumming, who was 24 years of age, was home on leave from India when the war broke out, and was offered an appointment on the Headquarters Staff of the Expeditionary Force by a General on whose staff he had served in India. He accepted the offer, and proceeded to France with the Expeditionary Force, where he was in command of the motor cycle section attached to the Intelligence Department of the Headquarters Staff. On the 2nd of October, according to reports in the French papers, he was traversing the woods of Meaux in a car driven by his father, Commander Cumming, R.N; when one of tyres burst. The car swayed violently, and dashing against a tree, and Lieutenant Cumming received such injuries that he succumbed almost immediately. Commander Cumming, who was seriously hurt, was taken to hospital at Neuilly, where he is being carefully attended to.

It appears that Lieutenant Cumming and his father had been out inspecting the battlefield, and coming home about nine o'clock at night one of the tyres of the car burst, the car striking a tree as stated. The two men lay where they had fallen until the following morning. The car caught fire and was burned to a skeleton.

Lieutenant Cumming, who was buried at Meaux with French military honours, was a remarkably fine young fellow, and his death under such tragic circumstances has evoked expressions of the sincerest sorrow throughout Morayshire, and particularly in the Edinkillie district, where he was so well known. His bearing was manly, his disposition kindly and courteous, and he was held in the most affectionate regard by everyone. All who knew him thought highly of him. To those who loved him, the loss is unspeakable. He never forgot the meaning of his name – "A helper of men". It may be mentioned that the tenants and school children at Logie have worked and sent a consignment of comforts to the Seaforths, because that was his regiment. To his parents, whose only child he was, the deepest sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended.

The Cummings of Logie are a very old Morayshire family, and a branch of the ancient house of Altyre. Robert Cumming of Altyre, who died in 1653, gave the estate of Logie to his younger son John, the ancestor of Lieutenant Cumming, and the estate has remained in the family ever since.'

Reported in the *Forres News* of 17th October 1914 and the *Forres, Elgin and Nairn Gazette* of 23rd October of the following: 'Death of Alastair Smith Cumming of Logie – Widespread

regret will be felt throughout Morayshire at the news of the untimely death in France, as the result of a motor accident, of Lieutenant Alastair Smith Cumming, 1st Seaforth Highlanders, only son of Commander and Mrs Smith Cumming of Logie. Lieutenant Cumming, who was 24 years of age, and his parent's only child, was a member of a family who have lived for many generations in Morayshire, and sincere sympathy will be felt for his relatives in their loss. Lieutenant Cumming was home on leave from India when the war broke out, and was offered an appointment on the Headquarters Staff of the Expeditionary Force by a General on whose staff he had served in India. He accepted the offer, and proceeded to France with the Expeditionary Force, where he was in command of the motor cycle sections attached to the Intelligence Department of the Headquarters Staff. On the 2nd of October, according to reports in the French papers, he was traversing the woods of Meaux in a car driven by his father, Commander Cumming, R.N; when one of the tyres burst. The car swayed violently, and dashed against a tree, and Lieutenant Cumming received such severe injuries that he succumbed almost immediately. Commander Cumming, who was seriously hurt, was taken to hospital at Neuilly, where he is carefully attended to. The French papers report, and translations of these papers have appeared in many papers in this country, that it was found necessary to amputate Commander Cumming's right leg. There is, however, no truth in this report. No amputation has taken place, and Commander Cumming is going on as well as can be expected in the sad circumstances. The regret which will be increased by the fact that Lieutenant Cumming lost his life in an accident after having passed unscathed through many weeks of arduous and dangerous service, in which he had acquitted himself brilliantly.'

Memorial service reported in *The Northern Scot and Moray & Nairn Express* of 23rd October 1914 as follows: 'Lieutenant Cumming, Logie. Memorial Service. The above is a photograph of Lieutenant Alastair Smith Cumming, 1st Seaforth Highlanders, only son of Commander and Mrs Smith Cumming of Logie, Morayshire, whose tragic death as the result of a motor accident at Meaux, France, was recorded in our last week's issue.

A memorial service was held in the Logie School on Sunday last, when Rev John Morrison, Edinkillie, paid a warm tribute of respect to the memory of the gallant young officer.

Mr Morrison said – It was not my privilege to know Lieutenant Cumming with that intimacy which would enable me to speak of him to-day as I believe he deserved to be spoken of. During my time his visits to Logie have been few, so that I have only met him on three or four occasions. These, however, were quite sufficient to convince me that the high esteem in which his friends held him was fully justified. From my own knowledge of him and from what I have been told by some who knew him well, we may with good reason think of him as – in the striking scriptural phrase – a choice young man. We believe that he possessed in marked degree the qualities which make for true success. He held a post in the intelligence department, and his work since the beginning of the war met with the commendation of his superiors, and just shortly before his death he had been promoted. As to his moral qualities, let this suffice: when he was with his regiment in India his fellow officers asked him to speak to the men and to advise them to resist the temptation which beset them and to lead pure, clean lives. What a splendid testimony to the good influence he exercised on those with whom he came in touch. A friend who had been associated with him since the war began tells how they both had talked about death, and says that he knew no one who was better prepared for the end than Lieutenant Cumming was. We know also that he never forgot the meaning of

his Christian name – a helper of men – and ever, endeavoured to be true of it; most pleased when he was able to do kind, helpful things for others. Those who know his mother will not find it difficult to account for this trait in his character. Many of the children will remember the skilful and entertainment, he gave in this school, and how much we appreciated not merely the entertainment but also the goodwill with which he gave it.

His was without doubt a singularly noble, sincere amiable character, whom to know well was to love. Brethren, we think it hard that such a promising life should be cut off in early manhood, and so it is from our point of view. But let us remember – We Live in deeds not years, He most lives, Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

Let us remember too, that he being dead yet speaketh. His influence for good will abide, his memory will be cherished by all who knew him, and even those of us, who did not know him intimately may learn to strive after that kindly disposition and knightly manhood that endeared him to his friends. Such lives as his do not perish, such ideals do not end in dust and ashes; in heaven they reach that perfection after which on earth they strove beholding God face to face, they are changed into the same image. So while to-day we mourn, we mourn not as they must do who have no hope beyond the grave. It is this great Christian hope which will sustain Commander and Mrs Smith Cumming in their sore trial. Their earthly hope has been quenched, the world can never be to them what it has been in the past, but, thank God, there is a heavenly hope which doth not fail. Our words of sympathy can do a little, but only a little, to moderate the deep grief of those who mourn their dead. “The heart knoweth his own bitterness” and no one knows the weight of another’s burden. It is the ever loving God alone who is equal to all the needs of the grief-stricken heart. Our hearts go out to them in tenderest sympathy and our prayer is that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may be their refuge and strength, their very present help in this their time of trial.’

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin and Nairn Gazette* of 24th February 1915 of the following: ‘Local Heroes of War – Mentioned in Despatches – In a dispatch issued by the Press Bureau on Wednesday night, Field Marshal Sir John French brings to notice a long list of names of soldiers whom he recommends for gallant and distinguished service in the field. Among them are the following – Lieutenant A M Smith Cumming (Logie, Forres) Seaforth Highlanders, Intelligence Corps (deceased).’

William Smith Douglas

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 93) as follows: ‘No. 8887, Sgt., 6th Camerons; born at Auldearn, 4th August, 1891, brought up in Morayshire; joined at Inverness, 1910; served in India and France; wounded and missing, July, 1917. Son of Jane Douglas. Occupation, regular soldier.’ Recorded in The Nairnshire Roll of Honour (Nisbet, 2009, 53) as ‘No 8887 Sergeant 6th Battalion Cameron Highlanders. The son of Jane Douglas a domestic servant who in 1917 was residing at 19 Simpson Street Nairn he was born on the 4th of August 1891 at Nairn Union Poor House. He first went to France on 19th December 1914, which indicated he had previously served with either the 1st or 2nd Battalion as the 6th Battalion did not arrive in France until the 6th of July 1915. He was killed in action on the 31st of July 1917 on the 1st day of the battles known as 3rd Ypres. He is buried in Grave I D 12 at Harlebeke New British Cemetery Harlebeke Belgium. He is commemorated on the Nairn Section of the Nairnshire War Memorial.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as died 4th August 1917, aged 26, buried at Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium, section I, row D, grave 12. Son of Mrs J. Douglas, 19 Simpson Street, Nairn. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 19th December 1914 in France. Noted as died 31st July 1917.

Reported in the *Nairnshire Telegraph* of 29th January 1918 of ‘Sergeant W. Douglas, Cameron Highlanders, son of Mrs Douglas, Wilson Street, Nairn, has died of wounds whilst a prisoner of war in Germany.’

John Richard Daniel Durrant

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

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 200264, 7th Battalion Cameron Highlanders, aged 28, died 24th August 1917, being commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, panels 136 to 138. Son of John Golden Stainer Durrant and Emma Wakefield Durrant, of Hackney, London. Medal Card 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 in France. Formerly Private 1664 of the Cameron Highlanders, noted as killed in action. Medal Roll shows formerly 4th Battalion.

4th Battalion Cameron Highlanders Roll Book (Fort George Regimental Museum) notes him as C Company, employed Transport, arrived France 19th February 1915, Posted to Entrenching Battalion 28th March 1916. In the 1901 Census, John Durrant, 10, Born London was an Inmate of Aberlour Orphanage, Banffshire.

Also commemorated on the Aberlour Orphanage War Memorial.

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 of John Fraser (deceased), Lurg, Dunphail. Occupation, farmer.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 426540, 13th Battalion Canadian Infantry, aged 38, being commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium, panels 24 - 26 - 28 - 30. Son of the late John and Margaret Fraser, Lurg Farm, Dunphail, Morayshire.

Canadian Archives (RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 3287-28, Item 399519) his attestation paper shows 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 Dallas War Memorial.

George James Grigor

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 166) as follows: 'No. 17017, Pte., 7th Seaforths; born at Dykeside, Altyre, 7th June 1884; joined at Fort George, 14th Dec., 1917; served in France; killed at Meteren, 1st July, 1918. Son of Alexander (deceased) and Jessie Grigor, Dykeside, Altyre. Occupation, shepherd.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private S/17017, 7th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, buried at Caestre Military Cemetery, France, plot I, row D, grave 23. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war.

Death Notice in the *Forres News* of 20th July 1918 of the following: 'Killed in action on July 1st, Pte. George J. Grigor, No.17017, 7th Seaforth Highlanders, aged 34 years, eldest son of Alexander Grigor, Dykeside, Altyre.'

Reported in the *Forres, Elgin and Nairn Gazette* of 24th July 1918 of the following: 'Altyre Soldier Killed. Mr and Mrs Grigor, Dykeside, Drumine, Altyre, have received intimation that their eldest son, Private George J. Grigor, Seaforths, was killed in action on the 1st July. Deceased, who was 34 years of age, was a shepherd before enlisting.'

Also commemorated on the Elgin War Memorial.

Evan McBain

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 283) as follows: 'No. 355489, Pte., Seaforth Highlanders; born at Kinloss, May 20th, 1895; joined at Forres, August 1914; served in France; wounded in 1915 and 1916, and killed, 25th Sept., 1917. Son of Evan McBain, Bruntland, Alves, and Annie Steart or McBain. Occupation, wood cutter.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 355489, 9th (Glasgow Highlanders) Battalion Highland Light Infantry, being commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, panels 131 to 132. Medal Card 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 in France. Medal Roll shows formerly Private 1438 of the 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, latterly 355489 of the 9th (Glasgow) Battalion Highland Light Infantry.

Malcolm McBain

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 284) as follows: 'No. 2247, Pte., 4th Cameron Highlanders; born at Kinloss, 9th Jan., 1897; joined at Inverness, 1st Feb., 1915; served in France; killed 1st Sept., 1916. Son of Evan McBain, Bruntland, Alves and Annie Stewart or McBain. Occupation, engine cleaner.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 2247, 6th Battalion Cameron Highlanders, buried at Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'Abbe, Somme, France, plot IV, row B, grave 11. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Medal Roll shows him as 6th Battalion Cameron Highlanders.

4th Battalion Cameron Highlanders Roll Book (Fort George Regimental Museum) notes him as B Company, arrived France 30th July 1916, transferred to 6th Cameron Highlanders 15th August 1916, wounded [blank], died of wounds 1st September 1916.

William McBain

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

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Lance-Corporal 5208, 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 38, died 23rd December 1916, buried at Varennes Military Cemetery, Somme, France, section I, row F, grave 11. Son of James and Devina McBain, of Elgin; husband of Barbara McBain, of 40 Delburn Street, Parkhead, Glasgow. Medal Roll in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war.

Listed in the City of Glasgow Roll of Honour.

David McColl

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 286) as follows: 'No. 1009742, Pte., 1st Canadian Machine Gun Corps; born at Schoolhouse, Conicavel, Forres, 21st Dec., 1888; joined at Moose Jaw, Canada, May, 1916; served in France, died of wounds, 33rd Casualty Station, France, 6th Oct., 1918. Son of John and Henrietta McColl, Conicavel, near Forres. Occupation, assistant storekeeper.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being of 1st Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigade, aged 27, buried at Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, France, section III, row D, grave 20. Son of John and Henrietta McColl, of 52 West Holmes Gardens, Musselburgh.

Canadian Archives (RG 150, Accession 1992-93/166, Box 4811 – 46, Item 139968) his attestation paper shows he enlisted 30th March 1916 at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan in the 229th Battalion where he gave his occupation as Clerk, with next of kin being his father Mr John McColl, Schoolhouse, Forres. Stated as born Forres on 21st December 1890. Address given as Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Canadian Circumstances of Death registers (Ref: Volume 31829_B016758) note him as 'Died of wounds' (Gunshot wound shoulder and abdomen) at No.33 Casualty Clearing Station.

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 16th October 1918 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Died of Wounds. Private David McColl, Canadians. Mr and Mrs McColl, Schoolhouse, Conicavel, Darnaway, have received intimation that their second son, Private David McColl, Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigade, died of wounds on 6th October. Private McColl emigrated to

Canada about ten years ago and came over with his regiment shortly after the outbreak of war. He had been about a year on active service. Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs McColl and family in their bereavement.'

Donald MacDonald

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 289) as follows: 'No. 40629, Cpl., Gordon Highlanders, born at Rychorrach, Dava, May 12th, 1890; joined at Beaully, August, 1914; served in Dardanelles and France, wounded at Arras, 18th April, 1917, and died, 5th May, 1917. Son of James and Isabella McDonald, Rychorrach. Occupation, farmer.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Corporal S/40629, 7th Battalion Gordon Highlanders, aged 27, buried Etaples Military Cemetery, France, section XIX, row O, grave 12. Son of James and Isabella Macdonald, of Rychorrach, Dava. Native of Rychorrach. 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 7th September 1915 in France. Formerly Private 3658 of the Lovat Scouts. Noted as died of wounds 5th May 1917.

William MacDonald

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 294) as follows: 'No.330, Pte., 2nd Gordon Highlanders; born at Grange, Banffshire, 27th Sept., 1892, educated at Knockando; joined at Aberdeen, Sept., 1909; served in France; killed in action, 31st July, 1917. Son of John and Isabella McDonald, Relugas, Dunpahil. Occupation, regular soldier.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 330, 9th Battalion Gordon Highlanders, aged 25, being buried at Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Belgium, section I, row S, grave 51. Son of John McDonald, of 50, Balvenie Street, Dufftown, Banffshire. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914 Star with Clasp, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 7th October 1914 in France. Noted as killed in action.

Hugh MacLeod

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 279) as follows: 'No. 3424, Pte., 6th Seaforths; born at Benmore, Lairg, Sutherlandshire, 12th August, 1892; employed at Dunpahil previous to outbreak of war; joined at Elgin, Sept., 1915; served in France; killed near Arras, 24th April, 1917. Son of Hugh (deceased) and Sarah MacLeod, Benmore Lodge, Lairg, Sutherlandshire. Occupation, gamekeeper.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 266351, 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, died 25th April 1917, being commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, Bay 8. 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 3424 of the Seaforth Highlanders.

John McTavish

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 328) as follows: 'No. 204075, Pte., 3/6th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Rinachat, Aberlour, Banffshire, 17th July, 1898, residing in Morayshire since nine months old; joined at Forres, August, 1915; served in France and

Belgium; killed in Belgium, 3rd Oct., 1918. Son of John and Mary A. McTavish, Dunphail, Morayshire. Occupation, blacksmith's apprentice.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 204075, 5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders, aged 20, buried at Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium, section VI, row D, grave 15. Son of John and Mary McTavish, of Carnoch, Dunphail. Native of Edinkillie. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war. Noted as Cameron Highlanders.

Death Notice in the *Forres News* of 2nd November 1918 of the following: 'McTavish – Killed in action on 3rd October, Private John McTavish, Cameron Highlanders, aged 20 years, eldest and dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs McTavish, The Smithy, Carnoch, Dunphail.'

Recorded on family headstone as Forres Clunhill Cemetery as follows: 'In memory of John McTavish, blacksmith, Forres, who died 16.2.1933 aged 61. And his son John who died 3.10.1918 aged 20. And his daughter Annabella who died 9.4.1937. And his wife Mary Ann Christie who died 7.3.1963 aged 87. And their son Donald Jack who died 2.9.1967 aged 62.'

Frederick Mathieson

Not recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921). Recorded in The Nairnshire Roll of Honour (Nisbet, 2009, 197) as 'No S/31641 6th Battalion Cameron Highlanders. The son of Roderick Mathieson, Under Shepherd, and Ann Mathieson née McArthur he was born on the 10th of June 1884 at Lurg Ardclach. According to "*Soldiers Died*" he enlisted at New York USA and was residing at Broughty Ferry Forfar. He was killed in action on the 28th of March 1918. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private S/31641, 6th Battalion Cameron Highlanders, died 28th March 1918, being commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Belgium, bay 9. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war.

Douglas Morrison

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

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Deck Hand 16315DA, H.M. Drifter "Excel" Royal Naval Reserve, aged 20, died 10th January 1919, being buried at Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery, Hampshire, UK, section E, row 38, grave 9. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals. Service Papers in the National Archives (Ref. BT 377/7/62741) indicate he was born at Fraserburgh 26th October 1898.

Andrew Munro

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 514) as follows: 'No. 25268, Pte., Scottish Rifles; born at Glenarnie, Dunphail, 13th May, 1877; joined at Elgin, August, 1916; died of pneumonia, at Maryhill Hospital, Glasgow, 13th Dec., 1916. Son of William (deceased) and Elsie Munro, Glenarnie, Dunphail. Occupation, farm servant.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 27861, 4th Battalion Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), aged 41, buried Edinkillie Parish Churchyard, row 23, 16 feet

from North wall. Son of William and Elspeth Munro, of Edinkillie; husband of Helen Munro, of Broom of Moy, Forres. No Medal Card in National Archives as did not serve abroad. Death Notice in the *Forres Gazette* of 20th December 1916 of the following: ‘Munro – At Maryhill Hospital, Glasgow, on the 13th inst., of pneumonia, Private Andrew Munro, beloved husband of Nellie Mackenzie, Redhill, Rafford, Forres, and third son of Mrs Munro, West Glenearnie Cottage, Dunphail. – Sadly missed.’

David Munro

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 246) as follows: ‘No. 202770, Pte., 6th Seaforths; born at Edinkillie, 5th June, 1892; joined at Elgin, Oct., 1914; served in France; wounded, 29th July, 1918, died at 63 Casualty Clearing Station. Son of Alexander Munro, Berryburn, Dunphail. Occupation, farm servant.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 202770, 8th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, buried at Senlis French National Cemetery, Oise, France, section II, row A, grave 37. 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 Private 2596 of the Seaforth Highlanders.

George Munro

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 514) as follows: ‘No. 242006, Pte., H.L.I.; born at Glenarnie, Dunphail, 14th Feb., 1880; joined at Troon, Sept; 1916; died on service at Old Castle, Co. Meath, Ireland, 17th June, 1917. Son of William (deceased) and Elspeth Munro, Glenarnie, Dunphail. Occupation, gardener.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 242006, 2nd/6th Battalion Highland Light Infantry, aged 37, buried at Oldcastle Cemetery, County Meath, Ireland, Prot. 3, row F, grave 3. Husband of Mary Hyslop Munro, of 70, Crosbie Road, Troon, Ayrshire. No Medal Card in National Archives as did not serve abroad.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant* of 29th June 1917 of the following: ‘Munro – Died suddenly at Oldmeath, Co. Meath, Ireland, Pte George Munro, H.L.I. aged 37 years, beloved husband of Mary Hyslop, and youngest son of the late Wm Munro and Mrs Munro, West Glenairnie Cottage, Dunphail.’

John Munro

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 250) as follows: ‘No.1000, Lce.-Cpl., Seaforths; born at Forres, 14th Feb. 1894; joined at Fort George, Feb. 1912; served in France; gassed, and died from effects 4th May, 1915. Occupation, soldier.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 21, being buried at Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery, Nord, France, section 11, row D, grave 11. 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. Noted as died from gas 5th May 1915.

Alaistair John Greville Murray

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 253) as follows: 'Sub-Lieut, 1st Btn. Camerons; born at Edinburgh, July, 1894, father residing in Morayshire; joined at Edinburgh, 25th Feb., 1914; served in France; reported wounded and missing at the Battle of the Aisne, 14th Sept., 1914, and presumed dead. Son of Major Murray, Polmaise Castle, Stirling, and Mrs Murray.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 20, buried at Montcornet Military Cemetery, Aisne, France, row L, grave 8. Medal Card in the National Archives noted his entry into a theatre of war as France on 14th August 1914 of the 1st Cameron Highlanders. Address for correspondence given as Major A B Murray (father) of Polmaise Castle, Stirling. Awarded 1914 Star with clasp, British War and Victory Medals. Noted as died 14th September 1914.

Plaque in Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church, Stirling of *"To the glory of God and in loving memory of Alastair John Greville Murray, 2nd Lieut Cameron Highlanders, killed at the Battle of the Aisne, 14 Sept. 1914."*

Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church, Stirling notes him as 'Alastair Murray was the son of Major Alastair Murray and Mary Murray of Polmaise Castle. He was the last of the Murrays of Polmaise, a prominent Stirling landowning family. He had newly been commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion, Cameron Highlanders, when he was killed, age 20. After the Battle of the Marne, the Germans retreated northwards and dug in on elevated ground immediately to the north of the river Aisne. This marked the end of the 'war of movement' and the beginning of trench warfare. The British and French crossed to the north bank of the Aisne, but found themselves at the foot of steep slopes surmounted by well-prepared German positions. Murray almost certainly fell in one of the many uphill assaults made on 14 September on the Chemin des Dames, a road of about 14 miles in length, running along a narrow ridge overlooking the Aisne.'

Also recorded on Winchester College War Memorial.

Lachlan Nicol

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 331) as follows: 'No. 17374, Pte., 1st Seaforths; born at Sleawhite, Edinkillie, June, 1886; joined at Elgin, 13th Dec., 1916; served in India, Egypt, and Palestine; wounded on 20th Sept., and died on 24th Sept., 1918, in Palestine. Son of Son of Lachlan Nicol, Sleawhite, Dunphail, and Mary McTavish or Nicol. Occupation, farmer.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private S/17374, aged 32, buried Ramleh War Cemetery, Palestine, row C, grave 27. Son of Lachlan and Mary Nicol; husband of Annie Nicol, of Divie Brae, Dunphail, Morayshire. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war.

John Bowie Taylor Ramsay

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 350) as follows: 'Pte., No. 16875, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, L.G.S. 2nd Royal Scot Fusiliers; born at Edinkillie, Morayshire, 6th May, 1890; joined at Inverness, July, 1916; served in France; killed 23rd April, 1917. Son

of Alexander and Jane Ann Barron Ramsay, Woodside, Dunphail, Morayshire. Occupation, saw-miller.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 40773, 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers, being commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Belgium, Bay 5. 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 Private 39101 of the Royal Scots and latterly 40773 of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 16th May 1917 of the following: 'Roll of Honour. Killed. Pte. J. B. T. Ramsay, Dunphail. Mr and Mrs Ramsay, Woodside, Dunphail, have been informed that their son, Private Jack B. T. Ramsay. Lewis Gun Section, was killed in action on the 23rd ult. Deceased, who was twenty-six years of age, was employed as a saw-miller at Aviemore when he enlisted over nine months ago, and he leaves a widow and three children.'

Alexander S. Robertson

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 359) as follows: 'No. 55838, Lce-Cpl., 1/5th Highland Lt. Inf.; born at Newmachar, Aberdeenshire, 22nd June, 1898; employed at Dunphail for fourteen months prior to enlistment; joined at Elgin, Feb., 1917; served in Egypt and France; wounded, Feb., 1918, and killed 24th August, 1918. Occupation, gardener.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 5th Battalion Highland Light Infantry, aged 20, being commemorated on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France, panel 9 and 10. Son of the late Adam and M. Robertson. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war.

Alexander C. Rose

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

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Lance-Corporal 1876 1/6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 20, buried at Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval, France, section XV, row G, grave 31. Son of William Rose, Forester and Mary Rose, of Craigran, Glenmoriston. Born at Urquhart, Ross-shire. Medal Card 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 in France. Noted as killed in action.

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 16th August 1916 of the following: 'Local Casualties. Killed. Private A Rose. Darnaway. Information has come to hand that Private Alexander C Rose was killed in action by a shell on July 29. Private Rose was the eldest son of Mr Wm Rose, wood forester on the Glenmoriston estate, and prior to enlisting was serving his apprenticeship as a forester on the Earl of Moray's estate at Darnaway.'

Thomas Rose

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 368) as follows: 'No. S/7703, Cpl., 2nd Seaforth Highlanders; born at Darnaway, Forres, 9th Dec., 1882; joined at Lossiemouth, 8th March, 1915; served in France; died of wounds at Doullens, March 31st, 1916; mentioned in despatches. Son of Hector and Jessie Rose (both deceased). Occupation, police constable.'

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being aged 34, buried at Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No 1, Somme, France, section I, row E, grave 5. Husband of Helen Clark Rose, of Westmoreland Street, Fochabers. Native of Edinkillie, Forres. Medal Card 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 17th June 1915 in France. Rank of Acting Corporal. Noted as died of wounds.

John A. Shand

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

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 37772 10/11th Highland Light Infantry, aged 41, buried at Rumaucourt Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, Special Memorial. Son of William and Mary Shand, of Forres. Husband of Catherine Shand, of Castlemains, Gifford, East Lothian. Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded British War and Victory Medals with no date of entry into a theatre of war.

David Stirling

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 434) as follows: ‘No. 1961, Lce/Cpl., 7th Seaforth Highlanders; born at Aberdeen, 6th May, 1876, residing at Relugas; joined at Fort George, 28th August, 1914; served in France; died of enteritis at No. 10 Stationary Hospital, St. Omer, France, 13th Oct., 1917. Son of William and Isabella Stirling, Lamington, by Kildary, Ross-shire. Occupation, estate labourer.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being buried at Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France, plot IV, row E, grave 42.

Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded 1914-55 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 10th May 1915 in France. Noted as died.

John Pirrie Tulloch M.M.

Recorded in the Morayshire Roll of Honour (1921, 456) as follows: ‘Tulloch, John M. No. 8825, C.S.M., 2nd Seaforths, born at Pluscarden, 12th May, 1882; joined at Fort George, 1904; served in France and Belgium; killed South East of Givenchy, France, 23rd Oct., 1916; awarded Military Medal. Son of Jane Tulloch. Occupation, regular soldier.’

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being John M. Tulloch, Regimental Serjeant Major, being buried at Guard’s Cemetery, Lesboeufs, France, section VII, row R, grave 1.

Medal Card in National Archives notes him being awarded Military Medal, 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals with date of entry into a theatre of war of 23rd August 1914. Noted as killed in action. Rank given as Acting Warrant Officer Class II.

Death Notice in the *Forres Gazette* of 15th November 1916 of the following: ‘Pirie – Killed in action on 23rd October, 1916, J.M. Tulloch Pirie, Company Quartermaster Sergeant, 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, son of Mrs W J T Pirie, 29a North Road, Forres. A loving and noble soldier. Sincerely mourned.’

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James Falconer Anderson

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Sergeant Pilot 591536 Royal Air Force, aged 20, died 5th July 1942, being buried at Edinkillie Churchyard, plot A, row 8, grave 71.5. Son of James and Jean Falconer Anderson, of Dunphail.

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 8th July 1942 of the following: 'Dunphail Airman Killed. Intimation has been received by Mr and Mrs James Anderson, Outlawell, Dunphail, that their eldest son, Sergt Pilot James (Hamish) Anderson, had been killed. Twenty years of age, he joined the Air Force previous to the war. Sergt Anderson was educated at Logie School and Forres Academy. Mr and Mrs Anderson have another son in the R.A.F. Much sympathy is felt for the parents and family in their great loss.'

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant* of 17th July 1942 of the following: 'Killed on active service in July, 1942, James Falconer (Hamish) eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anderson, Outlawell, Dunphail.'

Robert Bruce

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Pilot Flying Officer 74715 Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, aged 26, died 23rd May 1941, being buried at Glenerner Private Burial Ground, Edinkillie. Son of Robert and Mary Katherine Bruce, of Glenerner.

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 28th April 1941 of the following: 'Flying Officer Robert Bruce. Death on Service. Upheld Family Tradition. Intimation was received by his parents late of Friday night that Flying Officer Robert Bruce, only son of Major the Hon. Robert Bruce and Mrs Bruce, Glenerner, Dunphail, had been killed.

Twenty-six years of age, Flying officer Bruce was educated at Eton, and before the war was a civil aviation instructor. An all-round sportsman, he was well known and exceedingly popular in the county, where the news of his death was received with the greatest regret.

Many people in Forres and district will remember the celebrations at Glenerner when Flying Officer Bruce came of age in 1936, Lord Elgin, his uncle, was one of the prominent guests who travelled North for the occasion. Of his nephew, he said then, "You bear a grand name and you have a tradition to uphold of men who have in their turn, in one way or another, served their country to the best of their ability, and I feel very confident that you will live up to it."

Wishing him God speed in the life he was just commencing, his father said: "God's blessing on thee! In his keeping go forth from home where thou art high and joy – There, where honour calls thee, Go, my boy."

The funeral, which is private, takes place today, and is to be attended only by members of the family and the oldest estate workers.'

Reported in the *Northern Scot* of 31st May 1941 of the following: 'Airman's Funeral. The funeral of Flying Officer Robert Bruce, son of Major the Hon. Robert Bruce and Mrs Bruce of Glenerner, took place privately to Edinkillie Churchyard on Wednesday, only members of the family and oldest estate worker attending. A brief memorial service was conducted by the Rev. G. B. Sylvester, St. John's Episcopal Church, Forres.'

Reported in the *Northern Scot* of 18th October 1941 of the following: 'Memorial to Flying Officer. A large congregation was present at Edinkillie Church on Sunday when a memorial to the memory of Flying Officer Robert Bruce, R.A.F.V.R. was dedicated.

Flying Officer Bruce, who was the son of Major the Hon. Robert Bruce and Mrs Bruce, Glenernie Lodge, Dunphail, was killed on active service in May.

Given by Flying Officer Bruce's parents, grandmother (Mrs Lindley, widow of General Lindley) and sisters, the memorial took the form of a communion table of British light oak, which bore the inscription – "Dedicated to the glory of God and to the memory of Flying Officer Robert Bruce R.A.F.V.R. Killed on active service, May, 1951, aged 26 years. The gift of his parents, grandmother and sisters – Libertatis Vindex Mortuus Est."

The table was dedicated by Rev. John Morrison, senior minister, and the service was conducted by Rev. L. Beattie Garden, minister of the parish.

Major Bruce, the officer's father, read the lesson, and his mother and sisters, were also present.

Miss Helena McKay was organist, and the hymns included "The Airman's Hymn." A retiring collection was taken in aid of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.'

George M. Calder

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Captain 185718 Royal Army Medical Corps, aged 30, died 1st April 1943, being buried at Heliopolis War Cemetery, Cairo, Egypt, section III, row B, grave 30. Son of William M. Calder and Isabel Calder, of Edinburgh. M.B., Ch.B.

William J. Davidson, Glenernie Gardens

Unknown – CWGC has two men with his name, neither born or have a connection to Edinkillie. Not listed in Libindex.

Robert Forbes

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 2889044 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders, aged 31, died 6th October 1943, being buried at Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand, section 8, row B, grave 16. Son of Andrew Forbes and of Georgina Forbes, of Forres.

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 8th April 1942 of the following: 'Missing in Malaya. Forres Soldier A Casualty. Mrs Forbes, Firbank, Market Street, Forres, has received official intimation that her fifth son Pte. Robert Forbes, Gordon Highlanders, has been posted missing in Malaya. Pte. Forbes was serving in Malaya when the garrison of Singapore capitulated on February 15.

Thirty years of age, he was called up in September, 1940, and had been serving in Malaya since November, 1940. Pte. Gordon was formerly employed as a carpenter at Ross's Appliance Works, Forres.'

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 14th July 1943 of the following: 'In Japanese Hands. News has been received this week that two Forres men who have not been heard of since the fall of Singapore are prisoners in Japanese hands.

They are Mr Robert Cameron, son of Mrs Cameron, Burnside Cottages, and Pte. Robert Forbes, Gordon Highlanders, son of Mrs Forbes, Firbank, Market Street, Forres.

Mr Cameron, who was manager for Brinckmann & Co., motor engineers, Singapore, has been there for about six years. He was a member of the Singapore Defence Corps. His wife resides in Edinburgh. Pte. Forbes, who was called up over two years ago, in a post card to his mother said that he was alive, very fit and being well looked after. He was formerly employed on Air Ministry work.'

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 5th December 1945 of the following: 'Forres. Died in P.O.W. Camp. Official notification that her son, Pte. Robert Forbes, Gordon Highlanders, died in a Japanese prisoner of war camp in 1943, has been received by Mrs Forbes, Firbank, Market Street, Forres. Over thirty year of age, Pte. Forbes, who was captured at Singapore, joined up in 1940. In civil life he was employed as a joiner with Messrs D. Ross and Sons, St. Leonard's Road, Forres. Mrs Forbes has a younger son who is at present serving with the R.A.O.R.'

Lewis MacDonald

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Private 2822916 7th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, aged 24, died 11th July 1944, being buried at Bayeux War Cemetery, Normandy, France, section XVIII, row C, grave 10. Son of Lewis and Grace MacDonald, of Elgin.

Death Notice in the *Northern Scot* of 12th August 1944 of the following: 'MacDonald – Died of wounds in July, 1944, in Normandy, Pte. Lewis MacDonald, Seaforth Highlanders, dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs Lewis MacDonald, Barmuckity Farm Cottages, Elgin, aged 24 years. Sadly missed and deeply mourned.'

Reported in the same edition of the following: 'Pte. Lewis MacDonald. Pte. Lewis MacDoanld (24), Seaforth Highlanders, second son of Mr and Mrs N MacDonald, Barmuckity Farm Cottages, has died of wounds in a military hospital in France. Before the war he was a farm servant in the Forres district.'

Roderick Macrae

Commonwealth War Graves Commission notes him as being Serjeant 7902282 B Squadron The Queen's Bays (2nd Dragoon Guards) Royal Armoured Corps, aged 29, died 20th September 1944, being buried at Coriano Ridge War Cemetery, Riccione, Italy, section VIII, row D, grave 7. Son of Alexander and Janet Mallen Macrae, of Dingleton, Roxburghshire. M.A. (Aberdeen).

Death Notice in the *Forres Gazette* of 18th July 1945 of the following: 'Macrae – Reported missing in Italy, 20th September, 1944, now officially stated killed in action on that date, Roderick Alexander MacRae, aged 29 years, Sergeant Queen's Bay's, R.A.C. only son of Alexander and Janet MacRae, Glenernie, Dunphail, Morayshire, and grandson of the late Mrs Mitchell, Briarbank, Melrose. (Please no letters).'

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 25th July 1945 of the following: 'Memorial Tributes to Dunphail Sergeant. It was with regret that news was received in Edinkillie parish of the death in action of Sergeant Roderick Macrae, M.A. Sergeant Macrae, who was 29 years of age, was the only son of Mr and Mrs Macrae, Glenernie, Dunphail. Reported missing in Italy on 20th

September, 1944, there followed over nine months of anxious waiting for news. At the end of last week notification was received from the War Office that he had been killed in action in Italy on that date.

Sergeant Macrae was educated at Dunphail Public School, Forres Academy and Aberdeen University, where he graduated M.A. Prior to joining the army he served for two years with Colvilles, Glasgow, where his promotion was rapid. Although on essential war work, he joined the army voluntarily in 1939, served with the Queen's Bays in France in 1940, went with his regiment to the Middle East in September, 1941, was through the Libyan campaign, and latterly went to North Africa and Northern Italy.

Of a quiet unassuming nature, he was held in high esteem by all with whom he came in contact.

A memorial service in Edinkillie Church was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. L. Beattie Garden and tributes were paid by the minister and Major the Hon. Robert Bruce of Glenernie. A wreath from the people of the parish lay on the communion table, and was later taken to the war memorial.'

James M. Murdoch

Scottish National War Memorial notes him as being Private 19188585 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, died 17th January 1949 in Malaya, being born Nairn.

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 26th January 1949 of the following: 'Obituary. Seaforth Dies in Singapore. A nineteen year old Seaforth Highlander, Pte J. Murdoch, died at Singapore on Monday of last week following a short illness.

Well known in the Forres District, he was a son of the late Pipe Major Murdoch, Gordon Highlanders, and of Mrs D J McPherson, Relugas Village, Dunphail, Forres.

Pte Murdoch was called up about sixteen months ago and went to Singapore at Christmas 1947. Prior to joining the forces he was employed as forestry worker in Relugas estate. He played for Dunphail Football Club.

Pte Murdoch was born in Nairn.'

Death Certificate states he died on the 17th January 1949 of Encephalitis at Singapore aged 19½ years. Also commemorated on the Nairn War Memorial.
