The Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh

Recent research into the memorial and the men whose names are inscribed on it has led to an expanded list of men who were connected with the college and who died during, or shortly after, the war. This research, including biographical details of these men, has been written up for publication in *The Veterinary History Journal* and is due to be published in 2015. After publication this paper will be made available through this website. Until that time an abbreviated version is available as indicated below. Anyone wishing to contribute more information or to find out more about any of the men listed is invited to contact the authors through this website at scotwar@ed.ac.uk.

Pete Matthews  
Alastair Macdonald  
Colin Warwick

**List of Abbreviations**

* = Not commemorated on original R(D)VC memorial  
ARS= Army Remount Service  
AVC= Army Veterinary Corps (became RAVC in 1918)  
CWGC= Commonwealth War Graves Commission  
ICVD= Indian Civil Veterinary Department  
MRCVS= Member of Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons  
NZVC= New Zealand Veterinary Corps  
R(D)VC= Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh  
RAVC= Royal Army Veterinary Corps  
RFA= Royal Field Artillery  
RGA= Royal Garrison Artillery  
RHA= Royal Horse Artillery  
RVC London= Royal Veterinary College, London

**PRO PATRIA**  
**GREAT WAR 1914-1918**

**BARTLEMAN, Thomas Edward***
- Enrolled at the R(D)VC in October 1914 as a ‘Non-Professional’ student.  
- Matriculated at University of Edinburgh in November 1914.  
- Served in France as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 5th Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders.  
- Killed in action on 6th September 1917 during the Third Battle of Ypres, aged 20.

**BAXTER, Clement TD***
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in May 1902.  
- Served pre-war in the Territorial AVC.  
- Served in France with the AVC with the final rank of Major.  
- Awarded Territorial Decoration on 4th November 1919. Died nine days later on 13th November 1919 at Christchurch, Hampshire, aged 50.  
- Not commemorated by CWGC.
BEECH, John Robert Dixon CMG DSO*
- Qualified MRCVS from R(D)VC in April 1881
- Served with distinction in the Egyptian Campaigns of 1880’s and the Boer War. Awarded CMG and DSO.
- Retired from army but volunteered for service in Great War and given command of 2/1st Regiment of the Scottish Horse.
- Died at Louth, Lincolnshire on 6th November 1915 from pneumonia, aged 55.

BENNETT, James Stewart Hutchison
- Employed as Lab Assistant at the R(D)VC from October 1904.
- Served in France as a Private in the 1st Battalion of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers.
- Killed in action during the Battle of Cambrai on 30th November 1917, aged 27.

BROWN, Thomas
- Student at the R(D)VC from April 1914.
- Left November 1915 for active service.
- Initially joined the AVC then transferred to the RGA. Served in France as a Gunner in the 104th Siege Battery.
- Died of wounds received during an air raid during the Third Battle of Ypres on 14th September 1917, aged 23.

BROWNLESS, John Wilson
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in May 1897.
- Served in Dardanelles campaign as a Lieutenant in the AVC.
- Struck by a shell and died of his wounds on 16th June 1915, aged 40.

CRONYN, William Benn*
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in May 1888.
- Served in France as a Captain in the AVC.
- Died of Influenza and Meningitis on 1st February 1918, aged 55.

CURREY, George*
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in December 1911.
- Served as a Captain in the AVC.

DAWSON, William Orford Charles*
- Entered class C of the R(D)VC from the RVC London.
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in 1894.
- Served as a Major in the ICVD.
- Drowned when SS Persia was torpedoed and sunk 30th December 1915.
EDGE, William Edward*
- Leg amputated as result of accident in February 1915 while serving as an Engineer in the Royal Indian Marine.
- Joined Royal Navy in April 1916 as Engineer Lieutenant but admitted to hospital with ‘Neurosis’ in January 1917 and commission terminated.
- Student at the R(D)VC from September 1918.
- Death by suicide 21st Jan 1921.
- Not commemorated by CWGC.

EVANS, Edward*
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in December 1898.
- Served as a Captain in the AVC.
- Died on 21st May 1918 in Liverpool.

FLEMING, William James Culbard*
- Enrolled as 'Non-Professional' student at the R(D)VC in Oct 1912.
- Served in France as a Captain in the Gordon Highlanders.
- Died of influenza on 2nd December 1918 in Keith, Scotland.

HANNAY, David
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in May 1909.
- Served in France from 1914 as a Captain in the AVC.
- Died 17th January 1918 in Rouen, France, aged 36.

HIGGINS, Arthur Akin*
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in May 1910.
- Served in Greece as a Captain in the AVC attached to 115th Brigade RFA.
- Died on 25th October 1918 in Salonika, aged 32.

HISLOP, George
- Student at the R(D)VC from October 1914.
- Left in July 1915 for active service.
- Served in France as Sergeant in AVC.
- Died of wounds at Dozinghem on 26th October 1917, aged 21.

HOLMES, John Dalrymple Edgar CIE*
- Student at the R(D)VC November 1892 to May 1894.
- Transferred to the RVC London from where he qualified MRCVS in May 1895.
- Served as Lieutenant-Colonel in Indian Civil Veterinary Department. Awarded CIE.
- Died suddenly of cerebral haemorrhage at Bareilly, India on 2nd March 1915, aged 48.
- Not commemorated by CWGC.
LENOX-CONYNGHAM, Hubert Maxwell DSO*
• Student at the R(D)VC from September 1893 to May 1895.
• Transferred to the RVC London from where he qualified MRCVS in March 1896.
• Served in France as a Lieutenant Colonel in the AVC. Awarded DSO.
• Died suddenly of cerebral haemorrhage at Chester on 15th March 1918, aged 48.

LOWRY, Henry Cooke
• Originally student at Dublin Veterinary College.
• Enrolled as student at the R(D)VC in 1909 and qualified MRCVS in same year.
• Served in Dardanelles and Mesopotamia as a Captain in the AVC.
• Died on active service in Mesopotamia on 11th July 1916, aged 32.

MCCALLUM, Donald
• Student at the R(D)VC from September 1913.
• Left for active service in September 1914.
• Served in France as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 10th Battalion of the Camerons (Scottish Rifles).
• Missing in action on 25th September 1915 during the Battle of Loos, aged 19 years.

MENDELSOHN, Max
• Employed at the R(D)VC as a Pathology Assistant.
• Initially Horse Keeper in the AVC then served in Palestine as Gunner in the RHA.
• Died on active service on 12th October 1918, aged 21.

NESS, James Sharp
• Student of Science at the University of Edinburgh between 1913 and 1915.
• Also enrolled as student at the R(D)VC in April 1914.
• Served in France as a Private in the Camerons then the Gordon Highlanders.
• Killed in action during the Third Battle of Ypres on 16th September 1917.
• Original R(D)VC memorial inscribed with name ‘Ian Ness’.

PHORSON, Douglas Stuart
• Student of Medicine at the University of Edinburgh between 1906 and 1908.
• Enrolled at the R(D)VC in October 1909.
• Left July 1914 for active service.
• Served in France as a Captain in the 3rd Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry
• Killed by shell during Battle of Somme on 16th December 1916, aged 27.
PRIMMER, Jacob Hope
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in May 1906.
- Served in Egypt and France as a Captain with NZVC.
- Struck and killed by lightning on 12th June 1917 during Battle of Messines, aged 32.

ROUTLEDGE, Arthur Richard*
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in May 1895
- Served in France from 1914 as a Captain in the AVC
- Injured by kick from a mule while in France and evacuated to the UK.
- Invalided out of the army through ill-health contracted on active service in April 1918 and returned to practice.
- Died in Lincoln on 27th June 1918, aged 44.

STANLEY, John William*
- Student at the R(D)VC from October 1909 to December 1911.
- Transferred to the RVC London and sat exams in 1912 and 1913. Returned to sit ‘special examination’ in 1916.
- Served in France as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 4th Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers from September 1915.
- Killed in action at Messines on 7th June 1917, aged 31.

STORIE, John
- Gained Highland Agricultural Society certificate from the New Edinburgh Veterinary College in 1875.
- Qualified MRCVS in April 1880.
- Served in the UK as a Captain in the Territorial AVC attached to Lothian and Border Horse and Scots Grey’s Depot.
- Died at home on 4th October 1915 following an attack of pleurisy, aged 59.

TOTTENHAM, Edward Lowry MC
- Student at the R(D)VC from January 1914.
- Left for military service September 1914.
- Initially joined the AVC as a Private then served in Mesopotamia as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.
- Killed in action during Battle of Sannaiyat, Mesopotamia, on the 9th April 1916, aged 21. Awarded posthumous MC.

TULLY-CHRISTIE, William Kerwin
- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in December 1906.
- Served as a Captain in the AVC.
- Relinquished his commission in Sept 1917 due to ill health contracted while on active service.
- Died on 20th February 1918 in Queen Alexandra’s Hospital for Officers, London, aged 40.
WRIGHT, Thomas*

- Qualified MRCVS from the R(D)VC in April 1881.
- Served as Transport Veterinary Officer from 1914. Made many voyages between Britain, Canada, America and other countries until December 1916 when the ship he was travelling on was torpedoed and sunk.
- Then acted as a Civilian Veterinary Surgeon to the ARS Depot at Woolwich. Resigned due to ill health.
- Died in Nottingham on 1st January 1918, aged 62.
- Not commemorated by CWGC.