

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

Introduction

A touching ceremony took place in the clubhouse of the Elgin Golf Club on Thursday, 1st July 1920, when a scroll was unveiled commemorating those members - and past members - who had given their lives in the Great War.

The event was reported in the *Northern Scot* two days later:

Memorial to Golfers

would perform the honourable task he had been asked to carry out.

Elgin Unveiling Ceremony Performed by Sheriff Howden

The Inscription

Sheriff Howden, Elgin, performed the unveiling ceremony of the roll of honour of the Elgin Golf Club at Hardhillock on Thursday, when a large number of members and friends was present.

Drawing aside the Union Jack, he revealed a fine piece of heraldry work. Mounted in oak, it has beautiful and artistically coloured border, with the royal arms on the top and the shields of the colonies on the sides. A naval picture forms the base scroll.

Mr H Savege, solicitor, Elgin, the president of the club, said they had met to do honour to those members of the club who had given their lives for their country during the Great War. The council of the club thought it was most appropriate that they should have in the clubhouse some lasting memorial of those who had fallen.

After the words "Pro Rege et Patria" there follows the embellished inscription - "Roll of Honour of members of the Elgin Golf Club who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-19," with the names of the twenty-nine men who had fallen. The work was designed and executed by Mr Graham Johnstone, heraldic artist to the Lyon Court of Arms.

Sheriff Howden said men and women all over the country were doing something to perpetuate the memory of those who had not come back, and it was up to them to do something to remind those who came after them that they had given the best of their manhood. It was not his privilege to know any of these men personally, so his remarks could not be of a personal nature. They were not there to mourn for the men they loved, but to do honour to them. The memorial might be a modest one, but he was sure when they had seen it they would agree with him that it was nevertheless a work of art. The war was over, but its aftermath was still with them. With reverence to the dead and with a great knowledge of the debt they owed to them, he

Rev J M Madill said the memorial stood for all time as a reminder that in a great hour there were members of the Golf Club who did not refuse their country's call. They would salute the memorial that day with profound regard and reverence. He was sure they were all pleased that Sheriff Howden had come to perform the unveiling ceremony, and he called for a vote of thanks for his kindness.

List of the Fallen

Mr Savege thanked those present for their attendance, and read the following list of name which the memorial bears:-

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Private Charles H Baxter	1st Scottish Rifles
Lce-Corpl William Black	6th Seaforth Hlrs
2nd Lieut Guy C Collier	Scottish Rifles
2nd Lieut David Edward Dow	6th Seaforth Hlrs
Gunner John Forsyth	Royal Garrison Artillery
Lce-Corpl Findlay S Fraser	8th London Regiment
2nd Lieut Murdo Fraser	Royal Air Force
Private Alex B Gordon	4th Seaforth Hlrs
Lieut George Duff Gordon	2nd Northampton Regt
2nd Lieut John Norman Gourlay	6th Seaforth Hlrs
Private James W Howison	5th Gordon Hlrs
Major Charles Ernest Johnston, D.S.O.	6th Seaforth Hlrs
Gunner George James	Royal Garrison Artillery
Captain A W Kidd	Royal Engineers
2nd Lieut Harold Bruce Lendrum	6th Seaforth Hlrs
Private John S Milne	Canadian Infantry
2nd Lieut John Robertson Murray	9th Seaforth Hlrs
Sergeant Douglas McCaskie	7th Seaforth Hlrs
2nd Lieut James Noble McIver	8th Royal Scots
2nd Lieut Ronald Nairne	Royal Scots Fusiliers
Midshipman Alex Stuart Ogilvie	Royal Navy
Trooper Robert Robertson	1st Scottish Horse
Lieut James Smith	6th Seaforth Hlrs
Driver Francis L Stuart	Royal Field Artillery
Private John Urquhart	Royal Scots
2nd Lieut Alexander Thorburn Welsh	Royal Welsh Fusiliers
2nd Lieut John Edward Wink	6th Seaforth Hlrs
Private Alex Younie	6th Seaforth Hlrs
Corporal James Younie	Scots Guards

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1 st · Lieut · Findlay · S. Fraser	8 th · London · Regiment
2 nd · Lieut · Murdo · Fraser	Royal · Air · Force
Private · Alex · B. Gordon	4 th · Seaforth · Bns
Lieut · George · Duff · Gordon	2 nd · Northampton · Regt
2 nd · Lieut · John · Norman · Gourlay	6 th · Seaforth · Bns
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Elgin Golf Club

1914/15

At the annual meeting in March 1915, much time was taken up by the normal business of the club such as adding a new row of lockers in the gentlemen's box room and repairing an outbreak of dry rot in the floor of the clubhouse. Alexander Anderson, from the floor, did propose the club "place all members who had donned the khaki on the supernumerary list, as that was the only formal way they could register their appreciation."

In addition, the club sent congratulations to their captain, A S W Yeadon, who had enlisted the previous August and was then serving in France, saying he had, "an intimate acquaintance with bunkers, and he should therefore feel quite at home in the trenches," and, "may your skill with the club stand you in good stead when it comes to the bayonet."

1915/16

The 1915 season started as normal with a match between teams selected by the captain and vice-captain, played on the afternoon of Wednesday, 14th April. In June, the ladies played, as normal, their competition for the Rose Bowl.

Also in June, on the 24th, a ceremony took place when a new practice putting green was opened.

Later in the season, the first completion for what is now known as the Veterans' Shield was played for by the aged winners of the Silver Snuff-Box.

No inter-club matches were played and no other competitions were reported to have taken place until the usual Christmas Day event, which raided £2 10s for the local Red Cross Fund.

1916/17

The 1916 annual meeting reiterated the wishes of the prior year's meeting, and the captain reported all members who had donned the khaki had been put on the supernumerary list, and had not been asked for their subscription.

The only competitions played in the 1916 season were those for the Silver Snuff-Box and Veterans' Shield - restricted to gentlemen members aged 50 years and over - and the ladies competition for their Rose Bowl. As in the previous year, no inter-club matches were played during the season.

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1917/18

The club's greenkeeper, John Macpherson, was not called up till 27th July, 1917; to keep the course in a playing condition, he was replaced, pro-tem, by Lewis Hendry of Main Street, New Elgin

As would be expected, although the course was open for play, there was very little formal activity for the rest of the war; the 1918 annual meeting, though, decided the course would be open to all wounded soldiers and members of HM forces.

1918/19

One special event was held during Red Cross Week in June 1918, when £56 was raised for the organisation.

1919/20

At a meeting of Council on 1st May, 1919, the captain, John Gibbon, "brought before the meeting the question of the preparation of a Roll of Honour, and after full consideration it was unanimously agreed the names of all those who had at any time been members of the club and had fallen in the Great War either on active service or through illness contracted on military duty should be inscribed on a Roll of Honour, and that the Roll suitably framed and hung in the clubhouse. It was remitted to Mr Wilken and the Secretary to enquire as to the names of those whose names would fall to be inscribed on the Roll, and to report to a future meeting."

By the time of the Council meeting of 24th November, 1919 a draft list had been prepared and "Mr Wilken submitted the draft of the proposed Roll of Honour and in order to make certain that the list was complete, it was agreed that the Secretary should approach the Elgin Courant and Courier with the object of getting a suitable paragraph inserted in the paper, along with a list of those members of the club who had given their lives during the Great War."

Membership of the club, as would be expected, dropped over the war years - the number of gentlemen members falling from a reported 198 at the 1915 annual meeting, to only 123 at the meeting held in March 1918. In that period, though, the number of members transferred to the supernumerary list grew from 6 to 54 - by the end of the war, perhaps something in excess of 30% of gentlemen members may have been on active service. What is certain is, the 29 names listed on the scroll, represented more than 10% of the club membership.

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Timeline

12/03/1915, at Neuve Chapelle	George Duff Gordon
25/09/1915, at Loos	Douglas McCaskie
06/11/1915, at Bailleul	John S Milne
01/07/1916, near Beaumont Hamel	John Norman Gourlay
21/09/1916, in Rouen Military Hospital	John Edward Wink
03/05/1917, near Arras	Alexander Thorburn Welsh
17/05/1917, in 14th General Hospital, France	David Edward Dow
17/05/1917, near Arras	James W Howison
09/07/1917, on H.M.S. "Vanguard"	Alex Stuart Ogilvie
13/07/1917, at Ypres	Alex Younie
01/08/1917, in Flanders	Harold Bruce Lendrum
17/08/1917, at Talana Farm, Boesinghe	John Forsyth
25/08/1917, at Ypres	James Noble McIver
18/09/1917, at Passchendaele	John Robertson Murray
30/10/1917, at Passchendaele	Findlay S Fraser
23/11/1917, near Cambrai	William Black
21/03/1918, at Beaumetz	Alex B Gordon
23/03/1918, near Beaumetz	Charles Ernest Johnston
01/04/1918, in Netley Hospital, Southampton	James Smith
03/04/1918, in Belgium	Ronald Nairne
13/04/1918, at Armentières	John Urquhart
03/05/1918, in France	Francis L Stuart
22/07/1918, at York	Murdo Fraser
23/07/1918, near Berzy, south of Soissons	Guy C Collier
16/08/1918, at 50 Main Street, New Elgin	James Younie
21/09/1918, at Gouzeaucourt	Charles H Baxter
24/10/1918, as Glenluce, Forteath Avenue	George James
26/10/1918, in General Hospital, Calais	A W Kidd
21/11/1918, at 18 Forteath Street	Robert Robertson

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Details

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, and husband of Margaret Jean Murray, married 1916, Kelvin. Charles served his apprenticeship with his father in the Manchester House, Elgin, and was afterwards employed in drapery warehouses in Liverpool, London and Glasgow; 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 & Elgin Academy War Memorials.

Northern Scot, 10th October 1918, page 4, column 1 - Private C Baxter, Elgin. Mr T Baxter, The Grange, Seafield Crescent, Elgin, has received intimation that his youngest son, Private Charles Baxter, Scottish Rifles, was killed in action on September 21. He served his apprenticeship as a draper with his father in the Manchester House, and was thereafter employed in drapery warehouses in Liverpool,

London and Glasgow. He enlisted three years ago, and after training, was sent to France, from whence he was invalided home with trench feet. He returned to France last year, and was wounded in the neck with shrapnel. He was home on furlough in March last. He was married, and his widow resides at 188 Byers Road, Glasgow.

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 Clyde Cottage, 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 & West End Primary War Memorials.

Northern Scot, 1st December 1917, page 4, column 2 - Lance-Corporal W Black, Elgin. Mr and Mrs Black, Clyde Cottage, Elgin, received intimation yesterday of the death in action on November 23 of their second son, Lance-Corporal Wm Black, Seaforths. His platoon commander, in narrating the circumstances, states that after the big advance the battalion was resting in some extemporised trenches, but soon after they were went out in

small parties to take certain posts. During this advance Lance-Corporal Black, who was in the Lewis gun section, was killed outright by machine-gun fire. The officer mentions that he will be much missed in the platoon, where he was general favourite, always obliging and willing to take his share in the duties and risks that were going. Willie, who was employed in his father's warehouse in South Street, except for two or three years' absence in Glasgow,

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enlisted in the Seaforths in May, 1916, and was trained at stations in England. He was home on draft leave early in July last, and had since been with his battalion in France. His death at the early age of 24 years is a great blow to his parents, who are highly esteemed in the community, and is sincerely regretted by a

wide circle of friends. Mr and Mrs Black's eldest son, John, who was mobilised with the Glasgow Yeomanry at the outbreak of war, is training for a commission in England, and is meantime home on leave, while their only daughter, Mrs Morrison, is engaged on Government work in Glasgow.

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, and grandson of the late Very Rev Dean Ferguson, Elgin;. Guy was a scholar, graduating from Ardvreck, Crieff, and Wellington College, Berks; he joined at Nigg, Ross-shire in April 1915 and served in France. He was severely wounded 23rd July 1917. He was killed in action 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, Elgin Academy, Ardvreck School & Moray Golf Club War Memorials.

Northern Scot, 3rd August 1918, page 4, column 1 - Second Lieutenant G C Collier, Elgin. Information was received by Mrs Collier, Willow Bank, Moss Street, Elgin, on Monday that her son Second Lieutenant Guy C Collier, Scottish Rifles, has been killed in action. He was a son of the late Mr P R S Collier, Indian Civil Service, and a grandson of the late Dean Ferguson, Elgin. Lieut Collier was educated at

Elgin Academy, Ardbreck [sic], Crieff, and Wellington College, Berks. In April, 1915, he received a commission in the Scottish Rifles, and in January, 1917, went to the front with his battalion. He was severely wounded in July, 1917, and was home on a short furlough a few months ago before rejoining his regiment. Lieut Collier was only twenty years of age.

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 the second son of Peter Dow, Headmaster, West End Primary & Marjorie MacPherson. David was a banker, firstly with the Bank of Scotland, Elgin and then in London with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; also a very keen footballer, playing locally for the Rangers and City teams; he joined as a private at Elgin in June 1915, received his commission in August, 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, West End Primary & Elgin Academy War

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Memorials. David was mentioned in dispatches 7th November, 1917, “for gallant and distinguished service in the field,” and recommended for the D.S.O.

Northern Scot, 26th May 1917, page 4, columns 3-4 - Died of Wounds, Lieutenant David Edward Dow, Elgin. Keen regret was expressed in Elgin and district when it became known that Lieutenant David Edward Dow, Seaforth Highlanders, second son of Mr and Mrs Dow, Mayne Road, Elgin, had died on May 17 from wounds received in action on the previous day. Lieutenant Dow, who was 24 years of age, was educated at the West End School and at the Academy, Elgin. On leaving school he chose banking as his profession, and served his apprenticeship in the Bank of Scotland, Elgin, afterwards proceeding to London to accept an appointment with Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London. Immediately on the outbreak of war he was eager to enter the service. In May, 1915, he joined the third line of local Territorials, which was then in the course of formation. He served for a time in the ranks and received his commission in August, 1915. From Elgin, he went to Ripon in November, and to the front in January, 1916 where, with the exception of one short visit home, he remained until the time of his death, having taken part in all the heavy fighting in which our local battalion has acquitted itself so well. Lieutenant Dow was a young officer of very great promise, and loved and respected by all who knew him. His thoughts on active service were always with the men under his charge, and anything that could be done in their interests he did cheerfully and willingly. His love of sport and his musical abilities helped on many occasions to banish dull care and melancholy from the minds of our heroic boys. It can be truthfully said that a more popular and painstaking officer never wore the Seaforth tartan. His cheerfulness under difficulties and his coolness in the face of danger proved him to be a splendid soldier

and a man, and we are sure the local Territorials will miss him.

Mr Dow has received the following letter, dated May 20, from the Lieut-Colonel commanding the battalion. “It was with deep regret and genuine sorrow that I heard that your son, Lieut Dow, had died of wounds after admission to hospital. Your son was one of my best officers and I had great admiration for his high and eminent qualities. His loss to you is tragic and heavy, and you will be bowed down under it. You will accept, however, from me as your son’s commanding officer, my deep and heartfelt sympathy with you and yours in this great and sudden loss? On the day when Lieut Dow received his fatal wound he did splendid and gallant work in command of his company. His leadership and his bravery were both exemplary. So well did I appreciate it that I put his name forward for one of the highest decorations. I am sorry that this honour is not posthumous. It will be a great comfort to you, however, to know how nobly he died in the performance of his duty. Again I assure you of my deepest sympathy.”

A senior officer of the battalion says, “Edward met his death fighting nobly against heavy odds. If any man is deserving of reward in this war, it is he. Both he and Donald have always been the most fearless of lads. He has died the death he would have chosen for himself.”

Before enlisting Lieutenant Dow was well known in local football circles, having played for Elgin Academy, Elgin Rangers and Elgin City Football Clubs. Mr and Mrs Dow have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss. Other two sons are still serving - John, in the Indian Medical Service, and Donald, who has been awarded the Military Cross, had been along with his brother Edward at the front for the past year.

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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, Boesingle, Belgium (plot III, row J, grave 3) and is commemorated on Elgin War Memorial.

Northern Scot, 25th August 1917, page 4, column 4 - Gunner John Forsyth, Lhanbryd. Gunner John Forsyth, R G A, son of the late Mr John Forsyth, Cowslack, Lhanbryd, has been killed in action. Gunner Forsyth, who was 27 years of age, enlisted about a year ago, and went to France in April last. He was for ten years on the staff of Messrs Allan & Black, solicitors, Elgin.

Lce-Corpl Findlay S Fraser

8th London Regiment

Finlay 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. Duffy was a postman; he joined at Fort George in October 1914 and served in France. He was reported killed at Passchendaele, Belgium, 30th October 1917, aged 28 years. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial (panel 150 to 151) and on Elgin, West End Primary & Elgin Post Office War Memorials.

Northern Scot, 3rd August 1918, page 4, columns 1-2 - Lance-Corporal F S Fraser, Elgin. Mr and Mrs Fraser, Blackfriars Place, Elgin, have been informed that their son, Lance-Corporal Findlay S Fraser ("Duffy"), Post Office Rifles, who was previously reported missing in October, 1917, was killed in action on that date or since. Lance-Corporal Fraser, who was about 27 years of age, enlisted towards the end of 1915, and had been in France since January, 1917. He was well known in sporting circles in Elgin, and was a member of both football and cricket clubs. Prior to his joining the colours he was employed as a postman in Elgin. Two brothers are serving, John in the K O S B, and Fred in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

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 1893, 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 and Belgium and was recommended "for operations in France and Belgium between September, 1915, and July 1918". He died of sickness at York, 22nd July 1918, aged 24 years. He is commemorated in

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New Elgin Cemetery and is commemorated on Elgin & Elgin Academy War Memorials.

Northern Scot, 27th July 1918, page 4, column 1 - Second Lieutenant M Fraser, Elgin. Second Lieutenant Murdo Fraser, Royal Air Force, who died in York Military Hospital on Monday, after an operation for peritonitis, was a son of Mr and Mrs Fraser, 34 South Guildry Street, Elgin. He joined the R F C in the early days of the war as a mechanic and had seen a great deal of active service in France. A short time ago he was nominated for a commission, and only a few days before his death he was in Elgin on furlough, looking extremely fit and

well. This is the second son of Mr and Mrs Fraser who has given his life while serving in H M Forces, Sergeant Fraser having been killed in action on June 14, 1916. A younger brother, Ian, is in the south of England, in the R A F. Their father, ex-Colour-Sergeant John Fraser, Seaforth Highlanders, was at various camps training troops during the present war, and was only discharged a short time ago. The funeral will take place to-day with full military honours at two o'clock from St Columba's Church, Elgin.

Private Alex B Gordon

4th Seaforth Hlrs

Alexander Beattie Gordon (No. 203307) was a private in 4th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born 1896, Kinaclune Cottages, Towie, Aberdeenshire and was a son of John Gordon & Jessie Andrew of at 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 Beaumetz, on the Somme, 21st March 1918, aged 21 years. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial (bay 8) and on Elgin War Memorial.

Northern Scot, 27th April 1918, page 4, column 1 - Private A Gordon Elgin. Private Alexander B Gordon, Seaforth Highlanders, who was killed in action on March 21, was the only son of Mr

and Mrs J Gordon, Elm Cottage, The Wards, Elgin. He was 21 years of age, and in civil life was a grocer in the employment of Messrs Carrie & Co, Elgin.

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, winning a prize cadetship; he was gazetted second lieutenant with 1st Battalion in January 1914 and went to France with the 2nd Battalion in November 1914. He was killed at Neuve Chapelle, France, 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, Elgin Academy, Dover College & Moray Golf Club War Memorials.

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Northern Scot, 20th March 1915, page 3, column 4 - Death of an Elgin Officer, Lieut George Duff Gordon. With deep regret we have to record this week the death of Lieutenant George Duff Gordon, only son of Mr R B Gordon, Procurator Fiscal of Morayshire. The sad intelligence was received from the War Office on Monday morning, the intimation simply stating that Lieut Gordon had died of wounds in France, no further details being given. Subsequently it was learned from the War Office that he had been killed in action on Sunday, March 14th. The news was received with the deepest regret throughout Elgin and District, where the gallant young officer and his parents are so well known. His old schoolfellows at the Academy learned of

his death with profound sorrow, for Lieut Gordon was a fine manly fellow and a sportsman in the best sense of the word. To his parents in their great bereavement the deepest sympathy of the community is extended.

Lieutenant Gordon, who was twenty years of age, was educated at Elgin Academy, Ardvreck, Crieff, and Dover College, from whence he passed into Sandhurst, winning a prize cadetship. In January, 1914, he was gazetted to the Northamptonshires, and went to France with the 2nd Battalion of that regiment on November 4, and has been, it is believed, in the vicinity of Neuve Chapelle since that date. Lieut Gordon, it may be stated, was a keen golfer.

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, Essex 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, Milnorduff & Moray Golf Club War Memorials. In Elgin Golf Club Membership Directory 1906, in the list of original members (boys, under 16), is Norman Gourlay, Struan Grove.

Northern Scot, 8th July 1916, page 3, column 2 - Lieutenant J Norman Gourlay, Elgin. Profound sorrow was expressed on all hands in Elgin yesterday when it became known that Second Lieutenant John Norman Gourlay, Seaforth Highlanders, son of Dr Fredrick Gourlay, The Grove, Elgin, had been killed in action. The information was contained in a telegram from the War Office. It seemed inexpressibly sad that this gallant young officer should have fallen in the fight. Few young men were better known in Elgin, or held in more affectionate esteem.

Lieut Gourlay was a young man of great ability and promise. He was of a quiet and kindly disposition, and made friends wherever he went. Educated at Elgin Academy and at Trinity College, Glenalmond, he entered the

service of the British Linen Bank, and was in their Elgin office for about a year and a half. When the 2/6th Seaforths were raised he was one of the first to join, and at once received a commission. About a year ago he was promoted captain. When the battalion was amalgamated with the 2/5th Seaforths, the Ross-shire battalion, he, together with a number of others, was transferred to the third line of the Morayshires at Ripon. Being anxious to join the Regular Army, he was attached to the 2nd Seaforths as second lieutenant. He went to Cromarty in March last, proceeded to the theatre of war on May 29, and was stationed at the instruction camp for a fortnight, from which he joined his battalion in the firing line. Towards the end of May he was home on a few days' leave, and renewed

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acquaintances with several of his old friends in Elgin a day or two before leaving for active service.

Lieut Gourlay was a very popular young officer, alike with his brother officers and men of the battalion. He had all the qualities that go to make a soldier, quick, self-reliant, and cheery under the most trying circumstances, and he was loved and trusted by all who came

in contact with him. In this young officer Elgin has lost one of her most promising son - for although not born in Elgin, he came here with his parents in infancy - and Britain has lost a brave soldier.

The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended to the sorrowing relatives in their great bereavement.

Private James W Howison

5th Gordon Hlrs

James William Howison (No. 224268) was a private in "B" Coy, 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.

Northern Scot, 26th May 1917, page 4, column 2 - Private J W Howison Elgin. Information has been received that Private James Howison, Gordon Highlanders, son of Mrs Howison, late of Oak View, Hawthorn Road, Elgin, has

been killed in action. Private Howison was 34 years of age, and before enlisting in March, 1916, was chief clerk in the office of Mr R I Cameron, 111 High Street, Elgin.

Major Charles Ernest Johnston, D.S.O, T.D.

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 the Volunteers at Elgin in 1889 and saw service in the South African War. In 1914 was appointed Recruiting Officer for the district; afterwards was instrumental in raising the 3rd line of the 6th Seaforths, of which he became Commanding Officer; served in France. While in temporary command of the Regiment, during the great German offensive, was officially reported killed 23rd March 1918, near Beaumont, awarded D.S.O., and twice mentioned in despatches, aged 46 years. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial (panel 8) and on Elgin, Elgin Academy & Moray Golf Club War Memorials. In Elgin Golf Club Membership Directory 1906, in the list of original members, is Major C E Johnston, Lesmurdie.

Northern Scot, 6th April 1918, page 4, columns 3-4 - Major C E Johnston. The announcement that Major C E Johnston, Seaforth Highlanders, has been reported wounded and

missing has been received with regret in Elgin, but from a letter to hand there is good reason for hoping that he is a prisoner. Colonel Macdonald, who is in command of the local

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battalion, writes, "On the morning of March 23 Major Johnston was going round the line visiting the men, when it appears he was sniped and fell, and as the enemy broke through at that point shortly afterwards, it was quite impossible to reach him."

Major Johnston is a son of Colonel C Johnston, Lesmurdie. He is physically a splendid specimen of a soldier, with a long record of military experience. He served during the South African War in command of the first service company of the Morayshire Volunteers. In 1914 he was appointed recruiting officer for the district, and when the War Office decided to raise a third line of the

local Seaforths he was placed in command. For his services in connection with the recruiting for that unit he was promoted lieutenant-colonel, but on going to the front line a year ago reverted to the rank of major. A very capable officer, he was respected by all ranks, and news as to his fate will be anxiously awaited.

It may be mentioned that for a period of three months Major Johnston was in command of the Seaforths during the absence of the Colonel on special duty, and was still in command when the engagement took place, after which he was reported missing.

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, Forteath Avenue, Elgin. George was a corn mill assistant with his father in the Meal Mills at Pittendreich, and the City Corn Mills, Elgin; 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, Forteath Avenue, Elgin, 24th October 1918, aged 32 years. He is buried in New Elgin Cemetery and is commemorated on Elgin, Elgin Academy & New Elgin War Memorials. In Elgin Golf Club Membership Directory 1906, in the list of original members, is George James, Pittendreich.

Northern Scot, 26th October, 1918, page 3, column 3 - Ex-Soldier's Death. Mr George James, lately a gunner in the R G A, died at his father's residence, Glenluce, Forteath Avenue, Elgin, on Thursday evening. He was 32 years of age, and had been associated in business with his father in the mills at Pittendrieich and latterly at the City Corn Mills, Elgin, in

connection with which he travelled extensively over the district. He joined the colours about two years ago, and was sent home from France suffering from shell-shock. He was in hospital in Perth for some time, until finally discharged and sent home. He was stricken with a shock about a week ago, from which he never recovered.

Captain A W Kidd

Royal Engineers

Alistair Wilson Kidd was a lieutenant in Royal Engineers, Mining Company. He was born 1884, Dornoch (parish) and a son of James Bruce Kidd & Agnes Wilson Kidd of The Terrace, Brora. Alistair 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

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A, grave 8) and is commemorated on Brora War Memorial, and by the 'Kidd Medal' at Brora Golf Club.

Northern Times, 1st November 1918 - Late Lieut Alastair Kidd, R E. Much regret was felt throughout Brora when it became known that Lieut Alastair Kidd, R E, elder son of Mrs Kidd, The Terrace, had died from influenza in a hospital in France. After one short week's illness, he lies in one of the many thousands of soldiers graves in on the cemeteries of France. Lieut Kidd paid a short visit to his home in August and was then confident of a speedy finish of the war and the return of the boys. He was a fine type of young man, tall and soldierly in his bearing with a frank cheery manner which won for him many friends. As a boy, he served his apprenticeship as a carpenter and draughtsman. Later he spent a year on government work in West Africa. For a short time prior to the war he was in the government's employment as a land valuer in Elgin. While there he joined Kitchener's Army in Sept. 1914 and had there seen more than three years of service. He trained as a private in the Seaforths, pioneers, Fort George. He quickly rose from the ranks and went to

France in May, 1915, as Coy Quartermaster Sergt. After the Battle of Loos, Sept, 1916, he gained a commission in the Royal Engineers "for services in the field." He was a victim to asthma and while in the trenches suffered greatly from that trouble. On account of that he spent the last two years at a base behind the lines.

His Colonel in a letter of sympathy to his mother says, "Your son's death makes a very great gap in our ranks, where he was a great favourite, always willing to do anyone a good turn, and help in anyway possible. He was a most conscientious officer, whom it will be hard to replace."

Lieut Kidd acted as firemaster in his Coy and at the funeral, the coffin, covered with wreaths was borne on the Fire Engine to its last resting place.

Sergt J W Kidd, A S C, brother of the deceased officer was granted permission to attend the funeral.

Much sympathy is extended to the sorrowing mother, brother and sisters.

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 Helen Bruce of South U.F. Manse, Elgin. Harold was a student of Arts; he joined the Territorials at Elgin in September 1914 and served in France. He died, of wounds received in action in Flanders, 1st August 1917, aged 21 years. He is buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Westvleteren (plot II, row H, grave 1) and is commemorated on Elgin & Elgin Academy War Memorials, and in the University of Aberdeen Roll of Honour

Northern Scot, 4th August 1917, page 4, column 1 - Second Lieutenant H B Lendrum, Elgin - Rev Mr and Mrs Lendrum, South Manse, Elgin, received intimation on Thursday that their eldest son, Second Lieutenant Harold Bruce Lendrum, Seaforth Highlanders, had died of wounds received in action.

Second Lieutenant Lendrum received his early education at the Elgin Academy, afterwards

proceeding to Aberdeen University. He had only finished a year's course there, however, when war broke out, and he immediately enlisted in the local Territorials. He joined as a private, and after undergoing a period of training with the battalion in England, went overseas with them in May, 1915. About two months later he was nominated for a commission, and returned to this country for

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special training. He was posted to the Seaforth Highlanders, and rejoined his old battalion in the spring of this year. Second Lieutenant Lendrum was of a bright and happy

disposition, frank and kindly in his manner, and well liked wherever he went. Respected and admired by all who knew him, his death at the early age of 21 is very deeply regretted.

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 & Elgin Academy War Memorials. In Elgin Golf Club Membership Directory 1906, in the list of original members (boys, under 16), is John Milne, Gordon Arms.

Northern Scot 18th December 1915, page 3, column 2 - Pte John S Milne, Elgin. The above is a photo of Private John S Milne, 29th Battalion Canadians, whose name appears in the casualty lists of the "Vancouver Province" on November 17, as having died of wounds. He was the son of the late Mr John Milne, Gordon Arms Hotel, Elgin, and brother of Miss Milne, music teacher, Hillview, Elgin. He went to Canada some years ago, and resided for a time on the prairies, and in 1912 he went out to the coast. He was for some years a member of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion

Seaforth Highlanders, and soon after the outbreak of war he enlisted in the 72nd Seaforths in Canada. After being stationed at 5 Namaino for some time he transferred to the 29th Battalion on its formation. Prior to going to Canada, Private Milne held an important position with a South American railway company in its London office. He was educated in Elgin Academy, and was only 24 years of age. Private Milne was highly esteemed by his many friends in Vancouver and Victoria, and also in Morayshire.

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 (Bonar Bridge) Station, Kincardine, Ross-shire and a son of Alexander Murray, Traffic Agent & Catherine Robertson of Southfield Cottage, Alma Place, Elgin; educated Elgin Academy, Morgan Academy, Dundee and Edinburgh University; played for the St Andrew's Cricket Club and City Football Clubs, Elgin. Served his apprenticeship with Messrs Grigor & Young, Solicitors, Elgin; qualified as a solicitor; managing and conveyancing clerk in the office of Messrs Russell & Dunlop, W.S., Edinburgh; he joined at Edinburgh in June 1916 and served in France. He died of wounds received in action at Passchendaele, Ypres, 19th September 1917, aged 38 years. He is buried in Potijze Chateau Lawn Cemetery (row C, grave 4) and is commemorated on

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Elgin, West End Primary, Elgin Academy & Broomieknow Golf Club War Memorials, and in the University of Edinburgh Roll of Honour.

Aberdeen Press & Journal, 26th September 1917, page 2 - Official intimation has been received by Mr and Mrs A Murray, Southfield Cottage, Elgin that their youngest son, 2nd Lieut John Robertson Murray, Seaforth Highlanders, had died from wounds received in action. He

joined as a private about 18 months' ago, received his commission May of this year and proceeded to France in June. Prior to joining up he was a solicitor on the staff of Messrs Russell and Dunlop, W S, Edinburgh.

Sergeant Douglas McCaskie

7th Seaforth Hlrs

Douglas McCaskie (No. S/1643) was a sergeant in 8th Seaforth Highlanders. He was born November 1882, 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 33 years. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Louverval (panel 112 to 115) and on Elgin & West End Primary War Memorials.

Northern Scot, 23rd October 1915, page 4, column 1 - Sergt D McCaskie, Elgin. General regret was expressed in Elgin on Monday when it became known that Sergeant D McCaskie, 8th Seaforths, had been killed in action. Sergt McCaskie was well liked in Elgin, being of a cheery, genial disposition. He was the youngest son of ex-Bailie McCaskie, shoemaker, Elgin, and was 33 years of age. He enlisted into the 8th Seaforths in Aberdeen over a year ago. His father received the following letter from Rev Wm Crawford, chaplain, which deals eloquently with Sergt

McCaskie's good qualities. "I deeply regret to convey to you the sad news of your son's death. He fell on September 25 just as he reached the German trenches. His loss is keenly felt by his battalion, for he was not only splendid soldier but bore a high character. He has given his life for his country and died doing his duty nobly. He has not lived or died in vain. My heart is sore at the loss of so many precious lives, but I shall retain the example and memory of their steadfastness and invincible courage. You will also proudly cherish his memory."

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, Forteach Street, Elgin and was a son of James McIver & Christina Chisholm of Inverewe, Grant Street, Elgin. Noble was an Arts student at the Edinburgh University; he joined the Field Ambulance Company 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 & West End Primary War Memorials.

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Northern Scot, 8th September 1917, page 4, column 2 - Second Lieutenant James N McIver, Elgin. Second Lieutenant James N McIver, Elgin, Royal Scots (attached Gordon Highlanders), who has been killed in action, was the only son of Mr and Mrs McIver, Inverewe, Grant Street, Elgin. A brother officer of the Gordon Highlanders, Lieut J D Robertson (who himself lost his life the day after writing), says, "Your son, Noble McIver, was killed in action on August 25, about midnight. He was out with his men working, when a shell burst near and killed him and some of his men instantaneously." The lieutenant-colonel of the battalion bears testimony to the splendid soldier Lieutenant McIver was in a letter dated August 29, in which he says, "Your son, while he was with

us endeared himself to all of us, and was universally liked and respected, and his men would have done anything for him. We who have known him here will never forget him for he set us all an inspiring example of how to live. May I express our most heartfelt sympathy in your great loss, a loss we all feel so much?"

Lieutenant McIver received his early education at Elgin Academy and Edinburgh, where he was training for the ministry when war was declared. He graduated M A and soon afterwards enlisted in the Field Ambulance, being nominated for a commission in short time. In January of this year he went on active service and his death at the age of 23 is deeply regretted.

2nd Lieut Ronald Nairne

Royal Scots Fusiliers

Ronald Nairne was a second lieutenant in "B" Coy, 5th/6th Royal Scots. He was born Inverness, 1893 and was a son of David & Jessie Colbill Nairne of 35 Lovat Road, Inverness. He died in Belgium on 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.

Aberdeen Press & Journal, 12th April 1918, page 2 - Intimation has been received of the death notion of 2nd Lieut. Ronald Nairne, Royal Scots, youngest son of the late Mr David Nairne, sub-editor, Northern Chronicle, and Mrs Nairne, Lovat Road. At the outbreak of war Lieut. Nairne was on the staff the Lands

Valuation Department in Elgin, and at once joined the Highlanders and was for over three years in continuous service on the Western front. He obtained his commission in the Royal Scots over a year ago. Towards the end of last year he was mentioned in dispatches for gallant conduct in the field.

Midshipman Alex Stuart Ogilvie

Royal Navy

Alexander Stuart 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, coal merchant & Margaret Sim of Gowanbrae, Forteach Avenue. Stuart joined the training ship "Conway" in 1911; transferred to the Royal Naval Reserve 1913, and during the war joined the Royal Navy; served in Home and 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 & Elgin Academy War Memorials.

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Northern Scot, 14th July 1917, page 4, column 1 - Midshipman Stuart Ogilvie, Elgin. Deep regret was expressed in Elgin when it became known that Midshipman A Stuart Ogilvie, son of Mr Ogilvie, coal merchant, Elgin, had been accidentally killed on Monday last. Midshipman Ogilvie was educated at Elgin Academy, and in 1911 had his greatest desire when he proceeded to the training ship Conway to begin his sailing career. After

completing a three years' course on the Conway he was transferred to the Royal Naval Reserve and when war broke out he was on board the Collingwood. He went through the battle of Jutland while serving on a destroyer and only recently joined the Royal Navy. Midshipman Ogilvie, who was only 19 years of age, was home on a short holiday about three months ago. The sympathy of the community is extended to his relatives.

Trooper Robert Robertson

1st Scottish Horse

Robert Robertson was a Warrant Office aboard HMS "Cyclops". He was born 21st August 1883, Elgin to Donald Robertson, Braes Croft, Elchies and Sarah McPherson; and husband of Alice G Sim. Robert was a Telegraphist for the Post Office; at the outbreak of war, was a member of E Squadron, 2nd Scottish Horse; volunteering for active service, transferred to 1st Scottish Horse; by reason of his employment, transferred to the Royal Navy and served at Wick and Scapa Flow. He died of exhaustion at 18 Forteach Street, Elgin on 21st November 1918, aged 34 years. He is buried in New Elgin Cemetery and is commemorated on the Elgin & Elgin Post Office War Memorials - both as serving in the Royal Navy.

Elgin Courant and Courier, 22nd November 1918, page 3, column 2 - 'The Late Mr Robert Robertson. Many will regret to hear of the death, which took place last night, of Mr Robert Robertson, who had over 20 years' service in the Post Office here. Mr Robertson, who was 34 years of age, entered the Post Office service as a telegraph messenger when a boy of 14 years of age, but, always of a studious disposition, he soon qualified himself for promotion as a telegraphist. Although a member of the Scottish Horse at the outbreak of war and wishing to take an active part in the great campaign, he had to bow to the wishes of the authorities and take up naval duty. He was first of all sent to Wick, and latterly to Scapa Flow, where he was in the telegraph

section on board the *Cyclops*. Here he had to put up with long hours and little exercise, and while on leave two or three months ago he was complaining of not feeling well. He, however, returned to duty, and only arrived home on Saturday evening, when it was observed he was in a very weak state of health. Everything possible was done for him, but his energy was exhausted, and, as stated, he passed away last night. Mr Robertson was a man of fine character, well read, and at local Debating Societies he always took a prominent part. He is survived by a widow (a daughter of Mr Wm Sim, Scotsbank, also a Post Office official) and a young daughter, to whom the sympathy of a wide circle of friends will go out.

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

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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.

Northern Scot, 6th April 1918 - Died on Service. Lieutenant J Smith, Elgin. Deep regret was felt in Elgin when it was learned this week that Lieutenant James Smith, Seaforth Highlanders (attached Labour Corps) died in Netley Hospital, Southampton, on Monday as a result of trench fever contracted on active service. Lieutenant Smith enlisted into the Seaforths in India as a band boy in 1880 when he was only 15½ years of age. Two years later he went to Egypt, and served through the Egyptian campaign. He was present at Tel-el-Kebir on September 13, 1882, at the occupation of Cairo, and at the seizure of the Suez Canal. From Egypt he returned home with his battalion. Having attained the rank of colour-sergeant, he was in 1896 appointed colour-sergeant at Lhanbryde, where he was for three and a half years, when he was transferred to the Rothes Company, remaining there for six months. In 1901 he was promoted sergeant-major at Elgin, being the last S.M of the old Volunteer battalion and the first of the Territorials. From Elgin Lieutenant Smith went to the Records Office in Perth in 1908, where he remained until war broke out with Germany, when he immediately joined up as sergeant-major of a Seaforth battalion at a war station in the North of Scotland. On the formation of the third line of the local Territorials he was appointed captain and adjutant of that unit, but after going to

England he was seconded for duty with the Labour Corps in which he held the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Smith was offered a permanent position on home service, but although 52 years of age at the time, he declined the appointment and in November last went to France with a company of the Labour Corps. In March he fell ill with trench fever, and was removed to Netley Hospital, where he died. He held the Egyptian Medal, the Khedive's Star and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Through the death of Lieutenant Smith the country has lost a splendid soldier one whom his old comrades of the Cuidich 'n' Righ and his numerous friends throughout the north will mourn with all sincerity. His was a long and honourable career of devoted service, and his name will always be revered by those who knew him.

The funeral took place to Elgin Cemetery yesterday afternoon with full military honours. The Seaforth band from Fort-George played the cortege to the cemetery, and a firing party from his old regiment fired three farewell shots o'er the grave and a bugler sounded the "Last Post".

Lieutenant Smith's son, Lieutenant F B Smith, also of the Seaforths, who lost his left leg as a result of wounds received at Beaumont Hamel, was present at the funeral.

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 Annie Gray, married 1908, Aberdeen, of 87 Claremont Street, Aberdeen. Francis was a school teacher; he joined in January 1917 and served in France. He was killed in France 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 Glentanar War Memorials.

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Northern Scot, 8th June 1918, page 4, column 1 - Driver F L Stuart, R F A. Driver Francis Lee Stuart, R F A, reported killed in action May 3, was for some years a teacher in the East End School, Elgin, and previous to enlisting was assistant master in Aboyne Higher Grade

School. Driver Stuart was the only son of Mr Robert Stuart, slater, Holland Street, Aberdeen, and his wife and child reside at 87 Claremont Street, Aberdeen. While in Elgin, Driver Stuart played for Bishopmill United FC.

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.

Northern Scot, 4th May, 1918, page 4, column 4 - Private John Urquhart, A Valued Member of "The Northern Scot" Staff Killed in Action. Word has reached us that Private John Urquhart, Royal Scots, has been killed in action. The news was conveyed to his wife, who resides at Culbard Street, Elgin.

Mr Urquhart was a valued and faithful member of the staff of "The Northern Scot" having come from "The Nairnshire Telegraph" to join this paper about ten years ago as chief reporter. He was a native of Nairn and early showed his literary leanings and his decided instinct for journalism. He was an ardent reader of classical works, with an inclination for the historic and romantic, and the influence of his studies in these directions was reflected in his writings, for he had the happy faculty of making even the most commonplace theme attractive and readable. Readers of "The Northern Scot" will remember the series of articles on the old water mills of Elgin which appeared a few years before the war. In writing these articles Mr Urquhart found a congenial subject for he admired the quaint and curious, and was an ardent lover of nature, imparting the true touch of literature and the spirit of poetry into every line of his work. He delighted in long rambles in the neighbourhood of Elgin - the Oak Wood, the banks of the Lossie, and the numerous other

beauty spots in this vicinity being his favourite haunts. In such wanderings with nature he found inspiration and refreshment from the routine duties of his profession.

When war came and men were mobilising for the great struggle, he, like many others who had led calm and uneventful lives, little dreamt that for them the trumpet would sound and that the stream of marching millions would bear them along to that sea of strife where so many have found their glorious rest.

When in the early part of 1915 the editor of this paper went on military service Mr Urquhart was appointed acting editor, and right faithfully and well did he discharge his responsible duties, for he was a journalist of marked ability and took a pride in his vocation. But above all he had a keen sense of duty which impelled him at the end of the year 1915 to voluntarily attest under the Derby scheme.

When the Military Service Act was passed he keenly followed the calling up dates of the various classes of conscripts, and when the date of his own class was announced he at once asked to be released from his work in this office, and in a week or two afterwards, finding there was an unlooked for delay in issuing the calling up notices, he went to Fort George and enlisted, the historic Royal Scots being the regiment he chose.

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After several months' training in a southern camp, in which he proved himself an efficient and capable soldier, he was sent out with a draft to join his unit in the firing line. In the heavy fighting in which that unit participated in France and Flanders Private Urquhart did his part like a brave soldier and a true son of Moray, and up to the time of his death "on the field of honour" had passed through it all unscathed.

We last heard from him on the eve of the great offensive, against which our lads have stood with such conspicuous heroism. He was thinking of his beloved Morayland. It was the calm before the breaking of the storm. "Everything is wonderfully quiet," he wrote, "I have all this fifty yards of trench to myself. A lark is singing sweetly far up above me. I am now thoroughly into the old life again, and my fleeting trip to Elgin and the north seems like a beautiful dream of the past. How I did enjoy that short spell at home. Scotland appeals to me as the freshest and most wholesome land

on earth." Here he refers to the furlough he had last New Year, when, despite the boisterous weather which then prevailed, he took delight in revisiting the old scenes.

By public men in Elgin, and by the public officials among whom his journalistic duties took him, Mr Urquhart will be remembered for his quiet gentlemanly tact and his uniform courtesy. Straightforward and conscientious at all times, he made many friends, who will share our heartfelt sorrow at his loss. He has "gone west" to join many another brave and true man from Moray, to that country in which, although to us the son appears to set for a time, it rises again more glorious than ever to shine eternally.

Mr Urquhart, who was 37 years of age, besides his widow, is survived by several brothers, one of whom is editor of "The Dundee Advertiser". With these in their trying ordeal our sorrow and that of numerous friends is sincerely mingled.

2nd Lieut Alexander Thorburn Welsh

Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Alexander Thorburn Welsh was a second lieutenant in Artists Rifles and 4th Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He was born 19th March 1882, Galashiels and was the a younger son of William Welsh, Tweed Manufacturer & Isabella Thorburn of Ivy Bank, Bishopmill. Alexander was a woollen manufacturer; he joined at London on 21st November 1915, and served in France. He was killed in action near Arras, 3rd May 1917, aged 35 years. He is buried in Tank Cemetery, Guemappe, Pas de Calais, France (plot VI, row B, grave69) and is commemorated on Elgin, West End Primary & Moray Golf Club War Memorials.

Northern Scot, 19th May 1917, page 4, column 1 - Lieutenant A T Welsh, Bishopmill. Mrs Welsh, Ivy Bank, Bishopmill, received a telegram last Saturday morning that her son, Second Lieutenant Alexander Thorburn Welsh, had been killed in action on May 3. He joined the Artists' Rifles OTC in November, 1915, received his commission in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on June 14, 1916, and left for France last October where he was attached to the London Regiment. Before joining up Lieut

Welsh was a partner with his brothers in the firm of Messrs Reid & Welsh Ltd, woollen manufacturers, Lossiebank Mills, Elgin. Lieut Welsh was well known in golfing and bowling circles, being a member of the Moray and Elgin Golf Clubs and Elgin Bowling Club. Mrs Welsh has two other sons fighting in France - Robert, second lieutenant, Gordon Highlanders, and John, gunner in the Royal Field Artillery.

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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, educated at Elgin Academy, Fettes College and Cambridge University; was chosen to attend the Cadet School at Gales; received his commission in the Seaforths 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 & Elgin Academy War Memorials.

Northern Scot, 23rd September 1916, page 4, column 2 - Lieut John E Wink, Elgin. Second Lieutenant John Edward Wink, of the Seaforth Highlanders, only son of the late Mr John Wink, solicitor, Elgin, died in hospital at

Rouen on September 21. The young officer, who was only 19 years of age, was educated at Elgin Academy and Fettes College, afterwards proceeding to Cambridge University.

Private Alex Younie

6th Seaforth Hlrs

Alexander Littlejohn Younie (No. 265083) 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. Alexander was a clerk; he joined at Elgin and served in France. He was officially reported missing and killed 31st July 1917, aged 23 years. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing, Ypres, Belgium (panel 38) and on Elgin, New Elgin & West End Primary War Memorials.

Northern Scot, 3rd August 1918, page 4, column 2 - Private A Younie, New Elgin Official information has been received by Mrs Younie, The Inn, New Elgin, that her son, Private Alex Younie, Seaforth Highlanders, who was previously reported missing on July 31, 1917, is now reported killed on that date. Private Younie mobilised with the local Territorials, and went to France in May, 1915. In April,

1917, he was wounded at Arras, but after some months in hospital, rejoined his battalion at the front. In civil life he was on the staff of Mr F A Ritson, C A, Elgin. Two brothers, John, Canadians, and William, East Africa Force, are still serving, while James, who was in the Scots Guards, is now discharged. All joined up in August, 1914.

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

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joined at Chatham Depot in August 1914 and served in Belgium. He was discharged unfit for further service (tuberculosis) April 1916. He died at 50 Main Street, New Elgin, 19th August 1918, aged 31 years. He is buried in New Elgin Cemetery and is commemorated on Elgin, New Elgin & West End Primary War Memorials.

Northern Scot, 24th August 1918, page 3, column 4 - The Late Ex-Coroporal Younie, Elgin. The death took place at New Elgin on Monday of ex-Corporal James Younie, Scots Guards, son of Mrs Younie, The Inn. Corporal Younie was on naval service when war was declared, but immediately tried to join the Army, and was accepted for service with the Scots Guards. After a period of training he was drafted to the front, but the terrible conditions in which the fighting was being carried on proved too much for his health, and he was invalided out of the

service. Since then he has not enjoyed good health, and of late became very weak. For some before taking up naval duties, he was in Australia, and prior to emigrating he was employed in the office of Messrs Wink & Mackenzie, solicitors, Elgin. A brother, Alexander, was recently reported killed in action, and two are still on service. The funeral took place with full military honours to the Elgin Cemetery on Thursday, when there was a large and sympathetic attendance.

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