

Duddingston Golf Club Memorial

**Formerly until 1919
The Insurance & Banking Golf Club**

BUILT TO THE MEMORY OF THESE OUR SONS WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR, 1914-1919

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Foreword

I decided I would like to do a booklet about the Duddingston Golf Club War Memorial. I could not imagine the journey it would take me.

With my husband we travelled all over France and Belgium. I was very moved by the sheer size of the cemeteries, and also how immaculate they were kept. At all times we were shown nothing but politeness and kindness by the French people.

At each cemetery there was a visitor's book and I entered the details of the person I was visiting and stated that he was a member of Duddingston Golf Club.

I now feel I really know all the people on the panel and felt I made the journey for all the family members who could not go and pay their respects to their loved ones. In their name I kissed my fingers and touched each gravestone. It was an emotional journey but one I enjoyed making.

Jacqueline Lawrie

**Dedication and Unveiling of Memorial Tablet to Fallen War Heroes
4 June, 1921**

A casual visitor to the Duddingston course on Saturday evening 4 June would have been struck by the unusual calm prevailing. Here on a lovely summer evening when, under ordinary circumstances, there would have been witnessed scenes of the liveliest activity, all was still as the grave. But the circumstances were not ordinary; there was a reason for the deathlike stillness. Every thinking member of the club was under a self-denying ordinance of an hours abstinence from play while, during part of the time, a memorial was being dedicated and unveiled in commemoration of comrades, lying most of them in foreign soil, and with whom many battles of a less tragic nature had been fought.

Mr. John Hogben, Captain of the club, presided over an attendance of members, and relatives of the fallen heroes, that packed uncomfortably the dining room, while outside the wide-thrown casements, as large a gathering was assembled.

The Very Reverend, the Dean of Edinburgh – a member of the club – offered up the dedicatory Prayer, at the close of which he said:

I consider it a great honour to be privileged to take part in this ceremony, because I think it is peculiarly fitting that an Association such as yours is, should desire to commemorate those of its members who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. The Duke of Wellington said a great thing when he declared that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton. It was so with our men, it was their athleticism and love of sport that enabled them to develop out of a people immersed in commercial pursuits, a nation of Shopkeepers so called, to develop out of that a race of heroes that enabled the Nation to place in the field an army equal to the finest of the continental armies of Europe. To the twelve millions of troops that went out to take part in the war, the athletic associations of the country contributed their full share.

Not only cricket clubs and football clubs, but golf clubs and many others, have done their full share for the peace of the world. The flower of our manhood went forth, but before going they made themselves fit to play their part, and they had succeeded, and those of our own numbers who have not come back, we meet today to commemorate.

Touching on the labour unrest of the day the Dean said:

No form of athletics is going to do so much as golf in helping towards a much needed solution in the conflicting elements where found much of the brotherhood of golf was required, for the game brought together high and low, rich and poor, old and young: all men on the links on common ground. Birth, wealth and position counted for nothing; all were one in comradeship. This spirit of comradeship must not slip from us, and will not slip from us. Fighting battles round the course, no matter how keen; the contestants were always ready to shake hands on the 18th green. Engaging just these stimulating values is great training and does more to invite men than anything else. One thing we can all learn to do is to “play the game, to be good sportsmen, fair, clean, honest winners and good losers”.

This memorial will never fail to inspire us with the lessons it has to give, via the need to keep ourselves physically fit in order to meet any National emergency that may arise, and the need in these times to realise our fellowship with one another. As our National poet put it:

*“That man to man the world o’er
Shall brothers be for a’ that.”*

(At this point three pipers from the adjoining K.O.S.B. camp played the mournful lament “The Flowers O’ the Forest”, the audience meanwhile standing to attention)

Mr. John Hogben said:

On a memorial cross at Granchester, Rupert Brook's name appears, and beneath are engraved his own words:

"Men with Splendid Hearts"

I regard it as a great honour to be called upon to unveil this memorial to those of our members who came not back to us, "men with splendid hearts".

From this green, quiet spot as it were, there went forth from us 176 of our members, and out of that number 37 paid the supreme sacrifice dying on the battlefield or in hospital. Saving others, themselves they could not save. We welcomed back many who went to the war, but many of them maimed and injured in various ways. We honour them all, and we are proud of each one of them. We recall the manner of their going. With what enthusiasm, with what readiness, they went not without a certain gaiety of spirit, yet with an underlying sad sincerity, and dumb questioning as to why all the tragedy should be brought about by a mad ambition, which happily overleapt itself. We have perhaps all been brought up on McCauley's rhetoric "How can men die better than facing fearful odds" but this war has added a finer and a subtler touch to the sentiment. In that little classic of the war known as "A Student in Arms" Donald Hankey wrote with a very quiet pen:

"This is the beauty of manhood, to die for a good cause"

The names are set above this mantle-board in order that we may see and remember, that our affections may clothe them once again with flesh and blood, so that we may see them as they were, and remember all they have done for us, for their country, and for ours for civilisation, and for the world.

It is surely impossible that all that fine ardour that noble enthusiasm that spout of sacrifice, has gone out into thin air like the smoke from a candle. Rather than Browning's last words, let us believe that we can take to our hearts:

"Man falls to rise, is baffled to fight better, sleeps to wake"

Turning to the mantelshelf, Mr.Hogben drew the cord that released the Union Jack covering the tablet. With bowed heads the audience stood through a brief period of silence which was broken when the Captain began to read the names, each with a deliberateness and emphasis that made the scene a trying one for relatives present.

THE TABLET

1914 – PRO REGE ET PATRIA – 1919

"THEY PLAYED THE GAME"

ALLAN, W.A.	JACKSON, J.B.	RENNY, J.
BLACK, J.	JOHNSTON, W.J.	RODGER, J.A.V.
CAMPBELL, W.	KENNEDY, J.W.	ROBERTSON, D.M.
CLARK, W.H.	LAURENCE, J.L.	ROSS, A. AITKEN
DAVIDSON, LESLIE	LEE, MARSHALL	SANDERSON, F.B.
DEMPSTER, E.D.	LORIMER, R.	SHEARER, G.
DUNCAN, G.	MACINTOSH, J.D.	SKINNER, W.
FAIRMAN, H.A.	MOFFAT, H.F.B.	SMITH, A.D.
GOSLEY, G.A.H.	MONCRIEFF, J.	STEUART, D.A.
HAGGART, J.	MORRIS, A.R.S.	STEWART, J.M.
HAMILTON, LORD JOHN	MUIR, J.G.	THOMSON, R.L.
HYSLOP, F.A.	NEIL, W.P.	WETHERSPOON, A.S.

PORTEOUS, H.M.

Concluding, Mr. Hogben said:

When we look upon these names with feelings of mingled sorrow and regret, let us recall the words of one who had a large share in the conduct of the war:

"The sorrow will pass with the generation that endured it, but the glory will remain a lasting example and inspiration to the whole British race".

"Lochaber No More" played by the pipers and the "Last Post" sounded by the buglers, were the closing enactments in the solemnly impressive service.



Second Lieutenant William Alexander Allan, 4th Battalion, Royal Scots, was the only son of Andrew and Grace Allan, Edinburgh, and the husband of Agnes Scrymgeour Allan. He was born in 1891, and attended George Watson's College from 1901 to 1907. A lad of powerful physique, he was twice runner-up in the Games Championship (1906-07), and was a prominent three-quarter in the XV (1906-07). Joining the staff of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, he attained considerable eminence as a golfer, while for two years in succession he held the premier award for swimming at the Warrender Baths. Joining the Inns of Court O.T.C. in 1914, he was gazetted to the Royal Scots. He died on 7 June, 1917, age 26 and is buried in Canadian Cemetery No 2, Neuville – St. Vaast, Pas de Calais, France. Reference 16. F. 1.

Duddingston Golf Club Records

1913 Spring Meeting, United Insurance Medal First Handicap Prize won by Mr. W. A. Allan 81-6 = 75. (Entered in 1914 Annual Report A.G.M.)



Second Lieutenant James Black, 7th/8th Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, was the son of James and Sarah Black, Edinburgh, and was born in Dublin in 1893. He attended George Watson's College from 1906 to 1909. After leaving school, he entered the Royal Insurance Company, and was on the Inspector's Staff.

He was in the Lothian and Borders Horse before the war, and was mobilised in August, 1914. In January, 1917 he received a commission in the Kings Own Scottish Borderers, and went to France in April, 1917.

He died from wounds received on 19 August, 1917, age 24, and is buried in Brandhoek New Military Cemetery, Ieper, Belgium. Reference II. G. 26.



Second Lieutenant William Campbell, M.C., 9th Battalion, Royal Scots, was the only son of Bruce and Emiline Campbell, 10 Greenbank Place, Edinburgh and was born in 1895. He attended George Watson's College from 1910 to 1912. At school he was a member of the O.T.C. and a golfer of repute. He entered the office of the Scottish Widow's Fund with the intention of qualifying as an actuary, and made considerable progress in his studies.

As a Private in the 9th Royal Scots he was mobilised with his Battalion in August, 1914. He had attained the rank of Lance Corporal, when he was given a commission in the Battalion. Crossing to France early in 1916, he was thrice wounded, and was awarded the M.C. for gallantry in the attack on Rœux, April, 1917. As Second Lieutenant "D" Company 9th Battalion, Royal Scots, he fell in action on the banks of the Ysar Canal on 13 July, 1917, age 22. He is interred in the Military Cemetery, at Essex, Boesinghue, N.E.Ypres. Reference III. K. 34.



Lance Corporal William Hamilton Clark, "B" Coy., 9th Battalion, Royal Scots, was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, 17 Marchmont Road, Edinburgh. He was educated at George Heriot's from 1894 to 1898 and was in office of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

He was listed as killed in action on 20 September, 1917, age 33.

He is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Reference Panel 11 to 14 and 162.



Captain George Leslie Davidson, attd. 16th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry, was the younger son of John Davidson, M.A. and Jane Davidson, 115 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh. He attended George Heriot's from 1900 to 1904. He was a fine Golfer and was employed by the Phoenix Insurance Company and the Scottish Insurance Company, then the Alberta Land Company, Canada. He came home to join up.

He joined the 9th Royal Scots (Highlanders), Private, in September, 1914, was in France in February, 1915 was wounded in March, 1916 and was killed in action on 2 December, 1917, age 27. He is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium. Reference 131-132.



Lance Sergeant Edward Downs Dempster, "X" Coy., 5th/6th Battalion, Royal Scots, was the youngest son of James and Mary Downs Dempster, of 2 Shandon Crescent, Edinburgh.

Born in 1891, he was listed as killed in action on 15 July, 1917, age 26.

He is buried in Coxyde Military Cemetery, Koksijde, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Reference I. I. 67.



Company Sergeant Major George Duncan, 15th Battalion, Royal Scots, was born in Langholm, Dumfriesshire. He lived with his wife at 30 Joppa Road, Edinburgh. He was a well-known Sportsman and Bookmaker.

Born in 1876, he was killed in action on 1 July, 1916, age 40.

He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Reference Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D. The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert Road (D929).

Edinburgh Evening News - 31 July, 1916

ROYAL SCOTS - RANK & FILE KILLED

Company-Sergeant-Major George Duncan, Royal Scots, who resided at 30 Joppa Road, has been killed in France. He was 40 years of age, and joined his battalion shortly after war broke out. He was a well-known sportsman, a member of the Insurance and Banking and Burntisland Golf Clubs, and Craigentenny Bowling Club. In writing to Mrs Duncan in regard to her husband's death, the present Captain of his company says that when Captain L. was wounded he handed over his maps and papers to her husband, who then took over command of that part of the company. But some time later her husband was struck in the head by a machine gun bullet and instantaneously killed. The Captain pays a high compliment to Mr Duncan's capacity.



Company Sergeant Major Harry Albert Fairman, 4th Battalion, Royal Scots, was son of John Antill Fairman and Alice Crossby Fairman, of 1 Saville Place, Edinburgh. He was born in Row, Dumbartonshire, attended Daniel Stewart's College and played forward for the F.P. Rugby Club for nine seasons in succession from 1898 to 1907. He also showed excellent form as a golfer in the competitions of the Insurance and Banking Club. In civil life he was a member of the staff of the Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society.

He took part in the Royal Scots' historic charge on the Turkish trenches at Gallipoli on 28 June, 1915. He had twenty year's service to his credit, having, on 28 April, 1896, enrolled in No. 6 (Accountants') Company of the "Queens."

Born in 1877, he died on 30 April, 1916 at No. 2 Western General Hospital, Manchester, aged 38 years and 11 months, from wounds he received at Gallipoli.

He is buried with military honours in the Grange Cemetery, Edinburgh. Reference T.395.

Duddingston Golf Club Records

1902 Autumn Meeting Geo. M. Low's Handicap Gold Medal 1st Prize. A tie between W.S. Gebbie, 85-8 = 77 and H.A. Fairman 83-6 = 77, and afterwards won by Mr. Gebbie.

(Entered in 1903 Annual Report A.G.M.)

Edinburgh Evening News - 2 May, 1916

DEATH OF A QUEEN'S MAN

Many members of the Queen's will hear with regret of the death of Sgt. Major Harry A Fairman, 4th Royal Scots, in hospital in Manchester, as a result of wounds received in Gallipoli in December last, when the Battalion went up for what was proved to be the last time. He went out with the 4th and was present at the famous action on the 28th June when his two senior officers, Major Henderson and Captain Pollock and so many comrades were killed. Originally a member of No.6 (Accountants' Company), which he joined in 1896, he had twenty year's service.

Deceased was a keen footballer and Golfer, and also a good shot and was selected to shoot in the inter-district Scottish 20 Team at Darnley in 1914.

In civil life he was a valued official of the Scottish Equitable Insurance Company. He was held in high esteem by his comrades for his many sterling qualities and his death adds one more to the sad roll which the war has written. He is to be buried with military honours at the Grange Cemetery on Thursday afternoon from 1 Saville Place.



Second Lieutenant George Andrew Hay Gosley, 1st/9th Battalion, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, attd. 1st Bn. London Regiment (London Scottish), was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Gosley, 34 Montpelier Park,

Edinburgh. His Great Great Grandfather, Dr. Hay, attended Nelson in his dying moments on the Victory.

He was mobilised as a Territorial and transferred to the Royal Garrison Artillery. He became 2nd Lt. 1st/9th Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders attd. 1st Battalion, London Regiment (London Scottish). He died of wounds at Rouen on 16 October, 1916, age 29. He is buried in St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Reference Officers, B.1.31

Edinburgh Evening News - 16 September, 1916

Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders 2nd Lt. Geo. A. H. Gosley (attached London Scottish) has been wounded and admitted to Hospital. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Gosley, Montpelier Park, Edinburgh.

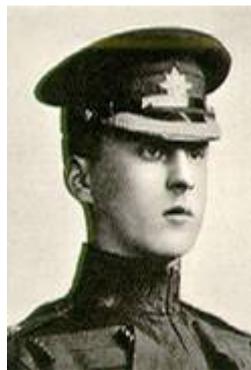
Edinburgh Evening News - 21 October, 1916

2nd Lt. Geo. A. H. Gosley, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, who was 29 years of age and the second son of Mr. F. T. Gosley, 34 Montpelier Park, Edinburgh, has died of wounds. He was a member of one of the Edinburgh Territorial Battalions, but he obtained a commission in the Argylls. He was educated at the Royal High School and was a prominent member of the Bruntsfield Rugby Club, of which he was Captain for a number of years. Lt. Gosley was also well known in golfing circles, being a member of the Insurance and Banking Golf Club. He represented the Scottish Provident, to which office he was employed, in their various tournaments. His other two brothers are at present on active service.



Private John Haggart, D.C.M., 43rd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), was the son of James and Margaret Haggart, 27 Hillside Street, Edinburgh and was born in 1893. He attended George Watson's College from 1904 to 1909. He was a good all-round scholar, and on leaving went into his Father's business as a Grocer. Enlisting in the M.G.C. (Inf), he went to France, was mortally wounded in repulsing a counter-attack on a trench sector recently won, and died on 24 August, 1917, age 24.

For his gallantry the D.C.M. was subsequently conferred on him. He is buried in Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Reference II. D. 7.



Captain, Lord John Arthur Hamilton, 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, was the son of the late Duke of Abercorn, K.G., and of the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, of 115 Park Street, London. Deputy Master of His Majesty's Household.

He was a Special Reserve and was in the 1st Battalion Irish Guards. Born in 1883, he was killed in action on 6 November, 1914.

He is remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Reference Panel 11.

Newspaper Epitaph

Captain Lord Arthur John Hamilton, attd. 1st Battalion Irish Guards (Special Reserve) Deputy Master of His Majesty's Household was included in the War Office monthly casualty list published in February 1915 as "unofficially reported killed," no date being given. He had been officially reported as missing, but later in the same year it was heard from a German officer that he had been killed early in September 1914.

Lord Arthur Hamilton was the second son of the second Duke of Abercorn, and was born on the 20th August 1883 and educated at Wellington, where he was in the Benson from 1898-1900.

After serving with the embodied Militia for seven or eight months, he received a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Irish Guards in December 1901, becoming Lieutenant in August 1904, and Captain in December 1909. Retiring from active service, he joined the Special Reserve as Captain in March 1913, and was appointed Deputy Master of the Household in that year.



Lance Corporal Frederick Alexander Hyslop, 9th Battalion, Royal Scots, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hyslop, 5 Harrison Road, Edinburgh, and was born in 1888. He attended George Watson's College from 1896 to 1904. He developed as an athlete at School, and figured prominently in the Games list. On leaving school he joined the Head Office staff of the Scottish Insurance Corp. As a Golfer he was a scratch player in the Insurance & Banking Club. He played for Selkirk for several seasons and then he got a place in the Watsonian XV of 1913-14, and played in the Inter-City match.

Enlisting in August, 1914, he crossed to Flanders in February, 1915. In the fighting round Ypres he was wounded on 23 April, 1915. After a long period of suffering at Lakenham Hospital, Norwich, he died on 11 September,

1915, age 27.

He is buried in Warriston Cemetery, Edinburgh, with military honours. Reference O. 311.

Duddingston Golf Club Records

1910 Spring Meeting, United Insurance Medal and 1st Handicap Prize F. A. Hyslop 80-7 = 73.

(Entered in 1911 Annual Report A.G.M.)

Edinburgh Evening News - 13 September, 1915

EDINBURGH MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN

Lance Corp. Fred A Hyslop has died of wounds at Lakenham Military Hospital, Norwich, on the 11th instant age 27. He was a member of the 9th Royal Scots. His brother R C F Hyslop, 1st Canadian Contingent was invalided to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary suffering from a wound on the spine on 18th October last and has been an intimate of the institution since.

He was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Hyslop, 5 Harrison Road, Edinburgh.

For a number of seasons he played for the Selkirk Rugby Club and in 1913-14 gained his place as a wing three quarter in the Watsonians. He assisted the latter Club to carry off premier honours at Melrose seven-a-side sports last year and he also played in the last inter-city match. As a golfer he was a scratch player in the Insurance and Banking Club. He was employed in the head office of the Scottish Insurance Corporation Ltd.

Edinburgh Evening News - 14 September, 1915

WELL-KNOWN RUGBY PLAYER KILLED

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, with military honours, from his house at 5 Harrison Road to Warriston Cemetery, of Lance Corp. F A Hyslop, 1/9th Royal Scots who as already reported died at Lakenham Military Hospital, Norwich, the 11th instant. The funeral party consisted of 50 members with the pipe band of the 9th Royal Scots who came from Peebles for the purpose. The Officers present were Captain Lucas, Captain Bathgate and 2nd Lieutenant Honeyman. The firing party was supplied by the 9th Highland Light Infantry. The coffin was draped with the union jack and at the rear of the funeral procession was a cab full of floral tributes to the deceased officer. A large number of the general public showed their interest and paid their tributes as the funeral party approached the cemetery.



Lieutenant John Bell Jackson, 43rd Squadron, Royal Flying Corps and Royal Scots, was the son of Mr. J. Jackson, Edinburgh and was born in 1885. He entered George Watson's College in 1895. He entered the service of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company and in

1910 was admitted a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries. He acted for three years as private secretary to Sir James Leishman, Chairman of the National Health Insurance Commission.

He received a commission in 1915. In France in August, 1916 he took part in the operations in the Somme area, but returned for training prior to transfer to the R.F.C. early in 1917. Promoted Lieutenant, he returned to France May, 1917 and went up as observer at the battle of Messines Ridge June, 1917. He has been missing from that date, and is presumed dead.

He is remembered on Arras Flying Services Memorial, Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery, Arras.

Duddingston Golf Club Records

1911 Spring Meeting, *United Insurance Medal 1st Class won by Mr. J. B. Jackson, 83-12 = 71.*
(Entered in 1912 Annual Report A.G.M.)



Second Lieutenant William James Johnston, 4th Battalion, Royal Scots, attended Daniel Stewart's College from 1898, and was later employed in the Actuarial Department of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company

He was a 2nd Lieutenant, 4th Battalion, Royal Scots and was killed in action at Dardanelles, Gallipoli. He carried three lines of trenches and although wounded in the leg he went on with his platoon, and endeavoured to take a fourth trench. On the parapet, however, he and his men encountered terrific rifle and machine gun fire. One of the best of officers, he died a gallant death on 28 June, 1915.

He is remembered on the Helles Memorial, Turkey, Panel 26 to 30.

Edinburgh Evening News - 8 July, 1915

Lieutenant Johnston 4th Royal Scots, who was killed at the Dardanelles, was employed in the Actuarial Department of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, and was a pupil of Daniel Stewart's College.



Captain James Wallace Kennedy, 4th Battalion, attd. 1st Battalion Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy, 151 Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh, late cashier, Bank of Scotland, was born in 1895, and attended George Watson's School from 1902 to 1911. As a schoolboy he was keenly interested in the College Scouts, and was a member of the O.T.C. He joined the staff of the Bank of Scotland. He was a member of the Royal Scots Cadet Corps, holding the rank of Sergeant. Gazetted to the 4th Scottish Rifles Cameronians on the outbreak of war, he went to France in March, 1916, where he was attached to the 1st Battalion as Lieutenant, and subsequently A/Capt. Captain Kennedy fell in action on 27 May, 1917, age 22.

He is remembered on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Reference Bay 6



Captain James Linton Lawrence, 15th Battalion, Royal Scots, was the eldest son of George Lawrence and Elizabeth Lawrence, 7 Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, and the husband of J.J.M. Sibbald Lawrence, 110 Blackford Avenue, Edinburgh. He had one child. He was born in 1879, and entered George Watson's College in 1890. He was an architect by profession, and one of the pioneers of the Scout movement in Edinburgh. He became organising secretary for Scotland, and in his official capacity was

responsible for raising the Scout platoon in the 1st C. of E. Battalion (15th Royal Scots).

Having previously seen service in South Africa, where he served as a volunteer with the Royal Scots, he was given a commission as a Lieutenant.

He was promoted Captain in January, 1915 and was wounded and gassed at Contalmaison on 1 July, 1916, dying of his wounds on 3 July, 1916, age 37.

He is interred at Daours. Reference II. B. 5.

Edinburgh Evening News - 6 July, 1916

THE ROLL OF HONOUR. OFFICERS CASUALTIES IN THE GREAT ATTACK

The death of Captain James Lawrence, Royal Scots, has occurred from wounds. He was the oldest son of Mr George Lawrence, 7 Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, and was 37 years of age. He was a former pupil of George Watson's College, and by profession an architect. He served for six years in the Queen's Brigade and in 1899 qualified as signalling instructor. He took part with the Queen's Brigade Service Company in the South African war, with the rank of Lance Corporal and he had the Queen's Medal with four bars for that campaign. He was prominently identified with the Boy Scout movement, first in Edinburgh, where he was secretary, and latterly as organising secretary for Scotland. When the present war broke out he was instrumental in raising a Scout platoon in Edinburgh for the Royal Scots. He joined as a commissioned officer and was promoted a captaincy in January last year. Captain Lawrence leaves a widow and one child.



Private Marshall Lee, 1st/4th Battalion, Royal Scots, was the son of John and Alice Lee, of 16 Alban's Road, Edinburgh, and a native of Dollar, Clackmannanshire.

Born in 1874, he enlisted in Edinburgh and died on 27 April, 1917, age 43, in Egypt.

He is buried in Deir El Belah War Cemetery, Israel. Reference A 160.



Second Lieutenant Robert Lorimer, Royal Scots, attd. 4th Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lorimer of Hillside, New Galloway, Kirkcudbrightshire and a native of Edinburgh. He attended The Royal High School, Edinburgh.

He enlisted as a Private in the Royal Scots in October, 1914 and became a 2nd Lieutenant in July, 1915, attached to 4th Battalion, South Staffordshires in 1916.

He was killed in action on 14 March, 1917, age 28.

He is buried in Foncquevillers Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Reference II. E. 9.



Captain John Douglas Macintosh, 5th Battalion, Royal Scots, was a Fire Surveyor with the North British & Mercantile Insurance Company, and Inspector of Poor, Logierait, Perthshire. He was a Captain in 5th Battalion Royal Scots. He died on 6 May, 1915, age 22.

He is remembered on the Helles Memorial, Turkey Panel 26 to 30.

Edinburgh Evening News - 11 June, 1915

HOW CAPTAIN MACINTOSH DIED (WITH THE 5TH ROYAL SCOTS)

Particulars with regard to the death in action of Captain John Douglas MacIntosh, 5th Royal Scots (Queens Division) fire surveyor with the North British & Mercantile Insurance Company, Inspector of Poor, Logierait, Perthshire, have just come to hand from a fellow-officer, who writes, under date May 10, as follows: "Captain MacIntosh has made the supreme sacrifice, being in command of his regiment at the time of death. He was shot through the head and died without speaking. Two days after he fell I was able, with the assistance of four other volunteers, to get him decently buried (sorry to say all have not been). The party and myself had to take shelter four or five times while digging his grave on account of the incessant activity of the snipers, but fortunately none was hit". The Officer states that he himself has been hit twice, and that he won't be sorry when this expedition is over, for War is terrible when one sees all. In his final note of sympathy he describes the late "Big MacIntosh" as he was commonly known in Edinburgh as "one of Nature's gentlemen".



Captain Hugh Francis Baillie Moffat, M.C., 8th Battalion, King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt.), was the son of William John Moffat and Lucy Antonia Robertson (formerly Moffat) of 2 Carlton Street, Edinburgh.

He was a Temporary Second Lieutenant (Acting Captain), 8th Battalion King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment).

He died of wounds on 27 September, 1918, aged 25.

He was awarded The Military Cross.

He is buried in Beaumetz Cross Roads Cemetery, Beaumetz-les-Cambrai, Pas de Calais, France. Reference F 41.



Corporal James Moncrieff, 5th Battalion, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, was the son of John and Jemima Moncrieff of 12 Letham Place, Dunbar and was born at Preston Kirk, Haddington, East Lothian. He resided at 7 Eastfield, Joppa, Midlothian.

Enlisting in Edinburgh, he was killed in action on 7 October, 1915.

He is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Reference III. C. 6A.

Duddingston Golf Club Records

1906 Summer Meeting Duncan McNeill's Handicap Gold Medal and Charm (1st Class) Mr. James Moncrieff 82-9 = 73.

(Entered in 1907 Annual Report A.G.M.)

1909 Club Champion. 1910 Spring Meeting, United Insurance 1st Handicap Prize, Mr. James Moncrieff 79-4 = 75.

(Entered in 1911 Annual Report A.G.M.)

Mr. T. Hector Smith's Coronation Gold Medal – for best aggregate in three club competitions. 1st Prize Mr. James Moncrieff, 237. Mr. Archibald Hewat's Championship Cup – played for on Championship

lines by the members returning the sixteen best scratch scores at the Spring Meeting, won by Mr. James Moncrieff. Represented Club in Interclub Tournaments.



Second Lieutenant Alexander Ramsay S. Morris, 1st/7th Battalion, Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), was the son of George Wilson Spence Morris of "Broadleys" Crail, Fife and Celilia F. Morris.

He died on 23 April, 1917, age 23.

He is buried in Brown's Copse Cemetery, Roeux, Pas de Calais, France. Reference II. C. 58.



Private James Gillespie Muir, 6th Battalion Royal Scots, was the son of Robert Gillespie Muir, and Emily Sophia Muir, Edinburgh. He was born in 1886, and entered George Watson's College in 1892. He was a conscientious and diligent student. On leaving he entered the office of the Caledonian Insurance Company, Edinburgh.

He joined the 16th Royal Scots in response to the call for men. He was struck down with illness on his first day in the trenches, but remained three days longer. He was removed to Aire Hospital and died on 8 February, 1916, age 29.

He is buried in Aire Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Reference I. D. 5.



Second Lieutenant William Proudfoot Neill, 6th Battalion, attd. 9th Battalion, Royal Scots, was the son of Walter (Manufacturing Jeweller) and Margaret Stewart Neill, Edinburgh.

He attended The University of Edinburgh, and Daniel Stewart's College as a Student of Law and became a Solicitor in 1896. Two years later he entered the Law Department of the Scottish Provident Institution, Edinburgh, of which department he rose to head, a position which he held the last twelve years of his life. He was a keen cricketer and played for the F.P. Club for many seasons.

He served for some time in the Volunteer Force and was a leader in the Company of the Boys Brigade of St. Cuthbert's Parish Church.

He offered his services at the outbreak of war and received a commission in the 6th Royal Scots. He died in France on 24 December, 1916, aged 43.

He is buried in Gezaincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. Reference II.D.16.



Second Lieutenant Harry Morton Porteous, 12th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Porteous, 17 Macdowall Road, Edinburgh. He attended George Heriot's College, served his apprenticeship in the National Bank and became a Bank Inspector. He left a widow, Helen M. Porteous, of Kinkell.

He was killed in action at Loos on 25 September, 1915, aged 26.

He is buried in Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos, Pas de Calais, France. Reference Special Memorial 12.



Second Lieutenant James Renny, Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 5th (Angus & Dundee) Ban. Territorials, was the son of William Renny, of "Roselea," Victoria Street, Kirriemuir, Forfarshire.

Born in 1890, he was killed in the attack on left of Tower Hamlets, which lasted 36 hours, on 26 September, 1917.

He is buried in Aeroplane Cemetery, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Reference II. A. 36.



Second Lieutenant David M. Robertson, 6th Battalion, Royal Scots, died on 31 July, 1917 at Passchendaele.

He is remembered on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Reference Panel 11.



Second Lieutenant James Alexander Valentine Rodger, 13th Battalion, attd. 14th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment, was the only son of Hugh Rodger, J.P., 5 Viewforth Terrace, Edinburgh. He attended Daniel Stewart's College and was well known in Rugby and Football circles. He left school in 1910.

He had just finished his Apprenticeship in the office of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company when he was enlisted in the 4th Royal Scots, and seven months later he received a commission in the Hampshire Regiment. At the Bedford Training School, to which he had been sent for a course of instruction, he made such good use of his time that the Commandant reported him to the War Office as a good officer and worthy of early promotion. He was for some time engaged in instructional work in the south of England, and was sent to France in July, 1916.

On the Somme front he saw much severe fighting. Though wounded at Thiepval he remained with his battalion and took part in the attack on Beaumont Hamel on 3 September, 1916. In that desperate engagement his battalion suffered severely and Lieutenant Rodgers, with ten brother officers, was posted as missing. Of his Company officers only one returned and he himself was last seen alive in the enemy's front trench "throwing grenades desperately, and holding out in a rather warm corner". According to those who served with him Lieutenant Rodgers was a splendid leader. He was "absolutely loved" by his men, to whom he had endeared himself by his straight and tactful ways of dealing with them. He died on 3 September, 1916.

He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France, Pier and Face 7 C and 7 B.



Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Aitken Ross, Royal Army Medical Corps, was the second son of the late Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Aitken Ross of the Leicester Regiment, and his wife Jane Fleming Russell Ross. He was born at the Curragh in 1861. His infancy was spent in Nova Scotia and he was brought to Edinburgh as a boy; he entered George Watson's College in 1871. He proceeded to Edinburgh University and graduated M.B. C.M. in 1893. He settled in the Newington district and soon had a large practice. From 1908 he commanded the R.A.M.C. 1/3rd Lowland Field Ambulance. At the outbreak of war his time had just about expired, but he willingly consented to its extension. He went into training with his unit at Stirling, and in July, 1915 passed to service at the Dardanelles, where his health gave way under the excessive strain. He was invalided to Malta, then to England, and died in hospital in London, after serving in Gallipoli.

He died on 24 November, 1915, age 54, and is buried in Newington Cemetery, Edinburgh. Reference S.268.



Second Lieutenant Frederick Borthwick Sanderson, "C" Bty., 258th Bde., Royal Field Artillery, was the son of F.R. Sanderson and Alice H. Scott Sanderson of 18 Campden Hill Court, Kensington, London and a native of Edinburgh. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy, Charterhouse, and Cambridge University (B.A.), studying Medicine from 1911 to 1914.

He was wounded on 4 August, 1916, and died at Rouen on 10 August, 1916, age 27.

He is buried in St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France. Reference A.6.8.



Captain George Shearer, M.C., 13th Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Shearer of Edinburgh. He resided at 19 Churchill Place, Edinburgh.

He died on 24 August, 1918, age 29, and was awarded a Military Cross.

He is buried at Meteren Military Cemetery, Nord, France. Reference V.A.564.

Duddingston Golf Club Records

1914 Summer Meeting – Scratch Prize – Mr. George Shearer, 72.

(Entered in 1915 Annual Report A.G.M.)



Captain William Skinner, M.C., "D" Company, 12th Battalion, Royal Scots, was the son of Robert Skinner, of Edinburgh, was born in 1887 and entered George Watson's College in 1901.

Joining the army in 1914, he obtained a commission (Captain in "D" Coy. 12th Battalion, Royal Scots) and went to France with the first Division of Kitchener's Army. During a long period of service with the 51st Division, he was wounded three times, and was killed near Kemmel on 25 April, 1918, age 31. A few days after his death, he was awarded the M.C. for excellent work during the Somme fighting.

He is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Reference Panel 11 to 14 and 162.

Duddingston Golf Club Records

1910 (Second Class) 1st Handicap Prize, Mr. W. S. Skinner 89-13 = 76.

(Entered in 1911 Annual Report & A.G.M.)



Second Lieutenant Adam Davidson Smith, 4th Battalion, Royal Scots, was the son of A. Davidson Smith, C.A., of 6 Greenhill Place, Edinburgh.

Born in 1889, he attended George Watson's College from 1898 to 1906. He trained as a banker and became a member of the Banker's Institute.

On the declaration of War he joined the 4th Royal Scots, with which unit he saw fighting at Gully Ravine in Gallipoli, 1915. Invalided home, he was twice offered his discharge, but after a long convalescence was given a commission in his own regiment. He went to France in May, 1918, came unscathed through several severe engagements, but fell in action near Sequehart on 2 October, 1918, age 29.

He is buried in Cerisy-Gailly Military Cemetery, Somme, France. Reference III. K. 8.



Second Lieutenant David Aymery Stuart, 7th Battalion, Cameron Highlanders, was born in 1896 in Edinburgh. He was the son of Alexander Stuart, Advocate, and Margaret Haig Stuart, of Lochrin House, Edinburgh. He died on 29 October, 1916, age 20.

He is buried in the Edinburgh (Grange) Cemetery, Edinburgh. Reference K359.

Edinburgh Evening News - 31 October, 1916

2nd Lt. David Aymery Stuart, Cameron Highlanders, younger son of Mr and Mrs A Stuart, Lochrin House, Edinburgh, has died in Craigleith Military Hospital as the result of an accident.



Second Lieutenant John Morley Stewart, 10th (attd. 2nd) Battalion, Royal Scots, was the son of James K. and Mary Stewart, 34 Spottiswoode Road, Edinburgh.

He died of wounds in France on 21 August, 1918, age 25.

He is buried in Bac-Du-Sud British Cemetery, Bailleulval, Pas de Calais, France. Reference III. B. 4.



Lieutenant Robert L. Thomson, (Lothian Regiment) 10th (Cyclist) Battalion (Territorial), 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots, was the eldest son of George Thomson, Tobacco Manufacturer, Edinburgh, and his wife Mary Stuart Craig Thomson of 43 Abercorn Terrace, Portobello, Edinburgh. He became a pupil of George Watson's College in 1898. On leaving school he entered his Father's firm, Messrs. Thomson & Porteous. In 1915 he joined the Inns of Court O.T.C., London and was gazetted to the 1/10th

R.S. He acted as bombing instructor at North Berwick. Prevented by illness from proceeding overseas earlier, he landed in France in September, 1918 with the rank of Lieutenant. While gallantly leading his platoon into the Hindenberg Line on 27 September, 1918 he was severely wounded.

He died on 20 September, 1919, age 30, after a long stay in Wandsworth Hospital, London and is interred in (Portobello) Cemetery, Edinburgh. Reference K. 39.

Evening News article and photo, Volume 17 of *Royal Scots Club Book*

DEATH OF PORTOBELLO OFFICER

Great regret was felt in Portobello when it was known that Lt. Robert Thomson, son of Mr. George Thomson, Abercorn Terrace, after a long stay in Wandsworth Hospital, London, had succumbed after undergoing an operation. He was well known and popular with all whom he came in contact. He was in business with his Father, and early in 1915, after the outbreak of the War, he went into training as an officer at Inns of Court, London, and afterwards at Gales. He received his commission in the 1/10th Royal Scots and for a considerable time was stationed at North Berwick, where he acted as a bombing instructor. Whilst there a rather unfortunate incidence occurred, when a number of men were bathing and Lieutenant Thomson rescued a couple of them from drowning. He went to France attached to the 2nd Royal Scots and was wounded within a couple of weeks of his arrival there on his 30th Birthday.

He has been in Wandsworth Hospital for a year, and the highest expectations of his recovery were held, but these were cut short by his death following an operation. The funeral of the deceased Officer took place yesterday to Portobello Cemetery and was of a military character. At the house the Rev. W Lonie Fraser, Regent Street Church, and at the graveside the Rev. J Lindsey, of Bathgate, previously chaplain to the 1/10th Royal Scots officiated. The Forth Garrison Artillery supplied the military party. In addition to Mr. George Thomson, Father, Major Meldrum, Musselburgh and Mr. James H Thomson, Murray House, uncles of the deceased officer were present.

A fellow officer writes:

The late Lt. Robert Thomson was connected with the Volunteer and Territorial Forces before the war, being a member of the old 4th Queens, continuing in it till compelled to resign through ill-health in 1908.

Soon after the outbreak of war Mr Thomson sought for enlistment, but to his keen regret was rejected. However at the end of 1915 he succeeded in entering the Inns of Court Officer's Training Corps and served with that famous corps for some months before being transferred to Gales where he was attached to the 9th Officers Cadet Battalion.

After a strenuous existence there, interrupted as it was by a severe illness, he qualified for a commission, passing fifth out of the whole company at the final examinations. He was gazetted to the 1/10th (Cyclist) Battalion, The Royal Scots, then stationed at North Berwick. Owing to the inscrutable ways of the War Office, although fit and eager for service overseas, the deceased officer remained there for almost two years. Debarred from serving his country in the field he set about the task of training the drafts with characteristic energy.

After attending the Command Bombing School he became Battalion Bombing Officer, performing his work to the great satisfaction of his Commanding Officer and higher authorities. During the time he was engaged in training the bombers Mr Thomson had many narrow escapes, but never lost his enthusiasm for this work.

In November 1917 on the Battalion Adjutant being sent to France, Lieutenant Thomson was appointed to his place, although he accepted the position with the greatest reluctance, and often told the writer that it was against his better judgement. He only accepted the appointment at all on the express understanding that he too would go to France, after six months.

The work of an Adjutant to a mixed category was not a sinecure, but Captain Thomson, as he then became, soon had a thorough grasp of the whole duties and instituted many improvements. Early in April 1918 the word came for him to go, but owing to another illness, he did not reach France till September. On arrival there he joined the 2nd Battalion The Royal

Scots, now at Redford, but was destined to be only three days with them before being severely wounded while gallantly leading his platoon into the Hindenberg Line during the great attack on the 27.09.1918. His death has come as a great shock to his many friends, both in and out of the army. Any many a one feels sore at heart when he thinks that never again will he hear his merry laugh.

As one who was with him all through his military career the writer can say of Robert Thomson: -
"I thank my God on every remembrance of thee."



Captain Andrew Scott Wotherspoon, 4th Battalion, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L G Wotherspoon, 33 Victoria Street, Perth.

He died 16 August, 1917, age 34.

He is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Reference Panel 96 to 98.

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Please excuse any errors I may have inadvertently made and let me know of any that I may correct.

Leaving for The Front

Before I die I must just find this rhyme.
Be quiet, my friends, and do not waste my time.

We're marching off in company with death.
I only wish my girl would hold her breath.

There's nothing wrong with me, I'm glad to leave.
Now mother's crying too. There's no reprieve.

And now look how the sun's begun to set.
A nice mass-grave is all that I shall get.

Once more the good old sunset's glowing red.
In thirteen days I'll probably be dead.

Alfred Lichtenstein
Trans. Patrick Bridgwater

The Emblems of Eternal Gratitude

A November morn in Whitehall, with a chill upon the air,
yet still they come, men bent with age, to lay their tributes there.
So few are they, the truly old, from the trenches of the Somme.
Each year grown less in number with memories reaching from
their days of youth, long years ago, and in the autumn cold,
They honour those, their boyhood friends,
the ones who grew not old.

It seems to them as yesterday, although ageing bodies tell,
of infirmity and failing health, yet they remember well
the names of comrades, Bill and Jack, who marched with them to war,
who, when peace came at bitter price, were among the lads no more.
Where some soldiers lie no one can tell, they rest in foreign lands,
as those who marched to war with them, lay wreaths with gnarled old hands.

We must not forget the debt we owe to generations gone,
to those who died that we might live, the memories linger on
in the hearts of those who knew them, yet the passing years must mean,
that there soon will be no memories, of those days that once had been.
They will become a part of history, yet the scarlet poppy flower
will be November's emblem of remembrance, at the 11th day 11th hour.

Mrs. L.M. Wadlow, Redditch, Worcs.
Daily Mail, November, 2005.

Over the Top

Over the top we went,
Not a word spoken,
Short was the time we spent
Crossing the open,
Killing the Sentries
Smashing the fences
Flooding the Entry
into their trenches.

"Kamerad" their hue and cry
"Scotsmen we fear"
Ours not to answer why
No quarter here.
There in that reeking Hell
Bayonets were gory
Left not a tongue to tell
Aught of the story.

Thus we were treating them,
Line after line,
Thus we were beating them
Back to the Rhine.
Big was the bill o' fare
E'er it was paid,
Scotland laid down her share,
The Highland Brigade.

Wm. Smith, Esq., J.P.

Carry On

It's easy to fight when everything's right,
And you're mad with the thrill and the glory;
It's easy to cheer when victory's near,
And wallow in fields that are gory,
It's a different song when everything's wrong,
When you're feeling infernally mortal;
When it's ten against one, and hope there is none,
Buck up, little soldier, and chortle.

Carry on, Carry on,
There isn't much punch in your blow.
You're glaring and staring and hitting out blind;
You're muddy and bloody, but never you mind.
Carry on, Carry on,
You haven't the ghost of a show.
It's looking like death, but while you've a breath,
Carry on, my son, Carry on.

And so in the strife of the battle of life
It's easy to fight when you're winning;
It's easy to slave, and starve and be brave,
When the dawn of success is beginning.
But the man who can meet despair and defeat
With a cheer, there's the man of God's choosing;
The man who can fight to Heaven's own height
Is the man who can fight when he's losing.

Carry on, Carry on,
Things never were looming so black;
But show that you haven't a cowardly streak,
And though you're unlucky you never are weak.
Carry on, Carry on,
Brace up for another attack.
It's looking like hell, but – you never can tell
Carry on, old man, Carry on.

There are some who drift out in the deserts of doubt,
And some who in brutishness wallow;
There are others, I know, who in piety go,
Because of a Heaven to follow.
But to labour with zest, and to give of your best,
For the sweetness and joy of the giving;
To help folks along with a hand and a song;
Why there's the real sunshine of living.

Carry on, Carry on,
Fight the good fight and true;
Believe in your mission, greet life with a cheer
There's big work to do and that's why you are here.
Carry on, Carry on,
Let the world be the better for you;
And at last when you die, let this be your cry:
Carry on, my soul, Carry on.

Robert Service

Soldier's Prayer

O Lord, of us who fight this battle,
Some will be maimed or killed like cattle.
O Lord, of all thy loving kindness,
Save me from death or wounds or blindness.
O Lord, if thou should'st think of it,
Let anyone but me be hit.

By Stanley Casson
2nd Lt. East Lancashire Regiment
Reserve Officer Lt. Col.1939 - killed 1914