

Roll Of Honour
of members of
The Elgin Golf Club
who gave their lives in the Great War
1914 – 1919

Private Charles H Baxter

1st Scottish Rifles

Charles Henry Baxter (No. 201543) was a private in 1st Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). He was born 4th October 1884, Elgin and was the younger son of Thomas Baxter, Draper & Margaret Grime of The Grange, Seafield Crescent, Elgin. Charles was a warehouseman; he joined at Glasgow in October 1915 and served in France. He suffered from trench feet in 1917 and shrapnel wound in his neck in March 1918. He was killed in action at Gouzeaucourt, 21st September 1918, aged 34 years. He is buried in Targelle Ravine British Cemetery, Villers-Guislain, France (row G, grave 29) and is commemorated on Elgin War Memorial.

Lce-Corpl William Black

6th Seaforth Hlrs

William Black (No. 266712) was a lance-corporal in C. Company of the 6th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born 30th January 1893, Fraserburgh and was a son of William Black & Margaret Thompson of Forteach Avenue, Elgin. William was a warehouseman; he joined at Elgin in 1916 and served in France. He was killed in action near Cambrai, 23rd November 1917, aged 24 years. He is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval (panel 10) and on Elgin War Memorial.

2nd Lieut Guy C Collier

Scottish Rifles

Guy Cecil Collier was a lieutenant in 3rd Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), attached to the 10th. He was born 30th December 1897, Chittagong, Bengal, India and was a son of Frank Robert Stanley Collier, Commissioner of Chittagong Division, Bengal & Amy Mackinnon Ferguson of Willowbank, Elgin. Guy was a scholar; he joined at Nigg, Ross-shire in April 1915 and served in France. He was wounded 23rd July 1917. He was killed near Berzy South of Soissons 23rd July 1918, aged 20 years. He is buried in Buzancy Military Cemetery (plot III, row C, grave 5) and is commemorated on Elgin War Memorial.

2nd Lieut David Edward Dow

6th Seaforth Hlrs

David Edward Dow was a second lieutenant in 1/6th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born 22nd October 1892, Elgin and was a son of Peter Dow, Headmaster, West End School & Marjorie MacPherson of West End School, Elgin. David was a banker; he joined at Elgin in June 1915 and served in France. He was severely wounded during the attack on Cupid Trench at Roeux, 16th May 1917. He died at 14th General Hospital, France, 17th May 1917, aged 24 years. He is buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas De Calais, France (plot VI, row G, grave 9) and is commemorated on Elgin War Memorial.

Gunner John Forsyth

Royal Garrison Artillery

John Forsyth (No. 121444) was a gunner in 323rd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. He was born 3rd April 1890, Cowslacks, Lhanbryde and was a son of John Forsyth & Eliza Milton of Cowslacks. John was a clerk; he joined at Elgin in October 1916 and served in France. He was killed at Talana Farm, Boesinghe, East of Elverdinghe, Belgium, 17th August, 1917, aged 27 years. He is buried in Talana Farm Cemetery, Boesinghe, Belgium (plot III, row J, grave 3) and is commemorated on Elgin War Memorial.

Lce-Corpl Findlay S Fraser**8th London Regiment**

Finlay [sic] Smith Fraser (No. 372633) was a lance corporal in 2/8th London Regiment (Post Office Rifles). He was born 13th September 1889, Elgin and was a son of David Fraser & Jessie Clark of Blackfriars Place, Elgin. Finlay was a postman; he joined at Fort George in October 1914 and served in France. He was reported killed at Passchendale, Belgium, 30th October 1917, aged 28 years. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial (panel 150 to 151) and on Elgin & Elgin Post Office War Memorials.

2nd Lieut Murdo Fraser**Royal Air Force**

Murdo Fraser (No. 4492) was a second lieutenant in 68th Squadron, Royal Flying Corps. He was born 26th December 1894, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis and was a son of John Fraser, Sergeant, 78th Seaforth Highlanders & Henrietta McDonald of 34 South Guildry Street, Elgin. Murdo was a motor mechanic; he joined at London in May 1915 and served in France. He died of sickness at York, 22nd July 1918, aged 24 years. He is buried in New Elgin Cemetery (NE(E) 916) and is commemorated on Elgin War Memorial.

Private Alex B Gordon**4th Seaforth Hlrs**

Alexander Beattie Gordon (No. 203307) was a private in 4th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born 1896/97, Kinaclune Cottages, Towie, Aberdeenshire and was a son of John Gordon & Jessie Andrew of Elm Cottage, Wards, Elgin. Alexander was a grocer's assistant; he joined at Elgin in February 1916 and served in France. He was killed at Beaumont Hamel, on the Somme, 21st March 1918, aged 21 years. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial (bay 8) and on Elgin War Memorial.

Lieut George Duff Gordon**2nd Northampton Regt**

George Duff Gordon (No. 266712) was a lieutenant in 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment. He was born 16th July 1894, Elgin and was the only son of Robertson Barclay Gordon, Procurator Fiscal of Elginshire & Marjorie Francis Duff of 8 Gordon Street, Elgin. George was a graduate of Elgin Academy, Ardvreck, Crieff, Dover College and Sandhurst; he was appointed second lieutenant with 1st Battalion in January 1914 and went to France with the 2nd Battalion in November 1914. He was killed, shot through the throat when looking over the top of the trench for a line of future advance, 12th March 1915, aged 20 years. He is buried in Estaires Communal Cemetery & Extension (plot II, row J, grave 2) and is commemorated on Elgin & Dover College War Memorials.

2nd Lieut John Norman Gourlay**6th Seaforth Hlrs**

John Norman Gourlay was a second lieutenant in 2nd Seaforth Highlanders. He was born 13th September 1895, Southend-on-Sea and was a son of Frederick Gourlay, Doctor & Mary Connor of Rathmore, Seafield Street, Elgin. Norman was a student; he joined at Elgin in October 1914 and served in France. He was killed near Beaumont Hamel, the Somme, 1st July, 1916, aged 20 years. He is buried in Pargny British Cemetery (plot III, row A, grave 41) and is commemorated on Elgin & Milnathort War Memorials. In Elgin Golf Club Membership Directory 1906, in the list of original members (boys, under 16), is Norman Gourlay, Struan Grove

Private James W Howison**5th Gordon Hlrs**

James William Howison (No. 224268) was a private in 5th Gordon Highlanders. He was born 5th October 1882, Knockando and was a son of John Howison & Jane Mitchell of Knockando House. Jim was a distillery clerk; he joined at Elgin in March 1916 and served in France. He was killed near Arras, 17th May 1917, aged 34 years. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial (bay 8 and 9) and on Elgin War Memorial.

Major Charles Ernest Johnston, DSO**6th Seaforth Hlrs**

Charles Ernest Johnston was a major in 6th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born 18th December 1871, Newmill, Elgin and was a son of Charles James Johnston & Mary Crosbie of Lesmurdie, Elgin; and husband of Irene Schultz, 68 Pembroke Crescent, Hove & Brompton Square, London. Ernest was a woollen manufacturer; he joined at Elgin in 1889 and served in France. He was officially reported killed 23rd March 1918, near Beaumetz, awarded D.S.O., and twice mentioned in despatches, aged 46 years. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial (panel 8) and on Elgin War Memorial. In Elgin Golf Club Membership Directory 1906, in the list of original members, is Major C E Johnston, Lesmurdie.

Gunner George James**Royal Garrison Artillery**

George James (No. 81632) was a gunner in Royal Garrison Artillery. He was born 16th September 1886, Blantrye Place, Bishopmill, Elgin and was the only son of Robert James, Meal Dealer & Margaret McHattie of Glenluce, Forteach Avenue, Elgin. George was a corn mill assistant; he joined at Elgin in May 1916 and served in France. He suffered from shell-shock, was sent home and died within at fortnight at Glenluce, Forteach Avenue, Elgin, 24th October 1918, aged 32 years. He is buried in New Elgin Cemetery (NE(E) 912) and is commemorated on Elgin & New Elgin War Memorials.

Captain A W Kidd**Royal Engineers**

Alistair Wilson Kidd was a lieutenant in Royal Engineers, Mining Company. He was born 1884/85 and a son of James Bruce Kidd & Agnes Wilson Kidd of The Terrace, Brora. Charles joined at Elgin in October 1914 and served in France. He died of influenza at General Hospital, Calais, 26th October 1918, aged 33 years. He is buried in Les Baraques Military Cemetery, Sangatte (plot VI, row A, grave 8) and is commemorated on Brora War Memorial, and by the 'Kidd Medal' at Brora Golf Club.

2nd Lieut Harold Bruce Lendrum**6th Seaforth Hlrs**

Harold Bruce Lendrum was a lieutenant in 1st/6th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born 9th October 1895, Nagpore, C.P., India and was a son of Rev'd John Lendrum & Alice Bruce of South Manse, Elgin. Harold was a student of arts; he joined at Elgin in September 1914 and served in France. He died, of wounds received in action in Flanders, 1st August 1918, aged 21 years. He is buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Westvleteren (plot II, row H, grave 1) and is commemorated on Elgin War Memorial, and in the University of Aberdeen Roll of Honour

Private John S Milne**Canadian Infantry**

John Scott Milne was a private in 29th Canadian Infantry. He was born 29th October 1891, Aberdeen and was the only son of John Scott Milne & Ann Donald of Gordon Arms Hotel, Elgin. Charles was occupied in a land agent's office; he joined at Vancouver in August 1914 and served in France. He was wounded 3rd November 1915 and died at Bailleul, 6th November 1915, aged 24 years. He is buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery (plot I, row F, grave 190) and is commemorated on Elgin War Memorial. In Elgin Golf Club Membership Directory 1906, in the list of original members (boys, under 16), is John Milne, Gordon Arms.

2nd Lieut John Robertson Murray**9th Seaforth Hlrs**

John Robertson Murray was a second lieutenant in 9th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born 5th April 1879, Ardgay, Kincardine, Ross-shire and a son of Alexander Murray, Traffic Agent & Catherine Robertson of Southfield Cottage, Alma Place, Elgin. John was a managing and conveyancing clerk; he joined at Edinburgh in

June 1916 and served in France. He died of wounds received in action at Passchendale, Ypres, 18th September 1917, aged 38 years. He is buried in Potijze Chateau Lawn Cemetery (row C, grave 4) and is commemorated on Elgin War Memorial, and in the University of Edinburgh Roll of Honour.

Sergeant Douglas McCaskie

7th Seaforth Hlrs

Douglas McCaskie (No. S/1643) was a sergeant in 8th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born November 1888, Elgin and was a son of John McCaskie & Barbara McDonald of 23 High Street, Elgin. Douglas was a boot salesman; he joined at Aberdeen in August 1914 and served in France. He was killed in action at Loos, 25th September 1915, aged 25 years. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Louveral (panel 112 to 115) and on Elgin War Memorial.

2nd Lieut James Noble McIver

8th Royal Scots

James Noble McIver was a second lieutenant in 8th Royal Scots, attached to 9th Gordon Highlanders. He was born 16th February 1894, Forteath Street, Elgin and was a son of James McIver & Christina Chisholm of Inverewe, Grant Street, Elgin. James was an art student; he joined at Edinburgh in October 1914 and served in France and Belgium. He was killed in action at Ypres, when out with his men when a shell burst near and killed him, 25th August 1917, aged 23 years. He is buried in Aeroplane Cemetery (plot I, row B, grave 26) and on Elgin War Memorial.

2nd Lieut Ronald Nairne

Royal Scots Fusiliers

Ronald Nairne was a second lieutenant in 5th/6th Royal Scots. He was born 1894/95 and was a son of David & Jessie Colbill Nairne of 35 Lovat Road, Inverness. He died 3rd April 1918, , aged 23 years. He is buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery (plot X, row A, grave 11) and is commemorated on Inverness War Memorial.

Midshipman Alex Stuart Ogilvie

Royal Navy

Alexander Stewart Ogilvie was a midshipman on H.M.S "Collingwood". He was born 20th December 1898, Elgin and was the only surviving son of William Ogilvie & Margaret Sim of Gowanbrae, Forteath Avenue. Alexander joined in 1913 and served in Home & Foreign Waters. He was killed through an explosion on H.M.S. "Vanguard," 9th July, 1917, aged 19 years. He is commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial (panel 20) and on Elgin War Memorial.

Trooper Robert Robertson

1st Scottish Horse

No definite details are known of Trooper Robert Robertson

Lieut James Smith

6th Seaforth Hlrs

James Smith was a lieutenant in 1/6th Seaforth Highlanders (attached Labour Corps). He was born around 1864; and husband of Annie, 8 Bellavista Terrace, Perth . James enlisted into the Seaforths in India as a band boy in 1880 when he was only 15½ years of age and served in France. In March 1918 he fell ill with trench fever, and was removed to Netley Hospital, Southampton, where he died on 1st April 1918, aged 53 (or 54 years). He is buried in New Elgin Cemetery (NE(S) 108).

Driver Francis L Stuart

Royal Field Artillery

Francis Lee Stuart (No. 192963) was a gunner in "D" Battery, 124th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. He was born 27th January 1883, Old Machar, Aberdeen and was a son of Robert Stuart, Slater & Jessica Stuart of Aberdeen, and husband of Mrs A G Stuart, 87 Claremont Street, Aberdeen. Francis was a school teacher; he joined in January 1917 and served in France. He was killed at an observation post, while

mending a wire under heavy shell-fire, 3rd May 1918, aged 35 years. He is buried in Couin New British Cemetery (plot I, row D, grave 27) and is commemorated on Elgin & Aboyne and Glentinar War Memorials.

Private John Urquhart

Royal Scots

John Urquhart (No. 34105) was a private in 15th Royal Scots. He was born 19th December 1880, Nairn and was a son of James Urquhart & Catharine Dallas of 5 Skene's Close, Nairn; and husband of Elsie J M Urquhart (m/s Tulloch), Steveston, British Columbia, Canada and 11 Culbard Street, Elgin. John was a journalist; he joined at Fort George in June 1916 and served in France. He was killed Armentières, France, 13th April 1918, aged 37 years. He is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial (panel 1) and on Elgin & Nairn War Memorials.

2nd Lieut John Edward Wink

6th Seaforth Hlrs

John Edward Wink (known as Eddie) was a second lieutenant in 8th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born 9th April 1897, Elgin and was a son of John Wink & Jemima Milne McWilliam of Kew Cottage, Duff Avenue, Elgin. Eddie was a student; he joined at Cambridge in March 1916 and served in France. He died of appendicitis at Rouen Military Hospital, 21st September 1916, aged 19 years. He is buried in St Sever Commonwealth War Cemetery, Elbeouf, Rouen - Officers (plot A, row 10, grave 3) and is commemorated on Elgin War Memorial.

Private Alex Younie

6th Seaforth Hlrs

Alexander Littlejohn Younie (No. 1055) was a private in 6th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born 9th March 1894, New Elgin and was a son of James Younie, Elgin Constabulary & Jane Grant - and brother of James Younie (see below) - of 50 Main Street, New Elgin. Charles was a clerk; he joined at Elgin and served in France. He was reported missing and killed 20th August 1918, aged 23 years. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing, Ypres, Belgium (panel 38) and on Elgin & New Elgin War Memorials.

Corporal James Younie

Scots Guards

James Younie (No. 9057) was a corporal in 2nd Scots Guards. He was born 5th March 1887, Kinloss and was the eldest son of James Younie, Elgin Constabulary & Jane Grant - and brother of Alexander Littlejohn Younie (see above) - of 50 Main Street, New Elgin. Charles was the paymaster on the T.S. "Empress"; he joined at Chatham Depot in August 1914 and served in Belgium. He was discharged unfit for further service April 1916. He died at 50 Main Street, New Elgin, 16th August 1918, aged 31 years. He is buried in New Elgin Cemetery (NE(E) 446) and is commemorated on Elgin & New Elgin War Memorials.