

## Murrayfield Golf Club – Roll of Honour

**Captain Frederick W Anderson**, Royal Engineers, was the youngest son of William K Anderson, a retired Farmer, and Margaret K Anderson, of 1 Wester Coates Gardens, Edinburgh. Born in Stow, Midlothian in 1888, he died on 29 March 1918, age 30, and is buried in Roclincourt Military Cemetery, France. Surviving siblings were Malcolm, Alexander, Anne May, Maria and Christina.



**Second Lieutenant Dermot Harvey Bailey**, Royal Scots, born in Edinburgh in 1885, was the younger son of Wellesley Cosby Bailey, a Mission Superintendent, and Alice Anne Hargreaves Bailey, of 20 Findhorn Place, Edinburgh, and husband of Mary Jane Bailey, of 96 Viewforth, Edinburgh.

He studied medicine from 1901 to 1902, then became a Tea Planter in Ceylon.

He was killed in action on 23 May 1917, age 32, and is buried in St. Nicolas British Cemetery, France.

Surviving brother was Wellesley.



**Lieutenant Archibald Campbell Brown**, Royal Field Artillery, born in Edinburgh, was the eldest son of Archibald George Brown, a Solicitor, and Helen Faichney Brown, of 23 Mayfield Terrace, Edinburgh.

After attending Royal High School where he played for the First XV and XI, he was a student of law at Edinburgh University from 1902 to 1905, becoming a Writer to the Signet in 1908.

He was killed in action at Berry-au-Bac on the Aisne on 27th May 1918, age 35, and is buried in Jonchery-Sur-Vesle British Cemetery, France.

Surviving siblings were Helen, Jane, Louisa, Alice, William, Henry and Charles.

**Captain Herbert Charles Bruce Cummins**, Seaforth Highlanders, was the third son of the Reverend William Henry, a Church of England Clergyman, and Jane Douglas Cummins, of 8 Cavendish Road, Portsmouth. Born in Herdenham, Suffolk in 1877, he died on 7 May 1916, age 39, and is buried in Nieppe Communal Cemetery, France. Surviving siblings were Ethel, Aubrey, Henry and Norman.

**Gunner William Dick**, Royal Garrison Artillery, was the only son of William Dick, a retired Drapery Book-keeper, and Janet Dick, of 17 East High Street, Forfar. Born in Forfar in 1883, he died on 29 September 1917, age 34, and is buried in Gwalia Cemetery, Belgium. Surviving siblings were Clementina and his twin sister, Helen.



**Nursing Orderly Madge (Margaret) Neill Fraser**, Scottish Women's Hospital, was the younger daughter of Patrick Neill Fraser, a Master Letterpress Printer, and Margaret Neill Fraser, of 50 Grange Road, Edinburgh.

Born in Edinburgh in 1880, she held certificates in first aid and sick nursing from St Andrew's Ambulance Association.

Madge Neill Fraser was a renowned golfer, who played for Scotland every year from 1905-1914. She died of typhus on 8 March 1915, age 36, and is buried in Chela Kula Military Cemetery, Nish, the ancient capital of Serbia.

Surviving siblings were Rachel, James and William.

**Lieutenant Patrick Neill Fraser**, North Staffordshire Regiment, was the second son of Patrick Neill Fraser, a Master Letterpress Printer, and Margaret Neill Fraser, of 50 Grange Road, Edinburgh. Born in Edinburgh in 1879, he died on 1 July 1916, age 37, and is buried in Citadel New Military Cemetery, Fricourt, France. Surviving siblings were Rachel, James and William.

**Lieutenant John Bell Jackson**, Royal Flying Corps, was the only son of John Jackson, an Actuarial Insurance Clerk, and Ann Jackson, of 11 Glenisla Gardens, Edinburgh. Born in Edinburgh in 1888, he died on 7 June 1917, age 29. He is remembered on the Arras Flying Services Memorial, France.



**Second Lieutenant Alexander James Jopp Latta**, Royal Field Artillery, was the youngest son of John Latta, S.S.C. (Edinburgh), a Supreme Court Solicitor, and the only son of his second wife, Margaret Jopp Latta, of 17 Royal Circus, Edinburgh.

Born in Edinburgh in 1895, he died on 5 August 1916, age 21, and is buried in Bouzincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

**Lieutenant Charles Keith Latta**, Gordon Highlanders, was the third son of John Latta, S.S.C. (Edinburgh), a Supreme Court Solicitor, and his first wife, Ann Sharp Latta, of 17 Royal Circus, Edinburgh. Born in Edinburgh in 1890, he was educated at Edinburgh Academy and Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He died on 29 October 1914, age 24, and is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.



**Lieutenant Robert William Campbell Latta**, Seaforth Highlanders, was the second son of John Latta, S.S.C. (Edinburgh), a Supreme Court Solicitor, and his first wife, Ann Sharp Latta, of 17 Royal Circus, Edinburgh.

Born in Edinburgh in 1887, he was employed at the Head Office of the British Linen Bank. He died on 22 October 1917, age 29, and is buried in Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France.

Surviving siblings of these three men were John, Margery and Dorothy.



**Second Lieutenant John Lawson Lawson**, Seaforth Highlanders, was the only son of John Lawson, a Mill Owner, and Grace Halliday Darlington Lawson, of 4 Belford Place, Edinburgh.

Born in Edinburgh in 1883, he died on 14 October 1916, age 34, and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, France.

Surviving sister was Marion.

**Captain Douglas Alexander Lindsay**, Royal Scots, was the younger son of William Noble Lindsay, a Corn Merchant, and Mary Grieve Lindsay, of Cherry Bank, Leith. Born in Leith in 1875, he died on 15 May 1915, age 40, and is buried in Redoubt Cemetery, Helles, Gallipoli. Surviving siblings were Mary, Jane and Argylle, and he was married to Edith Maud Couper.

**Captain James Harper Lindsay** Royal Garrison Artillery, was the elder son of James Lindsay, a Master Cooper, and Ann Lindsay, of 35 Inverleith Terrace, Edinburgh. Born in Edinburgh in 1886, he died in Craighleith Military Hospital, of a ruptured kidney as the result of a motor accident, on 24 June 1915, age 30, and is buried in Dean or Western Cemetery, Edinburgh. Surviving siblings were Ann, Agnes, William, Catherine, Elizabeth, Jane and Margaret.

**Sergeant James Martin**, Royal Scots, was the eldest son of William Martin, a Coachman, and Ann Maria Dowman Martin, of 77 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh; and the husband of Jeanie Johns Martin. Born in Edinburgh in 1889, he died on 6 August 1916, age 27, and is buried in Albert Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Surviving siblings were Janet, Clement, Lily, Ann, Catherine and Edward.



**Second Lieutenant John Maxwell**, Royal Scots Fusiliers, was the younger son of William Jardine Herries Maxwell, an Advocate, and Dorothea Fitzgerald Herries Maxwell, of Munches, Dalbeattie, Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

Born in Edinburgh in 1889 and educated at Cheltenham, he was a Student of Law at Edinburgh University from 1910 to 1912.

He died on 12 July 1915, age 26, and is remembered on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli.

Surviving siblings were Matilda, Dorothea and Wellwood.

**Captain Reginald Ernest Mackie**, Royal Scots, was the son of James Wise Mackie, a Baker and Confectioner, and Caroline Elizabeth Burnett Mackie, of 16 Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh. Born in Edinburgh in 1885, he died on 28 June 1915, age 30, and is remembered on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli.

**Second Lieutenant Kenneth Gilbert MacLachlan**, Royal Scots, was the elder son of John G MacLachlan, a Journalist, and Helen MacLachlan, of 1 Sciennes Hill Place, Edinburgh. Born in London in 1881, he died on 23 April 1917, age 36, and is remembered on the Arras Memorial, France. Surviving siblings were Helen, Mary, Alice, Emily, Harriet and Roderick.



**Lieutenant Colonel Arthur John Alexander Menzies**, DSO and twice Mentioned in Dispatches, Royal Army Medical Corps, was the son of Alexander Menzies, a Planter, and Elizabeth. R. Menzies, of Lankat Estate, Sumatra, and 30 Murrayfield Road, Edinburgh, and the husband of Ethel F. W. Lucas, of 9 Alexandra Court, Queen's Gate, London.

Born in Sumatra in 1886, he was a graduate in Arts and Medicine of Edinburgh University, and died on 9 August 1918, age 32. He is buried in Caix British Cemetery, France. Surviving sister was Margaret.

The citation for the award of his DSO states that "Captain Menzies was attached to the 1st Royal Dragoons. During 55 hours, he continually exposed himself to heavy rifle fire while carrying out his duties with the wounded.



**Lieutenant John Prosser**, Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), was the elder son of Sir John Prosser, Writer to the Signet, and Mary Ann Prosser of 4 Bellevue Crescent, Edinburgh.

Born in Edinburgh in 1890, and educated at Edinburgh Academy where he was a member of the 1st XV, he graduated M.A., LL.B. at Edinburgh University, and followed in his father's footsteps as a Writer to the Signet.

He died on 28 September 1918, age 29, and is buried in White House Cemetery, St. Jean-Les-Ypres, Belgium.

Surviving siblings were Helen, Mary and David.



**Captain Albert Fitzroy Sandeman**, Border Regiment, was the third son of Albert Fitzroy Sandeman, a Wine Merchant, and Margaret E. G. Sandeman, of 50 Inverleith Place, Edinburgh.

Born in Galashiels in 1884, he was educated at Edinburgh Institution and was a Student of Law at Edinburgh University from 1914 to 1915.

Wounded near Albert in 1915, he died on 2 December 1917, age 33, and is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

Surviving siblings were Edith, William, Leonora, Lewis, Norman, Margaret, Winifred and Sydney.



**Lieutenant Andrew Hamilton Scott**, King's Own Scottish Borderers, was the only son of Adam Cunningham Scott, a Merchant and Insurance Manager, and Catherine Mitchell Geddes Scott, of Dalkeith Park, Dalkeith, Midlothian,

Born in Partick, Glasgow, and educated at Ayr Academy, he was a Student of Arts and Law at Edinburgh University from 1899 to 1906, graduating MA in 1902 and LLB in 1906. He was appointed a Writer to the Signet in 1909.

He was reported missing, presumed killed in action on 3 May 1917, age 35, and is remembered on the Arras Memorial.

Surviving sisters were Katherine and Elizabeth.



**Captain Thomas Todrick**, Mentioned in Despatches, Royal Scots, was the son of Robert Todrick, a Banker, and Marion Todrick, of Bank of Scotland, Court Street, Haddington, East Lothian, and the husband of Emma Brenda Todrick, of 30 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh.

Born in Haddington in 1880, he was a Student of Law at Edinburgh University from 1900 to 1904 before being appointed a Writer to the Signet.

He died on 14 December 1914, age 34, and is buried in Bois-Grenier Communal Cemetery, France.

**Lieutenant William Middleton Wallace**, Royal Flying Corps, was the youngest son of Robert Walker Wallace, WS, a Solicitor, and Mary Parker Wallace, of 7 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh. Born in Edinburgh in 1893, he died on 22 August 1915, age 22, and is buried in Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, France. Surviving siblings were Mary, Robert, George and Andrew. Between 1913 and 1914, he played four times for Scotland, losing all four.

The following is from "The Rugby Roll of Honour" by E H D Sewell, published in 1919.

Lieutenant William Middleton Wallace, 5th Rifle Brigade, attached Royal Flying Corps, was killed in action in the air, at Sainghin, near Lille, France, on August 22, 1915, aged 22. Born at Edinburgh on September 23, 1892, Wallace was educated at Edinburgh Academy from 1899-1912, and King's College, Cambridge, from 1912 to July 15, 1914. He was the full-back of the Academy XV in 1909-12, and was one of the most versatile schoolboy athletes of his day. He was Vice-Captain of the XV in 1912, and in the XI in 1909-11; and Captain of it in 1911, being the wicket-keeper.

He won the Bradburn Shield for the best all-round athlete in 1910; the Burma Cup for the highest number of wins in the School Sports in 1912; the Fives Cup in 1910. He was in the Gymnasium Eight in 1911; created school records in the High Jump - 5 feet 5 inches - in 1911, and in Throwing the Cricket Ball, with 105 yards 6½ inches, in 1912. On going to Cambridge he gave such a cool and finished performance in the Freshmen's match, that there was no doubt before half time who would be the 'Varsity full-back against Oxford. This he was in 1912, and in 1913, in spite of a severe wrist injury in the Lent Term of 1913 when playing at Newport. His confident style, splendid fielding, and long kicking with either foot, led naturally to his inclusion in the National XV of Scotland; and he played against England in 1913 and 1914, and against Wales and Ireland in 1914. Of him it used to be said, that he was too cool, too daring, over confident. As something may be, and generally is, said about every really class full-back the game has ever known, Wallace's place in this gallery was revealed in the accusation. That was his way - he did everything, from driving a motor to wicket-keeping, as though nothing mattered and as if nobody was quite so

good at it as he. This was not due to conceit, but to sheer self-confidence of the right type. Wallace had no superior as a full-back in the United Kingdom during 1912-14.

It was said at the time of his death, which occurred while he was engaged in photographic reconnaissance, when he was shot down by anti-aircraft gunfire, that he was the first undergraduate to go into action. Whether this is actually true or not it is impossible for me to say, but there cannot have been many before him, as he left for France on August 30, 1914. He was gazetted to the Rifle Brigade on August 15, and was in training at Sheppey until 30th August. He served with the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, with the 4th Division, till February 13, 1915, and was present at the Battle of the Aisne, at Frelinghien, and at Ploegsteert Wood. He became an observer in the R.F.C., No. 2 Squadron, 1st Wing Royal Flying Corps, on February 14, 1915, till the day of his death; and fought at Neuve Chapelle, Aubers, rue d'Ouvert, and several other actions in the Armentieres-La Basse area. He became senior observer in his squadron, and was promoted Lieutenant on July 21, 1915.

From the Academy Chronicle of October 1915 I have been permitted to cull the following appreciation of him:-

*"His success as an athlete was partly due to his natural ability at all games, but more especially to the inherent qualities of his character, First and foremost, I should put it down to his great self-reliance and coolness - qualities which were apparent in him, not only when playing games, but also in the course of his everyday life.*

*None who ever saw him play will easily forget his beautiful touch kicking or his reliableness under difficulties; but what impressed the spectator most was the fact that he was always cool and collected, that nothing seemed to put him out, and that he never knew when his side was beaten."*

Such qualities are essentials in a high-class full-back, and that Wallace possessed them to a marked degree no eye-witness of any of his games can deny. His was an athletic form and a method which will long endure in the memories of us all.

**Second Lieutenant James Pringle White**, The King's (Liverpool Regiment), was the elder son of Hugh White, a Corn merchant, and Mary Pringle White, of 77 Great King Street, Edinburgh. Born in Leith in 1880, he died on 16 June 1915, age 35, and is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Surviving siblings were Robert and Ethel.

**Second Lieutenant Alan Hill Whyte**, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was the only son of John Whyte, a retired Merchant, and Isabella Victoria Whyte, of The Park, Stranraer, Wigtownshire. Born in Stranraer in 1889, he died on 9 April 1917, age 29, and is buried in Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, France. Surviving sisters were Ethel and Stella.

**Captain Daniel James Christopher Veresmith**, Royal Field Artillery, was the third son of Daniel Albert Veresmith, an Artist, and Marie Louise Veresmith, of Abbotsbury, Mottingham, Kent. Born in Bushey, Kent in 1894, he died on 14 April 1917, age 23, and is buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, France. He was educated at Blackheath Proprietary School, and Edinburgh Academy, where he was a member of the OTC, and shot twice in the School Eight at Maley in the Public Schools Challenge Cup. Joining the Lothian and Border Yeomanry as a Trooper In 1911, he obtained a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Lowland Brigade, RFA, on 29 April, 1914, and was promoted Lieutenant on 24 January 1915. He volunteered for foreign service on the outbreak of war in August 1914, served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from October 1915, and died at No. 30 Casualty Clearing Station 14 April, 1917, from wounds received in action at Vimy Ridge on the 11th. His Commanding Officer wrote "His battery was one of the last to move forward into the territory captured during the big attack of the 9th. His Commanding Officer had been wounded in the evening, and your son had been placed in command of the guns. We had the greatest confidence and admiration for your son, who was immensely popular with all ranks, and an artillery subaltern of the highest rank", and a brother officer "He was so cheery, so good-natured and so willing and anxious to help anyone, that no matter how trying or depressing the circumstances were, one couldn't help seeing the silver lining In every cloud." His brother Lieutenant Evelyn Henry Veresmith, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regt.), died at No. 5 Casualty Clearing Station 9 July 1916.

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