

THE CURRIE WAR MEMORIAL
WITH DETAILS OF BALERNO AND JUNIPER GREEN

The inscription reads

" To the Glorious Dead whose names are inscribed in the
various Churches within this Parish "



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While researching using the CD 'Soldiers Died in the Great War' for my own family genealogy, I entered 'Balerno born' into the search field of the computer program out of curiosity and came up with names I had not seen on any of the Memorials, so I decided to do something about it as a Millenium project.

The following names are those of Currie, Balerno and Juniper Green who gave their lives in the World Wars 1914 –1918 and 1939 – 1945.

The main memorial to these men and women is the Currie War Memorial, at Currie Church which is outside to the east of the main door.¹ The names for Currie, and some of Balerno and Juniper Green, are recorded on four panels inside the Church. One on either side of the pulpit for 1914 – 18 and one on each side of the balcony for 1939 – 45. There are further memorials, two inside Balerno Parish Church in the entrance vestibule, a marble plaque in St Joseph's RC Church and two panels in Juniper Green Parish Church in the entrance vestibule, the one on the left for the former St Margarets (since demolished) and on the right for the former St Andrews, now the Parish Church. All of these latter memorials are for those of the respective Churches who fell in these Wars. There are some names which appear on Balerno and Juniper Green memorials but not on the Currie ones and vice versa. There is also one memorial plaque in the hall of Juniper Green Church to Dr Ian MacFarlane, son of the minister of the time who died in 1917 serving in the RAMC. There are 22 names which do not appear on any of these memorials. I have listed these under "missing men" and indicated the link with the locations.

The listing for those who died in 1914 - 18 is for the most part taken from the publication 'Soldiers Died in The Great War'² and from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register internet site³. I have included references to their units⁴ and information of what the unit was doing on the date in question, if known.⁵ I have been unable to ascertain the ages of half of the Great War fallen but the average age was 26, which is old for that War but still far too young. In looking for the names I have looked for those born in, resident in, and enlisted at each place. Some of the Currie names are given as being from Juniper Green hence the inclusion of all Juniper Green persons so none are missed.

¹ frontcover

² CDRom, Edinburgh Central reference Library, George IV Bridge Edinburgh

³ <http://www.cwgc.org.uk>

⁴ British Regiments 1914 – 1918 by Brigadier E.A.James ISBN 0 906304 03 2

⁵ see Bibliography

Some difficulties were found for certain names where only the name was given and no other information. In these cases I have listed all possible persons with a note attached. In the case of John Smith, 1839 J. Smiths died in the Great War of whom 44 were of The Black Watch.⁶ I have listed the possibles but not full details.

I would be delighted if anyone with information on any of the fallen would let me know so I can add it to the rest. There are also a few names where I can find no record. This does not mean they were not among the fallen but have been missed from the CWGC register possibly because they died after 1921.

The information on those who fell in 1939 – 45 is mostly taken from the respective Memorials and the CWGC site. Unit information is given if known. Note the smaller number of casualties.

Further research on this is a project some of the School pupils might care to take on. If touring the Battlefields as part of a School visit they could look for some of the graves. The Unit War Diaries at the Public Records Office Kew could be consulted for details of actions on the death date. I have found a lack of information on the two Nurses who are on the Memorials despite searching at the PRO. Another area of research for someone?

There are a few Appendices which may be informative for those who want to research further and I would recommend the internet site “ An Unfortunate Region “⁷. This site has photographs of several of the War Cemeteries and Memorials listed here. It also covers the French National Necropoli and the Deutscher Soldatenfriedhof sites in France and Belgium.

This booklet brings all these men and women of Currie, Balerno and Juniper Green together. I have tried to cover all the information available but if I have omitted anyone it is purely unintentional and can be put right if the details are made known to me.

It is for the freedom we seem to take for granted, especially in the new Millenium, that they gave their lives, we should remember them by their names.

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⁶ <http://www.cwgc.org>

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Background History of Currie and Balerno .

Information can be obtained in the excellent book published by the WRI in 1999 .

Currie was the Parish during both wars and Balerno was only one part of that Parish.. In the latter part of the nineteenth century there was an influx of Irish people who came to work on the reservoirs and hence settled in the area and this is why a lot of the 1914 – 18 soldiers were in Irish Regiments as it was only two to three generations since these events . In the 1912 County Directory of Scotland the Parish of Currie is described thus:

“Currie, Mid Lothian: Pop. 2513

Telephone hours: 8am. To 8pm. Monday to Saturday. 9am to 10am. Sunday.

Clergy: Est. (C of S) Rev D.C.Stewart MA.

Medical Officer: Andrew Graham MD

Registrar and Clerk to the School Board, Inspector of the poor, W A. Morrison.

Hotel: Riccarton Arms, Prop. A. Arnot

Station: Balerno Bridge, Caledonian Railway Co.

Sub – Postmaster: Abraham M. Tennant

Chair of Parish Council: Thomas Logan, Arthurville, Juniper Green.

(Population from Census information gives: 1881 census 2367 ,1891 census – 2574, 1901 census – 2505)

The 1912 County Directory entry for Balerno gives:

“ Balerno, Mid Lothian: Pop. 674

Telephone hours: 8am. To 8pm.Mon to Sat; Sunday 9am. To 10am.

*Clergy: United Free Church (Balerno Parish) Rev Wm. Scott (Emer)
Rev D.B.Turner*

Roman Catholic (St Joseph’s)

Fr Wm. Melon

Station: Balerno, Caledonian Railway Co.

Sub – Postmistress: Miss Isabella Knox

*(Population from Census information gives 1891 census – 619.
1901 census – 695 which is included in the Currie numbers.)*

From the above it shows the populations to have been relatively stable at around 2500 for Currie ,675 of them being in Balerno. The average casualty rate in WW1 for Scottish soldiers was about 26% so it would appear that about 600 from Currie ,Balerno and Juniper Green went to the Great War. 150 men and 2 women did not return and one must remember this gives no account of the disabled, blinded, wounded or gassed who continued to suffer.



The Currie War Memorial

“TO THE GLORIOUS DEAD WHOSE NAMES ARE INSCRIBED IN THE
CHURCHES WITHIN THIS PARISH”

Individual listing of the Fallen

For The Great War 1914 to 1918

JOHN ALLISON

Private

30208

2nd Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers

who died on

Thursday, 4th October 1917. Age 24.

Additional information: Husband of Bella J. M. Allison, of Baberton Avenue, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 66 to 68

Location:

The Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is located 9 kilometres north east of Ieper town centre, on the Tynecotstraat, a road leading from the Zonnebeekseweg (N332).

Local Memorial Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

2nd Kings Own Scottish Borderers

4/8/1914 Dublin: 13th Bde, 5th Division 15/8/1914 landed at Havre.

Service in France until Dec 1917 to Italy. 7/4/1918 returned to France.

11/11/1918 13th Bde, 5th Division, Le Quesnoy, France.

On 4th October 1917 the 2nd KOSB were involved in the attack on Polderhoek Chateau which was near Gheluvelt in the Battle of Broodseinde.

Born Colinton KIA

JOHN ARNOT

Private

251237

1st/4th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 19th November 1917. Age 37.

Additional information : son of Alexander Arnot of Riccarton Arms Currie, Midlothian

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: KANTARA WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY, Egypt

Grave Reference/ D. 91

Location:

Kantara War Memorial Cemetery is situated at Kantara East on the eastern side of the Suez Canal, 160 kilometres north-east of Cairo and 50 kilometres south of Port Said. Access to Kantara East is via vehicular or small passenger ferry from Kantara West. Kantara East is 30 kilometres north of Ismailia on the main Ismailia-Port Said road. The cemetery is 3 kilometres by road from the ferry, on the northern outskirts of the village.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

4th Royal Scots Queen's Edinburgh Rifles, Territorial Force

4/8/1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh. Lothian Bde Coast defences.

24/4/1915 to Scottish Rifles Bde, 52nd Lowland Division, which

became 156th Bde. 24/5/1915 embarked at Liverpool. 4/6/1915 landed

Alexandria. 14/6/1915 landed at Gallipoli. 6/7/1915 formed composite

Battalion with 1/7th. 8/1/1916 left Gallipoli for Egypt and on 20/1/1916

resumed identity. 17/4/1918 landed France. 11/11/1918 156Bde, 52nd

Division, Herchies, NW of Mons, Belgium.

4th Royal Scots were involved from 20th October to 7th November 1917

in the 2nd Battle of Gaza. John Arnot died of wounds at one of the base hospitals at Kantara

Born Currie , enlisted Glancorse, DOW

DAVID CARMICHAEL BAILLIE

Private

13673

3rd Bn., Scots Guards

who died on

Saturday, 29th May 1915. Age 22.

Additional information: Son of William Baillie, of Kinauld, Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CURRIE PARISH CHURCHYARD, Midlothian, United Kingdom

Grave Reference/ 64. (In East part.)

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

3rd Battalion Scots Guards was a reserve Battalion providing drafts to the 1st and 2nd Battalions. Private Baillie may have been sent to either and the event not noted on the Memorial or he could have died in training. No other information.

JOHN G BALLANTYNE

Private

4528/A

53rd Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F

who died on

Monday, 30th September 1918.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: TINCOURT NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, Somme, France

Grave Reference: VI. G. 14.

Location:

Tincourt is a village about 7 kilometres east of Peronne and Tincourt New British Cemetery is on the west side of the village, just off the D199.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panel and Balerno Parish Church panel.

Unit information:

53rd Battalion Australian Imperial Force

14th New South Wales Brigade, 5th Division AIF

12/9/1918 to 9/10/1918 43 Divisions including the 5th Australian were breaking the Hindenberg Line, a large defensive line which was constructed in 1916 to which the German Army withdrew in 1917.

It was constructed in depth being about 3 - 4 Kms. deep. At this time the 53rd Battalion were clearing Peronne.

John Gibson Ballantyne was born Peebles in 1883, a Farmer.

Left Australia on HMAT Euripedes

Trained as a signaller at Sutton Veny and landed in France April 1918.

KIA

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE

Both Edinburgh Roll of Honour and mine have had information with the following man.

Private
7654
2nd Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)
who died on
Friday, 16th April 1915. Age 36.
Born Edinburgh arrived in France 25/03/1915 KIA

However, Australian records give a different man.

2nd Lieutenant
1st Battalion
Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)
Who died on
13/10/1915

Evidence provided by Rev Garry Ketchen points to this man being the correct one.

“Just to let you know that I was at the National Archives at Kew last week and I managed to track down the existing service records for 2nd Lieutenant William Ballantyne [not much as they file was weeded out many years ago]. I can however confirm that it was his father who was living at Mansfield, Balerno from around September 1919 [a letter sent around this date has the address]. There are also letters and the a copy of the telegram indicating the death of 2nd Lt Ballantyne that have the Park End Farm, Crossgates, Fife address. I attach a photo of the Balerno address.

There is also a family form from 1915 that states that his brother Alexander was in South Africa, his sister Agnes [npw Mrs C McNiven] was in Leith and his two surviving brothers, George G and John G [the one KIA in the Australian Forces] were both in N.S.W. Australia. His brothers Andrew isn't mentioned so I presume he died prior to the war.

I can also confirm that William was employed as a Draper and enlisted on 03/11/1911 at Buckingham Gate, London, initially serving as Private 1455 in the London Scottish, being commissioned into the 1st BW on 18/09/1915.”

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: Loos Memorial

Grave Reference Panels 78 - 83

Location: The Loos Memorial form the back and sides of Dud Corner Cemetery

Local Memorial: Balerno Church panel.

Unit information.

1st Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)

Oudenarde Barracks Aldershott, 1st Brigade, 1st Division. Landed Le Havre 14th August 1914.
11/11/1918 in same Frenot- le- Grand, S W of Bohain.

WILLIAM THOMSON BREMNER

Corporal
S/9465
9th Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)
who died on
Friday, 22nd September 1916. Age 34.

Additional information: Son of Adam Bremner, of Lanark Rd.,
Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: DERNANCOURT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION,
Somme, France

Grave Reference/ II. A. 2.

Location:

Dernancourt is a village 3 kilometres south of Albert.
The Communal Cemetery is a little west of the village,
and the Extension is on the north-west side of the
Communal Cemetery.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

9th Black Watch , Royal Highlanders.
Formed Perth 13/9/1914 – K2 – to 44th Brigade, 15th Division.
8/7/1915 landed Boulogne.
7/2/1918 to 46th Brigade, 15th Division. 19/5/1918 reduced to cadre,
surplus to 4/5th BW in 118th Brigade, 39th Division. Sent to UK with 16th
Division. 19/6/1918 reconstituted at Deal and sent to 47th Brigade, 16th
Division and to Boulogne. 11/11/1918 in same near Tournai, Belgium.

22nd September 1916 15th Division was in the line at Martinpuich from
the 17th September. Patrolling was done to ascertain the German
Frontline before the Battle of Morval.
Born Penicuik DOW

HUGH FALCONER BROWN

Serjeant

79555

5th Bty. 45th Bde., Royal Field Artillery

who died on

Thursday, 4th May 1916. Age 32.

Additional information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown; husband of Mary Lonie Brown, of 23, Orwell Place, Edinburgh. Born at Juniper Green.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ALBERT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ I. D. 18.

Location:

Albert is a town 28 kilometres north-east of Amiens. The Communal Cemetery is on the south-east side of Albert and at the junction of the roads to Peronne (D938) and Bray sur Somme (D329), and the extension is entirely enclosed by it. The main entrance to the cemetery is on the Peronne road.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information

45th Brigade were with 15th Division preparing for the Somme offensive.

Born Edinburgh

SDITGW gives 'Died at Sea' !!

COLIN BRUCE

Lieutenant

6th Bn., Highland Light Infantry

who died on

Thursday, 5th September 1918. Age 26.

Additional information: Son of Patrick Chalmers Bruce and Lucy Bruce, of Kinleith, Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ABBEVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION,
Somme, France

Grave Reference IV. E. 2.

Location:

The town of Abbeville is on the main road from Paris to Boulogne (N1), about 80 kilometres south of Boulogne. The communal cemetery and communal cemetery extension are located on the left hand side of the road when leaving the town in a north-east direction for Drucat. CWGC direction signs will be found within the cemetery. Enter the Communal Cemetery by the left hand side main gate and follow CWGC signs within the Cemetery. The extension may be entered from the communal cemetery or from the side lane.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

14th Highland Light Infantry.

Formed at Hamilton July 1915 as a bantam Battalion. To Troon, Ayrshire then to Blackdown in 120 Brigade 40th Division having absorbed 13th Scottish Rifles.. To France June 1916. Reduced to a training cadre 6/5/1918.

Lt. Bruce joined the 14th battalion HLI in France in December 1917 and served with it until March 1918 when he went home on leave. He returned in April during the German offensive, when the 14th battalion was disbanded in May 1918 he was transferred to the 6th battalion.

He was wounded in the head during an attack on Fontaine Croiselles on August 27th and died of wounds at Abbeville on September 5th 1918.

ANDREW BRYCE

Private

8158

2nd Bn., Cameron Highlanders

who died on

Friday, 12th March 1915.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: VOORMEZEELE ENCLOSURE No.3, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference XIII. A. 2.

Location:

Voormezele Enclosure No. 3 is located 4 kilometres south-west of Ieper town centre on the Ruusschaartstraat, a road leading from the Kemmelseweg (Connecting Ieper to Kemmel N331). From Ieper town centre the Kemmelseweg is reached via the Rijselsestraat, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort) and straight on towards Armentieres (N365). 900 metres after the crossroads is the right hand turning onto the Kemmelseweg (made prominent by a railway level crossing). Turn right onto the Kemmelseweg and follow this road to the first crossroads, turn left here into Ruusschaartstraat. The Cemetery is located 1 kilometre after this junction on the left hand side of the road just before Voormezele Dorp. The Enclosures (at one time four in number, but now reduced to three) are immediately North-West of the village.

Local Memorial Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

2nd Battalion Cameronians Scottish Rifles

4/8/1914 at Malta. 15/8/1914 sailed for Britain arriving

Southampton 22/9/1914. To Hursley Park to 23rd Bde, 8th Division.

5/11/1914 landed at Havre. 3/2/1918 to 59th Bde, 20th Division.

11/11/1918 in above at Jenlain, France near Le Quesnoy.

12th March 1915 third day of the Battle of Neuve Chapelle in which 8th Division was engaged.

Born Currie, arrived France 19/12/1914, KIA

DAVID M BURNS

Private

9413

1st Bn., Scots Guards

who died on

Wednesday, 27th January 1915.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: PONT-A-VENDIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ 9.

Location:

The only information given on the CWGC site is as below.

“There are now over 10,000 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site.”

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information

1 Scots Guards

4/8/1914 Aldershot. 1st Brigade, 1st Division. 14/8/1914 landed at Havre
28/5/1915 to 2nd Guards Brigade, Guards Division. 11/11/1918 in same

Division at Mauberge, France.

1st Action at Givenchy, 25th January 1915 leading to what is known as
Affairs at Cuinchy on 29th January 1915. 1st Division were relieved on
29th January by 2nd Division.

Born Keith, DOW

WILLIAM BUTLER

Private

44

25th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F

who died on

Saturday, 29th July 1916 aged 29

Commemorative Information

Memorial: VILLERS-BRETONNEUX MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Location:

Villers-Bretonneux is a village 16 kilometres east of Amiens on the straight main road to St Quentin. The Memorial stands in Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, which is about 2 kilometres north of the village on the east side of the road to Fouilloy. Commemorated by name on the Memorial are over 10,000 Australian soldiers who fell in the battlefields of the Somme, Arras and the "Hundred Days" and who have no known grave. The Villers-Bretonneux Memorial is also the Australian National Memorial to the Australian soldiers who fought in France and Belgium during the First World War, to their dead, and especially to those of the dead whose graves are unknown.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and Balerno Church panel,

Unit information:

25th Battalion Australian Imperial Force

7th Queensland Brigade, 2nd Australian Division.

26th to 29th July 1916 the 2nd Division was attacking Pozieres. Heavy losses were suffered before the attack was abandoned and the 7th Bde were withdrawn to the reserves Born Currie 1887, a labourer.

Originally buried between Pozieres and Courcelette 4.5 miles NE of Albert.

FRANK BYRNE

Private

18640

2nd Bn., Royal Dublin Fusiliers

who died on

Saturday, 8th July 1916. Age 21.

Additional information: Son of James Byrne, of Ravelrig Crossing, Balerno, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: DOULLENS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION No.1, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ III. C. 19.

Location:

Doullens is a town in the Department of the Somme, approximately 30 kilometres north of Amiens on the N25 road to Arras. The Communal Cemetery and Extensions lie on the eastern side of the town, about 270 metres south-east of the road to Arras.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and St Joseph's plaque.

Unit information:

2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers 4/8/1914 Gravesend: 10th Bde, 4th Division 22/8/1914 to Boulogne 15/11/1916 to 48th Brigade, 16th (Irish) Division 10/2/1918 absorbed 10 officers and 200 men from disbanded 8th/9th Battalion 19/4/1918 amalgamated with 1st Battalion 1/6/1918 to 94th Bde, 31st Division 6/6/1918 reconstituted absorbing 7th Battalion 16/6/1918 to Line of Communications Troops 15/7/1918 to 149th Bde, 50th Division 11/11/1918 near Douriers, North of Avesnes.

8th July 1916. Frank Byrne died at No 41 CCS of wounds received in the attack on Ridge Redoubt near Serre by 4th Division on 1st July 1916. Having watched the attacks of 1st East Lancs, 1st Rifle Bde, 1/8th Warwicks, 1st Hampshires and 1st Somerset LI at 7.30am and 8.30am end in slaughter the 2nd RDF did not receive the order to halt their attack and consequently at 9.30am they did so. Only a few men reached the German frontline.

Pte Byrne was probably friends with Pte Frank McCue who was killed in this attack. They probably joined up together
Born Currie 1895, Mother Helen nee Collins.

JAMES CALDER

Private

3488

3/9th Bn Royal Scots

Died

2nd August 1917 aged 38

Commemorative Information

Memorial: not known

Grave

Location:

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

3/9th Royal Scots: Formed Peebles in June 1915. Nov 1915 to Selkirk, 8/4/1916 became 9th (Res) Bn, May 1916 to Stobs Camp, 1/9/1916 in 1st Lowland Reserve Brigade at Catterick. June 1917 absorbed into 4th Reserve Bn at Catterick.

Born: West Linton, Peebleshire

JAMES CASSIDY

Private

275932

5th 6th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Sunday, 11th August 1918. Age 20.

Additional information: Son of Charlotte A. Cassidy, of Parkend Cottage, Juniper Green, Edinburgh, and the late John Cassidy.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BOUCHOIR NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, Somme, France

Grave Reference V. B. 33.

Location:

Bouchoir is a village on the straight main road from Amiens to Roye. From Peronne take the N17 to Roye then the D934 to Amiens. Travel for approximately 8 kilometres and just before the village of Bouchoir the cemetery will be found on the right hand side of the road.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

5/6th Royal Scots

1/5th Raised 4 8 1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh.

11 3 1915 to 88th Brigade 29th Division at Leamington. 20 3 1915

embarked at Avonmouth. Arrived Alexandria 2 4 1915. 25 4 1915

landed at Gallipoli. 18 10 1915 withdrawn to Mudros. 7 1 1916 to

Egypt. 10 3 1916 left Port Said and landed Marseilles 22 3 1916. 24 4

1916 left 29th Division to Line of Communications Troops. 15 6 1916

amalgamated with 1/6th Royal Scots to form 5/6th.

29 7 1916 joined 14th Brigade in 32nd Division. 11 11 1918 same

Division Avesnelles, France.

11th August 1918 32nd Division was involved in the Battle of Amiens which finally broke the German Offensive of 1918.

Born Edinburgh, KIA

JOHN CASSIDY

Private

3546

9th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Tuesday, 25th July 1916.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D

Location: The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road. It is the Memorial to those who have no known grave who fell in the Battles of the Somme July to November 1916.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panel and St Joseph's plaque.

Unit information

9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) Highlanders Btn

Formed 4/8/1914 89 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh:

To Lothian Coastal Defences: 26/2/1915 landed at Havre

posted to 81st Bde, 27th Division 24/11/1915 to 14th Bde, 5th Division

25/1/1916 to Third Army Troops. 1/3/1916 to 154th Bde, 51st Highland

Division. 6/2/1918 to 183 Bde, 61st Division with Black Watch and

Argylls. 1/6/1918 to 46th Bde, 15th Scottish Division with above.

11/11/1918 with 15th Div east of Tournai, Belgium.

July 1916

51st Highland Division were holding part of High Wood on the Somme.

23/7/1916 the 9th Royal Scots with 1/4th Gordons attempted to capture

the rest of High Wood. The Gordons ran into MG fire and the Royal

Scots were shelled as they advanced. They fell back to their starting

point having taken 450 casualties. 24/25th July they held on against

counter attacks. John Cassidy must have been killed during one of these counter attacks.

Born Athelstaneford, Residence Rosebank Currie, Father James Cassidy.

Originally buried near Mountauban

JAMES CHISHOLM

Private

241894

9th (Glasgow Hds.), Bn., Highland Light Infantry
who died on

Tuesday, 25th September 1917. Age 30.

Additional information: Son of Alexander and Agnes Smith Chisholm, of Juniper Green, Midlothian; husband of Mary A. Chisholm, of Rutherford House, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 131 to 132

Location:

The Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is located 9 kilometres north east of Ieper town centre, on the Tynecotstraat, a road leading from the Zonnebeekseweg (N332).

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information:

1/9th Battalion Highland Light Infantry (Glasgow Highland) TF
4/8/1914 Greendyke Street, Glasgow: HLI Brigade Lowland Division. To Dunfermline November 1914 left Lowland Division and landed in France 5th November. 23/11/1914 to 5th Brigade, 2nd Division. 30/1/1916 to GHQ troops. 29/5/1916 to 100th Brigade, 33rd Division remained so until 11/11/1918 at Petit-Mauberge, France.

25th September 1917 was the last (officially) day of the Battle of the Menin Road Ridge during 3rd Ypres. 23rd Division was being relieved by 33rd Division and the enemy attacked on the whole Divisional front in the middle of it. 1st Queens and part of 9th HLI were driven from the position at 5.30am. At 9am they counter-attacked and won the position back.

Born Juniper Green, KIA

JAMES COFFER

Private

40745

12th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Wednesday, 28th March 1917. Age 34.

Additional information: Son of the late Ebenezer Coffe and Jane Goodfellow Coffe; husband of Mary Pryde Coffe, of 84, Gorgie Rd., Edinburgh. Born at Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: FAUBOURG D'AMIENS CEMETERY, ARRAS, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference II. L. 12.

Location:

Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery is in the western part of the town of Arras in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle, near the Citadel, approximately 2 kilometres due west of the railway station. Within this cemetery will also be found the Arras Memorial, which commemorates over 35,000 casualties of the British, New Zealand and South African Forces who have no known grave and who died between Spring 1916 and the 7th August 1918, excluding casualties of the Battle of Cambrai.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

12th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh August 1914 - K1 - to 27th Bde, 9th Scottish Division in Bordon area near Aldershot. May 1915 landed in France.

11/11/1918 27th Bde, 9th Division near Courtaai, Belgium.

28th March 1917 the 9th Division was preparing to attack the area of St Laurent north of Arras as part of the Battle of the Scarpe & Vimy which was due to start on 9th April

Born Currie, resident Currie, enlisted Juniper Green, KIA

FRANK DAILEY

Private

6975

2nd Bn., Scots Guards

who died on

Sunday, 15th November 1914.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: WIMEREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ I. B. 6A.

Location:

Wimereux is a small town situated about 5 kilometres north of Boulogne. From Boulogne take the A16 to Calais and come off at Junction 4. Take the road to Wimereux north, D242, for approximately 2 kilometres, following the road through the roundabout. Take the first turn on the left immediately after the roundabout and the Cemetery lies approximately 200 metres down this road on the left hand side. The Commonwealth War Graves are situated to the rear of the Communal Cemetery.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

2nd Scots Guards

4/8/1914 Tower of London, London District. Sept 1914 to 20th Bde 7th Division, at Lyndehurst. 7/10/1914 landed at Zeebrugge. 9/8/1915 to 3rd Guards Bde, Guards Division. 11/11/1918 in above at Maubeuge, France.

15th November 1914 The 7th Division had been involved in the Battle of Gheluvelt on 29th to 31st October. Frank Dailey died of wounds at one of the Hospitals at Wimeroux.

Born Coatbridge, resident Juniper Green, enlisted Edinburgh, DOW

ROBERT DAVIDSON

Lance Corporal

S 8887

1st Bn., Gordon Highlanders

who died on

Tuesday, 18th July 1916.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference Pier and Face 15 B and 15 C

Location:

The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information: as above.

18th July 1916 - Capture of the village of Longueval by 1st Gordons and 8th King's Own. Severe German barrage for 7 hours afterwards caused partial withdrawal and most of the casualties which were 11 Officers and 321 other ranks.

Born Colinton, enlisted Edinburgh, KIA

JAMES KEDSLIE DEA

Private

2314

1st/7th Bn., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

who died on

Sunday, 25th April 1915.

Commemorative Information

Memorial YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference Panel 42 and 44

Location:

Ypres (now Ieper) is a town in the Province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin and Courtrai, and bears the names of men who were lost without trace during the defence of the Ypres Salient in the First World War.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit Information:

1/7th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

Formed Stirling 4/8/1914 A&SH Brigade, Highland Division.

August 1914 in e. December 1914 left Highland Division

and landed in France in 10th Brigade, 4th Division. 27 /5 /1915

amalgamated with 1/9th Battalion from 27th Division 20 /7 /1915

resumed identity. 1 /3 /1916 to 154th Brigade, 51st Highland Division.

11/11/1918 in same N of Cambrai, France.

April 1915 unit was in 4th Division and was involved in the Battle of St Julien from 24th April to 4th May in 2nd Ypres Battles

Resident Edinburgh, enlisted Larbert, KIA

WILLIAM DEA

Private

48111

9th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Friday, 3rd August 1917. Age 41.

Additional information: Son of the late William and C. Dea, of Reathorne, Juniper Green; husband of Jane Hogarth Mutter Reid Dea, of Reathorne, Juniper Green, Midlothian. (Father of Miss C Dea of Juniper Green) Brother of James Kedslie.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BEDFORD HOUSE CEMETERY, ZILLEBEKE, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Enclosure No.4 VIII. E. 6.

Location:

Bedford House Cemetery is located 2.5 Km south of Ieper town centre. The cemetery lies on the Rijselseweg (N365), the road connecting Ieper to Armentieres. From Ieper town centre the Rijselsestraat runs from the market square, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort) and directly over the crossroads with the Ieper ring road. The road name then changes to the Rijselseweg. The cemetery itself is located 2 Km after this crossroads on the left hand side of the Rijselseweg.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information

9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) Highlanders Bn

4/8/1914 89 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh: Lothian Coastal Defences: 26/2/1915 landed at Havre posted to 81st Bde, 27th Division

24/11/1915 to 14th Bde, 5th Division 25/1/1916 to Third Army Troops.

1/3/1916 to 154th Bde, 51st Highland Division. 6/2/1918 to 183 Bde, 61st Division with Black Watch and Argylls. 1/6/1918 to 46th Bde, 15th Scottish Division with above.

11/11/1918 with 15th Div east of Tournai, Belgium.

3rd August 1917 3rd Ypres. 51st Division established several posts across the stream called the Steenbeck which had been their objective on the 31st July attack. It was a very wet day and there were 14 killed..

Born Colinton, resident Juniper Green, enlisted Edinburgh, KIA

I have transcribed his diary for the Royal Scots Museum, Edinburgh Castle and for his late daughter Charlotte. I worked from photographs of the diary which was just as well as it was disposed of when Charlotte died.

DAVID DOWNIE

Private

S/22107

8th Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)

who died on

Saturday, 23rd March 1918.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ Panel 49 and 50

Location:

Pozieres is a village some 6 kilometres north-east of the town of Albert. The Memorial encloses Pozieres British Cemetery which is a little south-west of the village on the north side of the main road, D929, from Albert to Pozieres. On the road frontage is an open arcade terminated by small buildings and broken in the middle by the entrance and gates. Along the sides and the back, stone tablets are fixed in the stone rubble walls bearing the names of the dead grouped under their Regiments. It should be added that, although the memorial stands in a cemetery of largely Australian graves, it does not bear any Australian names. The Australian soldiers who fell in France and whose graves are not known are commemorated on the National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

8th Service Battalion The Black Watch:

Formed at Perth 21st August 1914 – K1 – to 26th Brigade, 9th Division at Albuhera Barracks Aldershot. September 1914 to Maida Barracks.

January 1915 to billets in Alton. March 1915 St Lucia Barracks, Bordon.

10/5/1915 landed at Boulogne. 11/11/1918 26th Bge, 9th Division Harlebeke north of Coutrai, Belgium.

23rd March 1918 was two days after the start of the German massive offensive of 1918.

Born Edinburgh, enlisted Dunfermline, KIA

GEORGE CAIRNS DOWNIE

Private

19188

16th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Saturday, 1st July 1916.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D

Location:

The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Local memorial: Currie Church panels and Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

16th Royal Scots (2nd Edinburgh)

Raised in Edinburgh December 1914 by Lt Col. G McCrae MP. June 1915 to Ripon 101st Brigade 34th Division. 10/8 /1915 taken over by War Office. September 1915 to Sutton Veny. 8/1 /1916 landed at Havre. 16 5 1918 reduced to cadre, disbanded 14/8/1918 in France.

1st July 1916 Battle of Albert (The Somme) 34th Division attacked Lochnagar crater south of La Boisselle. Two mines were exploded two minutes before zero hour but there was no surprise and ten minutes after zero hour 80% of the men in the leading Battalions were casualties.

15th and 16th Royal Scots were caught 200 yards from the German frontline by machine guns and were forced to the right. The 16th Royal Scots and 27th Northumberland Fusiliers (103 Brigade) with 11th Suffolks captured Scots Redoubt and Wood Alley but in such small numbers it hardly mattered.

Born and resident Juniper Green, enlisted Edinburgh, KIA

JOSEPH DRYBURGH

Second Lieutenant
7/8th Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers
who died on
Wednesday, 26th June 1918. Age 24.

Additional information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dryburgh, of Woodhall Paper Mill, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference V. B. 9.

Location:

Aubigny-en-Artois is a village approximately 15 kilometres north-west of Arras on the road to St. Pol (N39). From the N39 turn onto the D75 towards the village of Aubigny-en-Artois. The Cemetery lies south on a road leading from the centre of the village, and the Extension is behind it.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information:

7th KOSB

Formed at Berwick-upon-Tweed September 1914 - K2 - to Bordon in 46th Brigade, 15th Scottish Division.

February 1915 to Winchester, April 1915 to Salisbury Plain

- Park House and Chisledon. 10/7/1915 landed in France at Boulogne

28/5/1916 amalgamated with 8th Battalion to form 7/8th Battalion

in Bethune. 11/11/1918 in 46th Brigade, 15th Division at

Tongre-Notre-Dame, S of Ath, Belgium.

8th KOSB as above.

Lt Dryburgh was posted to 7/8th KOSB in September 1917, on 26th June 1918 he was one of two Officers conducting a raid near Feuchy and on withdrawal was severely wounded by shellfire. He was carried back to the CCS, transferred to Hospital but died a few hours later..

ALEXANDER FLEMMING EASTON

Private

35350

10th Bn., Highland Light Infantry

who died on

Wednesday, 9th January 1918. Age 26.

Additional information: Son of Alexander and Isabella Easton, of Grove Cottage, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MINTY FARM CEMETERY, Langemark-Poelkapelle, West-V., Belgium

Grave Reference II. A. II.

Location:

Langemark is located north of the town of Ieper off the N313. From the Markt take the Korte Ieperstraat, at the crossroads turn right into Boezingestraat, after 500 metres take the first turning left into Ieperstraat. Follow this road to the T junction at the end, turn right into Briekstraat, 1st left still Briekstraat, take again the 1st turning left called Hemelrijkstraat. The cemetery is 200 metres along this road on the left hand side.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information:

10th HLI

Formed at Hamilton August 1914 -K1 - to Bordon in 28th Brigade, 9th Scottish Division. May 1915 landed at Havre. 6 – 14/5/1916 attached to South African Brigade 14/5/1916 to 46th Brigade, 15th Division and amalgamated with 11th HLI to form 10/11th. 1/2/1918 to 119th Brigade, 40th Division. 16/2/1918 to 120th Brigade, 40th Division. 6/5/1918 reduced to cadre. 3/6/1918 to 34th Division. 16/6/1918 to 14th Division at Boulogne and sailed for England going to Brookwood, Aldershot in 43rd Brigade, 14th Division. 21/6/1918 absorbed 22nd HLI and reformed as 10th HLI. 5/7/1918 landed at Boulogne. 11/11/1918 in same Helchin, Belgium.

January 1918, 10/11th HLI in 15th Division was probably holding the line west of Ypres.

Born and resident Juniper Green, enlisted Edinburgh, KIA

JAMES GARNET FAIRBAIRN

Private

18042

1st Bn., Canadian Infantry (Western Ontario Regt.)

who died on

Thursday, 18th March 1915. Age 32.

Additional information: Son of David B. Fairbairn, of Balerno, Midlothian, Scotland.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: Y FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, BOIS-GRENIER, Nord, France

Grave Reference/ T. 26.

Location:

Bois Grenier is a small village in the Department of the Nord, about 4 kilometres due South of Armentieres. Leave Bois Grenier on the D222 in the direction of Fleurbaix. After 1200 metres turn left following the signs for the Cemetery, which can be found on the right hand side after the farm, approximately 800 metres from the main road.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

1st Battalion Canadians

Western Ontario Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Canadian Division. Formed in UK 1914 originally Battalions were named after Province of origin.

February 1915 to France. 11/11/1918 in same France and Flanders.

17th March the 5th Division attacked Hill 60 further North.

18th March 1915 The Bois Grenier area was in a so-called quiet sector where the Division would be holding the line. Shell-fire and snipers were the main dangers.

Born 1882 in Edinburgh, a Millwright to trade, attestation papers give James George Fairbairn known as George. Enlisted 14th September 1914, nok given as Laura Fairbairn, Royal Crescent Edinburgh, Scotland.

JOHN CAMPBELL FALCONER

Gunner

129113

351st Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery

who died on

Sunday, 17th June 1917. Age 37.

Additional information: Son of the late Alexander and Madeline Campbell Falconer, of Ashfield, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: HOP STORE CEMETERY, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Plot I. Row B. Grave 51.

Location:

Hop Store Cemetery is located 5.5 km west of Ieper town centre on the Casselsestraat, a road leading from the N308 Poperingseweg, connecting Ieper to Poperinge. From Ieper town centre the Poperingseweg (N308), is reached via Elverdingsestraatt then directly over two small roundabouts in the J. Capronstraat. The Poperingseweg is a continuation of the J. Capronstraat and begins after a prominent railway level crossing. 5 km along the Poperingseweg, immediately after the village of Vlamertinge lies the right hand turning onto Casselsestraat. The cemetery itself lies 100 metres after this right hand turning on the right hand side of the road. The old hop store which gives the cemetery its name is still visible on the main road.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews.

Unit information:

Royal Garrison Artillery

351 Siege Battery, Usually 8 inch or 9.2 inch Howitzers. Royal Garrison Artillery and in particular Siege Batteries were Corps or Army units.

I do not know what Corps or Army 351 Battery were attached to.

17th June 1917 was the aftermath of the Battle of Messines.

Born Edinburgh, resident as above, enlisted Edinburgh, KIA

JOHN FLYNN

Private

275999

5th 6th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 2nd April 1917.

Additional information: Brother of Miss Flynn, of 75 Lochend Gardens, Edinburgh. Born in Currie.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CHAUNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY BRITISH EXTENSION, Aisne, France

Grave Reference 6. A. 6.

Location:

Chauny Communal Cemetery British Extension can be reached from the direction of Ham following the D937, Ham to Chauny road. It is necessary to cross a major road, the N32. Shortly after the junction the approach to Chauny is via a roundabout and a small industrial estate. After several hundred metres a left turn must be made at the first set of traffic lights, following the CWGC sign. Chauny Communal Cemetery British Extension will be found 300 metres after the junction on the right side of the road.

Local memorial: none.

Unit information:

5 /6th Royal Scots

1 /5th Raised 4/8/1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh. 11/ 3 /1915 to 88th Brigade 29th Division at Leamington. 20 /3 /1915 embarked at Avonmouth. Arrived Alexandria 2/4 /1915. 25/4 /1915 landed at Gallipoli. 18/10/1915 withdrawn to Mudros. 7 /1/1916 to Egypt. 10 /3/ 1916 left Port Said and landed Marseilles 22 /3/1916. 24/4 /1916 left 29th Division to Line of Communications Troops. 15 /6 /1916 amalgamated with 1 /6th Royal Scots to form 5 /6th. 29 /7 /1916 joined 14th Brigade in 32nd Division. 11/11/1918 same Division Avesnelles, France.

Born Currie, resident South Queensferry, enlisted Edinburgh, Died of Disease.

ALEXANDER FORRESTER

Private

27444

1st Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

who died on

Tuesday, 11th June 1918.

Additional information: Born at Currie Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ESQUELBECQ MILITARY CEMETERY, Nord, France

Grave Reference III. B. 11.

Location:

Esquelbecq is a village near the Belgian frontier, 24 kilometres north of Hazebrouck and the same distance south of Dunkirk. The Military Cemetery is about one kilometre west of the village, 200 metres south of the road to Zeggars-Cappel.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

1st Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

14/8/1914 Glasgow. 15/4 /1914 landed at Havre, Line of

communications troops. 22/8/1914 joined 19th Brigade. 12/10 /1914

19th Brigade attached to 6th Division. 31/5/1915 Brigade attached to 27th

Division. 19/8/1915 attached 2nd Division 25/11/1915 Brigade was put

into 33rd Division with which it stayed till 11/11/1918 ending at Sant-Bara, France.

11th June 1918 was during the Battle of the Lys 1918, 2nd part of the German Offensive in Flanders.

Born Currie, enlisted Glasgow, DOW.

ANDREW FRASER

Private

27068

12th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Wednesday, 19th July 1916. Age 30.

Additional information: Son of Mrs. Jane Fyfe Fraser, of 19, South Richmond St., Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: QUARRY CEMETERY, MONTAUBAN, Somme, France

Grave Reference II. N. 4.

Location: Montauban is a village about 10 kilometres east of Albert. 5 kilometres from Albert on the D938 (Albert-Peronne), turn east onto the D64 and the village of Montauban will be found 4 kilometres along this road. Travel through the village for 600 metres then turn north. The quarry from which this cemetery is named is 750 metres north of the village at the bottom of a valley, 800 metres from the village on the east side of the road. The cemetery is on the north-west side of the quarry.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

12th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh August 1914 – K1 – to 27th Brigade, 9th Scottish Division in Bordon area near Aldershot. May 1915 landed in France.

11/11/1918 27th Brigade, 9th Division near Courtaai, Belgium.

17th – 19th July 1916 Delville Wood, Longueval, Somme. German counter-attacks attempting to recapture the wood.

Born Edinburgh, kia

SDGW gives Alexander 27065

JAMES FRASER

Private

14788

12th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Saturday, 25th September 1915.

Additional information: Born at Currie, resident at Currie. (Possibly related to Andrew Fraser who is on Currie Memorial panel)

Commemorative information

Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference Panel 10 to 13

Location:

Loos-en-Gohelle is a village about 5 kilometres north-west of Lens. The Loos Memorial forms the side and back of Dud Corner Cemetery where over 1,700 officers and men are buried, the great majority of whom fell in the Battle of Loos. Dud Corner Cemetery, which stands almost on the site of a German strong point, the Lens Road Redoubt, captured by the 15th (Scottish) Division on the first day of the battle, is located about 1 kilometre west of the village, on the N43, the main Lens to Bethune road. The Loos Memorial commemorates over 20,000 officers and men who fell in the area from the River Lys to the old southern boundary of the First Army, east and west of Grenay, and who have no known grave.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

12th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh August 1914 - K1 - to 27th Bde, 9th Scottish Division in Bordon area near Aldershot. May 1915 landed in France.

11/11/1918 27th Bde, 9th Division near Courtaai, Belgium.

25th September was the first day of the Battle of Loos.

Born and resident Currie, enlisted Fauldhouse, KIA

JOHN GAFFNEY

Private

18097

2nd Bn., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

who died on

Sunday, 26th August 1917.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: COXYDE MILITARY CEMETERY, Koksijde, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ III. D. 16.

Location:

Coxyde Military Cemetery is located 1 kilometre beyond the village of Koksijde on the N396 towards De Panne. From Koksijde Dorp the N396, Houtsaegerlaan crosses the Zeelaan and at the same time changes its name to Robert Vandammestraat. 1 kilometre along the Robert Vandammestraat N369, on the right hand side, lies the cemetery.

Local Memorial: Currie Church Panel and St Joseph's plaque.

Unit information:

2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders stationed 4/8/1914 Fort George
14/8/1914 landed Boulogne as Line of Communications Troops
22/8/1914 to 19th Bde, 12/10/1914 attached to 6th Division
31/5/1915 19th Bde to 27th Division 19/8/1915 to 2nd Division in place
of 4th Guards Bde. 28/11/1915 to 33rd Division in 98th Brigade
11/11/1918 98th Bde, 33rd Division Sassegnies France.

In June, 1917, the British Fourth Army took over 6.5 kilometres of front from the sea to a point South of Nieuport, and they held this sector for six months. This was a so-called quiet sector but the Germans attacked trying a pre-emptive assault before the 3rd Ypres Battle to the west and to thwart the intended sea-borne invasion planned to support 3rd Ypres. Born and resident Balerno, enlisted Edinburgh, KIA

WILLIAM GARDINER

Private

3 3585

2nd Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)

who died on

Thursday, 22nd July 1915. Age 41.

Additional information: Son of Alexander and Margaret Mann Gardiner.
Born at Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MERVILLE COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Nord, France

Grave Reference III. O. 8.

Location

Merville is a town 15 kilometres north of Bethune and about 20 kilometres south-west of Armentieres. The Communal Cemetery is on the north-east side of the town to the north of the D38 road to Neuf-Berquin.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

2nd Royal Highlanders (Black Watch)

4/8/1914 Bareilly Brigade, Meerut Divison 21/9/14 sailed from Karachi to France, Marseilles landing on 12/10/1914

to Mesopotamia in Dec 1915 arriving Basra 31/12/1915 became 21st

Brigade, 7th Indian Div 4 /2 /1916 owing to heavy casualties formed Highland Battalion with 1st Seaforths in 19th Brigade, 7th Indian

Division: resumed identity 12/7/1916 in 21st Bde, 7th Division - January 1918 to Palestine, 31/10/1918 Ras-El-Rados, Tripoli.

The date of death is half way between Festubert and Loos when the BEF was holding on waiting for reinforcements and supplies.

Born Currie, enlisted Edinburgh, DOW

PETER BOYD GARDNER

Airman 1st Class

28923

Royal Flying Corps

who died on

Wednesday, 6th December 1916. Age 28.

Additional information: Son of Peter Boyd Gardner and Elizabeth Love Gardner, of Currie, Midlothian. Born at Leven Hall, Musselburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CURRIE PARISH CHURCHYARD, Midlothian, United Kingdom

Grave Reference/ 300. (At West end.)

Local memorial: Currie Church panels.

Born Inveresk Musselburgh, .

He was in 59 Squadron and died in a flying accident in England.

Sir ARCHIBALD CHARLES GIBSON-CRAIG

Lieutenant 4th Bart.

2nd Bn., Highland Light Infantry

who died on

Monday, 14th September 1914. Age 31.

Additional information: Son of the late Sir James Henry Gibson-Craig, 3rd Bart., and of Lady Gibson Craig, of Riccarton, Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: LA FERTE-SOUS-JOUARRE MEMORIAL, Seine-et-Marne, France

Location: La Ferte-sous-Jouarre is a small town 66 kilometres to the east of Paris, and the Memorial is situated in a small park on the south bank of the River Marne, just off the main road to Paris. The Memorial Register is kept at the Town Hall. The La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial commemorates nearly 4,000 officers and men of the British Expeditionary Force who died in August, September and the early part of October 1914 and who have no known grave. The monument consists of a rectangular block of stone, 62 feet by 30 feet and 24 feet high, with the names of the dead engraved on stone panels on all sides of the monument.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

2nd Highland Light Infantry

4/8/1914 Maida Barracks, Aldershot: 5th Bde, 2nd Division.

14/8/1914 landed Boulogne. 11/11/1918 5th Bde, 2nd Div, Villers Pol, France.

The village of Ferte-sous-Jouarre was captured in a night fight on the 10th September which was a hand-to-hand fight among burning buildings. The advance was continued on the 12th – 13th but was brought to a halt when they ran into artillery and machine-gun fire north of the village. Lt Gibson-Craig volunteered to deal with a concealed machine-gun which was firing from the wooded hills to the west. He was given a small company and their attack was entirely successful but Lt Gibson-Craig and two of his men were killed, at the cost of 50 of the enemy. Their bodies were brought two miles back and buried near the village. Wooden Crosses were made to mark the spot but the positions were subsequently lost later in the war through shellfire. Officers Died gives the date as between 12th – 17th September 1914.

JAMES GIFFORD

Private

S/9655

"B" Coy. 1st Bn., Gordon Highlanders

who died on

Saturday, 25th September 1915. Age 40.

Additional information: Son of John and Jane Wood Gifford, of Corporation Buildings, Leith, Edinburgh; husband of Ellen Thomson Gifford, of Newmills, Balerno, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 38

Location:

Ypres (now Ieper) is a town in the Province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin and Courtrai, and bears the names of men who were lost without trace during the defence of the Ypres Salient in the First World War.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panel and Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

1st Gordon Highlanders 4/8/1914 at Plymouth: 8th Bde, 3rd Division
14/8/1914 landed Boulogne. 12/9/1914 to Line of Communications
Troops after losing 80% at Le Cateau (order to withdraw never
reached them or others of 8th Bde. 500 Gordons were captured)
30/9/1914 reinforced & returned to 8th Bde, 3rd Division 19/10/1915 to
76th Brigade, 3rd Division. 11/11/1918 La Longueville, France.

25th September 1915 The French were attacking in Champagne, the Battle of Loos was beginning and Actions of Bois Grenier and the Second Attack on Bellewarde were meant to divert German reinforcements moving from the Ypres area to Loos. 3rd Division was in the Second Attack on Bellewarde with 14th Division. James Gifford was killed in action in this attack. Bellewarde is NE of Hooge and East of Ypres. Born North Leith, resident Newmills Balerno, enlisted Edinburgh 31st March 1915. A Miller to trade. Married 1894 and left 4 children. Landed France 4th August 1915, joined Battalion 8th August 1915.

ROBERT GILLON

Private

40892

2nd Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers

who died on

Thursday, 4th October 1917. Age 23.

Additional information: Son of Mrs. Agnes Gillon, of Main St., Balerno, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BEDFORD HOUSE CEMETERY, ZILLEBEKE, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Enclosure No.4 III. G. 15.

Location:

Bedford House Cemetery is located 2.5 Km south of Ieper town centre. The cemetery lies on the Rijselseweg (N365), the road connecting Ieper to Armentieres. From Ieper town centre the Rijselsestraat runs from the market square, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort) and directly over the crossroads with the Ieper ring road. The road name then changes to the Rijselseweg. The cemetery itself is located 2 Km after this crossroads on the left hand side of the Rijselseweg.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

2nd Kings Own Scottish Borderers

4/8/1914 Dublin: 13th Bde, 5th Division 15/8/1914 landed at Havre.

Service in France until Dec 1917 to Italy. 7/4/1918 returned to France.

11/11/1918 13th Bde, 5th Division, Le Quesnoy, France.

4th October 1917 Battle of Broodseinde, 3rd Ypres. 13th Brigade attacked with 1st Royal West Kents and 2nd KOSB. The KOSB flanked the Reutelbeek and the Scherriabeek (streams) in attacking Polderhoek Chateau they advanced 700 yards to the grounds of the Chateau against machine-guns and shelling and then consolidated.

See John Allison entry, they may have been friends.

Born Currie, resident Balerno, enlisted Edinburgh. Formerly Royal Scots, KIA. Medals were returned 1923.

JOHN DALGLEISH GIRVAN

Private

9870

1st Bn., Cameron Highlanders

who died on

Tuesday, 22nd December 1914.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ Panel 41 and 42

Location:

Le Touret Memorial is located at the east end of Le Touret Military Cemetery, on the south side of the Bethune-Armentieres main road. From Bethune follow the signs for Armentieres until you are on the D171.

Continue on this road through Essars and Le Touret village.

Approximately 1 kilometre after Le Touret village and about 5 kilometres before you reach the intersection with the D947, Estaires to La Bassee road, the Cemetery lies on the right hand side of the road.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

1st Queens Own Cameron Hldrs

4/8/1914 Edinburgh. 14/8/1914 landed at Havre: Army Troops. 5/9/1914 to 1st Bde, 1st Division. 19/3/1916 absorbed 1/4th Battalion.

11/11/1918 with 1st Division at Fresnoy-le-Grand, France.

German attack on Givenchy of the 20th December on the front of Meerut and Lahore Divisions of the Indian Corps. This Corps was assailed by overwhelming Divisions and Haig was ordered to move 1st Division and the Dehra Dun Brigade to their aid. These Brigades arrived in the course of the 21st December and began by attacking west of Givenchy by 1st Brigade and by the 3rd Brigade from Festubert North-west of Givenchy. They succeeded in re-establishing the position. It was a hard, costly fight and losses were high in both Brigades.

Born Liberton Edinburgh, resident Currie, enlisted Edinburgh KIA.

JOSEPH GODLEY

Private

14039

1st Bn., Scots Guards

who died on

Tuesday, 26th September 1916.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ Pier and Face 7 D

Location: The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews and Currie Church panels

Unit information

SDGW gives Scots Guards, CWGC gives 1st Scots Guards, Currie Memorial panel gives 2nd Scots Guards.

1 Scots Guards

4/8/1914 Aldershot. 1st Brigade, 1st Division. 14/8/1914 landed at Havre
28/5/1915 to 2nd Guards Brigade, Guards Division.

11/11/1918 in same Division at Mauberge, France.

2nd Scots Guards

4/8/1914 Tower of London, London District. Sept 1914 to 20th Bde
7th Division, at Lyndehurst. 7/10/1914 landed at Zeebrugge. 9/8/1915 to
3rd Guards Brigade, Guards Division. 11/11/1918 in above at Mauberge,
France.

I would tend towards 2nd Scots Guards, as they were involved in the
capture of Lesbœufs involving 1st and 3rd Brigades. 2nd Brigade were in
reserve and were not called on.

Born Juniper Green, resident Currie, enlisted West Calder, KIA

WILLIAM NORRIS GOURLAY

Captain

5th Bn., Cameron Highlanders

who died on

Wednesday, 6th June 1917. Age 21.

Additional information: Son of Kenneth MacKenzie. and H. Grace Gourlay, of Malleny, Balerno, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: WIMEREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ III. B. 2.

Location:

Wimereux is a small town situated about 5 kilometres north of Boulogne. From Boulogne take the A16 to Calais and come off at Junction 4. Take the road to Wimereux north, D242, for approximately 2 kilometres, following the road through the roundabout. Take the first turn on the left immediately after the roundabout and the Cemetery lies approximately 200 metres down this road on the left hand side. The Commonwealth War Graves are situated to the rear of the Communal Cemetery. From October, 1914, onwards, Boulogne and Wimereux formed an important British hospital centre; and until June, 1918, the Medical Units at Wimereux buried their dead in the Communal Cemetery.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

5th (Service) Battalion Queens Own Cameron Highlanders

Formed at Inverness September 1914 - K1 - to Aldershot in 26th Brigade

9th Scottish Division February 1915 to Bordon in Guadeloupe Barracks

10/5/1915 landed at Boulogne 11/11/1918 in 26th Brigade, 9th Division

Harlebeke, Belgium

Captain Gourlay was wounded on 1st May 1917 and died of wounds in one of the many General Hospitals which were at Wimereux.

THOMAS GROSSET

Private

46116

9th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Thursday, 28th March 1918. Age 37.

Additional information: Husband of Charlotte Grosset, of Belmont Avenue, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ Panel 13 and 14

Location:

Pozieres is a village some 6 kilometres north-east of the town of Albert. The Memorial encloses Pozieres British Cemetery which is a little south-west of the village on the north side of the main road, D929, from Albert to Pozieres. On the road frontage is an open arcade terminated by small buildings and broken in the middle by the entrance and gates. Along the sides and the back, stone tablets are fixed in the stone rubble walls bearing the names of the dead grouped under their Regiments.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information:

9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) Highlanders Btn

4/8/1914 89 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh: Lothian Coastal Defences:

26/2/1915 landed at Havre posted to 81st Bde, 27th Division

24/11/1915 to 14th Bde, 5th Division 25/1/1916 to Third Army Troops.

1/3/1916 to 154th Bde, 51st Highland Division. 6/2/1918 to 183 Bde,

61st Division with Black Watch and Argylls. 1/6/1918 to 46th Bde, 15th

Scottish Division with above. 11/11/1918 with 15th Div east of Tournai, Belgium.

March 1918 German Offensive of 21st March.

Born Denny, Stirlingshire, resident and enlisted Juniper Green, KIA

ERNEST HARBOUR

Corporal

1830

34th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F

who died on

Saturday, 15th June 1918. Age 31.

Additional information: Son of Margaret and the late Thomas Harbour; husband of Joan Cowan Harbour, of Glenview, Currie, Midlothian Scotland. Native of Cherry Tree, Blackburn, England

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CRUCIFIX CORNER CEMETERY, VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ VII. D. 7.

Location:

Villers-Bretonneux is a village in the Department of the Somme, and lies on the N29 road from Amiens to St Quentin. Enter the village of Villers-Bretonneux on the D23 heading south. At the crossroads head in the direction of Demuin and Mozeuil, remaining on the D23. Two CWGC signposts will be seen. On leaving the village, carry on south for 2 kilometres, still on the D23 Demuin road, and the cemetery will be found on the right side of the road..

Local Memorial: Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

34th Btn Australian Imperial Force.

9th Brigade, 3rd Australian Division

Born Blackburn Lancs 1887, enlisted in Australia 13/03/1916. Landed UK September 1917. In CCS several times with chest complaints 1917. Invalided to UK with Bronchitis January 1918, returned to France April 1918.

Shot in head on a trench raid on the night of 14th June 1918 near Villers Bretonneux and left in no-mans-land. Body recovered on battlefield clearance.

JAMES HAY

Private

13615

7th Bn., Royal Scots Fusiliers

who died on

Wednesday, 8th March 1916.

Additional Information: Stepson of Mrs. Pollok, of Whitelaw Farm, Juniper Green, Midlothian. Born at Currie.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: NOEUX-LES-MINES COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/

Panel Number: I. H. 3.

Location: Noeux-les-Mines is a town 6 kilometres south of Bethune on the main road to Arras. The Communal Cemetery is on the northern side of the town, on the south-east side of the road to Labourse.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

7th Royal Scots Fusiliers

Formed at Ayr September 1914 - K2 - to Aldershot in 45th Brigade, 15th Scottish Division. 9/7/1915 landed at Boulogne. Amalgamated with 7th Battalion to form 6/7th. 21/2/1918 and to 59th Division as Pioneer Battalion. 10/5/1918 reduced to cadre. 18/6/1918 joined 47th Brigade, 16th Division at Boulogne and sailed to England. 20/6/1918 to Deal and on 2/7/1918 were absorbed by 18th Scottish Rifles.

The area around Arras was held by thinly stretched Divisions at this time to release Divisions for training for the Somme offensive. I do not have any information on 15th Division at this time but 51st Division, between Souchez and Arras were holding 5000 yards of front. Two of its Brigades were in trousers masquerading as English Battalions. Trench raids by both sides occurred between December 1915 and June 1916. GHQ encouraged these raids and this cost the BEF 5,845 Officers and 119,296 other ranks for no gains and very little effect.

Born Currie, resident Juniper Green, enlisted Edinburgh, KIA

GEORGE YUILE HENDERSON

Private

M2/102798

956th Mechanical Transport Coy., Army Service Corps
who died on

Thursday, 24th October 1918. Age 22.

Additional information: Son of Walter and Hannah Yule Henderson.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ALEXANDRIA (HADRA) WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY, Egypt

Grave Reference/ E. 63.

Location:

Hadra is a district on the eastern side of Alexandria and is south of the main carriageway to Aboukir, known as Al Horaya, near the University of Alexandria. The Cemetery is on the road Sharia Manara. The junction of this road and Al Horaya is diagonally opposite the University of Alexandria.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

Army Service Corp

Each Division had its own units of supply and transport from the ASC.

They also handled base supply, railway operations and distribution.

Alexandria was a supply base for the Mesopotamian campaign.

Born Kirkaldy, resident Invergordon, Died of Disease.

JAMES HENDERSON

Gunner

159202

254th Siege Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery

who died on

Tuesday, 9th April 1918

Commemorative Information

Memorial: PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 1

Location:

The Ploegsteert Memorial stands in Berks Cemetery Extension, which is located 12.5 kilometres south of Ieper town centre, on the N365 leading from Ieper to Mesen (Messines), Ploegsteert and on to Armentieres. From Ieper town centre the Rijselsestraat runs from the market square, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort) and directly over the crossroads with the Ieper ring road. The road name then changes to the Rijselseweg (N336). 3.5 kilometres along the N336 lies a fork junction with the N365. The N365, which forms the right hand fork, leads to the town of Mesen. The Cemetery lies 3 kilometres beyond Mesen on the right hand side of the N365, and opposite Hyde Park Corner Royal Berks Cemetery. The Memorial commemorates over 11,000 men who have no known grave. They belonged to thirty-six different Divisions and to a hundred Regiments.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

Royal Garrison Artillery

254 Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery were a Corps or Army unit.

April 1918 was the opening of the German Lys Offensive in Flanders, which involved 24 British and Australian Divisions.

Born Galasheils, resident Balerno, enlisted Juniper Green, KIA

THOMAS HENDERSON

Private

19505

15th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Saturday, 28th April 1917. Age 21.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ROEUX BRITISH CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Panel Number: Sp. Memorial. D. 10.

Location:

Roeux is a village 13 kilometres east of Arras. From Roeux, take the Chemin de Fampoux towards Fampoux. 200 metres outside the village take the track, followed by a smaller track, to the cemetery.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

15th Royal Scots (1st Edinburgh)

Raised in Edinburgh September 1914 by Lord Provost and City.

March 1915 Troon. June 1915 Ripon and 101st Brigade, 34th Division.

10/8/1915 taken over by War Office. September 1915 to Sutton Veny.

8/1/1916 landed at Havre. 16/5/1918 reduced to cadre, disbanded

14/8/1918 in France.

After the Battle of Arras the area known as the railway triangle was the scene of desperate counter attacks by the Germans. During the Battle of Arras 34th Division was between 9th Scottish and 51st Highland Divisions.

The village was built over a system of caves which contributed to make its capture in 1917 exceptionally difficult. It was attacked by the 9th (Scottish) Division without success on the 12th April. The chemical works close to the railway station were taken by the 51st (Highland) Division on the 22nd April, and after incessant fighting the village was cleared by the same Division on the 14th May. The chemical works were lost and retaken on the 16th May, and it was finally taken by the 51st Division on the following 26th August.

Born Dunfermline, resident Dunfermline , enlisted Edinburgh, kia

ROBERT HERD

Private

18512

1st Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers
who died on
Saturday, 26th August 1916. Age 21.

Additional information: born in Balerno enlisted Glasgow.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CATERPILLAR VALLEY CEMETERY, LONGUEVAL, Somme,
France

Grave Reference/ VII. E. 40.

Location:

Longueval is a village approximately 13 kilometres east of Albert and 10 kilometres south of Bapaume. Caterpillar Valley Cemetery lies a short distance west of Longueval on the south side of the road to Contalmaison. Within the cemetery is Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial, which commemorates those officers and men of the New Zealand Division who fell in the Battles of the Somme, 1916, and whose graves are not known.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

1st Kings Own Scottish Borderers 4/8/1914 in Lucknow. 2/11/1914 sailed from Bombay to Egypt. 17/11/1914 to 14/12/1914 in Egypt. Sailed to Plymouth 28/12/1914 to Warley. Mid January to Rugby and joined 87th Bde, 29th Division. 18/3/1915 sailed to Egypt: 16/4/1915 Mudros: 25/4/1915 landed Gallipoli: 8/1/1916 left Gallipoli for Alexandria :18/3/1916 landed Marseilles. Service in France and Flanders. 11/11/1918 87th Bde 29th Division, Celles, SW of Renaix, Belgium.

26th August 1916 1st KOSB were holding the line near Guillemont while the main action was at Bazentin-le Petit and Delville Wood.

Born Balerno, resident Glasgow ,Enlisted Glasgow KIA

WILLIAM JAMES HOUSTON

Gunner

307339

2nd/1st (Lowland) Heavy Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery
who died on

Sunday, 26th May 1918. Age 24.

Additional Information: Son of Thomas John and Mary Houston, of Mid Lodge, Oxenfoord Castle, Ford, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BERTRANCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY, Somme, France
Grave Reference/ Plot 2. Row C. Grave 2.

Location:

Bertrancourt is a village in the Department of the Somme. Using the D919 from Arras to Amiens you will drive through the villages of Bucquoy, Puisieux, Serre-les-Puisieux and then Mailly-Maillet (approximately 25 kilometres south of Arras). On leaving Mailly-Maillet, 100 metres further along the D919, turn left following the signs for Bertrancourt village (approximately 3 kilometres). On arrival at Bertrancourt take the first turning left and continue for 300 metres. A signpost will be seen which will direct you right onto a small lane which continues straight to Bertrancourt Military Cemetery.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

One of the heavy batteries in support of the Corps containing 52nd Lowland Division.

Location was 8kms from the point that the 1918 Offensive reached. It was used by Casualty Clearing Stations. Probably died of wounds following 21st March offensive.

Born Beith, Fife. Enlisted Edinburgh KIA

GAVIN (GUY) JACK

Second Lieutenant

2nd Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Saturday, 25th September 1915. Age 30.

Additional Information: Brother of Mrs. Catherine M. Watherston, of 4, Ellersley Rd., Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Panel Number: Panel 11

Location:

Ypres (now Ieper) is a town in the Province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin and Courtrai, and bears the names of men who were lost without trace during the defence of the Ypres Salient in the First World War.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

2nd Royal Scots

Plymouth 4/8/1914, 8th Bde 3rd Division.

11/11/1918 same near Solesmes

25th and 26th September 1915 Attack on Bellewarde near Hooge as a diversion for the main action which was at Loos.

From 1st Gordons War Diary which was in same Division:

Return to trenches at Hooge, relieved 3rd Worcesters;

12th September. Heavy bombardment by our artillery following three or four days, with enemy responding. Return to farm H.13D.55 for rest, relieved by 3rd

Worcesters on 18th. Substantial work carried out on trenches. On 22nd September Lord Kitchener inspected brigade (**2nd Royal Scots**, 1st and 4th Gordons) delivered speech. Returned to Hooge trenches, relieved 3rd Worcesters.

Big attack on 25th by 3rd and 14th Divisions, with Royal Scots Fusiliers, and 1st, 4th Gordons with **2nd Royal Scots**; 2nd South Lancashire Regt, and Royal Irish Rifles involved.

This attack was repulsed by the enemy whose trenches and wire were not affected by the heavy bombardment, the wire could not be cut by our cutters, very heavy casualties suffered.

Returned to bivouac 26th, back to trenches 29th September attacked enemy occupied trenches.

Officers Died in the Great War give his name as Gavine. kia

ALEXANDER FOWLER JAMES

Private

64715

71st Field Amb., Royal Army Medical Corps

who died on

Thursday, 7th June 1917. Age 22.

Additional Information: Son of George and Jessie Keppie James, of Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: WOODS CEMETERY, ZILLEBEKE, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ III. E. 7.

Location:

Woods Cemetery is located 4 Km south east of Ieper town centre, on the Verbrandemolenstraat a road leading from the Komenseweg, connecting Ieper to Komen (N336). From Ieper town centre the Komenseweg is located via the Rijselsestraat, through the Rijselpoort (Lille Gate) and crossing the Ieper ring road, towards Armentieres and Lille. The road name then changes to Rijselseweg. 1 Km along the Rijselseweg lies the left hand turning onto Komenseweg. 2.5 Km along the Komenseweg lies the right hand turning onto the Vaartstraat. 900 metres along the Vaartstraat lies the left hand turning onto the Verbrandemolenstraat. 400 metres along the Verbrandemolenstraat a short distance from the road is the cemetery. Visitors to this site should note the 100 metre grassed access path leading to the cemetery which is not accessible by vehicle.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information

71st Field Ambulance were attached to 70th Brigade, 23rd Division.

7th June 1917 was the start of the Battle of Messines and 23rd Division was in the centre of the attack.

Born Edinburgh, resident Juniper Green, Enlisted Edinburgh
KIA

OLIVER FREDERICK JOHNSTON

Private

32996

10th Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

who died on

Tuesday, 23rd July 1918. Age 19.

Additional information: Son of the late Mrs. A. Johnston. Born at Glenbrook, Balerno, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: SOISSONS MEMORIAL, Aisne, France

Location:

The town of Soissons stands on the left bank of the River Aisne, approximately 100 kilometres north-east of Paris. The Soissons Memorial, which will be found in the public square, commemorates nearly 4,000 war dead from the 1914-1918 War who have no known grave. Its particular reference is to the Battles of the Aisne and Marne, 1918, in which comparatively small bodies of British troops played a conspicuous part in defeat and in victory. The memorial consists of a cenotaph before which stands the figures of three soldiers. Behind the memorial is a three-sided wall bearing the names of those officers and men who fell in this theatre of war and who have no known grave. The memorial register is kept at the Mairie where it may be consulted.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

10th Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Formed at Hamilton Sept 1914 - K2 - to 46th Bde, 15th Scottish Division at Bordon. Feb 1915 to Winchester. April 1915 Salisbury Plain, Park House and Chiseldon. 10/7/1915 landed Boulogne.

11/11/1918 46th Bde, 15th Division, Belgium

23rd July 1918 2nd Battles of the Marne, the Battle known as The Battle of the Soissonais and of the Ourcq. Mainly the attack on Berzy-le Sec and Buzancy. 7/8th KOSB and 10th Cameronians were on the left of the attack.

Most 10th Cameronian casualties occurred when taking Le Sucrierie. The 15th and 34th Divisions were attached to the 20th French Corps.

Born Dundee, resident Balerno, Enlisted Edinburgh KIA

JAMES FLEMING JOHNSTONE

Rifleman

20475

8th Bn., West Yorkshire Regt. (Prince of Wales's Own)

who died on

Sunday, 28th July 1918. Age 19.

Additional Information: Son of John and Margaret Fleming Johnstone, of 3, Dalrymple Place, Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CHAMBRECY BRITISH CEMETERY, Marne, France

Grave Reference/ I. C. 10.

Location:

The cemetery can be reached via the RD380 road from Reims to Chateau Thierry. After about twenty minutes from leaving the outskirts of Reims it is necessary to take the second exit (straight on) at a roundabout. The road curves up an incline with an Italian cemetery on the right side of the road. After 300 metres, Chambrecy British Cemetery is visible on the right side of the road. Parking is difficult on this fast road.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information

1/8th West Yorkshire Regiment (Leeds Rifles)

4/8/1914 Carlton Barracks, Leeds: Selby, Strensall and eventually to York for the winter. 15/4/1915 landed at Boulogne. 15/5/1915 became 146th Brigade, 49th Division until 30/1/1918 moved to 185th Brigade, 62nd Division absorbing 2/8th Btn to form 8th Battalion. 11/11/1918 in same at Mont Plaisir, near Mauberge.

28th July 1918 62nd was one of four Divisions on loan to the French and were involved in the 2nd Battle of the Marne fighting for the Ardre Valley (51st and 62nd Divisions) in the Battle of Tardenois.

Born Newington, Edinburgh, Enlisted Edinburgh

Formerly T/261279, A.S.C

KIA

WILLIAM KING

Private

36718

5th Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

who died on

Friday, 8th March 1918. Age 18.

Additional Information: Son of Septimus and Annie King, of 1, St. Ann's Park, Juniper Green, Midlothian. Born at Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: COLINTON PARISH CHURCHYARD, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information

5/6th Cameronians

1/5th Cameronians, 261 W Princes Street Glasgow August 1914 to Scottish Rifle Brigade, Lowland Division. Nov 1914 left Lowland Div and went to France landing Havre 5th November 1914. to 19th Brigade, 6th Division. 31/5/1915 Brigade to 27th Division 19/8/1915 Brigade went to 2nd Division. 25th November Brigade went to 33rd Division. 29/5/1916 amalgamated with 1/6th Cameronians to form 5/6th Battalion. 11/11/1918 in 19th Brigade 33rd Division, Sart-Bara, France.

Born Colinton, enlisted Edinburgh

Died of Disease

JAMES TAIT KIRKHOPE

Corporal

16170

13th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 23rd April 1917.

Additional information:

Commemorative Information

Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference Bay 1 and 2

Location:

The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, which is in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras. The cemetery is near the Citadel, approximately 2 kilometres due west of the railway station. The Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 casualties of the British, New Zealand and South African Forces who died between Spring 1916 and 7th August 1918, with the exception of casualties of the Battle of Cambrai in 1917, and who have no known grave.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

13th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh Sept 1914 - K2 - to 45th Bde, 15th Scottish Division at Aldershot. Nov 1914 at Bramshott, Feb 1915 at Basingstoke, March 1915 at Chiseldon to France July 1915. 11/11/1918 45th Bde, 15th Division, Bliquy, Belgium.

23rd April was the first of the two day 2nd Battle of the Scarpe following the Battle of Arras and Vimy. Most of the action was around what was known as the Railway Triangle.

Born Currie, resident North Queensferry, Enlisted Edinburgh
KIA

WILLIAM KNOX

Private

95674

3rd Bn., Tank Corps

who died on

Thursday, 29th August 1918.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: VAULX HILL CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ I. D. 2.

Location:

Vaulx-Vraucourt is a village in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais, 6 kilometres north-east of Bapaume. Vaulx Hill Cemetery is signposted from the village. Take the RD36 direction Lagnicourt up the hill, and the Cemetery can be seen at the road side 1 kilometre from Vaulx-Vraucourt.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

3rd Tank Corp :

August 1918 2nd Battle of Arras.

Enlisted Glencorse

Formerly 5210 Royal Scots

KIA

JOHN KYLE

Private

25455

16th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Tuesday, 2nd April 1918.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CITE BONJEAN MILITARY CEMETERY, ARMENTIERES, Nord, France

Grave Reference/ VII. C. 29.

Location:

Armentieres is a town in the Department of the Nord, on the Belgian frontier, 14.5 kilometres north-west of Lille. From the town of Armentieres take the D945 to Estaires. Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery is signposted off this road just before Erquinghem-sur-la-Lys. Within the cemetery will be found the Cite Bonjean (New Zealand) Memorial, which commemorates officers and men with no known grave who fell in 1916-1917 in the neighbourhood of Armentieres.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

16th Royal Scots (2nd Edinburgh)

Raised in Edinburgh December 1914 by Lt Col. G McCrae MP.

June 1915 to Ripon 101st Brigade 34th Division.

10/8/1915 taken over by War Office. September 1915 to Sutton Veny.

8/1/1916 landed at Havre.

16/5/1918 reduced to cadre, disbanded 14/8/1918 in France.

One of the many units caught up in the German Offensive of 1918 and which conducted a fighting retreat.

Resident Juniper Green, enlisted Edinburgh, dow

WILLIAM LAIDLAW MM

Sergeant

40757

12th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 21st October 1918. Age 27.

Additional information: Husband of Jeanie Gilliland (formerly Laidlaw), of Buchanan St., Balfron, Stirlingshire. Lived at Kirknewton, enlisted at Balerno.

Commemorative information:

Cemetery: VICHTE MILITARY CEMETERY, Anzegem, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ I. B. 8.

Location:

Vichte Military Cemetery is located 40 Km east of Ieper town centre and 13 Km east of Kortrijk. The N8 connects Ieper to Kortrijk via Menen and Wevelgem, after which it joins the southbound A17 towards Aalbeke. 3 Km after joining the A17 lies the junction with the E17 towards Gent. 12 Km along the E17 lies the right hand turning onto the N36 towards Vichte. The village of Ingooigem is located 6 Km along the N36. On reaching the village of Ingooigem the cemetery is located by turning right onto Beukenhofstraat for 800 metres, the second right hand turning leads onto Lendedreef and finally left onto Elf Novemberlaan. The cemetery is located on the left hand side of the Elf Novemberlaan.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

12th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh August 1914 - K1 - to 27th Bde, 9th Scottish Division in Bordon area near Aldershot. May 1915 landed in France.

11/11/1918 27th Bde, 9th Division near Courtaai, Belgium.

21st October 1918 the 9th Division was engaged in the Battle of Courtaai from 14th to 19th October (officially) but actions lasted longer.

Born Tinwald, Dumfriesshire, Resident Balerno, enlisted Edinburgh, KIA

FREDERICK L J M LEWIS

Private

19048

16th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Saturday, 1st July 1916.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Panel Number: Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D

Location:

The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

16th Royal Scots (2nd Edinburgh)

Raised in Edinburgh December 1914 by Lt Col. G McCrae MP. June 1915 to Ripon in 101st Brigade 34th Division. 10/8/1915 taken over by War Office. September 1915 to Sutton Veny. 8/1/1916 landed at Havre. 16/5/1918 reduced to cadre, disbanded 14/8/1918 in France.

1st July 1916 Battle of Albert, Lochnagar crater, La Boisselle. There was no surprise as was intended and ten minutes after zero, 80% of the leading wave were casualties. Against all the odds, 16th Royal Scots, 27th Northumberland Fusiliers and 11th Suffolks reached Scots Redoubt and Wood Alley, captured them and consolidated. They were 'in the air' and the survivors had to withdraw at nightfall. Fred Lewis is mentioned on page 161 of 'McRae's Battalion' by Jack Alexander. He rescued his wounded mate Willie Ellis and put him in a shell-hole and was shot in the throat as he stood up.

Born Corstorphine, resident Currie, enlisted Edinburgh, kia

WILLIAM LIND

Private

42202

2nd Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Friday, 23rd November 1917.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: GREVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/: VII. E. II.

Location:

Grevillers is a village in the Department of the Pas de Calais, 3 kilometres west of Bapaume. From Bapaume take the RD929 in the direction of Amiens, turn immediately right onto the RD7, where a signpost indicates the cemetery. After 500 metres turn left at junction onto RD29, where a signpost indicates the cemetery which is on the right after a further 50 metres. Within the cemetery is the Grevillers (New Zealand) Memorial which commemorates the names of those soldiers of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force who fell in the Battle of the Somme and the advances in 1918 and have no known grave.

Local memorial: none

Unit information

2nd Royal Scots

Plymouth 4/8/1914, 8th Bde 3rd Division. 11/11/1918 same near Solesmes

23rd November 1917 the Division was at Bullecourt in the trenches.

Private Lind has a tenuous Currie link as he is only given as enlisted at Currie and was not born or resident but what was he doing here to enlist at Currie, visiting relations?

Born Lanark, resident Lanark enlisted Currie, formerly 4108 HLI. dow

ALISTAIR STEWART LISLE

Able Seaman

J/24010

H.M.S. "Vanguard.", Royal Navy

who died on

Monday, 9th July 1917.

Additional Information: Son of George Lisle, of 5 North St.David St., Edinburgh. (name is Lisle not Lyall as on Memorial)

Commemorative Information

Memorial: CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL, Kent, United Kingdom

Panel Number: 21.

Location:

The Memorial overlooks the town of Chatham and is approached by a steep path from the Town Hall Gardens.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

HMS Vanguard- British battleship- Displacement 19 250 tons; Guns 10-12 inch & 20 - 4 inch - 5 torpedo tubes; Armour- 9 3/4 inch- 4 inch belt- 9 3/4 inch on the turrets The Vanguard had two sister ships St Vincent & Collingwood. She was commissioned in April 1908 and completed for sea at the end of the following year. On her trials she made the record speed of 22.4 knots.

9th July 1917 HMS Vanguard blew up at 23.20hrs at Scapa Flow.

Cause: coal sacks stacked incorrectly, raising temperature in magazine until the cordite ignited spontaneously, blowing her apart. She was a St Vincent class battleship launched 22nd April 1909. Her commander was Capt. J.D. Dick, RN. There were 802 casualties and only 2 survivors.

The verdict at the inquiry was an accident.

Diving near the site is forbidden.

IAN MACFARLANE

Captain

Royal Army Medical Corps

who died on

Wednesday, 18th July 1917. Age 29.

Additional information: Son of the Rev. Norman C. and Annie Livingston Macfarlane, of The United Free Church Manse, Juniper Green, Edinburgh. Studied at Edinburgh. Medical Missionary at Nazareth, Palestine, 1911-14. Joined H.M. Forces in 1915. Also served in France.. Born in Aberdeenshire

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: KANTARA WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY, Egypt

Grave Reference C. 78.

Location:

Kantara War Memorial Cemetery is situated at Kantara East on the eastern side of the Suez Canal, 160 kilometres north-east of Cairo and 50 kilometres south of Port Said. Access to Kantara East is via vehicular or small passenger ferry from Kantara West. Kantara East is 30 kilometres north of Ismailia on the main Ismailia-Port Said road. The cemetery is 3 kilometres by road from the ferry, on the northern outskirts of the village. Within the cemetery is the Kantara Indian Cemetery Memorial, which commemorates 282 soldiers of the Indian Army and one Indian Merchant Seaman from the First World War buried in Kantara Indian Cemetery. In 1961 Kantara Indian Cemetery became inaccessible and a memorial tablet honouring these serviceman was erected in Kantara War Memorial Cemetery. Also in the cemetery is the Kantara Memorial commemorating sixteen New Zealand mounted soldiers who fell in action in Egypt in the 1914-1918 War, whose graves are not known.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews panel and plaque in Juniper Green Church Hall.

Ian was educated at George Watson's College, Edinburgh from 1895-1905, and at Edinburgh University, where he graduated M.B. and Ch.B. in 1911. He worked as medical missionary at Nazareth from 1911 to 1914, but had to leave Palestine when Turkey entered the war. Ian was in practice at Juniper Green, Midlothian when he took a temporary commission in the R.A.M.C. as a Lieutenant on the 14th April 1915, he was promoted to Captain after a year's service. He first joined a field ambulance with the British Expeditionary Force on the Western Front but transferred to the Egyptian Army, where he was appointed to take charge of an isolation Camp (typhus fever) for Turkish prisoners at Khan Junis, near Gaza. Ian succeeded in completely stamping out the typhus without losing a single case, but contracted typhus fever himself. He died at Kantara. Ian was the elder son of the Rev. Norman Campbell (Minister of the United Free Church at Juniper Green, Edinburgh) and Annie Murray (daughter of David Livingston) Macfarlane of Smeaton Park, Inveresk.

DONALD CHISHOLM MACKENZIE

Private

51685

"C" Coy., 11th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Sunday, 18th August 1918. Age 19.

Additional information: Son of Euan and Annie Mackenzie, of Juniper Green, Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: LE PEUPLIER MILITARY CEMETERY, CAESTRE, Nord, France

Grave Reference F. 3.

Location:

Caestre is a village in the Department of the Nord, on the main road between Cassel and Bailleul, and the hamlet of Le Peuplier is nearly 2 kilometres from Caestre. From the church in Caestre, take the D942 and turn first right onto the D161. Le Peuplier Military Cemetery can be clearly seen from the main road on the right hand side.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information:

11th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh August 1914 - K1 - to 27th Bde, 9th Scottish Division in Bordon area near Aldershot. May 1915 landed in France.

11 /11 /1918 27th Bde, 9th Division near Courtaai, Belgium.

18th August 1918 the 9th Division was involved with the action known as 'The Advance in Flanders' which led in September to the Battle of Ypres 1918 which cleared the salient .

Born Dundee, resident Juniper Green, enlisted Edinburgh, kia

PETER PHILLIP MARSHALL

Able Seaman

SS/1370

(RFR/DEV/B/3727). R.N. S.S. "Caldergrove.", Royal Navy
who died on
Wednesday, 7th March 1917. Age 30.

Additional information: Son of Robert and Margaret Marshall, of Balerno
Bank, Balerno, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Devon, United Kingdom

Grave Reference/ panel 21.

Location:

The Memorial is situated centrally on The Hoe which overlooks directly
towards Plymouth Sound. It is accessible at all times.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information.

RFR is Royal Fleet Reserve, DEV is Devenport and RNSS is Royal Naval
Supply Ship according to my naval contacts. I can locate an RNSS Calder
and a Cliftongrove but not Caldergrove. As Peter Marshall is on the
Plymouth Memorial he was lost at sea.

On March 6th, 1917, the British steamer SS Caldergrove, on a voyage
from Havana to Queenstown with a cargo of sugar, was sunk by the
German submarine U-44 (Paul Wagenführ), 200 miles WNW of Fastnet.
19 persons were killed.

WILLIAM MARSHALL

Private

10753

2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys)

who died on

Saturday, 30th June 1917. Age 21.

Additional information: Son of Robert and Margaret Marshall, of Balerno Bank, Balerno, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ Pier and Face 1 A

Location:

The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Local Memorial: Currie Church panel.

Unit information:

2nd Dragoons (Scots Greys) 4/8/1914 at York in 5th Cavalry Brigade.

August 1914 to France in 5th Cav Bde which was independent.

6/9/1914 to General Gough's command. 13/9/1914 became 2nd Cavalry Division. No further change.

June 1917 2nd Cavalry were dismounted and manning trenches.

Born Balerno, Residence Balerno, Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA

ALEXANDER MARTIN

Private

14192

8th Bn., Royal Scots Fusiliers

who died on

Thursday, 19th September 1918.

Additional information: Born Kirknewton lived in Balerno.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: DOIRAN MILITARY CEMETERY, Greece

Grave Reference/ III. D. 33.

Location:

Doiran Military Cemetery is in the north of Greece close to the Yugoslav frontier and near the south-east shore of Lake Doiran. It is approximately 2 kilometres behind the village of Doiran and is reached via a farm track after turning left in the village by a large taverna.

The Doiran Memorial, on what was called Colonial Hill can be seen from a distance and is a landmark.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

8th Royal Scots Fusiliers

Formed at Ayr 1/10/1914 - K3 - to Codford St Mary, Salisbury Plain in 77th Bde, 26th Division. November 1914 at Bristol. April 1915 Sutton Veny. 20/9/1915 landed at Boulogne. November 1915 to Salonica. 30/9/1918 in 26th Division Macedonia, near Strumica, NW of Lake Doiran.

The attack on Pip Ridge at Lake Doiran on 18th and 19th September 1918 was a complete waste of lives with no possible prospect of success. On the 19th September the Royal Scots Fusiliers, Cameronians and Argyll advanced over the bodies of the Welsh Brigade which had attacked on the 18th. The Bulgarian position was a heavily fortified and defended 2000 foot high ridge. Salonika was treated as a sideshow of no consequence by the majority of the War Office and the Government.

Born Kirknewton, resident Balerno, Enlisted Edinburgh. KIA

WILLIAM J MAXWELL

Corporal

13447

6th /7th Bn., Royal Scots Fusiliers

who died on

Wednesday, 11th April 1917. Age 21.

Additional information: Son of Mrs. Minnie Maxwell, of The Stables, Cuminghamhead, Kilmarnock. Resident at Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ORANGE TRENCH CEMETERY, MONCHY-LE-PREUX, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference A. 23.

Location:

Monchy-le-Preux is a village in the Department of the Pas-de-Calais on the north side of the straight main road from Arras to Cambrai (D33). Orange Trench Cemetery is north of the village to the west of the road to Fampoux, down a 500 metre track.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

6th Royal Scots Fusiliers

Formed at Ayr August 1914 - K1 - to Bordon in 27th Brigade, 9th Scottish Division. (7th were in 9th Division) February 1915 to Bramshott. 11/5/1915 landed at Boulogne. 7/5/1916 to 45th Brigade, 15th Scottish Division and amalgamated with 7th Battalion to form 6/7th. 21/2/1918 to 59th Division as Pioneer Battalion. 10/5/1918 reduced to cadre. 18/6/1918 joined 47th Brigade, 16th Division at Boulogne and sailed to England. 20/6/1918 to Deal and on 2/7/1918 were absorbed by 18th Scottish Rifles.

9th-11th April, 1917, Battle of Arras and Vimy, when the 12th, 15th and 37th Divisions carried Monchy-le-Preux and the country between and advanced 3.5 miles.

Born Dreghorn Ayrshire, Resident Balerno, Enlisted Kilmarnock
KIA

PETER McCaIG

Lieutenant

54th Sqdn., Royal Air Force

and, Scottish Horse

who died on

Friday, 27th September 1918. Age 22.

Additional information: Son of John and Grace Ralston McCaig, of Stoneykirk, Wigtownshire.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: HAYNECOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, Nord, France

Grave Reference I. B. 25.

Location:

Haynecourt is a village in the Department of the Nord approximately 6 kilometres north-west of Cambrai and 1 kilometre north of the main Arras to Cambrai road (D939). On the D939 between the villages of Marquion and Raillencourt the Cemetery is signposted at the intersection of the D939 and the D16E Bourlon to Haynecourt road. Following signposts the road should be followed towards Haynecourt, then to the left after another 100 metres. This road leads into Haynecourt and the cemetery is to be found just outside the village.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information:

Formed at Castle Bromwich on 16 May 1916, the unit, like many others formed at the same time, was tasked with Home Defence duties flying BE2Cs. Four months later, however, it transferred to day fighter missions and moved to France escorting bombers and attacking observation balloons, equipped with Sopwith Pups. These were replaced by Sopwith Camels a year later, which in addition to normal fighter and escort missions, were engaged in low level attacks on troops and transport behind enemy lines until the end of the war.

Lt P McCaig was flying Sopwith Camel B6421 of No 54 Sqn when he was shot down near Cambrai on 27 September 1918. He left on a Special Bombing mission at 1135 (which probably means that his flight was sent out to bomb something in particular, rather than a target of opportunity) and later became involved in combat with 10-12 enemy aircraft; B6421 was last seen spinning out of control from 2000 feet at about 1210hrs.

FRANK (Francis) McCUE

Private

18647

2nd Bn., Royal Dublin Fusiliers

who died on

Saturday, 1st July 1916. Age 21

Additional information: Son of James and Helen McCue of Balerno, Midlothian. Enlisted at Dunfermline.

Commemorative Information:

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ Pier and Face 16 C

Location:

The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and St Joseph's plaque. "Scots at War" internet site Roll of Honour.

Unit information:

2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers 4/8/1914 Gravesend: 10th Bde, 4th Division
22/8/1914 to Boulogne 15/11/1916 to 48th Brigade, 16th Division
10/2/1918 absorbed 10 officers and 200 men from disbanded 8th/9th
Battalion 19/4/1918 amalgamated with 1st Battalion 1/6/1918 to 94th
Bde, 31st Division 6/6/1918 reconstituted absorbing 7th Battalion
16/6/1918 to Line of Communications Troops 15/7/1918 to 149th Bde,
50th Division 11/11/1918 near Douriers, North of Avesnes.

1st July 1916. Battles of the Somme. The attack on Ridge Redoubt near Serre by 4th Division on 1st July 1916. Having watched the attacks of 1st East Lancs, 1st Rifle Bde, 1/8th Warwicks, 1st Hampshires and 1st Somerset Light Infantry at 7.30am and 8.30am end in slaughter the 2nd RDF did not receive the order to halt their attack and consequently at 9.30am they did so. Only a few men reached the German frontline most being killed in no-mans land by machine-gun fire.

Frank McCue was probably friends with Frank Byrne and they probably joined up together. (Pte Byrne died of wounds a week after the attack.)
Born Currie, resident Balerno, enlisted Edinburgh, kia

JAMES McCUE

Private / Lance Corporal
21659
7th Bn., Royal Irish Fusiliers
who died on
Wednesday, 21st June 1916.

Additional information: Native of Belfast. Son of the late James McCue.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BETHUNE TOWN CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ V. E. 62.

Location:

Bethune is 29 kilometres north of Arras. From the town centre of Bethune, turn right in front of the Tribunal and second right at the bottom of the road down to the cul-de-sac where the cemetery will be found.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and St Joseph's plaque on which he is ranked as lance corporal.

Unit information:

7th Royal Irish Fusiliers. Princess Victoria's Royal Irish Fusiliers.
Formed at Armagh September 1914 - K2 - to Tipperary in 49th Bde,
16th (Irish) Division. September 1915 to Pirbright. February 1916
landed in France. 15/10/1916 amalgamated with 8th Battalion to form
7th/8th Bn. 10/2/1918 disbanded in France.

From the War Diary a gas attack on 29th April and trench mortars on
14th June caused heavy casualties..

Born Armagh, resident Balerno, enlisted Edinburgh, dow

James McEWAN

Lance Corporal

3/6594

2nd Bn., Gordon Highlanders

who died on Saturday, 2nd September 1916. Age 38.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:

BIRMINGHAM (LODGE HILL) CEMETERY, Warwickshire, United Kingdom

Grave Reference/ B10. 4. 345E

Casualties from Birmingham War Hospital were buried here

Born Edinburgh. Enlisted Glasgow died of wounds in Hospital at Birmingham.

THOMAS McGHEE

Private

34607

12th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Tuesday, 1st October 1918.

Additional information: Born at Currie, resident at East Calder.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: LEDEGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY, Ledegem, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference B. 26.

Location:

Ledeghem Military Cemetery is located 17 Km east of Ieper town centre on a road leading from the N8 Meenseweg connecting Ieper to Menen. The N8 leads from Ieper to Menen via Geluveld and Geluwe. On reaching the town of Menen the left hand turning onto the N32 Bruggestraat leads to Roeselare. 4.5 Km along the N32 lies the right hand turning onto Papestraat which leads to Ledegem. On reaching the village of Ledegem the first right hand turning along the Sint Eloois-Winkelstraat leads onto the Hugo Verriestlaan. The cemetery is accessed by a short path off the Hugo Verriestlaan.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

12th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh August 1914 - K1 - to 27th Bde, 9th Scottish Division in Bordon area near Aldershot. May 1915 landed in France.

11/11/1918 27th Bde, 9th Division near Courtaai, Belgium.

The Battle of Ypres 1918 which was from 28th September to 2nd October finally cleared the salient. On the 1st October 1918 the 9th (Scottish) Division captured the village, but could not hold the whole of it; on the 14th, it was cleared by the 29th Division.

Born Currie, Resident East Calder, Enlisted Glencorse. KIA

FRANK McGOVERN

Corporal

200443

4th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 12th November 1917. Age 23.

Additional information: Son of Mrs. McGovern, of 32, St. Mary St., Edinburgh. Born Balerno, enlisted Edinburgh .

Commemorative Information

Memorial: JERUSALEM MEMORIAL, Israel

Grave Reference/ Panel 10

Location:

The Jerusalem Memorial stands in Jerusalem War Cemetery which is 4.5 kilometres north of the walled city. The cemetery is situated on the neck of land at the north end of the Mount of Olives, to the west of Mount Scopus, close to the Hyatt Hotel and the Hadassa Hospital. The Memorial commemorates over 3,000 soldiers of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, who fell in Egypt or Palestine during the 1914-1918 war, and who have no known grave.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and St Joseph's plaque.

Unit information:

4th Royal Scots Queen's Edinburgh Rifles, TF

4/8/1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh. Lothian Bde Coast defences. 24/4/1915 to Scottish Rifles Bde, 52nd Lowland Division, which became 156th Bde.

24/5/1915 embarked at Liverpool. 4/6/1915 landed Alexandria.

14/6/1915 landed at Gallipoli. 6/7/1915 formed composite Battalion with 1/7th. 8/1/1916 left Gallipoli for Egypt and on 20/1/1916 resumed identity. 17/4/1918 landed France. 11/11/1918 156Bde, 52nd Division, Herchies, NW of Mons, Belgium.

November 1917 the 52nd Division had just helped capture Gaza in the 3rd Battle of Gaza and were fighting at Wadi el Hesi.

Born Balerno, Resident Balerno, Enlisted Edinburgh survived Gallipoli. KIA

JOHN McGREGOR

Private

25340

15th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Tuesday, 24th April 1917.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:

CHILI TRENCH CEMETERY, GAVRELLE, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ A. 9.

Location:

Gavrelle is a village about 10 kilometres east-north-east of Arras on the road to Douai. Chili Trench Cemetery is 1.5 kilometres south-east of the village on the north-east side of the secondary road to Fampoux.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

15th Royal Scots (1st Edinburgh)

Raised in Edinburgh September 1914 by Lord Provost and City. March 1915 Troon. June 1915 Ripon and 101st Brigade, 34th Division.

10/8/1915 taken over by War Office. September 1915 to Sutton Veny.

8/1/1916 landed at Havre. 16/5/1918 reduced to cadre, disbanded

14/8/1918 in France.

24th April 1917, Battle of Arras and Vimy.

The 63rd (Royal Naval) Division captured Gavrelle on 23rd April and 34th Division relieved them to hold it. Counter-attacks to recapture it took place on 24th April.

Born Mill Bank Balerno, Resident Currie, Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA

ARTHUR McGUIGAN

Private

19305

15th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Saturday, 28th April 1917. Age 21.

Additional Information: Son of James and Nellie S. McGuigan, of Belmont Avenue, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Panel Number: Bay 1 and 2

Location:

The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, which is in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras. The cemetery is near the Citadel, approximately 2 kilometres due west of the railway station. The Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 casualties of the British, New Zealand and South African Forces who died between Spring 1916 and 7th August 1918, with the exception of casualties of the Battle of Cambrai in 1917, and who have no known grave.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information

15th Royal Scots (1st Edinburgh)

Raised in Edinburgh September 1914 by Lord Provost and City.

March 1915 Troon. June 1915 Ripon and 101st Brigade, 34th Division.

10/8/1915 taken over by War Office. September 1915 to Sutton Veny.

8/1/1916 landed at Havre. 16/5/1918 reduced to cadre, disbanded

14/8/1918 in France.

28th April was during the Battle of Arleux following on from Arras & Vimy and the Scarpe.

Born and Resident Juniper Green, Enlisted Edinburgh. kia

SAMUEL McGUIGAN

Lance Corporal

4979

1st Bn., Cameron Highlanders

who died on

Wednesday, 11th November 1914.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:

TYNE COT CEMETERY, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference LII. G. 7.

Location:

Tyne Cot Cemetery is located 9 kilometres north east of Ieper town centre, on the Tynecotstraat, a road leading from the Zonnebeekseweg (N332).

Local memorial Juniper Green

Unit information

1st Queens Own Cameron Highlanders

4/8/1914 Edinburgh. 14/8/1914 landed at Havre: Army Troops.

5/9/1914 to 1st Bde, 1st Division. 19/3/1916 absorbed 1/4th Battalion.

11/11/1918 with 1st Division at Fresnoy-le-Grand, France.

11th November 1914 Battle of Nonne Boschen stopping the drive of the German Army splitting the BEF from the French Armies.

Born Antrim, Resident Edinburgh, Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA

WILLIAM McINTOSH

Private

57513

18th Bn., The King's (Liverpool Regiment)

who died on

Monday, 9th April 1917.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BUCQUOY ROAD CEMETERY, FICHEUX, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ VI. L. 10.

Location:

Bucquoy Road Cemetery is situated on the D919 heading south from Arras to Alette. The Cemetery is on the right hand side of the road, 9 kilometres from Arras, just before a crossroads with the D36 between Ficheux and Boisleux-au-Mont.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

18th Kings Liverpool Regiment (Service) Bn, 2nd City of Liverpool. Raised in Liverpool by Lord Derby 29/8/1914. To Hooton Park Racecourse. 30/4/1915 to Belton Park, Grantham in 89th Bde 30th Division. 27/8/1915 taken over by War Office. September 1915 to Larkhall, November 1915 landed Boulogne. 25/12/1915 to 21st Bde, 30th Division 24/9/1917 1/1 Lancashire Hussars, 16 Officers and 290 men joined the Battalion which then became 18th Lancashire Hussars Yeomanry Bn. 11/2/1918 to 89th Bde, 30th Division. 14/5/1918 reduced to cadre at St Omer 19/6/1918 to 199th Bde, 66th Division. 11/11/1918 in above at Vieux Sart, Belgium, near Avesnes, France.

9th April 1917 Battle of Arras where the Canadians are remembered for Vimy Ridge which was only possible with the gain of 3.5 miles by 21 British Divisions. 30th Division attacked south of Arras between Neuville Vitasse and Fontaine.

Born Dundee, resident Arbroath, Enlisted Dundee

KIA

NEIL McLEAN

Private

17959

2nd Bn., Royal Scots Fusiliers

who died on

Sunday, 30th July 1916. Age 18.

Additional Information: Son of the late John McLean.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Panel Number: Pier and Face 3 C

Location:

The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Local memorial: none

Unit information

2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers

4/8/1914 in Gibraltar. September 1914 arrived in Britain and to 21st Brigade, 7th Division at Lyndhurst. About 6th October landed at Zeebrugge 19/12/1915 with 21st Brigade to 30th Division and then to 90th Brigade, 30th Division. 7/4/1918 to 120th Brigade, 40th Division. 26/4/1918 to South African Brigade in 9th Scottish Division. 13/9/1918 to 28th Brigade, 9th Division. 11/11/1918 in same Cuerne, Belgium.

30th July 1916 9th Division was holding Delville Wood., while Fourth Army carried out what were officially called ' subsidiary attacks ' to take the pressure off them and 5th Division. Both Divisions lost heavy casualties at Delville Wood.

Born Juniper Green, Resident Cardenden, Fife, Enlisted Kirkaldy

Died

THOMAS NEIL McMENIGALL

Private

S/5615

12th Bn., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
who died on

Saturday, 10th June 1916. Age 38.

Additional Information: Husband of Isabella McMenigall, of Weiss Cottages, Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:

SALONIKA (LEMBET ROAD) MILITARY CEMETERY, Greece

Grave Reference/ 149.

Location:

Thessalonika (Salonika) is a town at the head of the Gulf of Thessalonika. The Cemetery is on the northern outskirts of Thessalonika, adjoining the Roman Catholic French and Italian War Cemeteries. It lies on the west side of the road to Seres.

Local memorial Currie Church panel

Unit information

104th ?? Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

I think there is an error in the Battalion ascribed to Thomas Mc Menigall in the CWGC register as there was no 104th and the only Argylls who were in Salonika were 1st Battalion, 81st Brigade, 27th Division and 12th Battalion, 77th Brigade, 26th Division who went out in November 1915 and were there until the end of the War in Salonika on 30th September 1918.

Born Currie, Resident Currie, Enlisted Edinburgh 12th Bn A&SH
Died of disease

WALTER MELROSE

Private

1624

4th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 28th June 1915.

Additional Information: Son of George Melrose, of Kinauld, Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: HELLES MEMORIAL, Turkey

Panel Number: Panel 26 to 30

Location:

The Helles Memorial stands on the tip of the Gallipoli Peninsula. It takes the form of an obelisk over 30 metres high that can be seen by ships passing through the Dardanelles.

Local memorial Currie Church panel

Unit information

4th Royal Scots

Queen's Edinburgh Rifles, TF

4/8/1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh. Lothian Bde Coast defences. 24/4/1915 to Scottish Rifles Bde, 52nd Lowland Division, which became 156th Bde.

24/5/1915 embarked at Liverpool. 4/6/1915 landed Alexandria.

14/6/1915 landed at Gallipoli. 6/7/1915 formed composite

Battalion with 1/7th. 8/1/1916 left Gallipoli for Egypt and on 20/1/1916 resumed identity. 17/4/1918 landed France. 11/11/1918 156Bde, 52nd Division, Herchies, NW of Mons, Belgium.

28th June 1915, attack on Gully Ravine which cost 53% loss in 156th Brigade, 52nd Division leading to composite Battalion with 7th Royal Scots. Probably friends with James Scott who died in the same action.

Born Currie, Resident Currie, Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA

DAVID MESSER

Private
351410
9th Bn., Royal Scots
who died on
Monday, 9th April 1917.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ROCLINCOURT VALLEY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ II. G. 11.

Location:

Roclincourt is a village a little to the east of the road from Arras to Lens. Take the N17 from Arras until the junction of this road and the D60. Travel along the D60 into Roclincourt village. Roclincourt Valley Cemetery lies to the north-east of the village and to the east of the road to Thelus.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panel.

Unit information:

11th Royal Scots
Formed at Edinburgh August 1914 - K1 - to 27th Bde, 9th Scottish Division in Bordon area near Aldershot. May 1915 landed in France. 11/11/1918 27th Bde, 9th Division near Courtaai, Belgium.

9th April 1917 Battle of Arras. where the Canadians are remembered for Vimy Ridge which was only possible with the gain of 3.5 miles by 21 British Divisions.

9th Division (with 51st Highland and 15th Scottish and 34th) attacked from Arras towards St Larent, Athies and Fampoux taking the right flank of Vimy.

Born Currie, Resident Balerno, Enlisted Edinburgh
KIA

JAMES MICHIE

Private

46108

1st/9th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Sunday, 19th August 1917. Age 36.

Additional information: Son of David Michie, of Helen Bank, Juniper Green; husband of Cecilia Michie, of Helen Bank, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MONT HUON MILITARY CEMETERY, LE TREPORT, Seine-Maritime, France

Grave Reference/ IV. L. 7A.

Location:

Le Treport is a small seaport 25 kilometres north-east of Dieppe. The Cemetery is 1.5 kilometres south of the town. Go towards the centre of Le Treport and then follow the Littoral/Dieppe sign. The Cemetery stands on the D940.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) Highlanders Btn

4/8/1914 89 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh: Lothian Coastal Defences:

26/2/1915 landed at Havre posted to 81st Bde, 27th Division

24/11/1915 to 14th Bde, 5th Division 25/1/1916 to Third Army Troops.

1/3/1916 to 154th Bde, 51st Highland Division. 6/2/1918 to 183 Bde,

61st Division with Black Watch and Argylls. 1/6/1918 to 46th Bde, 15th

Scottish Division with above. 11/11/1918 with 15th Div east of Tournai, Belgium.

Le Treport was one of the base hospitals where casualties of 3rd Ypres were evacuated to. James Michie may have been wounded at Pilkem, Menen Road or Langemark Battles which all involved the 51st Division. Born Colinton, Resident Juniper Green, Enlisted Juniper Green
DOW

JAMES MITCHELL

Sergeant

139221

75th Bn., Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regt.)

who died on

Wednesday, 8th November 1916. aged 25

Additional information: Son of David Mitchell, of "Homefield," Lanark Rd., Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: COLINTON PARISH CHURCHYARD, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets.

Unit information:

Central Ontario Regiment of the 75th Mississauga Battalion 11th Brigade, 4th Canadian Division. Railway brakeman.

Obviously died of wounds/disease.

Born 4th July 1891 in Juniper Green, NoK given as David Mitchell, JG

Enlisted 23/7/1915 Toronto

Died

ARCHIBALD MOFFAT

Private

203507

7th Bn., Seaforth Highlanders

who died on

Friday, 28th December 1917.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:

TINCOURT NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ IV. C. 9.

Location:

Tincourt is a village about 7 kilometres east of Peronne and Tincourt New British Cemetery is on the west side of the village, just off the D199.

Local memorial Currie Church panel

Unit information

7th Seaforth Highlanders

Formed at Fort George August 1914 – K1 – to Aldershot in 26th Brigade, 9th Division. January 1915 in billets at Alton. May 1915 landed in France at Boulogne. 11/11/1918 in same at Harlebeke, nr Courtaai, Belgium.

Tincourt was a centre for Casualty Clearing Stations and Hospitals. The 9th Division had been in action during the Battle of Cambrai 20th November to 7th December 1917.

Born Ratho, enlisted Edinburgh, DOW from Cambrai at No5 CCS
Tincourt

Ex Royal Scot 2410

JOHN MUIR

Sergeant

21636

5th Bn., Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regt.)

who died on

Monday, 24th May 1915.

Additional information: Son Robert Muir, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: VIMY MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Location:

Vimy Memorial, which overlooks the Douai Plain from the highest point of Vimy Ridge, about eight kilometres northeast of Arras on the N17 towards Lens. The Memorial is signposted from this road to the left, just before you enter the village of Vimy from the south. The Memorial itself is some way inside the memorial park, but again it is well signposted

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

5th Saskatchewan Regiment.

Known as 5th Western Cav Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Canadian Division.

1st Canadian Division was in the Ypres area and had just suffered the first gas attack of the War on 22nd/23rd April 1915. On 15th to 25th May they were in the Battle of Festubert.

A Barrister. Formerly Royal Scots. Born 11th November 1884 in Juniper Green, enlisted 23rd September 1914 and was enlisted as a Sergeant by OC 11th Battalion 60th Rifles.

Born 11/11/1884 Juniper Green

Enlisted 29/9/1914 , Barrister, unmarried

Ex Royal Scot, Father Robert Muir of JG

Originally 11th Bn, MPKIA

JOHN W MURDOCH

Private
201273
1st/4th Bn., Royal Scots
who died on
Sunday, 4th November 1917.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: GAZA WAR CEMETERY, Israel

Grave Reference/ VIII. B. 3.

Location:

From Israel stop at the Erez Crossing point and enter the VIP cabin for a pass to enter Gaza. Walk through "no man's land" to the taxis on the other side. The cemetery is left of the main road through Gaza. Just after entering Gaza city proper, turn left after approximately 300 metres. Take highway 4 until Sha'arei Aza junction and turn right, then right again once in Gaza proper. The cemetery is to be found on the right after approximately 3 kilometres.

Local memorial Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information

4th Royal Scots
Queen's Edinburgh Rifles, TF
4/8/1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh. Lothian Bde Coast defences. 24/4/1915 to Scottish Rifles Bde, 52nd Lowland Division, which became 156th Bde. 24/5/1915 embarked at Liverpool. 4/6/1915 landed Alexandria. 14/6/1915 landed at Gallipoli. 6/7/1915 formed composite Battalion with 1/7th. 8/1/1916 left Gallipoli for Egypt and on 20/1/1916 resumed identity. 17/4/1918 landed France. 11/11/1918 156Bde, 52nd Division, Herchies, NW of Mons, Belgium.
Third Battle of Gaza, begun on the 27th October 1917, ended with the capture of the ruined and deserted city on the 7th November.
Born 1885 Colinton, Resident Belmont Ave Juniper Green. Commercial Traveler
Enlisted 29/2/1916 Edinburgh, Hospitalized Sick May 1917, KIA

ROBERT WARD MURRAY

Private

39097

2nd Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

who died on

Tuesday, 6th August 1918.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: SUCRERIE CEMETERY, ABLAIN-ST.NAZAIRE, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ IV. E. 6.

Location:

Ablain-St Nazaire is a village approximately 13kilometres north of Arras. Take the D937 (Bethune Road) to the village of Souchez. Make a left turn along the D57. The cemetery lies 1 kilometre on the left side of this road. (Behind some houses.)

Local Memorial: Currie Church panel.

Unit information:

2nd Battalion Cameronians Scottish Rifles

4/8/1914 at Malta. 15/8/1914 sailed for Britain arriving Southampton

22/9/1914. To Hursley Park to 23rd Bde, 8th Division. 5/11/1914 landed at Havre. 3/2/1918 to 59th Bde, 20th Division.

11/11/1918 in above at Jenlain, France near Le Quesnoy.

As far as ascertained the Division was holding the frontline in the Arras sector. Robert Murray was probably a casualty of trench warfare. The War Diary gives one man killed by sniper and one man drowned falling off temporary bridge into canal.

Born Kirknewton 1895, Resident Balerno, Enlisted Glencorse

KIA

JOHN NAPIER

Serjeant

14345

13th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Wednesday, 1st August 1917. Age 22.

Additional information: Son of Thomas Napier, Stuart's Buildings, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 11

Location:

Ypres (now Ieper) is a town in the Province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin and Courtrai, and bears the names of men who were lost without trace during the defence of the Ypres Salient in the First World War.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

13th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh Sept 1914 - K2 - to 45th Bde, 15th Scottish Division at Aldershot. Nov 1914 at Bramshott, Feb 1915 at Basingstoke, March 1915 at Chiseldon to France July 1915.

11/11/1918 45th Bde, 15th Division, Bliquy, Belgium.

On 1st August 1917 the Germans counter-attacked the junction between 15th Division and 8th Division on the ground gained on 31st July 1917, the opening day of 3rd Ypres. The attack was preceded with an intense artillery barrage. After initial withdrawal the 15th retook the ground lost. Born Juniper Green, Enlisted Edinburgh. KIA

GEORGE NOTMAN

Private

S/14497

Seaforth Highlanders,

transf. to (I15079) 192nd Coy., Seaforth Highlanders

Labour Corps

who died on

Tuesday, 30th October 1917.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: NINE ELMS BRITISH CEMETERY, POPERINGHE, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ VIII. A. 2.

Location:

Nine Elms British Cemetery is located 11.5 kilometres west of Ieper town centre on the Helleketelweg, a road leading from the N308 connecting Ieper to Poperinge. From Ieper town centre the Poperingseweg (N308) is reached via Elverdingsestraat then over two small roundabouts in the J. Capronstraat. The Poperingseweg is a continuation of the J.

Capronstraat and begins after a prominent railway level crossing. On reaching the ring road of Poperinge, the R33 Europalaan, the left hand clockwise route circles the town of Poperinge and rejoins the N308 towards Oost Cappel. 2.5 kilometres around the R33 lies the left hand turning onto Helleketelweg. The cemetery itself is located 700 metres along the Helleketelweg on the left hand side of the road.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

Labour Corp

9th Seaforths were Pioneer Battalion of 15th Division

Around April 1917 the Labour Corp was formed from several pioneer battalions.

30th October 1917 was during the Battles of Passchendaele when keeping the roads and tracks open for supply when they were deep in mud was a major problem.

Born Juniper Green, Resident Juniper Green, Enlisted Glencorse Formerly 14497 Seaforth Highlanders. DOW

DAVID FAIRBAIRN ORR

Corporal

351557

9th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Thursday, 20th September 1917.

Additional information:

Commemorative Information

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 11 to 14 and 162

Location:

The Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is located 9 kilometres north east of Ieper town centre, on the Tynecotstraat, a road leading from the Zonnebeekseweg (N332).

Local Memorial: none

Unit information:

9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) Highlanders Btn

4/8/1914 89 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh: Lothian Coastal Defences:

26/2/1915 landed at Havre posted to 81st Bde, 27th Division

24/11/1915 to 14th Bde, 5th Division 25/1/1916 to Third Army Troops.

1/3/1916 to 154th Bde, 51st Highland Division. 16/2/1918 to 183 Bde,

61st Division with Black Watch and Argylls. 1/6/1918 to 46th Bde, 15th Scottish Division with above.

11/11/1918 with 15th Div east of Tournai, Belgium.

20th September 1917 the 51st Division was involved in the Battle of the Menin Road Ridge during 3rd Ypres. The Division attacked with 154 Bde 9th Royal Scots 4th Seaforths, 7th A&S and 4th Gordons. 9th Royal Scots captured Flora Cottage, the others Quebec Farm and Bavaroise House. Shortage of ammunition caused them to withdraw.

Formerly 4383 Royal Scots,

Born Balerno, enlisted Edinburgh resided at Leith.

JAMES PARIS

Private

305066

14th Bn., Tank Corps

who died on

Thursday, 8th August 1918. Age 19.

Additional Information: Son of William and Christina Paris, of Bellsquarry, West Calder, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Panel Number: Panel 11

Location:

Vis-en-Artois and Haucourt are villages on the straight main road from Arras to Cambrai about 10 kilometres south-east of Arras. Within the grounds of Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery, which is west of Haucourt on the north side of the main road, will be found the Vis-en-Artois Memorial. This Memorial bears the names of over 9,000 men who fell in the period from 8 August 1918 to the date of the Armistice in the Advance to Victory in Picardy and Artois, between the Somme and Loos, and who have no known grave. They belonged to the forces of Great Britain and Ireland and South Africa; the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand forces being commemorated on other memorials to the missing.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

The Tank Corps was formed in 1917.

8th August was the opening day of the Battle of Amiens where the first tank to tank exchange took place. The Battle was the turning point of the 1918 offensives and led to the Advance to Victory.

Born Mid Calder, Enlisted Glencorse

Formerly 38247 Scottish Rifles

KIA

WILLIAM ROBERTSON HAMILTON PATON

Company Sergeant Major

703412

102nd Bn., Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regt.)(??MF)

who died on

Tuesday, 12th September 1916. Age 38.

Additional Information: Son of James Paton and Agnes Robertson Paton; husband of Elizabeth D. Paton, of 109, High St., Dunfermline, Scotland.

Late of Victoria, British Columbia.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:

RENINGHELST NEW MILITARY CEMETERY, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference II. A. 10.

Location:

Reningelst New Military Cemetery is located 9.5 Km south west of Ieper town centre, in the village of Reningelst, on a road leading from the N308 Poperingseweg. From Ieper town centre the Poperingseweg (N308), is reached via Elverdingsestraat then directly over two small roundabouts in the J. Capronstraat. The Poperingseweg is a continuation of the J. Capronstraat and begins after a prominent railway level crossing. On reaching the main crossroads in the village of Vlamertinge take the left hand turning onto the Bellestraat. After crossing the N38 Ieper Poperinge road, the village of Reningelst lies 6 Km beyond Vlamertinge. On reaching the village, turn right onto the Zevkotestraat and continue to the Reningelstplein where the churchyard is clearly visible. The Baljuwstraat leads from the Reningelstplein and the cemetery is 500 metres along this road on the left hand side. Visitors to this site should note a short grassed access path to this site which is unsuitable for vehicles.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information: 102nd Battalion, (North British Columbian Battalion) 11th Brigade, 4th Canadian Division formed April 1916. In France August 1916 till 11/11/1918.

The Division was not used in any officially described action until the Battle of Le Transloy in October 1916. Reninghelst was behind the lines in an area where Field Ambulances and rest camps were stationed so it is reasonable to assume CSM Paton died of wounds or disease, a victim of trench warfare.

Born Kilmarnock, enlisted Victoria BC Jan 1916

Died Wounds or disease.

15mths Canadian Gordon Highlanders 8 years in Royal Scots.

PETERSWALD PATTISON

Lieutenant

Royal Army Medical Corps

who died on

Tuesday, 22nd February 1916. Age 39.

Additional Information: M.B. Son of Gilchrist Gray Pattison. Born at Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: EDINBURGH (WARRISTON) CEMETERY, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Grave Reference/Q. 13.

Location:

Edinburgh (Warriston) Cemetery is in the West part of Leith. The railway line from Waverley station to Granton Pier is on its West side, and the line to North Leith station runs through it.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets.

Unit information:

Born 25th September 1876 Edinburgh

Edinburgh Academy, Edinburgh University Medical 1893 – 1901

MBCHB 1901, DPH RCP&S 1910, Medical Officer for Fife,

Lt 1914, Captain 1915 att 4th Battalion KOYLI,

Invalided home July 1915, died at London 22/2/1916

HARRY EDWARD PEGGIE

Lance Corporal

S/42403

1st Bn., Gordon Highlanders

who died on

Friday, 23rd August 1918. Age 18.

Additional information: Youngest son of Elizabeth Peggie, of 1, Pentland Villas, Juniper Green, Midlothian, and the late Daniel Robertson Peggie.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ Panel 10

Location:

Vis-en-Artois and Haucourt are villages on the straight main road from Arras to Cambrai about 10 kilometres south-east of Arras. Within the grounds of Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery, which is west of Haucourt on the north side of the main road, will be found the Vis-en-Artois Memorial.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

1st Gordon Highlanders

4/8/1914 at Plymouth: 8th Bde, 3rd Division 14/8/1914 landed

Boulogne. 12/9/1914 to Line of Communications Troops after

losing 80% at Le Cateau (order to withdraw never reached them or

others of 8th Bde. 500 Gordons were captured) 30/9/1914 reinforced &

returned to 8th Bde, 3rd Division 19/10/1915 to 76th Brigade, 3rd

Division. 11/11/1918 La Longueville, France.

23rd August 1918 the 3rd Division was in the 2nd Battles of the Somme 1918. War Diary gives: (Attack on Gourniecourt.)

23rd Attack began and the two right flank coys met some opposition on Railway Embankment, half way to the objective. Considerable MG fire forced them to dig in on the flank thus saving a large number of casualties. The 2nd Division went through at 11 am,

relieved the pressure - at 4 pm Bn moved forward to South East of Gourniecourt and dug in for night.

Born Colinton, enlisted Edinburgh in 51st Young Soldiers Bn Gordon Highlanders 14th May 1918. To Base Depot France June 1918, to B Coy 1st Bn July 1918, wounded and missing August 1918.

FREDERICK ARTHUR PEPPER

8676

2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers

Local memorial Currie Church panels

FREDERICK ARTHUR PEPPER was born in 1887 in Radcliffe, Manchester.

He served as a private in 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers and survived the War despite being gassed.

He died on 16 Jun 1921 in Malleny Mill, Balerno, Midlothian.

Cause of death :- Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Burial:- Currie Cemetery. Private grave, not CWGC.

WILLIAM PHILP

Private

S/10093

1st Bn., Gordon Highlanders

who died on

31st March 1916 Age 18

Additional information: Son of George Philp of Braeburn, Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 38

Location:

Ypres (now Ieper) is a town in the Province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin and Courtrai, and bears the names of men who were lost without trace during the defence of the Ypres Salient in the First World War.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panel and Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

1st Gordon Highlanders 4/8/1914 at Plymouth: 8th Bde, 3rd Division
14/8/1914 landed Boulogne. 12/9/1914 to Line of Communications
Troops after losing 80% at Le Cateau (order to withdraw never reached them or others of 8th Bde. 500 Gordons were captured) 30/9/1914
reinforced & returned to 8th Bde, 3rd Division 19/10/1915 to 76th
Brigade, 3rd Division. 11/11/1918 La Longueville, France.

31st March 1916 – From the War Diary:

March. Opened with final preparations for attack. Reached assembly points; 9th Northumberland Fusiliers relieved by Battalion.

Assault began at 4.30 am on 2nd March with some initial success on the night, left section failed, 3 platoon practically annihilated ('A' Company). Very heavy casualties suffered, totalling 245 killed and wounded. All counter attacks repulsed, heavy shelling our lines, and reserve and support lines!

William Philp died of wounds either from this attack or he could have been one of the few sniper casualties on the 12th/13th or 25th March during fatigue wiring parties mentioned in the Diary. Born Salem Fife Enlisted Edinburgh

WILLIAM PRYDE

Serjeant

7592

1st Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

who died on

Thursday, 22nd October 1914. Age 31.

Additional information: Son of the late Robert and Jane Pryde; husband of Susan Pryde, of South Park, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 5

Location:

The Ploegsteert Memorial stands in Berks Cemetery Extension, which is located 12.5 kilometres south of Ieper town centre, on the N365 leading from Ieper to Mesen (Messines), Ploegsteert and on to Armentieres. From Ieper town centre the Rijselsestraat runs from the market square, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort) and directly over the crossroads with the Ieper ring road. The road name then changes to the Rijselseweg (N336). 3.5 kilometres along the N336 lies a fork junction with the N365. The N365, which forms the right hand fork, leads to the town of Mesen. The Cemetery lies 3 kilometres beyond Mesen on the right hand side of the N365, and opposite Hyde Park Corner Royal Berks Cemetery.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

1st Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

4/8/1914 Glasgow. 15/8/1914 landed at Havre Line of Communications Troops. 22/8/1914 joined 19th Brigade at Valenciennes. 12/10/1914 joined 6th Division. 31/5/1915 Brigade was moved to 27th Division. 19/8/1915 joined 2nd Division. 25/11/1915 joined 33rd Division. 11/11/1918 in same Sart-Bara, France.

Second day of the 1st Battle of Ypres. Battle of Armentieres 13th October to 2nd November 1914. In advanced position holding off the enemy while the rest of the Battalion dug in 700 yards away. Born Tranent, Resident Currie, Enlisted Edinburgh KIA

THOMAS PURVES

Private

51672

12th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Thursday, 25th April 1918.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Panel Number: Panel 11 to 14 and 162

Location:

The Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is located 9 kilometres north east of Ieper town centre, on the Tynecotstraat, a road leading from the Zonnebeekseweg (N332).

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

12th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh August 1914 - K1 - to 27th Brigade, 9th Scottish Division in Bordon area near Aldershot. May 1915 landed in France.

11/11/1918 27th Bde, 9th Division near Courtaai, Belgium.

25th April 1918 was during the Battles of the Lys 1918 which was from 9th to 29th April 1918 and was the second German Offensive of 1918.

Born Colinton, Resident Currie

Enlisted Glencorse

KIA

Formerly 53018 R Scots Fusiliers

WALTER RANKIN

Lance Corporal

33398

16th Bn., Highland Light Infantry

who died on

Monday, 9th July 1917. Age 28.

Additional information Son of William Rankin, of Malleny Bank, Balerno, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: NIEUPOORT MEMORIAL, Nieuwpoort, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Location:

Nieuport (now Nieuwpoort) is a town in the Province of West Flanders on the south-west side of the River Yser, 3 kilometres from the sea. The Nieuport Memorial is on a site where the road to Lombardsijde joins the road from Nieuport dock. It commemorates over 500 British officers and men who fell in operations of 1914 and 1917 on the Belgian coast and whose graves are not known.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information: 16th Highland Light Infantry

(Service) Battalion raised by the Lord Provost of Glasgow and City with many recruits coming from the Boy's Brigade. To Gales, Ayrshire.

May 1915 to Prees Heath in 97th Bde, 32nd Division. June 1915 to Wenslydale. 1/7/1915 taken over by the War Office. August 1915 to Codford. 23/11/1915 landed Boulogne. 22/2/1918 became Pioneer Battalion 32nd Division. 11/11/1918 as above 32nd Div, Avesnelles, France.

9th July 1917 The 1st and 32nd Divisions came to Nieuport in the middle of June, and the 66th (East Lancashire) Division at the end of June. On the 10th July the enemy began an intense bombardment, which was followed in the evening by what is known as the German Attack on Nieuport. Walter Rankin was probably killed in the preparation of this attack.

Born Currie, Resident Balerno, Enlisted Edinburgh

Formerly S/12612 Black Watch

KIA

ROBERT RITCHIE MM

Lance Corporal

202347

5th/6th Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

who died on

Friday, 22nd June 1917.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CROISILLES BRITISH CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference: 1. F. 10.

Location:

Croisilles is a village about 13 kilometres south-east of Arras.

Croisilles British Cemetery lies off a track, approximately 300 metres long, to the south-east of the village on the road to Ecoust-St-Mein (D9).

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information:

5/6th Cameronians

1/5th Cameronians, 261 W Princes Street Glasgow August 1914 to Scottish Rifle Brigade, Lowland Division. Nov 1914 left Lowland Div and went to France landing Havre 5th November 1914. to 19th Brigade, 6th Division. 31/5/1915 Brigade to 27th Division 19/8/1915 Brigade went to 2nd Division. 25th November 1915 Brigade went to 33rd Division. 29/5/1916 amalgamated with 1/6th Cameronians to form 5/6th Battalion. 11/11/1918 in 19th Brigade 33rd Division, Sart-Bara, France.

22nd June 1917 33rd Division was in the area of the Scarpe following the 2nd Battle of the Scarpe in what was termed Actions on the Hindenberg Line.

Born Libberton, Lanarkshire ,Resident Carnwath

Enlisted Edinburgh. Formerly 3580, R. Scots, M.M.

KIA

JOHN ROBERTSON

Private

30838

1st/4th Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers
who died on

Tuesday, 13th November 1917. Age 28.

Additional information: Son of Alexander and Janet Robertson; husband
of Janet Russell Robertson, of Malleny Mills, Balerno, Midlothian

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: RAMLEH WAR CEMETERY, Israel

Grave Reference/ O. 40.

Location:

Ramla (formerly Ramleh) is a small town 12 kilometres south-east of Jaffa. From Tel-Aviv, proceed along Route One (Ayalon) towards Jerusalem. Pass the exit to Ben Gurion airport and take the next exit signposted Petah Tiqwa, Ramla, Lod Route 40. Proceed along Route 40 to the T junction with Route 44, signposted Bet Shemesh, Lod. Turn right and follow Route 44 towards Lod until the first set of traffic lights. Turn right towards Ramla (Ramleh) Prison. Before you reach the prison, Ramleh War Cemetery is signposted right along a minor road/track. Turn right and follow the minor road/track for about 200 metres and the cemetery is to be found on the right.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

1/4th (Border) Battalion Kings Own Scottish Borderers.4/8/1914
Galashiels, South Scottish Brigade, Lowland Division.To Cambusbarron,
near Stirling as 155th Bde, 52nd (Lowland) Division. Sailed from
Liverpool 24/5/1915. Arrived Alexandria 4/6/1915. 14/6/1915 to
Gallipoli. 8/1/1916 remnants to Mudros. 31/1/1916 Alexandria.
17/4/1918 arrived Marseilles.11/11/1918 52nd Div. Sirault, NW of Mons.

Wadi Sukerier and Burkah were actions in which the 52nd Division was
engaged. This was after the fall of Gaza and Bersheeba in the pursuit of
the 7th Turkish Army to Junction Station before Jerusalem which was
captured on the 9th December 1917.

Born Colinton ,Resident Balerno ,Enlisted Juniper Green
KIA

PETER ROBERTSON

Lance Corporal

351246

1st/9th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 9th April 1917. Age 20.

Additional Information: Son of Peter and Alison Robertson, of Sight Hill, Corstorphine, Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ROCLINCOURT VALLEY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ III. A. 16.

Location:

Roclincourt is a village a little to the east of the road from Arras to Lens. Take the N17 from Arras until the junction of this road and the D60. Travel along the D60 into Roclincourt village. Roclincourt Valley Cemetery lies to the north-east of the village and to the east of the road to Thelus. (There are three Roclincourt Cemeteries. Military, Valley and Highland - MF)

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) Highlanders Btn

4/8/1914 89 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh: Lothian Coastal Defences:

26/2/1915 landed at Havre posted to 81st Bde, 27th Division

24/11/1915 to 14th Bde, 5th Division 25/1/1916 to Third Army Troops.

1/3/1916 to 154th Bde, 51st Highland Division. 6/2/1918 to 183 Bde,

61st Division with Black Watch and Argylls. 1/6/1918 to 46th Bde, 15th

Scottish Division with above. 11/11/1918 with 15th Div east of Tournai, Belgium.

Roclincourt was just within the British lines before the Battles of Arras, 1917; and it was from the village that the 51st (Highland) and 34th Divisions advanced on the 9th April, 1917.

I actually found two Peter Robertsons died same day in Royal Scots. SDGW gives Peter ROBERTSON Lance Corporal 351246, 9th Battalion, Royal Scots Born and enlisted at Edinburgh; lived at Juniper Green, Midlothian Killed in action 09/04/1917 in F&F.

WILLIAM MAXWELL ROBERTSON

Second Lieutenant
9th Bn., Royal Scots
who died on
Friday, 2nd August 1918. Age 20.

Additional Information: Died of wounds received at Soissons. Son of Charles and Annie Robertson, of Ridgemhor, Colinton, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery:

SENLIS FRENCH NATIONAL CEMETERY, Oise, France

Grave Reference/ II. F. 99.

Location:

Senlis is a small town in the Department of the Oise, on the main road from Compiègne to Paris. Senlis French National Cemetery is on the north-west outskirts of the town between the Communal Cemetery and the railway line.

Local memorial Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information

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4/8/1914 89 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh: Lothian Coastal Defences:
26/2/1915 landed at Havre posted to 81st Bde, 27th Division
24/11/1915 to 14th Bde, 5th Division 25/1/1916 to Third Army Troops.
1/3/1916 to 154th Bde, 51st Highland Division. 6/2/1918 to 183 Bde,
61st Division with Black Watch and Argylls. 1/6/1918 to 46th Bde, 15th
Scottish Division with above. 11/11/1918 with 15th Div east of Tournai,
Belgium.

15th Scottish Division and 34th Division were attached to the 10th French
Army from July 22nd 1918.

Battle of the Soissonais and Ourcq 23rd July to 2nd August. Part of the
2nd Battle of the Marne.

The British 63rd Casualty Clearing Station was at Senlis for twelve days
in August, 1918. 2nd Lt in A Company at Buzancy, 80%
casualties.

DOW 63rd CCS, Senlis.

ANDREW ROSS

Private

26417

"D" Coy. 2nd Bn., Highland Light Infantry

who died on

Sunday, 14th April 1918.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CABARET-ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY, SOUCHEZ, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ XXI. AA. 24.

Location:

Souchez is a village 3.5 kilometres north of Arras on the main road to Bethune. The cemetery is about 1.5 kilometres south of the village on the west side of the D937 Arras-Bethune Road.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

2nd Highland Light Infantry

4/8/1914 Maida Barracks, Aldershot: 5th Bde, 2nd Division. 14/8/1914

landed Boulogne. 11/11/1918 5th Bde, 2nd Div, Villers Pol, France.

German Offensive in Picardy 21st March 1918 caused a massive retreat until the counter attacks of the 1st Battle of the Somme from 5th April stopped it and then reversed it. 2nd Division was one of the Divisions involved.

Born Balerno ,Resident Burnbank, Lanarkshire

Enlisted Dumbarton

KIA

HUGH WRIGHT ROY

Private

40916

9th Bn., Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

who died on

Tuesday, 22nd May 1917. Age 34.

Additional information: Son of John and Elizabeth Roy, of Alva, Clackmannanshire; husband of Annie C. Roy, of Harburn Rd., West Calder, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ XXV. D. 17.

Location:

Etaples is a town about 27 kilometres south of Boulogne. The Military Cemetery is to the north of the town, on the west side of the road to Boulogne.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

9th Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Formed at Hamilton August 1914. - K1 - to 28th Brigade, 9th Division at Bordon. 12/5/1915 landed at Boulogne. 6/5/1916 to 27th Brigade, 9th Division. 5/2/1918 to 43rd Brigade, 14th Division. 21/4/1918 to South African Brigade, 9th Division. 12/9/1918 to 28th Brigade, 9th Division. 11/11/1918 in same at NE of Courtaai Belgium.

Division was involved in the 3rd Battle of the Scarpe. And in particular the attack of 3rd May 1917 in which 174 men were wounded. Private Roy appears to be one of them.

Born Alva, Clackmannanshire, Enlisted Juniper Green

DOW Base Hospital Etaples.

Formerly 1668 Lanarkshire Yeomanry

JOHN KIRTON RUDLAND

Gunner

169629

"C" Bty., 187th Bde., Royal Field Artillery

who died on

Monday, 24th September 1917. Age 23.

Additional information: Son of David and Elizabeth Rudland, of The Bungalow, Juniper Green, Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: KLEIN-VIERSTRAAT BRITISH CEMETERY, KEMMEL, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ III. D. 14.

Location: Klein-Vierstraat British Cemetery is located 6 km south west of Ieper town centre, on the Molenstraat, a road branching from the Kemmelseweg (joining Ieper to Kemmel N331). From Ieper town centre the Kemmelseweg is reached via the Rijselsestraat, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort), and straight on towards Armentieres (N365). 900 metres after the crossroads is the right hand turning onto the Kemmelseweg (made prominent by a railway level crossing). 5 km along the Kemmelseweg lies the right hand turning onto Poperingestraat. 1km along the Poperingestraat lies Kemmel No 1 French Cemetery. Immediately to the left of this cemetery is a road called Molenstraat. Klein Vierstraat British Cemetery is located 30 metres along the Molenstraat on the right hand side of the road.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

Royal Field Artillery. 187 Brigade was in support of 41st Division.

A,B and C Batteries were 18 pdr field guns, D Battery were 60 pdr howitzers and X,Y and Z Batteries were Trench Mortars

24th September 1917 was during the Battle of the Menin Road Ridge in 3rd Ypres 41st were one of the Divisions involved.

Born Edinburgh ,Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA

CHARLES FERGUSSON SCOTT

Staff Serjeant

50512

"Z" Bty., Royal Horse Artillery

who died on

Wednesday, 8th November 1916. Age 24.

Additional Information: Son of Alexander and Mary F. Scott, of "Beacholme," Juniper Green, Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: DANTZIG ALLEY BRITISH CEMETERY, MAMETZ, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ I. D. 17.

Location:

Mametz is a village about 8 kilometres east of the town of Albert. The Cemetery is a little east of the village on the north side of the road, D64, to Montauban.

Local memorial: none

Unit information.

Royal Horse Artillery

Usually 4 Batteries attached to each Division using first 15 then 18 pdr guns known as A,B,C, batteries D Battery was howitzer. Trench mortar batteries were also attached from 1916 known as X,Y and Z batteries. 8th November 1916 most of the action was further north in the sector around Beaumont Hamel and Beaucourt. Nothing of significance recorded in the Mametz area probably the usual ' hate ' exchange of shellfire.

Born Edinburgh ,Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA

HENRY SCOTT

Private

201217

"D" Coy. 1st/4th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 26th August 1918. Age 25.

Additional information: Son of Robert and Henrietta Scott, of Ashfield Place, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: WANCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ V. G. 40.

Location:

Wancourt is a village about 8 kilometres south-east of Arras. It is 2 kilometres south of the main road from Arras to Cambrai. The cemetery is a short distance south-east of the village just off the D 35 road.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

4th Royal Scots Queen's Edinburgh Rifles, TF

4/8/1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh. Lothian Bde Coast defences. 24/4/1915 to Scottish Rifles Bde, 52nd Lowland Division, which became 156th Bde.

24/5/1915 embarked at Liverpool. 4/6/1915 landed Alexandria.

14/6/1915 landed at Gallipoli. 6/7/1915 formed composite Battalion with

1/7th. 8/1/1916 left Gallipoli for Egypt and on 20/1/1916 resumed

identity. 17/4/1918 landed France. 11/11/1918 156Bde, 52nd Division, Herchies, NW of Mons, Belgium.

Operation of 156 Brigade 23rd to 28th August on Hindenberg Line near Henin.

Born Juniper Green ,Enlisted Juniper Green

KIA

JAMES SCOTT

Private

2180

4th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 28th June 1915. Age 21.

Additional Information: . Son of William and Elizabeth A. Scott, of Currie-muir-end, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: HELLES MEMORIAL, Turkey

Grave Reference/

Panel Number: Panel 26 to 30

Location:

The Helles Memorial stands on the tip of the Gallipoli Peninsula. It takes the form of an obelisk over 30 metres high that can be seen by ships passing through the Dardanelles.

Local memorial: Juniper Green, St Andrews

Unit information:

4th Royal Scots Queen's Edinburgh Rifles, TF

4/8/1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh. Lothian Bde Coast defences.

24/4/1915 to Scottish Rifles Bde, 52nd Lowland Division, which became 156th Bde. 24/5/1915 embarked at Liverpool. 4/6/1915 landed Alexandria. 14/6/1915 landed at Gallipoli. 6/7/1915 formed composite Battalion with 1/7th. 8/1/1916 left Gallipoli for Egypt and on 20/1/1916 resumed identity. 17/4/1918 landed France. 11/11/1918 156Bde, 52nd Division, Herchies, NW of Mons, Belgium.

28th June 1915, the 156th Brigade of the 52nd Lowland Division along with other Divisions attacked Gully Ravine on Cape Helles, Galipoli. The attack commenced at 11.02am and men of 1/4th Royal Scots began to fall as soon as they left their trenches as the artillery fire meant to support them had been ineffective. The Division had 2,941 all ranks at the start and lost 1563 killed, wounded and missing – 53% loss.

The survivors of the Brigade were formed into two composite battalions, one out of 4th & 7th Royal Scots, and one out of 7th & 8th Cameronians Resident Juniper Green ,Enlisted Edinburgh KIA Gallipoli

JOHN SEMPLE

The exact details of Pte Semple are difficult to find. He is remembered on the plaque in St Joseph's Church but is not on the Currie panels. The plaque gives no detail of his Regiment, date of death or enlistment.

The Soldiers Died information gives six John Semples, all West Coast men or Irish. By a process of elimination I have reduced it to three possibles.

Private **JOHN SEMPLE**

6968

1st/5th Bn., **Royal Scots Fusiliers**

who died on

Sunday, 19th September 1915.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: HELLES MEMORIAL, Turkey

Grave Reference/ Panel 72 to 75

Location:

The Helles Memorial stands on the tip of the Gallipoli Peninsula. It takes the form of an obelisk over 30 metres high that can be seen by ships passing through the Dardanelles

Private **JOHN SEMPLE**

28712

10th Bn., **Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)**

who died on

Thursday, 28th March 1918.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ Bay 6

Location:

The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery which is in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras. The cemetery is near the Citadel, approximately 2 kilometres due west of the railway station. The Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 casualties of the British, New Zealand and South African Forces who died between Spring 1916 and 7th August 1918, with the exception of casualties of the Battle of Cambrai in 1917, and who have no known grave. The design, by Sir Edward Lutyens, consists of a cloister, 25 feet high and 380 feet long, built up on Doric columns and faces west. In the broader part of the site the colonnade returns to form a recessed and open court, terminated by an apse. The names of the casualties are carved on stone panels fixed to the cloister walls.

Private **John Semple**

5759

3rd Bn High, and Light Infantry

Born: Bridgeton, Lanark

Records show this man as being involved in a disturbance at Malleny Camp.

ROBERT BRASH SHANKIE

Private

352709

9th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Wednesday, 11th April 1917. Age 19.

Additional information: Son of John and Barbara Shankie, of Larchgrove Lodge, Balerno, Midlothian. Native of Balerno.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ XXII. F. 14.

Location:

Etaples is a town about 27 kilometres south of Boulogne. The Military Cemetery is to the north of the town, on the west side of the road to Boulogne.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) Highlanders Btn

4/8/1914 89 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh: Lothian Coastal Defences:

26/2/1915 landed at Havre posted to 81st Bde, 27th Division

24/11/1915 to 14th Bde, 5th Division 25/1/1916 to Third Army Troops.

1/3/1916 to 154th Bde, 51st Highland Division. 6/2/1918 to 183 Bde,

61st Division with Black Watch and Argylls. 1/6/1918 to 46th Bde, 15th

Scottish Division. 11/11/1918 with 15th Div east of Tournai, Belgium.

Died of wounds in one of the Allied Forces Base Hospitals at Etaples.

Born Balerno ,Resident Balerno ,Enlisted Edinburgh

THOMAS ROBERT SHANKIE

Private
43196
2nd Bn., Royal Scots
who died on
Monday, 20th November 1916. Age 23.

Additional information: Son of John and Barbara Shankie, of Larchgrove Lodge, Balerno, Midlothian. Robert Shankie's older brother.

Commemorative Information:

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D

Location:

The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

2nd Royal Scots
Plymouth 4/8/1914, 8th Bde 3rd Division 14/8/1914 landed at Boulogne.
11/11/1918 8th Brigade, 3rd Division near Solesmes.

War Diary states " ... relieved by 7 KSLI in Serre sector trenches, and proceeded by bus to Coucelettes billets. 1 OR killed in the relief.
Born Balerno , Resident Balerno , Enlisted Edinburgh
KIA

THOMAS SIMS

Gunner

14037

4th Reserve Bde., Royal Field Artillery

who died on

Monday, 12th January 1920.aged 53

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: HERNE BAY CEMETERY, Kent, United Kingdom

Grave Reference/ T. 133.

Local memorial Currie Church panel

Unit information

Royal Field Artillery

Usually two Brigades of Field Artillery per Division. I do not know what the 4th Reserve Brigade was. It is probable that Thomas Sims was in a General Hospital in this area.

The cemetery contains war graves of both World Wars

JAMES ALEXANDER SINCLAIR DCM

Lance Corporal

10574

1st Bn., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

who died on

Tuesday, 11th May 1915. Age 25.

Additional Information: Son of James Alexander and Clementina McDonald Sinclair. Native of Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Panel Number: Panel 42 and 44

Location:

Ypres (now Ieper) is a town in the Province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin and Courtrai, and bears the names of men who were lost without trace during the defence of the Ypres Salient in the First World War.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

4th August 1914 in Dinapore. 19th October 1914 embarked at Bombay for UK landing at Plymouth 19th November and to Winchester joining 81st Brigade, 27th Division. 20th December 1914 landed at Havre. 27th November 1915 embarked at Marseilles for Salonika landing 12th December 1915. 30th September 1918 in same in Macedonia; Izlis NW of Lake Doiran.

11th May 1915 was during the Battle of Frezenberg, 8th to 13th May 1915 during 2nd Ypres.

Resident Edinburgh , Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA

ALEXANDER SMART

Private

19368

17th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Saturday, 25th August 1917. Age 21.

Additional Information: Son of Alexander and Isabella Smart, of Helen Bank, Juniper Green, Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Panel Number: Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D

Location:

The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

17th Royal Scots (Rosebery)

Raised by Lord Rosebery in Edinburgh February 1915 as a Bantam Battalion. April 1915 Glencorse, May 1915 Selkirk, June 1915 Masham and 106th Brigade, 35th (Bantam) Division. 3/7/1915 taken over by War Office. August 1915 Chiseldon. 1/2/1916 landed at Havre. 11/11/1918 in same Division Grammont, Belgium.

25th August 1917 most action was taking place in the Ypres sector during 3rd Ypres. Trench warfare, raids, shelling, snipers. War diary in PRO may hold the answer.

One company was in support near Guillemont following an enemy counter-attack which had pushed in the line.

Born Edinburgh, Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA

John Smiths in BW**Soldiers Died Great War**

<u>From</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>
b, Stirling, e, Dunblane	Pte	1091	1st Battalion	09/05/15	F&F
b,Largo, e, Kinghorn	Pte	2537	7th Fife Battalion	24/05/16	F&F
b, Old Monkland e,Perth	Pte	266038	4/5th Angus and Dundee Btn	26/09/17	F&F
b, Bonnyrigg e, Bonnyrigg	Pte	28503	6th Perth Battalion	29/07/18	F&F
b, Larkhall e, Hamilton	Pte	292479	7th Fife Battalion	17/03/17	F&F
b, Perth e, Perth	Pte	3838	6th Perth Battalion	04/08/16	F&F
b, Arbroath e, Arbroath	Pte	7323	1st Battalion	15/09/14	F&F
b, Dundee e, Dundee	Pte	7465	1st Battalion	24/09/14	F&F
b, Brechin e, Arbroath	Pte	918	5th Battalion	06/02/15	F&F
b, Edinburgh e, Edinburgh	Pte	S12534	1st Battalion	30/06/16	F&F
b, Alyth e, Crieff	L Cpl	S2836	8th Battalion	27/09/15	F&F
b, Crail e, Kirkaldy	Pte	S8867	2nd Battalion	07/01/16	Persian Gulf
b, Aberdeen e, Dunkeld	Pte	1940	6th Perth Battalion	13/11/16	F&F
b, Dyne e, Norwich	Pte	S8050	1st Battalion	27/09/15	F&F

Probably right but.....

THOMAS LAWRIE SMITH

Lieutenant

Ayrshire Yeomanry

attd., Machine Gun Corps

who died on

Wednesday, 18th September 1918. Age 35.

Additional Information: Son of Robert and Betsy Smith, of Warriston, Currie, Midlothian; husband of Jessie Smith (nee Prentice) of 80, Brunsbane Rd., Joppa, Midlothian

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: GOUZEAUCOURT NEW BRITISH CEMETERY, Nord, France

Grave Reference/ I. F. 3.

Location:

Gouzeaucourt is a large village situated in the extreme bottom left hand corner of the French Regional Department 'Nord'. It lies 15 kilometres south west of Cambrai and 15 kilometres north-east of Peronne. The village is built along the D917 which connects these two towns.

Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery is to be found opposite the civil cemetery, which is just within the village boundary on the D29, a road which connects Gouzeaucourt with Heudicourt.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

Machine Gun Corps

several battalions were formed into MGC. The Heavy MGC were the original tank corp. Several Yeomanry Battalions were converted to MGC but the Ayrshire Yeomanry was not one of them. It became, with the Lanarkshire Yeomanry, 12th Royal Scots Fusiliers in 74th then 31st Division. I suspect that at the time of amalgamation some Officers were allowed to transfer elsewhere.

18th September 1918. The village of Gouzeaucourt was lost during the German 1918 Offensive of 21st March when it was captured on the 22nd March. It was attacked by 38th (Welsh) Division on 18th September 1918 and it is certain Thomas Smith's Machine Gun Battalion was attached to this Division. Either 113th, 114th or 115th Company MGC which all became 38th Battalion MGC in March 1918.

KIA

DAVID RAE SNEDDON

Private

49661

63rd Gen. Hosp., Royal Army Medical Corps

who died on

Sunday, 25th August 1918. Age 33.

Additional information: Son of James and Mary Sneddon, of Balerno, Midlothian; husband of Margaret S. Sneddon, of Maryfield House, Chirside Station, Berwickshire.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: SALONIKA (LEMBET ROAD) MILITARY CEMETERY, Greece

Grave Reference/ 1493.

Location:

Thessalonika (Salonika) is a town at the head of the Gulf of Thessalonika. The Cemetery is on the northern outskirts of Thessalonika, adjoining the Roman Catholic French and Italian War Cemeteries. It lies on the west side of the road to Seres.

Local Memorial: Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

Royal Army Medical Corps

63rd General Hospital. Was one of the Hospitals used at Mudros during Galipoli. Transferred to Salonica during the Bulgarian attack on Greece. The Salonika front had three casualties of disease to every one casualty of enemy action. Malaria was the main problem.

Born Currie, Enlisted Edinburgh

Died of disease

JAMES STARK

Private

S/12664

1st Bn., Cameron Highlanders

who died on

Tuesday, 22nd December 1914.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ Panel 41 and 42

Location:

Le Touret Memorial is located at the east end of Le Touret Military Cemetery, on the south side of the Bethune-Armentieres main road. From Bethune follow the signs for Armentieres until you are on the D171.

Continue on this road through Essars and Le Touret village.

Approximately 1 kilometre after Le Touret village and about 5 kilometres before you reach the intersection with the D947, Estaires to La Bassee road, the Cemetery lies on the right hand side of the road.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

1st Queens Own Cameron Highlanders

4/8/1914 Edinburgh. 14/8/1914 landed at Havre: Army Troops. 5/9/1914 to 1st Bde, 1st Division replacing Guards. 19/3/1916 absorbed 1/4th Battalion. 11/11/1918 with 1st Division at Fresnoy-le-Grand, France.

German attack on Givenchy of the 20th December on the front of Meerut and Lahore Divisions of the Indian Corps. This Corps was assailed by overwhelming Divisions and Haig was ordered to move 1st Division and the Dehra Dun Brigade to their aid. These Brigades arrived in the course of the 21st December and began by attacking west of Givenchy by 1st Brigade and by the 3rd Brigade from Festubert North-west of Givenchy. They succeeded in re-establishing the position. It was a hard, costly fight and losses were high in both Brigades.

Born Penicuik, Resident Balerno, Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA

MICHAEL STARK MM

Private

907068

5th Bn., Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regt.)

who died on

Saturday, 10th November 1917.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Panel Number: Panel 18 - 26 - 28

Location:

Ypres (now Ieper) is a town in the Province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin and Courtrai, and bears the names of men who were lost without trace during the defence of the Ypres Salient in the First World War.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

5th Battalion Canadian Infantry are given as Western Cavalry Regiment, Saskatchewan Regiment is given as the 46th Battalion in official list.

5th Battalion were in 2nd Brigade, 1st Canadian Division.

10th November 1917 the 2nd Battle of Passchendaele 1st Canadians advanced on the main ridge. 2nd Brigade advanced 500 yards taking in Venture Farm and Vindictive Crossroads (still there) 7th and 8th Battalions were the main force, the other Battalions were in support. If you head North out of Passchendaele and bear left at the Y junction, the first crossroads you come to was Vindictive Crossroad.

Born 1897 Edinburgh, Enlisted 1916 Regina, Saskatchewan
MPKIA Passchendaele.

(His Grandfather Michael Stark, blacksmith of Currie was the model for Gibb's "Thin Red Line" 1881 painting which hangs in the National War Museum, Edinburgh)

ROBERT PAGE STEEL

Private

350960

9th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 9th April 1917. Age 25.

Additional information: Brother of J. Steel, of 7, Blackwood Crescent, Edinburgh. Born at Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ROCLINCOURT VALLEY CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference II. G. I.

Location:

Roclincourt is a village a little to the east of the road from Arras to Lens. Take the N17 from Arras until the junction of this road and the D60. Travel along the D60 into Roclincourt village. Roclincourt Valley Cemetery lies to the north-east of the village and to the east of the road to Thelus.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

9th Royal Scots

(Dandy Ninth) Highlanders Btn

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24/11/1915 to 14th Bde, 5th Division 25/1/1916 to Third Army Troops.

1/3/1916 to 154th Bde, 51st Highland Division. 6/2/1918 to 183 Bde,

61st Division with Black Watch and Argylls. 1/6/1918 to 46th Bde, 15th

Scottish Division with above. 11/11/1918 with 15th Div east of Tournai, Belgium.

9th April 1917 Battle of Arras and Vimy . 51st Division attacked from Roclincourt on the right flank of Vimy Ridge advancing 1.5 miles.

Born Currie, Resident & Enlisted Edinburgh

Arrived France Oct 1915 KIA Arras/Vimy Ridge

10 Divisions attacked with 120 Bn, 44 of which were Scottish.

CONSTANCE MURIEL STEELL

War Nurse

Bradford Hospital

20/03/1917

Commemorative Information

Memorial: Scottish National War Memorial

Location: Edinburgh Castle

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

I have been unable to find any references to Nurse Steell or Bradford War Hospital despite searching the file index on Nurses etc in Public Records Office at Kew.

The main Hospitals at Bradford were:

Leeds Teritorial No 29 General Hospital. 1900 beds 222 trained staff and 165 VAD untrained staff.

St Lukes Military Hospital..

ANDREW STENHOUSE

Private

46114

16th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Thursday, 21st March 1918.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/

Panel Number: Bay 1 and 2

Location:

The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, which is in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras. The cemetery is near the Citadel, approximately 2 kilometres due west of the railway station. The Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 casualties of the British, New Zealand and South African Forces who died between Spring 1916 and 7th August 1918, with the exception of casualties of the Battle of Cambrai in 1917, and who have no known grave. The design, by Sir Edward Lutyens, consists of a cloister, 25 feet high and 380 feet long, built up on Doric columns and faces west. In the broader part of the site the colonnade returns to form a recessed and open court, terminated by an apse. The names of the casualties are carved on stone panels fixed to the cloister walls.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

16th Royal Scots (2nd Edinburgh)

Raised in Edinburgh December 1914 by Lt Col. G McCrae MP.

June 1915 to Ripon 101st Brigade 34th Division.

10/8/1915 taken over by War Office. September 1915 to Sutton Veny.

8/1/1916 landed at Havre.

16/5/1918 reduced to cadre, disbanded 14/8/1918 in France.

Opening day of the German Offensive of 1918. 34th Division were one of the Divisions assaulted and driven back.

Born Haddington 1878, Resident 11 Pentland Terr Juniper Green

Enlisted 1915, called up Glencorse 1917 aged 37

KIA left widow and 5 children. Mentioned in diary of William Dea

JOHN STEWART

Sapper

3034

1st Lowland Field Coy., Royal Engineers

who died on

Thursday, 15th July 1915.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: HELLES MEMORIAL, Turkey

Panel Number: Panel 23 to 25 or 325 to 328

Location:

The Helles Memorial stands on the tip of the Gallipoli Peninsula. It takes the form of an obelisk over 30 metres high that can be seen by ships passing through the Dardanelles.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information

1st Lowland Field Company RE was part of 52nd Lowland Division, The Division was involved in the Gallipoli campaign.

WILLIAM STRAITON

Private

45930

4th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 12th November 1917.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: JERUSALEM MEMORIAL, Israel

Panel Number: Panel 10

Location:

The Jerusalem Memorial stands in Jerusalem War Cemetery which is 4.5 kilometres north of the walled city. The cemetery is situated on the neck of land at the north end of the Mount of Olives, to the west of Mount Scopus, close to the Hyatt Hotel and the Hadassa Hospital. The Memorial commemorates over 3,000 soldiers of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, who fell in Egypt or Palestine during the 1914-1918 war, and who have no known grave.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

4th Royal Scots Queen's Edinburgh Rifles, TF

4/8/1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh. Lothian Bde Coast defences.

24/4/1915 to Scottish Rifles Bde, 52nd Lowland Division, which became 156th Bde. 24/5/1915 embarked at Liverpool. 4/6/1915 landed Alexandria. 14/6/1915 landed at Gallipoli. 6/7/1915 formed composite Battalion with 1/7th. 8/1/1916 left Gallipoli for Egypt and on 20/1/1916 resumed identity. 17/4/1918 landed France. 11/11/1918 156Bde, 52nd Division, Herchies, NW of Mons, Belgium.

William Straiton died in the advance on Jerusalem following 3rd Battle of Gaza probably at Junction Station near Jerusalem.

Born Colinton, Resident Kinkardine-on-Forth, Enlisted Edinburgh
Kla

PETER MAXWELL STUART

Private

350725

9th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Monday, 9th April 1917.

Additional information: Resident of Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference Bay 1 and 2

Location:

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Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

9th Royal Scots

(Dandy Ninth) Highlanders Btn

4/8/1914 89 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh: Lothian Coastal Defences:

26/2/1915 landed at Havre posted to 81st Bde, 27th Division

24/11/1915 to 14th Bde, 5th Division 25/1/1916 to Third Army Troops.

1/3/1916 to 154th Bde, 51st Highland Division. 6/2/1918 to 183 Bde, 61st Division with Black Watch and Argylls. 1/6/1918 to 46th Bde, 15th Scottish Division with above. 11/11/1918 with 15th Div east of Tournai, Belgium.

9th April 1917 Battle of Arras and Vimy . 51st Division attacked from Roclincourt on the right flank of Vimy Ridge advancing 2 miles.

Resident Currie, Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA Arras/Vimy Ridge

10 Divisions attacked with 120 Bn, 44 of which were Scottish.

PETER SWAN

Private

13192

2nd Bn., Scots Guards

who died on

Sunday, 10th September 1916. Aged 21

Commemorative Information

Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ Pier and Face 7 D

Location:

The Thiepval Memorial will be found on the D73, off the main Bapaume to Albert road (D929).

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and St Joseph's plaque.

Unit information:

2nd Scots Guards

4/8/1914 Tower of London, London District. Sept 1914 to 20th Bde

7th Division, at Lyndehurst. 7/10/1914 landed at Zeebrugge.

9/8/1915 to 3rd Guards Bde, Guards Division.

11/11/1918 in above at Maubeuge, France.

10th September 1916. The Guards Division took over the line from 16th (Irish) Division near Guillemont and were forced to fight off a number of counter-attacks while attempting to capture Ginchy.

Born 1895 Currie, Resident Currie, Enlisted Edinburgh, sent to France 1915

KIA

JOHN TANSEY

Private
201643
5th/6th Bn., Royal Scots
who died on
Thursday, 28th March 1918.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/

Panel Number: Panel 11 to 14 and 162

Location:

The Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is located 9 kilometres north east of Ieper town centre, on the Tynecotstraat, a road leading from the Zonnebeekseweg (N332).

Local memorial: none

Unit information

5/6th Royal Scots
1/5th RS 4/8/1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh. 11/3/1915 to 88th Brigade 29th Division at Leamington. 20/3/1915 embarked at Avonmouth. Arrived Alexandria 2/4/1915. 25/4/1915 landed at Gallipoli. 18/10/1915 withdrawn to Mudros. 7/1/1916 to Egypt. 10/3/1916 left Port Said and landed Marseilles 22/3/1916. 24/4/1916 left 29th Division to Line of Communications Troops. 15/6/1916 amalgamated with 1/6th Royal Scots to form 5/6th. 29/7/1916 joined 14th Brigade in 32nd Division. 11/11/1918 same Division Avesnelles, France.

5/6th Royal Scots were relieved in trenches near Bixschoote by 18th Belgian Regiment. John Tansey was one of those killed in this relief. Born 1898 Juniper Green, Resident, Ivy Terrace Juniper Green Enlisted Edinburgh 1916 to 4th RS aged 18yrs 5 days. Posted to 13th RS July 1917, to 9th RS Dec 1917 to 5/6th RS 1910.

JOHN TAYLOR

Private

44941

2nd/6th Bn., Manchester Regiment

who died on

Thursday, 21st March 1918.

Additional Information: Foster son of Mrs. Henrietta Macdonald, of Stuartville, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Grave Reference/

Panel Number: Panel 64 to 67

Location:

Pozieres is a village some 6 kilometres north-east of the town of Albert. The Memorial encloses Pozieres British Cemetery which is a little south-west of the village on the north side of the main road, D929, from Albert to Pozieres. On the road frontage is an open arcade terminated by small buildings and broken in the middle by the entrance and gates. Along the sides and the back, stone tablets are fixed in the stone rubble walls bearing the names of the dead grouped under their Regiments. It should be added that, although the memorial stands in a cemetery of largely Australian graves, it does not bear any Australian names. The Australian soldiers who fell in France and whose graves are not known are commemorated on the National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

2/6th Manchester

Formed in Manchester August 1914. November 1914 in 199th Brigade, 66th Division. Remained in Lancashire till May 1915 then to Crowborough. March 1916 in Colchester. February 1917 landed in France. April 1918 reduced to cadre. 31/7/1918 disbanded in France.

21st March 1918 the 66th Division was overwhelmed in the German Offensive of 1918. The Division suffered severely in the offensive hence the Battalion was reduced in April and disbanded in July. Born Bradford, Resident Juniper Green, Enlisted Glencorse KIA formerly 31195 DLI

MAITLAND TELFER

Private
40116
13th Bn., Royal Scots
who died on
Wednesday, 22nd August 1917.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
Grave Reference/ Panel 11 to 14 and 162

Location:

The Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is located 9 kilometres north east of Ieper town centre, on the Tynecotstraat, a road leading from the Zonnebeekseweg (N332).

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

13th Royal Scots
Formed at Edinburgh Sept 1914 - K2 - to 45th Bde, 15th Scottish Division at Aldershot. Nov 1914 at Bramshott, Feb 1915 at Basingstoke, March 1915 at Chiseldon to France July 1915.
11/11/1918 45th Bde, 15th Division, Bliquy, Belgium.

22nd August 1917, 15th Scottish Division attacked Hill 35 during 3rd Ypres. 45 Bde attacked with 13th Royal Scots and 11th A & S Hldrs. They reached Potsdam, Vampir and Borry Farms (blockhouses) as flares showed. Machine guns accounted for most of the attacking infantry, while the survivors of both battalions fell back to Railway Dump along the road to Beck House. 9th Gordons gained a footing on Hill 35 and 13th Royal Scots tried repeatedly to get forward but were unsuccessful.
Born Kirknewton, Enlisted Balerno
KIA

KENNETH DOUGLAS THOMSON

Second Lieutenant

10th Bn., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

who died on

Tuesday, 18th July 1916. Age 29.

Additional information: Son of the late James Wishart Thomson and Mrs. Thomson, of Glenpark, Balerno, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BRAY MILITARY CEMETERY, Somme, France

Grave Reference/ I. C. 21.

Location:

Bray-sur-Somme is a village about 9 kilometres south-east of Albert. Bray Military Cemetery is north of the village, a little west of the road to Maricourt.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

10th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

Formed at Stirling September 1914 - K1 - to Bordon in 27th Bde, 9th

Scottish Division. November 1914 New Alresford. February 1915

Bramshott. 11/5/1915 landed in France. 6/5/1916 to 26th Bde, 9th

Division. 17/2/1918 to 97th Bde, 32nd Division.

11/11/1918 32nd Division Avesnes, France.

From 15^h July to 19th July 1916 the 9th Division was attacking Delville Wood. The South African Brigade was decimated here . On the 18th heavy counter attacks and shelling forced the South Africans back on the supports who were 26th Brigade.

Born Currie, enlisted as Private Lothian & Borders Horse, Commissioned 1915

War Diary gives : " Bn Transport Officer 2nd Lt Thomson killed with Quatermaster Lt W R Weller by shellfire.

KIA

WILLIAM TODD

Serjeant

619

"C" Bty. 258th Bde., Royal Field Artillery

who died on

Monday, 7th August 1916. Age 20.

Additional Information: Son of William and Mary Rose Todd, of Lanark Rd., Juniper Green, Midlothian. Native of Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ST. SEVER CEMETERY, ROUEN, Seine-Maritime, France

Grave Reference/ B. 28. 37.

Location:

St. Sever Cemetery and Extension is situated about 3 kilometres south of Rouen Cathedral and a short distance west of the road from Rouen to Elbeuf. Coming from Elbeuf/Caen on the N.138 follow Avenue Des Canadiens right down to the roundabout. Take fourth exit into Rue Stanislas De Jardin, and the cemetery lies 150 metres on the left. If coming from station Rive Gauche, Gare St Sever, follow Quai D'Elbeuf, Quai Jean Moulin, Quai Cavelier De La Salle into Avenue Jan Rondeaux, Av. De La Liberation, Bd. Du 11 Novembre to the roundabout. Take first exit into Rue Stanislas De Jardin, and the cemetery lies 150 metres on the left. St. Sever is part of Le Petit Quevilly. The first CWGC signpost is just when you get to the entrance of the cemetery.

Local memorial Juniper Green St Andrews

Unit information

Royal Field Artillery

255 and 256 Brigade RFA were attached to 51st Highland Division, 252 and 260 were with 34th Division, so far I don't know which Division 258 Brigade were with. C Battery would be a field gun battery.

Born Edinburgh, Enlisted Edinburgh

Rouen was a Hospital Centre with several in and around the City.

William Todd died of wounds in Base Hospital.

GEORGE TORRANCE

Private

123

8th Bn., Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regt.)

who died on

Sunday, 15th August 1915. Age 21.

Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Torrance, of 435, Trent Avenue, East Kildonan, Winnipeg, Canada. Native of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: WANDSWORTH (EARLSFIELD) CEMETERY, London, United Kingdom

Grave Reference/ F.B. 9. 19

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

8th Battalion Canadian infantry was in 2nd Brigade, 1st Canadian Division. Died of wounds probably received at the 2nd Action at Givency 15th to 16th June 1915 in which 1st Canadian Division sustained heavy casualties.

Born Edinburgh 1893 , Enlisted Winnipeg September 1914.

ROBERT TRAILL

Private

30182

11th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Wednesday, 21st March 1917. aged 28

Commemorative Information

Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/

Panel Number: Bay 1 and 2

Location:

The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, which is in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras. The cemetery is near the Citadel, approximately 2 kilometres due west of the railway station. The Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 casualties of the British, New Zealand and South African Forces who died between Spring 1916 and 7th August 1918, with the exception of casualties of the Battle of Cambrai in 1917, and who have no known grave.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

11th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh August 1914 - K1 - to 27th Bde, 9th Scottish Division in Bordon area near Aldershot. May 1915 landed in France.

11/11/1918 27th Bde, 9th Division near Courtaai, Belgium.

.Preparatory to 9th April attack, 11th RS carried out a minor op using two companies on 21st March to ascertain opposition in craters opposite them. This minor operation left 7 Officers and 70 Ors casualties. Born Colinton 1889, Resident Juniper Green, Enlisted Juniper Green – papermaker finisher
KIA

WILLIAM TRAILL

Private

46113

13th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Thursday, 24th January 1918.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: FILLIEVRES BRITISH CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ A. 3.

Location:

Fillievres is a village about 44 kilometres west of Arras and 14 kilometres south-west of St Pol. The Cemetery is about 1 kilometre south of the village, on the road to Frevent (D340).

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

13th Battalion Royal Scots formed at Edinburgh September 1914 – K2 – to 45th Brigade, 15th Division at Aldershot. November 1914 at Bramshott. February 1915 Basingstoke in billets. July 1915 landed in France. 11/11/1918 in same at Blicquy, SW of Ath, Belgium.

Born Colinton , Enlisted Juniper Green SDITGW gives KIA which the report on the incident did. This was so his widow got her pension immediately.

Killed accidentally by his own riflegrenade which failed to launch from the rifle and exploded still attached – occurred at Fosseaux Bombing range.

Originally buried Fosseaux French Military Cemetary

ROBERT HOLMES TURNER

Private

251327

5th/6th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Sunday, 16th September 1917. Age 27.

Additional Information: Son of James and Mary Turner, of Firtree Park, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ZUYDCOOTE MILITARY CEMETERY, Nord, France

Grave Reference/: I. E. 3.

Location:

Zuydcoote is a village in the Department of the Nord about 10 kilometres north-east of Dunkirk. The Military Cemetery is west of the village and about 550 metres east of Zuydcoote Halte.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

5/6th Royal Scots

1/5th Raised 4/8/1914 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh. 11/3/1915 to 88th Brigade 29th Division at Leamington. 20/3/1915 embarked at Avonmouth. Arrived Alexandria 2/4/1915. 25/4/1915 landed at Gallipoli. 18/10/1915 withdrawn to Mudros. 7/1/1916 to Egypt. 10/3/1916 left Port Said and landed Marseilles 22/3/1916. 24/4/1916 left 29th Division to Line of Communications Troops. 15/6/1916 amalgamated with 1/6th Royal Scots to form 5/6th. 29/7/1916 joined 14th Brigade in 32nd Division. 11/11/1918 same Division Avesnelles, France.

34th and 36th Casualty clearing stations were in this location.

Soldiers Died gives Robert Holmes Turner, 251427 Died of Wounds, at home?? This is wrong, Casualty form gives GSW to head 8/9/1917 evacuated by 92nd Field Ambulance to No 36 CCS where he died of wounds 16/9/1917. Buried Belgium.

Born Colinton, Resident Juniper Green, Enlisted Edinburgh

ALEXANDER TWEEDIE

Private

235504

2nd Bn., Gordon Highlanders

who died on

Friday, 26th October 1917. Age 21.

Additional Information: Son of John and Christina Tweedie, of Baberton Avenue, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Panel Number: Panel 135 to 136

Location:

The Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing forms the north-eastern boundary of Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is located 9 kilometres north east of Ieper town centre, on the Tynecotstraat, a road leading from the Zonnebeekseweg (N332).

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

2nd Gordon Highlanders

4/8/1914 in Cairo. 13/9/1914 sailed from Alexandria arriving Southampton 1/10/1914. To Lyndehurst, New Forest in 20th Brigade, 7th Division. 7/10/1914 landed at Zeebrugge.

November 1917 sailed to Italy. 4/11/1918 in Italy east of River Tagliamento near Bonzioco.

Friday 26th October 1917 first day of the 2nd Battle of Passchendaele. 7th Division attacked towards Gheluvelt with 91st and 20th Brigades. 20th Brigade found themselves waist deep in a marsh and most of the attacking companies became casualties of the machine guns in Swagger Farm. Some of the survivors got to within 100 yards of Gheluvelt Church. Counter attacks drove them back almost to the startline. Born Colinton, Enlisted Juniper Green
KIA Formerly Black Watch

THOMAS URQUHART

Private

533

24th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F

who died on

Saturday, 29th July 1916.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: VILLERS-BRETONNEUX MEMORIAL, Somme, France

Location:

Villers-Bretonneux is a village 16 kilometres east of Amiens on the straight main road to St Quentin. The Memorial stands in Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, which is about 2 kilometres north of the village on the east side of the road to Fouilloy. Commemorated by name on the Memorial are over 10,000 Australian soldiers who fell in the battlefields of the Somme, Arras and the "Hundred Days" and who have no known grave.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

24th Battalion AIF 6th Victoria Brigade, 2nd Australian Division.

Pozières 29th July 1916. In line from Mash Valley through the orchard west of Pozières.

12.15am 2nd Australian Division attacked and overran first objective, wire stopped them at the second and they were driven back to their startline.

Born Colinton, Enlisted Victoria Aust

Mother Mary lived in Main St Balerno

Papermaker who emigrated to set up Australian papermaking., KIA

ANDREW WATT

Private

44147

8th Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers
who died on

Thursday, 12th April 1917.

Additional information: Born at Currie.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MONCHY BRITISH CEMETERY, MONCHY-LE-PREUX, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference I. C. 7.

Location:

Monchy-le-Preux is a village in the department of the Pas-de-Calais on the north side of the main road from Arras to Cambrai (D33). Monchy British Cemetery is nearly 2 kilometres west of the village down a 1 kilometre track.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

7th & 8th KOSB

Formed at Berwick-upon-Tweed September 1914 - K2 - to Bordon in 46th Brigade, 15th Scottish Division. February 1915 to Winchester, April 1915 to Salisbury Plain - Park House and Chisledon. 10/7/1915 landed in France at Boulogne 28 5 1916 amalgamated with 8th Battalion to form 7/8th Battalion in Bethune. 11/11/1918 in 46th Brigade, 15th Division at Tongre-Notre-Dame, S of Ath, Belgium.

9th-11th April, 1917, Battle of Arras and Vimy, when the 12th, 15th and 37th Divisions carried Monchy-le-Preux and the country between and advanced 3.5 miles. They consolidated and defended against counter-attacks.

Born Currie , Resident Uddingston, Enlisted Hamilton
KIA, formerly 1450 Lanarkshire Yeomanry

JOHN BEGBIE WEIR

Lance Corporal

38069

16th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Tuesday, 9th April 1918.

Additional information: Born Livingstone

Commemorative Information

Memorial: PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 1

Location:

The Ploegsteert Memorial stands in Berks Cemetery Extension, which is located 12.5 kilometres south of Ieper town centre, on the N365 leading from Ieper to Mesen (Messines), Ploegsteert and on to Armentieres. From Ieper town centre the Rijselsestraat runs from the market square, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort) and directly over the crossroads with the Ieper ring road. The road name then changes to the Rijselseweg (N336). 3.5 kilometres along the N336 lies a fork junction with the N365. The N365, which forms the right hand fork, leads to the town of Mesen. The Cemetery lies 3 kilometres beyond Mesen on the right hand side of the N365, and opposite Hyde Park Corner Royal Berks Cemetery. The Memorial commemorates over 11,000 men who have no known grave.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

16th Royal Scots (2nd Edinburgh)

Raised in Edinburgh December 1914 by Lt Col. G McCrae MP.

June 1915 to Ripon 101st Brigade 34th Division. 10/8/1915 taken over

by War Office. September 1915 to Sutton Veny. 8/1/1916 landed at

Havre. 16/5/1918 reduced to cadre, disbanded 14/8/1918 in France.

Battalion was heavily attacked on 9th April 1918 as the Lys offensive

started, next entry to War Diary was 21st. The Battalion casualties for

April were 13 Officers and 554 other ranks,

Born Livingstone, Resident Juniper Green, Enlisted Glencorse

KIA

GEORGE WHITE MM

Private

275671

17th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Wednesday, 24th October 1917. Age 20.

Additional Information: Son of John and Jessie White, of Lanark Rd., Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Panel Number: Panel 11 to 14 and 162

Location:

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Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

17th Royal Scots (Rosebery)

Raised by Lord Rosebery in Edinburgh February 1915 as a Bantam Battalion. April 1915 Glencorse, May 1915 Selkirk, June 1915 Masham and 106th Brigade, 35th (Bantam) Division. 3/7/1915 taken over by War Office. August 1915 Chiseldon. 1/2/1916 landed at Havre. 11/11/1918 in same Division Grammont, Belgium.

George White is on the same panel as my Great Uncle at Tyne Cot.

Born Juniper Green, Resident Currie, Enlisted Edinburgh in 5th RS

KIA

JOHN ROBERTSON WHITE

Private

351370

11th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Saturday, 13th October 1917. Age 28.

Additional information: Son of Mrs. Isabella White, of Smith's Buildings, IBalerno, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 11 to 14 and 162

Location:

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Local Memorial: Currie Church panels.

Unit information:

11th Royal Scots

Formed at Edinburgh August 1914 - K1 - to 27th Bde, 9th Scottish Division in Bordon area near Aldershot. May 1915 landed in France.

11/11/1918 27th Bde, 9th Division near Courtaai, Belgium.

October 1917 the 11th Royal Scots were involved in the 1st Battle of Passchendaele south of Poelcappelle near Inch House.

Born Currie, Resident Balerno, Enlisted Edinburgh

KIA

ADAM WILLIAMSON

Private

S/42541

Gordon Highlanders

who died on

Wednesday, 21st August 1918. Age 18.

Additional information: Son of Helen Williamson, of Curriemuirend, Juniper Green, Midlothian, and the late Kenneth Williamson.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: WYTSCHAETE MILITARY CEMETERY, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ V. C. 21.

Location:

Wyttschaete Military Cemetery is located 7 Km south of Ieper town centre, on a road leading from the Rijselseweg N365, which connects Ieper (formerly Ypres) to Wijtschate (Wyttschaete) and on to Armentieres. From Ieper town centre the Rijselsestraat runs from the market square, through the Lille Gate (Rijselpoort) and directly over the crossroads with the Ieper ring road. The road name then changes to the Rijselseweg. The first right hand turning on reaching the village of Wijtschate leads onto the Hospicestraat, leading to the village square. The Kemmelstraat leads from the village square, 500 metres beyond which lies the cemetery on the right hand side of the road.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information:

2/14th London Regiment, London Scottish (Gordon Highlanders)

2nd Battalion of London Scottish. Formed in London September 1914
In UK in 179th Brigade 60th Division in various parts till 28/4/1916 to
Ireland in HMS Snowdon for security duties. 14/5/1916 to UK. 22/6/1916
landed at Havre. November 1916 to Salonika. 3/7/1917 left Salonika for
Alexandria. 30/5/1918 left 60th Division to go to France and in 90th
Brigade 30th Division on 2/7/1918. 11/11/1918 in same at Avelghem,
Belgium.

Born Curriemuirend Juniper Green, Enlisted Glencorse aged 17
Young Soldiers Bn. To London Scottish July 1918 KIA August 1918
Killed by shellfire with three others during relief by 2/15th
London at Mont Rouge, Kemmel.

JOHN WILLIAMSON

Lance Serjeant

432290

49th Bn., Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regt.)

who died on

Saturday, 28th September 1918. Age 35.

Additional Information: Son of Helen Williamson, of Currie Muirend, Juniper Green, Midlothian, Scotland.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CREST CEMETERY, FONTAINE-NOTRE DAME, Nord, France

Grave Reference/ C. 3.

Location:

Fontaine-Notre Dame is a large village in the Department of the Nord approximately 3 kilometres south-west of Cambrai on the main road from Cambrai to Bapaume (N30). The Cemetery is signposted from the N30 in the village and is located on the right hand side of the road towards Raillencourt.

Local memorial: Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information

49th Edmonton Regiment CEF, was part of 3rd Canadian Division (Alberta Regiment was the 31st Battalion ?) and was involved in the Battles of the Hindenberg Line from 12th September to 9th October 1918.

Born Juniper Green 1883, Enlisted Edmonton Canada 5th January 1915

JOHN WILLIAMSON

Private

8461

1st Bn., Highland Light Infantry

who died on

Sunday, 14th March 1915. Age 29.

Additional Information: Son of the late William Williamson and Jane McCall Williamson.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Panel Number: Panel 37 and 38

Location:

Le Touret Memorial is located at the east end of Le Touret Military Cemetery, on the south side of the Bethune-Armentieres main road. From Bethune follow the signs for Armentieres until you are on the D171. Continue on this road through Essars and Le Touret village. Approximately 1 kilometre after Le Touret village and about 5 kilometres before you reach the intersection with the D947, Estaires to La Bassee road, the Cemetery lies on the right hand side of the road.

Local memorial: John Williamson, 1st HLI died 1915 is in Soldiers Died in the Great War as born in Balerno but is NOT the John Williamson on the Balerno & Currie Memorials who was 15th HLI and died in 1918.

Unit information:

1st HLI

4/8/1914 Ambala: Sirhind Bde, 3rd Lahore Division. Sept 1914 to Egypt on way to France. Remained in Egypt while rest of Div went to France.

1/12/1914 landed at Marseilles and rejoined Lahore Div. December 1915 left with Lahore Div for Mesopotamia arriving January 1916. January

1917 left Lahore Div for Tigris defences. Sept 1917 to 51st Bde, 17th Indian Division. 31/10/1918 as above at Huwaish, on Tigris N of Sharqat.

John Williamson 1st HLI was lost in the Battle of Neuve Chapelle

Born Glasgow, Enlisted Hamilton

KIA

JOHN WILLIAMSON

Private

45204

15th Bn., Highland Light Infantry

who died on

Wednesday, 3rd April 1918.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Grave Reference/ Bay 8

Location:

The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, which is in the Boulevard du General de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras. The cemetery is near the Citadel, approximately 2 kilometres due west of the railway station.

Local Memorial Currie Church panel.

Unit information:

15th Highland Light Infantry, Glasgow Trams Pals Battalion.

Raised in Glasgow by Lord Provost and City from volunteers of the Glasgow Tramways. To Gales, Ayrshire. May 1915 to Prees Heath in 97th Bde, 32nd Div June 1915 to Wenslydale. 1/7/1915 taken over by the War Office. August 1915 to Codford. 23/11/1915 landed Boulogne. 22/2/1918 became Pioneer Battalion 32nd Division. 11/11/1918 as above 32nd Div, Avesnelles, France.

April the 1st 1918 15th HLI were ordered to seize the village of Alette. A strong German Battalion assisted by a machine gun company consolidated in the village. There were only an average of 85 officers & men per unit. April 2nd, Zero hour, they fought all day under heavy bombardment. By the end of April 3rd the village had been taken and the Germans routed. All objectives had been seized but it was not over. Alette was full of Germans (in the cellars) who realised they were surrounded. Men were being hit. Assistance was asked for as the mopping up platoons were outnumbered three to one. The 15th were shot at & bombed & machine gunned but they systematically combed the village. Casualties were greater than expected, 40% of the attacking force was put out of action. Five officers and 180 men were lost. There were 2 DSO'S 7 MC's 6 DCM's 26 MM's awarded

Born Corstorphine, Resident Balerno, Enlisted Glencorse

KIA formerly 30873 KOSB

ROBERT ALEXANDER WILSON

Private

24401

8th Bn., Royal Scots Fusiliers

who died on

Sunday, 28th July 1918. Age 21.

Additional Information: Son of Alexander and Janet Wilson, of Leyden Park, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian. Resident of Juniper Green.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: SALONIKA (LEMBET ROAD) MILITARY CEMETERY, Greece

Grave Reference/: 1469.

Location:

Thessalonika (Salonika) is a town at the head of the Gulf of Thessalonika. The Cemetery is on the northern outskirts of Thessalonika, adjoining the Roman Catholic French and Italian War Cemeteries. It lies on the west side of the road to Seres.

Local memorial: none

Unit information:

8th Royal Scots Fusiliers

Formed at Ayr 1/10/1914 - K3 - to Codford St Mary, Salisbury Plain in 77th Bde, 26th Division. November 1914 at Bristol. April 1915 Sutton Veny. 20/9/1915 landed at Boulogne. November 1915 to Salonika. 30/9/1918 in 26th Division Macedonia, near Strumica, NW of Lake Doiran.

July 1918 was the start of the Allied offensive in Salonika although British forces did not play a significant part till September. Of note is the fact that 13,812 men were sick in Hospital with Malaria. Born Bonnyrigg, Resident Juniper Green, Enlisted Edinburgh
Died of disease Salonika

JAMES COSSAR WINTON

Private

100049

52nd Bn., Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regt.)

who died on

Wednesday, 31st May 1916. Age 29.

Additional information: Son of William Sandilands Winton, of Firrhill, Colinton, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

Grave Reference/ Panel 24 - 26 - 28 - 30

Location:

Ypres (now Ieper) is a town in the Province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin and Courtrai, and bears the names of men who were lost without trace during the defence of the Ypres Salient in the First World War

Local Memorial: Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

52nd Battalion Canadians

Manitoba Regiment North Ontario Battalion, 9th Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division The Battalion joined the Division January 1915.

May 1916 the Canadian Divisions were holding a section of the Ypres Salient mostly around St Eloi, Mount Kemmel and Mount Sorrel.

Born Inveresk, Musselburgh 1887, Gardner from Westbrook, Balerno

Enlisted June 1915 at Edmonton, Canada.

JAMES BULLOCH WYLLIE

Private

12/2162

Auckland Regiment,

New Zealand Expeditionary Force

8th August 1915 aged 25 Gallipoli

Commemorative Information

Memorial: Chanuk Bair New Zealand Memorial

Grave Reference/ Panel 11

The CHNUK BAIR (NEW ZEALAND) MEMORIAL is one of four memorials erected to commemorate New Zealand soldiers who died on the Gallipoli peninsula and whose graves are not known. The memorial relates to the battle of Sari Bair and in other operations in this sector. It contains more than 850 names.

Local Memorial: Juniper Green St Andrews

Additional Information:

Son of Joanna Gibson Wyllie, of 19 Marmion Road, North Berwick, Scotland, and the late Andrew Wyllie. Educated at Daniel Stewarts College, Edinburgh,
Born: Edinburgh.

MARTIN WYNNE

Private

5/18651

6th Bn., Royal Dublin Fusiliers

who died on

Thursday, 3rd January 1918.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: JERUSALEM WAR CEMETERY, Israel

Grave Reference/ A. 25

Location:

Jerusalem War Cemetery is 4.5 kilometres north of the walled city and is situated on the neck of land at the north end of the Mount of Olives, to the west of Mount Scopus. Follow the signs for Mount Scopus. At the crossroads with the Hyatt Hotel, which is on the left, turn left. There is an orange sign which reads "Military Cemetery". Go to the top of the hill, cross almost straight over the junction, then turn right and sharp left. The cemetery will be visible at this point.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and St Joseph's plaque.

Unit information:

6th Royal Dublin Fusiliers

Formed at Naas August 1914. - K1 - to the Curragh in 30th Bde, 10th Division. May 1915 to Basingstoke. 11/7/1915 sailed from Davenport to Mytilene, Island of Lesbos. 7/8/1915 landed at Suvla Bay, Galipoli.

October 1915 to Salonica . September 1917 to Egypt and Palestine.

27/5/1918 left 30th Bde for France 3/7/1918 landed at Taranto, Italy

8/7/1918. 21/7/1918 to 197th Bde, 66th Division. 10/9/1918 to 198th

Bde, 66th Division. 11/11/1918 with above at Avesnes, France.

January 1918 the Division was following up the capture of Jerusalem in December 1917 towards Ramleh and Lydda.

Born Balerno 1888, Resident Balerno, Enlisted Edinburgh

Had been at Gallipoli and Salonika

KIA

JEANIE AFLECK YOUNG

War Nurse

Commemorative Information

Location: Buried in Currie Cemetery

Local memorial: Currie Church panels.

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Born Currie 1892 (1901 census)

Nurse died of Influenza in the Nurses Home Edinburgh War Hospital (Bangour) Ecclesmachan on 15th January 1919

PETER YOUNG

Gunner

119129

39th Bn., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

who died on

Saturday, 5th October 1918. Age 22.

Additional Information: Son of William Young, of Currievale, Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: TEHRAN WAR CEMETERY, Iran

Grave Reference/ III. D. 3.

Location:

Tehran War Cemetery is situated within the British Embassy residential compound at Gulhek which is approximately 13 kilometres from Tehran, and is enclosed by high walls. Within the cemetery is the Tehran Memorial commemorating casualties from both World Wars.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

There would appear to be an error in the records at CWGC as follows.

Machine Gun Corp

Several battalions were formed into MGC. The Heavy MGC were the original tank corp. However 39 **Company** MGC was sent to Egypt to 13th Battalion MGC. The 39th **Battalion** MGC never went to Egypt.

Information from Phil Mc Carty MGC History Project Team.

Peter Young's NOK is given as his father, William Young, of Currievale, Currie, Midlothian. He was born, and resident, in Currie, but enlisted at Juniper Green. He was originally in the RFA ,number was 175819. He was 22. The one curiosity is that 39 Battalion, the Divisional MG Bn of 39 Division, (formed March 1918 from 116, 117, 118 and 228 MG Companies) served only in France and Flanders (!) 39 COY, not Bn, was 'Egypt, Mespot., Persia'. 39 Coy went to 13 Bn and was eventually absorbed by 81 Coy.

Born Currie, Resident Currie, Enlisted Juniper Green

Died of disease Mesopotamia

WILLIAM YOUNG

Private

430858

7th Bn., Canadian Infantry (British Columbia Regt.)

who died on

Wednesday, 15th August 1917. Age 25.

Additional information: Son of John and Margaret Young, of Glenbrook, Balerno, Midlothian, Scotland.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: VIMY MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France

Location:

Canada's most impressive tribute overseas to those Canadians who fought and gave their lives in the First World War is the majestic and inspiring Vimy Memorial, which overlooks the Douai Plain from the highest point of Vimy Ridge, about eight kilometres northeast of Arras on the N17 towards Lens. The Memorial is signposted from this road to the left, just before you enter the village of Vimy from the south.

Local Memorial: Currie Church panels and Balerno Church panel.

Unit information:

7th Battalion Canadians

1st British Columbia Regiment 2nd Brigade, 1st Canadian Division formed August 1914 from Provincial Battalions, Battalions were renamed in October 1914. Went to France February 1915. In same 11/11/1918 France and Flanders..

15th August 1917 the Division was holding on to the gains around Arras somewhere between Fresnoy (which had been recaptured by the Germans) and Gavrelle.

Born Balerno 1893

Enlisted Victoria British Columbia March 1915

Occupation given as Sash and door maker.

Individual listing of all the Fallen
1939 - 1945

GEORGE STEWART ANDERSON

Sergeant

657590

Pilot

106 Squadron., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on

Sunday, 20th December 1942. Age 22.

Additional information: Son of John and Georgina Anderson, of Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: AMSTERDAM NEW EASTERN CEMETERY, Netherlands

Grave Reference/ Plot 69. Row D. Joint grave 17.

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Location:

The New Eastern Cemetery is in the south-eastern district of Amsterdam on the road to Hilversum and is easily reached by public transport. The British plots are in the south-eastern portion of the cemetery.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels and Balerno Church panel

Unit information:

106 Squadron, RAF, Bomber Command

106 Squadron, Royal Air Force Motto: PRO LIBERTATE (For Freedom)

At onset of war, was a training squadron becoming operational in September 1940 with 5 Group until the end of the war.

Aircraft: Hampdens, Manchesters, Lancasters

Stations: Finningly, Coningsby, Systerton, Metheringham

Lancaster R5697, Serial ZN-J

Raid to Duisberg. Pilot.

Took off from Syerston, Nottinghamshire 1750 hrs 20/12/42 Crashed 2042 hrs at Oudelandsdijk No.5, Monnickenmeer-Polder, Monnickendam 13 km NE of Amsterdam.

Juniper Green St Margaret's memorial gives names and no units. This causes some difficulty. John R Anderson could be any one of the following.

JOHN ROSS ANDERSON

Pilot Officer

41647

Pilot

52 Sqdn., Royal Air Force

who died on

Wednesday, 18th October 1939. Age 26.

Cemetery: OXFORD (BOTLEY) CEMETERY, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom

Grave Reference/ Plot I/2. Grave 209A.

Many of dead are casualties from the 3rd Southern General Hospital (an Oxfordshire Territorial unit), which was housed in the Examination Schools and a number of other buildings in Oxford. During the early months of the 1939-1945 War ground

JOHN ROBERT ANDERSON

Troop Officer

S.S. Burma (London), Merchant Navy

who died on

Sunday, 14th March 1943.

Additional Information: Lost in S.S. Empress of Canada (London).

Memorial: TOWER HILL MEMORIAL, London, United Kingdom

Panel Number: Panel 47.

Location:

The Tower Hill Memorial south side of the garden of Trinity Square, London, close to The Tower of London

JOHN RENNER ANDERSON

Gunner

4266729

349 Bty., 37 Searchlight Regt., Royal Artillery

who died on

Wednesday, 2nd July 1941. Age 29.

Additional Information: Husband of Jennie Anderson, of Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Cemetery: NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE (BYKER & HEATON) CEMETERY, Northumberland, United Kingdom

JOHN RHYMES ANDERSON

Leading Stoker

D/KX97554

H.M.S. Bermuda, Royal Navy

who died on

Thursday, 11th July 1946.

Cemetery: SAI WAN WAR CEMETERY, Hong Kong

Grave Reference/ II. F. 15.

Location:

Sai Wan War Cemetery is in the north-east of the island of Hong Kong, in the Chai Wan area, about 11 kilometres from the centre of Victoria.

DOUGLAS HAIG ARCHIBALD

Trooper

420370

2nd, Lothians and Border Horse, R.A.C.

who died on

Sunday, 21st February 1943. Age 26.

Additional Information: Son of Andrew and Charlotte Archibald;
husband of Jemima Archibald, of Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ENFIDAVILLE WAR CEMETERY, Tunisia

Grave Reference/ VIII. C. 20.

Location:

The town of Enfidaville is 100 kilometres south of Tunis on the main coast road. The War Cemetery is 1 kilometre west of the town centre, on the road to Zaghovan, and its approaches are well signposted. It is immediately south of the small civil cemetery.

Westwards from the War Cemetery is Takrouna, a dominating crag the capture of which was accomplished by the New Zealand Division towards the end of April 1943. The cemetery marks the end of the Eighth Army's advance across North Africa, and in it are buried men of that Army who died in its final battles, from March to the beginning of May 1943, buried alongside many of their comrades of the Air Force.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information:

26th Armoured Brigade, 6th Armoured Division Formed on 12 Sep 1940 in the United Kingdom. 1941 - 1942 - UK: training; sent to N.Africa in Nov 1942. 1943 - Tunisia: Bou Arada, Fondouk, El Kourzia, Tunis.

1944 - Italy: Liri Valley, Arezzo, advance to Florence, the Gothic Line;

1945 - Italy: the Argenta Gap; Austria.

Born Edinburgh

Afrika Korps break through Americans at Kasserine Pass

From "The Bloody Road to Tunis"

".... the seven Valentine and four Crusader tanks of C Troop, 2nd L & B Horse, heavily outranged but hull down in wadis withstood the Germans all afternoon. After all the tanks had been destroyed the surviving crews withdrew through the 17th/21st Lancers but they had prevented a breakthrough....."

JAMES SHERIDAN ATKINSON

Ordinary Signalman
D/JX205676
H.M.S. Curtana, Royal Navy
who died on
Friday, 7th March 1941. Age 21.

Additional Information: Son of John and Catherine Atkinson, of Juniper Green, Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CURRIE PARISH CHURCHYARD, Midlothian, United Kingdom
Grave Reference/: Sec. 4A. Grave 29.

Local memorial: Currie Church panel.

Unit information:

HMS Curtana, Registered No FY674
Trawler of 359 tons built 1929, requisitioned August 1939 and converted to Minesweeper. The Curtana survived the War and was returned in October 1945.
H M S Miranda, Great Yarmouth. Killed in a bombing raid.

JOHN BALLANTYNE

Sergeant

580936

Observer.

88 Sqdn., Royal Air Force

who died on

Wednesday, 12th June 1940. Age 23.

Additional Information: Son of John and Alexandra M. M. Ballantyne, of Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BEAUREPAIRE COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Oise, France

Location:

Beaurepaire is a village 38 kilometres south-east of Beauvais and 4 kilometres west of Pont Sainte Maxence. The Cemetery lies on the outskirts of the village and is reached via the road from Pont Sainte Maxence to Creil.

BEAUREPAIRE COMMUNAL CEMETERY (Index No. Fr. 1285)

Beaurepaire is a village and commune 24 miles (38 kilometres) south-east of Beauvais and 2.5 miles (4 kilometres) west of Pont Sainte Maxence. It contains the graves of 2 airmen of the Royal Air Force.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

88 (Hong Kong) Squadron, Royal Air Force

Motto:

EN GARDE (Be On Your Guard)

Supporting St Valery. Serial L5334 One of two Fairey Battles of 88 Sqdn shot down. Airborne 08.30 hrs from Moisy, (Ozouer-le-Doyen) crashed near Beaurepaire no survivors..

GEORGE HENRY SYDNEY BENNETT

Sergeant

1113757

144 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on

Wednesday, 5th November 1941. Age 20.

Additional Information: Son of Sydney C. Bennett and of Madge Bennett (nee Newell), of Parkstone, Dorsetshire.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL, Surrey, United Kingdom

Panel Number: Panel 39.

Location:

This Memorial overlooks the River Thames on Cooper's Hill at Englefield Green between Windsor and Egham on the A308, 4 miles from Windsor.

Local memorial: Currie Church panels

Unit information:

144 Squadron, Royal Air Force

Motto: WHO SHALL STOP US

In 5 Group at the outbreak of war, transferred to Coastal Command in April 1942 for training as torpedo-bomber squadron and operated in this capacity for the duration of the war.

Aircraft: Hampdens

Squadron Identity Code Letter(s): NV, PL

Stations: Hemswell

Operational Performance:

An original bomber squadron carrying out operations over the North Sea from 25 September 1939 onwards.

On 28 September 1939, 5 Hampdens (the entire squadron) was shot down, including the aircraft flown by Wing Commander J.C.

Cunningham. Carried out most bombing raids of Hampden squadrons and suffered the most losses.

AE424 Hampden Torpedo Bomber

Airborne from North Luffenham on convoy attack near Dutch coast. Lost without trace along with three other planes. 4 crewmen MPK

JAMES LEADBETTER BLACK

Private

3056479

7/9th Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Thursday, 15th November 1945. Age 26.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MUNSTER HEATH WAR CEMETERY, Germany

Grave Reference/ 4. F. 15.

Location:

Munster is 57 kilometres south west of Osnabruck, and 62 kilometres north west of Dortmund. The cemetery is 11 kilometres north-east of the town of Munster, 3 kilometres north of the main road to Telgte and Osnabruck. Munster can be approached from the A43 or A1. Both motorways take you to the junction 'Kreuz Munster Sud'.

From this junction follow the 51A road which becomes the 51 road to Telgte. When passing the railway station 'Haudorf' take the first road left which leads to the civil cemetery 'Waldfriedhof Lauheide'. Munster Heath cemetery is signposted within the civil cemetery (with CWGC signs).

Local memorial Currie Church and Balerno Parish Church panels

Unit information

7/9th Royal Scots were in 155th Brigade, 52nd Lowland Division.

It is probable James Black died of wounds but it is also possible he died on active service as 52nd Division were in occupation in Germany until April 1946.

ROBERT BROWN

Lance Bombardier

14297642

90 H.A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery

who died on

Tuesday, 7th November 1944. Age 43.

Additional Information: Son of Robert and Annie Brown; husband of Annie Christina Ponton Brown, of Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: JONKERBOS WAR CEMETERY, Netherlands

Grave Reference/ 9. F. 3.

Location:

The town of Nijmegen is 16 km south of Arnhem. Jonkerbos War cemetery is 4 km south west of Nijmegen, and 1km south of the main Grave-Nijmegen road. Following the A73 exit at the junction Nijmegen Wijchen, follow the directions to Nijmegen along the A32b, entering Nijmegen on the Graafseweg. On reaching the Industrieterrein, a Commission signpost directs visitors to turn left onto the Weg Door Jonkerbos. Shortly after appears a further signpost showing the left hand turning onto Oude Mollenhutseweg. The cemetery is located 150 metres onward after entering the Oude Mollenhutseweg, on the right hand side of the road.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

90 Heavy Anti-aircraft Regiment Royal Artillery.

Nijmegen was a front line town from 17th September 1944, until February 1945. The cemetery is in a wooded area known as Jonkers Bosch, from which it took its name, and was created by No. 3 Casualty Clearing station. 18 soldiers from the United Kingdom were buried in adjoining graves which could not be individually identified.

Born Renfrewshire, Resident Juniper Green

JAMES BRYCE

Corporal

3059464

1st Bn. The London Scottish, Gordon Highlanders

who died on

Saturday, 8th January 1944. Age 24.

Additional Information: Son of John and Edith Bryce, of Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MINTURNO WAR CEMETERY, Italy

Grave Reference/ IV, C, 12.

Location:

Minturno is about 78 kilometres north of Naples, close to the coast. The cemetery lies several kilometres south of the town on the SS7 road to Naples and is situated in the locality of Marina di Minturno (Garigliano). To reach the cemetery take the Cassino exit from the A1 motorway, then turn right to follow Ausonia, Formia, Minturno. At about 30 km the road runs tangentially to a flyover. Go under the flyover, turn left and get on it towards Scauri and Naples, then leave it at about 6 km, turning right to Marina di Minturno. The cemetery is permanently open and may be visited anytime.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

1st London Scottish , Gordon Highlanders. Were part of 10th Division. The river Garigliano was being crossed in January 1944 with heavy casualties.

Born Edinburgh Resident Edinburgh

Only one killed that day in London Scottish

PETER CANNON

Driver

3192544

78 Field Regt., Royal Artillery, Sig. Sec., Royal Corps of Signals
who died on

Wednesday, 16th February 1944. Age 26.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ANZIO WAR CEMETERY, Italy

Grave Reference/ III, G, 4.

Location:

Anzio is a coastal town 70 kilometres south of Rome. To reach Anzio take the No.148 Superstrada Motorway which runs between Rome and Latina. Take the exit for Anzio and follow the signs towards Anzio along the No.207. The Cemetery lies 1 kilometre north of Anzio town just off the No.207. As the No.207 approaches Anzio an Italian Communal Cemetery is visible on a small rise to the left of the road. Turn left and drive up a small rise to a parking area in front of the cemetery entrance. Commission signs are visible. Anzio War Cemetery should not be confused with Beach Head Cemetery which is also close to Anzio town. Beach Head Cemetery lies on the No.207, 5 kilometres north of Anzio town, and can be seen on the left hand side of the road when taking the No.207 towards Anzio.

Local memorial Currie Church and Balerno Parish Church panels

Unit information

78th Royal Artillery would have Signallers attached for fire control and communications with HQ and Air support.

(Peter Cannon is noted for walzing arm in arm with his pals down Main Street Balerno singing 'We're no awa' tae bide awa' when he was called up.)

Anzio was a beach landing in the rear of the German Army and was meant to cause them to withdraw. The invasion did not get inland fast enough before armour was brought up to hold them. The invasion force barely hung on until relief from the main Allied Armies came. The beachhead was under constant bombardment from the surrounding hills. Born Edinburgh, Resident Edinburgh 4 signallers and two gunners in 78th RA were killed on this day on Forward Observation Post duties.

JOHN CORSE

Ordinary Seaman

P/JX 625495

H.M.S. Swift, Royal Navy

who died on

Saturday, 24th June 1944. Age 18.

Additional Information: Son of John and Mary Corse, of Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Hampshire, United Kingdom

Panel Number: Panel 83, Column 3.

Location: The Memorial is situated on Southsea Common overlooking the promenade, and is accessible at all times.

Local memorial Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information

HMS Swift Registration code G46 - S class Destroyer of 1,710 tons.

Normandy invasion Naval diary gives:

21st - Destroyer "FURY" is mined and driven ashore in the gales that play havoc with the Mulberry harbours. She is re-floated but not repaired.

23rd - Adm Vian's flagship, the AA cruiser "Scylla", is also mined in Seine Bay. Seriously damaged, she is out of action until after the war and then never fully re-commissioned.

24th - Mines claim another victim. Destroyer "SWIFT's" back is broken and she goes down five miles off the British beaches.

Official report gives:

HMS SWIFT, 24th June 1944, Western Europe, off Normandy beaches, France, 5 miles north of Ouistreham - by German mine. Support duties off beachhead (Normandy Invasion)

17 fatalities 4 of whom DOW one of them was John.

As St Margaret's memorial has no unit or other information it is not possible to say with certainty which of the following men is the Juniper Green one.

GEORGE ELDER

Private 2756222

1st Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)

who died on Friday, 6th April 1945. Age 24.

Additional Information: Son of George and Jessie Elder, of Glenfarg, Perthshire.

Memorial: DUNKIRK MEMORIAL, Nord, France

Panel Number: Column 66.

GEORGE ELDER

Aircraftman 2nd Class 1570992

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on Sunday, 10th October 1943.

Cemetery: EL ALIA CEMETERY, Algeria

Grave Reference/ 12. C. 27.

Born Edinburgh

GEORGE W ELDER

Lieutenant 271275

Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

who died on Sunday, 7th July 1946.

Cemetery: MADRAS (ST. MARY'S) CEMETERY, CHENNAI, India

Grave Reference/ Plot 19. Grave 130.

The above are the only George Elders who died in the 1939 – 1945 War. it is probably the RAF one but can not be proved

GORDON ABERCROMBY CENTER FRIZZELL

Sergeant

1787720

463 (R.A.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on

Monday, 18th December 1944. Age 20.

Additional information Son of George Graham Frizzell and Mary Jane Frizzell (nee Donaldson), of Galashiels, Selkirkshire.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: LE GROS-THEIL COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Eure, France

Grave Reference/ Collective grave.

Location:

Le Gros-Theil is a village and commune about 13 kilometres south-west of Elbeuf, a small town 18 kilometres south-south-west of Rouen. There is a good train service and a good bus service from Rouen to Elbeuf, where taxis are available. The cemetery is 400 yards from the church at the junction of the D.83 (Bourg-Archard) and D.92 (St. Eloi) roads. In the western part, some 30 yards west of the chapel which is east of the main path, is the collective grave of five airmen of the Royal Air Force and three airmen of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Local memorial Currie Church panels (spelt Frizell)

Unit information

463 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force

Motto: PRESS ON REGARDLESS

Formed in 5 Group on 25 November 1943 and operated continuously until the end of the war.

Squadron Identity Code Letter(s): JO, PO Stationed at Waddington

5 Group Lancasters - 2525 sorties, 69 aircraft lost (2.7 percent)

The squadron often flew cameramen from the R.A.F. Film Unit on board.

Suffered the highest percentage loss rate of all Australian squadrons.

463 Squadron Waddington Lincolnshire Formed 25/11/43.

Lancasters Mk1 and Mk111 Disbanded Skellingthorpe Lincolnshire
03/07/45

(Gordon Frizzell's name is given as Frizell on the memorial.)

Gordon A C Frizzell

Lancaster LL847, Sqdn id JO-D Raid on Munich Took off from Waddington 16.31 hrs and crashed 10km NNW of le Neubourg, Normandy. All killed., average age 21, plane carried 2 pilots

GEORGE GASCOIGNE

Private

3059820

7th Bn., York and Lancaster Regiment
who died on
Monday, 5th February 1945. Age 27.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI, India

Grave Reference/ 4. D. 17.

Location:

Madras War Cemetery is about 5 kilometres from the airport and 14 kilometres from the central railway station. The GST Road (Great Southern Trunk Road) leads from the airport past Trident Hotel to Kathipara roundabout - there is a Commonwealth War Graves Commission road direction sign on a small triangular island showing the way to the cemetery via Mount Poonamall Road, passing at the foot of St. Thomas Mount. The cemetery can easily be located on the right hand side of the road 1 kilometre from St. Thomas Mount.

Local memorial Currie Church and Balerno Church panels

Unit information

7th Yorks and Lancasters were on Indian defences. Madras was a base with supply depots and hospitals.

Born Currie.

Will dated January 1940.

Cause of death unknown

JOHN DAVID HENDERSON

Private

2987000

8th Bn., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
who died on

Thursday, 3rd December 1942. Age 25.

Additional Information: Son of John and Annie Henderson, of
Corstorphine, Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: TABARKA RAS RAJEL WAR CEMETERY, Tunisia

Grave Reference/ 2. B. 20.

Location:

Tabarka is a coastal town on the Tunisian/Algerian border. The war cemetery is some 12 kilometres east of the town on Route P7 to Tunis (and Beja).

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

8th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 9th Division, 1st Army - landed in North Africa in Operation Torch in November 1942 and advanced on Tunis. The Division had to take several defended hills against stiff opposition, the most famous being Longstop Hill, which had halted the advance. Tunis did not fall till March 1943.

On the 3rd December 1942 the Battalion was sent down to help 11 Brigade who were having a bad time, and had advanced to a place called Terbourta. They relieved one of the battalions there. Unfortunately during shelling, one landed near the 8 remaining men of A Company. Four were killed, three wounded and only one man survived.

William Johnstone

967512

Gunner

88 Field Regiment Royal Artillery

3rd Sep 1943

Born Edinburgh

Buried Chungkai War Cemetery Thailand

Captured at Singapore and made to work on the Burma – Siam railway.
Chungkai War Cemetery is 13 kms from the river Kwai.

Service No: 967512

Age: 27

Regiment/Service: Royal Artillery 88 Field Regt.

Grave Reference 4. E. 3.

Cemetery CHUNGKAI WAR CEMETERY

Local Memorial: St Margaret's Juniper Green

JOHN ALEXANDER LATTO

Sapper

2014436

214 Field Coy., Royal Engineers

who died on

Friday, 23rd April 1943. Age 27.

Additional Information: Son of John and Marion Latto, of Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: OUED ZARGA WAR CEMETERY, Tunisia

Grave Reference/ 1. H. 22.

Location:

Oued Zarga is about 80 kilometres west of Tunis. The Cemetery is to the north of the church in the old village of Oued Zarga, which is on the opposite side of the road to the new town of Oued Zarga which has grown up since the building of a barrage. To reach the old village, turn left off the main road (if travelling from the direction of Medjez-el-Bab) after passing the Garde Nationale post, where the Cemetery Register is kept. The road to the village is unmetalled and rather steep, and the distance to the cemetery is about 2 kilometres.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

Royal Engineers were essential front-line troops in the pursuit of the Afrika Corp as they withdrew into Tunisia. Mines and booby-traps had to be cleared as the 1st and 8th Armies advanced.

WILLIAM MACDONALD

Private

14215892

Royal Scots

who died on

Tuesday, 10th July 1945. Age 21.

Additional Information: Son of James and Janet Orr Macdonald, of Juniper Green, Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: COLINTON PARISH CHURCHYARD, SOUTHERN EXTENSION, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Grave Reference/ Sec. O. Grave 31.

Local memorial Juniper Green St Margarets

Obviously died at home of wounds/effects/disease from his service.

ROBERT DONALD MACGREGOR

Sergeant

987011

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on

Tuesday, 23rd June 1942. Age 30.

Additional Information: Son of the Revd. Thomas MacGregor and Mary Liddell MacGregor, of Balerno, Midlothian. M.A. (Edin.),

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: NAKURU NORTH CEMETERY, Kenya

Grave Reference/ C.A. Grave 505.

Location:

Nakuru lies 155 kilometres north-west of Nairobi, on the road to Kampala. On entering Nakuru take the right turn indicated by the direction sign just before the railway bridge. This road curves around behind railway housing until it reaches the cemetery. The entrance to the large civil cemetery is indicated by a direction sign, and the war graves will be found mostly within, or close to, the two main burial plots on the southern side of the cemetery.

Local memorial Currie Church and Balerno Parish Church panels

Unit information

23 June 1942

70 OTU

Blenheim IV Z6042

Collided with V5630 in formation practice, tail section severed behind turret, crashed near Naivasha, Kenya.

Sgt. F. Abderhalden bailed out safely. (rear gunner)

Sgt. R. McGregor + Navigator

Sgt. John William. Balfour + Pilot RAAF buried grave 506 Nakuru North.

V5630 was damaged but landed safely.

JOHN McNEILL

Private

3318445

6th Bn., Seaforth Highlanders

who died on

Tuesday, 18th January 1944. Age 24.

Additional Information: Grandson of Agnes Mc Neill, of Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MINTURNO WAR CEMETERY, Italy

Grave Reference/ II, F, 25.

Location:

Minturno is about 78 kilometres north of Naples, close to the coast. The cemetery lies several kilometres south of the town on the SS7 road to Naples and is situated in the locality of Marina di Minturno (Garigliano). To reach the cemetery take the Cassino exit from the A1 motorway, then turn right to follow Ausonia, Formia, Minturno. At about 30 km the road runs tangentially to a flyover. Go under the flyover, turn left and get on it towards Scauri and Naples, then leave it at about 6 km, turning right to Marina di Minturno. The cemetery is permanently open and may be visited anytime.

Local memorial Currie Church Panels

Unit information

6th Seaforths were part of 5th Division which crossed the Garigliano on 17th January and captured Minturno on the 19th January. The crossing cost heavy casualties.

ALEXANDER GEORGE MITCHELL

Sergeant

1568767

Pilot

175 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on

Saturday, 31st March 1945. Age 21.

Additional Information: Son of Thomas and Jemima Mitchell, of Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: RHEINBERG WAR CEMETERY, Germany

Grave Reference/ 17. F. 14.

Location:

Rheinberg is 24 kilometres north of Krefeld and 13 kilometres south of Wesel. The cemetery is 3 kilometres south of the centre of the town of Rheinberg on the road to Kamp Lintfort.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

175 Squadron RAF was a ground support Squadron flying Typhoons.

The initial crossing of the Rhine-the greatest water obstacle in Western Europe-was effected between Rheinberg and Rees on the night of March 23rd – 24th, 1945. There was no fighting in Rheinberg itself but Wesel, the key to the crossing, after preliminary intense bombing by Bomber Command was captured by the Commando Brigade, and was the scene of bitter fighting.

175 Squadron were rocket firing Ground support Typhoons.

Shot down by flak and KIA

ALEXANDER MOFFAT

Able Seaman

C/JX 402482

H.M.S. Intrepid, Royal Navy

who died on

Sunday, 26th September 1943. Age 19.

Additional Information: Son of George and Jessie Moffat, of Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL, Kent, United Kingdom

Panel Number: 69, 2.

Location:

The Memorial overlooks the town of Chatham and is approached by a steep path from the Town Hall Gardens.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

HMS Intrepid code D10, I class Destroyer of 1370 tons built 1936.

8 I class ships were built, 3 survived.

British Aegean Campaign - With the surrender of Italy, Winston Churchill wants to seize the Italian Dodecanese Islands in the southern Aegean before the Germans can establish themselves. From here the Allies can threaten Greece and support Turkey, but the Americans and some British commanders are lukewarm on what they see as a sideshow compared with the battle for Italy. Insufficient forces and especially aircraft are made available, and the Germans soon take Rhodes from where, together with other bases, they maintain air superiority throughout the coming campaign.

On the 15th and 16th, British troops occupy Kos, Leros, Samos and other smaller islands. The Royal Navy has the task of supplying and reinforcing them, as well as attacking German supply routes.

26th - After carrying troops to Leros, destroyers "Intrepid" and Greek "Queen Olga" are attacked by Ju88s while at anchor in the harbour. "QUEEN OLGA" soon goes down and "INTREPID" capsizes next day.

JOHN MYLES

Signalman

3061668

Royal Corps of Signals

attd. 26th Indian Div. Sigs., Indian Signal Corps

who died on

Saturday, 6th May 1944. Age 24.

Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Myles, and stepson of Mary A. Myles, of Malleny Bank, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MAYNAMATI WAR CEMETERY, Bangladesh

Grave Reference/ 1. F. 13.

Location:

Maynamati is some 7 kilometres from the centre of Comilla, which is on the railway line linking Dhaka to Chittagong. It can be reached by train to Comilla railway station, 9 kilometres from the cemetery, or by the Dhaka - Chittagong highway. The cemetery is 1 kilometre down the road leading from Comilla to Sylnet and a short distance past the Cantonment Military Hospital. There is a C.W.G.C. road direction sign on a roundabout at the crossroad.

Local memorial Currie Church and Balerno Parish Church panels

Unit information

Royal Corps of Signals – no unit designation. 26th Indian Division were involved in the 14th Army Burma campaign. Probably evacuated to Hospital due to wounds or disease because before the war Maynamati was a hamlet of a few dozen huts, but during the war a large military camp was established there. Several ordnance depots and a number of military hospitals, both British and Indian, were in the area, including Nos. 14 and 150 British General Hospitals; and the majority of the burials in Maynamati War Cemetery were from the various hospitals. Born Fife, resident Balerno

ROBERT DICKSON NAPIER

Private

3063714

2nd Bn., Royal Scots

who died on

Tuesday, 23rd December 1941. Age 29.

Additional Information: Son of Robert and Elizabeth Napier, of Currie, Midlothian, Scotland.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: SAI WAN MEMORIAL, Hong Kong

Panel Number: Column 12.

Location:

This Memorial honours over 2000 men of the land forces of the British Commonwealth and Empire who died in the defence of Hong Kong during the Second World War. The Memorial, stands at the entrance to Sai Wan Bay War Cemetery, outside Victoria, the capital of Hong Kong. The dedicatory inscription reads: 1939 - 1945 THE OFFICERS AND MEN WHOSE MEMORY IS HONOURED HERE DIED IN THE DEFENCE OF HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1941 AND IN THE ENSUING YEARS OF CAPTIVITY AND HAVE NO KNOWN GRAVE.

Sai Wan War Cemetery on Cape Collinson Road. is situated in the north-east of the island of Hong Kong, about 11 kilometres from the centre of Victoria. The easiest way to reach the cemetery is by the mass transit railway (MTR) Hong Kong line to Chai Wan Terminus. From the Terminus one can either walk up to the cemetery following Chai Wan Road to the roundabout, turning west into Wan Tsui Road, then south east up Lin Shing Road, which leads to Cape Collinson Road. The CWGC road direction sign is fixed to a wall facing down Lin Shing Road.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

2nd Royal Scots was one of the garrison battalions guarding Hong Kong. The Battalion was guarding the Kowloon area when the Japanese invasion from China started. The outnumbered defenders fell back on Hong Kong island and were preparing the defences when the capitulation came and they had to surrender. Most died in the notorious prison camps. On 23rd January 1943 the 12th Battalion, which was on garrison duty at Malta, was renumbered 2nd Battalion. It went to Italy 29th July 1944 and the remnants were pulled out of the hills on 8th January 1945 and sent to Palestine to re-fit.

FREDERICK STEPHEN NEAL

Sergeant

985412

Flt. Engr.

419 (R.C.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on

Friday, 14th May 1943.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: RHEINBERG WAR CEMETERY, Germany

Grave Reference/ 2. F. 16.

Location:

Rheinberg is 24 kilometres north of Krefeld and 13 kilometres south of Wesel. The cemetery is 3 kilometres south of the centre of the town of Rheinberg on the road to Kamp Lintfort.

Local memorial Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information

419 (Moose) Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force

Motto: MOOSA ASWAYITA

Formed in 3 group on 15 December 1941 transferred to 4 Group operating with the Group until being transferred to the newly formed 6 Group, RCAF in January 1943. Remained with 6 Group until the conclusion of the war.

Aircraft: Wellingtons, Halifaxes, Lancasters (from April 1944)

Stations: Mildenhall, Middleton-St.-George

Failed to return from bombing raid.

The site of the cemetery was chosen in April 1946 by the Army Graves Service for the assembly of British and Commonwealth graves recovered from numerous German cemeteries in the area. The majority were the graves of airmen, mainly from Dusseldorf, Krefeld, Munchen-Gladbach, Essen, Cologne, Aachen and Dortmund. From one town alone-Cologne-over 450 Air Force casualties who had been buried by the Germans were re-buried in this war cemetery.

Halifax II DT-672 coded VR-D, failed to return from bombing operation to Bochum.

All crew kia.

TOM McLAREN ORR

Driver

3064695

Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

who died on

Friday, 16th October 1942. Age 30.

Additional Information: Son of David and Janet Orr; husband of Isabella Orr, of Juniper Green, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: EL ALAMEIN WAR CEMETERY, Egypt

Grave Reference/ XXIII. E. 24.

Location:

Alamein is a village, bypassed by the main coast road, approximately 130 kilometres west of Alexandria on the road to Mersa Matruh. The first Commission road direction sign is located just beyond the Alamein police checkpoint and all visitors should turn off from the main road onto the parallel old coast road. The cemetery lies off the road, slightly beyond a ridge, and is indicated by road direction signs approximately 25 metres before the low metal gates and stone wing walls which are situated centrally at the road edge at the head of the access path into the cemetery. The Cross of Sacrifice feature may be seen from the road. Within the cemetery will be found the Alamein Memorial, through which the access path to the cemetery passes, and the Alamein Cremation Memorial which will be found in the south-eastern part of the cemetery. There are over 7,000 war casualties commemorated in this cemetery.

Local memorial Currie Church and Balerno Parish Church panels

Unit information

REME units supported the Armoured Divisions and mechanised infantry

Divisions. Tom McLaren Orr REME was created 1st Oct 1943

Driver Orr was killed in the lead up to El Alamein.

IAN ALISTER ROY

Boy 1st Class
P/JX 162453
H.M.S. Hood, Royal Navy
who died on
Saturday, 24th May 1941. Age 17.

Additional Information: Son of George and Ethel A. Roy, of Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL, Hampshire, UK

Panel No Panel 51, Column 3.

Location:

The Memorial is situated on Southsea Common overlooking the promenade, and is accessible at all times.

Local memorial Currie Church panel and Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information

HMS Hood, Battlecruiser sunk by Bismark 24th May 1941 with only three survivors. See <http://hmshood.com> The URL has a full list of the crew.

A small difficulty arises with Ian A Roy on St Margarets memorial. It is most likely the same as Currie memorial which is as above but:

But it could just as easily be:

IAN ALEXANDER ROY

Sergeant
1344895
40 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on
Friday, 11th June 1943. Age 20.

Additional Information: Son of Alexander and Jessie Roy, of Edinburgh.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: ENFIDAVILLE WAR CEMETERY, Tunisia

Grave Reference/ **VI. A. 4.**

Location:

The town of Enfidaville is 100 kilometres south of Tunis on the main coast road. The War Cemetery is 1 kilometre west of the town centre, on the road to Zaghovan, and its approaches are well signposted. It is immediately south of the small civil cemetery. (more than likely the first one)

DAVID GEDDES RUSSELL

Leading Aircraftman

1007171

84 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on

Sunday, 1st March 1942. Age 28.

Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Russell, of Currie, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Memorial: SINGAPORE MEMORIAL, Singapore

Panel Number: Column 417.

Location:

In the Far East at Singapore, the Singapore Memorial bears, on its columns, the names of over 24,000 soldiers and airmen of the British Commonwealth and Empire who have no known grave. The airmen whose names are inscribed on the Memorial died during operations over the whole of southern and eastern Asia and the surrounding seas and oceans. The Memorial stands in Kranji War Cemetery. The central avenue of the Cemetery rises gently from the Stone of Remembrance, near the entrance, to the Cross of Sacrifice, beyond which flights of steps lead to a terrace on top of a hill on which the Memorial stands. Twelve wide columns bear the name panels and support a flat roof, which gives protection to the inscribed names and shade and shelter to the visitor. Rising through the roof in the centre, to a height of 24 metres, is a great pylon surmounted by a star. On a curved panel at the foot of this pylon are inscribed in English these words: 1939 - 1945 ON THE WALLS OF THIS MEMORIAL ARE RECORDED THE NAMES OF TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF MANY RACES UNITED IN SERVICE TO THE BRITISH CROWN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN MALAYA AND NEIGHBOURING LANDS AND SEAS IN THE AIR OVER SOUTHERN AND EASTERN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC BUT TO WHOM THE FORTUNE OF WAR DENIED THE CUSTOMARY RITES ACCORDED TO THEIR COMRADES IN DEATH. An additional inscription, "They Died for All Free Men" is engraved in Hindi, Urdu, Gurmukhi, Chinese and Malay. Kranji War Cemetery is 22 kilometres north of the city of Singapore, on the north side of Singapore Island overlooking the Straits of Johore. It is just off the Singapore-Johore road (Woodlands road) at milestone 13 1/2 and there is a short approach road from the main road. The Cemetery is known locally as Kranji Memorial, and one must be sure of the address before boarding a taxi as many taxi drivers do not know the Cemetery. There are also bus stops on the main road facing the Cemetery and an MRT terminal is under construction a short distance from the Cemetery.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

84 Squadron RAF

The airfield at Tengah fell on 9th February and Singapore surrendered on the 15th February.

David Russell probably died of wounds/disease in one of the POW camps.

JAMES REID RUSSELL

Corporal

2879717

1st Bn. The London Scottish, Gordon Highlanders
who died on

Saturday, 6th November 1943. Age 33.

Additional Information: Son of John S. and Annie G. Russell, of
Kirknewton, Midlothian.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: NAPLES WAR CEMETERY, Italy

Grave Reference/ III. J. 16.

Location:

The War Cemetery lies in the locality of Miano at Via Vincenzo Ianfolla, off the Corso Secondigliano, in the Commune and Province of Naples. Take the autostrada A1, the Rome to Naples road. After the last toll booth, carry on following the signs for the airport. Pass the end of the airport approach road and turn right at the next T junction, following the main road for about 4 kilometres.

Local memorial Currie Church and Balerno Parish Church panels

Unit information

1st London Scottish , Gordon Highlanders. Were part of 10th Division. The Division was fighting up to the river Garigliano around November. The river Garigliano was being crossed in January 1944 with heavy casualties.

Probably died of wounds.

The 65th and 92nd British General Hospitals were in Naples from late in 1943 until the end of the war, also the 67th British General Hospital for the greater part of that time. Men who died in these hospitals were buried in Naples War Cemetery.

GORDON RENNIE SCOTT

Staff Serjeant

7616580

Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
who died on

Tuesday, 31st October 1944. Age 26.

Additional Information: Son of Gordon Rennie Scott and Janet Blyth Scott, of Edinburgh. His brother John Simpson Scott also fell.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: EINDHOVEN (WOENSEL) GENERAL CEMETERY, Netherlands

Grave Reference/ Plot KK. Grave 201.

Location:

Eindhoven is located 31 kilometres south-east of s'Hertogenbosch and 14 kilometres south-west of Helmond. The Cemetery is in the suburb of Woensel in the northern part of the town. Approaching from Helmond on the A270, follow signs for Eindhoven. At the third set of traffic lights after Helmond turn right onto the road connecting Eindhoven to Valkenswaard. Approximately 1.5 kilometres along this road signposts will be seen indicating the route to Woensel War Cemetery.

Local memorial Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information

REME units maintained the Armoured Divisions

Men of the land forces who are buried here died between September 1944 and May 1945. The 79th and 86th British General Hospitals were located at Eindhoven during almost all that period.

Probably died of wounds in one of the Hospitals.

JOHN SIMPSON SCOTT

Sergeant

1553200

Flt. Engr.

156 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on Monday, 3rd January 1944.

Additional Information Son of Gordon Rennie Scott and Janet Blyth Scott, of Edinburgh. His brother Gordon Rennie Scott also died on service.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: BERLIN 1939-1945 WAR CEMETERY, Brandenburg, Germany

Grave Reference/ 4. D. 27.

Location:

The Cemetery is in the district of Charlottenburg, 8 kilometres west of the city centre, on the south side of the Heerstrasse. From Theodor Heuss Platz in the district of Charlottenburg, near the exhibition hall complex and next to the Olympic Stadium, follow signs for Spandau, proceeding along the Heerstrasse. The Cemetery lies on the Heerstrasse on the left hand side of the road and 3 kilometres from Theodor Heuss Platz. Visitors should drive beyond the cemetery to the traffic lights, then turn left directly onto a small one way street running parallel to the Heerstrasse. The Cemetery entrance is on this small one way road.

Local memorial Juniper Green St Margarets

Unit information

156 Squadron, Royal Air Force

Motto: WE LIGHT THE WAY

Formed in February 1942 within 3 Group operating as heavy bomber squadron, until being transferred to 8 Group in August 1942. Remained with 8 Group for the duration of the war flying Pathfinder Ops

Stationed at: Alconbury, Warboys, then Upwood

An original Pathfinder squadron.

Lancaster JB553 Airborne 0008 3Jan44 from Warboys. Crashed in the target area. F/L McGlashan and Sgt Scott are buried in the Berlin 1939-45 War cemetery. The other crew members have no known graves. P/O J.Borland DFC KIA F/L A.N McGlashan (P2) KIA Sgt **J.S.Scott** KIA F/S V.R.Purmal RCAF KIA F/S D.C.G Snelling KIA Sgt D.B.G.MacKenzie KIA Sgt A.B.Waller KIA WO1 L.J.Adair RCAF KIA

ROBERT SNEDDON

Bombardier

1587585

165 H.A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery

who died on

Friday, 22nd September 1944. Age 30.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: MILSBEEK WAR CEMETERY, Netherlands

Grave Reference/ II. C. 4.

Location:

Milsbeek is a village on the main road from Nijmegen (15 kilometres) to Gennep (5 kilometres). Nijmegen is the nearest large town, about 9 miles to the north. The War cemetery is at the head of Milsbeek Church and is approached through the churchyard about 200 metres east of the main road. Leave the A73 at the junction Overasselt-Mook-Groesbeek in the direction of Mook along the N271. 8 kilometres after passing through the village of Mook lies the village of Milsbeek. Signposts in Milsbeek indicate the direction of the church with the Commission cemetery at the rear of the churchyard. Signposts direct visitors from the N271 Rijksweg onto the Zwarteweg. Turning left at the second road junction leads onto the Hoefnagelsstraat, at the end of which lies the church.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

Royal Artillery in support of Operation Market-Garden – The Arnhem Landings.

WILLIAM TODD

Lance Bombardier

943859

131 Field Regt., Royal Artillery

who died on

Friday, 30th June 1944. Age 25.

Additional Information: Son of William and Janet Todd; husband of Marion Todd, of South Moor, Stanley, Co. Durham.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: TILLY-SUR-SEULLES WAR CEMETERY, Calvados, France

Grave Reference/ IX. J. 3.

Location: From Bayeux, take the D6 southeastwards for about 12 kilometres to Tilly-sur-Seulles. In the centre of the town, turn right (westwards) onto the D13. The cemetery will be found after about 1 kilometre on the left hand side.

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Unit information

131 Battery RA was one of the units with 7th Armoured Division who, along with 49th and 50th Division were attempting to break out of the Normandy bridgehead through the Tilly – La Belle-Epine area. This is “ bocage “ country and had self-propelled guns and tanks dug in behind the hedges. Tilly itself, was captured on 19th June but it took a lot longer to clear the surrounding area.

William Todd 319 Battery

131 (Lowland – City of Glasgow) Field Regiment RA attached to 15th Scottish Division.

War Diary gives.

Captian Mundie and 319 Observation Post party killed by mortar fire near Grainville (Ian Mundie, Andrew Shanlin and William Todd)

IAN DONALD CRUICKSHANK VEITCH

Major

246179

Royal Army Medical Corps

who died on

Monday, 4th March 1946. Age 38.

Additional Information: Son of John and Jessie Veitch; husband of Elizabeth I. Veitch, of Edinburgh. M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.) .Sec

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: CURRIE PARISH CHURCHYARD, Midlothian, United Kingdom

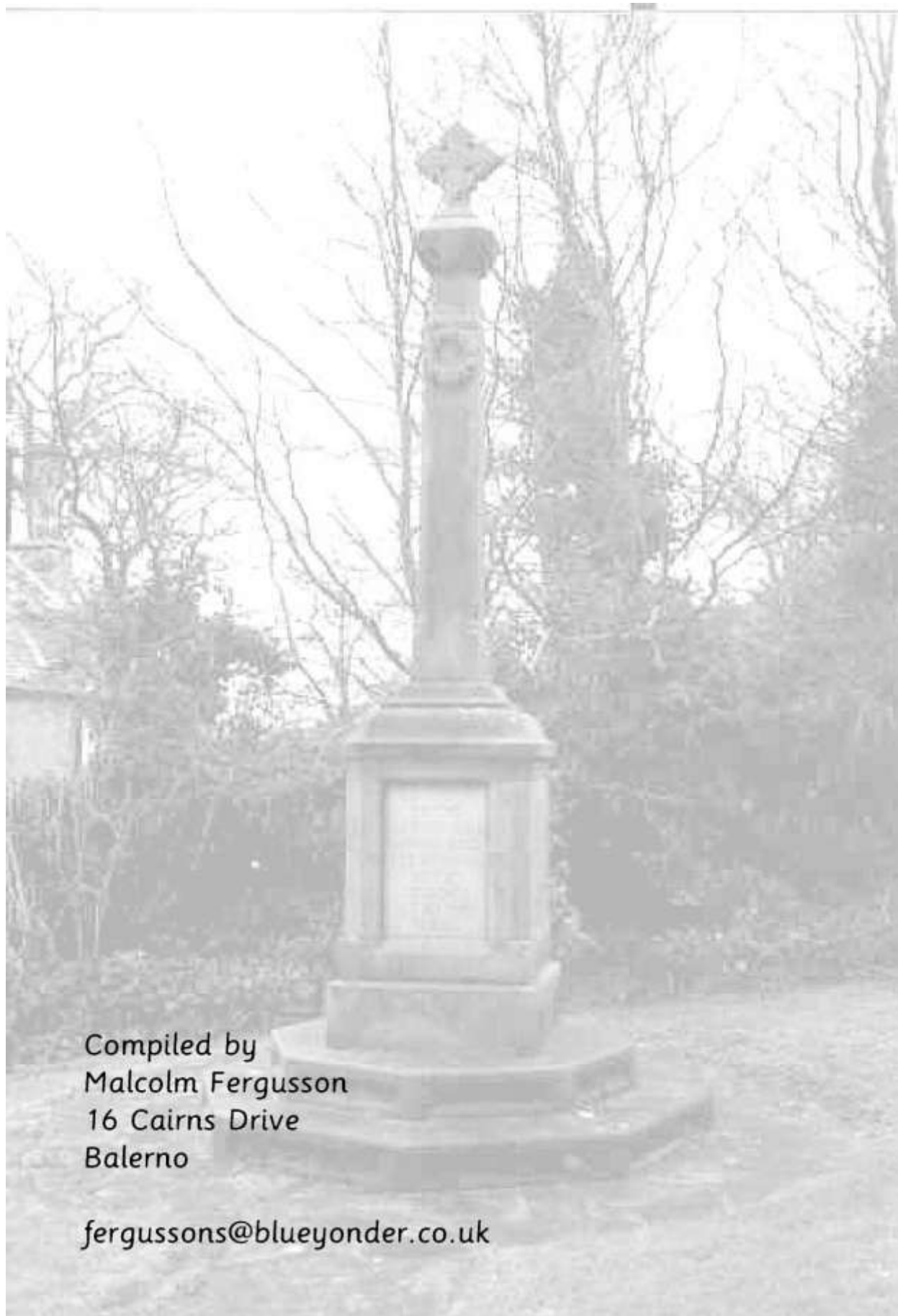
Grave Reference/ 7.R Grave 62

Local memorial Currie Church panels

Ian D C Veitch

He joined the R.A.M.C. in September 1942, and went out to India, where he was posted to the 9th Indian B.H.Q., Poona.

After taking part in the Burma campaign of 1944 he was appointed D.A.D.M.S. at Bangalore, where he remained until invalided home in December 1945. He died in Edinburgh Castle on 4th March 1946.



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