

Broxburn & Uphall War Memorials And the men who served and fell



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Broxburn & Uphall WW1

Dedication & Thanks

To the Men and Women of the district of Broxburn & Uphall, those who went to war and those who waited.

Thanks to my husband who spent numerous Tuesday's searching through Newspaper Archives and printing pages to allow me to find and transcribe their stories, and to Sybil Cavanagh and the staff of West Lothian Local History Library for their patience in us hogging the microfilm viewer, printer and paper

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St Nicholas South Church WW1 War Memorial

No-Rank-Name	Information
<p>Captain David Paton Lindsay RAMC</p>	<p>DAVID LINDSAY Rank: Captain Date of Death: 02/12/1918 Age: 35 Regiment/Service: Royal Army Medical Corps Grave Reference: VI. A. 1. Cemetery: DAR ES SALAAM (UPANGA ROAD) CEMETERY Additional Information: Husband of J. D. S. Lindsay, of Springbank, Uphall, West Lothian. M.B., Chb. West Lothian Courier 13th December 1918 Lindsay – On the 2nd Dec at Dar es Salaam, East Africa, David Paton, Captain RAMC, late of Wreketon, Co Durham, dearly beloved husband of Jessie Lindsay (nee Geddes) and second son of Ninian and Anne Lindsay, Uphall. All he hoped for, all he had he gave To save mankind, himself he scorned to save.</p>
<p>Capt Robert Montgomerie RAMC</p>	<p>ROBERT MONTGOMERIE Rank: Captain Date of Death: Between 25/09/1915 and 29/09/1915 Age:27 Regiment/Service: Royal Army Medical Corps, attached. 1st Bn. Gloucestershire Regiment Panel Reference: Panel 136. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Robert and Margaret Montgomery, of "Lyndarroch", Liberton Brae, Liberton, Midlothian. Surname is Montgomery on CWGC Midlothian Advertiser 8th October 1915 Broxburn Officer Killed – On Tuesday forenoon, Mr Robert Montgomery, school teacher, Bank Road, Broxburn, received intimation that his only son Lieut Robert Montgomery, RAMC had been killed in action in France. The deceased officer, after graduating at Edinburgh University in 1930, entered the Army and was for a short time stationed in Edinburgh Castle. He resigned this post and was afterwards an assistant in Leithy. He remained there until the outbreak of war, when he re-entered on military duties. He had been in France since the early days of the war and was engaged on as an ambulance driver.</p>
<p>Capt Norman Shairp MC Ayrshire Yeomanry</p>	<p>NORMAN SHARP Rank: Captain Date of Death: 13/10/1918 Age: 28 Regiment/Service: Ayrshire Yeomanry Awards: M C Grave Reference: A. 13. Cemetery: DAMASCUS COMMONWEALTH WAR CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of John Campbell Shairp and Harriet C.Shairp of Houstoun House, Uphall, Linlithgowshire. Staff Capt. to 13th Mounted Bde. NB – Surname is Shairp on CWGC</p>
<p>2nd Lieut Peter Allan</p>	<p>PETER ALLAN Rank: 2nd Lieutenant</p>


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<p>5th Btn Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>Date of Death: 19/07/1918 Age: 22 Regiment/Service: Cameron Highlanders 3rd Bn. attached. 5th Bn. Grave Reference: V. C. 79. Cemetery: LONGUENESSE (ST. OMER) SOUVENIR CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Robert and Jane Allan, of 219, Pumpherston, Mid Calder, Midlothian. Born Oakbank, Kirknewton, Midlothian. West Lothian Courier 26th July 1918 Allan – Died of wounds received in action on 19th July, our dear friend, 2nd Lieut Peter Allan, Cameron Highlanders, Pumpherston. Deeply mourned by Mr and Mrs Mutter and family, Church Street, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 2nd August 1918 Allan – Died of wounds received in action on the 19th July 2nd Lieut Peter Allan Cameron Highlanders aged 22 years, youngest beloved son of Mr and Mrs Robert Allan, 219 Pumpherston, Mid Calder. There is a grave across the sea, That I do long to see Where lies the kiltie laddie aye sae dear tae me Although nae mair I'll see him I seem to hear him say Weep nae mair dear mother we'll meet again someday. Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother, sisters and brother on active service. In health and strength he left his home Not thinking death so near It pleased the Lord to bid him come and on his right appear Inserted by his loving brother and sister in law, Mr and Mrs James Allan 7 Bowling Green Cottage, Uphall Station.</p>	
<p>7338 Sgt Instructor William Sneddon MM 6th Reserve Btn, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>WILLIAM SNEDDON Rank: Serjeant Service No: 7338 Date of Death: 22/02/1919 Age: 26 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 6th Reserve Bde. Awards: MM Grave Reference: G.95. Cemetery: UPHALL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of William and Margaret Sneddon, of Church St., Broxburn, West Lothian. William was wounded on 4th Sept 1917 and entitled to wear a wound stripe. He died in Marsden Hospital, Bedfordshire and his mother was his sole legatee. Gazette Info: Gazette issue 30287. M.M.; Awarded for bravery in the field. Gazette Date: 14/9/1917 Gazette Page: 9612 West Lothian Courier 20th April 1917</p>	

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	<p>Martin – In memory of my comrades, Gunner F Martin, killed in action on 19th April 1916, also Gunner A Bell and Peter Vanisburg, Ever ready to do or dare Always ready to do their share Amidst the roar of shot and shell My comrades all like soldiers fell Cpl William Sneddon, France</p>
<p>S/4482 Sgt James Anderson 8/10th Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>Surname ANDERSON Forename James Rank Sgt Service number S/4482 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 3 August 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds. SNWM roll THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 8/10th Bn. West Lothian Courier 17th August 1917 Anderson – Died of wounds at Clearing Casualty Station, France on 3rd August, Sgt James Anderson Gordon Highlanders, aged 28, dearly beloved husband of Martha Campbell and eldest son of the late Robert Anderson and Mrs Anderson, The Gardens, Broxburn. All is dark within my dwelling Lonely is my home today For the one who smiled and cheered us Has forever passed away Father in thy precious keeping we leave our soldier daddy sleeping Inserted by his sorrowing widow and children, East Burnside, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 17th August 1917 Broxburn Soldier Killed in action – Official information has been received by Mrs Anderson East Burnside, Broxburn that her husband Sgt James Anderson, has been killed in action on 3rd August 1917. The deceased who was well known and respected in the district enlisted in defence of his country on 3rd September 1914 in the Gordon Highlanders and was drafted with his regiment to France in April 1915. Coming through many severe engagements, he was wounded and sent to Tidworth Hospital in England and after recovering was sent to Aberdeen as drill instructor. After fulfilling these duties for some time, he again returned to France in April of this year and as already stated met a hero's death on 3rd August. Sgt Anderson was 28 years of age and previous to enlisting was employed as a miner at No 3 Roman Camps Mine and leaves a wife and family of four to mourn his loss. The deceased was recommended by his Captain for the DCM in December of 1915 but unfortunately this officer made the supreme sacrifice the following day without having given the necessary details of Sgt Anderson's brave action. Sgt Anderson was a keen volunteer, serving under the late Captain J P Cleghorne and was also in the Territorial Force Two brothers of the late gallant soldier are also nobly doing their duty in the cause of freedom One of them, Robert, who enlisted on 25th August 1914, was also in the Gordons, and although only in his 24th year has already obtained is commission as 2nd Lieut and expects to be posted to his</p>

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	<p>regiment in a day or two, Lieut Anderson who was a well-known football player with Broxburn Celtic and Thistle Football Clubs has seen a great deal of fighting since being drafted to France and was twice wounded at the battles of the Marne and the Somme. Trooper Alex Anderson, another brother of the deceased enlisted in May 1914, in the North Irish Horse and is presently stationed in Ireland. We congratulate the mother of the patriotic family of sons on the splendid example they have shown in their Country's hour of need and hope that the sorrow she is also called upon to bear at this time will be sweetened with the thought that her gallant son gave his life in a just and righteous cause.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 2nd August 1918</p> <p>Anderson – In loving memory of my dear son Sgt James Anderson, Gordon Highlanders, who died of wounds received in action 2nd August 1917 aged 28, also my dear husband Robert Anderson, who died at Broxburn 18th August 1916 aged 56. To memory ever dear Inserted by his widow and family.</p>
<p>19863 Sgt John Colquhoun 11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>JOHN COLQUHOUN Rank: Serjeant Service No: 19863 Date of Death: 07/07/1916 Age:22 Regiment/Service: Northumberland Fusiliers 11th Bn. Grave Reference: V. L. 6. Cemetery: GORDON DUMP CEMETERY, OVILLERS-LA BOISSELLE Additional Information: Son of William and Margaret Colquhoun, of 34, Roman Camp, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st July 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Killed – Sgt John Colquhoun, Northumberland Fusiliers, who has been reported killed after a bayonet charge during the great offensive. Sgt Colquhoun gained rapid promotion as the result of devotion to duty. He went to France twelve months ago but had been in no important engagement till the one on the 1st and 2nd of July. Sgt Colquhoun who was 24 years of age, was the son of Mr William Colquhoun, mine oversman, Roman Camp, Uphall. A letter in the following terms has been received from a captain in the regiment. “it is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of your son 19863, Sgt John Colquhoun, who died during a charge made by the 11th Btn. He was a fine soldier and very painstaking and conscientious non-commissioned officer, and by setting a fine example to his men has greatly helped to bring the Company in which he was to its present state of efficiency. I am afraid the blow will be a very hard on you, but you must try to comfort yourselves with thought that he died like a true soldier fighting for King and Country, I remain, yours truly, Philip N Graham</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 21st July 1916</p> <p>Two Broxburn Men Killed – On Monday night Mr John Potter, foreman plumber, Albyn Cottages, Broxburn, received information that his youngest son, Pte W Potter, 22 years of age, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been killed in action in France. According to information sent by an officer Pte Potter was killed in a bayonet charge. Deceased was 22 years of age. R W Colquhoun, mine oversman, Roman Camp, Broxburn, has also received information of the death in action in France of his son, Sgt J C Colquhoun of the same regiment.</p> 

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<p>1551 Sgt Thomas Liddell 11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>THOMAS LIDDELL Rank: Serjeant Service No:15517 Date of Death: 18/01/1916 Age: 26 Regiment/Service: Northumberland Fusiliers 11th Bn. Grave Reference: IV. A. 11. Cemetery: BREWERY ORCHARD CEMETERY, BOIS-GRENIER Additional Information: Son of Charles and Jane L. Murray Liddell, of 7, Roman Camp, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th January 1916 Uphall - Killed in Action – Mr & Mrs Thomas Liddell, Roman Camp Uphall, have received notification that their son, Sgt Thomas Liddell, Northumberland Fusiliers, was killed in action on 18th January. The sad intelligence was conveyed in letters from an Army Chaplain and a Coy Quarter Master Sgt. The letter from Rev J W Babb, Wesleyan Chaplain to the Forces which is dated January 20th, is as follows: - “it is with sincerest regret that I have to inform you of the death of your gallant son Sgt T Liddell of the 11th Northumberland Fusiliers. I was summoned last evening to conduct the funeral in a little cemetery near the trenches, and the location of the grave will be made known to you after the war if you so desire. It is carefully registered and a cross will be erected upon it by the Graves Registration Commission. May I be allowed to assure you of my sympathy and of my prayers that the Divine comfort may graciously come to you and all who were near to him. Your brave son was killed while on duty at 9: pm on the 18th inst., and mercifully did not suffer, If there are any questions I am allowed to answer please do o hesitate to address me at 70th Field Ambulance.”</p> <p>Coy Quarter Master Sergeant Parker, B Coy, 11th Northumberland Fusiliers, writing under date Jan 21st says – “with much regret I have to announce the death of your son 15517 Sgt T Liddell killed whilst on duty on January 18th at 10m., in the trenches near Armentieres. He was buried yesterday full military honours, at Bois Grenier a Presbyterian Minister officiating. I have forwarded his personal effects to the proper quarter. Any information I shall be pleased to answer. My duties are numerous so please excuse more. My deepest sympathy to all the family. Our Coy has lost an asset in a good NCO.”</p> <p>Sgt Liddell, who was 25 years of age enlisted in the Northumberland fusiliers in Sept 1914. He went across to France about six or seven months ago and took part in the big battle of Loos. He was home on seven days leave just before Christmas. His elder brother, Charles who was a naval Reservist, at the time of the outbreak of the war went down with the Hawke on 15th Oct 1914. The sincere sympathy of the community has gone out to Mr and Mrs Liddell and family in their particularly sad bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th January 1917 Liddell – In loving memory of our dear sons, Charles Liddell, who was drowned on the “Hawke”, also Tom Liddell who was killed in France Jan 18th 1916. Oh we miss them and how sadly</p>
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	<p>Bleeding hearts alone can tell Earth has lost them, Heaven has found them Jesus doeth all things well Why should we mourn their loss or tears of sorrow flow since they have laid aside the Cross and passed from all below Inserted by their father and mother,</p>					
<p>43077 Sgt James Harrison Nicol 1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>JAMES NICOL Rank: Serjeant Service No: 43077 Date of Death: 13/11/1916 Age:27 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 1st Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 3 C. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Margaret Nicol; husband of Joan Nicol, of 2, Clark Place, South Queensferry, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Broxburn Sgt Missing – Mrs Nicol, daughter of Mr George Ford, Brewery Close, has received notice from the War Office that her husband, No 43077, Sgt James Nicol, Royal Scots, attached to the RSF, and whose home is in Church Street, Broxburn, has been missing at the front in France since 13th November. West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Sgt J Nicol</td> <td style="width: 15%;">43077</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Scots Fusiliers</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Missing</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th May 1917 Three Broxburn Brothers in the Casualty Lists – Official information has been received by Mrs Nicol, Kirkhill, that her son Sgt William Nicol, Army Cyclist Corps was wounded on the 19th April 1917. Sgt Nicol was a Territorial and was mobilised at the outbreak of war He was drafted to Egypt in May 1916. Another son Pte Robert Nicol, is presently lying in Bangour war Hospital suffering from a shrapnel wound in the left thigh received in action in France on the 18th December 1916. He is 24 years of age and was employed as an oilworker at Young’s Hopetoun Works. Also belonging to the County Battalion, he was attached to the Royal Warwickshires and was drafted to France in May 1916. Sgt James Nicol, the eldest of the three brothers has been reported missing since 13th November 1916. He is 28 years of age and like his other brothers was also in the Country Battalion. He was drafted to France in July 1916 and was attached to the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Previous to the outbreak of war he was employed as a sulphate maker at the Hopetoun works of Young’s Oil Company. We congratulate Mrs Nicol on being the mother of three such gallant sons, and on the worthy and patriotic examples they, like one or two more Broxburn families, have set to those as able, if less willing, to supply their fair quota in their country’s fight for liberty and justice West Lothian Courier 29th November 1918 Nicol – In loving memory of David Nicol, beloved husband of Margaret Harrison, who died 28th No 1913, also our dear son Sgt James Nicol, RSF, killed in action 13th November 1916, also my dear mother who died at Kirkhill Park, 14th No 1915. Friends may forget them I will never They will dwell in my heart till life’s journey is over</p>	Sgt J Nicol	43077	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Missing
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	<p>Lord teach me to live that we my days are ended I will be met at the gates by dear ones again Insert by mother and family Kirkhill Park, Broxburn.</p>
<p>375062 Sgt Fred Porteous 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>FRED PORTEOUS Rank: Serjeant Service No: 375062 Date of Death: 24/08/1918 Age: 22 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: V. A. 25. Cemetery: BAGNEUX BRITISH CEMETERY, GEZAINCOURT Additional Information: Son of Alexander Porteous, of Main St., Broxburn, West Lothian. Linlithgow Gazette 6th September 1918 Porteous – At 29th Casualty Clearing Station, France, on 24th August the result of wounds received in action, Sgt Fred Porteous aged 22 years, beloved second son of Alex and Sarah Porteous, Main Street, Broxburn.</p>
<p>VR/5690 Petty Officer David Nicol Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve HMCS Seagull</p>	<p>DAVID NICOL Rank: Petty Officer Cook Service No: VR/5690 Date of Death: 10/12/1918 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve H.M.C.S. Seagull Grave Reference: P. Naval. S. Q. Cemetery: HALIFAX (ST. JOHN'S) CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of James and Jane Nichols, of Dechmont, Uphall, West Lothian, Scotland.</p>
<p>186862 Able Seaman Charles Liddell Royal Navy HMS Hawke</p>	<p>CHARLES LIDDELL Rank: Able Seaman Service No: 186862 Date of Death: 15/10/1914 Age: 34 Regiment/Service: Royal Navy (RFR/CH/B/3631). H.M.S. "Hawke." Panel Reference: 2. Memorial: CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liddell, of Uphall, West Lothian; husband of Annie Anderson, of 38, Earl Gray St., Edinburgh. West Lothian Courier 23rd October 1914 Broxburn Men Missing and Wounded – It is also feared that Charles Liddell, a naval reservist who was on board the “Hawke” when it was torpedoed has been lost as his name is not included in the list of survivors. His wife who resides in the Old Town has, however, had no official intimation from the Admiralty. Along with the relatives of those who are reported missing she is in a state of suspense, and all have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their trying circumstances. West Lothian Courier 26th January 1917 Liddell – In loving memory of our dear sons, Charles Liddell, who was drowned on the “Hawke”, also Tom Liddell who was killed in France Jan 18th 1916. Oh we miss them and how sadly Bleeding hearts alone can tell Earth has lost them, Heaven has found them Jesus doeth all things well Why should we mourn their loss or tears of sorrow flow</p>

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	<p>since they have laid aside the Cross and passed from all below Inserted by their father and mother,</p>					
<p>14757 Cpl James Lightbody 12th Royal Scots</p>	<p>JAMES LIGHTBODY Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 14757 Date of Death: 14/07/1916 Age: 29 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 12th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of David and Elizabeth Lightbody, of "Burnside," Uphall Station, Linlithgowshire.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 28th July 1916 Pumpherston Three Local Soldiers Killed – We regret to announce that three local soldiers have been reported killed. They are Cpl Hugh Mack, HLI, and Pte James Lightbody and Pte Philip Ross of the Seaforth Highlanders. The three young men were well known and high respected in the district, and much sympathy is felt for their parents their sad bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th August 1916 Lightbody – Killed in action in France on the 14th July at Longueval, Cpl James Lightbody (Jim), of the 12th Royal Scots. He proudly answered his country's call And gave his life to save us all His heart was good his spirit brave His resting place a soldier's grave His smiling face and cheery ways Are pleasant to recall He had a kindly word for each And died beloved by all Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother, Burnside Cottage, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916 Cpl James Lightbody Broxburn – We reproduce a photo of Cpl James Lightbody, Broxburn to whose death we made reference last week.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers killed in action, can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Act Cpl J Lightbody</td> <td style="width: 25%;">14757</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Scots</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Uphall</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Killed</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th July 1917 Lightbody- In loving memory of our dear son and brother Cpl James Lightbody (Jim), of the Royal Scots who was killed in action at Longueval, on 14th July 1916. A light from our household is gone A voice we loved is still A place is vacant at our heart which never can be filled Burnside Cottage, Uphall Station.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th July 1918</p> </div> </div>	Act Cpl J Lightbody	14757	Royal Scots	Uphall	Killed
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	<p>Lightbody – In loving memory of Cpl James Lightbody (Jim) of the Royal Scots, who was killed in action at Longueval on 14th July 1916, buried at Caterpillar Cemetery Peace Perfect peace with loved ones far way In Jesus keeping, we are safe and they. Burnside Cottage, Uphall Station</p>
Cpl Peter Nicol	PETER NICOL
<p>60665 Cpl Daniel Ross 119th Battery, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>DANIEL ROSS Rank: Corporal Service No: 60665 Date of Death: 27/07/1918 Age: 26 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 119th Bty. Grave Reference: 55. Cemetery: VEVEY (ST. MARTIN'S) CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Daniel and Mary Ross, of Janefield, Uphall, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 25th December 1914 Uphall Four Sons at the Front – Is it a Record for the County – We introduce above the photos of four sons of Mr and Mrs Daniel Ross, Janefield Cottages, Uphall who are at present serving with His Majesty's Army. Their names are Pte John Ross, (25) 9th Royal Scots, Cpl Daniel Ross (23), 119th Battery RFA, Gunner Peter Ross (20) 150th Battery RFA, and Gunner (18) 12th Battery RFA. Cpl Dan Ross has served for 5 years in the RFA and was stationed in Ireland at the outbreak of the war. He proceeded at once to the Front and was wounded at Mons, on 24th August, but his parents have not heard from him since 29th September and they are naturally somewhat uneasy as to his whereabouts. His last letter which bore the address – Convent Filles de Marie Witherves, Belgium, was posted on 17th September and is as follows: - I am writing this from the hospital. I don't know where it will ever reach you or not as the German Army is between here and France. In the first place I have been here 3 weeks suffering from a fractured leg caused by the German Artillery. I suppose you read the account of the battle in the papers at home, it took place on the 24th August. About 4 hours after the battle commenced I got two bullet wounds in the right leg, causing a fracture. The doctor here says I will be able to be up out of bed in another 2 weeks. I am feeling all right now only it is so tedious lying on your back all day. The people here are very good to us, the only drawback being I can't speak the Belgian language. The convent I am in is under the Red Cross Society and run by Belgian Sisters of Mercy. There are only 26 here now. Over 30 of our en have been taken off by the Germans, some for X-ray treatment and others as prisoners of war. I am afraid out battery has had a very bad cutting up. This letter is going by special messenger to Ostend. Robert Ross who was a despatch clerk with Pumpherston Oil Coy., enlisted immediately after the outbreak of the war, and he presently stationed at Brighton. Peter, who joined in September and is billeted in Surrey was an apprentice clerk also being employed by Pumpherston Oil Coy. John who was employed as a claim's clerk with the NB Railway Company at Falkirk enlisted about 5 weeks ago and his present quarters are in Kilmarnock. It is expected that all three will be home on furlough at the New Year. It is interesting to note that the father of the lads is himself an ex-soldier. He</p>



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served for 6 years in the Royal Scots Fusiliers and went through the Zulu War and the first Boer War in 1878-79. He was fortunate to come through both without hurt.

Midlothian Advertiser 25th June 1915

Uphall Family's Patriotism – Mrs Daniel Ross, Uphall has received a letter from the King containing his Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted the five sons of Mr Ross to give their service at the present time to the Army.

West Lothian Courier 15th January 1915

Good News for Uphall Soldiers Parents – Four Month Silence Broken – After almost four months trying and anxious suspense, Mr & Mrs Daniel Ross, Janefield Cottage, Uphall, have received a letter from their son Cpl Daniel Ross, 119th Battery, RFA. It will be remembered that three weeks ago we reproduced photos of four sons of Mr and Mrs Ross who were serving under the colours, and at that time we reported that the last news they had of their son Daniel was contained in a letter dated 17th September and written from a hospital in Belgium. Cpl Ross then stated that he had been in hospital for three weeks suffering from a fractured leg caused by two bullet wounds. Since that time the Germans however, had occupied the part of Belgium in which the hospital was situated and not having heard from their son since Mr and Mrs Ross were naturally somewhat uneasy as to their son's fate. One can imagine their relief and joy on receiving both a PC and a letter telling them that he was a prisoner in Germany. The letter which is written from Gifengenlages, Cardelegen is as follows; - "I have written several letters home but have not yet receive any. I hope things are going on all right. I am in the best of health myself, but have some difficulty in walking, owing to having my leg broken. I was in hospital in Belgium but have now arrived at the above address. This is a barracks for prisoners of war, so that as soon as the war is over I will be home and see you all again. I expect you are having cold weather just now. It is rather cold here but very clear and healthy. I am not allowed to say very much but I can receive letters, so will you write by return as I am very anxious to hear how you are all getting on".

West Lothian Courier 6th September 1918


Uphall Soldier Dies in Switzerland – Mr and Mrs Daniel Ross, Janefield, Uphall, have received official information that their son Cpl Daniel Ross, RFA has died in hospital in Vevey Switzerland following an attack of influenza and pneumonia. His mother some ten weeks ago returned after paying a visit to her son who was then in good health and looking forward to his early return to his native county and the sad news now to had has proved doubly painful.

Cpl Ross had most of his schooling at Broxburn Public School under the headmastership of the late Major J P Cleghorn. After leaving school he became an apprentice grocer in Uphall Co-operative Society. When a young man of 18 he joined the Army. From June 1910 he eagerly followed his profession When war broke out in 1914, he formed part of Britain's little Army of "Contemptibles." He was wounded and captured in the retreat of Mons.



On his being sent to Switzerland, his mother received the necessary permit to see him, and in the country of the mountaineers she was able to spend some time with her boy. She left him in good health and cheerfully looking forward to getting home.

The following are two letters among a host which Mr and rs Ross have received from friends of their son who were with him at the close.


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	<p>Lieut Colonel A R Gillespie writing from Vevey, under date 28th July, says: - Dear Mrs Ross, I regret very much to ell you that your son was taken to hospital on Saturday 20th July, suffering from influenza. Everything that was possible was done for him, but he became much worse on Thursday and died on 27th July, about nine o'clock in the evening, He is to be buried tomorrow 29th July at the Cemetery of Le Martin, the old church on the to of the hill behind the hill where you were staying. I cannot say how much I sympathise with you in your terrible loss. Your son was a boy to be proud of and he is regretted here by all who knew him.</p> <p>Chaplain F Fairfax writing from Switzerland under date 30th July 1918, says: - Dear Mrs Ross, It is only a few weeks ago, since you were in Switzerland visiting your so Daniel, now you will be receiving the sad news of his death, He is one ore victim of pneumonia brought on by this epidemic, eight soldiers have died through the same cause. On 29th July I travelled to Vevey and performed the ceremony of burial, many British officers and soldier being present as well as Swiss He was given full military honours and at the graveside I reminded those present that although Dan had died away from the scene of fighting he had done his part and we should keep him in reverent memory, along with those comrades who have died at the Front as one who had done well for his country and for mankind. His comrades speak highly of him. He was regarded as a strong man and his influence was good.... I believe God has called him to a sphere where his gifts and character can be used to greater purpose than here. May God in his great mercy comfort you with this knowledge.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th September 1918 Ross – Died of pneumonia at Vevey, Switzerland, on 27th July 1917, No 60665 Cpl Daniel Ross, RFA, (prisoner of war) aged 26 years, dearly beloved third son of Daniel and Mary Ross, Janefield, Uphall. Deeply Mourned.</p>
<p>8048 Cpl John Ross 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>JOHN ROSS Rank: Private Service No: 8048 Date of Death: 01/05/1915 Age: 30 Regiment/Service: Seaforth Highlanders 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: A. 8. 24. Cemetery: ST. SEVER CEMETERY, ROUEN Additional Information: Son of Philip and Janet Ross, of Uphall, West Lothian.</p> 
<p>18904 L/Cpl Timothy Horner 9th Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname HORNER Forename T Rank L Cpl</p>




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<p>6553 L/Cpl James Potter 8th Btn Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>JAMES POTTER Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 6553 Date of Death: 26/09/1915 Age: 22 Regiment/Service: Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 8th Bn. Grave Reference: IV. A. 37. Cemetery: LILLERS COMMUNAL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Jeannie Potter, of Burnbank, Uphall, West Lothian, and the late John Potter.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 10px;">  </div> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 8th October 1915 Uphall Man dies from wounds – L/Cpl James Potter, C Coy, Black Watch, who has died of wounds was 22 years of age and was the eldest son of Mr J and Mrs Potter, Burnbank Cottage, Uphall. West Lothian Courier 8th October 1915 Uphall Soldier Dies of Wounds – the above is a photo of L/Cpl James Potter 8th Black Watch son of Mr John Potter Burnbank Cottage Uphall who died from wounds. In a letter from the Chaplain it is stated that L/Cpl Potter was wounded on Saturday 26th September and was removed to a hospital at the base where he succumbed the following day and was buried in a cemetery near-by. The Chaplain also stated that he was conscious almost to the end, but he did not think he suffered much pain. L/Cpl Potter was 22 years of age and prior to enlisting in November was employed with his father in No 44 Mine, belonging to Young’s Oil Company. He proceeded to France in April last. He was a member of Uphall Rifle Club and was also in the Uphall Parish Church Choir. He was very popular in the village and sincere sympathy of the inhabitants has gone out to Mr and Mrs Potter in their affliction.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Potter – In loving memory of our dearly beloved son, LCpl James Potter, C Company 8th Black Watch, who died of wounds in France 26th Sept 1915, also of loved ones gone before. No mother’s care did him attend Nor o’er him did a father bend No sister by to shed a tear No brother by his words to hear His smiling face and cheery ways Are pleasant to recall He had a kindly word for each And died beloved by all Inserted by his sorrowing father, mother, sisters and brothers Burnbank Cottage, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Potter – In loving memory of our dear son LCpl James Potter, C Coy Black Watch, who died of wounds in France 26th Sept 1915 aged 22 years One of the many, he answered the call For those he loved he gave his all Somewhere in France in a soldier’s grave Lies our dear son, amongst the brave Inserted by his loving father and mother</p>
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	<p>The evening stars shine on the grave Of the one we loved but could not save Inserted by his brother and sisters, Burnbank Cottage, Uphall.</p>		
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	<p>on the 25th September. L/Cpl Spiers at the time of the outbreak of the war, was a reservist, and crossed with the first contingent to France. He had been twice previously wounded and was hit in no fewer than nine different places. He was home on a few days leave at the end of August last, and took the opportunity then of visiting his many friends in Broxburn. He leaves a widow and two children to whom sincere sympathy has been extended in their sad loss.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd October 1915 Broxburn Men who have Fallen - We reproduce a photo of L/Cpl Richard Spiers, 1st Camerons, who, as we reported last week was killed in action on 29th September. He had been in France since the commencement of war, and took part in the retreat from Mons, and also the subsequent engagements on the Aisne and the Marne. He had been twice previously wounded and was home on leave in August last. He also served in the South African war, and it was while in that country that the above photo was taken. His wife resides in Kirkfield Bank, Shrine Place Broxburn.</p>																																				
<p>1025 LCpl William Splatt 10th Royal Scots Later 3/1 Lowland Division Cyclists</p>	<p>William enlisted in the 10th Royal Scots in 1911 and in 1914 was transferred to 3/1 Lowland Division of Cyclists. He was promoted LCpl in 1915. He went to Alexandria in 1915 until 1916 when he returned to UK in March of 1916 – reason given was “Time Expired”. His medal card shows he received the 14/15 Star, the British and Empire War Medals. He returned to civilian life and occupation of a shale miner. He died 21st July 1919 of dysentery which according to the Doctor he’d suffered from for over a year. He may have contracted the disease in Alexandria. There was a pension claim filed on his behalf, but it was rejected as he was not discharged on medical grounds. He is buried Uphall cemetery. He was born Pardovan in Linlithgow and lived in School Place, Uphall at time of Death, his parents would put his name forward for inclusion on the War Memorial in the Church.</p>																																				
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	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st April 1916 Broxburn Lad Dies in Hospital – Mr & Mrs R Heatlie, Main Street, Broxburn, have received a letter from Chaplain Hugh T S Morrison intimating the death in hospital of their son L/Cpl D R Heatlie. L/Cpl Heatlie was in the RAMC and was rendering first aid in the trenches when he was taken to hospital suffering from influenza on April 13th. He was seriously ill and succumbed on the 14th. L/Cpl Heatlie was 23 years of age and was the seventh son of Mr and Mrs Heatlie. Enlisting on 19th August 1914, he underwent a rigorous training in England prior to being drafted to the scene of hostilities. The young soldier was well known and very popular in the town. An enthusiastic student of ambulance work, he gained a gold medal and medallion at the classes held in Broxburn school, and a gold centre medal from Broxburn Oil Coy's class. The sympathy of the community is with his parents and the members of the family in their loss. The chaplain's letter is in the following terms:- France April 14th, 1916 – Dear Mr Heatlie – I regret to inform you that your son L/Cpl D R Heatlie died in hospital this afternoon. He came in yesterday suffering from influenza and very weak, but today he appeared seriously ill and sank rapidly indeed. I had a talk with him yesterday evening when he was pretty cheery, and he asked me to write you and tell how he was. He was naturally anxious that you and his mother should hear about him though we did not then expect this. It is a happy thought to me that he wished to send his love to “the old Folk,” and I had already written you to that effect, but as his death occurred before the post goes I am sending now this sad news. These lads come into the hospital sick or wounded and act so cheerily and patiently that one is very proud of them, and glad to be of any little assistance. May I express my deepest sympathy with you both in this bereavement and hope that divine consolation may be yours. A soldier's grave is the grave which holds all honour from us: no man can find one more honoured. I am sorry to send this sad news but expect you will be glad to hear something of the end. I do not think he suffered latterly but swiftly sank away. With all sympathy, yours sincerely – Hugh T S Morrison, Pres. Chaplain.</p>
<p>S/40651 LCpl Robert Wilson 1st Btn Black Watch prev 4376 Scottish Horse</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WILSON Forename Robert Rank L Cpl Service number S/40651 Decoration Place of birth Irvine Ayrshire Date of death 21 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 1st Bn, formerly 4376 Scottish Horse</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th April 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Official information has now been received by Mrs Wilson 56 Greendykes Road Broxburn, that her eldest son LCpl Robert Wilson (we show a photo) has been killed in action in France on the 20th March 1918. Amongst the numerous letters of sympathy, which</p> </div> </div>

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	<p>Mrs Wilson has received all of which speak in the highest terms of the upright and courageous character of the deceased we quote extracts from his Lieutenant, viz.,</p> <p>Your son's death was a great loss to me and to his section as he was willing in nature, brave in character, and a true soldier in all his habits and it is with great sorrow that I send you the sympathy of his section, platoon and myself."</p> <p>The late NCO offered his services in his country's fight at the outbreak of war joining the Scottish Horse and after a period of training was drafted to the Dardanelles, where he took part in the severe fighting which occurred at that period. Being severely wounded in action, he was sent to a home hospital to recover. On his recovery he was transferred to the gallant Black Watch and was ultimately drafted to France in the latter end of 1916 and died a soldier's death on the 20th March 1918, as one of his chums writes in a letter to Mrs Wilson, "with his face to the enemy and fighting for the Right." Deceased who was 25 years of age was previous to enlistment employed in the Vitrol Works of Broxburn Oil Company Ltd. He was a well-known and successful ped, and running under the name of "Roberts, Broxburn" secured numerous prizes at Powderhall and other places in Scotland whilst at the various Regimental Sports he was a most successful competitor his favourite distance being the "half mile."</p>
<p>S/3663 Cpl David Appleby 8th Btn Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>DAVID APPLEBY Rank: Corporal Service No: S/3663 Date of Death: 19/10/1916 Regiment/Service: Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 10 A. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Surname APPLEBY Forename David Rank A/Cpl Service number S/3663 Decoration Place of birth Kirkcaldy Date of death 19 October 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 8th Bn. CWGC has Rank as Corporal</p>

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<p>132917 Sapper John McNee 179th Tunnelling Coy, Royal Engineers</p>	<p>JOHN MCNEE Rank: Sapper Service No: 132917 Date of Death: 20/10/1917 Age:37 Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers 179th Tunnelling Coy. Grave Reference: VIII. I. 76. Cemetery: BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. James McNee, of 289, West St., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 9th November 1917 Broxburn Soldier Dies of Wounds – Official information has been received by Mrs Coutts, 289 West Street, Broxburn that her son Sapper John McNee, whose photo appears above has died from wounds received in action in France. The deceased answered duty's call on the 14th Nov 1914 enlisting in McCrae's Battalion and was drafted to France in October of the following year. Being a proficient miner, he was transferred to the Tunnelling Section of the Royal Engineers. He was wounded on the 11th October and admitted to Boulogne Hospital on the 13th suffering from wounds to both legs and both hands the latter being a compound fracture. The following day he was operated on and had the left leg amputated above the knee but succumbed to his wounds on the 25th October 1917. Previous to answering his country's call, he was employed at No 2 Stewartfield Mine of the Broxburn Oil Coy and was 37 years of age. Deceased was held in the highest esteem by the inhabitants of his native place, a man who to quote the opinion of his many friends, was as "good as gold" and was a member of the Committee of Broxburn Reading Room and Institute. A billiard player of some distinction he secured many prizes at this game and as a member of Broxburn Bowling Club he also showed his proficiency on the green. Another son of Mrs Coutts, Sapper Daniel McNee is also in the Royal Engineers and is "doing his duty" somewhere in France.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918 McNee – In loving memory of my dear son Sapper John McNee, who died of wounds on 20th Oct 1917 at 13th General Hospital France Could I, you mother have clasped your hand The son I loved so well Or kissed your brow when death was night And whispered dear John farewell Dear son, sleep on The victor's crown you have won You left your home for your country And nobly shouldered your gun A loving son true and kind No one on earth like you we'll find When days are dark, and friends are few My dear son how I long for you. Inserted by his mother Mrs Coutts, 289 West Street Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918 McNee – In loving memory of my dear chum, Sapper John McNee who died of wounds received in action 20th Oct 1917. This day brings back to memory dear My friend who fought and fell</p>	
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	<p>and those who think of him today Are those who loved him well Inserted by Sec Cpl J C Jamieson, Royal Engineers (on active service). West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918 McNee – In loving remembrance of my dear brother Sapper John McNee, who died of wounds on 20th Oct 1917. His comrades may come home some day But he'll be sleeping far away His war is won, his sun is set But I who loved him will never forget. Inserted by his brother Sapper Dannie McNee, Royal Engineers Upright and just in all his ways Honest and faithful till the end of his days Forgotten to the world by some you may be But dear to my memory you ever will be Inserted by his friend, William Anderson, Maryville Cottage, Broxburn</p>																																		
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	<p>Dear Mrs Anthony, ‘Tis with the greatest regret that I have to write and tell you that your Son Gunner T Anthon of my section was yesterday killed by a shell. Last Wednesday, we were in action and your son’s ‘‘Tank’’ did excellently and yesterday your son was assisting in bringing his Tank back from the line when he met his death together with the crew NCO. I cannot tell you how deeply the whole section feels his loss, but we all know how willing a gallant soldier like your son, was to lay own his life. Now I feel sure you will be proud to know that your son was always a willing volunteer for any dangerous work. Please accept our sincere sympathy with you in your loss. Your son was buried yesterday with church ceremonies at a cemetery in Ypres and I can let you know at any time the exact position of his grave which will shortly be marked and registered. Maurice J Milston (Captain).</p> <p>The following is an extract from a letter received from his lieutenant, viz;- We had been in action on Wednesday but had come through without casualties, and it was he who while we had to wait for eight hours in a very heavy artillery barrage, kept all our spirits up by singing and joking and on behalf of myself and the remainder of the crew, wish to convey to you our sincerest sympathy.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th October 1917 Anthony – Killed in action in France on 29th September 1917, Gunner Thomas Anthony, Tank Corps beloved son of David and Janet Anthony aged 19 years. We did not know the pain he bore, We did not see him die We only know he passed away And never said good-bye. Inserted by his father mother, brothers and sister Ross Terrace Uphall.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Anthony – In loving memory of our dear son, Gunner Thomas Anthony, 75807, Tank Corps, who died of wounds received in action at Ypres, Sept 29th 1917, aged 19 years 7 months. One year has passed, our hearts still sore As time goes o we miss him more His cheery ways, his smiling face There’s none can fill our dear son’s place It’s only those who have lost can tell The pain of parting without saying farewell One year ago, we had a brother young, oh yes and brave But now our gallant brother’s found an honoured hero’s grave Perhaps some comrade tends that grave And whispers low but deep Tread gently o’er for underneath a fair young soldier lies asleep. Inserted by his father and mother, brothers and sister, Mr and Mrs Anthony. Ross Terrace Uphall.</p>
<p>96221 Gunner Francis Dowd 3rd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery</p>	<p>FRANCIS DOWD Rank: Gunner Service No: 96221 Date of Death: 23/04/1918 Age: 30 Regiment/Service: Royal Garrison Artillery 3rd Siege Bty. Grave Reference: VI. B. 50. Cemetery: DOULLENS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION NO.1 Additional Information: Son of Mrs. M. Dowd, of Roman Camp, Uphall, West Lothian.</p>

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<p>645949 Gunner James Rafferty 51st Heavy Trench Mortar Bty, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>JAMES RAFFERTY Rank: Gunner Service No: 645949 Date of Death: 06/04/1917 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 51st Heavy Trench Mortar Bty. Grave Reference: IV. F. 31. Cemetery: ROCLINCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY Rank: Gunner Service No: 645949 Date of Death: 06/04/1917 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery V51st Heavy Trench Mortar Bty. Grave Reference: IV. F. 31. Cemetery: ROCLINCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">West Lothian Courier 25th May 1917</p> <p>Uphall Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Information has been received by Mr and Mrs Thomas Rafferty, Strathbrock Place, Uphall, that their son Gunner James Rafferty RFA, has been killed in action in France. The following letter has been received conveying the sad news:- Dear Mrs Rafferty – It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of your son. He died along with seven comrades while serving the guns, and if it is a consolation to you, as I am sure it will be – his death was a swift and painless one. His death occurred at 3:30pm on the 6th inst., and was caused by an enemy shell striking the gun pit. I cannot express my sympathy enough. My brother officers join me in extending our heartfelt condolences to you in the loss of the brave boy, but he died nobly at this post facing death for his Country. If there is anything more you wish to know I shall be only too pleased if you will write me. Again, extending my deepest sympathy I am etc, D G Sinclair 2nd Lieut. Gunner Rafferty who has so nobly given his life that we may live in security enlisted on the 6th June 1915, and was drafted to France in October of the same year and volunteered for service in the Heavy Trench Mortar Battery. Deceased was only 19 years of age, having enlisted before he had reached the military age of 18, and was previously employed by the Pumpherston Oil Company as a miner.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Midlothian Advertiser 1st June 1917</p> <p>Pumpherston Shale Miner Killed – Gunner James Rafferty, of the RFA whose death in action we noted last week, was formerly employed as a shale mine with the Pumpherston Oil Coy. His parents reside at Uphall. He enlisted before he had reached the military age and was only 19 years when was killed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918</p> <p>Rafferty - In loving memory of Gunner James Rafferty, Trench Mortar Battery, beloved son of Thomas and Mary Rafferty who was killed in action in France, April 6th 1917 aged 19.5 years – RIP Inserted by his parents, Strathbrock Place, Uphall.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">West Lothian Courier 12th April 1918</p> <p>Rafferty – In loving memory of our dear brother, James Rafferty killed in action in France on 8th April 1917. We loved him in life we think of him still Too dear for his memory to fade And our sorrowing thoughts often wander to a spot Where our dear brother is laid</p>	
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	<p>Inserted by his brothers and sisters, Strathbrock Place Uphall Rafferty – In loving memory of my dear brother James Rafferty, Killed in action in France on April 8th 1917. Inserted by his sister and brother in law on active service.</p>
<p>96723 Gunner Edward Walsh 6th Bty Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>EDWARD WALSH Rank: Gunner Service No: 96723 Date of Death: 17/10/1916 Age:46 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 6th Bty. 40111 Bde. Grave Reference: III. F. 4. Cemetery: DOULLENS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION NO.1 Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, of Main St., Uphall, West Lothian.</p> 
<p>C/2911 Driver John Goodall Army Service Corps Steam and Petrol Coy</p>	<p>JOHN GOODALL Rank: Private Service No: C/2911 Date of Death: 25/03/1918 Age:34 Regiment/Service: Army Service Corps Steam and Petrol Coy Grave Reference: II. G. 3. Cemetery: LA NEUVILLE BRITISH CEMETERY, CORBIE Additional Information: Son of John and Janet Goodall, of 82, Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 Goodall – Killed in action on 25th March 1918, Driver John Goodall, Mt ASC aged 34, 2nd son of John and the late Janet Goodall, 32 Beechwood Cottages Uphall Station. Gone but not forgotten Sleep on dear brother as the days go by No flowers we lay on the grave where you lie for the broad wide ocean does deep us apart But your dear smiling face still shines in our hearts Your loving face your gentle smile Are pleasant to recall There is nothing left to answer But your photo on the wall Inserted by his loving brother, sister in law and nieces, 172 Pumpherston, Mid Calder Just when his hopes were brightest Just when his thoughts were best he was called from this world of sorrow To the home of eternal rest. Inserted by M Murdoch West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Uphall Station Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice - Official information has now been received by Mrs John Goodall, 82 Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station that his son Driver John Goodall, was killed in action in</p> 

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	<p>France on 25th March 1918. Mr Goodall received two official intimations, but as they were of a contradictory nature he wrote to Driver Goodall's officer and received the following reply viz.,</p> <p>France 11th April 1918 – Your letter of 6th April has just reached me, Goodall was not with this Company at the time of his death, and it was only by chance I heard of it after I had repeatedly tried to obtain news of him. He was killed by a bomb and according to the account of a man, who was there at the time, and whose name and address I hope to be able to send you later, his death was almost instantaneous. He is buried at Corbie and although none of this Company were present, I was assured he was laid to rest by kind hand. Your son had been with this Company for nearly two years and was a general favourite amongst the men. One of his fellow drivers, Pte Elstone, said to me, when he heard of your son's death, "I've lost a good pal." I am sure many men of this Company will echo that sentiment, and I know that we have lost a willing and faithful worker. May the knowledge that your son has died in the best of all causes be some consolation to you in your sad loss. Please give my deep sympathy to his fiancée to whom I understand he was to be married after the war. Yours etc., Reginald Cooper.</p> <p>The deceased was in the Motor Transport Reserve at the outbreak of war and was mobilised on the 6th August 1914. After a week in England to get "fitted out", he was drafted to France and has seen over 3.5 years' service in that theatre of war. He was 34 years of age, and previous to joining up he was employed by Pumpherston Oil Coy Ltd as a driver in their motor oil tank and covering a large area during the course of his duties was well known and respected throughout the County.</p>																								
<p>242117 Pte William Brown 5th Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Surname</td> <td>BROWN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forename</td> <td>William</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rank</td> <td>Pte</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service number</td> <td>242117</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decoration</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Place of birth</td> <td>Uphall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of death</td> <td>14 May 1917</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theatre of death</td> <td>F&F</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cause of death</td> <td>Killed in action</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SNWM roll</td> <td>THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unit name</td> <td>Unknown Unit attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other detail</td> <td>5th Bn.</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th June 1917</p> <p>Uphall Station Soldier Dies for his Country – Official information has been received by Mrs Brown, 95 Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station of the death in action in France of her son Pte William Brown, 242117. She has also received the following letter from his officer viz:-</p> <p>Dear Mrs Brown, it is with deep regret that I write to inform you of the death in action of your dear son. We had only gone into the trenches the previous night and our son and five others occupied a small part of the trench by themselves. Next morning, a large shell came across and killed every one of the six. One consolation is they were all killed instantaneously. It is to you and those who left to mourn his death that our hearts go out at this time. It must be terribly hard for you to lose so promising and so gallant a son, but you will always have the comfort of knowing that he could not have died a more noble death. Please accept my</p>	Surname	BROWN	Forename	William	Rank	Pte	Service number	242117	Decoration		Place of birth	Uphall	Date of death	14 May 1917	Theatre of death	F&F	Cause of death	Killed in action	SNWM roll	THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS	Unit name	Unknown Unit attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS	Other detail	5th Bn.
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	<p>sympathy and that of all his comrades in your sore bereavement. Believe me, yours very sincerely R F Sinclair, 2nd Lieut.</p> <p>Pte Brown who is a son of Mrs Brown and the late Mr Archibald Brown was 24 years of age, and answered duty's call on the 11th May 1916, enlisting in the Seaforth Highlanders. He was drafted to France with his regiment on the 4th Sept, and after coming through several severe encounters with the enemy, made the supreme sacrifice on the 14th May 1917. The deceased was highly respected by all who knew him, and his many companions extend their sympathy to Mrs Brown at this sad time. Previous to enlisting Pte Brown was employed as Checkweigher at Young's Oil Works and had been employed there for the past nine or ten years. Thus, another name has to be added to the Roll of Honour of those gallant lads from the "Station" who have so nobly laid down their lives that we may live.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 8th June 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty List The names of the following district soldiers appeared in the lists of casualties published this week Soldiers Killed Pte W Brown, Seaforth Highlanders, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918 Brown – In loving memory of Pte William Brown, Seaforth Highlanders, who fell in action at Roeux, France on May 13th 1917 aged 24 years, beloved and eldest son of the late Archibald Brown, 95 Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station What though in lonely grief we sigh for one we loved, no longer nigh submissive would we still reply Thy will be done Inserted by his mother, sisters and brothers.</p>
<p>24175 Pte Claude Brownlee 6th Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>CLAUDE BROWNLEE Rank: Private Service No: 24175 Date of Death: 03/05/1917 Age:26 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 6th Bn. Panel Reference: Bay 6. Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Brownlie, of Kirkhill Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Magdalene Brownlie, of Kirkview Cottages, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Brownlie – Killed in action on 4th May, Pte Claud Brownlie, KOSB aged 25, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Brownlie Broxburn, and beloved husband of Magdalene R Cochrane, youngest daughter of James Cochrane, butcher, Uphall, Deeply mourned - Loved by all.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th May 1917 Broxburn Soldiers Killed – The following Broxburn men are reported killed – Pte Alex Braidwood, Royal Scots, Melbourne Road, Pte Claude Brownlie, KOSB, eldest son of Mr Gavin Brownlie, Mid Street, Pte Alex</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

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	<p>McLeay, Royal Scots Fusiliers, lately employed by M Angus Shiel, Crown Tavern, Pte Robert Vicars, Royal Scots Fusiliers, son of Mr William Vicars, Main Street.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Uphall Soldier Killed – Pte Claud Brownlie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Brownlie, Broxburn, and husband of Mrs Brownlie, youngest daughter of Mr James Cochrane, Butcher, Uphall. Pte Brownlie was killed in action on 4th May. Prior to enlistment, deceased was employed in the bakery department of Broxburn Co-operative Society. He was twenty-five years of age, and has three brothers also in the Army, two of whom have been serving on the western front, since practically the outbreak of the war.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Brownlie – In loving memory of Pte Claud Brownlie, who fell in action (instantaneously) in Battle of Arras France on 3rd May 1917, beloved husband of Magdalene R Cochrane, Bloomfield, Uphall, loved by all who knew him.</p> <p>His warfare o'er, his battles fought His victory won, though dearly bought His fresh young life we could not save He rest's now in a soldier's grave "Until he come, when the day breaks and the shadow flee away."</p>
<p>11523 Pte James Conway 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>JAMES CONWAY Rank: Private Service No: 11523 Date of Death: 27/03/1916 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 11. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Arthur and Annie Conway, of 17, Stankard Rows, Uphall, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 15th January 1915 Uphall Soldier's Experiences – Writing to his parents who reside at the The Holmes, Uphall, Pte James Conway, 2nd Btn Royal Scots, describes the gallant charge made by the Royal Scots on 14th December. He says:- "Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and kicking and keeping well, hoping you are in the best of health. You will be wanting to know about the gallant charge we made, so here goes. On the 14th December, we were told to be ready for the trenches at four o'clock in the morning. We got up and marched about two miles, and on reaching the trenches we relieved the Liverpool Scottish, a Territorial regiment who are doing well out here. We stayed there until about 6 o'clock when our gallant Captain Bruce told us that the artillery would start to shell a small wood about 7:15am. Prompt to time they started to shell and they did not forget it either. It was just like hell opened up, the like of it has never been known before. We sat in trenches until about quarter to eight, when our Captain gave us the word to charge. Up we got out of the trenches and across the field, almost up to the knees in mud. When about 30 yards from the German trenches our Captain got a bullet through the head, and he died immediately, poor Captain. We were very sorry to lose him, but on we went and took the Huns trenches at the point of a bayonet. Altogether we captured two officers, 60 men and</p>



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two maxim guns and we have managed to keep the ground we have gained for every little helps in this great war. In fact it is not war, it is pure murder. We got great praise for our gallant charge, although I must say we lost a few officers and men ourselves, but someone has to go, We never know when our own time will come, We just walk about with our lives in our hands so to speak but I hope it will be all over soon. I wish you all at home a Happy New Year, an' lang may ye're lum reek and ye're' pat bile".

West Lothian Courier 12th November 1915.

Experience of a Broxburn Soldier – In a letter to his parents, who resides at Holmes Rows, Pte James Conway, Grenadier Coy of the 2nd Royal Scots, gives a very interesting account of his experiences in the big engagement on 25th September last. He was a regular soldier and has been in France since the outbreak of the war. So far he has been fortunate enough to escape without a scratch. In his letter he says – “You’ll see by my letters that I am a Grenadier and bomb thrower rather a dangerous job you will think. Well on the 22nd September we were inspected by Lord Kitchener, and he told us what kind of work we had to do on the 25th. On the evening of the 23rd, we marched from billets to the trenches a distance of about nine miles. We had a rest the following day and on the morning of the 25th about 2am, we took up our position. My Section included eight of us and we had to proceed to an advanced trench about two hundred yards out in front of our trenches. We were in this trench about ten minutes when our artillery opened fire preparatory to us advancing and the Huns did not forget to shell us, it was just like “hell” opened up. In fact, it was the worst bombardment I have been in since the beginning of the war. After the artillery had done its work there were two mines exploded under the German trenches, rather a terrible death to meet. When the mines went up we charged the trenches and went right into the second line with little opposition and very little casualties up to then. When the second line was occupied the Grenadiers cleared out the communication leading into the third line. While doing so, our artillery was shelling their third line for ten minutes. Then we charged their third line, and then went in some parts even further and dug ourselves in We held on to the captured trenches until 5:30 pm, when we got the order to retire. We gave up the trenches unwillingly, but we were told two days afterwards that we only made an attack in order to draw the German reserves to that point and allow the French and British to break through on our right. The Royals lost a lot of men that day, but still we managed to uphold the tradition of the regiment which has done glorious work out here and is prepared to do more in order that this nation may be crushed and that they may not be able to come to war with us again. I am very pleased to tell you our division is now having a well-earned rest, a good bit behind the firing line and it is time too, that the two had one. But I hope this war will be finished soon, but that will not be unless every able-bodied man gives his services to his country. In a PB he says; Be sure and send me out the Courier as there are a few West Lothian men in this regiment and we look forward to getting it every week.

West Lothian Courier 24th March 1916

Broxburn Lads at the Front – Pte James Conway, Grenadier Coy, 2nd Royal Scots, in a letter home from France to his parents at Holmes Rows, writes that he has now experiences 19 months of trench life and comments on several lads who come under the Derby’s Scheme and hopes they will shortly be given a taste of the fighting also. He was enjoying a well-earned rest, but before he left the trenches, the snow fell very heavily, and made the ground in a very bad state, and walking was very difficult. A large

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	<p>number of his regiment were taken off suffering from frost-bite. The Broxburn lads beside him, W Kennedy, W Murphy, R Richardson and L/Cpl Millar were all enjoying good health and hoped to be back in Broxburn soon. They all looked forward to reading the Courier whenever they had the opportunity.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th April 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Official intimation from the War Office was received on Saturday by his parents Mr and Mrs Arthur Conway, Holmes Rows Uphall, that their eldest son James, had been killed in action on 27th March. He had been out since the beginning of hostilities and was engaged in the grenade throwing section of the Royal Scots when he was killed. Pte Conway belonged to the regular army and went out with the first Expeditionary Force. His parents expected him for a short furlough sometime during the next few weeks.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st April 1916 Pte Conway – Broxburn – We show a portrait of Pte James Conway, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Conway, Holmes Rows Uphall, who was killed in action on 27th March. Deceased was engaged in the grenade throwing section of the Royal Scots when he was killed. Deceased was serving in the Army when war was declared and had been out since hostilities opened.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th March 1917 Conway – In loving remembrance of our dear son Pte James Conway, 2n Btn Royal Scots, who was killed in action in France 27th March 1916, aged 25 years. RIP We think of you in silence And your name we oft recall Though there's nothing left to answer But your photo on the wall Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother, sisters and brothers 25 Holmes Rows, Uphall.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918 Conway – In loving memory of our dear son Pte James Conway, Royal Scots, killed in action March 27th 1916 aged 25 years. RIP Sleep on dear Jim and take thy rest They miss you most who loved you best We ever though when bidding goodbye 'twould be the last parting between you and I In the shelter of thy sacred heart Sweet Jesus may he rest We miss him still but yet we know God's holy will is best We little though his time so short When he on furlough came Back to the front he bravely went Ne'er to return again Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother sisters and brothers, Holmes Rows Uphall</p>
<p>S/16606 Pte Daniel Dowds 7th Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>DANIEL DOWDS Rank: Private Service No: S/16606 Date of Death: 09/04/1917 Age: 22 Regiment/Service: Cameron Highlanders 7th Bn. Grave Reference: II. G. 20. Cemetery: FEUCHY CHAPEL BRITISH CEMETERY, WANCOURT</p>

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	<p>Additional Information: Son of Mr. F. and Mrs. M. Dowd, of Strathbrock Place, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th May 1917 Men Killed & Wounded – Roman camp Soldier Killed in Action – Official information has been received this week by Mr Francis Dowds, Roman Camps of the death in action of his youngest son Pte Daniel Dowds. The deceased who was only 22 years of age answered his country's call for men in January 1915 and enlisted in the Cameron Highlanders. After 8 Months training he was drafted to France where he took part in the many severe engagements in which this gallant Scots Regiment has taken such a prominent share and made the supreme sacrifice on 11th April. His parents have received several letters from his officer, his Chaplain and his many chums in the Battalion. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a surfaceman on the Broxburn section of the NRB. Mr Dowds has other two sons serving in HM Forces, Francis who is in the RFA and Hugh who is in the RE both of whom are serving abroad.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th April 1918 Dowds – In loving memory of our beloved son, Daniel, who was killed in action in France 9th April 1917. RIP Oh fatal day, when Death's cold hand Fell on our darling's head One day so bright ad full of life Next, oh so cold and dead. 'Twas hard to part with one so dear No warning note was given But though we shed a silent tear We know he swells in heaven Inserted by his father and mother, Francis and Mary Dowds, 28 Roman Camp, Uphall</p>
<p>49082 Pte Robert Docherty 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Surname DOCHERTY Forename Robert Russell Rank Pte Service number 49082 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgow Date of death 28 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS LOTHIAN REGIMENT Other detail 13th Bn.</p>
<p>6542 Pte Alex B Dudgeon 2nd Dragoon Guards, Royal Scots Greys latterly B/21208 1st Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>Surname DUDGEON Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 6542 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Date of death 8 March 1916</p>




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	<p>Theatre of death Mesopotamia Cause of death Died of wounds. SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS (2nd DRAGOONS) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS 2nd DRAGOONS Other detail latterly B/21208 1st Bn. Highland Light Inf.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th May 1916 Broxburn Lad Dies of Wounds – Official news has been received by his parents of the death of Pte Alex Dudgeon, Dragoon Guards, attached to the HLI with the Indian Expeditionary Force in the Persian Gulf. The lad who was only 17.5 years of age was a son of Mr and Mrs James Dudgeon, Ulva Cottage, Broxburn, and enlisted in September 1914. He was with his regiment in France till the end of 1915, when he was transferred to the Expeditionary Force for the relief of Kut. After having come through much hard fighting he was wounded in action on 8th March last, and died of his wounds. He was a bright cheery lad, and his loss is keenly felt by all who knew him. To Mr and Mrs Dudgeon and their family much sympathy is extended in their loss.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 9th March 1917 Dudgeon – In loving memory of Pte A Dudgeon, 1st HLI, who died of wounds at Persian Gulf, March 8th 1916 aged 17.5 years, youngest son of James Dudgeon, Broxburn. Little I thought when I bid you goodbye It would be the last parting between you and I I loved you in life, you are dear to me still But still we must bend to God's holy will. Inserted by his mother.</p>	
<p>43099 Pte Andrew Galloway 1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>Surname GALLOWAY Forename Andrew Rank Pte Service number 43099 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 26 November 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Other detail 1st Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th January 1918 Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs Galloway, Kirkhill Park, Broxburn, that their son Pte Andrew Galloway has been killed in France on the 26th November 1917. Regarding our brave soldier's death, the following letter has also been received from his officer – viz.,</p>	


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	<p>BEF France – Dear Mrs Galloway – By the time you will have had official word of the sad death of your son, Andrew, who was killed by a shell on the 26th of last month (No). I intended writing earlier – had in fact a letter half written – but was prevented from finishing it, as the rest we so badly needed came to an abrupt end. Andrew was in my half of the Battery and I had only just left him a few moments before his death – which has taken from you a good son, and from us a companion who was both an ideal man and an ideal soldier. To me he always appeared willing and cheery no matter what was happening, or what was to be done, and with his death I have lost as fine a soldier and as good a lad as I’ve ever had the honour to be put in charge of. He, too, with his never-failing cheerfulness and Scots wit, was one who couldn’t fail to keep up the hearts of his companions and as I write I have in my mind several saying of his, which I’ll do well to remember if I’m spared to return to civil life. Hailing, also from West Lothian, I was especially interested in Andrew and several other lads from our County, and they especially are bound to miss him, as they all seemed so closed bound together. It will perhaps be a comfort to know that his death was instantaneous and absolutely painless and took place while he was doing as he always did, his bet to finish this ghastly war. Captain Murchie, seven of his companions and I took him far down the line to a place (which I’ll let you know of when I can) – and laid him to rest in a beautiful little military cemetery beside several Royal Scots Fusiliers and Royal Scots companions. The Padre of his old Battalion presided and as we are still near the ruined little French village near which he rests we will see to his little resting place being kept – though there is really no need, as it is looked after by a special staff. It is difficult saying all one would like to say, but when I’m home on leave to Whitburn, I’ll call on you and tell you more. I am sending on his few belongs which go through official hands, but I would you to know that we who also suffer (though in a lesser degree) by his loss, offer you our sincerest sympathy Yours etc Alan A Mackinnon, 2nd Lieut.</p> <p>The deceased who was 35 years of age, was a member of the 1/10th Royal Scots and was mobilised in August 1914. On being drafted to France, he was attached to the Trench Mortar Battery and came through many of the severe engagements since that tie. Previous to the outbreak of war he was employed by Broxburn Oil Company. Mr and Mrs Galloway, to who we extend our sincere sympathy have other two sons nobly doing their duty, Pte Thomas, Royal Scots and Pte William, Scottish Rifles.</p>
<p>39615 Pte William Gillon 6th Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>Surname GILLON Forename William Rank Pte Service number 39615 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 17 September 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY Other detail 6th Bn. (T.). West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

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	<p>Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs Gillon 135 New Holygate Broxburn that their eldest son, Pte William Gillon was killed in action in France on the 17th Sept 1918. The Chaplain writes as follows viz: - The line which his Company was holding was a very difficult one and your son and others were occupying an old gun position, when an enemy shell burst in the midst of them killing and wounding five. Your son was killed instantaneously.</p> <p>During the recent operations our Battalion did noble work in which your son bore his part. We sincerely hope that the knowledge of your son's devotion to duty on the service of his King and country will help you to bear your very sore loss.</p> <p>The deceased who was 28 years of age and was engaged in the mining industry previous to enlisting has seen two years' service during which time he came through much of the hard fighting. In the autumn of last year, he sustained severe burning injuries and was also gassed and after being treated in an English Hospital was again drafted to France. The above is a photo of the deceased who was well-known and respected in the district.</p>
<p>36880 Pte James Gowans 15th Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>JAMES GOWANS Rank: Private Service No: 36889 Date of Death: 09/04/1918 Age:20 Regiment/Service: Highland Light Infantry 15th Bn. Grave Reference: VII. D. 3. Cemetery: BIENVILLERS MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of James and Mary Gowans, of Fortneuk Cottages, Uphall, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 Gowans – Killed in action on 9th April 1918, James in his 21st year, HLI dearly beloved son of James and Mary Gowans, Fortneuk Cottages, Uphall – Deeply mourned and sadly missed “Until the day breaks and the shadow flee away.” West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918 Uphall Soldier Killed in Action – Official intimation has been received by Mr and Mrs James Gowans Fortneuk Cottages Uphall, that their oldest son, Pte James Gowans, whose photo appears here was killed in action on the 9th April 1918. The deceased who was 21 years of age enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry on 5th April 1917 and was drafted to France in June of the same year. Previous to answering the call of his country, he was employed at Uphall station as goods checker.</p> 
<p>8957 Pte Peter Innes 2nd Btn Royal Scots Formerly 5957 Highlander Light Infantry</p>	<p>Surname INNES Forename Peter Rank Pte Service number 8957 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Date of death 16 June 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds. SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT)</p>

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<p>Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS LOTHIAN REGIMENT</p> <p>Other detail 2nd Bn. formerly 5957. H.L.I.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 13th August 1915 Uphall Soldier Killed – Pte Peter Innes, Uphall, was killed in action on 16th June, being fatally wounded by a shell. He was a reservist when war broke out and had been at the front from the early days of the campaign. At Neuve Chapelle for meritorious work, recommended for the DCM. Pte Innes was very popular in Uphall and district where he was well known.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 16th July 1915 Uphall Reservist Killed in Action – It has now been confirmed that Pte Peter Innes of the 2nd Royal Scots, has been killed in action on 16th June. He was struck on the head with a piece of shrapnel and died on his way to hospital. Pte Innes has appeared twice on the casualty list as ill and wounded, and since he went out to France. He had never been home. He leaves a wife and four children to whom the sympathy of the village is extended in their sad bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th July 1915 How an Uphall Soldier was Killed – On 16th June Pte Peter Innes, 2nd Royal Scots, whose wife and four children resided in Alexander Street, Uphall, but who have now gone to Kent and whose father and mother still reside in Uphall was fatally wounded by a shell. Pte Innes served his time as a soldier and when war broke out was one of the first among the reservists to march away. He followed in private life the work of a shale miner and was engaged at Curledubs during his stay in Uphall. He was a member of Uphall Parish Church and took a deep interest in the faith Mission and its work. At Neuve Chapelle Pte Innes for meritorious work was recommended for the DSM, but beyond a note to this effect from her husband, Mrs Innes has had no further word. Pte Robertson, 2nd Royal Scots a mutual friend writing to Mrs Innes said – I am writing these few lines with a very sad heart. Your husband was struck by a piece of shell and died on his way to hospital. I did not hear of the occurrence until two days after it occurred. I am sorry for you and the children. He and I were speaking of home the day before he was killed. He is very sadly missed by all and particularly by myself for he was my only real chum. You have all our deepest sympathy.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th August 1915 Uphall Reservist Killed - We publish a portrait of Pte Peter Innes, Uphall, who was killed in action on 16th June, being fatally wounded by a shell. He was a reservist when war broke out and had been at the front from the early days of the campaign. At Neuve Chapelle for meritorious work, recommended for the DSM. Pte Innes was very popular in Uphall and district where he was well known</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 16th June 1916 Innes – In loving memory of Pte Peter Innes, 8957, 2nd Royal Scots, beloved son of John and Jane Innes, Strathbrock Place, Uphall who was killed in action 16th June 1915, aged 30 years. Sleep on dear son in a foreign grave Your life for your country you nobly gave No friends stood near to say goodbye But safe in god's keeping you now lie.</p>	
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	<p>West Lothian Courier 15th June 1917 Innes – In loving memory of Pte Peter Innes, Royal scots, beloved son of John and Jane Innes, Strathbrock Place, Uphall, who died of wounds in France 16th June 1915 aged 29 years Inserted by his father and mother.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st June 1918 Innes – In loving memory of our dear son 8957 Pt Peter Innes, Royal Scots who died of wounds received inn action, 16th June 1915. Still fondly remembered Inserted by his father and mother, Uphall.</p>
20831 Pte William Leishman 2 nd Btn Dublin Fusiliers	<p>WILLIAM LEISHMAN Rank: Private Service No: 20831 Date of Death: 18/10/1918 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Royal Dublin Fusiliers 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: Cemetery: ST. BENIN COMMUNAL CEMETERY Additional Information: Husband of Mrs. W. Leishman, of 45, Heggie's Buildings, Peechmont, Uphall, Linlithgow.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918 Uphall Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Official information has been received by Mrs Leishman, Holmes Rows, Uphall, that her husband Pte William Leishman, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, has been killed in action, on the 17th October 1918. The following letter has also been received from his officer.</p> <p>I wish to express the sympathy of the Officers and men of the Company in the great loss you have sustained in the death of your husband, 20831, Pte W Leishman. He was wounded by shell on the evening of the 17th inst, and died shortly afterwards..... He helped in the Officers Mess for some time, and I always found him a most willing and cheerful soldier. His death is deeply regretted by all who knew him.</p> <p>Deceased enlisted in August 1915 and saw a great deal of service in France being in many of the big engagements and was wounded twice. Previous to enlisting, he was employed as a miner by Broxburn Oil Co Ltd. He leaves a widow and two of a family to mourn his loss.</p>
23211 Pte Robert Lind 1 st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	<p>Surname LIND Forename Robert Rank Pte Service number 23211 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 22 August 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Other detail 1st Bn.</p>
15125 Sgt Hugh Mack	<p>HUGH MACK Rank: Serjeant Service No: 15125 Date of Death: 01/07/1916 Age:27</p>

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<p>16th Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>Regiment/Service: Highland Light Infantry "A" Coy. 16th Bn. Grave Reference: XX. A. 3. Cemetery: SERRE ROAD CEMETERY No.2 Additional Information: Son of Hugh Crossan Mack and Jessie Forsyth Mack, of "Hughenden," Station Rd., Uphall Station, West Lothian.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 28th July 1916 Pumpherston Three Local Soldiers Killed – We regret to announce that three local soldiers have been reported killed. They are Cpl Hugh Mack, HLI, and Pte James Lightbody and Pte Philip Ross of the Seaforth Highlanders. The three young men were well known and high respected in the district, and much sympathy is felt for their parents their sad bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Uphall Station Men Killed – Official intimation from the War Office has been received by Mr Mack, Uphall Station, regarding the death in action of his son Sgt Hugh Mack, 16th Service Btn, HLI. Sgt Mack joined the Army in November 1914 and went to France as a private in November following. Since going to France he met with rapid promotion first being made L/Cpl, and then Sgt. He was well known in the district and was in the employment of Pumpherston Co-operative society for 10 years.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Uphall Man Killed in Action – Sgt Hugh Mack, 16th Service Battalion HLI, as we noted at the time, was killed in action in July. He is a son of Mr and Mrs Mack, Uphall Station. He entered the Army as a private in November 1914 and was in France in November 1915. In France, he met with rapid promotion and was not many months out when he received his sergeant stripes. Prior to joining the Army, he served with Pumpherston Co-operative Society for ten years. This week, Mrs Mack received the following letter from Lieut Robert A Bogue; - Yorkhill Hospital, Glasgow, 28-8-16 – Dear Mrs Mack – as a result of wounds received on 1st July, I have been unable to write you ere this. I was told a few days ago, that Hugh had been killed, and even yet I can hardly realise that that splendid fellow has left us. From the time, we entered the communication trench at 11pm on 30th June, until we walked over “No man’s land,” he never let me out of his sight. We took over the first line for our Division, and I had Sgt Geddes on left flank, Sgt Woodhouse centre and Sgt Mack on the right flank, and the right flank were the guides. I wonder if you understand all that that means. Hugh was responsible that he guided over “no man’s land”, not only the 16th HLI, but the whole Division. If his line hadn’t gone straight, all the following lines might have gone wrong. We climbed the parapet together. A hundred yards out I was hit, but like the good soldier Hugh was, he didn’t waste time on me except to call out a cheery word. He continued to guide the line, and that was his duty, though I knew quite well his inclination was to help me. Alas he only went further a little before he too fell. Another thing I might tell you is this, promotions are made by the Captain on the recommendations of the platoon commanders but once when I had a L/Cpl’s stripe to give away, instead of choosing the man myself I let the platoon choose him. They chose Hugh. After L/Cpl a man becomes corporal then Lance Sgt before being promoted Sgt. However by the way he did his work and the way he</p>
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	<p>handled the men getting the best out of them and keeping them cheery he was promoted Sgt direct and was 2nd in command of the platoon. He helped the young fellows and looked after the wilder chaps and was everybody's big chum and a tower of assistance to me. Yours very truly Robert A Bogue.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th July 1917</p> <p>Mack – In loving memory of our dear son Sgt H Mack, HLI, who fell in action at Thiepval on 1st July 1916.</p> <p>Inserted by his father and mother sister and brothers, Hughenden, Station Road, Uphall</p>
<p>15603 Pte Peter MacDonald 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>PETER MACDONALD Rank: Private Service No: 15603 Date of Death: 28/03/1918 Age: 18 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 13th Bn. Panel Reference: Bay 1 and 2. Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Naomi I. McKechnie, of Gowanlea, Uphall, West Lothian. Era WW1 Surname McDONALD Forename Peter Rank Pte Service number 15603 Decoration Place of birth Jura Argyllshire Date of death 28 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 13th Bn.</p>
<p>203156 Pte William J Lawrie 8th Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>WILLIAM LAWRIE Rank: Private Service No: 203156 Date of Death: 22/08/1917 Age: 19 Regiment/Service: Seaforth Highlanders "B" Coy. 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 132 to 135 and 162A. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of James and Elizabeth Lawrie, of 7, Goschen Place, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917</p> <p>Uphall Seaforth Wounded and Missing – Mr James Lawrie, residing at 18 Holmes Rows Uphall, has been officially informed that his son Pte William Lawrie of the Seaforth Highlanders, was wounded on 22nd August, and been posted as missing since the engagement of that date. Pte Lawrie who is 19 years of age, joined up when he attained the age of 18 years and he went to France about 3 months ago. Prior to going to the Army, he worked in the vitriol sheds at Broxburn Oil Works, where his father is also employed.</p> 

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	<p>Midlothian Advertiser 5th October 1917 Uphall Soldier Wounded – Information has been received at Uphall that Pte William Lawrie, of the Seaforth Highlanders was wounded in action has been posted missing. In civil life he was an employee of the Broxburn Oil Coy.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 9th August 1918 Uphall Soldier Presumed Killed – Mr and Mrs Lawrie residing at 18 Holmes Rows, Uphall have now received official information that their son Pte William Lawrie, who was reported wounded and missing on the 22nd August 1917, is now presumed to have died on that date. Pte Lawrie who was previous to enlistment employed by Broxburn Oil Coy at their Acid Works, and where his father is also presently employed, joined up in June 1916 at the age of 18 years, choosing for his regiment the gallant Seaforths. In July of the following year he was drafted to France and was only about a month in that country when, as officially intimated he made the great sacrifice for his country. The above is a photo of the deceased soldier.</p>
<p>S/16046 Pte James McCafferty 7th Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>Surname McCAFFERTY Forename James Rank Pte Service number S/16046 Decoration Place of birth West Calder Midlothian Date of death 20 May 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds. SNWM roll THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Other detail 7th Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th January 1916 Broxburn Soldier Entertained – On the evening of Thursday last, Pte J McCafferty 2nd Royal Inniskillen Fusilier, who was home on leave from the France, was entertained in the Bank Hall by a number of his comrades. The function took the form of a social and dance and was attended by 32 couples. After a splendid tea, purveyed by Mr David Drysdale, baker, Mr Richard O’Hara, who presided presented Pte McCafferty with a handsome cigarette case and amber holder and case. In doing so he expressed the sincere wishes of the company that Pte McCafferty would be spared to come back amongst them. Pte McCafferty suitably replied and briefly acknowledged the kindness which his friends had shown towards him. In the course of the evening songs were rendered by several ladies and gentlemen. The dance which followed was of a very happy character. The duties of MC’s were most efficiently carried out by Messrs W Gibbons and T McGeown and excellent music was supplied by Misses Connor and Potter. A most enjoyable function was brought to a close about 5 o’clock in the morning by the singing of “Auld Lang Syne.”</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Intelligence has been received by Mr McCafferty East Main Street that his two sons Pte James McCafferty and Pte Tom McCafferty, have been wounded. Tom has been wounded in the left arm, but the nature of James’ wound is not yet known. Both enlisted in the Royal Inniskillens.</p>

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<p>S/29385 Piper Duncan McNeill 7th Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Formerly 8431 40th TR Bt</p>	<p>Surname McNEILL Forename Duncan Rank L Cpl Service number S/29385 Decoration Place of birth West Calder Midlothian Date of death 23 April 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 7th Bn. formerly 8431. 40th T.R. Bn.</p> <p>Linlithgow Gazette 8th January 1915 Broxburn Roll of Honour – To the Scout's Roll of Honour published last week, there now falls to be added another name, that of Scout Piper Duncan McNeil who has last week enlisted in the Cameron Highlanders.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd January 1915 Where a Bathgate Soldier Fell – Mrs Clark, 81 Cochrane Street, Bathgate who last month, received from the War Office intimation of the death of her husband Pte William Clark 2nd Btn HLI, has this week received a letter from Piper Neil, Broxburn giving details so far as he could get them as to how Pte Clark fell. Piper Neil writes: - I heard of Pte Clark's death from members of his Section. It appears he was killed in action the bullet passing through his head. He was sadly missed by his Section. He was always ready to do his little bit, and the Section Commander had great faith in him. The day he was killed the Germans were making a strong attack on our trenches and I am pleased to say he helped to keep the name of his Regiment to the front. It was at a small village called Longhemaq that most of the severe fighting took place and your husband was in the thick of it till just at the finish he fell. Pte Clark was killed in action on 3rd November, and the battle is known as Ypres. A sad circumstance in connection with Mrs Clark is that her youngest child, Hugh aged seven months, died on Wednesday last. Four children of the marriage survive. <i>NB – William Clark's sister lived in Broxburn and he had strong links with the town.</i></p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd January 1915 Broxburn Piper's Note – Piper Neil, Broxburn, writing from France under date December 20th, says; - I am in the very best of health. The HLI Battalion is enjoying a hard-earned rest away from the firing line. There are very few of us who came out with the regiment left still hale and hearty as we have been well to the fore in all the fighting.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th February 1916 Broxburn Presentation to Soldiers – On the occasion of their son Driver Thomas Potter Canadian Engineers being home on leave, Mr and Mrs John Potter, Old Town, Broxburn, entertained about 20 couple to tea at their residence on Friday evening. One of the guests was Piper W Neil, who</p>	
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was on leave from the front. In the course of the evening, Mr S Nicol, on behalf of several friends presented the soldiers with a wristlet watch each, which both suitably acknowledged. Songs were rendered by members of the company and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. Before separating the company joined in singing Auld Lang Syne.

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Well Known Broxburn Piper Killed in Action – among the many homes in Broxburn and district who have been called upon to mourn the loss of their brave young lads during the war, is that of Mr and Mrs John McNeill, Kirkhill Park, Broxburn, who have received information of the death in action of their youngest son LCpl Piper Duncan McNeill, of the gallant Cameron Highlanders. The brave young piper, who was only 21 years of age, made the supreme sacrifice in his country's cause on 25th April 1917. The deceased was previously reported missing but has now been officially notified that he was killed by shell on the date mentioned. He enlisted on 1st January 1915, and as drafted to France in March of this year, meeting his death in his first engagement. A well-known piper and highland dancer he held many trophies won at different competitions and his services were in great demand at various fetes and functions and were always ungrudgingly given. He was a great favourite in the district and throughout the country, and the sympathy of his large circle of friends goes out to the parents in their sad bereavement. Previous to enlisting he followed the occupation of painter with Mr James Munnoch and was also a member of the Ecclesmachan Troop, of Boy Scouts. LCpl McNeill is the second member of the Troop to fall, Pte Thomas King, being killed in the Gretna Disaster of May 1915. Another two brothers of the deceased, Robert and John, were in Australia at the outbreak of war, nobly answering the call of the Motherland joined the Australian Forces and have come through many hard engagements. The first named brother Robert is presently lying in Brighton Hospital suffering from shrapnel wounds in the neck. Two brothers in law are also doing their "bit" in France. We sympathise deeply with the parents of the deceased in this sad bereavement, and those of us who came in contact with him will miss one whose place in our affections and esteem it will be hard to fill.

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The Fallen Piper

Piper Duncan McNeil, Cameron Highlanders, Fell in Action
April 25th 1917 aged 21 years


Now hushed is the pibroch; the piper lies still,
Will the soil of fair France gently piled o'er his breast;
The air wit sweet echoes no more he shall fill –
For the pipes, which he loved are for ever at rest.

Far, far from his homeland, he peacefully sleeps,
Where the thunder of guns a wild coronach wail
And Britain's proud banner so mournfully sweeps
O'er the graves of brave hearts, which have passed through the vale.

As sadly we ponder, our memory takes flight
To the blest days of peace – Ah how far off they seem –
When the sound of his pipes filled our hearts with delight
And our days glided past like a sweet placid stream.

On calm summer evenings, how oft would we stand

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	<p>While the strains wafted clear on the soft balmy air When he swelled the wild chorus in Kelso's brave band; Or rallied the Scouts in our village so fair.</p> <p>And on long winter nights, which these Scouts oft beguiled, We were thrilled by the grand Scottish airs which he played At his pranks amongst his comrades we happy smiled Or were move unto tears by the scenes they portrayed.</p> <p>We watched them through boyhood, approach manhood's dawn Now these halcyon days seem so long, long ago And also, from their ranks two bright faces have gone – While the rest, with their Master, are facing the foe.</p> <p>Two years have departed, on slow, leaden feet Since the first to Eternity swiftly was hurled -* Now our piper has followed our singer so sweet And, perchance they have met in that blest spirit world.</p> <p>God guard those remaining, when dangers are braved As we leave in thy keeping those spirits now fled, Deep down in our hearts are their memories engraved For our freedom is bought through the blood which they shed.</p> <p>*Pte Thomas King, 7th Royal Scots, killed in the Gretna disaster, May 22nd 1915 aged 18 years. Georgina Russell, Hillside Cottage, Ecclesmachan, Uphall, June 1917. West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 McNeill – In fond and loving memory of our dear son and brother LCpl Duncan McNeill, Cameron Highlanders who was reported missing between the 23rd and 24th April 1917, now officially presumed dead, beloved youngest son of Mr and Mrs John McNeill, Kirkhill Park, Broxburn. In the bloom of his life god claimed him In the pride of his manhood days None knew him but to love him None mentioned his name but with praise. Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother brothers and sisters. West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 McNeill – In remembrance of LCpl (Piper) Duncan McNeill, Cameron Highlanders, killed in action 25th April, 1917 Inserted by Alex Fairley, Merritt, BC</p>																						
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	<p>Other detail latterly 352982 9th Bn. The Royal Scots. West Lothian Courier 4th May 1917 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Miss McVey, 112 New Holygate, has received official information that her brother Pte Alex McVey has been killed in action on the 9th April 1917. Pte McVey who followed the occupation of a miner joined HM Forces in June 1915. Enlisting in the Lothians and Border Horse he was afterwards transferred to the Royal Scots and was drafted with his regiment to the Western front in November 1916. The deceased came through several severed engagements during his period of five months in France. Deceased was 21 years of age and unmarried. West Lothian Courier 12th April 1918 McVey – In loving memory of my dear brother Pte A McVey (Sandy) 9th Royal Scots, (late Lothian and Border Horse) killed in action at Arras, 9th April 1917, Fondly Remembered. Inserted by his sisters, Newhollygate, Broxburn.</p>
<p>12733 Pte James Marshalsay 1st Btn Scots Guards</p>	<p>JAMES MASHALSAY Rank: Private Service No: 12733 Date of Death: 12/12/1916 Age: 30 Regiment/Service: Scots Guards 1st Bn. Grave Reference: III. L. 24. Cemetery: A.I.F. BURIAL GROUND, FLERS Additional Information: Son of Thomas and Agnes Marshalsay, of Primrose Cottages, Goshen Place, Uphall, Linlithgowshire. Midlothian Advertiser 19th January 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists Soldiers Killed – Pte J Marshalsay, Scots Guards, Uphall West Lothian Courier 5th January 1917 Marshalsay- In loving memory of my beloved husband Pte James Marshalsay, Scots Guards, MG, was killed in action on December 12th 1916. I prayed that God would keep him and shield him in the fray but alas our hopes were blighted when the sad news came that day Had I but seen him yet in life or watched his dying bed Or seen the last fond look in his face Or held his dying head He Sleeps besides his comrades In a hallowed grave unknown But his name is written in letter of love On the heart he left at home Father in thy heavenly keeping we leave our solder daddy sleeping Inserted by his sorrowing wife and family, Alexander Street, Uphall Marshalsay – In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte James Marshalsay, Scots Guards who was killed in action on December 12th 1916 Sleep on dear Jim in a foreign grave Your life for your country you nobly gave</p>



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The midnight stars are gleaming
on a grave I cannot see
somewhere in France he lies sleeping
A brother dear to me.
Inserted by his loving sisters Agnes and Lizzie. Uphall

Marshalsay – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte James Marshalsay, Scots Guards who was killed in action December 12th 1916.
Duty Called him, he was there
To do his bit and take his share
His heart was good, his spirit brave
His resting place a soldier's grave
Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother and brother George on active service.

West Lothian Courier 12th January 1917

Uphall Scots Guardsman Killed – Mrs Marshalsay, Alexander Place, Uphall, has received intimation from the War Office that her husband Pte James Marshalsay, aged 30 years, Scots Guards, Machine Gunner was killed in France on 12th December 1916. He enlisted at the outbreak of war, and after a year's training was drafted to France. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a slater and plasterer with Mr William Paris, Port Buchan, Broxburn. He leaves a widow and five of a family, the second oldest being in Canada.

West Lothian Courier 14th December 1917

Marshalsay – In ever loving memory of our dear brother Pte James Marshalsay, Scots Guards beloved son of Mr and Mrs Marshalsay Goschen Place Uphall, who was killed in France on 12th December 1916 aged 30 years.

Far o'er the seas lied our dear rother Jim
Now in the grave with his comrades he is laid
He fought for the cause and the flag of old Britain
The price of its freedom with his life has paid.
Not a drum was heard, nor a funeral beat
on the grave where our dear brother sleeps
Inserted by his sisters, Lizzie and Agnes, Glengyle, Eskbank
We cannot bring flowers dear Jim
To place on your soldiers grave
Just his tribute of love and memory of you
A son true and brave.

In a land of strangers our dear son lies
Not one of us near to bid him goodbye
But the angels of heaven ae guarding his soul
Till we meet him again at the great roll-call
Inserted by his father and mother
Could we his brothers, have clasped his hand
The brother we loved so well
to kiss his brow when death was nigh
and whispered him farewell
Inserted by his brothers, Dod and Robert.

West Lothian Courier 13th December 1918




Marshalsay – In loving memory of our dear son Pte James Marshalsay, Scots Guards, who was killed in action in France 12th Dec 1916.
The one I loved so well laid low
the fond true heart is still
The hands that oft assisted mine

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	<p>Lie now in death's cold chill His cheerful smile and friendly grasp Are pleasant to recall He had a kindly word for each And died beloved by all Inserted by Thomas and Ages Marshalsay Goschen Place Uphall. Two years are gone since that sad day When my dear brother was called away His sweet young life he freely gave God guard and watch my brother's grave Inserted by his eldest sister Lizzie, Glengyle, Eskbank Like one of many he answered the call For those he loved he gave his all Somewhere abroad in a hero's grave Lies by dear brother among the brave Inserted by his youngest sister Agnes Glengyle, Eskbank. West Lothian Courier 13th December 1918 Marshalsay – In loving memory of my dear brother Jim, who was killed in France 12th Dec 1916. I mourn for you dear brother But not with outward show For the heat that mourns sincerely Mourns silently and low Inserted by his loving brother Dod.</p>
<p>2620 Pte Alex Melrose 2/10th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname MELROSE Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 2620 Decoration Place of birth Bathgate Date of death 17 August 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 2/10th Bn. West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Melrose – In loving memory of my dear husband, Pte Alex Melrose, Royal Scots, who died of wounds received in action on 17th August 1916, aged 28. Died in the pride of his youth and his glory Far from his home and the land of his birth None near to mourn him, sage willows weeping Mantled the place where my husband lied sleeping Inserting by his sorrowing wife and child, 20 Seafield, Bathgate. West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Seafield Royal Scot Dies from Wounds – Intimation from the war Office has been received by Mrs Melrose 30 Seafield Bathgate of the death of her husband Pte Alex Melrose, Royal Scots from wounds received in action on August 17th 1916. Pte Melrose enlisted 18 months ago and had only been in France for two months. He was, previous to enlisting employed by the</p>



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	<p>Pumpherstons Oil Company Seafield. He was 28 years of age and leaves a widow and one child.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Royal Scot Dies of Wounds – We show a portrait of Pte Alex Melrose, Royal Scots, whom we reported in our issue of Sept 8th as having died from wounds received in action on August 17th. Pte Melrose enlisted about eighteen months ago, in the County Battalion. He was only some two months in France when he was fatally wounded. Pte Melrose was second youngest son of the late Mr William Melrose, Penicuik, and brother of Mr George Melrose, Seafield. He leaves a widow and one child who reside in Seafield. He was only 28 years of age.</p>		
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picture at the recent exhibition. He had a studio in York Place, Edinburgh, and had studied both in Edinburgh and on the Continent. He was on the Continent when the war broke out and after some difficulty in getting home, he enlisted along with a fellow artist in the 1/3rd Royal Scots a little over a year ago. Last April he went out to Gallipoli with his battalion and was fortunate to get landed uninjured although a number of his comrades were cut down. He has now given up his life for his country and much sympathy is felt in the district for his widowed mother.

West Lothian Courier 24th September 1915

Broxburn Artist Killed at the Dardanelles – Official notification was received yesterday morning by Mrs Munnoch Station Road Broxburn that her son Pte John Munnoch, 1/5th Royal Scots, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles in June. Pte Munnoch enlisted in September of last year and went out with the Battalion in April and took part in the landing at Gallipoli. Fully two months ago he was posted wounded but no information regarding him had come to hand until intimation of his death was received. Pte Munnoch, prior to enlisting was an artist and had a studio in York Place, Edinburgh. He studied both in Edinburgh and on the Continent, where he had travelled pretty extensively. As a matter of fact, he was in Holland when war broke out, and at that time we published a short account of his experiences in which he told of the difficulties encountered in securing a passage home. In his profession he was regarded as an artist of great promise, and as a student he gained many notable honours. For several years he had pictures accepted in the Royal Scottish Academy and had two paintings at the last exhibition which closed about a fortnight ago. His prospects for a successful career were exceedingly bright, and his untimely demise is therefore all the more regrettable. Like many others he has given his life in his country's cause, and in this fact, it is hoped that his sorrowing mother and brothers will find some little solace in their poignant grief. The sincere sympathy of their friends as gone out to them in their bereavement.

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The above is a photo of Pte John Munnoch, 5th Royal Scots, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles. Pte Munnoch whose mother reside at Station Road Broxburn, enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war, and took part with his regiment, in the memorable landing at Gallipoli. He was an artist of great promise and his untimely death is therefore all the more tragic.


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Munnoch – Killed in action at the Dardanelles in June, No 2566 Pte John Munnoch, 1/5th Royal Scots, dearly beloved son of Mrs M Munnoch, Station Road, Broxburn.


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Acknowledgements – Mrs Munnoch and family desire to than many friends for kind sympathy extended in their sad bereavement.

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<p>21129 Pte Alex Munro 2nd Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>Surname MUNRO Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 21129 Decoration Place of birth Ecclesmachan Linlithgowshire Date of death 4 March 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds. SNWM roll THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY Other detail 2nd Bn. West Lothian Courier 16th March 1917 Broxburn Gunner Killed – We show a photo of Gunner Alexander Munro HLI, who has died of wounds received in action on 4th March 1917. Deceased was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Duncan Munro, Port Buchan, Broxburn. Prior to enlisting over two years ago, he worked with Pumpherstons Oil Company. He had been twice wounded.</p>	
<p>30087 Pte Lawrence Murray 15th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>LAWRENCE MURRAY Rank: Private Service No: 30087 Date of Death: 26/08/1917 Age:27 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 15th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of William Murray, of 13, Society Place, Pumpherstons, Midlothian. Surname MURRAY Forename Lawrence Rank Pte Service number 30087 Decoration Place of birth Eddleston Peebleshire Date of death 26 August 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS LOTHIAN REGIMENT Other detail 15th Bn.</p>	

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<p>25116 Pte William Murray 16th Btn Royal Scots (McCrae's Own)</p>	<p>WILLIAM MURRAY Rank: Private Service No: 25116 Date of Death: 06/04/1917 Age:21 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots "A" Coy. 16th Bn. Grave Reference: I. K. 27. Cemetery: AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION Additional Information: Son of Robert and Margaret Murray, of Millbank Place, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th April 1917 Uphall Man Makes Supreme Sacrifice – Mr and Mrs R Murray, Millbank Place, Uphall, have received official information that their son Pte W Murray, 25116, Royal Scots, has died from wounds received in action, his death taking place on 6th April 1917. The deceased, who was the eldest son, was only 21 years of age and previous to answering the call for men to fight in the great cause of Right and Justice was employed in the Pumpherston Branch of the West Calder Co-operative Society. Joining His Majesty's Forces in May 1915, he was drafted to France in January of the following year and acted as stretcher bearer. He was in most of the big engagements and was wounded on 1st July 1916, but after a few days in hospital, recovered and went back to the fighting line where he made the supreme sacrifice as recorded.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 11th May 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – Died of Wounds – Pte W Murray, Royal Scots, Uphall</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 11th May 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists The names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week Died of Wounds – Pte W Murray, Royal Scots, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918 Murray – In loving memory of our dear son, 25116 Pte William Murray who died of wounds received in action on April 6th 1917 aged 21 years. He has gone from among us, oh how we miss him Loving him dearly his memory we'll keep Never till life ends shall we forget him Dear to our hearts is the place where he sleeps In the bloom of his life death claimed him, In the pride of his manhood days None knew him but to love him# None mentioned his name but with praise Our thoughts often wander to an honoured but unknown grave Your name is often spoken in the home you died to save For our hearts are all united with the same fond love for you And loving thoughts are cherished of one so brave and true Your cheery sunny countenance will not from memory fade Nor yet will we forget the noble sacrifice you made and when our hearts are sore for you we seem to hear you say Keep up your hearts we'll meet again on that eternal day For faith, for liberty for truth He offered up his stalwart young</p>	
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	<p>He died, if it were death to give His life that all he loved might live A year has passed our hearts still sore As time rolls and we miss him more Inserted by his loving father, mother, and brothers, Millbank Place, Uphall.</p>
<p>38211 Pte David Nicol King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry prev 3600 Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname NICOL Forename David Rank Pte Service number 38211 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Linlithgow Date of death 7 June 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS SERVING IN BRIGADE OF GUARDS AND ENGLISH REGIMENTS Unit name THE KING'S OWN YORKSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY Other detail 8th Bn, formerly 3600 Royal Scots West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Broxburn Soldier now Presumed Killed – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs William Nicol, 9 Albyn Cottages, Broxburn that their son, Pte David Nicol, whose photo appears above and who has been reported missing from 7th June 1917, is now presumed to be killed. The deceased answered the call of his country on 1st December 1915, enlisting in that famous Lowland Regime, The Royal Scots, and after undergoing a period of training was drafted to France on 4th July of the following year. There he became attached to the KOYLI, with which regiment he took part in a great deal of hard fighting. He took part in the action on the morning of the 7th June 1917, the date when he was posted as missing and hopes were fondly cherished by his large circle of friends that favourable news would yet be received of him, but the official news received this week signifies that another noble young life has been given in the great cause. “Davie” to give him the name by which he was affectionately known was 23 years of age, and since his commencing to work had been employed on the office staff of Broxburn Oil Co, being in their Roman Camp office immediately prior to his joining up. Of a quiet, unassuming disposition he was a universal favourite, not only with the workmen with whom he came frequently in contact, but by a large circle of the public in the district, and their sincerest sympathy in which we join, goes out to his parents in their period of trial.</p>
<p>11554 Pte Peter O'Donnell 2nd Btn Irish Guards</p>	<p>PETER O'DONNELL Rank: Private Service No: 11554 Date of Death: 27/04/1918 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Irish Guards 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: B. 19. Cemetery: CINQ RUES BRITISH CEMETERY, HAZEBROUCK</p>



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	<p>Additional Information: Son of Manus and Helen O'Donnell, of 31, Goschen Place, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th May 1918 Broxburn Irish Guard Killed in Action – Mr and Mrs Manus O'Donnell, Goschen Place have received official intimation that their son Pte Peter O'Donnell Irish Guards died from wounds on 27th April 1918. Relative to the gallant soldier's death his Captain writes as follows: - Dear Madam, I regret exceedingly to inform you that your son Pte P O'Donnell was killed in action on April 27th. He was hit by a piece of shell on the frontline trenches and was rendered unconscious so that he suffered very little pain. He had distinguished himself very greatly in the recent fighting and impressed me as being most gallant man. He was very well liked by his company, who miss him very much. He was decently buried and a white cross marks' the place where he lies. He was credit to his regiment and I am always very much distressed when I lose a man like that. Please accept my sincere sympathy. Deceased, who was 20 years of age was prior to joining up employed in the fleshing department of the Pumpherston Branch of the West Calder Co-operative Society.</p>	
<p>3756 Pte William Oliver 10/11th Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>WILLIAM OLIVER Rank: Private Service No: 3756 Date of Death: 17/09/1917 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Highland Light Infantry 10th/11th Bn. Grave Reference: I. A. 1. Cemetery: NINE ELMS BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Annie Oliver, of Strathbrock Place, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 28th September 1917 Uphall Private Falls – Pte William Oliver, HLI a son of Mrs Oliver, Strathbrock Place, Uphall has been killed in action.</p>	
<p>50970 Pte Joseph Plunkett 9th Btn Highland Light Infantry Prev Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>JOSEPH PLUNKETT Rank: Private Service No: 50970 Date of Death: 29/09/1918 Age: 27 Regiment/Service: Highland Light Infantry 9th (Glasgow Hds.) Bn. Grave Reference: A. 30. Cemetery: TARGELLE RAVINE BRITISH CEMETERY, VILLERS-GUISLAIN Additional Information: Son of Joseph and Barbara Plunkett, of 106, Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station, Uphall, West Lothian; husband of Helen Ritchie Plunkett, of 6, Stuart St., Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 23rd July 1915 Wounded Uphall Soldier – A reference to a Broxburn and East Calder Soldier – On Wednesday Pte Joseph Plunkett, 2nd Gordon Highlanders, returned home to his father's house in Beechwood Row, after having been discharged from Kent Hospital, where he had been confined pending</p>	

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<p>S/17468 Pte Tom C Potter 8/10th Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>THOMAS POTTER Rank: Private Service No: S/17468 Date of Death: 11/04/1918 Age: 23 Regiment/Service: Gordon Highlanders 8th/10th Bn. Grave Reference: XIV. F. 17. Cemetery: CABARET-ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY, SOUCHEZ</p>

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	<p>Additional Information: Son of Mary Potter, of Rock View, Dechmont, Uphall, West Lothian, and the late James Potter.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th February 1916 Broxburn Presentation to Soldiers – On the occasion of their son Driver Thomas Potter Canadian Engineers being home on leave, Mr and Mrs John Potter, Old Town, Broxburn, entertained about 20 couple to tea at their residence on Friday evening. One of the guests was Piper W Neil, who was on leave from the front. In the course of the evening, Mr S Nicol, on behalf of several friends presented the soldiers with a wristlet watch each, which both suitable acknowledged. Songs were rendered by members of the company and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. Before separating the company joined in singing Auld Lang Syne.</p>
<p>2481 Pte Bruce Rae 1/7th Essex Btn</p>	<p>BRUCE RAE Rank: Private Service No: 2481 Date of Death: 30/08/1915 Age: 17 Regiment/Service: Essex Regiment 1st/7th Bn. Grave Reference: II. E. 6. Cemetery: LALA BABA CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Robert Anderson Rae and Elizabeth Ready Rae, of Edinburgh.</p>
<p>251548 Pte Alex F Robertson 11th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>ALEXANDER ROBERTSON Era WW1 Surname ROBERTSON Forename Alexander Flucker Rank Pte Service number 251548 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 15 October 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 11th Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd November 1918 Uphall Soldier Killed in Action – Official information has now been received by Mrs Robertson, Glen’s Buildings, Uphall that her son Pte A Robertson, was killed in action in France on the 15th October 1918. The following letter has also been received from his officer concerning the death of the brave young soldier.</p> <p>It is with great sorrow and deep regret that I have to write you to announce that your son Pte A Robertson, was killed in action on the 15th Oct 1918. I myself have not been very long in charge of Platoon but from what I have heard your son was held in the highest esteem throughout the Platoon. I myself thought a lot of him. We had just advanced through a village when one of our Lewis gun NCO’s was hit pretty badly. You son, along with another gallantly went out to bring him in. In the attempt he was shot through the heart, his death being instantaneous.</p>



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	<p>The deceased whose photo appears above was 22 years of age. Enlisting on the 24th September 1914, in the Royal Scots, he was shortly afterwards drafted to France and came through a lot of fighting. He was twice wounded and received treatment in England and Glasgow, Previous to enlisting he was employed as a checker at Uphall Station NBR.</p>
<p>S/6739 Pte Philip Ross 8th Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>PHILIP ROSS Rank: Private Service No: S/6739 Date of Death: 18/07/1916 Age: 21 Regiment/Service: Seaforth Highlanders 8th Bn. Grave Reference: IV. H. 42. Cemetery: VERMELLES BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Philip and Janet Ross, of 87, Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station, West Lothian. Midlothian Advertiser 28th July 1916 Pumpherston Three Local Soldiers Killed – We regret to announce that three local soldiers have been reported killed. They are Cpl Hugh Mack, HLI, and Pte James Lightbody and Pte Philip Ross of the Seaforth Highlanders. The three young men were well known and high respected in the district, and much sympathy is felt for their parents their sad bereavement.</p>
<p>85267 Pte Charles George Melrose Sampson 207th Coy Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>CHARLES SAMPSON Rank: Private Service No: 85267 Date of Death: 11/07/1917 Age: 31 Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 207th Coy. Grave Reference: I. C. 23. Cemetery: KANDAHAR FARM CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of B.and M. Sampson, of Leith, Edinburgh; husband of Aggie S. Sampson (nee Hutchison), of Gowanbank, Uphall, West Lothian.</p>
<p>S/2960 Pte John Ure Samuel 9th Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>JOHN SAMUEL Rank: Private Service No: S/2960 Date of Death: 29/03/1918 Age: 24 Regiment/Service: Gordon Highlanders "F" Coy. 9th Bn. Grave Reference: VIII. I. 174. Cemetery: BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Catherine Samuel, of 32, Roman Camp, Uphall, West Lothian, and the late John Samuel. Enlisted Aug 1914. West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918 Broxburn Bandsman's Death – Official intimation has been received by Mrs Samuel, Roman Camp Uphall of the death in Boulogne Hospital of her youngest son Bugler John Samuel, 9th Gordon Highlanders. The young soldier enlisted about three weeks after the outbreak of war and has served in France for 2 years and 9 months. On Saturday March 23rd he sustained gunshot wounds multiple whilst on guard and succumbed to his injuries on Friday 29th March. Previous to enlisting he was for some time a cornet player in Broxburn Public Band, and he had a great deal of musical talent. With his ready humour and cheery disposition, he was exceedingly popular among his wide circle of friends in Broxburn and district.</p>

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	<p>West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918 Samuel – Died of wounds on March 29th at Boulogne Hospital, Bugler John Ure Samuel, Gordon Highlanders, aged 24 years, youngest beloved son of the late John Ligat Samuel and of Mrs Samuel, 32 Roman Camp, Uphall.</p>		
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<p>17179 Sgt George Edward Victor Smith 41st brigade, Ammunition Col. Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>SMITH, George Edward Rank: Serjeant Service No: 17179 Date of Death: 04/10/1914 Age: 31 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 41st Bde. Ammunition Col. Grave Reference: C. 4. Cemetery: VILLERS-EN-PRAYERES COMMUNAL CEMETERY</p>		

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	<p>Additional Information: Born at Dublin. Son of James George Smith; husband of Fanny Booth (formerly Smith), of 6, Victor Park Terrace, Corstorphine, Midlothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 23rd October 1914 Smith – Killed in action at Bourges, France, on 24th October George Edward Victor Smith, dearly beloved husband of Fanny Bolton. Broxburn. Mrs George E V Smith begs to return thanks to the friends and public of Broxburn for kind expressions of sympathy in her sad bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 23rd October 1914 Broxburn Sergeants Death – For his Country – On Monday morning, Mrs Smith, daughter of Mrs Bolton, Kirkhill Road, Broxburn, received intimation that her husband Sgt George E V Smith, Royal Field Artillery had been killed in action on the 6th October. The information came direct from the front, and from letters sent by the commanding officer and also the Sgt Major of that Brigade to which Sgt Smith was attached, it is evident that he was regarded as most capable and agreeable NCO. Sgt Smith’s watch was also returned and bore traces of having been slightly damaged. The letter from Sgt Major E Walker was in the following terms – “It is with deepest sympathy I have to report to you the death of your husband, Sgt G E Smith, who was killed by a piece of shell striking him in the left side on October 6th 1914. He was quite happy and comfortable before his death. A parcel arrived here for him, which was opened by our Captain and as it was no use trying to return the contents they were handed over to me as being in charge of the Sgts Mess. For the contents I enclose a postal order for their value, made up to £1 made up from the members of our little mess of which your husband was the jolliest. I hope you will accept this little donation from us out here as a token of respect and best wishes for your future”. Captain Thornton’s letter was as follows:- “I regret that I have to announce to you the death of our husband Sgt G E Smith who was killed by a shell on the 6th October 1914. He was a very good soldier and he did his duty well to the end which came very suddenly, his death being instantaneous. I regret his loss very deeply, he was a good non-commissioned officer. I received a parcel addressed to your late husband on the 9th inst, and I thought you would not wish to have it returned.” I handed over the contents to the Sgt’s Mess, who are enclosing a sum of money to pay or its contents. In this sum is also included 5 francs which were found in his pocket. I sympathise with you in your great loss, and trust you may find strength to bear it in the thought that your husband died for his country”. Coming from his superior officer’s these letters are indeed a high tribute to the late Sgt Smith’s qualities as a NCO and it must be comforting to Mrs Smith in her trying bereavement to know that her husband played a worthy part in the greatest crisis in the history of the country and that on the field of action he maintained the highest traditions of the British soldier. To Mrs Smith, who has one child, the sincere sympathy of her many friends has been extended in her great affliction. We understand that since writing the letter to Mrs Smith, Sgt Major Walker has been wounded and has been brought home to a hospital in England.</p>
2720 Pte Tom Wright King 7 th Btn Royal Scots Gretna Disaster	THOMAS KING Rank: Private Service No: 2720 Date of Death: 22/05/1915 Age: 18 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots "A" Coy. 7th Bn. Grave Reference:

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Cemetery: EDINBURGH (ROSEBANK) CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of William and Janet King, of Colinswell Lodge, Burntisland, Fife. Born at Uphall, West Lothian.

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Broxburn & Bo'ness Victims – Below is a photo of Pte Thomas King (18) son of Mr William King, Ormiston Terrace Broxburn and Pte Andrew Williamson, Cowdenhill Grangepans, Bo'ness who are amongst the missing in the Gretna troop train disaster King enlisted in the 2/7th Royal Scots in December last, but an appeal was made for volunteers to fill up gaps in the 1st Battalion and he was transferred. He was in "A" Company and along with Pte Williamson, with whom he had become very friendly was said to have been in the forepart of the ill-fated train. Before enlisting Pte King was employed in the Electric Power Station, and was a former member of the Ecclesmachan troop of Boy Scouts. The sympathy of the community has gone out to his parents in their trying bereavement.

When news of the disaster reached Broxburn, ears were entertained for the safety of other Broxburn lads, who were members of the same Battalion. In fact, Mrs Clark, Steel's Rows received intimation that it was believed her son, Pte William Clark was also a victim, and the same appeared on the list of killed. Mrs Clark visited the headquarters of the Battalion and discovered that the number of the deceased soldier did not correspond with her son's regimental number. She was, however, naturally in a state of anxiety and it was a great relief to her when she received a letter on Tuesday from her son stating that he was not in the train as he had been transferred from Larbert to Kinghorn.



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Broxburn – King – In loving remembrance of Pte Thomas Wright King, 1/7th Royal Scots, who perished in the Gretna disaster, on May 22nd 1915 youngest and dearly loved son of Mr and Mrs William King, late of Ormiston Terrace, Broxburn

Deeply Mourned


All is dark within our dwelling

lonely is our home today

For the one who smiled and cheered us

Tom has forever passed away.

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<p>G/16822 Pte James Smith 9th Btn Royal Sussex Rgt</p>	<p>JAMES SMITH Rank: Private Service No: G/16822 Date of Death: 25/03/1918 Age: 34 Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment 9th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 46 and 47. Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. John and Mrs. S. C. Smith, of 118, Beechwood Cottages, Uphall, Linlithgowshire. West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 Uphall Station Soldier Killed in action – We show a photo of Pte James Smith, whose parents Mr and Mrs John Smith, residing at 118 Beechwood Cottages, Uphall station, have now been officially informed of his having been killed in action on the 25th March 1918. The deceased who was 34 years of age, enlisted in the Motor Transport ASC on 18th October 1916, and after a period of three months spent in this Corps was transferred to the Royal Sussex Regiment. In May of 1917 he was drafted to France and was in many of the actions taken part in by the “fighting Sussex.” Pte Smith was home on leave as recently as March last and would only be back in the fighting line about two weeks when he made the greatest sacrifice a man can make the giving of his life for his country. He was for a number of years in Australia and was also well known in Masonic circles, his mother Lodge being Lodge Buchan St John. Previous to enlisting, Pte Smith was employed with Messrs Young’s Oil Coy Ltd at their Uphall works.</p>	
<p>19938 Bomber John Smith 11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 12th November 1915. Musical Instruments wanted by Broxburn Soldiers – to the Editor West Lothian Courier – Sir – I have been out here in France for 5 months now and as a regular reader of the Courier would kindly ask you to publish this letter in your paper. If anyone has an old melodeon or anything that we could cheer ourselves up with we would be glad to get it. We have about a score of Broxburn men in our Company and we would be glad to accept something to pass these cold winter nights. Wishing the West Lothian Courier success as it is greatly admired by us all from Broxburn. Bomber John Smith 19938, D Coy 11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers BEF France.</p>	
<p>1005 Pte John Spiers Highland Cyclist Battalion formerly 1056 Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname SPIERS Forename John Rank Pte Service number 1005 Decoration Place of birth Winchburgh Linlithgow Date of death 4 August 1916 Theatre of death Egypt Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE HIGHLAND CYCLIST BATTALION Unit name 52nd LOWLAND DIVISIONAL CYCLIST COMPANY Other detail formerly 1056, R. Scots. West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916</p>	

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	<p>Spiers – Died of wounds in Egypt on 4th August, Pte John Speirs Army Cycle Corps in his 23rd year. He served his country He did his best In a soldier's grave He is laid to rest Inserted by his grandmother Mrs McGee, Hawthorn Place, Uphall Midlothian Advertiser 15th September 1916 Broxburn Casualties – Mr James Duffy, 32 Stewartfield, Broxburn, has received official intimation that his son, Gunner John Duffy, RFA, has been killed in France. He was 17 years of age and enlisted in 1915. Pte J Speirs, Army Cyclist Corps has died of wounds in France. He was a Territorial and was called up at the outbreak of war. He resided with his Grandmother, Mrs McGhie, Winchburgh, whose home is now at Hawthorne Place, Broxburn. Mr Alexander Kane, 17 Stewartfield, has been officially informed that his son, Pte John Kane, Royal Highlanders, has been wounded and is now in hospital at Perth.</p>
<p>23296 Pte Robert Stein 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname STEIN Forename Robert Rank Pte Service number 23296 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 6 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 12th Bn. West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916 Killed in action in France on 6th July 1916 Robert Stein, Royal Scots in his 21st year. We little thought when leaving home That he would ne'er return But now he lies in a soldier's grave And we are left to mourn Peaceful be thy rest, dear Bobby Tis sweet to breathe thy name In life, we loved him very dear In death, we do the same. Inserted by his grandmother and aunt, Middleton Place, Uphall. West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916 Pte R Stein, Broxburn – Above is a portrait of Pte Robert Stein, Royal Scots, who resided with his parents at Middleton Place, Uphall, and who was killed in action in France. Previous to enlistment he was a postman in Uphall. He joined the army in June 1915 and went to France in October 1915 and fell in action in July of this year. West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916</p>



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	<p>Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers killed in action, can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.</p> <p>West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte R Stein</td> <td style="width: 25%;">23296</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Scots</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Uphall</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Killed</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th July 1917 Stein – In loving memory of my dear grandson, Pte Robert Stein, who was killed in action on 6th July 1916 aged 20 years. One year has passed since that sad day The one we loved was called away God took him home, it was his will but in our hearts, he Liveth still The shock was great, the loss severe We little thought the end so near, Tis only those who have lost can tell The pain of parting not saying farewell, Sleep on dear Bobbie and take thy rest, They miss you most who loved you best Inserted by his sorrowing Grandmother and Aunt, Middleton Place, Uphall.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th July 1918 Stein – In loving memory of my dear grandson Pte Robert Stein, killed in action, 6th July 1916, aged 20 years. How hard it is to part with one we held on earth so dear the heart no greater trial knows No sorrow more severe We mourn for thee dear Robert Though not with outward show For the heart that mourns sincerely mourns silently and low Inserted by his sorrowing grandmother and Aunt, Middleton Place Uphall.</p>	Pte R Stein	23296	Royal Scots	Uphall	Killed
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<p>S/21191 Pte John Haimes Steven 5th Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>JOHN STEVEN Era WW1 Surname STEVEN Forename John Rank Pte Service number S/21191 Decoration Place of birth Forfar Date of death 18 September 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 5th Bn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 2nd November 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appear in the list of casualties publish this week. Killed Pte J Steven, Cameron Highlanders, Uphall</p>					

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	<p>Died of Wounds Pte G Stewart, London Regiment, Uphall</p> <p>Wounded Pte N Gallacher, KOSB, Uphall L/Cpl J Brown, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte J Lynch, Scottish Rifles, Uphall Gunner J McIntyre, Royal Garrison Artillery, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th October 1917 Steven – Killed in action on the 18th September 1917, Pte John Haines Steven, Cameron Highlanders, aged 29 fourth son of John and Eleanor Steven, 5 Roman Camp, Uphall. – Loved by All.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th October 1917 Roman Camp Soldier Killed in Action – Mr and Mrs Steven who reside at 5 Roman Camp, Broxburn have been officially notified that their fourth son, No 21191 Pte John Haines Steven, has been killed in action in France on the 18th Sept 1917. The following letter has also been received from the Chaplain viz; Dear Mrs Steven, It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that your son, Pte John Haines Steven, Camerons, has been killed. He went out with a party on the evening of the 18th, and a shell landed at the rear of the party, and four were killed. Our sincere sympathy goes out to you in your great loss. We mourn a good lad, and a good soldier, but you a son. My heart is grieved when I think of the sorrow and pain at home. The Battalion has put a cross the grave. My prayer is that you may be comforted and strengthened by God himself, Yours sincerely, Archie Dawson, Chaplain. The deceased who was in his 29th year answered the country's appeal for men on 25th October 1915 and became one of that gallant regiment, The Cameron Highlanders. March of 1916 saw him crossing to France to take a noble part in our country's fight for liberty and justice and after being in several engagements received a wound in the shoulder during the fighting on the Somme. After being treated in a Base Hospital for a few weeks he re-joined his Battalion in the fighting line in September 1916, since which time he has been in the thick of it. In September of this year, deceased was home on a well-earned leave of ten days and was only back in France two days when he made the supreme sacrifice. Previous to enlisting, deceased was employed by Broxburn Oil Co at their Roman Camp Works. He had a large circle of friends in the district with whom he was held in the highest esteem, and heir sincere sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents at this time.</p>
Chief Stoker James Stewart	<p>West Lothian Courier 19th March 1915 Broxburn Victim of Disaster to HMS Amphion – This is a photo of Chief Stoker James Stewart (35), who has succumbed to injuries received in the disaster which befell the Amphion early in August last. Stewart had been in the Navy for thirteen years and had seen service on several of His Majesty's ships, including Andromeda, Majestic, Venus and Dreadnought. He also acted as instructor for some time on a training ship for cadets and also served a term on a submarine His duties in the Navy took him to many parts of the world, and he had in his time</p> 

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	<p>sailed to China, Japan and Spain. He was one of the survivors when the Amphion was mined but was badly injured and was removed to a hospital in Portsmouth He seemed to be making progress and had reach a stage of convalescence when he again took ill and died, and was interred at Knowle, Hants. Stewart was educated at Broxburn Public School and was well known in the district. He is a son of the late Mr John Stewart, cooper, who was employed in the Broxburn Oil works for 30 years.</p> <p><i>He is not on the survivors list for the Amphion, and can't find his death. Can't locate this man on either CWGC nor SNWM</i></p>
<p>S/10081 Pte John Taggart 8th Btn Black Watch</p>	<p>JOHN TAGGART Rank: Private Service No: S/10081 Date of Death: 14/07/1916 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 10 A. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Margaret C. Taggart, of Brownfield Cottage, Uphall, West Lothian, and the late James Taggart.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th August 1916 Taggart – Killed in action in France on the 14th July 1916, Pte John Taggart, 10081, Black Watch, dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs Taggart, Brownfield Cottage, Uphall Duty called him, he was there To do his best and take his share His heart was good, his spirit brave, His resting place a soldier's grave. Inserted by his father and mother</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916 Pte Taggart, Broxburn – The following letter from an officer announcing the death in action of Pte Taggart of the 8th Black Watch has been received by Mrs Taggart, Broxburn. 7th Seaforth Highlanders, BEF July 21st Dear Mrs Taggart, - I very much regret to have to inform you that your son in the 8th Black Watch was killed in the attack on Longueval this week. He was under me in the 26th Brigade Sharpshooters, for a long time, and I was very sorry when I was told that they were to go into action with the brigade Machine Gun Company. I have found out that he was sniped in the village while attempting with two or three others to bomb a Hun sniper out of a house from which he had done considerable damage. I am told that he did not suffer, but died instantaneously. I can only express my deepest sympathy to you and your relatives in your loss. I may say that I never had to find fault with your son and I have always looked on him as one of my best men, a cheerier, more willing or keener soldier it will be hard to find. He was always popular both with the NCO's and with the other snipers. Please accept my sincere sympathy – Yours very truly E A S Oldham, 2nd Lieut. Pte Taggart joined the Army on 1st February 1915, and went to France about a year ago, where he has seen much service. Prior to enlisting he was employed by the Pumpherston Oil Company.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th July 1917</p>



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	<p>Taggart – Killed in action in France on July 14th, Pte John Taggart, Black Watch. Too far away your grave to see But not too far to think of the Inserted by his sister and brother in law Mrs D Cairns Ryall Cottages Broxburn</p>
<p>14125 Pte Alexander Thomson Scots Guards</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname THOMSON Forename Alexander Rank Gdsm Service number 14125 Decoration Place of birth Gilmerton Edinburgh Date of death 9 March 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS ALEXANDER THOMSON West Lothian Courier 6th April 1917 Uphall Man Killed in Action – Official intimation has been received by Mr Alexander Thomson, 6 Goschen Place, Uphall of the death in action on 9th March 1917, of his eldest son Pte Alex Thomson, Scots Guards. The deceased who was 30 years of age was prior to enlistment employed in the Cawburn Mine of the Broxburn Oil Company as a miner and we well known and respected in the district. Answering the call of his country he enlisted in the Scots Guards on 29th June 1915 and was drafted to France on the 5th October 1916. The deceased's father who has resided for over 22 years in the locality was himself an old soldier having been in the colours for 8 years and took part in the first Egyptian Campaign of 1882, along with his regiment the 42 Highlanders (Black Watch). He holds the Egyptian medal and the Khedive's Star.</p>
<p>400800 Pte George Thomson 2nd Btn Canadian Infantry</p>	<p>GEORGE THOMSON Rank: Private Service No: 400800 Date of Death: 12/09/1916 Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: VI. A. 7. Cemetery: WARLOY-BAILLON COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Broxburn Canadian's death – Intimation has been received of the death of Pte George Thomson, son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Thomson 207 Mid Street Broxburn who was in the Canadian Contingent. Pte Thomson who was formerly employed as a fireman in Broxburn Oil Works, left Broxburn about four years ago, and went to Toronto. He joined a Canadian battalion in January 1915 and came over to this country in August of the same year. after a period of training he went over to France in January last and has been at the front ever since. He was</p>




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	<p>severely wounded on 10th September and died in hospital two days later. He was 24 years of age. A sister in the hospital writes: - Dear Mrs Thomson Just a line to tell you the sad news of your son's death. He came in severely wounded in chest and back (shrapnel wounds) on 10th September and died at 5:15pm on the 12th. He did not suffer any pain, I am glad to be able to tell you and was most cheery all the time. I was talking with him half an hour before he died, and I told him I was writing to you. He said, give them all my love, and say I am all right now. He was ever so plucky. He was buried today in this village and his grave will be carefully kept.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th September 1917 Thomson – In loving memory of our dear son George who fell in action 12th September 1916 aged 24 years when in the field of battle He calmly took his place He fought and died for Britain And the honour of his race Inserted by his father and mother 207 Mid Street, Broxburn</p> <p>Thomson – In loving memory of our brother George, Canadian Forces, who fell in action 12th September 1916. Friends laid him down on earth's cold breast The end of the trail brings peace and rest Friends laid him down where he fought and fell He has served the Empire brave and well His life was good his death was great What better would he have asked of fate Than to risk his all in Britain's strife And gave for Britain a true man's life. Time may heal our broken hearts time may make the wound less sore but time can never stop the longing for the loved on gone before. But the hardest blow is yet to come When the warriors shall return And we miss among the cheering crowd The one we loved but mourn Inserted by his sisters and brother (on active service).</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th September 1918 Thomson – In loving memory of Pte George Thomson Canadians, who died of wounds in France 12th Sept 1916, beloved son of Mr and Mrs Thomson, 207 Mid Street Broxburn. Still fondly remembered. Inserted by his father, mother sisters and brothers.</p>
<p>300152 Pte Samuel Thompson 1/7th Lancashire Fusiliers</p>	<p>SAMUEL THOMSON Regiment, Corps etc Lancashire Fusiliers Battalion/etc 1/7th Battalion. Surname Thompson Forename Samuel Initials S Born NEWMONKLAND, LANARK Enlisted BROXBURN, WEST LOTHIAN Residence MID CALDER, N.B. Rank L/CPL Number 300152 Died Date 27-09-1918</p>



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	<p>Died How Killed in action Theatre of War France & Flanders</p>
<p>30885 Pte Samuel Turtle 15th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>SAMUEL TURTLE Rank: Private Service No: 30885 Date of Death: 15/10/1916 Age: 19 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 15th Bn. Grave Reference: II. A. 17. Cemetery: RATION FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, LA CHAPELLE-D'ARMENTIERES</p>  <p>Additional Information: Son of Sarah Wylie Turtle, of Strathbrock Place, Uphall, Linlithgowshire, and the late Samuel Turtle.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Uphall Soldiers Killed - Pte Samuel Turtle, Royal Scots, son of Mrs Turtle, Strathbrock Place, Uphall, is reported killed in action on 15th October. Deceased enlisted in March 1916 and went to the front in June. He followed in civilian life the work of miner and worked in Uphall Mine owned by Young's Paraffin Light and Mineral Oil Coy Ltd.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916 How Uphall Soldier Fell – We produce a picture of Pte Samuel Turtle, Royal Scots, son of Mrs Turtle, Strathbrock Place, phall killed in action on 15th October, and to whose death we referred in our issue of last week. His commanding officer tells how he fell at the post of duty. Captain Wilfred J Lodge, writing under date 15th October says – Dear Mrs Turtle – I very much regret to have to tell you that your son Pte S Turtle, was killed in action this evening by an enemy sniper. Your boy was one of the very best and most popular, both with his officers and his comrades. The fact that he was picked out as one of our Battalion snipers will vouch for this fact. He died, as all soldiers should do, with his face to the enemy. He was shot while actually in the execution of his duty, a duty which he always carried out faithfully. He suffered no pain, the bullet piercing through his left hand and straight into his brain. Please accept my own and my Company's most sincere sympathy in your great loss which is also ours and the Army's. Pte Turtle, enlisted in March 1916 and went to France in June. In civil life, he worked as a miner in the Uphall Mine owned by Young's Paraffin Light and Mineral Oil Coy Ltd.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th October 1917 Turtle – In loving memory of my dear son Pte Samuel Turtle Royal Scots, who was killed in action in France 15th October 1916 aged 19. Now a mother's heart is aching For a son she loved so well He gave his life for his country In honour's cause he fell Inserted by his mother sisters and brothers Strathbrock Place Uphall.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th October 1918 Turtle – In loving memory of my dear son Pte Samuel Turtle, Royal Scots, who was killed in action in France 15th Oct 1916 aged 19. To Memory dear. Inserted by is other, sisters and brothers, Strathbrock Place, Uphall.</p>




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<p>200825 Pte Archibald T Webster 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEBSTER Forename Archibald Rank Pte Service number 200825 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 12 October 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 12th Bn. First Name: Archibald Surname: Webster Resided Town: Broxburn, West Lothian Nationality: British Date of Death: 12/10/1917 Fate: Killed in Action Rank: Private Service Number: 200825 Duty Location: France And Flanders</p>	
<p>23038 Pte James Gunn Webster 11th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Surname WEBSTER Forename James Rank Pte Service number 23038 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 14 November 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS LOTHIAN REGIMENT Other detail 11th Bn. Rank: Private Service No: 23038 Date of Death: 14/11/1915 Age:40 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 11th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 11. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of William and Isabella Webster, of Bellvue Cottage, St. John's Rd., Broxburn; husband of Margaret Webster, of 65, Stewartfield, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>	


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<p>200824 Pte Robert C Webster 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEBSTER Forename Robert Rank Pte Service number 200824 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 20 September 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 12th Bn. First Name: Robert Surname: Webster Resided Town: Broxburn, West Lothian Nationality: British Date of Death: 20/09/1917 Fate: Killed in Action Rank: Private Service Number: 200824 Duty Location: France And Flanders</p>	
<p>43055 Pte John Whigham 1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>JOHN WHIGAM Rank: Private Service No: 43055 Date of Death: 09/04/1918 Age:23 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 1st Bn. Grave Reference: XII. D. 5. Cemetery: BROOKWOOD MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Grandson of Christina Whigham, of Hall Place, Uphall, Linlithgowshire. West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 Uphall Soldier Dies of Wounds – Official intimation has been received by Mr and Mrs John Whigham, Hall Place Uphall that their grandson Pte John Whigham died from wounds in the King George Hospital, London on 9th April 1918. Pte Whigham whose photo appears was an enthusiastic Territorial and was for 5 years in the 1/10th Royal Scots. Mobilized immediately of the outbreak of war, he was detailed with his regiment for home duties and on July 1916 was drafted to France where he was transferred to the Royal Scots Fusiliers. After a period of hard and continuous fighting he was granted a months' leave in October last, his term of service having expired but he enlisted again to continue the great fight for liberty and justice in which he had already played such a splendid part. Six months after his short period of respite spent amongst his many friends in Uphall and elsewhere he was severely wounded in the back with shrapnel while in action on the 28th March and although everything possible was done for him in the hospital to which he was sent, he passed away on the 9th April, a noble life given for a noble cause.</p>	


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	<p>Deceased was 23 years and 9 months old. Previous to the outbreak of war he was employed with the Broxburn Oil company on the pithead of one of their pits.</p>		
<p>16463 Pte Alex Williamson 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Surname WILLIAMSON Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 16463 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 1 October 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds. SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS LOTHIAN REGIMENT Other detail 13th Bn. First Name: Alexander Initials: A Surname: Williamson DOB: Circa 1897 Age: 18 Birth Town: Uphall, Linlithgowshire Resided Town: Broxburn, West Lothian Nationality: British Date of Death: 01/10/1915 Fate: Died of Wounds Rank: Private Service Number: 16463 Duty Location: France And Flanders</p> </td> <td style="width: 70%; vertical-align: top;">  </td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th October 1915 A Brave Soldier's Death – we reproduce a photo of Pte A Williamson 13th Royal Scots, son of Mrs White, Clifton Buildings Broxburn, who succumbed to wounds received in action. Last week Mrs White received a wire stating that her son was dangerously ill, his injuries being gunshot wounds in the head, stomach and legs. This week notification of his death came to hand in a letter written by Rev T J Rae, Presbyterian chaplain. The letter, which was dated 1st October, was written from No 16 General Hospital, and was as follows; - Dear Mrs White - I regret to say that your son Pte Williamson, died here yesterday. He had been very ill indeed as you know from my former letter, and though everything was done for him, he succumbed to his injuries. Please accept my deep sympathy. You have the comfort of knowing that your son died a brave soldier's death in a great cause. May God comfort you in your sad loss." The young soldier was only 18 years of age and enlisted towards the end of last year. He proceeded to the front about two months ago. The sympathy of her friends has been extended to Mrs White in her exceedingly trying bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Williamson – In loving memory of our dear son Pte A Williamson, Royal Scots, died of wounds at Loos aged 18. Had we but seen him at the last Or held his dying head</p>	<p>Surname WILLIAMSON Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 16463 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 1 October 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds. SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS LOTHIAN REGIMENT Other detail 13th Bn. First Name: Alexander Initials: A Surname: Williamson DOB: Circa 1897 Age: 18 Birth Town: Uphall, Linlithgowshire Resided Town: Broxburn, West Lothian Nationality: British Date of Death: 01/10/1915 Fate: Died of Wounds Rank: Private Service Number: 16463 Duty Location: France And Flanders</p>	
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	<p>Our hearts would not have felt so much The bitter tears we shed. Inserted by his mother and step father, Mr and Mrs White, Old Town, Broxburn Somewhere on the battlefield of France Our dear brother fought and fell He gave his life for Britain's cause And played his part full well. Inserted by his brothers and sisters.</p>
<p>40349 Pte Peter Wilson 2nd Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>Surname WILSON Forename Peter Rank Pte Service number 40349 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 12 October 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Other detail 2nd Bn. West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Uphall Soldiers Killed – Yesterday morning Mr and Mrs T Wilson, 7 Goschen Place, Uphall, received official intimation that their son, Pte Peter Wilson, (23), Royal Scots Fusiliers had been killed in action on 12th October. Pte Wilson was a member of Broxburn Public Band and was one of those who joined as a band in the Royal Scots in 1915. He was home some nine weeks on his final leave ere going to the front. He played the Double B instrument in the Band. Prior to enlisting he followed the vocation of a miner. He was a native of Uphall and resided there all his life. A brother of the deceased Pte Robert Wilson, (21), Royal Field Artillery is at present lying in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. He is wounded for the second time. His last wounds consisted of shrapnel in right arm. Midlothian Advertiser 3rd November 1916 Broxburn Public Band Casualties – Broxburn people have received intelligence that some of the members of the public band have fallen in France. The band, it will be remembered, enlisted in a body shortly after the outbreak of the war. It was at first attached to the 4th Royal Scots and did good service in the days of voluntary recruiting. Since then the men have been attached to various units and have been in France for some time. The following casualties are officially reported:- Pte Robert H Finlay, RSF, killed on October 12, was a son of Mr W Finlay 13 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, and was 19 years of age. Pte Peter Wilson, RSF, killed on October 12 was a son of Mr Thomas Wilson, 7 Goschen Place Broxburn and was 23 years of age. Another member of the band has been officially reported killed on October 14. A letter however, dated October 17 has been received from him so that this casualty is still doubtful. Another member has been wounded in the left arm and is in hospital at Nottingham.</p> 

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	<p>Midlothian Advertiser 17th November 1916 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The following names of district soldiers appear in the casualty lists published this week. Killed Pte P Wilson, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Uphall Wounded Pte N Martin, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th November 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties – Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Pte P Wilson</td> <td style="width: 20%;">40349</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Royal Scots Fusiliers</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Uphall</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Killed</td> </tr> </table>		Pte P Wilson	40349	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Uphall	Killed
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<p>2747 Pte Alex Wright 7th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>ALEXANDER WRIGHT Rank: Private Service No: 2747 Date of Death: 28/06/1915 Age: 19 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots "C" Coy. 7th Bn Panel Reference: Panel 26 to 30. Memorial: HELLES MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Robert and Margaret Wright, of Whiteford Place, Broxburn, West Lothian. First Name: Alexander Initials: A Surname: Wright DOB: Circa 1896 Age: 19 Birth Town: Bo'Ness, Linlithgowshire Resided Town: Broxburn, West Lothian Nationality: British Date of Death: 28/06/1915 Fate: Killed in Action ALEXANDER WRIGHT</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Broxburn Soldier Safe – Since June 28th 1915, Pte Alex Wright, of the 7th Royal Scots, whose photograph we reproduce above has been reported missing, but he is now a prisoner of war. He joined the army in December 1914 and was drafted to the Dardanelles, arriving at that theatre of war in June 1915. He just missed being involved in the Gretna disaster he having been luckily transferred to the train that followed. It was in a March issue of the Sunday Pictorial that his mother recognised her son. It may be said that out of the same photograph of their camp another West Lothian man named Boyd, has been identified. The American Ambassador has been communicated with, inquiring who were all in the camp, but the Turks for some reason or other refused to divulge anything. He has been interned at Angora and Cornosto both in Asia Minor. From the photograph of the camp he looks very well, although a little thin because of an attack of fever from which he has fully recovered. He was employed in Broxburn Oilworks in the engineering department. He gained his three years' certificates at Broxburn Evening School and met with further success in</p>						
							

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	<p>Heriot Watt's College. Pte Wright was well known, and was much respected by his fellow townsmen, who all wish him a safe return home.</p>					
<p>20161 Pte James A Robertson 15th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname ROBERTSON Forename James A Rank Pte Service number 20161 Decoration Place of birth Peebles Date of death 1 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Information: SON OF ELIZABETH ROBERTSON, OF 21, LEOPOLD PLACE, EDINBURGH, AND THE LATE JAMES E. ROBERTSON. West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Pte J A Robertson</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">29161</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Royal Scots</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Broxburn</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Missing</td> </tr> </table>	Pte J A Robertson	29161	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Missing
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<p>1328 Pte John Shields 1/8th Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>Surname SHIELDS Forename John Rank Cpl Service number 1328 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 24 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS Other detail 1/8th Bn. West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1917 Bathgate Seaforth Killed – On Monday Mr and Ms Samuel Brynes, Marjoribanks Street, Bathgate received intimation that their son LCpl Samuel Brynes Seaforth Highlanders, had been killed on 20th Oct the result of machine gun fire, while engaged putting up wire in the frontline trenches. His cousin, LCpl John Shields, A & S Highlanders, Uphall formed one of the party who paid their last respects to the gallant soldier. LCpl Brynes, joined up in November 1915, and prior to that was a dresser with Messrs Renton ad Fisher Ltd Bathgate. Rev W P Young, chaplain under date 23rd Oct wrote, Dear Mrs Brynes, I am very sorry to have to tell you that your son Pte Samuel Brynes was killed in the night of 20th Oct. He was one of a working party, which had to put up wire in front of the trenches. While at this work, your son was hit in the body with a machine gun bullet. He became unconscious at once and died within five minutes of receiving his wound. His comrades brought him in and buried him on 22nd Oct at 12:30, in a well-kept little cemetery behind the lines. I</p>					

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<p>47818 Pte Joseph Locke Anderson 2nd Btn Northamptonshire Rgt</p>	<p>ANDERSON, JOSEPH LOCKE Rank: Private Service No: 47818 Date of Death: 18/11/1918 Age:19 Regiment/Service: Northamptonshire Regiment 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: XI. B. 37. Cemetery: TERLINCTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, WIMILLE Additional Information: Son of Alexander and Agnes Locke Anderson, of Society Place, Broxburn, West Lothian, Scotland. West Lothian Courier 13th December 1918 Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – We regret it is again our sad duty to record the death of another of Broxburn’s gallant sons, who has given up his life on behalf of his country. We refer to Pte Joseph L Anderson 2nd Northants, whose parents Mr and Mrs A Anderson residing at Society Place, Broxburn, have now been officially informed of his death in France through influenza, contracted whilst on duty. The first intimation that anything was amiss was conveyed in a letter from the Matron of 83 General Hospital, Boulogne stating that he had been admitted to the Hospital on 5th November suffering from influenza, and that his condition was dangerous. On the 21st November a letter was received by the parents from the Army Chaplain stating that their son had passed away. He had endeared himself to all of us, and we all miss him very much. He was a dear boy, one of whom you have every reason to be proud. The deceased, whose photo appears above was 19 years of age and was previous to enlistment in 1917, employed in the Pumpherstons Oil Coy’s Works. He was drafted to France in April of this year and was almost immediately in action being wounded on 23rd of that month. He was also “gassed” on 7th Sept. He was in many of the big engagements that took place being an experienced Lewis gunner and entitled to wear the “Crossed Guns.” Another son of Mr and Mrs Anderson, viz Driver Alex (Alic) Anderson RFA is presently in France, and has been over three years in the Army, having enlisted in January 1915.</p>
<p>24175 Pte Claude Brownlee 6th Btn King’s Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>CLAUDE BROWNLEE Rank: Private Service No: 24175 Date of Death: 03/05/1917 Age:26 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 6th Bn. Panel Reference: Bay 6. Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Brownlie, of Kirkhill Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Magdalene Brownlie, of Kirkview Cottages, Uphall, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Brownlie – Killed in action on 4th May, Pte Claud Brownlie, KOSB aged 25, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Brownlie Broxburn, and beloved</p> 

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	<p>husband of Magdalene R Cochrane, youngest daughter of James Cochrane, butcher, Uphall, Deeply mourned - Loved by all.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th May 1917 Broxburn Soldiers Killed – The following Broxburn men are reported killed – Pte Alex Braidwood, Royal Scots, Melbourne Road, Pte Claude Brownlie, KOSB, eldest son of Mr Gavin Brownlie, Mid Street, Pte Alex McLeay, Royal Scots Fusiliers, lately employed by M Angus Shiel, Crown Tavern, Pte Robert Vicars, Royal Scots Fusiliers, son of Mr William Vicars, Main Street.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Uphall Soldier Killed – Pte Claud Brownlie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Brownlie, Broxburn, and husband of Mrs Brownlie, youngest daughter of Mr James Cochrane, Butcher, Uphall. Pte Brownlie was killed in action on 4th May. Prior to enlistment, deceased was employed in the bakery department of Broxburn Co-operative Society. He was twenty-five years of age, and has three brothers also in the Army, two of whom have been serving on the western front, since practically the outbreak of the war.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Brownlie – In loving memory of Pte Claud Brownlie, who fell in action (instantaneously) in Battle of Arras France on 3rd May 1917, beloved husband of Magdalene R Cochrane, Bloomfield, Uphall, loved by all who knew him.</p> <p>His warfare o'er, his battles fought His victory won, though dearly bought His fresh young life we could not save He rest's now in a soldier's grave "Until he come, when the day breaks and the shadow flee away."</p>
<p>48364 Pte Thomas Burns 11th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>BURNS, T Rank: Private Service No:48364 Date of Death: 22/09/1917 Age:20 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 11th Bn. Grave Reference: I. A. 9. Cemetery: LES BARAQUES MILITARY CEMETERY, SANGATTE Additional Information: Son of David and Agnes Burns, of 7, Kirkhill Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st December 1916 Broxburn Royal Scot Wounded – Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots, a son of Mr Thomas Burns, grocer, Broxburn, has been wounded in France and is now in hospital in England.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 22nd June 1917 Broxburn Man a Prisoner – Mr Thomas Burns, grocer, Broxburn, received a postcard yesterday morning from his eldest son Pte T Burns, Royal Scots, stating that he is a prisoner at Munster Germany, having been captured with others of his battalion on 28th April. Pte Burns had just re-joined his regiment after recovery from wounds.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th July 1917 Burns – at Munster, Germany on the 11th May, from wounds received in action, on the 28th April, Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots aged 24 years. Eldest son of Thomas Burns, Grocer Broxburn.</p> 

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	<p>West Lothian Courier 12th October 1917 Burns – Died of wounds 22nd Sept 1917, in 35th General Hospital, Calais, Pte T Burns, 48364, Royal Scots, youngest son of Mrs Burns Kirkhill Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th October 1917 Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Mrs Burns 7 Kirkhill Road, Broxburn, has received official intimation that her son, Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots, has died of wounds received in action in France. The deceased was wounded on 20th Sept, 1917, and succumbed on 22nd Sept at No 35 General Hospital, Calais. Enlisting on the 1st January of this year, he was drafted to France in June, and had been through several engagements. In civil life he was employed as a blacksmith at the Roman Camp works of the Broxburn Oil Company and was highly esteemed by his fellow workmen. Deceased was also one of the Broxburn City FC, a most capable player and occupied the position of right-back for two seasons. As a token of the Clubs respect and esteem he was made the recipient of a wristlet watch and other gifts when home on embarkation leave in June, the presentation being made at a social held under the Club's auspices. Deceased was nearly 20 years of age. Another son of Mrs Burns, Pte Robert Burns, HLI, has been a prisoner of war in Germany since July 1916.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Burns – In loving memory of my dear son Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots, who died of wounds in Calais Hospital, 22nd Sept 1917, and 20 years. This day bring back the memory fresh Of our dear son who has gone to his rest It is the only those who have lost can tell the pain of parting without saying farewell Inserted by his mother, Mrs Burns, Kirkhill Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Burns – In loving memory of our dear brother Pte Thomas Burns, 48364, Royal Scots, who died of wounds 22nd Sept 1917 in 35th General Hospital, Calais. His comrade may come home some day But he'll be sleeping far away His war is o'er his sun is set But we who loved him will ne'er forget. Inserted by his brother Ada Kirkhill Road, Broxburn</p>
<p>S/7100 L/Cpl David Dryden 8th Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname DRYDEN Forename David Rank L Cpl Service number S/7100 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 25 September 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Other detail 8th Bn.</p> 

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Midlothian Advertiser 22nd October, 1915

Broxburn Soldier Killed – Mr and Mrs William Calder, Fergus Place, Broxburn have received notification from the chaplain William Crawford, of the Seaforth Highlanders, that their nephew, L/Cpl David Dryden, died of wounds received in the great night of 28th September last, and that he was buried on the field of battle. L/Cpl Dryden would have completed his 23rd year on the 5th October.

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Broxburn Men Who have Fallen – reproduced here a photo of L/Cpl David Dryden, 8th Seaforth Highlanders, nephew of Mr and Mrs William Calder, Fergus Place Broxburn, who was killed in action on 25th September. From information to hand it appears that the young soldier had been severely wounded in the big engagement and died on his way to the dressing station. Not having heard from him so some time, Mr Calder made anxious inquiries at the most likely quarters and eventually received the sad intelligence of his nephew's death. The follow letter dated 14th October was received from the Chaplain;- It is sad to me to acquaint you with the death of your nephew L/Cpl D Dryden no 7100, Seaforth Highlanders. He was killed in the great fight on 25th September last. I know that you must have spent weeks of watching and waiting and it is all the sadder for me to state that all hope of him is gone. He died doing his duty and have been buried on the field of battle. Every one of us here feels much sympathy with you and with all the relatives of those who have given their lives for their country. I would remember you however of Christ our hope in the dark hour, though dead he yet speaketh and you and we will always hold his memory in sweet remembrance. I pray that God may enable you to bear your great loss in patience. With Sympathy believer me, sincerely yours, William Crawford.

A letter has also been received from Pte J McCluskey to whom Mr Calder had written making inquiries regarding the fate of his nephew. The letter which is dated 11th October is in the following terms :- I received your letter today, (Monday), inquiring about L/Cpl Dryden. I am very sorry to tell you that he died of wounds on the battlefield. He was severely wounded and died while being taken to the dressing station. I am attached to D Coy, just now, to which Coy he belonged. I made inquiries about him and found that he was very much respected by all his Coy. Everyone seems to have a good word for him and all his comrades join with me in sending our deepest sympathy to you, hoping that you will bear up in your sad bereavement knowing that he died a hero's death. I may tell you we lost a lot of brave heroes that day but not in vain, for we achieved one of the greatest victories off the war. I was one of the few lucky ones who came through it all. Trusting this finds you well – with deepest sympathy yours sincerely, J McCluskey. The late L/Cpl Dryden who was 23 years of age enlisted in January last and proceeded to France in the month of July. He was for some time employed in the Broxburn Oil works, but immediately before joining the army he was engaged with the North British Rubber Coy Edinburgh. He was a very popular young man, and there are many companions who will mourn his loss. The sympathy of the community has gone out to Mr and Mrs Calder in their bereavement.

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Dryden – In loving memory of our dear nephew and adopted son, LCpl David Dryden, 8th Seaforth Highlanders killed in action on Hill 76 near Loos 25th September, 1915.

His country called, he answered

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	<p>Inserted by Mr and Mrs William Calder, Fergus Place, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Dryden – In loving and affectionate remembrance of our dear nephew and adopted son, LCpl David Dryden, Seaforth Highlanders, who was killed on action in Hill 70, Loos, 25th September 1915 aged 23 years. His life for his country he freely gave Inserted by Mr and Mrs William Calder, Fergus Place, Broxburn West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Dryden – In loving and affectionate remembrance of our nephew and adopted son, LCpl David Dryden, Seaforth Highlanders killed in action at Loos 25th Sept 1915 aged 23 years. To Memory Ever Dear Inserted by Mr and Mrs William Calder, Fergus Place, Broxburn</p>
<p>13354 Pte William Heggie 14th Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>HEGGIE, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No:13354 Date of Death: 06/08/1916 Age:21 Regiment/Service: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders "D" Coy. 14th Bn. Grave Reference: I. C. 33. Cemetery: PHILOSOPHE BRITISH CEMETERY, MAZINGARBE Additional Information: Son of William and Jane Martin Heggie, of West Burnside, Broxburn, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916 Broxburn Merchant's Son Sniped – Mr & Mrs W Heggie, Broxburn, have received official intimation that their son, Pte William Heggie, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders had been killed by a sniper on 6th August He joined the colours in September 1915, and left for France last June. Under date 7th August, Chaplain W White Anderson wrote – it was my sad duty today to officiate at the burial of your boy, Pte W Heggie, 13354. No burial could have been more orderly or reverent. His Captain and 11 men from his Company went with him and his special pals lowered him to his last resting place – Your boy has been privileged to make the supreme sacrifice. Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend. That must be your consolation now and your joy in your grief. Lieut J Grahame Drew, under date 7th August, wrote – It is with great sorrow that I write to inform you of the death of your splendid son. I and my platoon offer our sincerest sympathy in your great loss. Our loss is great, but yours must be overwhelming. It was my sad duty to take one of my best lads for his last ride down the billets. While on duty in the front line of the trenches with the bombers he was standing looking over the parapet when he was sniped by a Boche sniper. His death was instantaneous, being shot through the head. Alas, that my best man should have been killed like that. I know not whether anger or sorrow is the greater in me. I will miss him as well as my Platoon for he was a general favourite with everyone. I looked on him as one of my mainstays, he was so smart, so ready to do his duty. Always cheery and bright he kept us in good spirits and helped to lighten our dark moments. Captain J D Mackie, writing under date 7th August, says – I am writing to offer you my sympathy in your great loss. Pte Heggie was a very fine soldier, one of the smartest I ever had to deal with, He had a grand physique, a happy and pleasing manner, and he knew his job. Did he ever tell you that before we left for France, I wanted him to become a Lance Corporal? He preferred to remain in the ranks however. He was detached</p>

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from the Company when he was killed, so that I was not present. I spoke to the Officer who was with him at the time. Your son was shot by a sniper and death was instantaneous. The Officer in charge was greatly distressed especially as he realised your son's great abilities. I attended the funeral, and took with me 11 of your son's platoon. He was buried in a beautiful cemetery along with many other brave men. It is carefully tended to by an old Scots Guardsman, and the little French girls bring flowers for the graves and keep them beautiful. I cannot tell you just now the name of the village, but a careful record is kept by the Government and all the graves are marked. Words are of little use to you in your sorrow and measuring your grief by my own, I know how deep it must be but I thought you would be glad to know how much your son was loved by the officers and men of his Company, and that he was laid to rest by Scots among Scots friends. Pte J Ronald, Uphall, who joined at the same time as Pte Heggie wrote – It is a bitter blow to you all, but I hope it is some comfort to you to learn from his chum and comrade how highly esteemed he was by one and all. He was a brave true soldier, who never flinched in the face of danger which he faced with a cheery smile. Letters of condolence were also received from L/Cpl James B Russell, Bathgate, and Pte James McCracken. L/Cpl A D Ralston, son of Mr Ralston, joiner, Broxburn writing to Mr and Mrs Heggie under date 10th August, says – It is with feelings of deep regret that I write to you to let you know from information received from his most intimate comrades of the manner in which your son met his death. He was in the bombing party whose duty it was that night to hold a sap, this, I may say is one of the most dangerous and trying bits of work that fall to the lot of a soldier. All went well until about five o'clock on Sunday morning when Pte W Heggie fell to a sniper's bullet. He was hit in the head. His death was a painless one. He was buried on Tuesday about mid-day. It was late on the evening of the day prior to the funeral that I heard of what had happened, he was the only other Broxburn lad in the Battalion besides myself. I was to my deep regret unable to get to the funeral. He is buried in a soldier's cemetery. The cemetery was made by the 16th Irish Division, it is splendidly laid out and beautifully kept. At the funeral were Captain Mackie, and 12 of the deceased's platoon comrades, also the Chaplain and French and British soldiers who were stationed near. When I visited the grave the day after the funeral I found it surrounded with coloured tiles, a cross and anchor done with white pebbles, flowers in pots at head and foot, the work of French girl children. These little girls see to the renewing and watering of the flowers. Your son was held in the highest respect by his comrades and was esteemed by his officers. He was ever cheerful and willing to do any duty he was called upon to do. Although I have not been much in his company since landing here – the last talk we had together would be a month ago – still I will miss him very much as there was always a joke, a laugh and a talk of Broxburn and the folks in it when we did meet which cheered both of us. I hope what I have been able to tell you will be some consolation to you.


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Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo

West Lothian Casualties Official List

Pte W Heggie	13354	A & S Highlanders	Broxburn	Killed
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<p>64268 L/Cpl John Hunter 8th Btn Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>HUNTER, JOHN Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 64268 Date of Death: 26/02/1918 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 5 C and 12 C. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Alexander Service Hunter and Marion Hunter, of Erskinefield House, Broxburn, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 15th March 1918 Promising Broxburn Youth Killed – On Friday last Mr Alexander S Hunter Erskinefield House, Broxburn, received intimation that his only son LCpl John Hunter MGC, had been killed in Flanders. The news was conveyed by a comrade who narrated the circumstances and expressed sincere condolence from the Company. On 27th February LCpl Hunter had been on sentry duty in the front line when an enemy shell landed near by killing him instantly and wounding two others. LCpl Hunter had only been in France a few months although he enlisted in the early days of the war. He was a promising lad having gained the Dux Prize at Broxburn Higher Grade School and from there gone on to Edinburgh University to take the Arts Course. He was 20 years of age. Mr Alexander S Hunter is a District Secretary of the Independent Order of Rechabites and widespread sympathy has been evoked towards him and Mrs Hunter in their sad loss. LCpl Hunter was a member on Onward Tent, Broxburn and for a time held the office of Sick Steward. Bo'ness Journal 15th March 1918 Broxburn Youth Killed – On Friday last, Mr Alexander S Hunter, Erskinefield House, Broxburn, received intimation that his only son LCpl John Hunter MGC, had been killed in Flanders. On 27th February LCpl Hunter had been on sentry duty in the front line when an enemy shell landed near by killing him instantly and wounding two others. LCpl Hunter had only been in France a few months although he enlisted in the early days of the war. He was a very promising lad having gained the Dux Prize at Broxburn Higher Grade School and from there gone to Edinburgh University to take the Arts Course He was 20 years of age. West Lothian Courier 28th March 1918 Hunter – Killed in action near Passchendaele on 26th February 1918, LCpl John Hunter Machine Gun Corps, only surviving son of Mr and Mrs A S Hunter, Erskinefield House, Broxburn.</p>
<p>19919 Pte William Potter 11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>POTTER, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: 19919 Date of Death: 07/07/1916 Age: 21 Regiment/Service: Northumberland Fusiliers 11th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 10 B 11 B and 12 B. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of John and Hannah Potter, of 20, Albyn Cottages, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> 

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	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st July 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – The parents of Pte William Potter Northumberland Fusiliers have received notification that their son was killed during the advance in a bayonet charge. Pte Potter has been in France for a number of months. A letter has been received from Captain Philip N Graham, which is in the following terms. “I am sorry to have to inform you of the death of your son 12919 Pte William Potter who was killed during the charge made by the 11th Btn. He was a very fine soldier, and at the end died a soldier’s death, He will be greatly missed in his company. The fine example of bravery he set cannot but help to influence others to do as he has done. You have my deepest sympathy in your great loss.”</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st July 1916 Potter – Killed in action Pte William Potter Northumberland Fusiliers aged 22, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Potter, Albyn Cottages, Broxburn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 21st July 1916 Two Broxburn Men Killed – On Monday night Mr John Potter, foreman plumber, Albyn Cottages, Broxburn, received information that his youngest son, Pte W Potter, 22 years of age, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been killed in action in France. According to information sent by an officer Pte Potter was killed in a bayonet charge. Deceased was 22 years of age. R W Colquhoun, mine oversman, Roman Camp, Broxburn, has also received information of the death in action in France of his son, Sgt J C Colquhoun of the same regiment.</p>
<p>20161 Pte James A Robertson 15th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname ROBERTSON Forename James A Rank Pte Service number 20161 Decoration Place of birth Peebles Date of death 1 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 15th Bn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st September 1916 Broxburn Casualties – Pte J A Robertson, Royal Scots, only son of Mrs Robertson, Fernie Place Broxburn has been missing since the beginning of July. He is 18 years of age.</p>
<p>31474 Pte James Ross 9th Btn Royal Scots Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname ROSS Forename James Rank Pte Service number 31474 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 2 December 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS</p>

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	<p>Other detail 9th Bn West Lothian Courier 18th January 1918 Ross – Killed in action on 2nd December 1917, 31474 Pte James Ross, Royal Scots, Machine Gun Corps. Anchored by love, death cannot sever. Inserted by his sorrowing widow and children, East Burnside Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918 Ross – In loving memory of Pte James Ross, MGC, beloved husband of Janet Campbell, killed in action in France 2nd December 1917. He did his duty and did it well Facing the danger as each day dawned Inserted by his widow and children, East Burnside Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918 In loving memory of Pte James Ross, Machine Gun Corps, beloved husband of Janet Campbell, killed in action on December 2nd 1917. A day of remembrance sad to recall Inserted by his brother and sister in law.</p>
<p>1459 Sgt William Smith 2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname SMITH Forename William Rank Sgt Service number 1459 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Linlithgowshire Date of death 1 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 2nd B</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Sgt William Smith 2nd Gordons, son of Mr William Smith draper, has also been wounded. No word, however, has been received from the War Office to this effect, but from information received through another source the news seems quite authentic.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st July 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – The parents of Sgt William Smith 2nd Gordons who was previously reported wounded have now been officially notified that their son has been killed in action on 1st July. Sgt Smith was previously wounded at Loos on 25th September. Since joined the Army in the early stages of the war he has met with much success and was made Sgt at the age of 19. Sgt Smith was 20 years of age when he made the supreme sacrifice and like Pte Potter and Sgt Colquhoun had a wide circle of friends, and their deaths have come as a shock to the community. The utmost sympathy is extended to their relatives.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 28th July 1916 Broxburn Man Killed – Mr William Smith, draper, Broxburn has just received notification from the War Office that his elder son, Sgt William Smith, Gordons, was killed in action in France on 1st July. Sgt Smith was 20 years of age.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916</p> 

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	<p>Broxburn Man Killed – Sgt W Smith 2nd Gordons was killed in action on 1st July. He was wounded at Loos last September. His parents reside in Broxburn.</p>
<p>29615 Pte James McCulloch Watson 5/6th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WATSON Forename James Rank Pte Service number 29615 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 14 September 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 5/6th Bn West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Watson – In fond remembrance of my beloved son and our dear brother James McCulloch Watson, who died in Rouen on 14th Sept of wounds received in action. Deeply Mourned, by his sorrowing mother sisters and brother Main Street, Broxburn</p>
<p>20929 Pte David West 3rd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEST Forename David Rank Pte Service number 20929 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 15 September 1915 Theatre of death Home Cause of death Died SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 3rd Bn. West Lothian Courier 24th September 1915 Funeral of a Broxburn Soldier – The funeral of Pte David West, 3rd Royal Scots, son of Mrs John West, Lauriston Cottage, Broxburn who succumbed to injuries received while practising bomb throwing at Glencorse last week took place to Uphall Cemetery on Friday last. A party of eight soldiers from the Battalion to which Pte West belonged were present at the funeral, as well as the members of the Oil Guard at Broxburn Oil Works, and soldiers belonging to the district who were on furlough. The funeral was also largely attended by the general public. Numerous wreaths were sent by friends as a last tribute to the young soldier and on all hands there were manifestations of mourning. On arrival at the cemetery the coffin was carried to the grave by the men of the 3rd Royal Scots, all of whom seemed deeply moved at the loss of their comrade. The service at the house and also at the grave was conducted by Rev H Ferguson, East UF Church. West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916</p>

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	<p>West – In loving memory of my dear son Pte D West Royal Scots who died at Craigleith Military hospital (the result of a bombing accident at Glencorse), 15th September 1915 aged 17 years.</p> <p>Ah fain, would I have kept him back But he heard his country's call So he gave his very best he had his dear life for us all Inserted by his mother, Broxburn</p>
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St Nicholas UF Church Broxburn

<p>48364 Pte Thomas Burns 11th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>BURNS, T Rank: Private Service No:48364 Date of Death: 22/09/1917 Age:20 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 11th Bn. Grave Reference: I. A. 9. Cemetery: LES BARAQUES MILITARY CEMETERY, SANGATTE Additional Information: Son of David and Agnes Burns, of 7, Kirkhill Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st December 1916 Broxburn Royal Scot Wounded – Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots, a son of Mr Thomas Burns, grocer, Broxburn, has been wounded in France and is now in hospital in England.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 22nd June 1917 Broxburn Man a Prisoner – Mr Thomas Burns, grocer, Broxburn, received a postcard yesterday morning from his eldest son Pte T Burns, Royal Scots, stating that he is a prisoner at Munster Germany, having been captured with others of his battalion on 28th April. Pte Burns had just re-joined his regiment after recovery from wounds.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th July 1917 Burns – at Munster, Germany on the 11th May, from wounds received in action, on the 28th April, Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots aged 24 years. Eldest son of Thomas Burns, Grocer Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th October 1917 Burns – Died of wounds 22nd Sept 1917, in 35th General Hospital, Calais, Pte T Burns, 48364, Royal Scots, youngest son of Mrs Burns Kirkhill Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th October 1917 Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Mrs Burns 7 Kirkhill Road, Broxburn, has received official intimation that her so, Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots, has died of wounds received in action in France. The deceased was wounded on 20th Sept, 1917, and succumbed on 22nd Sept at No 35 General Hospital, Calais. Enlisting on the 1st January pf this year, he was drafted to France in June, and had been through several engagements. In civil life he was employed a s a blacksmith at the Roman Camp works of the Broxburn Oil Company and was highly esteemed by his fellow workmen. Deceased was also one of the Broxburn City FC, a most capable player and occupied the position of right-back for two seasons. As a token of the Clubs respect and esteem he was made the recipient of a wristlet watch and other gifts when home on embarkation leave in June, the presentation being made at a social held under the Club's auspices. Deceased was nearly 20 years of age. Another son of Mrs Burns, Pte Robert Burns, HLI, has been a prisoner of war in Germany since July 1916.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Burns – In loving memory of my dear son Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots, who died of wounds in Calais Hospital, 22nd Sept 1917, and 20 years. This day bring back the memory fresh</p>	 A black and white portrait of a young man, Pte Thomas Burns, wearing a military uniform. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light color.
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	<p>Of our dear son who has gone to his rest It is the only those who have lost can tell the pain of parting without saying farewell Inserted by his mother, Mrs Burns, Kirkhill Road, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Burns – In loving memory of our dear brother Pte Thomas Burns, 48364, Royal Scots, who died of wounds 22nd Sept 1917 in 35th General Hospital, Calais. His comrade may come home some day But he'll be sleeping far away His war is o'er his sun is set But we who loved him will ne'er forget. Inserted by his brother Ada Kirkhill Road, Broxburn</p>
<p>6990 Pte James Caine 1st Btn Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>CAINE, JAMES Rank: Private Service No: 6990 Date of Death: 27/01/1915 Regiment/Service: Cameron Highlanders 1st Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 41 and 42. Memorial: LE TOURET MEMORIAL West Lothian Courier 19th February 1915 Another Broxburn Soldier Killed – On Wednesday morning Mrs Caine, Cotton's Buildings, Old Town, Broxburn received intimation from the Army Pay Office Perth, that her son Pte James Caine 2nd Cameron Highlanders had been killed in action. Through another source Mrs Caine has been informed that her son had shown his head above the trench at La Bassee, when he was shot through the neck by a German sniper. This was on the 22nd January and a comrade states that he saw him decently buried. Caine who was a reservist at the time of the outbreak of the war was 30 years of age and while serving with his regiment had spent a considerable number of years in Africa, China and India. West Lothian Courier 30th April 1915 Killed in action – An Officer's Tribute We show a photo of Pte James Caine 2nd Cameron Highlander son of Mrs Caine, Cotton's Buildings, Broxburn, who was killed in action on 26th January last. From information received it appears he fell a victim to a German sniper. Caine who was a reservist at the time of the outbreak of the war, was 30 years of age, and while serving under the colours spent a considerable number of year in Africa, China and India. At the end of last week, Mrs Caine received a letter of condolence from Captain H C Methven, of the Cameron Highlanders. The letter, which is dated 22nd April and is written from Invergordon, is in the following terms;- Dear Mrs Caine, I am writing you a few lines to say how exceedingly sorry I have been to learn of the death in action of your son in January last. I was a Company Officer of your son's for some years in the 2nd Battalion, and knew him to be a most excellent and trustworthy soldier. In December last I was transferred from the 2nd Btn and to the 1st Btn and in the Company of the 1st Btn, which I commanded (D Coy) I found you son, It was a pleasure to me to see your son again, more especially as at that time there were few old and dependable soldiers left in the Battalion, A few men in each Company were told off to act as snipers – special men selected as being good shots and really dependable soldiers – your son was one of these. In the fighting near La Bassee on January 25th and 26th my Company was engaged and</p>




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	<p>on the 26th in the early morning, I was wounded so that I have been ignorant until now as it happens of what happened to your son. He must have been killed after I had been taken away to hospital. I have heard that your son with great coolness and courage took up his position on a railway embankment in order to try and locate German snipers. In so doing he most unfortunately met his death. I sympathise most deeply with you in your great loss but feel you have every reason to be proud of the way in which your son died. Yours sincerely H C Methven Captain, Cameron Highlanders.</p>
<p>71243 Cpl Harry M M Cheyne 27th Btn Canadian Infantry</p>	<p>Corporal CHEYNE, HARRY MONCRIEF MACGILL Service Number 71243 Died 15/09/1916 Aged 22 27th Bn. Canadian Infantry Son of Violet Cheyne, of Dean Park Farm, Craigleith, Edinburgh, Scotland, and the late Robert Cheyne.</p>
<p>1972 Cpl Andrew Cheyne 9th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>CHEYNE, ANDREW Rank: Corporal Service No: 1972 Date of Death: 14/04/1915 Age:19 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 9th Bn. Grave Reference: III. D. 87. Cemetery: BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Robert and Violette Cheyne, of 11, Denham Green Place, Trinity, Edinburgh.</p> <p style="color: red;"><i>This is the only Andrew Cheyne I can find either in SNWM or CWGC</i></p>
<p>19863 Sgt John Colquhoun 11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>JOHN COLQUHOUN Rank: Serjeant Service No: 19863 Date of Death: 07/07/1916 Age:22 Regiment/Service: Northumberland Fusiliers 11th Bn. Grave Reference: V. L. 6. Cemetery: GORDON DUMP CEMETERY, OVILLERS-LA BOISSELLE Additional Information: Son of William and Margaret Colquhoun, of 34, Roman Camp, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st July 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Sgt John Colquhoun, Northumberland Fusiliers, who has been reported killed after a bayonet charge during the great offensive. Sgt Colquhoun gained rapid promotion as the result of devotion to duty. He went to France twelve months ago but had been in no important engagement till the one on the 1st and 2nd of July. Sgt Colquhoun who was 24 years of age, was the son of Mr William Colquhoun, mine oversman, Roman Camp, Uphall. A letter in the following terms has been received from a captain in the regiment. “it is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of your son 19863, Sgt John Colquhoun, who died during a charge made by the 11th Btn. He was a fine soldier and very painstaking and conscientious</p>



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	<p>non-commissioned officer, and by setting a fine example to his men has greatly helped to bring the Company in which he was to its present state of efficiency. I am afraid the blow will be a very hard on you, but you must try to comfort yourselves with thought that he died like a true soldier fighting for King and Country, I remain, yours truly, Philip N Graham</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 21st July 1916 Two Broxburn Men Killed – On Monday night Mr John Potter, foreman plumber, Albyn Cottages, Broxburn, received information that his youngest son, Pte W Potter, 22 years of age, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been killed in action in France. According to information sent by an officer Pte Potter was killed in a bayonet charge. Deceased was 22 years of age. R W Colquhoun, mine oversman, Roman Camp, Broxburn, has also received information of the death in action in France of his son, Sgt J C Colquhoun of the same regiment.</p>																										
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	<p>West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Broxburn Soldiers – In a letter to his mother who resides in Greendykes Road Broxburn, Pte J Creelman KOSB, states he is lying in a London hospital now, suffering from slight concussion and shock. He says he got knocked out on 17th August. He was buried by a shell and was struck with shrapnel but it is not serious. He has to thank his shrapnel helmet for escaping with his life. The shrapnel penetrated his helmet but it only bruised his head and knocked him “silly” for two or three hours. He says he is getting on very satisfactorily. They were in a lively part of the line.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th October 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte J Creelman</td> <td style="width: 15%;">2664</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Scots att'd KOSB</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th October 1917 Broxburn Soldier Reported Missing – Official notice has been received by Mrs J Creelman, 293 West Street, that her son Pte James Creelman, Royal Scots is posted as missing on the 22nd August 1917. Pte Creelman who is 22 years of age “joined up” on the 25th January 1915 and was sent to France in July of the following year. In October of the same year he received a severe shrapnel wound in the head and was sent to a hospital in England. After recovering from his wounds, he was drafted to Ireland and in July of this year was again sent to France. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a miner in Loaning Hill Mine of the Broxburn Oil Company.</p> <p>Other three brothers of Pte James Creelman nobly answered their country’s call – Pte Thomas Creelman, Royal Scots, making the supreme sacrifice on 30th Sept 1915, whilst LCpl John Creelman who belonged to the Royal Scots, and was mobilised at the outbreak of war has been missing since 19th November 1916. Another brother Sgt William, Scots Guards was gassed on 25th June 1916 and is now working on munitions. Mrs Creelman will be pleased to learn any tidings of her son.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918 Creelman – In loving memory of my dear husband John Creelman, who died 8th April 1916, result of an accident, also my son Pte Thomas Creelman, Royal Scots, killed in France 30th September 1915 also LCpl John Creelman, Royal Scots missing since 13th Nov 1916, now presumed died on that date, also Pte James Creelman, Royal Scots missing since 22nd August 1917, presumed died on that date, also Daniel Creelman who died result of an accident 12th July 1911, aged 9 years.</p> <p>Though earthly ties are over in life we’ll meet no more my heart is with them always On yonder distant shore. Mrs Creelman, 293 West Street, Broxburn</p>	Pte J Creelman	2664	Royal Scots att'd KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded
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West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917

Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mrs Crinean Shrine Place, Broxburn has been notified that her husband L Cpl William Crinean Black Watch has been severely wounded. He sustained wounds to the head right arm, left hand and abdomen. The head wound is reported practically better, but the others continue to require careful attention. He has been visited in Hospital by Lieut Lindsay, Bathgate and Lieut Thomson, Mid Calder. LCpl Crinean is a son of Mr and Mrs Crinean, South Bridge Street, Bathgate.

West Lothian Courier 25th May 1917

Crinean – Died at 7th Canadian General Hospital, France on 17th May, of wounds received in action on 24th April, LCpl W Crinean, Black Watch, beloved husband of Mary Ferguson 16 Shrine Place, Broxburn, and eldest son of Mr and Mrs J Crinean, 85 South Bridge Street, Bathgate – Deeply Mourned.

West Lothian Courier 25th May 1917

LCpl W Crinean, Black Watch whose wife resides at Shrine Place, Broxburn, and whose parents reside in South Bridge street, Bathgate has died from wounds. He was an ex-soldier and was on the reserve list when hostilities opened. Leaving his occupation, that of a postman at Broxburn Post Office, he was among the first drafts sent to France. After undergoing the miseries and the glories of Mons he was invalided home. He again returned to the trenches in France in February of this year. He was wounded on the 24th April and as we have noted in previous issues, from the first his case was looked upon as serious. On Thursday of last week Mrs Crinean, Broxburn, received the following letter from the matron of Canadian General Hospital – May 18th – Dear Mrs Crinean, I very much regret to inform you that your husband LCpl W Crinean passed quietly away at this hospital on May 17th. All that could possibly be done was done for him, but he seemed gradually to get weaker and weaker. He was given every care and attention and made as comfortable as possible. He will be laid to rest in the Etaples Military Cemetery. I am enclosing a few pictures to you, that I know you will value. The rest of his personal effects will reach you in due time from the authorities. Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918

Crinean – In loving memory of my dear husband LCpl William Crinean, Black Watch, who died of wounds at Etaples, France 17th May 1917.

Upright and just in all his ways

Thoughtful and kind to the end of his days

He fought but not for love of war

He struck but to defend

He stood for liberty and truth

A soldier to the end.

Inserted by his widow and child, 16 Shrine Place, Broxburn

There is a link death cannot sever

Love and remembrance last for every

Inserted by Mr and Mrs R Wilson.

West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918

Crinean – In loving memory of LCpl William Crinean, Black Watch, who died of wounds in France, 17th May 1917

His heart was always in his home

He toiled and did his best

Until there came that sudden call

and now with God he is at rest

Inserted by Mrs and Cpl William Ferguson

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	<p>Upright and just in all his ways Thoughtful and kind to the end of his days Forgot to the world by some he may be But dear to our memory he ever will be Inserted by Mrs and LCpl George Ferguson. <i>(Also on Bathgate War Memorial)</i></p>
<p>25123 Pte John Davie 15th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>DAVIE, JOHN Rank: Private Service No: 25123 Date of Death: 02/06/1916 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots "C" Coy. 15th Bn. Grave Reference: I. G. 14. Cemetery: ALBERT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Davie, of 76, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 16th June 1916 Fatal Accident to Broxburn Soldier – We show a photo of Pte John Davie, 15th Royal Scots, son of Mrs R Davie, 76 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, who as we reported in our last week's issue, was accidentally killed on 2nd June as the result of a bombing accident in the training school. Mrs Davie has received letters of sympathy from the chaplain and an officer of the Battalion. The officer's letter is in the following terms: - Dear Mrs Davie, I am extremely sorry to say that there has been an accident here at the Brigade Bombing School in which your son has succumbed to his wounds. It was a very serious accident as there were nine wounded altogether. I think personally, considering the nature of his wounds, it was better that he succumbed. I have not known your son very long, indeed only a fortnight but from what I have seen of him, he seemed to be a very good soldier, and most obliging. The minister was present at his death, which occurred in hospital, and I hear he is writing to you. Your son is going to be buried in the cemetery here tonight but unfortunately on account of censoring restrictions I cannot tell you the place. If you can communicate with my home address after the war, which is Melville Terrace, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, I can then tell you the place, that is if I am still to the fore myself. Sympathising very much with you in your sad bereavement, I remain yours faithfully, T W Denholm Hay. PS I am herewith enclosing your son's cap badge, which he desired would be sent to you. I have just heard that your son's last words were "Jesus my soul."</p>
<p>10215 L/Cpl Frank Dempster 2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>DEMPSTER, FRANK Rank: Lance Corporal Date of Death: 25/09/1915 Regiment/Service: Gordon Highlanders 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 115 to 119. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Francis and Margaret J. Dempster, of 61, Stewartfield, Broxburn, Linlithgowshire. His brothers John Dempster and James Dempster also fell.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Service No: 10215 Age: 26</p>



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West Lothian Courier 13th November 1914

Broxburn Men Killed and Wounded – Intimation was received in Broxburn this week that Pte William Alexander Carle, Scots Guards, had been killed in action on the 14th September. Carle was at one time a member of the West Lothian Constabulary, and was stationed at Broxburn, for 16 months. Two and half years ago he was transferred to Queensferry, but later joined the Scots Guards. Pte George Melville, 1st Cameron Highlanders, sent a PC to his brother that he had been wounded. Mrs Dempster, 19 Stewartfield, Broxburn, received a PC from her son stating that he had received a wound in the right side and was now in a London Hospital. He has been in the 1st Gordons for over 8 years and was in Egypt when war broke out.



West Lothian Courier 4th December 1914

Broxburn Man Home from the Front – An Entertaining Talk – Pte Frank Dempster, 2nd Gordon Highlanders has arrived home in Broxburn, having been wounded in action. Dempster belongs to the regular army and has spent four years in India and two in Egypt. After the outbreak of the war he was drafted with his company to England and again left for the front on October 3rd. Typical of the true soldier he is not over communicative regarding his experiences. He has, however been in thick of it, and remarked that it was not at all comfortable to be within range of the German big guns. It was on October 29th that he was wounded, a shrapnel bullet piercing his right side and striking a rib. He had to wait till darkness set in before he could be removed and he was in the trench for three days.

West Lothian Courier 19th March 1915

Broxburn Soldier Second Time Wounded – In a letter home to his mother Pte Frank Dempster, 2nd Gordon Highlanders states that he was wounded on 11th March in the left arm, but not seriously, and is lying at VAD Hospital, Kent. Pte Dempster was previously wounded in October, and was home on sick leave in December. He re-joined his regiment and was drafted to the front at the end of February, and was only three weeks in the trenches when he received his wound.

West Lothian Courier 19th November 1915

Broxburn Soldiers Missing – Mr Francis Dempster, Stewartfield, Broxburn, has received intimation from the War Office that his son No 10215 L/Cpl Francis Dempster, 2nd Gordon Highlanders, was posted as wounded and missing on the 25th September. L/Cpl Dempster was in the Regular Army and came with his regiment from Egypt shortly after the outbreak of the war. He was twice previously wounded and was home about four months ago. If this should meet the eye of any soldier of his regiment who can supply information regarding the missing Gordon it will be gratefully received by his father.

West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916

Broxburn Gordon Killed – a Third Son Gone – We reproduce a photograph of LCpl Frank Dempster, who has been missing since the battle of Loos 25th September 1915, but he is now officially reported killed. L/Cpl Dempster who was 36 years of age has seen a lot of service in the Army. Having served for eight years before war was declared he has been with his regiment, 2nd Gordons in India and Egypt. On the outbreak of hostilities, he was drafted to France from Egypt in October 1914 and was wounded in December of that year. After hospital treatment, he was again sent out to the scene of operations near the beginning of 1915 and was wounded in May of that year. He is the third son of

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	<p>Mr and Mrs Dempster who reside at Stewartfield who has been killed in the present war.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917</p> <p>Dempster – In loving memory of LCpl Francis Dempster, Gordons, killed in action 25th September 1915 aged 26 years, beloved son of Francis and Margaret Dempster, Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p> <p>No stone shows where unknown he lies No cross marks where he sleeps A cloud obscured his honoured grave And death its secret keeps.</p> <p>Inserted by his sorrowing parents and sister.</p> <p>Dempster – In loving memory of LCpl Francis Dempster, Gordons, Killed in action 25th September 1915 aged 26 years He sleeps beside his comrades In a hallowed grave unknown But his name is written in letters of love On the hearts he left at home</p> <p>Inserted by his loving sister and brother in law Mr and Mrs Andrew McLean, Stewartfield, Broxburn</p>
<p>8632 Pte James Dempster 1st Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>DEMPSTER, JAMES Rank: Private Service No: 8632 Date of Death: 09/05/1915 Age: 29 Regiment/Service: Seaforth Highlanders 1st Bn. Grave Reference: XVII. D. 10. Cemetery: CABARET-ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY, SOUCHEZ Additional Information: Son of Francis and Margaret Dempster, of 61, Stewartfield, Broxburn, West Lothian. His brothers John Dempster and Frank Dempster also fell.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th November 1914</p> <p>Broxburn Men Who Have Fallen – The public of Broxburn are now being made to realise more fully the awful toll exacted by such a stupendous war as the present, as scarcely a week passes but information is to hand of some of her sons having fallen in action. This week the list includes both killed and wounded and the sympathy of the community has gone out to the relatives of those brave fellow who have given their lives in their country's cause. Pte James Dempster, 2nd Seaforth Highlander whose parents reside at Stewartfield, has sent word home that he is wounded and in hospital. Out of the three sons serving with the colours this is the second one that has been wounded.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th May 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Dempster – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte James Dempster, Seaforths, killed in action 9th May 1915, aged 30, son of Francis and Margaret Dempster.</p> <p>At peace in his grave on a battlefield gory Only a cross o'er a mound of brown earth Dead in the pride of his young and his glory Far from the home and the land of his birth A gallant soldier, a faithful son</p>



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	<p>Is laid beneath the sod, He died for King and country His home is now with God. Inserted by his father and mother and his sister Lena, Stewartfield, Broxburn. Dempster – In affectionate remembrance of our dear brother, Pte James Dempster, Seaforths, killed in action, 9th May 1915 aged 30. He was brave and loving kind and true He faced the shot and shell Although his grave we cannot see, He like a soldier fell. Inserted by Mr and Mrs McLean, Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th June 1915 Death of Two Broxburn Reservists – Mr Frank Dempster, Old Town, Broxburn has received official intimation of the death from wounds received in France on 9th May of his son, Pte James Dempster, Seaforth Highlanders. Pte Dempster who was 30 years of age, was a Reservist. He was wounded in October, but returned again to the front in March. Mr Dempster has other three sons serving in the Army. The death in action is also announced of Pte James Nelson, 1st Black Watch, a Reservist who resided at Kirkhill Road, Broxburn previous to the war, but who was a native of Musselburgh.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th May 1917 Dempster – In loving memory of Pte James Dempster, Seaforth Highlanders, beloved son of Francis and Margaret Dempster who was killed in action, 9th May 1915, aged 30. Deep down in our hearts his fond memory we cherish He oft fills our thoughts as in silence we sit But we're proud when we think of the way that he perished He died for his country doing his bit Inserted by his loving brother and sister, Mr and Mrs Andrew McLean, Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 Dempster – In loving memory of Pte James Dempster, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action 9th May 1915, aged 30, beloved son of Francis and Margaret Dempster, Stewartfield, Broxburn. Oft in my dreams I see thy face Thy loving voice I hear Whispering mother, do not fret for me As I am ever near He has gone from amongst us, oh, how we miss him Loving him dearly his memory we'll keep Never till life ends shall we forget him Dear to our hearts is the place where he sleeps. Inserted by his father and other brother and sister. Somewhere in France there is a grave where our dear brother sleeps He seemed alive but yesterday So fresh his memory keeps Inserted by his sister and brother in law Mr and Mrs A McLean.</p>
<p>4606 Pte John Dempster MM</p>	<p>DEMPSTER, JOHN Rank: Private Service No: 4606</p>

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58 th Btn Machine Gun Corps	<p>Date of Death: 08/07/1916 Age: 28 Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 58th Bn. Awards: M M Grave Reference: I. S. 1. Cemetery: BECOURT MILITARY CEMETERY, BECORDEL-BECOURT Additional Information: Son of Francis and Margaret Dempster, of 61, Stewartfield, Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Isabella Lee (formerly Dempster), of 7, Alexandra St., Ballymena, Co. Antrim. His brothers James Dempster and Frank Dempster also fell.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th July 1916 Broxburn Men Killed and wounded – Notification has also been received by Mrs Dempster from the wife of her son Cpl John Dempster to the effect that he has been killed in action. This is the third son of Mrs Dempsters’ to have paid the supreme sacrifice. L/Cpl Dempster was a member of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Mrs Dempster Stewartfield has received a letter from her sister in law stating that her son Cpl John Dempster has been killed in action. He joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders but was subsequently transferred to a machine gun section. His officer writing to the widow, who resides in Ballymena, speaks in eulogistic terms of the services rendered by Cpl Dempster and that he has been recommended for the DCM. He also states he was one of the best fellows in the section. This is the third son that has met with misfortune on the battlefield. Pte James Dempster who was in the Seaforth Highlanders, was killed about a year ago, while Pte Frank Dempster has been reported wounded and missing since 25th September last. A fourth brother William, a private in the Royal Scots Fusiliers is at present in the trenches.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th May 1917 A Broxburn Soldier’s Gallantry – A Posthumous Honour – Mrs Elizabeth Dempster, 84 Springwell Street, Ballymena, has just received from the War Office authority the Military Medal, which was awarded to her husband Act Cpl J Dempster, Machine Gun Corps for gallantry on the field. He was subsequently wounded and died in a French hospital. The act of gallantry which won for him the coveted distinction is officially described as follows:- “During an attack on our position by enemy bombers and after having the NCO of his gun killed by a bayonet wound, he climbed on to the parapet with a machine gun and ammunition from which position he threw bombs and worked his gun alternatively.” His Company Officer when writing of his death from wounds received in the offensive in July last, says, “He was one of the rarest of our soldiers and a born leader of men.” The late Cpl John Dempster, whose widow resides at the above address in Ballymena was born and brought up in Broxburn and is a son of Mr and Mrs Frank Dempster Stewartfield Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th July 1917 Dempster – In loving memory of our dear brother Cpl John Dempster, awarded the Military Medal, killed in action in France on 7th July 1916. Dear Johnnie you sleep among the brave Where no tears of a sister can drop on thy grave In the red fields of France you are laid far away Still my tribute of love to thy memory I’ll pay. Inserted by his loving sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs Andrew Baxter, Stewartfield, Broxburn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th July 1917</p>
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	<p>Dempster – In loving memory of Cpl John Dempster, beloved son of Francis and Margaret Dempster, awarded the Military Medal, killed in action in France on 7th July 1916.</p> <p>He took his place beside the best Of Britain's noblest sons A soldier grave is laid to rest Amid the roar of guns The face I loved is now laid low The fond true heart is still. Inserted by his father, mother and sister, Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p>
<p>49082 Pte Robert Docherty 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname DOCHERTY Forename Robert Russell Rank Pte Service number 49082 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgow Date of death 28 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 13th Bn</p>
<p>104362 Gunner John Duffy Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname DUFFY Forename John Rank Gnr Service number 104362 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn West Lothian Date of death 19 August 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll ROYAL HORSE AND ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY Unit name In or attached to ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY or ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 15th September 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Casualties – Mr James Duffy, 32 Stewartfield, Broxburn, has received official intimation that his son, Gunner John Duffy, RFA, has been killed in France. He was 17 years of age and enlisted in 1915.</p> <p>Pte J Speirs, Army Cyclist Corps has died of wound in France. He was a territorial and was called up at the outbreak of war. He resided with his Grandmother, Mrs McGhie, Winchburgh, whose home is now at Hawthorne Place, Broxburn.</p> <p>Mr Alexander Kane, 17 Stewartfield, has been officially informed that his son, Pte John Kane, Royal Highlanders, has been wounded and is now in hospital at Perth.</p>
<p>Robert Ferguson</p>	<p><i>Have not found anything on this man, either in Newspapers, nor can I identify him on CWGC or SNWM</i></p>

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<p>3rd Engineer Samuel Ferguson Merchant Navy "Malvina"</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname FERGUSON Forename Samuel Rank 3rd Engr Service number Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Date of death 2 August 1918 Theatre of death 'MALVINA' 79156 Cause of death d. SNWM roll THE MERCANTILE MARINE Unit name In or attached to THE MERCANTILE MARINE West Lothian Courier 9th August 1918 Ferguson – Drowned at sea, through enemy action, Aug 2nd, Samuel Ferguson aged 23, engineer on SS_____, beloved husband of Chrissie Allan, 186 Bonnington Road, Leith, and fifth son of Mr and Mrs R Ferguson, Shrine Place, Broxburn. Deeply Regretted – The sea shall give up it's dead.</p>
<p>40359 Pte Robert Findlay 2nd Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>FINDLAY, ROBERT HAMILTON Rank: Private Service No: 40359 Date of Death: 12/10/1916 Age: 19 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 3 C. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Mary H. Findlay, of 13, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, Linlithgow. West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Broxburn Bandsmen in action Assist in taking German Trench Mr and Mrs W Findlay, Greendykes Road yesterday received official intimation that their son Pte Robert H Findlay, Royal Scots, att'd Royal Scots Fusiliers, had been killed in action on 12th October. He was a member of Broxburn Band having charge of the musical effects and acting as librarian, He left for France on 29th August. He was only 19 years of age. Midlothian Advertiser 3rd November 1916 Broxburn Public Band Casualties – Broxburn people have received intelligence that some of the members of the public band have fallen in France. The band, it will be remembered, enlisted in a body shortly after the outbreak of the war. It was at first attached to the 4th Royal Scots and did good service in the days of voluntary recruiting. Since then the men have been attached to various units and have been in France for some time. The following casualties are officially reported:- Pte Robert H Finlay, RSF, killed on October 12, was a son of Mr W Finlay 13 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, and was 19 years of age. Pte Peter Wilson, RSF, killed on October 12 was a son of Mr Thomas Wilson, 7 Goschen Place Broxburn and was 23 years of age. Another member of the band has been officially reported killed on October 14. A letter however, dated October 17 has been received from him so that this casualty is still doubtful. Another member has been wounded in the left arm and is in hospital at Nottingham. West Lothian Courier 12th October 1917</p>



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	<p>Findlay – In loving memory of Pte R H Findlay, Royal Scots Fusiliers, who was killed in action 12 Oct 1916. A mother’s heart is aching For a son she loved so well He gave his lie for his country In honour’s cause he fell Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother 13 Greendykes Road, Broxburn West Lothian Courier 11th October 1918 Findlay – In loving memory of our dear son 40359 Pte Robert Findlay, Royal Scots Fusiliers, late Broxburn Band, who was killed in action 12th Oct 1916. The years roll on and what a meeting Will be on that heavenly shore When were welcomed by our loved ones Who have journey on before Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother, 13 Greendykes Road, Broxburn. A soldier’s grave is a touching thing Where loving hands no flowers can bring But God in his great loving care Will guard our brother lying there. Inserted by his brother and sisters and brothers in law.</p>																										
<p>S/8777 Pte Gordon Taylor 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Era</td> <td>WW1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Surname</td> <td>TAYLOR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forename</td> <td>Gordon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rank</td> <td>Pte</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service number</td> <td>S/8777</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decoration</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Place of birth</td> <td>Broxburn West Lothian</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of death</td> <td>25 September 1915</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theatre of death</td> <td>F&F</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cause of death</td> <td>Killed in action</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SNWM roll</td> <td>THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unit name</td> <td>In or attached to THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other detail</td> <td>1st Bn.</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th March 1915 We reproduce above the photos of four brothers, sons of the late Mr Robert Taylor, who previous to his death about a year ago, resided at Stewartfield, Broxburn. The house is still occupied by member of the family. Of the four sons in the army three have been at the front for a considerable time. The eldest brother, William, who is 34 years of age is a Cpl in the ASC. He was an ex-soldier and re-enlisted after the outbreak of the war. He was stationed at Aldershot for a short time and was then sent out to France. He is married and was resident in Bo’ness. Gordon (30), enlisted in Kitchener’s Army three months ago, and is a Pte in the Gordon Highlanders. He is also married, and his wife resides at Stewartfield. Alexander (26) was a reservist at the time of the outbreak of the war and is now serving with the 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders. He went out with the first Expeditionary Force and has been in practically all the engagements from the retreat at Mons right on to the present time. He is still in the trenches and has been fortunate enough, so far, to escape without a scratch. He received rapid promotion and now occupies the rank of Sergeant. He was home about a month ago, on three days’ furlough and was then in the best of health. Even amongst his own friends, however, he observed a strict</p> 	Era	WW1	Surname	TAYLOR	Forename	Gordon	Rank	Pte	Service number	S/8777	Decoration		Place of birth	Broxburn West Lothian	Date of death	25 September 1915	Theatre of death	F&F	Cause of death	Killed in action	SNWM roll	THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS	Unit name	In or attached to THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS	Other detail	1st Bn.
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	<p>reticence regarding his experiences at the front. In his last letter home, he stated that he was quite well.</p> <p>Pte James Taylor (24) belongs to the 2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders. He enlisted at the age of 17, and was still in the army when the war broke out. He has served two years in Egypt. He has been at the front since the month of October and in a letter written to his sister, which arrived at the beginning of this week, he states that he is presently at an infantry base at Havre, convalescent following upon a slight shrapnel wound. He has been 5 weeks in a hospital, but says he is making a rapid recovery.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd October 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mrs Taylor, Stewartfield, Broxburn has received intimation from the War Office that her husband Pte Gordon Taylor, 1st Gordon Highlanders has been wounded. No other particulars are yet to hand.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th November, 1916 Broxburn Soldier Presumed Killed – this week, Mrs Taylor, nee Catherine Baird received official intimation that her husband Pte Gordon Taylor Gordon Highlanders reported missing after the battle of Loos on 25th September 1915 is now presumed to have been killed. Pte Taylor joined in January 1915, and proceeded to France in March, the same year, He was engaged in fighting almost continuously up to the Battle of Loos. In private life he was a miner under the Broxburn Oil Company and resided at 63 Stewartfield. He leaves a widow and four children. Last July Mrs Taylor's sister Mrs Millar, who is left with three children also lost her husband killed in battle. Their brother, Pte Thomas Baird Royal Scots attached to the Warwickshires, continues in the firing line, He has been through all the recent big advances. Mrs Baird to whose children reference has been made resides at Stewartfield.</p>	
<p>132917 Sapper John McNee 179th Tunnelling Coy Royal Engineers</p>	<p>McNEE, J Rank: Sapper Service No:132917 Date of Death: 20/10/1917 Age:37 Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers 179th Tunnelling Coy. Grave Reference: VIII. I. 76. Cemetery: BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. James McNee, of 289, West St., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>	
<p>352982 Alexander McVey 9th Btn Royal Scots, formerly 2335 Lothian & Border Horse</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname McVEY Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 352982 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Date of death 9 April 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS</p>	

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45098 Pte Stewart Main 18 th Btn Lancashire Fusiliers, formerly R.4/089542 RASC	<p>Era WW1 Surname MAIN Forename Stewart Rank Pte Service number 45098 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 26 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS SERVING IN BRIGADE OF GUARDS AND ENGLISH REGIMENTS Unit name THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS Other detail 18th Bn. formerly R.4/089542 RASC</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – We show a photo of Pte Stewart Main whose parents Mr and Mrs William Main, “Lucknow”, West End Broxburn have been officially informed of his having been killed in action in France on the 26th March 1918. Deceased answered his country’s call for men in March of 1915, choosing for his regiment the Lancashire Fusiliers and after a short period of training was sent to France. Almost immediately after his arrival in France he was in action and was wounded on 1st July 1915. After recovering from his wounds, he again took his place in the firing line and came through many engagements was again wounded in January of this year ultimately giving his life for his country as already stated on 26th March. Previous to enlisting Pte Main assisted his father in the conducting of a fruit and vegetable business. Deceased was 23 years of age.</p> <p><i>(Cousin of John Main, Canadians, mentioned in another part of this book, and of my Grannie, sister of John Main).</i></p>
353445 L/Cpl Samuel Millar 5/6 th Btn Royal Scots	<p>MILLAR, SAM Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 353445 Date of Death: 11/08/1918 Age:31 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 5th/6th Bn. Grave Reference: V. C. 11. Cemetery: BOUCHOIR NEW BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Millar, of Linns Buildings, Old Town, Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th December 1915 Broxburn Family’s Patriotism – Recently Mr G D Duncan, Hon Secretary of Broxburn Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Comforts Committee brought under the notice of Lord Stamfordham, Equerry to the King the fact that Mr John Miller 96 Stewartfield, Broxburn had five sons and three grandsons serving with the forces, and Mr Miller has since received the following letter – “Buckingham Palace, 14th December 1915 – Sir, I have the honour to inform you that the King has heard with much interest that you have at present moment 5 sons serving in the Army. I am commanded to express to you the King’s congratulations and to assure you that His Majesty much appreciated the spirit of patriotism which</p>



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	<p>prompted this example in one family, of loyalty and devotion to their sovereign and Empire. I have the honour to be, Sir your obedient Servant, P M Ponsoy, Keeper of the Privy Purse. The names of the sons are, Pte John Miller, 3rd Gordon Highlanders, Gunner Alex Miller Royal Field Artillery, Pte William Miller, 3rd Gordon Highlanders, Pte Archibald Miller, 1st Canadians and Pte Samuel Miller, 3rd Gordon Highlanders. The three grandsons are Pte Joseph Miller, 10th Btn 1st Canadians, Pte Alex Miller 16th Btn 1st Canadians, and Pte Robert Cowley Miller, Royal Scots who was killed in action in the Dardanelles.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th September 1918</p> <p>Miller – Killed in action on the 11th August, LCpl S Miller of the Royal Scots, beloved son of Mr and Mrs Miller, Old Town, Broxburn.</p> <p>Jesus in thy gracious keeping Leave we now our dear one sleeping Inserted by his sorrowing friend, Joan Grierson, 11 Dean Park Crescent, Edinburgh</p>
<p>T/307932 Driver Hugh Miller Army Service Corps att'd HQ 150th Infantry Brigade</p>	<p>MILLER, HUGH Rank: Driver Service No: T/307932 Date of Death: 27/05/1918 Age: 35 Regiment/Service: Army Service Corps attd. H.Q. 150th Inf. Bde. Panel Reference: Memorial: SOISSONS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Husband of Isabella A. Miller, of Old Bank House, East End, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>
<p>1422 Pte Archibald Miller 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname MILLER Forename Archibald Rank Pte Service number 1422 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Date of death 27 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 2nd Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916</p> <p>Broxburn soldiers Killed – Mrs Millar 88 Stewartfield, received notice yesterday morning from the Military authorities that her husband Pte Archibald Millar Royal Scots had died at 2 Stationary Hospital, Abbeyhill on 27th July. Pte Millar was seriously wounded in the big advance on 23rd July. He had been out at France since the first stages of the war, being a reservist when war was declared. He leaves a widow and three of a family to whom the utmost sympathy is extended.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916</p> <p>Men Killed Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the News Columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p>

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	Pte A Miller	1422	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Died of Wounds
<p>West Lothian Courier 27th July 1917 Miller – In loving memory of Pte Archibald Miller, who died of wounds received in action on 27th July 1916, aged 28 years. One year has passed and still we miss him Some may think the wound has healed But little know they of the sorrow That's oft behind a smile concealed Inserted by his wife and children 88 Stewartfield, Broxburn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th July 1918 Miller – In loving memory of my dear husband, Pte Archibald Millar Royal Scots died of wounds received in action, 27th July 1916. Gone but not Forgotten Sleep on dear daddy and take thy rest they miss you most who loved you best Friends are friends but very few we lost our best friend when we lost you Inserted by his wife and family 88 Stewartfield, Broxburn</p> <p>Miller – In loving memory of my dear son Pte Archie Miller, Royal Scots, who died of wounds received in action, 24th July 1916 Sleep on dear son in a foreign grave A grave I may never see but as long as life and memory last I will remember thee Inserted by his sorrowing mother.</p> <p>Miller – Far and oft our thoughts do wander To a grave so far away Where they laid our dear brother Archie Just two years ago today When we think of all the changes, which the last few years have brought We are glad the world you have gone to Is the world that changes not Inserted by his sisters and brothers.</p>					
1269 Pte John Moore 2 nd Btn Scots Guards	MOORE, J Rank: Private Service No: 12609 Date of Death: 31/08/1917 Age:26 Regiment/Service: Scots Guards 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 10. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Emma Moore, of 113, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian, and the late John Moore. West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs John Moore, 113 Greendykes Road, Broxburn that their son Pte John Moore, Scots Guards, was killed in action on 21 st August 1917. The following letter has also been received by the bereaved parents:-				

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	<p>“Dear Mrs Moore, I am greatly grieved to have to inform you that your son Pte J Moore, 12609 Scots Guards, was killed a shell on 21st August. He was holding the front line and was killed instantaneously just as he was entering a dugout. I enclose some letters and cards that were found on his body. You will like to have them and see how carefully he treasured your gifts. It is a hard blow for you all, but may our Heavenly Father strengthen and comfort you with the thought that your son gave himself as a brave man to defend you and all he loved in this world. Officers and men unite in sending you their deep sympathy in your great sorrow. Yours etc Arthur Stanley Middleton, Chaplain Scots Guards.”</p> <p>Deceased who was 26 years of age, answered his country’s call for men on 12th December 1914, and was drafted to France in August of 1916. Towards the end of that year he was wounded and was again in the casualty list in July of this year but was treated in the base hospital on both occasions. Deceased who was unmarried, was previous to entering His Majesty’s Forces employed by the Broxburn Oil Coy.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th August 1918</p> <p>Moore – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte John Moore, Scots Guards, who was killed in action on 31st August 1917</p> <p>One year today our dear son fell For the honour of freedom struck down by a shell But there’s one consolation he has left behind Though absent in body he’s with us in mind Inserted by his father and mother, 113 Greendykes Road, Broxburn Safe beyond this world of danger Safe beyond this world of care we shall find our missing loved one In the spirit realms so fair. Inserted by his brother, sisters and brothers in law.</p>
<p>2566 Pte John Munnoch 5th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Surname MUNNOCH Forename John Rank Pte Service number 2566 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 28 June 1915 Theatre of death Gallipoli Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS LOTHIAN REGIMENT Other detail 5th Bn.</p> <p><i>(See also St Nicholas Parish Memorial Board)</i></p>
<p>333 Pte James Nelson 1st Btn Black Watch</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname NELSON Forename James Rank Pte Service number 333 Decoration Place of birth East Linton Haddingtonshire Date of death 9 May 1915 Theatre of death F&F</p>

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	<p>Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 1st Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th June 1915 Broxburn Reservist Missing in Action – Pte James Nelson, reservist, 1st Black Watch, who previous to being called up resided with Mr Rennie, Kirkhill Road Broxburn, was killed in action in France on 9th May. Pte Nelson went to the front in the early stages of the w and has been wounded twice. He belongs to Musselburgh, and before enlisting in the army he resided in Broxburn. After serving 8 years with the colours he came from India to Broxburn and was employed with his Uncle, the late Mr John Nelson as a labourer in the Camps. He was 30 years of age.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th June 1915 Death of Two Broxburn Reservists – Mr Frank Dempster, Old Town, Broxburn has received official intimation of the death from wounds received in France on 9th May of his son, Pte James Dempster, Seaforth Highlanders. Pte Dempster who was 30 years of age, was a Reservist. He was wounded in October but returned again to the front in March. Mr Dempster has other three sons serving in the Army.</p> <p>The death in action is also announced of Pte James Nelson, 1st Black Watch, a Reservist who resided at Kirkhill Road, Broxburn previous to the war, but who was a native of Musselburgh.</p>
<p>38211 Pte David Nicol King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry prev 3600 Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname NICOL Forename David Rank Pte Service number 38211 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Linlithgow Date of death 7 June 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS SERVING IN BRIGADE OF GUARDS AND ENGLISH REGIMENTS Unit name THE KING'S OWN YORKSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY Other detail 8th Bn, formerly 3600 Royal Scots</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Broxburn Soldier now Presumed Killed – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs William Nicol, 9 Albyn Cottages, Broxburn that their son, Pte David Nicol, whose photo appears above and who has been reported missing from 7th June 1917, is now presumed to be killed.</p> <p>The deceased answered the call of his country on 1st December 1915, enlisting in that famous Lowland Regime, The Royal Scots, and after undergoing a period of training was drafted to France on 4th July of the following year. There he became attached to the KOYLI, with which regiment he took part in a great deal of hard fighting. He took part in the action on the morning of the 7th June 1917, the date when he was posted as missing and hopes were fondly cherished by his large circle of friends that favourable news would yet be received of him, but the official news received this week signifies that another noble young life has been given in the great cause. “Davie” to give him the name by which he</p>



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	<p>was affectionately known was 23 years of age, and since his commencing to work had been employed on the office staff of Broxburn Oil Co, being in their Roman Camp office immediately prior to his joining up. Of a quiet, unassuming disposition he was a universal favourite, not only with the workmen with whom he came frequently in contact, but by a large circle of the public in the district, and their sincerest sympathy in which we join, goes out to his parents in their period of trial.</p>
<p>T4/262199 Driver Samuel Nicol 86th Bde, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>NICOL, S Rank: Driver Service No: T4/262199 Date of Death: 22/07/1919 Age: 38 Regiment/Service: Royal Army Service Corps attd. 86th Bde. Royal Field Artillery Grave Reference: C. 39. Cemetery: UPHALL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Samuel and Marion Waddell Nicol, of Janefield Cottages, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>
<p>LCpl Charles Cameron Paris Durham Light Infantry <i>Served as Charles Cameron</i></p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CAMERON Forename Charles Rank L Cpl Service number 21621 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Date of death 6 June 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS SERVING IN BRIGADE OF GUARDS AND ENGLISH REGIMENTS Unit name THE DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY Other detail 20th Bn <i>Served under the Alias of Charles Cameron – Soldiers Effects Doc shows full details including wife’s name and other identifying facts</i> CHARLES PARIS West Lothian Courier 10th August 1917 Paris – Killed in action in France, LCpl Charles Cameron Paris, Durham Light Infantry, beloved husband of Martha Paris, Greendykes Road, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 14th June 1918 Paris – In loving memory of my dear husband, LCpl Charles Paris who was killed in action on 13th June 1917. Sleep on dear daddy and take thy rest They miss you most who loved you best Inserted by his wife and son, 111 Greendykes Road, Broxburn.</p>
<p>43275 Cpl William Paris 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>PARIS, WILLIAM Rank: Corporal Service No:43275 Date of Death: 23/10/1918 Age:31 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: I. E. 3.</p>

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	<p>Cemetery: AWOINGT BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of John and Helen Paris, of Church St., Broxburn, Linlithgowshire. West Lothian Courier 1st December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte W Paris</td> <td>43275</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte W Paris	43275	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>20161 Pte James A Robertson 15th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname ROBERTSON Forename James A Rank Pte Service number 20161 Decoration Place of birth Peebles Date of death 1 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 15th Bn. Midlothian Advertiser 1st September 1916 Broxburn Casualties – Pte J A Robertson, Royal Scots, only son of Mrs Robertson, Fernie Place Broxburn has been missing since the beginning of July. He is 18 years of age.</p>					
<p>172379 Coy Sgt Maj George Rodger MM & Bar, MiD 3rd Btn Canadian Infantry</p>	<p>RODGER, G Rank: Company Sergeant Major Service No:172379 Date of Death: 30/08/1918 Age: 26 Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry 3rd Bn. Awards: MM and Bar Grave Reference: A. 10. Cemetery: VALLEY CEMETERY, VIS-EN-ARTOIS Additional Information: Son of George and Jane Rodger, of "Barjovah," Union Rd., Broxburn, Scotland. Born at Cupar, Fife. Enlisted 1915. West Lothian Courier 19th October 1917 Broxburn Sgt Awarded the Military Medal – We are pleased to learn that still another Broxburn soldier has received his country's recognition for gallantry displayed on the field of battle, Sgt Instructor George Rodgers, Canadian Forces, whose photo we show, and to whom we offer our congratulations has been awarded the Military medal for conspicuous gallantry at Lens and Hill 70. The gallant Sgt who is the second son of Mr and Mrs Rodgers, Barjovah, Broxburn was recommended for a similar honour for a heroic action at Vimy Ridge. Previous to leaving for Canada Sgt Rodgers was in the employment of Mr Fletcher South Queensferry. West Lothian Courier 25th January 1918 Presentation to Military Medalist – Under the auspices of the Broxburn Honours and Memorial Committee another of their distinguished heroes was honoured in the Public School Broxburn on Tuesday night. Mr G D Duncan presided over a fair attendance and referred to their hero Sgt George Rodger of the Canadians in</p>					



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suitable terms. It was a pleasure to welcome back men of his mind or any who had been in the stern places of the field on furlough from time to time, but a still greater pleasure would be given by all to welcome all back to civil life when the hostilities had been brought to a triumphant end for freedom. (Applause). It was his duty and privilege to introduce Mr Cuthbertson make the presentation on behalf of the people of Broxburn. Mr Cuthbertson was always their service and amid the many claims he found time to devote to the cause of the soldiers' and sailors' societies in the district. He had much pleasure in asking Mr Cuthbertson to perform the presentation. (Applause).

Mr Cuthbertson said it was a distinct pleasure to welcome back men from the battle front and to be the means of conveying to them, a token of the people's gratitude. In this case as in many others, little was known of how the distinction was won, but there was no doubt, but it was deservedly bestowed. Sgt Rodger had been through much of the fighting and had taken part in many engagements. He desired to congratulate him upon his safety and the distinction he had brought to his native land and to himself, and he hoped that when it had all come to an end, that Sgt Rodger would return and be with them again. On behalf of the Broxburn people had to ask Sgt Rodger to accept of a gold badge bearing an inscription and a book of War Certificates with the best wishes and Godspeed in the work that lay before him. (Applause).

Sgt Rodger briefly and feelingly replied, thanking all for the honour they had done him, and he would treasure the gift as long as life lasted, as a happy memory of the Broxburn public. (Applause).

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Cuthbertson for making the presentation, He had quite a host of offices amongst the various associations for soldier and sailors and he was sure there was none that gave him greater pleasure than to welcome back those who had, like Sgt Rodger done valiant work. He called for a hearty vote of thanks and the proceedings terminated by bidding Sgt Rodger goodbye as he proceeded to France last night.

Sgt Rodgers who is attached to the 3rd Canadians left Broxburn a few years ago for the United States of America. Early in 1915 he determined to do his bit in helping the Motherland and having tied every measure to enlist in America (he was employed in Philadelphia at this time) without success, he nothing daunted made the long journey to Toronto (Canada) and immediately joined up. In August 1916 he was drafted to France and in May of the following year was recommended for distinction. During the severe fighting at Hill 70, in August 1917, Sgt Rodgers played a noble part, and for his heroic action in holding a position and in great measure assisting to break up an enemy counter attack he was awarded the Military Medal. In November last, he again displayed great bravery in action and was awarded a bar to his Military Medal.


Sgt Rodgers is a man bordering only on 25 years of age and is a splendid example of the kind of men Broxburn has sent out to help in the great war.

West Lothian Courier 25th January 1918

Broxburn Jottings – We remember at the public presentation of the Carnegie awards to Mr James McMullan the chairman's advice to the public to turn out in large numbers on any occasion when a DCM or Military Medalist was being presented with the Broxburn Honours Medal and War Scrip. Recalling that advice we regret to find that the seed sown on that occasion apparently has not taken root as the audience in number at the presentation to Sgt Rodger MM & Bar, on Tuesday last was a repetition of former occasions.

Do the public realise that these presentations are being made to men who have been out fighting our battles, and having secured recognition from their country, for some outstanding bravery, it surely is the last the public of their own place can do to show their recognition? While we know the funds that make these presentations possibly have been contributed by the public and that they

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	<p>recognise that these heroes should be honoured in some way, it is, we think not asking a great deal more if we suggest their turning out and showing these men that he proper spirit is also behind their monetary gift. We ourselves have been present in a “village” where a soldier was leaving on his return to the front. He wasn’t a VC a DCM or an MM, he was only one of our brave fighting men one who had done his bit, and he got a send-off by over 100 – and yet we in Broxburn, a place that has sent out over 800 men to all theatres of war, can only muster 12 or 14 of an audience at a public presentation!</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th October 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Military Medalist Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs George Rodgers, Barjovah, Union Road, Broxburn, that their son, Acting RSM George Rodgers was killed in action by shell on the 30th August 1918. The deceased who was the second son of Mr and Mrs Rodgers (other two sons of whom are also on active service, viz., Pioneer Sgt John Rodgers and Platoon Sgt James Rodger, Royal Scots), was in America in the early days of the war, and promptly answered the call of the “Motherland” and in order to give his services in the fight for liberty and justice journeyed from Philadelphia to Toronto for this purpose and enlisted in the Canadians. In 1916 the subject of our sketch was in the “thick of it” and came through many of the subsequent hard engagements. For his bravery in the field he was awarded the Military Medal (August 1917) and three months later was again decorated by being awarded a bar to his medal. Shortly after obtaining his second distinction he was severely wounded and lay for a considerable time in hospital. While home on leave, he was publicly presented with the Broxburn Honours Medal and its accompanying War Savings Certificates at a meeting arranged for that purpose in the Broxburn Public School. Deceased whose photo appears above was 26 years of age and previous to leaving for America was employed as a chauffeur at South Queensferry and was also employed for a short period with the George Grant and Forsyth Bros Broxburn.</p>
<p>202658 Pte Angus Sheal 2nd Btn King’s Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>SHEAL, ANGUS DICK Rank: Private Service No: 202658 Date of Death: 11/11/1917 Age: 34 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: L. 32. Cemetery: UPHALL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of William and Annabella Sheal, of Park Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>
<p>2713 Pte James Stein 10th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>STEIN, J Rank: Private Service No: 2713 Date of Death: 27/08/1916 Age: 29 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 10th Bn. Grave Reference: II. A. 10. Cemetery: CONTALMAISON CHATEAU CEMETERY Additional Information: Husband of Lena McGrath Stein, of Fairley's Buildings, Church St., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th November 1916</p> 

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Broxburn Soldier Dies of Wounds – Mrs Stein, 50 Stewartfield, received official word on Wednesday that her husband Pte James Stein, Royal Scots had died of wounds on 27th August. He enlisted at the outbreak of war, but was kept on coast defence work till May 1916, when he went to France. About the middle of August, he received serious injuries through an enemy shell bursting near him. One of legs was practically blown off and the other so shattered that it had to be amputated. Despite every effort his life could not be saved. He leaves a widow and two children.

West Lothian Courier 24th November 1916

Broxburn Soldier Dies of Wounds – We show a portrait, of Pte James Stein, 2/10th Royal Scots, whose death from wounds on 27th August, we reported in last week's issue. His wife, who resides at 50 Stewartfield, Broxburn, received official intimation only last week. Pte Stein enlisted on the outbreak of war, and previous to enlisting was employed in the Broxburn Oil Works. He was 30 years of age and leaves a widow and two of a family. The deceased has two brothers in the Army. Sapper John Denholm, Royal Engineers, wounded last August and is recuperating at College Hospital England, while Sapper Robert Denholm Royal Engineers is still in the fighting line.

West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916

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Pte J Stein	2713	RS att'd Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Wounded
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West Lothian Courier 24th August 1916

In loving memory of Pte James Stein, Royal Scots, beloved son of George and Janet Denholm, East Main Street, Broxburn, who died of wounds received at the battle of Mons 28th August 1916 aged 31 years.

He marched away so bravely, his young head proudly held
 His footsteps never faltered his courage never failed
 Then on the field of battle he calmly took his place
 And fought and died for Britain and the honour of his race
 Hard, Hard, it was to give him, but he went at the call of one
 Who gave his life for him and others his own beloved son.
 Inserted by Mr and Mrs Denholm.

His warfare o'er, his battle fought
 His victory won, though dearly bought
 his fresh young life could not be saved
 he slumbers now in a soldier's grave
 Inserted by his sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs Miller, 48 Stewartfield, Broxburn.

We little thought, when leaving home
 That he in death so soon would sleep
 And leave us all to mourn
 Inserted by his uncle and Aunt, Mr and Mrs Paterson Old Town Broxburn

West Lothian Courier 31st August 1917

Stein – In loving memory of my dear husband, Pte James Stein, 2713, Royal Scots who died of wounds received at the battle of the Somme, aged 30 years, also his two children, Doddie who died 24th May 1915, aged 2 years and Wee Olive, 4th May 1916 aged 13 months

Oh why was he taken so young and so fair
 When the world holds so many it better could spare
 Oh sad was the blow that caused us to part
 With the loved one so near and so dear to our hearts
 Inserted by his sorrowing wife and family, 50 Stewartfield, Broxburn

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	<p>A hero to his country's cause He answered to the call Sad was the morn that brought the news Of his untimely fall Inserted by his father and mother in law Mr and Mrs McGrath, Burnvale, East End, Broxburn</p> <p>He left his home in perfect health We had no thought that death was nigh but God thought it fit to call him home and to his will we must comply. Inserted by his brother in law John McGrath, East End, Broxburn</p>
<p>JS/21191 Pte John Steven 5th Btn Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>STEVEN, John Private, H J, S/21191, 5th Bn., Cameron Highlanders. 18 September 1917. Age 29. Son of John Steven, of 5, Roman Camp, Uphall, Linlithgowshire. Grave Ref. I. B. 4.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn – Mr J Steven, 5 Roman Camp, has received official intimation that his two sons, L/Cpl Alex Steven and Pte J or P Steven, have been wounded in action. Alex has received a gunshot wound in the hand and is lying seriously ill at the General Hospital, Rouen. Alex is in the Cameron Highlanders and was wounded on 18th July. Pte J Steven who is also in the Cameron Highlanders, has been admitted to 22nd General Hospital Dannes, Cameries, suffering from serious gunshot wound to the shoulder. Alex joined the Army in October 1914 and was sent to France with a draft in November 1915, while his brother who joined in September 1915, has been in France for about 6 months. Both were fighting in the same engagement.</p>
<p>19734 Cpl Bartholomew Clarke 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CLARKE Forename Bartholomew Rank Cpl Service number 19734 Decoration Place of birth Dumfries Date of death 19 June 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 2nd Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Participants in the Big Push – No less than eight Broxburnians have been wounded in the big advance which was made on the 1st and 2nd July. Pte Bartholomew Clark has received a bullet wound in the back while he has also sustained injuries to the arm. In a letter to his parents, who reside at Steel's Rows he states he is progressing favourably. He is lying in Hoole Bank Hospital Chester. Pte Clark was a member of 16th Royal Scots and is 22 years of age.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 29th June 1917</p>



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	<p>Broxburn Man Dies from Wounds – Cpl B Clark, Royal Scots eldest son of Mr James Clark, Steel’s Rows, Broxburn, has succumbed to wounds. Cpl Clark who was formerly an employed hairdresser was wounded last year, this is the second son Mr Clark has lost in the war. Pte William Clark, Scottish Rifles, having also died of wounds.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th July 1917</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Dies of Wounds – Mother & Father Visit Hospital in France – We show a photo of Cpl B Clarke, Royal Scots, who died of shrapnel wounds on 19th June 1917 at 2nd Canadian General Hospital, Le Treport France. Mr and Mrs Clarke made the long journey to Le Treport to visit their son. Leaving Broxburn on Friday 15th they arrived at the hospital on Sunday 17th. Cpl Clarke had an operation performed on the following Monday, having his left leg taken off, but he passed away on the Tuesday morning, and was buried in a small cemetery for soldiers about half a mile from the hospital. On Wednesday Mr and Mrs Clarke were able to attend the funeral, this is the second son that has fallen. Pte William Clarke, 7th Royal Scots, having died of wounds last September Cpl Clarke joined Sir George McCrae’s Battalion and was wounded in the big advance on first of July 1916. He had a short time at home, after which he returned to France and has been through all the big engagements until 3rd June. Before joining the Army, he was in the employment of Mr E Stafford Hairdresser, Main Street Broxburn.</p>
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<p>40223 Pte William Clarke 10th Btn Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>CLARKE, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: 40223 Date of Death: 22/09/1916 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 10th Bn. Grave Reference: Plot 2. Row E. Grave 35. Cemetery: CORBIE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION Additional Information: Son of James and Elizabeth Mowbray Clarke, of 3, Steels Row, Broxburn, West Lothian. Born at Dumfries.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th May 1915 When news of the disaster reached Broxburn, ears were entertained for the safety of other Broxburn lads, who were members of the same Battalion. In fact, Mrs Clark, Steel's Rows received intimation that it was believed her son, Pte William Clark was also a victim, and the same appeared on the list of killed. Mrs Clark visited the headquarters of the Battalion, and discovered that the number of the deceased soldier did not correspond with her son's regimental number. She was, however, naturally in a state of anxiety and it was a great relief to her when she received a letter on Tuesday from her son stating that he was not in the train as he had been transferred from Larbert to Kinghorn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Broxburn Man dies of Wounds – Mr and Mrs Clarke have received intimation from the war Office that their son Pte William Clarke, Scottish rifles, formerly of the Royal Scots, had died in No 5 Casualty Clearing Station France on 22nd September, from gunshot wound of the abdomen.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty Lists</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Pte W Clark</td> <td style="text-align: center;">40223</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Scottish Rifles</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Broxburn</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Died of Wounds</td> </tr> </table>	Pte W Clark	40223	Scottish Rifles	Broxburn	Died of Wounds	
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<p>14461 Pte David Webster Fisher 8th Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>FISHER, DAVID Rank: Private Service No: 14461 Date of Death: 25/09/1915 Age: 23 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 53 to 56. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Robert Fisher, of Drumshoreland Station, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 12th November 1915 Broxburn Men Missing - Mr Fisher, Drumshoreland Station, Broxburn has been officially informed that his son, Pte David F Fisher, KOSB was wounded in action at Hill 70 on September 25 and has been missing since that date.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th November 1915 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Mr Robert Fisher, Drumshoreland, Broxburn has received intimation from the War Office that his son Pte David</p>						


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	<p>Fisher 9th KOSB, has been killed in action. Some time ago it was reported that Pte Fisher was wounded and missing, as from the 25th September last, and as no information regarding him could be had, fears were entertained as to his fate. Pte Fisher enlisted in September of last year and was drafted to the front in the spring of the year.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th December 1915 Killed in Action – Pte D Fisher, Broxburn – We show a photo of Pte D Fisher, 8th Btn KOSB, son of Mr R Fisher, Drumshoreland, Broxburn, who has been killed in action. He was 23 years of age.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Fischer – In loving memory of Pte David Webster Fisher, No 14461 KOSB, who was killed in action on 25th Sept 1915, aged 22 years – Sadly Missed Inserted by his father and mother Mr and Mrs R Fischer Drumshoreland.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Fischer – In loving memory of Pte David Webster Fisher, No 14461, KOSB who was killed in action on 25th Sept 1915 aged 22 years. Inserted by his brother James.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Fisher – In loving memory of Pte David Fisher, KOSB killed in action 25th September 1915 aged 23. To Memory Ever Dear Inserted by his loving mother, father, sisters and brothers Drumshoreland.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Fisher – In loving memory of our dear son Pte David Webster Fisher, who was killed in action 25th September 1915 aged 23 years. Fondly remembered. Inserted by his parents’ sisters and brothers, Drumshoreland Station, Broxburn</p>
<p>73328 Pte John Fyfe 11th Btn Royal Fusiliers</p>	<p>FYFE, JOHN Rank: Private Service No:73328 Date of Death: 30/06/1918 Age:20 Regiment/Service: Royal Fusiliers 11th Bn. Grave Reference: VIII. G. 14. Cemetery: WARLOY-BAILLON COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION Additional Information: Son of William and Jessie Fyfe, of Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>
<p>15476 L/Cpl Murdoch Fyfe 1st Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname FYFE Forename Murdoch Rank L Cpl Service number 15476 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 27 March 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died SNWM roll SCOTS SERVING IN BRIGADE OF GUARDS AND ENGLISH REGIMENTS Unit name THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS Other detail 1st Bn.</p>

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	<p>West Lothian Courier 14th April 1916 Broxburn Soldier Missing – Pte Adam Menzies, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been posted as missing since 28th March, and his father who resides at Melbourne Road, Broxburn, received notice from the official source last week. Prior to enlisting at the outbreak of hostilities, Menzies was a miner employed by the Broxburn Oil Coy He was 20 years of age. A companion of Pte Menzies, L/Cpl Murdoch Fyfe, who belonged to the same regiment and also a Broxburn lad, son of Mr William Fyfe Kirkhill Road are reported as wounded and missing. Fyfe who is 19 was employed as a miner by Young’s Oil Coy. Both the young lads enlisted at the same time.</p>
<p>67440 Driver Thomas Hamilton 72 Battery Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>HAMILTON, THOMAS GRANT Rank: Driver Service No:67440 Date of Death: 03/10/1916 Age:22 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 72nd Bty. Grave Reference: III. K. 5. Cemetery: RIBEMONT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, SOMME Additional Information: Son of Archibald and Elizabeth Hamilton, of 28, Stewartfield, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th October 1918 Hamilton – In loving memory of our dear son 67440 Driver Thomas Grant Hamilton RFA who died in France 3rd Oct 1916 aged 22 years. No space of time or lapse of years Can dim our dear son’s past A loving memory holds his dear Affection holds him fast When loved ones twine around the heart Experience best can tell How very hard it is to part without a last farewell It is not death, tis but sleep Though parted now, again well meet Whey weep for him, All pain is o’er Not lost, but only gone before Inserted by his sorrowing parents, 28 Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p> <p>This day brings back our memory fresh Of our dear brother who has gone to rest It is only those who have lost can tell The pain of parting without saying farewell Inserted by his brothers, John, Archie, Alexander and Gunner Robert Hamilton on active service.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th October 1918 Hamilton – In loving memory of our dear brother 57440 driver Thomas Grant Hamilton, RFA, who died in France on 3rd Oct 1918 aged 22 years. Dearest brother thou hast left us Here the loss we deeply feel But the God who hath bereft us He can all our sorrows heal. Inserted by his sister and brother in law, Mrs and Sgt A Cook, Broxburn.</p>

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<p>57559 Pte David Hope 18th Btn HLI</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname HOPE Forename David Rank Pte Service number 57559 Decoration Place of birth Tranent Haddingtonshire Date of death 28 April 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY Unit name In or attached to THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY Other detail 18th Bn West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918 Hope – At 10 General Hospital France on the 28th April, of wounds received 14th April, David, aged 19 years, third son of David Hope, East View Cottages, Broxburn.</p>
<p>41189 Pte Thomas Howieson 2nd Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>HOWIESON, THOMAS Rank: Private Service No: 41189 Date of Death: 31/07/1917 Age:19 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 19 and 33. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of James and Margaret Howieson, of 43, Grieve St., Dunfermline. Native of Broxburn, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 17th August 1917 Howieson – Killed in action in France 31st July 1917, 41189 Pte Thomas Anderson Howieson, aged 19 years, Royal Scots Fusiliers, second son of James Howieson, Melbourne Road, Broxburn – Deeply Mourned. West Lothian Courier 2nd August 1918 Howieson – In loving memory of our dear son Pte Thomas Howieson, Royal Scots Fusiliers, who was killed in action in France 31st July 1917. His country's call he answered The dear old flag to save And now he lies in a far-off land And fills a hero's grave. Inserted by his parents and family 27 B2 Road, Rosyth (Late Broxburn).</p>
<p>6/2671 Sgt George Hudson 1st Btn Canterbury Rgt New Zealand EF</p>	<p>HUDSON, GEORGE Rank: Serjeant Service No: 6/2671 Date of Death: 27/09/1916 Age:33 Regiment/Service: Canterbury Regiment, N.Z.E.F. 1st Bn. Grave Reference: II. K. 21. Cemetery: A.I.F. BURIAL GROUND, FLERS Additional Information: Son of George and Mary Hudson, of Broxburn, West Lothian, Scotland. West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Broxburn New Zealander Killed – Official intimation was received last Friday by Mr William Hudson, Mid Street, Bathgate, late of Broxburn, that his brother, Sgt George Hudson, 6/2671, 1st Btn Canterbury Infantry, New Zealand Expeditionary Force was killed in action in France 27th</p> 

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	<p>September 1916. Sgt Hudson, was an ex-soldier, having served 12 years in the Scots Guards, and when war broke out he at once joined up with a Colonial Contingent. A little over seven years ago, he left Broxburn, for Australian, and was there when war broke out, He at once in order to be with his chums, crossed to New Zealand, and there enlisted in the Canterbury Battalion, After some training, he and his fellow soldiers were drafted to the Dardanelles and there remained through those anxious months, until the evacuation was carried through, From the Dardanelles, the regiment went to Egypt and after several months in the land of the Pharaohs then with his companions were re-embarked and France was their destination, Since, March, Sgt Hudson has been almost constantly in the fighting line and has been through the many vicissitudes which have carried the British and French forces so far into the country so long held by the Germans. In civil life Sg Hudson followed the occupation of a miner, He as a keen football enthusiast and was at one time a member of committee of Broxburn United Football Club, He was a member of Buchan St John Masonic Lodge and in his last year at Broxburn, fulfilled the duties of JS. Sgt Hudson was well known throughout Broxburn, and district and his cheery disposition secured for him many friends who will deeply deplore his loss. Writing under date 13th October, to Mr Hudson, the Private Secretary to the Governor of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand says – I am directed to convey an expression of the sympathy felt for you by their Excellency’s, the Earl and Countess of Liverpool, in the loss which you have suffered. Wiring to Mr Hudson, under date 13th October, Mr J Allan, Minister for Defence Wellington, New Zealand says: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss which you and New Zealand have suffered.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Hudson – In ever loving memory of Sgt George Hudson, New Zealand Forces, killed in action 27th September 1916, and our dear friend Pte George Marshall, Scots Guards, killed in action, 18th December 1914. We do not forget you nor do we intend We think of you daily and will to the end Gone and forgotten by some you may be But dear in our memory forever you’ll be. Inserted by Mr and Mrs W Hudson, Church Street, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Hudson – In ever loving memory of our dear brother, Sgt George Hudson, who was killed in action 27th Sept 1916. For honour, liberty and truth He sacrificed his stalwart youth ‘midst bursting cannon shot and shell Our gallant brother nobly fell Inserted by Mr and Mrs William Hudson, Church Street, Broxburn.</p>
<p>64268 L/Cpl John Hunter 8th Btn Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>HUNTER, JOHN Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 64268 Date of Death: 26/02/1918 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 5 C and 12 C. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Alexander Service Hunter and Marion Hunter, of Erskinefield House, Broxburn, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 15th March 1918</p>

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	<p>Promising Broxburn Youth Killed – On Friday last Mr Alexander S Hunter Erskinefield House, Broxburn, received intimation that his only son LCpl John Hunter MGC, had been killed in Flanders. The news was conveyed by a comrade who narrated the circumstances and expressed sincere condolence from the Company. On 27th February LCpl Hunter had been on sentry duty in the front line when an enemy shell landed near by killing him instantly and wounding two others. LCpl Hunter had only been in France a few months although he enlisted in the early days of the war. He was a promising lad having gained the Dux Prize at Broxburn Higher Grade School and from there gone on to Edinburgh University to take the Arts Course. He was 20 years of age. Mr Alexander S Hunter is a District Secretary of the Independent Order of Rechabites and widespread sympathy has been evoked towards him and Mrs Hunter in their sad loss. LCpl Hunter was a member on Onward Tent, Broxburn and for a time held the office of Sick Steward.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th March 1918 Hunter – Killed in action near Passchendaele on 26th February 1918, LCpl John Hunter Machine Gun Corps, only surviving son of Mr and Mrs A S Hunter, Erskinefield House, Broxburn.</p>
<p>277504 Pte William Hunter 1st Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>HUNTER, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: 277504 Date of Death: 20/09/1917 Age:21 Regiment/Service: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders 1st/7th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 141 to 143 and 162. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Joan Hunter, of Wilsonville, Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Hunter – Died on 20th September 1917, of wounds received same day, Pte William Hunter, A & S Highlanders, aged 21 years, youngest son of Mrs Hunter, Wilsonville, Broxburn, Deeply mourned.</p>
<p>William Hunter (RS)</p>	<p><i>Can find no trace of a William Hunter, Royal Scots, either in local newspapers nor in SWWM nor CWGC</i></p>
<p>350103 L/Cpl Thomas Logan 9th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>LOGAN, THOMAS Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 350103 Date of Death: 08/04/1920 Age: 24 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 9th Bn. Grave Reference: G. 74. Cemetery: UPHALL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Charles and Mary Logan, of Blackford Cottages, Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Edith Whitaker Logan, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.</p>
<p>20831 Sgt John Logan 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>LOGAN, JOHN Rank: Serjeant Service No:20831 Date of Death: 01/10/1918 Age: 35</p>

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	<p>Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 12th Bn. Grave Reference: A. 3. Cemetery: LEDEGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Husband of Bella Logan, of Pyothall Rd., Broxburn</p>
<p>15922 Guardsman Duncan McBeath</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname McBEATH Forename Duncan Rank Gdsm Service number 15922 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 19 September 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS WILLIAM MCBEATH West Lothian Courier 4th October 1918 McBeath – Died of wounds and gas poisoning at 19th Casualty Clearing Station France on 19th Sept., 15922 Pte William McBeath, Scots Guards in his 21st Year, youngest son of Duncan McBeath, East Main Street, Broxburn, and beloved nephew of Isabella McBeath, Golspie. Deeply mourned – Interred at Boyelles, France Kind hearted, true hearted faithful and loyal Dear our hearts thy sweet life will be Inserted by his father and sister.</p> <p><i>Memorial and Courier Entry states William, SNWM entry gives forename of Duncan. Service no is the same.</i></p>
<p>17511 Pte William McCourt 1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>McCOURT, William Rank: Private Service No: 17511 Date of Death: 26/08/1918 Age:41 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 1st/4th Bn. Grave Reference: X. B. 22. Cemetery: TILLOY BRITISH CEMETERY, TILLOY-LES-MOFFLAINES Additional Information: Husband of Annie Paterson McCourt, of 2, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th September 1918 McCourt – Killed in action on August 26th 1918, Pte William McCourt, 17511, Royal Scots Fusiliers aged 41 years, beloved husband of Annie Paterson 2 Greendykes Road, Broxburn. His country called – he answered.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 McCourt – Killed in action on August 26th 1918, Pte William McCourt, Royal Scots Fusiliers dearly beloved husband of Annie Paterson 2 Greendykes Road and beloved brother of James and May Thomson 26 Queen Mary Terrace, Inverkeithing. Life Christ he thought first of others</p>

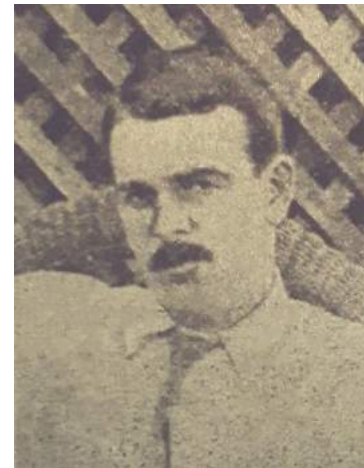


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	<p>And himself he could not save Deeply Mourned by his sorrowing widow. West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 McCourt – In loving memory of our dear father Pte William McCourt, RSF, who was killed in action on the 26th August 1918, aged 41 years. One of the many, he answered the call For those he loved he gave his all Somewhere in aa soldier's grave Lies our dear father amongst the brave. Inserted by his step-sons James, Thomas and Robert Foley, Greendykes Road Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Official information has now been received by Mrs McCourt, 2 Greendykes Road, Broxburn that her husband Pte William McCourt was killed in action in France on the 26th August 1918. The deceased who was 41 years of age was a time expired man, having enlisted in the Royal Scots Fusiliers as far back as August 1897, and with his regiment saw much service in India and elsewhere. The call of his country for men in her time of need found the deceased ready and willing to again do his bit and he rejoined his old regiment in March 1915 and was immediately drafted to France. He came through the severe fighting at Loos in September of last year and also took part in the Somme engagement of 1916. He was wounded at Monchy on June 3rd, 1917 and after recovering was again sent to France in March of this year, being again in the casualty list on June 8th . On his recovery for the second time, he was transferred to another battalion, and ultimately gave his life for his country on August 26th 1918. The following letter has been received from his officer, viz. Dear Mrs McCourt, I have no doubt ere now you have heard the sad news of your husband's death in action on the 26th August. Your husband was in my Platoon and was an excellent soldier and I just wish to express my sympathy for you in the terrible loss you have sustained. He was killed by a sniper and his death was instantaneous. I am glad to say the same sniper was afterwards killed by a bomb. With deepest sympathy, Yours etc G Clark, Lieut. We show a photo of the deceased who was previous to enlisting employed as a miner at No 3 Roman Camp Mine of the Broxburn Oil Co Ltd.</p>
<p>12607 Pte Thomas McCully 2nd Btn Scots Guards</p>	<p>McCULLY, THOMAS Rank: Private Service No: 12607 Date of Death: 17/10/1915 Age: 36 Regiment/Service: Scots Guards 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 8 and 9. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of William McCulley, of Kirkinriola, Co. Antrim; husband of Sarah McCulley, of 115, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th November 1915 Two Broxburn Soldiers Killed – After several weeks of anxious suspense, Mrs McCully Greendykes Road, Broxburn, has received notification from the War Office that her husband Pte T McCully, 2nd Scots Guards, was killed in action on 17th October. Pte McCully enlisted in September last year and proceeded to France about 5 months ago. He was 36 years of age and is survived by a widow and 5</p> 

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	<p>of a family, to whom the sympathy of their friends has been extended in their affliction.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th November 1915 Broxburn soldier Killed - Pte T McCully, 2nd Scots Guards whose death at the front we reported last week. He resided at Greendykes Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th October 1917 McCully – In loving memory of my dear husband, Pte Thomas McCully, Scots Guards, killed in action in France, 17th October 1915. Though lost to sight to memory dear Inserted by his wife and family 115 Greendykes Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th October 1918 McCully – In loving memory of my dear husband Pte Thomas McCully, Scots Guards, killed in action, 17th Oct 1915. Though death divides, fond memory clings. Inserted by his wife and family 115 Greendykes Road, Broxburn.</p>
<p>5709 Pte John McIntosh 9th Btn Australian Infantry AIF</p>	<p>McINTOSH, JOHN Rank: Private Service No: 5709 Date of Death: 06/05/1917 Age: 31 Regiment/Service: Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 9th Bn. Grave Reference: C. 19. Cemetery: VAULX AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of John and Jane Mackay McIntosh; husband of Mary McIntosh, of Brisbane St., Mackay, Queensland. Born at Broxburn, Scotland.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th October 1917 Broxburn Soldier Dies of Wounds – Mrs William Boag 220 Mid Street, Broxburn, has received official notification from the AIF Administration Headquarters, London, that her brother, Pte John McIntosh died on the 6th May 1917 from wounds sustained during operations with the British Expeditionary Force in France. Deceased resided at Roman Cam, Broxburn previous to leaving for Australia 13 years ago, and had many friends in the district. Answering the call of the Motherland, he enlists in the Australian Imperial Force and had been through the thick of it, with this gallant Colonial Army, making the supreme sacrifice as already stated on 6th May 1917. Deceased, who was married, leaves a widow and two of a family to mourn his loss and to whom in that far off part of our glorious Empire, our sincere sympathies go out at this time.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 McIntosh – In every loving remembrance of my dear brother Pte J McIntosh, Australians, who died from wounds received in action 6th May 1917, only son of the late Mr and Mrs McIntosh, Roman Camps, Uphall. He fell in strife, that peace might reign Throughout the tortured world again And he has joined that glorious band Who perished for the motherland He died, if it were death to give His life, that all he loved might live He sleeps beside his comrades</p>



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	<p>in a hallowed grave unknown But his name is written in letters of love on the hearts he left at home Inserted by Mr and Mrs W Boag, 220 Mid Street, Broxburn.</p>
<p>345726 Pte Thomas McLean 14th Black Watch</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname McLEAN Forename Thomas Rank Pte Service number 345726 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 2 September 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 14th Bn West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 McLean – Killed in action in France on 2nd Sept, Pte Thomas McLean, (Tom), Black Watch aged 21 years and 9 months, youngest son of William and Elizabeth McLean, Old Town, Broxburn. Deeply mourned.</p>
<p>10692 Guardsman Wilson McLean 1st Btn Scots Guards att'd 170th Coy, Royal Engineers</p>	<p>McLEAN, WILSON Rank: Private Service No: 10692 Date of Death: 11/08/1915 Age: 37 Regiment/Service: Scots Guards 1st Bn. Att'd. 170th Coy Royal Engineers Grave Reference: F. 39. Cemetery: CAMBRIN CHURCHYARD EXTENSION Additional Information: Son of Lilian McLean and the late Robert McLean. Of Broxburn, West Lothian. Era WW1 Surname McLEAN Forename Wilson Rank Gdsm Service number 10692 Decoration Place of birth Old Monkland Lanark Date of death 11 August 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS Midlothian Advertiser 20th August 1915 Broxburn Soldier dies of Wounds – Mr John McLean, Greendykes Road, Broxburn has been informed that his brother, Pte Wilson McLean of the 1st Scots Guards, has died of wounds received in action in France.</p>



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	<p>West Lothian Courier 20th August 1915 Broxburn Soldier Killed – This week Mr John McLean, Greendykes Road, received intimation that his brother, the Wilson McLean, 1st Scots Guards, had been killed in action. The information was contained in a letter from Captain Victor MacKenzie (bart), 1st Btn Scots Guards, written in France on 13th August. The letter was as follows :- “I very much regret to have to tell you that your brother, Pte McLean has been killed. He belonged to my company, but has lately been detached from it, doing mining work with the Royal Engineers. I heard yesterday evening that a shell had burst on a dugout where he and several others were, and that they were all killed instantaneously. His body was recovered and buried with all respect. I hope you will accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of a most gallant soldier. He had always done his work out here, so well and cheerfully, and was a most excellent soldier in all respects, and I was personally very fond of him and deeply mourn his loss. No man could have met a more honourable or better death and I hope this may be of some consolation to you in your sorrow. He will be much missed in the Battalion, both by his officers and comrades.” Pte McLean, prior to enlisting in September last, resided with his sister Mrs Robert Gibson, Maitland Cottages, Old Town, Broxburn. After undergoing a course of training, he was drafted out to the front about five months ago, and had seen a good deal of hard fighting. He was recently transferred to the Royal Engineers, where his experience in mining proved of the greatest value. Of fine physique Pte Wilson looked well in his uniform and was a splendid soldier. From a letter sent to a brother by Pte Robert Wilkison, Pumpherston it appears that Pte Wilson was killed on 11th August.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th August 1915 We reproduce a photo of Pte Wilson McLean 1st Scots Guards who as we reported last week was killed in action in France on 11th August. Deceased’s brother Mr John McLean, Greendykes Road, Broxburn has this week received official notification from the War Office, with an accompanying note signed by Lord Kitchener, which is as follows :- the King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of his Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow. Pte McLean was 37 years of age and prior to enlistment was employed as a miner.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th August 1916 McLean – Killed in action on the 10th August 1915, 10692 Pt Wilson McLean, Scots Guards His heart was good his spirit brave His resting place a soldier’s grave Inserted by his nephew Robert Gibson, Old Town Broxburn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th August 1917 McLean – In loving memory of my dear uncle, Pte Wilson McLean, Scots Guards, killed in action in France 10th August 1915. Inserted by his nephew, Robert Gibson, Old Town, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 9th August 1918 McLean – In loving memory of my dear uncle 10692 Pte Wilson McLean, Scots Guards, killed in France, 10th August 1915. He did his bit and did it well and what he suffered none can tell Inserted by his loving nephew Robert Gibson, Old Town Broxburn.</p>
S/12698 Hector MacDonald	<p>HECTOR MACDONALD Era WW1 Surname MacDONALD Forename Hector</p>

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<p>6th Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>Rank Pte Service number S/12698 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 13 August 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 6th Bn. West Lothian Courier 25th August 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Mrs Lawrie Steel's Row, step mother of Pte Hector McDonald, Cameron Highlanders has received notification through a chaplain and a chum that her stepson has been killed in action. The chaplain states that he took part in a most successful attack and capture of the enemy trenches but fell along with many of his comrades before the battle was won. His body was buried by his comrades just where he fell, as lack of trenches and heavy enemy shelling forbade the removal of the dead. It was a hero's death. A chum also states that McDonald was killed by a sniper having been shot through the neck while he was doing a merciful job of carrying the wounded on Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. Pte McDonald joined the army shortly after the outbreak of war and has been in France for 14 months having been previously wounded in the thigh at Loos. He fell in action on 13th inst, previous to enlistment he was employed by Young's Oil Works Niddry. West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916 Men Killed Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the News Columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte H McDonald</td> <td style="width: 15%;">12698</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Cameron Highlanders</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Killed</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th August 1917 Macdonald – In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte Hector MacDonald, Cameron Highlanders, who was killed in action, on 13th August 1916 aged 21 years. Too far away your grave to see But not too far to think of the Inserted by his sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs McIllwee, 8 Steel's Rows, Broxburn. Sleep on dear brother in your foreign grave Your life for your country you nobly gave Gone and forgotten by some you may be But dear to our memory for ever you'll be Inserted by his sisters Jessie and Marion</p>	Pte H McDonald	12698	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Killed
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<p>86169 Sapper James Shanks 170th Tunnelling Coy, Royal Engineers</p>	<p>SHANKS, J Rank: Sapper Service No: 86169 Date of Death: 26/09/1917 Age:33 Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers 170th Tunnelling Coy. Grave Reference: I. C. 13.</p>					

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	<p>Cemetery: NOEUX-LES-MINES COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION Additional Information: Son of Mr. Alexander and Mrs. J. Shanks, of 10, Westerton, Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Elizabeth Fleming (formerly Shanks).</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th October 1917 Westerton Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice - Word gas been received by Mr and Mrs Shanks 10 Westerton Cottages, Broxburn, that their son Sapper James Shanks, RE died 26th Sept from the effects of gas while on duty in mines in France. The sad information is conveyed in the following letters – Mr Shanks I regret very much to have to inform you that your son Sapper Shanks, died of gas poisoning in the mine on 26th September while on duty. This news has come to us all as a terrible blow, for your son had been with us since April 1915 and had many friends amongst us.</p> <p>I think you will be proud to know that your son was always to the fore when any dangerous undertaking was on hand and that his coolness under fire seemed to inspire confidence in his comrades. We one and all at this sad time send our sincerest sympathy for the loss of a gallant son.</p> <p>W H Collet, Lieut and Adj. – Dear Mr Shanks, It is my sad duty to inform you that your dear son No 86109 Sapper J Shanks was buried yesterday. As I understand he and a party of men six in number under a Cpl, were on guard in a mine, workings of which ran within the German lines and there by means of a shaft communicated with the upper air. The Germans learning of their presence near the foot of this shaft send down very strong gas. The Cpl - Lewis by name and your son managed to travel so far back along the workings but succumbed to the effects of the gas. The bodies of the others at the time of the funeral had not been recovered. Gallant attempts at rescue were made at two different points but in vain, indeed an officer who took part in the work of rescue has since died from effects of the gas. I had not the pleasure of knowing your son as I am not attached to that Corps, but it was evident that e was held in high esteem both by officers and men who were all deeply touched at the tragic manner in which death had come to him and his comrades. He was buried in a cemetery near a little mining town. The Major of the Company and about a dozen officers were present and a hundred men. I conducted the burial service. The Company will erect a cross at his grave. I regret to send you such melancholy news. You can, however comfort yourself with the assurance that your son has played a brave man's part and has given his life in a noble cause. May God give you too in rich measure the comfort that is in Christ and in the hope of immortality which He has brought to us</p> <p>Percy Hepburne CF Presbyterian Chaplain.</p> <p>The deceased whose photo appears above enlisted in August 1914 and was drafted to France in November of the same year, and since that time has been in most of the big engagements. He was 33 years of age and precious to enlisting was employed as a miner in the Newliston Mine of Young's Oil Co.</p>
<p>7338 Sgt William Sneddon MM 6th Reserve Btn, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>SNEDDON, WILLIAM Rank: Serjeant Service No: 7338 Date of Death: 22/02/1919 Age:26 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 6th Reserve Bde. Awards: M M</p>



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	<p>Grave Reference: G.95. Cemetery: UPHALL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of William and Margaret Sneddon, of Church St., Broxburn, West Lothian. William was wounded on 4th Sept 1917 and entitled to wear a wound stripe. He died in Marsden Hospital, Bedfordshire and his mother was his sole legatee. Gazette Info: Gazette issue 30287. M.M.; Awarded for bravery in the field. Gazette Date: 14/9/1917 Gazette Page: 9612 West Lothian Courier 20th April 1917 Martin – In memory of my comrades, Gunner F Martin, killed in action on 19th April 1916, also Gunner A Bell and Peter Vanisburg, Ever ready to do or dare Always ready to do their share Amidst the roar of shot and shell My comrades all like soldiers fell Cpl William Sneddon, France</p>	
<p>47746 LCpl James Tennant 15th Btn Royal Scots formerly 2/21645 TR Btn</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname TENNANT Forename James Rank L Cpl Service number 47746 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 26 August 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 15th Bn. formerly 2/21645 TR Bn. West Lothian Courier 14th September 1917 Young Broxburn soldier makes the supreme sacrifice – In the following letter Mr W Angus Tennant, the Gardens, Broxburn, has received the sad tidings that his son James has given his life in defence of his country. Dear Mr and Mrs Tennant, Just a few lines to let you know and to sympathise with you about your loving son James who was killed beside me. Well I can assure you he suffered no pain and he was one of the bravest men and was the same until the last for I should know as he was my section commander. He was a good lad and he and I got on well, and if he was just living so as we could tell him what has done for he was very brave, in fact too brave. All his section that are left, dear Mr and Mrs Tennant send on their sympathies to you and we are all very sorry I can assure you. I would like you to know he was my pal and to hear from you soon, Yours etc George Readdie, Sad tidings indeed to his parents and also to his many companions in Broxburn, but there is just that bright little spot within the dark cloud, the knowledge that he gave his young life in a just and righteous cause. The deceased who would have been 19 years of age in November, enlisted in February of last year and had been in France since April 1917, being moved up to join his regiment the Royal Scots in the firing line after a short spell at the base, “Chuckie” as the deceased was affectionately known to his fellow workers at the Roman Camp Works where he was employed for a short period previous to enlisting was a</p>	

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	<p>promising lad and during his two years in the Commercial Classes of the Broxburn Evening School gained first prize at both sessions. His letters home and to his chums several of which it has been our pleasure to read, were always written in a bright and cheerful strain and full of descriptive bits of "Life in the Trenches" his last one mentioning that he had been employed on some duty that reminded him happily of his Boy Scout days.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st September 1917 Tennant – Killed in action on the 26th August, 1917 in his 18th year, LCpl James Tennant, Royal Scots, eldest and dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs W Tennant, The Gardens, Broxburn.</p>
<p>9604 Pte Adam Todd 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname TODD Forename Adam Rank Pte Service number 9604 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 22 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 2nd Bn.</p>
<p>32514 Joseph Tyghe 6th Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>TIGHE, JOSEPH Rank: Private Service No:32514 Date of Death: 28/07/1918 Age:19 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 6th Bn. Grave Reference: III. B. 5. Cemetery: LA KREULE MILITARY CEMETERY, HAZEBROUCK Additional Information: Son of Thomas and Margaret Tighe, of Hawthorn Cottage, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th August 1918 Broxburn Man makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Official information has now been received by Mr and Mrs Thomas Tighe Old Town Broxburn that their son, Pte Joseph Tighe KOSB was killed in action on the 28th July 1918. Deceased whose photo appears, was 19 years of age and entered the service of his country about a year ago and had been in France over five months. Although in many of the hard engagements that have occurred in that time, deceased was never wounded until the above date. Previous to enlisting, Pte Tighe was employed as a miner with Oakbank Oil Co Ltd and much sympathy goes out to the parents in their time of trial at the loss of a gallant son, who, like many another Broxburn lad has died that we might live.</p>
<p>31831 Pte Robert Vickers 6/7th Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>VICKERS, ROBERT FLOCKHART Rank: Private Service No: 31831 Date of Death: 06/05/1917</p>





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	<p>Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 6th/7th Bn. Grave Reference: P. I. D. 10A. Cemetery: ST. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN Additional Information: Son of William and Marion Vickers, of East Main St., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Broxburnian Dies of Wounds – Mr & Mrs William Vickers, Main Street, Broxburn have received official information that their son Pte Robert Vickers died of wounds on May 6th 1917. The deceased who was the eldest son, was 25 years of age, and previous to enlistment was employed a barman with Mr William Beveridge, Main Street. In February of last year he answered his country's call and enlisted in the Royal Scots Fusiliers, when after a few months training he was drafted to France (Oct 1916) and as already mentioned made the supreme sacrifice on the 6th of this month. Other two brothers are also nobly doing their duty in France Driver John Vickers, RFA, and Pte A Vickers, att'd RSF.</p>  <p>West Lothian Courier 25th May 1917 Broxburn Man Dies of Wounds – We publish a photograph of Pt Robert Vickers, who as we noted last week, died of wounds on May 6th 1917. He was a son of Mr and Mrs William Vickers, Main Street, Broxburn, and husband of Mrs Vickers, nee Catherine Curran, who resides in Glasgow. Prior to enlistment, deceased was barman with Mr William Beveridge, Main Street, Broxburn. He entered the Army in January 1916 and was drafted to France in October of the same year.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 Vickers – In loving memory of Pte Robert Flockhart Vickers, Royal Scots Fusiliers, who died of wounds 6th May 1917, aged 25 years. Interred in St Sever Cemetery Rouen. For Faith For liberty for truth he offered up his stalwart youth he died, if it were death to give his life that all he loved might live. Inserted by his father, mother sisters and brothers (on active service).</p>
22087 Pte John B B Walker 17 th Btn Royal Scots	<p>Era WW1 Surname WALKER Forename John B. B. Rank Pte Service number 22087 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 27 April 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 17th Bn West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918</p>


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	<p>Walker – Killed in action on 27th April 1918, 22087 Pte John B B Walker, Royal Scots, aged 20 years, beloved son of Alexander and Margaret Walker, Port Buchan Cottage, Broxburn.</p> <p>Through the trials of the battlefield The Lord had spared him well the reason why he chose him now No one on earth can tell He bravely answered duty's call And gave his life for one and all He fought but not for love of strife He struck but to defend He stood for liberty and truth a soldier to the end His warfare's o'er, his battle fought His victory won, though dearly bought His fresh young life he nobly gave He slumbers in a soldier's grave.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Information has been received by Mr and Mrs Alex Walker, Port Buchan, Broxburn that their son Pte John B B Walker, was killed in action in France on the 27th April. The sad tidings were conveyed to the parents in letters from his chums and the following letter has also been received from his officer, viz.,</p> <p>Dear Mrs Walker, It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of your son No 22087 Pte J B Walker. He was killed by a sniper in the early morning of the 24th ult. The bullet hit him in the head, death being instantaneous. We buried your boy under a tree a few hundred yards behind the line and erected a cross to mark the spot where a brave boy lies sleeping. The whole Company feels for you in your great loss. Your son was well liked by all. Personally, words cannot express how I feel for you in your sad loss. May God grant you his comfort. I have known your boy since he joined this company and prized him as one of the best men of the Company. Since coming to France he has performed his duties fearlessly and cheerfully. With the deepest sympathy of the officers and men of the Company in your sad bereavement. Yours sincerely – Sam McKnight (Captain).</p> <p>The deceased whilst still in his seventeenth year, bravely answered the call of his country enlisting on the 20th February 1915, in "The Bantams" (Royal Scots). November of the same year saw him in France with his regiment and taking part in several of the heroic charges that the "Bantams" made at the period and on subsequent occasions. During all the time Pte Walker was in France and notwithstanding the heavy fighting he came through he was never wounded, until the morning already mentioned when he gave up his life for his country. The deceased, who was of a quiet nature was held in high esteem in the district and was previous to enlisting employed as an apprentice boilermaker in Broxburn Oil Co's works.</p>
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<p>36926 Pte William Walker 2nd Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>WALKER, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: 36926 Date of Death: 25/08/1918 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Highland Light Infantry 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 9 and 10. Memorial: VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Annie G. Walker, of 41, Holygate, Broxburn, West Lothian, and the late John Walker. West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Walker – Killed in action on August 25th 1918, Pte William Walker, 36926, HLI, aged 21 years, beloved son of Mr and Mrs Walker, 47 Old Holygate Broxburn, His Country Called – he Answered. West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – We show a photo of Pte William Walker, whose parents Mr and Mrs J Walker, residing at 45 Old Holygate, Broxburn, have now been officially informed of his having been killed in action on the 25th August 1918. The deceased who was 21 years of age was previous to his joining up in June of last year, employed as a miner with the Fife Coal Coy, Cowdenbeath. Enlisting in the HLI, he was after only 6 weeks, training drafted with his regiment to France. After coming through several of the most important engagements in which his gallant regiment took part, he got a well-earned leave in March of this year, and during his visit to Broxburn was entertained by the “Holygate Crowd” and presented with a well filled pocket book, etc. Shortly after returning to the firing line, he received a wound in the left hand and was sent to a base hospital. On recovery he again took his place in the trenches and made the great sacrifice on the date mentioned. A brother of the deceased Driver Donald Walker, who answered the call immediately at the outbreak of the war has seen considerable service with his regiment the RHA in Egypt.</p>	
<p>200825 Pte Archibald Webster 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEBSTER Forename Archibald Rank Pte Service number 200825 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 12 October 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 12th Bn.</p>	

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<p>40352 Pte James Webster Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEBSTER Forename James Rank Pte Service number 40352 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 12 October 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Other detail 2nd Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th January 1917 Broxburn Bandsman Killed – We show a portrait of Pte James Webster. Mrs Webster, Ivy Cottage, Winchburgh, has received official intimation that her husband, Pte James Webster, Royal Scots Fusiliers was killed in action in France on October 12th 1916. The deceased, who was 25 years of age, enlisted along with the members of Broxburn Public Band in February 1915, and was previous to answering his country’s call, employed as a shale miner with Broxburn’ Oil Coy Ltd at No Camps Mine. He was drafted to France in August of last year. An enthusiastic bandsman, he filled the position of euphonium player in this musical combination. He leaves a widow and two of a family. Mrs Webster, 261 Mid Street, Broxburn, mother of the deceased has two other sons serving in the 2/4th Royal Scots, both being presently stationed with their battalion at Essex, England. Both were members of Broxburn Band and enlisted at the same time as the deceased.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th October 1917 Webster – In loving memory of my dear husband Pte James Webster, RSF late Broxburn Band, killed in France 12th Oct 1916 aged 25. Sleep on dear Jim, in a foreign grave Your life for your country you nobly gave The midnight stars are gleaming On a grave I cannot see Somewhere in France he lies sleeping a husband dear to me. Inserted by his wife. It is God that lifts our comforts high Or sinks them in the grave He gives, and when he takes away He takes but what he gave. Inserted by his father and mother.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th November 1918 Webster – In loving memory of Pte James Webster who was killed in action in France on 12th Oct 1916; also, Pte Robert Webster (Dick) supposed killed in action in France 20th September 1917 aged 23 years, beloved sons of Alex and Helen Webster, 261 Mid Street, Broxburn.</p>	
<p>23038 Pte James Webster (11th R.S.)</p>	<p>WEBSTER, JAMES GUNN Rank: Private Service No: 23038 Date of Death: 14/11/1915 Age:40</p>	

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	<p>Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 11th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 11. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of William and Isabella Webster, of Bellvue Cottage, St. John's Rd., Broxburn; husband of Margaret Webster, of 65, Stewartfield, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd December 1915 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Mrs Webster who resides at Stewartfield, Broxburn, received intimation from the War Office that her husband Pte J Webster, 11th Btn Royal Scots, was killed in action on 11th November. Pte Webster enlisted in June last and proceeded to France in the months of October. He was 40 years of age and is survived by a widow and 4 of a family, for who the utmost sympathy is felt in their sad loss.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th December 1915 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Pte J Webster – We reproduce a photo of Pte J Webster 11th Royal Scots who was killed in action on 14th November. He resided at Stewartfield, Broxburn and enlisting in June last, was drafted to the front in October. He was 40 years of age and is survived by a widow and family of four.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th January 1916 The Late Pte J Webster Broxburn – Mrs Wester, Stewartfield, Broxburn, whose husband Pte James Webster, 11th Royal Scots, was killed in action on 14th November last, has received a letter from Captain Lammie of the same battalion He says – “It has been my intention to write you a short note re the death of your husband Pte Webster who was killed in action on 14-11-15, by a shell for some time now, but I have been very busy and what with one thing and another it had escaped by memory. Your husband was not with my company very long, but the short time I knew him I thought he did his work well and a soldiery manner and he did his duty. I have no doubt he was as good a fellow as his brother, who before he was wounded, was with us since the battalion was formed. Please excuse my delay which I regret exceedingly.”</p>
<p>200824 Pte Robert Webster 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>ROBERT WEBSTER Era WW1 Surname WEBSTER Forename Robert Rank Pte Service number 200824 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 20 September 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 12th Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th November 1918 Webster – In loving memory of Pte James Webster who was killed in action in France on 12th Oct 1916; also, Pte Robert Webster (Dick) supposed killed in action in France 20th September 1917 aged 23 years, beloved sons of Alex and Helen Webster, 261 Mid Street, Broxburn.</p>



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<p>20929 Pte David West 3rd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEST Forename David Rank Pte Service number 20929 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 15 September 1915 Theatre of death Home Cause of death Died SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 3rd Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th September 1915 Funeral of a Broxburn Soldier – The funeral of Pte David West, 3rd Royal Scots, son of Mrs John West, Lauriston Cottage, Broxburn who succumbed to injuries received while practising bomb throwing at Glencorse last week took place to Uphall Cemetery on Friday last. A party of eight soldiers from the Battalion to which Pte West belonged were present at the funeral, as well as the members of the Oil Guard at Broxburn Oil Works, and soldiers belonging to the district who were on furlough. The funeral was also largely attended by the general public. Numerous wreaths were sent by friends as a last tribute to the young soldier and on all hands there were manifestations of mourning. On arrival at the cemetery the coffin was carried to the grave by the men of the 3rd Royal Scots, all of whom seemed deeply moved at the loss of their comrade. The service at the house and also at the grave was conducted by Rev H Ferguson, East UF Church.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916 West – In loving memory of my dear son Pte D West Royal Scots who died at Craighleith Military hospital (the result of a bombing accident at Glencorse), 15th September 1915 aged 17 years. Ah fain, would I have kept him back But he heard his country's call So he gave his very best he had his dear life for us all Inserted by his mother, Broxburn</p>
<p>16463 Pte Alex Williamson 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WILLIAMSON Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 16463 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 1 October 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 13th Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Williamson – In loving memory of Pte Alex Williamson Royal Scots who died as a result of wounds received in action on 30th September 1915 aged 18 years. Inserted by his mother Mrs White, Broxburn</p>

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<p>16462 Pte George Wilson 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>WILSON, GEORGE Rank: Private Service No: 16462 Date of Death: 26/09/1915 Age: 21 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 13th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 10 to 13. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of George Wilson.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 22nd October 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – A letter from an officer has been received by Mr George Wilson, Shrine Place, Broxburn, informing him that his son Pte George Wilson, 13th Royal Scots has been wounded in action in France.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th November 1915 Notification has been sent from the Infantry Record Office, Hamilton, that Pte George Wilson, 13th Royal Scots, son of Mr George Wilson, Shrine Place, Broxburn, is reported wounded and missing. The War Office previously reported that Pte Wilson was wounded on 27th September but no particulars had come to hand since. He enlisted about a year ago and has been in France for about three months.</p>
<p>2747 Pte Alex Wright 7th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>ALEXANDER WRIGHT Rank: Private Service No: 2747 Date of Death: 28/06/1915 Age: 19 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots "C" Coy. 7th Bn Panel Reference: Panel 26 to 30. Memorial: HELLES MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Robert and Margaret Wright, of Whiteford Place, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>First Name: Alexander Initials: A Surname: Wright DOB: Circa 1896 Age: 19 Birth Town: Bo'Ness, Linlithgowshire Resided Town: Broxburn, West Lothian Nationality: British Date of Death: 28/06/1915 Fate: Killed in Action</p> <p>ALEXANDER WRIGHT</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Broxburn Soldier Safe – Since June 28th 1915, Pte Alex Wright, of the 7th Royal Scots, whose photograph we reproduce above has been reported missing, but he is now a prisoner of war. He joined the army in December 1914 and was drafted to the Dardanelles, arriving at that theatre of war in June 1915. He just missed being involved in the Gretna disaster he having been luckily transferred to the train that followed. It was in a March issue of the Sunday Pictorial that his mother recognised her son. It may be said that out of the same photograph of their camp another West Lothian man named Boyd, has been identified. The American Ambassador has been communicated with, inquiring who were all in the camp, but the Turks for some reason or other refused to divulge anything.</p>



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	<p>He has been interned at Angora and Cornosto both in Asia Minor. From the photograph of the camp he looks very well, although a little thin because of an attack of fever from which he has fully recovered. He was employed in Broxburn Oilworks in the engineering department. He gained his three years' certificates at Broxburn Evening School and met with further success in Heriot Watt's College. Pte Wright was well known, and was much respected by his fellow townsmen, who all wish him a safe return home.</p>					
<p>267474 Pte William Young 6th Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>YOUNG, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: 267474 Date of Death: 12/05/1917 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Seaforth Highlanders 6th Bn. Panel Reference: Bay 8. Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Janet Young, of Maryville Place, Broxburn, West Lothian, and the late John Young. Midlothian Advertiser 4th August 1916 Broxburn Wounded – The following Broxburn men are reported as having been wounded - Pte Henry Brennan, Royal Scots, 135 Greendykes Road, Pte John O'Brien Inniskilling Fusiliers, 223 Mid Street, Pte William Young, Seaforths, Bank Place, L/Cpl Stewart Lynch, Royal Scots, whose wife resides at Maryhill Cottage, and Pte Andrew Paris, Royal Scots, Port Buchan. West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte W Young</td> <td>4118</td> <td>Seaforth Highlanders</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte W Young	4118	Seaforth Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>11769 Pte Robert Gordon Scots Guards</p>	<p>ROBERT GORDON West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Men Killed, Wounded Prisoners of War - West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte R Gordon</td> <td>11769</td> <td>Scots Guards</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Missing</td> </tr> </table> <p>Private GORDON, ROBERT Service Number 11769 Died 15/09/1916 1st Bn. Scots Guards THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Pier and Face 7 D.</p>	Pte R Gordon	11769	Scots Guards	Broxburn	Missing
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<p>203059 Cpl William Dornan 8th Btn Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>DORNAN, WILLIAM Rank: Corporal Service No:203059 Date of Death: 29/07/1918 Age: 29 Regiment/Service: Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Memorial: SOISSONS MEMORIAL</p>					

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	<p>Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Sarah Dornan, of 19, Shrine Place, Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Jeanie Reid Fairley Dornan.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th August 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Official information has been received by Mrs Doran, Marion Terrace, Broxburn, that her husband, Cpl William Doran has been killed in action on the 29th July 1918.</p> <p>The deceased who was 29 years of age, answered his country's call on the 18th July 1916, enlisting in the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. After a period of training he was transferred to the Scottish Rifles and drafted to Egypt. On the way out to this theatre of war, the Troopship, Invernia, on which the deceased was journeying was torpedoed.</p> <p>On the front Cpl Dornan took part in some of the engagements especially at the Gaza Battle and the taking of Jerusalem. In May of this year, the deceased was sent to France and as already stated met his death in July. Cpl Dornan who leaving a widow and two of a family to mourn his loss, and whom we extend our sympathies was previous to enlisting, employed by the Grocery Dept of Broxburn Co-Operative Society.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th August 1918</p> <p>Dornan – Killed in action on the 29th July Cpl William Dornan, Scottish Rifles, beloved husband of Jeanie Fairley, Marion Terrace and eldest son of Mrs Dornan, Shrine Place, Broxburn – To Memory Dear.</p>
<p>15474 Pte Adam Menzies 1st Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>MENZIES, ADAM Rank: Private Service No: 15474 Date of Death: 27/03/1916 Age: 18 Regiment/Service: Northumberland Fusiliers 1st Bn. Grave Reference: V. F. 18. Cemetery: WYTSCHAETE MILITARY CEMETERY</p> <p>Additional Information: Only son of Adam and Belle McKinnon Menzies, of Blackford Cottages, Melbourne Rd., Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th April 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Missing – Pte Adam Menzies, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been posted as missing since 28th March, and his father who resides at Melbourne Road, Broxburn, received notice from the official source last week. Prior to enlisting at the outbreak of hostilities, Menzies was a miner employed by the Broxburn Oil Coy He was 20 years of age. A companion of Pte Menzies, L/Cpl Murdoch Fyfe, who belonged to the same regiment and also a Broxburn lad, son of Mr William Fyfe Kirkhill Road are reported as wounded and missing. Fyfe who is 19 was employed as a miner by Young's Oil Coy. Both the young lads enlisted at the same time.</p>




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<p>19734 Cpl Bartholomew Clarke 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CLARKE Forename Bartholomew Rank Cpl Service number 19734 Decoration Place of birth Dumfries Date of death 19 June 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 2nd Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Participants in the Big Push – No less than eight Broxburnians have been wounded in the big advance which was made on the 1st and 2nd July. Pte Bartholemew Clark has received a bullet wound in the back while he has also sustained injuries to the arm. In a letter to his parents, who reside at Steel’s Rows he states he is progressing favourably. He is lying in Hoole Bank Hospital Chester. Pte Clark was a member of 16th Royal Scots and is 22 years of age.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 29th June 1917 Broxburn Man Dies from Wounds – Cpl B Clark, Royal Scots eldest son of Mr James Clark, Steel’s Rows, Broxburn, has succumbed to wounds. Cpl Clark who was formerly an employed hairdresser was wounded last year, this is the second son Mr Clark has lost in the war. Pte William Clark, Scottish Rifles, having also died of wounds.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th July 1917 Broxburn Soldier Dies of Wounds – Mother & Father Visit Hospital in France – We show a photo of Cpl B Clarke, Royal Scots, who died of shrapnel wounds on 19th June 1917 at 2nd Canadian General Hospital, Le Treport France. Mr and Mrs Clarke made the long journey to Le Treport to visit their son. Leaving Broxburn on Friday 15th they arrived at the hospital on Sunday 17th. Cpl Clarke had an operation performed on the following Monday, having his left leg taken off, but he passed away on the Tuesday morning, and was buried in a small cemetery for soldiers about half a mile from the hospital On Wednesday Mr and Mrs Clark were able to attend the funeral, this is the second son that has fallen. Pte William Clarke, 7th Royal Scots, having died of wounds last September Cpl Clarke joined Sir George McCrae’s Battalion and was wounded in the big advance on first of July 1916. He had a short time at home, after which he returned to France and has been through all the big engagements until 3rd June. Before joining the Army, he was in the employment of Mr E Stafford Hairdresser, Main Street Broxburn.</p>	
<p>40223 Pte William Clarke 10th Btn Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>CLARKE, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: 40223 Date of Death: 22/09/1916 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 10th Bn.</p>	

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	<p>Grave Reference: Plot 2. Row E. Grave 35. Cemetery: CORBIE COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION</p> <p>Additional Information: Son of James and Elizabeth Mowbray Clarke, of 3, Steels Row, Broxburn, West Lothian. Born at Dumfries.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th May 1915 When news of the disaster reached Broxburn, ears were entertained for the safety of other Broxburn lads, who were members of the same Battalion. In fact, Mrs Clark, Steel's Rows received intimation that it was believed her son, Pte William Clark was also a victim, and the same appeared on the list of killed. Mrs Clark visited the headquarters of the Battalion and discovered that the number of the deceased soldier did not correspond with her son's regimental number. She was, however, naturally in a state of anxiety and it was a great relief to her when she received a letter on Tuesday from her son stating that he was not in the train as he had been transferred from Larbert to Kinghorn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Broxburn Man dies of Wounds – Mr and Mrs Clarke have received intimation from the war Office that their son Pte William Clarke, Scottish rifles, formerly of the Royal Scots, had died in No 5 Casualty Clearing Station France on 22nd September, from gunshot wound of the abdomen.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty Lists</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte W Clark</td> <td style="width: 25%;">40223</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Scottish Rifles</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Died of Wounds</td> </tr> </table>	Pte W Clark	40223	Scottish Rifles	Broxburn	Died of Wounds
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9539 Guardsman Pte William Connelly Scots Guards	<p>Era WW1 Surname CONNELLY Forename William Rank Gdsm Service number 9539 Decoration Place of birth Mid Calder Midlothian Date of death 21 December 1914 Theatre of death At Sea Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st January 1915 Uphall Soldier Fatally Wounded – On Friday last Mrs Connelly, Hawthorne Place, Uphall, received intimation that her husband Pte William Connelly (32), Scots Guards, had died as the result of a wound in the thigh received on 21st December. His death occurred on an hospital ship on the way home from France and he was interred at Netley on Saturday last. Connelly was a reservist but his time having expired prior to the outbreak of war he joined in his old regiment. On the Friday a letter was received from him by Mr William Cuthbertson, convenor of the Gifts Committee, acknowledging receipt of the Xmas box. The letter was in the following terms:- “Words of mine would be an empty expression of my gratitude for the beautiful and very acceptable present just to hand. It is very gratifying to me in the trenches to know I am</p>					



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	<p>not forgotten by the people of Uphall and Broxburn and I hope that an opportunity will be afforded me in near future of showing in some way my gratitude. All I can do at the present is to offer you and your committee my sincere thanks and wish you all at home a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". Deceased must have received his fatal wound very shortly after he penned the above splendidly couched letter.</p>		
James Conway	<p><i>Have been unable to find anything on this man either in local newspapers, or SNWM or CWGC</i></p>		
<p>285100 Pte John Clusker 6th Btn Seaforth Highlanders Prev 23036 Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td> <p>Era WW1 Surname CLUSKER Forename John Rank Pte Service number 285100 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 12 May 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Other detail to 16/5/1917. 6th Bn. formerly 23036 RSF.</p> </td> <td style="text-align: center;">  </td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th June 1917 Broxburn Soldier Killed in France – Mrs P McAulay 24 High Street, Linlithgow has received a letter from a soldier in France informing her that her brother Pte John Clusker, Seaforth Highlanders has been killed. The letter which is of date 17th May, is to the following effect – Dear Mrs McAulay, I am sorry to have to convey to you the sad news that your dear brother John has been killed. He was out with a party to bring the rations up to the trenches on Tuesday night 15th May. When they were going along the trench on the way back a shell blew in part of the trench on the top of John and another soldier. When they were got out John was found to be dead. The other Soldier besides suffering from shell shock was wounded. Pte Clusker was 36 years of age and the second eldest son of Mrs P Clusker, East Main Street, Broxburn. He enlisted into the Royal Scots Fusiliers in March 1916. And was transferred into the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. On going to France in March last he was transferred to the Seaforths. The deceased soldier was born in Broxburn and had always resided there. His civil occupation was that of a miner, and he was an employee of Broxburn Oil Company. He was well known in Broxburn and highly respected. With his mother and her family there is much sympathy throughout the district in their bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th June 1917 The Late Pte John Clusker, Broxburn – Mrs Clusker has received the following letter from France of date 2nd June, from the 2nd Lieut of the Company to which her son belonged – Dear Mrs Clusker, it is with great regret that I have to write and express my sympathy and that of his comrades at the loss you have sustained by the death of your son No 283100, Pte J Clusker, who was killed on the 17th of last month. I would have written sooner, but I had to go to hospital with a slight wound. Your son was one of my best and smartest soldiers. By his comrades, he was admired and respected and was a great favourite with everybody. As his platoon commander, I found him and excellent soldier. He was ever anxious to help</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CLUSKER Forename John Rank Pte Service number 285100 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 12 May 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Other detail to 16/5/1917. 6th Bn. formerly 23036 RSF.</p>	
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	<p>me and his work as one of my bombers was admirable. He was always eager to face danger bravely and cheerfully, and above all he was thoroughly trustworthy and loyal to duty. It was thus while nobly and bravely carrying out what was required of him that he met his death which was instantaneous, and I am sure it will be a comfort to you to know that he suffered no pain. To me his loss is indeed great, for I have lost a friend and an excellent soldier and comrade but to you, his mother, the loss must be many times greater for you have lost a son. But I sincerely hope that by knowing how much we all respected him it will shed a ray of light through the days of darkness and help comfort you in your sorrow. I am unable to give you any particulars as to where he lies buried, but I hope you will be told by the Graces Registration Committee. Let me again express my deepest sympathy and sincere regret to you, to all he loved and by whom he was loved. You know he died a noble death, the death of a soldier fighting for a just cause, for which every British soldier would gladly lay down his life if need be and you know that this sacrifice will not have been made in vain. I am, yours sincerely H B Lendrum, 2nd Lieut.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918 Clusker – In loving memory of my dear son, Pte John Clusker, Seaforth Highlanders killed in action 14th May 1917, aged 36. This day brings our memory fresh Of one who's called to rest and those who think of him tonight are those who loved his best And when my heart is sore I seem to hear him say Keep up your heart dear mother we will meet again some day Inserted by his mother, Mrs P Clusker, East Main Street Broxburn Clusker - Somewhere in France a volley rings The bugle sounds farewell A wooden cross a passing flower Marks where my dear brother fell RIP Inserted by his sister Mrs P McAulay, 24 High Street, Linlithgow.</p>
<p>17598 Pte John Curran 16th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CURRAN Forename John Rank Pte Service number 17598 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 1 August 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 16th Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th October 1915 Broxburn Soldier's vivid Description of Big Engagements – The parents of Pte John Curran, 12th Royal Scots, received intimation that he had been wounded by shrapnel in the big engagement at the end of last month and he is now in Northumberland War Hospital, Newcastle on Tyne. Writing to his brother Pte</p>

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	<p>Curran give a vivid description of his experiences in the great offensive. In his letter he makes light of his wound and proceeds – “We went up to _____ and spent the night in trenches about a mile from the firing line. The guns have been going like thunder for two days. At one o’clock we were told to make our breakfast as a bombardment was soon to begin It stated at 5:30. It was great, we could not hear ourselves speak. At 6:20 we had to move up to the firing line. I had a box of bombs with me and it was a great struggle up the narrow trenches. We were reinforcing the Gordons. They and the Seafortths made the charge where we were. We were told to get over the parapet. By Jove, it was with a funny feeling that we got over, but up I went with my box of bombs, then hell started. No person can describe a charge. The Germans kept sending over shrapnel. We had two about two miles and shells were busting every yard of the way. Men were going down on all sides of me. We got over five lines of German trenches. The Huns did not wait for the bayonet but took to their heels, those who did wait flung own their rifles and shouted “Kamrad”. We took a lot of prisoners til one crowd that the Seafortths met did the dirty on us. They shouted “kamrad” and threw up their hands, but when our boys were coming up to them they picked up their rifles and fired on them. After that we would take none, when they flung down the rifles we put the bayonet into them. We got as far as we could and manned the trenches. We expected a counter attack, but it did not come for a while. They knew the range of their own trenches and fairly shelled us. We retired for a bit, it was too hot, but we advanced again and retook the trench. After that it was like some hellish nightmare, retiring one minute and attacking the next. They came over and bombed us out of our trench, and we got into it again. This went on till night. On Sunday and Monday, it was the same. I think we were half mad for a time. I stuck it till 11 o’clock then a shell bust beside me, and I got one in the shoulder. It fairly burned. I was glad to get away from it. We made a great advance, but at what a price. The regulars say it’s the hottest one of the war. At one place we found a Hun chained to a machine gun. We found a tunnel in their trenches. Their dug-outs were about 20 feet underground. In one place a candle was burning and there was a pack of cards on the table. They sent over gas a few times, but our smoke helmets saved us. At one place we found a belt of bullets reversed for a machine gun. This kind of bullet make an awful gash. I’ve had a few “dum-dum” bullets I found in their trench. They are fiends and deserve no mercy. I had to go about five miles to the dressing station and went from there to a clearing hospital. I met a chap from Stewartfield, Cobbie, Alexander, also Bob Sharp from Church Street, they are in the Gordons and were in the firing line. We shook hands and wished each other luck. Then I saw Tommy Duffy from Steel’s Rows. He was wounded, but I don’t think he was bad. Johnny Logan was with me all the time till I got wounded. Our battalion has been hard hit. Our Brigadier-General was killed, our two Captains were wounded, and our Coy Sgt Major killed. This hospital has 1000 men in it just now. The men are all singing – it is like a pub. A chap beside me has half of his foot blown off yet he is stinging like a good one. At a place where we stopped today we got lots of coffee and tea, cake and chocolate and cigs. It’s the first good time we have had.”</p>
<p>666 Pte Charles Daly 2nd Btn Black Watch</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname DALY Forename Charles Rank Pte Service number 666 Decoration</p>

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	<p>Place of birth Crieff Perthshire Date of death 9 May 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 2nd Bn <i>This is the only Charles Daly I've been able to find</i></p>
<p>3093 Pte John Donaghue 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname DONAGHUE Forename John Rank Pte Service number 3093 Decoration Place of birth Leith Date of death 18 June 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 2nd Bn <i>This is the only John Donaghue I've been able to find</i></p>
<p>19032 Pte Patrick Donnelly 2nd Btn Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers</p>	<p>DONNELLY, Patrick Rank: Private Service No: 19032 Date of Death: 15/07/1916 Age: 23 Regiment/Service: Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: I. F. 11. Cemetery: PUCHEVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Michael Donnelly and Rose Ann, his wife, of 18, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian. Native of Co. Tyrone. West Lothian Courier 28th July 1916 Broxburn Men Killed and wounded – Mr Donnoley Greendykes Road Broxburn has received a letter from a Chaplain that his son Pte Patrick Donnoley Inniskillen Fusiliers has died as the result of wounds. No other particulars however are yet to hand. West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Above is a photo of Pt Patrick Donnoley who has died of wounds received in action in France on July 13th. Mr Donnoley has been in receipt of several letter of condolences one of these being from his officer in the following terms: - He was my servant since I came out here about two months ago, and if he was as good a son as he was a servant to me, I could not wish you to have a better.” Referring to how Donnoley was wounded, the officer writes, “He was my orderly while in the trenches and one afternoon he was lying down in the trench, I had to send him on a message to my Company Commander. I went along to him, gave him the note and went back to where I had been. There was a Sgt in front of me and he suddenly called out, “Are you hit?” and I looked round to see Donnoley on the ground. I went to him immediately and</p>




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	<p>found he had a bullet through the fleshy part of the thigh. His wound was bandaged, and he was taken down in a stretcher. Writing on 19th July, the Priest states that Donnoley died on Saturday 15th at 6 o' clock in the morning from wounds received in his leg. Pte Donnoley who was in his 24th year, joined the Royal Inniskilling's in January 1915, and after four months training he was despatched to France. His parents reside in Greendykes Road.</p>
Thomas Donnelly	<i>Have been unable to identify this man, no newspaper reports, nor on casualty lists – Too many of the same name on CWGC and SNWM</i>
S/16606 Pte Daniel Dowd 7 th Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders	<p>DOWD, Daniel Rank: Private Service No: S/16606 Date of Death: 09/04/1917 Age:22 Regiment/Service: Cameron Highlanders 7th Bn. Grave Reference: II. G. 20. Cemetery: FEUCHY CHAPEL BRITISH CEMETERY, WANCOURT Additional Information: Son of Mr. F. and Mrs. M. Dowd, of Strathbrock Place, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> 
96221 Gunner Francis Dowds Royal Garrison Artillery	<p>Era WW1 Surname DOWDS Forename Francis Rank Gnr Service number 96221 Decoration Place of birth Lasswade Midlothian Date of death 23 April 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY Unit name In or attached to ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY Other detail 3 Siege Bty</p>
18541 Pte James Farrell 8 th Btn Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers	<p>FARRELL, JAMES Rank: Private Date of Death: 09/09/1916 Regiment/Service: Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 4 D and 5 B. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Kate Farrell, of Bridge Place, Broxburn, West Lothian, Scotland, and the late James Farrell. West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Broxburn Man Wounded – Mrs Farrell, Bridge Place, Broxburn, has received intimation that her son Pte James Farrell, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers has been wounded. His officer, writing to Mrs Farrell, stated that her son had been wounded in the side and carried to a dressing station on Friday September 29th. To date, no further particulars are to hand officially. At Bangour Hospital a comrade in the same regiment, was able to confirm the officer's statement that Pte James Farrell had safely reached the dressing station. To which hospital</p>

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	<p>he was sent however he could not state and so far, the depot headquarters are unable to give the information as to where he is at present lying. Mrs Farrell has already had one son, Pte John Farrell, killed in action and she awaits anxious word of her second son who now lies wounded.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916 Broxburn Soldiers – Mrs Ballantyne, Greendykes Road Broxburn, has this week received another letter from her son, Pte Robert Ballantyne Royal Scots attached Royal Scots Fusiliers stating that he is getting along alright. He was officially reported killed in action in early October. Mrs Farrell, McMillan Place, Broxburn after lengthy correspondence with the War Office has received word that her son Pte James Farrell, RIF is wounded and missing.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J Farrell</td> <td>18541</td> <td>Royal Irish Fusiliers</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded & Missing</td> </tr> </table>	Pte J Farrell	18541	Royal Irish Fusiliers	Broxburn	Wounded & Missing
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<p>21547 Pte John Farrell – served as John Brady 11th Pioneer Btn Durham Light Infantry</p>	<p>FARRELL, JOHN Alias John Brady Rank: Private Service No:21547 Date of Death: 13/03/1916 Age: 22 Regiment/Service: Durham Light Infantry 11th (Pioneer) Bn. Grave Reference: Plot 2. Row G. Grave 3. Cemetery: FERME-OLIVIER CEMETERY Additional Information: (Served as BRADY). Son of Kate and the late James Farrell, of Broxburn, Linlithgowshire, Scotland.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th April 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – News has been received by Mrs Farrell of the death of her son Pioneer John Farrell, Durham Light Infantry who was seriously wounded on 13th March. He is a young man of 22 years of age and before enlisting was employed as a bricklayer with Broxburn Oil Coy. When war broke out he answered the call for recruits and very soon he was drafted to the fighting area. His brother James is serving with the Inniskilling Fusiliers and was fighting in the Balkans during the Serbian retreat. He was recently invalided home suffering from frost bite. Mrs Farrell’s husband died a short time ago and the intimation of her son’s death within so short a time came as a severe blow to her.</p>					
<p>15113 Pte Abraham Foy 11th Btn Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>FOY, A Rank: Private Service No: 15113 Date of Death: 31/10/1915 Regiment/Service: Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 11th Bn. Grave Reference: Plot I. Row B. Grave 29. Cemetery: CORBIE COMMUNAL CEMETERY</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd December 1915 Westerton Soldier Killed – Pte Abraham Foy, the accompanying photo of Pte Abraham Foy, 11th Btn Scottish Rifles, who died of wounds in No 24 Clearing Station, France on 31st October. Foy enlisted in September of last year and had been in France for several months. His parents reside at Westerton Cottages by Broxburn.</p> 					


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<p>S17901 Pte James Foy 7th Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname FOY Forename James Rank Pte Service number S/17901 Decoration Place of birth Bathgate Linlithgowshire Date of death 29 February 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 7th Bn</p>		
<p>726 L/Cpl James Gallacher 3rd Btn Australian Infantry AIF</p>	<p>JAMES GALLACHER Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 726 Date of Death: Between 06/08/1915 and 12/08/1915 Age: 22 Regiment/Service: Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 3rd Bn. Panel Reference: 19. Memorial: LONE PINE MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Lawrence and Ellen Kelly Gallacher, of 27, Stankard's Rows, Uphall, Linlithgowshire, Scotland. West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 hall Soldiers Killed - Mr and Mrs Lawrence Gallagher 26 Stankard Rows Uphall, have received official word that their son, LCpl James Gallagher reported missing August 1915, is now recorded as killed at Gallipoli. LCpl Gallagher left Uphall four years ago for Australia with his brother Mr Lawrence Gallagher. They were engaged in the building trade there and doing well when war broke out. Right away both brothers joined the Australian contingent. LCpl Gallagher was sent to Gallipoli while Pte Lawrence Gallagher first sent to Egypt was drafted to France where he is at present. There are other two brothers Pte Neil and Pte Daniel, both in the KOSB, who are at present in training. Pte Daniel Gallagher is married and his wife resides in Stankard Rows. The other three are single.</p> 		
<p>John Gallacher Irish Guards</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 7th May 1915 Recruiting – The following are the names of men enlisted this week at the centres noted;- Broxburn & Uphall</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>John Gallacher</td> <td>Irish Guards</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>This is the only reference I can find</i></p>	John Gallacher	Irish Guards
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<p>13000 Act Qtr Master Sgt Tauge Gallacher 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>GALLAGHER, T Rank: Serjeant Service No: 13000 Date of Death: 16/01/1916 Age: 28 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 12th Bn. Grave Reference: VIII. A. 5. Cemetery: COLOGNE SOUTHERN CEMETERY</p>		


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	<p>West Lothian Courier 18th February 1916 Bathgate Soldier Dies of Wounds – Word has been received that Acting Quarter Master Sgt Tauge Gallacher, 12th Royal Scots, who was wounded at Loos, succumbed to his wounds on 16th January. Gallacher was wounded on the legs and back and lay on the field for three days and three nights before being picked up by German Red Cross men. He originally belonged to Uphall but was staying with Mrs Conway, Paulville, when he enlisted at the outbreak of war. His father Murty Gallacher left for India about a fortnight ago to take up garrison duty. The letter intimating Tauge’s death was sent by a chum from the German Detention Camp. So far no official notice has been received.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 25th February 1916 Uphall Soldier Dies of Wounds – Word has been received that Acting Quarter Master Sgt Tague Gallacher, 12th Royal Scots, who was wounded at Loos, succumbed to his wounds on 16th January. Gallacher was wound in the legs and back and lay on the field for three day and three nights before being picked by a German Red Cross men. He originally belonged to Uphall, but was staying with Mrs Conway, Paulville when he enlisted at the outbreak of war. His father Murty Gallacher left for India about a fortnight ago to take up garrison duty. The letter intimating Tague’s death was sent by a chum from the German Detention Camp. So far no official notice has been received.</p>
<p>8433 Pte Peter Haggerty 2nd Btn Durham Light Infantry</p>	<p>HAGGERTY, PETER Rank: Private Date of Death: 20/10/1914 Regiment/Service: Durham Light Infantry 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 8 and 9. Memorial: PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL Additional Information: Brother of Mrs. M. M. Clay, of 40, Green Dykes Rows, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th November 1914 Broxburn Men Who Have Fallen – The public of Broxburn are now being made to realise more fully the awful toll exacted by such a stupendous war as the present, as scarcely a week passes but information is to hand of some of her sons having fallen in action. This week the list includes both killed and wounded and the sympathy of the community has gone out to the relatives of those brave fellow who have given their lives in their country’s cause. Notification has also been sent that Pte Peter Haggarty Durham Light Infantry was killed in action on 20th October. He was a reservist and before the outbreak of the war resided with Mrs McCloy, 40 Greendykes Road.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th December 1914 Broxburn Man Killed in Action – Pte Peter Haggarty, Durham Light Infantry, was killed in action at the Battle of the Aisne on 29th October. Haggerty who was 27 years of age resided with his sister Mrs McCloy, Greendykes Road, Broxburn and was employed in the Works at Roman Camp. He was born in the County of Durham and was educated in England. He enlisted in 1902 at the age of 15 and served for three years with his regiment in India. He came to Broxburn about a year ago and called up on the outbreak of the war was sent out with the first of the forces. His sister received a letter from the Captain intimating his death and also had the usual notification from Lord Kitchener. One of his brothers is in the Navy while another is a naval reservist.</p>
<p>Pte James Hanlon</p>	<p>Private HANLON, J</p>

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<p>7th Btn Canadian Infantry</p>	<p>Service Number 2137353 Died 06/10/1918 7th Bn. Canadian Infantry West Lothian Courier 15th November 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs Joseph Hanlon, 32 Greendykes Road Broxburn that their eldest son Pte James Hanlon was killed in action on the 6th Oct 1918. Pte Hanlon left Broxburn for Canada over 8 years ago and in 1917 enlisted in the Canadians to help the motherland. January of this year saw him in France and whilst he has been in many hot engagements was never wounded prior to the date of his death in action. The parents of the deceased have received many letters of sympathy the following being an extract from that of his captain. Pte Hanlon was a very courageous soldier and he was held in high esteem by all his comrades. He had done very fine work during his period he was with us and his loss is a very great one to his company. The very sincere sympathies of the men and officers of No 3 Coy are tendered to you in your bereavement. Other two brothers of the deceased are in the Army, viz. Pte Patrick Hanlon, Inniskillen Fusiliers, and Pte John Hanlon, Royal Scots.</p>
<p>19041 Pte Denis Harley</p>	<p>DENIS HARLEY Rank: Private Service No: 19041 Date of Death: 10/02/1916 Age: 24 Regiment/Service: Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: A. 37. Cemetery: AUTHUILE MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of John and Ann Harley, of Alexander St., Uphall, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 10th March 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – We show a photo of Pte Dennis Harley, 2nd Btn Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who has been killed in action in France. He was a son of Mr John Harley Old Town, Broxburn, and prior to enlisting 14 months ago was employed as a miner by Pumpherstons Oil Coy. He was drafted out to France about 9 months ago. He was 24 years of age. His parents have received a letter of condolence from the King and Queen and much sympathy has been extended to them locally in their sad bereavement.</p> 
<p>18904 L/Cpl Timothy Horner 9th Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname HORNER Forename T</p>

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	<p>Rank L Cpl Service number 18904 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 12 April 1917 Theatre of death France Cause of death Unknown SNWM roll THE CAMERONIANS (SCOTTISH RIFLES) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE CAMERONIANS SCOTTISH RIFLES Other detail 9th Bn. West Lothian Courier 4th May 1917 Uphall Man makes Supreme Sacrifice – Mr and Mrs John Horner, Raeburn Cottage, Uphall station has been officially informed that their son, LCpl Timothy Horner was killed in action in France on the 12th April 1917. The deceased gallant soldier who was well known and respected in the district at the outbreak of the war decided where duty lay and enlisted in the Scottish Rifles. After a few months training he was drafted to France where for two years he took part in much of the fighting, and in the recent big engagement met his death as already stated. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a miner by Broxburn Oil Co Midlothian Advertiser 11th May 1917 Uphall Soldier's Death – Mr and Mrs John Horner, Raeburn Cottage, Uphall Station, have been officially informed that their son, L/Cpl Timothy Horner was killed in action in France on the 12th April 1917. The deceased gallant soldier, who was well known and respected in the district, at the outbreak of the war decided where duty lay and enlisted in the Scottish Rifles. After a few months training, he was drafted to France, where for two years he took part in much of the fighting, and in the recent big engagement, met his death as already stated. Previous to enlistment he was employed as a miner by the Broxburn Oil Coy.</p>	
Patrick Houston	<p><i>Have been unable to identify this man no results in SNWM two in CWGC but can't identify which one</i></p>	
<p>22312 Pte Peter Houston 1st Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>PETER HOUSTON Era WW1 Surname HOUSTON Forename Peter Rank L Cpl Service number 22312 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Date of death 28 November 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS Unit name In or attached to THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS Other detail 1st Bn. West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Broxburn Well-known Pedestrian Killed – Mr and Mrs Houston West Burnside, Broxburn, have received official intimation from the war office that their son, Pte P Houston has been killed in action. He was the third son and</p>	

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	<p>was better known in pedestrian circles as P Watson, West Calder. Before enlisting, he was employed by the Broxburn Oil Company as a miner.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th November 1917</p> <p>Houston – In loving memory of our dear son Pte P Houston, who was killed in action Nov 28th 1916.</p> <p>One year has passed and still we miss him Loving him dearly, his memory we'll keep Never till life ends will we ever forget him, Dear to our hearts in the place where he sleeps Inserted by his mother and father Westburnside Broxburn.</p> <p>Though earthly ties are broken in life we will meet no more we will often think of you dear Pate, On yonder distant shore Inserted by his brother and sister in law, B Houston, Westburnside, Broxburn.</p>
<p>501281 Sgt Harry Johnston, DCM, MiD No 1 Tunnelling Coy Canadian Engineers</p>	<p>HARRY JOHNSTON Rank: Sergeant Service No: 501281 Date of Death: 19/10/1916 Regiment/Service: Canadian Engineers 1st Canadian Tunnelling Coy. Awards: D C M, Mentioned in Despatches Grave Reference: Spec. Plot. 18. Cemetery: WOKINGHAM (ST. SEBASTIAN) CHURCHYARD</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Canadian Wins DCM – The many friends of Sgt Harry Johnston Canadian Engineers, will be pleased to learn of the honour he has won on the field of battle. In a letter to Mrs Jenkins, Greendykes Road, Sgt Ned Johnston, brother of Harry states that the General Order awarding the honours was as follows;-</p> <p>The Distinguished Conduct Medal awarded to 501281 Sgt Johnston, No 1 Tunnelling Company, Canadian Engineers. He was entombed with others, in a sap by the enemy's bombardment. The whole party was in imminent danger of drowning, owing to the rising water, when Sgt Johnston dived through thirty feet of water to another sap, reached a pump, and by pumping out the water saved the work party after they had been entombed for hours. Sgt Johnston has other three brothers in the Canadian Army on active service Sgts Ned and Joe, and Cpl Tom – while two brothers in law are also serving. The Johnston's were all born in Broxburn. Their father was a retortman in Broxburn Oil Works while the sons were miners in the oil Company's mines. They all crossed the Atlantic six years ago. Sgt Harry Johnston was employed as a rancher when the appeal was made for recruits and he and his brothers, like many noble sons of the Motherland heartily answered the call. He joined the Canadian Contingent in February of this year and after five weeks training was dispatched to France. He was home three weeks ago on short leave and word has been received from a nurse in an English hospital that he has been wounded. We all hope that he will recover, and that he will be spared to another visit to his native town. His brother Ned has seen 16.5 years' service in the army and has been through several hard-fought engagements in this war. Sgt Johnston has been seriously wounded and was admitted to No 3 Clearing Station on June 25. Sgt Johnston is suffering from shrapnel wounds to the lungs.</p>



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	<p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Broxburn Hero Dies of Wounds – Information is to hand semi-officially, that Sgt Harry Johnston 1st Engineers Canadians and winner of the DM has succumbed to his wounds in an English hospital. Sgt Johnston was a native of Broxburn, but with his parents left for Canada many years ago. On the outbreak of war, he was among the first to volunteer for active service.</p>
<p>8475 Rifleman W J Johnston 1st Btn Royal Irish Rifles</p>	<p>JOHNSTON, William J Rank: Rifleman Service No: 8475 Date of Death: 12/07/1917 Age: 29 Regiment/Service: Royal Irish Rifles 1st Bn. Grave Reference: XV. B. 9A. Cemetery: LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of William and Bridget Johnston, of Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>
<p>18976 Pte Peter Lundy 7/8th Btn Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers</p>	<p>Private LUNDY, P Service Number 18976 Died 21/01/1919 7th/8th Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers West Lothian Courier 16th October 1914 Recruits for Lord Kitchener's Army We publish below a further list of men from the County of Linlithgow who are serving their King & Country at the present time. The list includes the recruits who have enlisted from the parishes of Uphall, Kirkliston and Linlithgow since war broke out and the reservists who lived in these parishes and who joined the colours at the outbreak of the war. Some names especially of Reservists and of those who enlisted at Edinburgh and Glasgow and other centres may be omitted. We shall be glad to hear of these and to publish their names and the regiments to which they belong in a supplementary list. Their friends should communicate with us at once as we are anxious to make the list as complete and accurate as possible. Peter Lundy is shown to have joined up on this day</p>
<p>18770 Cpl Joseph Mallon 2nd Btn The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname MALLON Forename Joseph Rank Cpl Service number 18770 Decoration Place of birth Moneysuck Co Antrim Date of death 27 February 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS SERVING IN IRISH REGIMENTS Unit name THE ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS Other detail 2nd Bn West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>


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	<p>Pumpherstons Soldier Killed – Official information from the War Office has been received intimating the death of Cpl Joseph Mallon, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers which took place on the 27th February 1918. Deceased was 27 years of age and in civil life was employed as a charger at the Retorts with the Pumpherstons Oil Company Ltd, where he was well known and respected.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918</p> <p>Died for his Country – We show a photo of the late Cpl Joseph Mallon who was killed in action in France as reported in last week's issue, on the 27th February 1918. Mrs Mallon received many expressions of sympathy from the gallant Cpl's chums and also the following from his officer, viz., Dear Mrs Mallon, I write to you to express my deepest sympathy in the great loss which you have sustained. Your son was one of the keenest and most hard-working NCO's in this battery and always set the men a fine example. He was very popular with everyone and we all feel his loss keenly. He died doing his duty and it may be a little consolation to you to know that did not suffer at all. He is buried with some of his comrades on the battlefield where he fell. Again, tendering you my deepest sympathy, Yours etc. A G Edghill, 2nd Lieut.</p> <p>The deceased enlisted shortly after war was declared in that famous regiment the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and was drafted to France in May of 1915. He was later transferred to the Trench Mortar Battery and came through many of the hard engagements of that period. He was previous to enlisting employed with Pumpherstons Oil Company and was 26 years of age. His home address was Watson's Buildings, Uphall Station.</p>
<p>18783 Pte James Monaghan Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers</p>	<p>JAMES MONAGHAN Private Service Number 18783 Died 01/07/1916 Aged 19 1st Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers Son of John V. and Agnes Monaghan, of 125, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Missing – Mrs Monaghan Greendykes Road, Broxburn has received official word that her son, Pte James Monaghan Inniskilling has been missing since July. Pte Monaghan enlisted in January 1915 and fought at the Dardanelles and on the French and Belgian Fronts. It was while with others making a reconnaissance of a village that a section were ambushed by a larger force of Prussian Guards. The village was taken next day, but no word of the missing soldiers could be gleaned.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 3rd November 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Missing – Mrs Monaghan, Greendykes Road, Broxburn has received official word that her son, Pte James Monaghan, Inniskilling's, has been missing since July. Pte Monaghan enlisted in January 1915 and fought at the Dardanelles and on the French and Belgian fronts, it was while with others making a reconnaissance of a village that a section were ambushed by a larger force of Prussian Guards. The village was taken next day, but no word of the missing soldier could be gleaned.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th September 1917</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Mr and Mrs Monaghan, 125 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, have received official intimation that their son 18783 Pte James Monaghan, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers is now presumed dead. Pte Monaghan, who had served with the Gallipoli Forces and was</p>



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	amongst those to evacuate the campaign in that region, was transferred to France, and in the engagement of the 1 st July 1916 was reported missing. He enlisted on 11 th January 1915, and after training was drafted to the Dardanelles being previously in the employ of the Broxburn Oil Company.		
Matthew McDermott	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st May 1915 Recruiting Roll of Honour – During the week ending 16th May the following recruits were added to the Regular Army;- Broxburn</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Matt McDermott</td> <td>Royal Irish Fusiliers</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>This is the only reference I can find for this man, can't identify him on CWGC and no result on SNWM</i></p>	Matt McDermott	Royal Irish Fusiliers
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25700 Pte Frank McGrath 12 th Btn Gloucestershire Rgt	<p>Era WW1 Surname McGRATH Forename Frank Rank Pte Service number 25700 Decoration Place of birth Pumpherston Midlothian Date of death 14 April 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS SERVING IN BRIGADE OF GUARDS AND ENGLISH REGIMENTS Unit name THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT Other detail 12th (Service) (Bristol) Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 Broxburn Man Killed – Mrs McGrath, 3 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, has received official information that her husband Pte F McGrath, has been killed in action.</p>		
13757 Pte Robert McGuigan 7 th Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers	<p>ROBERT MCGUIGAN Rank: Private Service No:13757 Date of Death:25/09/1915 Age: 37 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 7th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 53 to 56. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Brother of Miss Margaret McGuigan, of 9, Broadgates, Uphall, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 McGuigan – In loving memory of our dear nephew, Pte Robert McGuigan, killed in France on 25th Sept 1915, also our dear nephew Pte John Ward, killed in France on 19th May 1916 Oft we sit and think of them And our hearts are sore with pain Oh this world would be a heaven Could we but have them back again. Inserted by his aunt and uncles, Uphall, and also their uncle Michael (on active service).</p>		

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<p>S/40842 Pte Edward McLaughlin 4th Btn Seaforth Highlanders formerly S/18213 Black Watch, (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname McLAUGHLAN Forename Edward James Routledge Rank Pte Service number S/40842 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 2 June 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Other detail 4th Bn. formerly S/18213 Royal Hldrs Midlothian Advertiser 26th November 1915 He resided with his sister at Stewartfield, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 19th November 1915 Two Broxburn Soldiers Killed – Intimation has been received from the War Office that Pte Edward McLaughlin, 8th Black Watch who resided with his sister Miss Hannah McLaughlin, 61 Stewartfield, Broxburn was killed in action on 21st October. Deceased who was only 19 years of age, enlisted in May last, and only proceeded to the front on 1st October. Before enlisting he was employed in the Broxburn Oil Coy, mines. The sincere sympathy of the neighbours has gone out to his sister in her particularly sad bereavement. West Lothian Courier 26th November 1915 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Pte Edward McLaughlin, 8th Black Watch, whose death we reported last week. His home address was at 61 Stewartfield, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 McLaughlin – In loving memory of my dear brother Pte Edward McLaughlin, Black Watch, who was killed in action 21st Oct 1915 aged 19 years. RIP. The die is cast, you've gone before Your memory lives for ever Oh, gallant brother your trials are o'er Your victory none can sever God knows the way he holds the key He guides you with unerring hand Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see Yes there, up there we'll understand Sleep on dear brother your battles are o'er We hope to meet on yon bright shore Where troubles and trials and wars must cease And all is calm and joy and peace. Inserted by his loving sister Hannah</p>	
<p>11554 Pte Peter O'Donnell 2nd Btn Irish Guards</p>	<p>PETER O'DONNELL Rank: Private Service No: 11554 Date of Death: 27/04/1918 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Irish Guards 2nd Bn.</p>	



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	<p>Grave Reference: B. 19. Cemetery: CINQ RUES BRITISH CEMETERY, HAZEBROUCK Additional Information: Son of Manus and Helen O'Donnell, of 31, Goschen Place, Uphall, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 24th May 1918 Broxburn Irish Guard Killed in Action – Mr and Mrs Manus O'Donnell, Goschen Place have received official intimation that their son Pte Peter O'Donnell Irish Guards died from wounds on 27th April 1918. Relative to the gallant soldier's death his Captain writes as follows: - Dear Madam, I regret exceedingly to inform you that your son Pte P O'Donnell was killed in action on April 27th. He was hit by a piece of shell on the frontline trenches and was rendered unconscious so that he suffered very little pain. He had distinguished himself very greatly in the recent fighting and impressed me as being most gallant man. He was very well liked by his company, who miss him very much. He was decently buried and a white cross marks' the place where he lies. He was credit to his regiment and I am always very much distressed when I lose a man like that. Please accept my sincere sympathy. Deceased, who was 20 years of age was prior to joining up employed in the fleshing department of the Pumpherston Branch of the West Calder Co-operative Society.</p> 
<p>645949 Gunner James Rafferty 51st Heavy Trench Mortar Bty, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>JAMES RAFFERTY Rank: Gunner Service No: 645949 Date of Death: 06/04/1917 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery V51st Heavy Trench Mortar Bty. Grave Reference: IV. F. 31. Cemetery: ROCLINCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY Rank: Gunner Service No: 645949 Date of Death: 06/04/1917 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery V51st Heavy Trench Mortar Bty. Grave Reference: IV. F. 31. Cemetery: ROCLINCOURT MILITARY CEMETERY West Lothian Courier 25th May 1917 Uphall Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Information has been received by Mr and Mrs Thomas Raffarty, Strathbrock Place, Uphall, that their son Gunner James Raffarty RFA, has been killed in action in France. The following letter has been received conveying the sad news:- Dear Mrs Raffarty – It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of your son. He died along with seven comrades while serving the guns, and if it is a consolation to you, as I am sure it will be – his death was a swift and painless one. His death occurred at 3:30pm on the 6th inst., and was caused by an enemy shell striking the gun pit. I cannot express my sympathy enough. My brother officers join me in extending our heartfelt condolences to you in the loss of the brave boy, but he died nobly at this post facing death for his Country. If there is anything more you wish to know I shall be only too pleased if you will write me.</p> 


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	<p>Again, extending my deepest sympathy I am etc, D G Sinclair 2nd Lieut. Gunner Rafferty who has so nobly given his life that we may live in security enlisted on the 6th June 1915, and was drafted to France in October of the same year and volunteered for service in the Heavy Trench Mortar Battery. Deceased was only 19 years of age, having enlisted before he had reached the military age of 18, and was previously employed by the Pumpherston Oil Company as a miner.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st June 1917 Pumpherston Shale Miner Killed – Gunner James Rafferty, of the RFA whose death in action we noted last week, was formerly employed as a shale mine with the Pumpherston Oil Coy. His parents reside at Uphall. He enlisted before he had reached the military age and was only 19 years when was killed.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918 Rafferty - In loving memory of Gunner James Rafferty, Trench Mortar Battery, beloved son of Thomas and Mary Rafferty who was killed in action in France, April 6th 1917 aged 19.5 years – RIP Inserted by his parents, Strathbrock Place, Uphall.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th April 1918 Rafferty – In loving memory of our dear brother, James Rafferty killed in action in France on 8th April 1917. We loved him in life we think of him still Too dear for his memory to fade And our sorrowing thoughts often wander to a spot Where our dear brother is laid Inserted by his brothers and sisters, Strathbrock Place Uphall Rafferty – In loving memory of my dear brother James Rafferty, Killed in action in France on April 8th 1917. Inserted by his sister and brother in law on active service.</p>
<p>251495 Pte John Rafferty 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Regiment, Corps etc Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) Battalion/etc 12th Battalion. Surname Rafferty Forename John Initials J Born BROXBURN, LINLITHGOWSHIRE Enlisted UPHALL, WEST LOTHIAN Residence BROXBURN Rank PRIVATE Number 251495 Died Date 13-08-1917 Died How Died of wounds Theatre of War France & Flanders</p>
<p>S/5437 Pte W J Stewart 12th Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>STEWART, W J Rank: Private Service No: S/5437 Date of Death: 11/11/1918 Age: 27 Regiment/Service: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders 12th Bn. Grave Reference: VII. J. 10. Cemetery: STRUMA MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of J. and Mary Christie Stewart, of 10, Greendykes Road, Broxburn, Linlithgowshire</p>

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<p>32514 Joseph Tyghe 6th Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>TIGHE, JOSEPH Rank: Private Service No:32514 Date of Death: 28/07/1918 Age:19 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 6th Bn. Grave Reference: III. B. 5. Cemetery: LA KREULE MILITARY CEMETERY, HAZEBROUCK Additional Information: Son of Thomas and Margaret Tighe, of Hawthorn Cottage, Broxburn, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 30th August 1918 Broxburn Man makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Official information has now been received by Mr and Mrs Thomas Tighe Old Town Broxburn that their son, Pte Joseph Tighe KOSB was killed in action on the 28th July 1918. Deceased whose photo appears, was 19 years of age and entered the service of his country about a year ago and had been in France over five months. Although in many of the hard engagements that have occurred in that time, deceased was never wounded until the above date. Previous to enlisting, Pte Tighe was employed as a miner with Oakbank Oil Co Ltd and much sympathy goes out to the parents in their time of trial at the loss of a gallant son, who, like many another Broxburn lad has died that we might live.</p> 
<p>96723 Pte Edward Welsh Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WALSH Forename Edward Rank Gnr Service number 96723 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 17 October 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll ROYAL HORSE AND ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY Unit name In or attached to ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY or ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Uphall Soldiers Killed - Mrs Welsh, Main Street, Uphall, received on Saturday official intimation that her son Pte Edward Welsh RFA had died from wounds. West Lothian Courier 10th November, 1916 Uphall Soldiers Death – As already reported Gunner Edward Walsh RFA, whose portrait we publish died of wounds on 18th October. He was the son of Mrs Walsh, Muir's Buildings, Uphall. Sister Calvert, who was with deceased in his last illness, writes to Mrs Walsh as follows;- Your son was admitted to hospital on 17th October. He received a very serious wound in the back. It is with the deepest regret I have to inform you he passed away the same evening at 8:45pm. He had a very distressing day and towards evening he grew much more feeble. He passed away in his sleep. He will be accorded a military funeral. His grave will be marked by a small cross, with his name and number</p> 

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	<p>and a record kept of the same. Gunner Walsh joined in July 1915, and being an ex-soldier, he was ready in September 1915 and drafted to the front. He was through most of the heavy fighting during the past twelve months. His brother Sapper John Walsh Royal Engineers, after nine months good work in France is now home having a well-earned his discharge, he being one of the many who though over age cheerfully forgot a few years in order to do his little bit at the front.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th October 1917 Uphall - Walsh – In loving memory of my dear brother Gunner Edward Walsh, RFA who died from wounds on October 18th 1916 – RIP Is warfare o'er his sun is set But we who loved him can never forget. Inserted by his brother and sister in law, Dalmeny.</p> <p><i>SNWM gives surname as Walsh</i></p>
John Wood	<p><i>Can find no information on this man either from local newspapers, casualty lists, nor CWGC or SNWM</i></p>
<p>95558 Gunner John Wright 61st Trench Mortar Battery Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>JOHN WRIGHT Rank: Gunner Service No: 95558 Date of Death:23/03/1918 Age: 23 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 61st T.M. Bty. Grave Reference: III. A. 11. Cemetery: ROYE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Catherine Cavanagh, of 84, Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th April 1918 Uphall Station Soldier Dies of wounds – We show a photo of another of Uphall Station soldiers, Gunner John Wright who having enlisted on behalf of his country in her great fight for freedom has now given life itself in the same great cause, information having been received by his parents Mr and Mrs Thomas Cavanagh 84 Beechwood Cottages, of his having died of wounds on 23rd March. Amongst the many letters of sympathy received is the following from his officer viz.,</p> <p>Dear Madam, I have with great regret to inform you that your so Gunner J Wright, died of wounds on the 23rd March 1918 in a British Military Hospital. He was wounded by a shell in the early morning of the 21st March and we carried him to a dressing station where he immediately lost consciousness. I am glad to say that he could have suffered no pain. He is a great loss to us and he was a splendid fellow always cheery and hard working – I knew him very well indeed. I do hope you will realise that his great sacrifice – and yours – will not be without its reward. I am not able to say where he is buried owing to censorship regulations, but he had a military funeral service presided over by a padre. The deceased gallant soldier enlisted immediately on the outbreak of war and saw 2.5 years' service in France. He was in the Trench Battery RFA and took part in many of the big engagements. Previous to enlistment he was employed with Young's Oil Company Ltd Uphall.</p> 

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<p>S/4482 Sgt James Anderson 8/10th Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>Surname ANDERSON Forename James Rank Sgt Service number S/4482 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 3 August 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds. SNWM roll THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 8/10th Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th August 1917 Anderson – Died of wounds at Clearing Casualty Station, France on 3rd August, Sgt James Anderson Gordon Highlanders, aged 28, dearly beloved husband of Martha Campbell and eldest son of the late Robert Anderson and Mrs Anderson, The Gardens, Broxburn. All is dark within my dwelling Lonely is my home today For the one who smiled and cheered us Has forever passed away Father in thy precious keeping we leave our soldier daddy sleeping Inserted by his sorrowing widow and children, East Burnside, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th August 1917 Broxburn Soldier Killed in action – Official information has been received by Mrs Anderson East Burnside, Broxburn that her husband Sgt James Anderson, has been killed in action on 3rd August 1917. The deceased who was well known and respected in the district enlisted in defence of his country on 3rd September 1914 in the Gordon Highlanders and was drafted with his regiment to France in April 1915. Coming through many severe engagements, he was wounded and sent to Tidworth Hospital in England and after recovering was sent to Aberdeen as drill instructor. After fulfilling these duties for some time, he again returned to France in April of this year and as already stated met a hero's death on 3rd August. Sgt Anderson was 28 years of age and previous to enlisting was employed as a miner at No 3 Roman Camps Mine and leaves a wife and family of four to mourn his loss. The deceased was recommended by his Captain for the DCM in December of 1915 but unfortunately this officer made the supreme sacrifice the following day without having given the necessary details of Sgt Anderson's brave action. Sgt Anderson was a keen volunteer, serving under the late Captain J P Cleghorne and was also in the Territorial Force Two brothers of the late gallant soldier are also nobly doing their duty in the cause of freedom One of them, Robert, who enlisted on 25th August 1914, was also in the Gordons, and although only in his 24th year has already obtained his commission as 2nd Lieut and expects to be posted to his regiment in a day or two, Lieut Anderson who was a well-known football player with Broxburn Celtic and Thistle Football Clubs has seen a great deal of fighting since being drafted to France and was twice wounded at the battles of the Marne and the Somme. Trooper Alex Anderson, another brother of the deceased enlisted in May 1914, in the North Irish Horse and is presently stationed in Ireland. We congratulate the mother of the patriotic family of sons on the</p>
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	<p>splendid example they have shown in their Country's hour of need and hope that the sorrow she is also called upon to bear at this time will be sweetened with the thought that her gallant son gave his life in a just and righteous cause.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 2nd August 1918</p> <p>Anderson – In loving memory of my dear son Sgt James Anderson, Gordon Highlanders, who died of wounds received in action 2nd August 1917 aged 28, also my dear husband Robert Anderson, who died at Broxburn 18th August 1916 aged 56. To memory ever dear Inserted by his widow and family.</p>
<p>47818 Pte Joseph Locke Anderson 2nd Btn Northamptonshire Rgt</p>	<p>ANDERSON, JOSEPH LOCKE Rank: Private Service No: 47818 Date of Death: 18/11/1918 Age:19 Regiment/Service: Northamptonshire Regiment 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: XI. B. 37. Cemetery: TERLINCTHUN BRITISH CEMETERY, WIMILLE Additional Information: Son of Alexander and Agnes Locke Anderson, of Society Place, Broxburn, West Lothian, Scotland.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th December 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – We regret it is again our sad duty to record the death of another of Broxburn's gallant sons, who has given up his life on behalf of his country.</p> <p>We refer to Pte Joseph L Anderson 2nd Northants, whose parents Mr and Mrs A Anderson residing at Society Place, Broxburn, have now been officially informed of his death in France through influenza, contracted whilst on duty. The first intimation that anything was amiss was conveyed in a letter from the Matron of 83 General Hospital, Boulogne stating that he had been admitted to the Hospital on 5th November suffering from influenza, and that his condition was dangerous. On the 21st November a letter was received by the parents from the Army Chaplain stating that their son had passed away. He had endeared himself to all of us, and we all miss him very much. He was a dear boy, one of whom you have every reason to be proud.</p> <p>The deceased, whose photo appears above was 19 years of age and was previous to enlistment in 1917, employed in the Pumpherston Oil Coy's Works. He was drafted to France in April of this year and was almost immediately in action being wounded on 23rd of that month. He was also "gassed" on 7th Sept. He was in many of the big engagements that took place being an experienced Lewis gunner and entitled to wear the "Crossed Guns." Another son of Mr and Mrs Anderson, viz Driver Alex (Alic) Anderson RFA is presently in France, and has been over three years in the Army, having enlisted in January 1915.</p>
<p>307160 Pte Angus Scott Anthony 15th Btn Tank Corps</p>	<p>ANTHONY, ANGUS SCOTT Rank: Private Service No:307160 Date of Death: 27/09/1918 Age:29 Regiment/Service: Tank Corps 15th Bn. Grave Reference: I. G. 10. Cemetery: FLESQUIERES HILL BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Anthony, of Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Isabella Anthony, of 35, Millgate, Friockheim, Angus.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th November 1918</p>

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	<p>Anthony – Killed in action in France on 27th Sept Pte Angus Scott Anthony, Tank Corps, aged 29, dearly loved husband of Isabella Anthony, Crossford, Dunfermline and sixth son of Mrs Anthony, East Main Street, Broxburn, Deeply Mourned.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th November 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – news has been confirmed by the War Office that Pte Angus Scott Anthony, Tank Corps, was killed in action in France on the 27th September last. Pte Anthony whose wife resides at Crossford Dunfermline was the sixth son of Mrs Anthony East Main Street, Broxburn. The first intimation of anything being amiss with Pte Anthony was the receipt by his mother of a birthday card which had been found on the battlefield in the Cambrai sector of the Western Front on 28th September. This card was forwarded by Captain Gibson of the Tank Corps to his father in Glasgow, who in turn sent it to Mr Brown, headmaster of Broxburn Higher Grade School with a request to try and trace the sender. Little difficulty was experienced in tracing the card to Mrs Anthony, who had sent it for the lad's birthday on 24th September. Pte Anthony received the card on the 26th September, and from a letter from one of us chums, it appears he was killed in an attack on the following day.</p> <p>Previous to enlisting, Pte Anthony was employed as a bricklayer for six years at Rosyth Naval Dockyard. He joined the Royal Engineers at Chatham on 1st November 1917 and transferred to the Tank Corps. After training in Dorsetshire, he proceeded to France in July of this year and was immediately engaged in some of the heaviest action connected with the Allied Advance.</p> <p>In pre-war days, Pte Anthony was a valued member of Broxburn Cricket Club, being a left-handed bowler of some skill. He was well known and respected by a large circle of acquaintances and much sympathy is extended to his young wife and his aged mother in their sad bereavement.</p>	
<p>501169 Sgt John F Barclay DCM 1st Tunnelling Coy Canadian Engineers</p>	<p>BARCLAY, JOHN F. Rank: Corporal Service No: 501169 Date of Death: 11/08/1917 Age: 28 Regiment/Service: Canadian Engineers 1st Tunnelling Coy. Awards: D C M Grave Reference: I. F. 25. Cemetery: LA CLYTTE MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of David and Jane Barclay, of Port Buchan, Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 23rd March 1917 DCM For Broxburn Canadian – Sgt J F Barclay, Canadian Engineers has been awarded the DCM. He is a son of Mr David Barclay Hall Road, Broxburn, and prior to emigrating to Canada a few years ago was employed as a shale miner.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th March 1917 Broxburn Canadian awarded DCM – Mr David Barclay, Hall Road, Broxburn has received information that his son Sgt John F Barclay has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for the great courage and skill in countermining an enemy position. Sgt Barclay received an order to send a man to light up British mines. As at this particular place and time, the enemy's fire was at its fiercest, the gallant Sgt knowing the great risk that had to be run in carrying out this duty,</p>	

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	<p>unselfishly refrained from exposing any of his men to the danger and proceeded to carry out the order himself. Having been successful in his object of firing the mine he found himself unable to return and twelve hours elapsed before he was able to reach his own line having been given up as lost by his comrades. Sgt Barclay who is 28 years of age, was previous to emigrating to Canada employed in Broxburn Oil Company's mines. Eight years ago, he left the district for the golden west and residing with his sister at 88 Admiral Road, Toronto was employed as miner at Cobalt. Answering the call of the Mother Country for men, he enlisted in the Tunnelling Company of the Canadian Engineers and was drafted to France in January 1916 and during the past 14 months has been in a number of big engagements.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th August 1917</p> <p>Broxburn DCM Dies of Wounds – Recommended for Bar to DCM – Mr David Barclay Hall Road Broxburn, has received information that his son Sgt John F Barclay has died of wounds received in action. The sad news was sent to Mr Barclay in letters from his officers and the hospital sister as follows:-</p> <p>12-8-17 – Dear Mr Barclay, I feel I must not let this evening go past without writing you to say how deeply we all feel the loss of our young friend, Sgt Jack Barclay, who was buried today. He was a favourite with the officers and men alike. His cheerfulness, courage and determination were qualities that carried him through many a tough situation He was wounded by a machine gun bullet through the abdomen but lived 12 days and we had strong hopes that his courage and strong vitality would pull him through. He was recommended for a bar to his DCM for his gallantry and distinguished conduct in the action in which he was wounded. He is another of the may brave lads who are giving their lives for this terrible cause. He has done his bit and done it well – he has gone to his reward. His comrades and friends will miss him as they go on, but such is the ending of all of us. There is no home, but has had its share in this grim business, and none of us know whose turn is next. Still we go on regardless of the chances. As an officer I cannot speak too highly of him and to know him was to like him. He had a very warm spot in my heart and I shall miss him very much. You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of such a son. The ways of this war are cruel and hard to limit, and we can but bear our burdens and hope on. My respect for Jack would not suffer me to be silent when a word from one on the spot might be of such comfort as any poor words not matter how well meant are when e heart is full of sorrow. I am, in loving sympathy very sincerely Lieut J M MacCormick.</p> <p>Dear Mr Barclay – I am exceedingly grieved to have to inform you that your son No 501169 Sgt Barclay, Canadian Tunnelling company was admitted to hospital (5th London FA Operating Centre BEF on the 31st July 1917 suffering from severe shell wounds penetrating the abdomen. He was most dangerously ill when admitted to hospital and although everything possible was done for him that could possibly be done, alas, of no avail, he passed peacefully away yesterday forenoon at 1.15 pm (11.8.17). He did not leave any message as he was too ill to do much. With deepest sympathy in your terrible loss – Yours very sincerely D McPherson, Sister in Charge.</p> <p>The deceased, who as reported in our issue of 30th March, was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, was 28 years of age and previous to emigrating to Canada was employed in Broxburn Oil Company's Mines. Over eight years ago he left the district for the Golden West and residing with his sister at 88 Admiral Road Toronto, was employed as a miner at Cobalt. Answering the call of the Mother Country for men, he enlisted in the Tunnelling Company of the Canadian Engineers and was drafted to France in January 1916.</p>
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12 th Royal Scots	<p>Surname BINNIE Forename John Rank Pte Service number 3224 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 25 September 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 12th Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 In loving memory of our dear brother Pte John Binnie, 3224, 12th Royal Scots, who fell in action at Loos 25th September 1915. To memory ever dear Inserted by Mr and Mrs Sharp Church Street Broxburn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Binnie – In loving memory of my dear brother, Pte John Binnie, 12th Royal Scots, who fell in action at Loos, 25th Sep 1915. When last I saw his smiling face he looked so strong and brave I little though how soon he would Be laid in a soldier's grave. Inserted by Mrs Sharp, Church Street, Broxburn.</p>
38553 Pte Alexander Braidwood 16 th Btn Royal Scots	<p>BRAIDWOOD, ALEXANDER Rank: Private Service No: 38553 Date of Death: 09/04/1917 Age: 19 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 16th Bn. Grave Reference: G. 15. Cemetery: STE. CATHERINE BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Alexander and Jessie Braidwood, of Melbourne Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th May 1917 Broxburn Soldiers Killed – The following Broxburn men are reported killed – Pte Alex Braidwood, Royal Scots, Melbourne Road, Pte Claude Brownlie, KOSB, eldest son of Mr Gavin Brownlie, Mid Street, Pte Alex McLeary, Royal Scots Fusiliers, lately employed by M Angus Shiel, Crown Tavern, Pte Robert Vicars, Royal Scots Fusiliers, son of Mr William Vicars, Main Street.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Braidwood – Killed in action in France on 9th April, Pte Alex Braidwood, Royal Scots aged 19 years, only son of Mr and Mrs Braidwood, Melbourne Road, Broxburn. Sleep on beloved, sleep and take thy rest, Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best, Goodnight, goodnight.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Broxburn Men in Casualty Lists – We regret this week to have again to record the death in action of several Broxburn soldiers, and also others who have been wounded in the country's fight for liberty and justice.</p>

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	<p>Official information has also been received by Mr and Mrs Alex Braidwood, Melbourne Road of the death in action of their only child, Pte Alex Braidwood, Royal Scots. The deceased was 19 years of age and answered his country's call in November last. After a short period of training, he was drafted to France. Precious to joining the colours he was employed as butcher with Mr Muir.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th April 1918</p> <p>Braidwood – In loving memory of our dear son Pte Alex Braidwood, 38553, Royal Scots, killed in action 9th April 1917 aged 19 years Beloved it is well with thee In thy young manhood's prime Though at high noontide thou has left the fleeting things of time. Inserted by his loving father and mother, Melbourne Road, Broxburn.</p>					
<p>40456 Pte Alexander Brown 1st Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>BROWN, ALEXANDER Rank: Private Service No: 40456 Date of Death: 28/10/1916 Age: 22 Regiment/Service: Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 1st Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 4 D. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Marion W. Brown, of Penang Buildings, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th November 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Bandsmen – Mr and Mrs Brown, Church Street Broxburn received word from a comrade that their son Pte Alexander Brown, a trombone player in Broxburn Public Band and serving with the Scottish Rifles had been killed in action. So far no official confirmation has been received.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th November 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Bandsman Killed in Action – Mr James Brown, Church Street, Broxburn, has received official news from the Military Authorities that his son Pte A Brown, Cameronians, Scottish Rifles was killed in action on 28th October 1916. Deceased answered his Countries call for men along with the other members of Broxburn Public Band in February 1915 and was drafted to France on 29th August of this year. He was 22 years of age and followed the occupation of bricklayer and was employed at Roman Camp Works. He was well known and respected in Broxburn and district and in the Public Band occupied the position of trombone player.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th December 1916</p> <p>Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte A Brown</td> <td style="width: 15%;">40456</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Cameronians</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Killed</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th October 1917</p> <p>Brown – In loving memory of our dear son Pte Alex Brown Scottish Rifles, who was killed in action in France 28th Oct 1916 aged 22 years 10 months. Member of Broxburn Public Band. We do not forget you nor do we intend We think of you daily and will til the end Gone and forgotten by some you may be But dear to my memory for ever you'll be. Inserted by his sorrowing mother and father, and sister, Church Street Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918</p> <p>Brown – In loving memory of our dear son Pate Alex Brown, Scottish Rifles, who was killed in action 28th Oct 1916, late of Broxburn Public Band. Far and oft our thoughts do wander</p>	Pte A Brown	40456	Cameronians	Broxburn	Killed
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	<p>To a grave so far away Where they laid our dear son Alick Just two years ago today When we think of all the changes Which the last few years have brought We are glad the world you have gone to Is the world that changes not Inserted by his father, mother and sister, Church Street, Broxburn.</p>
<p>24175 Pte Claude Brownlee 6th Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>CLAUDE BROWNLEE Rank: Private Service No: 24175 Date of Death: 03/05/1917 Age:26 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 6th Bn. Panel Reference: Bay 6. Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Brownlie, of Kirkhill Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Magdalene Brownlie, of Kirkview Cottages, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Brownlie – Killed in action on 4th May, Pte Claud Brownlie, KOSB aged 25, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Brownlie Broxburn, and beloved husband of Magdalene R Cochrane, youngest daughter of James Cochrane, butcher, Uphall, Deeply mourned - Loved by all.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th May 1917 Broxburn Soldiers Killed – The following Broxburn men are reported killed – Pte Alex Braidwood, Royal Scots, Melbourne Road, Pte Claude Brownlie, KOSB, eldest son of Mr Gavin Brownlie, Mid Street, Pte Alex McLeay, Royal Scots Fusiliers, lately employed by M Angus Shiel, Crown Tavern, Pte Robert Vicars, Royal Scots Fusiliers, son of Mr William Vicars, Main Street.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Uphall Soldier Killed – Pte Claud Brownlie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Brownlie, Broxburn, and husband of Mrs Brownlie, youngest daughter of Mr James Cochrane, Butcher, Uphall. Pte Brownlie was killed in action on 4th May. Prior to enlistment, deceased was employed in the bakery department of Broxburn Co-operative Society. He was twenty-five years of age, and has three brothers also in the Army, two of whom have been serving on the western front, since practically the outbreak of the war.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Brownlie – In loving memory of Pte Claud Brownlie, who fell in action (instantaneously) in Battle of Arras France on 3rd May 1917, beloved husband of Magdalene R Cochrane, Bloomfield, Uphall, loved by all who knew him. His warfare o'er, his battles fought His victory won, though dearly bought His fresh young life we could not save He rest's now in a soldier's grave "Until he come, when the day breaks and the shadow flee away."</p>



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<p>48364 Pte Thomas Burns 11th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>BURNS, T Rank: Private Service No:48364 Date of Death: 22/09/1917 Age:20 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 11th Bn. Grave Reference: I. A. 9. Cemetery: LES BARAQUES MILITARY CEMETERY, SANGATTE Additional Information: Son of David and Agnes Burns, of 7, Kirkhill Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st December 1916 Broxburn Royal Scot Wounded – Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots, a son of Mr Thomas Burns, grocer, Broxburn, has been wounded in France and is now in hospital in England.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 22nd June 1917 Broxburn Man a Prisoner – Mr Thomas Burns, grocer, Broxburn, received a postcard yesterday morning from his eldest son Pte T Burns, Royal Scots, stating that he is a prisoner at Munster Germany, having been captured with others of his battalion on 28th April. Pte Burns had just re-joined his regiment after recovery from wounds.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th July 1917 Burns – at Munster, Germany on the 11th May, from wounds received in action, on the 28th April, Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots aged 24 years. Eldest son of Thomas Burns, Grocer Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th October 1917 Burns – Died of wounds 22nd Sept 1917, in 35th General Hospital, Calais, Pte T Burns, 48364, Royal Scots, youngest son of Mrs Burns Kirkhill Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th October 1917 Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Mrs Burns 7 Kirkhill Road, Broxburn, has received official intimation that her so, Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots, has died of wounds received in action in France. The deceased was wounded on 20th Sept, 1917, and succumbed on 22nd Sept at No 35 General Hospital, Calais. Enlisting on the 1st January pf this year, he was drafted to France in June, and had been through several engagements. In civil life he was employed a s a blacksmith at the Roman Camp works of the Broxburn Oil Company and was highly esteemed by his fellow workmen. Deceased was also one of the Broxburn City FC, a most capable player and occupied the position of right-back for two seasons. As a token of the Clubs respect and esteem he was made the recipient of a wristlet watch and other gifts when home on embarkation leave in June, the presentation being made at a social held under the Club’s auspices. Deceased was nearly 20 years of age. Another son of Mrs Burns, Pte Robert Burns, HLI, has been a prisoner of war in Germany since July 1916.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Burns – In loving memory of my dear son Pte Thomas Burns, Royal Scots, who died of wounds in Calais Hospital, 22nd Sept 1917, and 20 years. This day bring back the memory fresh Of our dear son who has gone to his rest It is the only those who have lost can tell the pain of parting without saying farewell Inserted by his mother, Mrs Burns, Kirkhill Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918</p>	
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	<p>Burns – In loving memory of our dear brother Pte Thomas Burns, 48364, Royal Scots, who died of wounds 22nd Sept 1917 in 35th General Hospital, Calais. His comrade may come home some day But he'll be sleeping far away His war is o'er his sun is set But we who loved him will ne'er forget. Inserted by his brother Ada Kirkhill Road, Broxburn</p>
<p>19863 Sgt John Colquhoun 11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>JOHN COLQUHOUN Rank: Serjeant Service No: 19863 Date of Death: 07/07/1916 Age:22 Regiment/Service: Northumberland Fusiliers 11th Bn. Grave Reference: V. L. 6. Cemetery: GORDON DUMP CEMETERY, OVILLERS-LA BOISSELLE Additional Information: Son of William and Margaret Colquhoun, of 34, Roman Camp, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st July 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Sgt John Colquhoun, Northumberland Fusiliers, who has been reported killed after a bayonet charge during the great offensive. Sgt Colquhoun gained rapid promotion as the result of devotion to duty. He went to France twelve months ago but had been in no important engagement till the one on the 1st and 2nd of July. Sgt Colquhoun who was 24 years of age, was the son of Mr William Colquhoun, mine oversman, Roman Camp, Uphall. A letter in the following terms has been received from a captain in the regiment. “it is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of your son 19863, Sgt John Colquhoun, who died during a charge made by the 11th Btn. He was a fine soldier and very painstaking and conscientious non-commissioned officer, and by setting a fine example to his men has greatly helped to bring the Company in which he was to its present state of efficiency. I am afraid the blow will be a very hard on you, but you must try to comfort yourselves with thought that he died like a true soldier fighting for King and Country, I remain, yours truly, Philip N Graham</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 21st July 1916 Two Broxburn Men Killed – On Monday night Mr John Potter, foreman plumber, Albyn Cottages, Broxburn, received information that his youngest son, Pte W Potter, 22 years of age, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been killed in action in France. According to information sent by an officer Pte Potter was killed in a bayonet charge. Deceased was 22 years of age. R W Colquhoun, mine oversman, Roman Camp, Broxburn, has also received information of the death in action in France of his son, Sgt J C Colquhoun of the same regiment.</p>
<p>375283 Pte James Creelman 13th Btn Royal Scots (noted as Bugler on the Public School Memorial)</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CREELMAN Forename James Rank Pte Service number 375283 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Date of death 22 August 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action</p>



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43080 Pte John Creelman 1 st Btn Royal Scots	<p>Era WW1 Surname CREELMAN Forename John</p>					

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	<p>Rank Pte Service number 43080 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 13 November 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Other detail 1st Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st December 1916 Broxburn Soldier Missing – Cpl J Creelman Royal Scots Broxburn a married man is reported missing. He had a brother Sgt J Creelman killed in action and two other brothers are in hospital from wounds. The mother the four lads resides in West Street, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">LCpl J Creelman</td> <td style="width: 15%;">43080</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Scots Fusiliers</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Missing</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918 Creelman – In loving memory of my dear husband John Creelman, who died 8th April 1916, result of an accident, also my son Pte Thomas Creelman, Royal Scots, killed in France 30th September 1915 also LCpl John Creelman, Royal Scots missing since 13th Nov 1916, now presumed died on that date, also Pte James Creelman, Royal Scots missing since 22nd August 1917, presumed died on that date, also Daniel Creelman who died result of an accident 12th July 1911, aged 9 years. Though earthly ties are over in life we'll meet no more my heart is with them always On yonder distant shore. Mrs Creelman, 293 West Street, Broxburn</p>	LCpl J Creelman	43080	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Missing
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West Lothian Courier 22nd October 1915

Broxburn Men who have Fallen – Pte Thomas Creelman, We show a photo of Pte Thomas Creelman 2nd Royal Scots, son of Mr John Creelman Mid Street Broxburn who was killed in action on 30th September. Beyond the bare intimation from the War Office that the lad was killed in action at Hooze on the date mentioned no information is yet to hand. The young soldier was only 18 years of age. He enlisted immediately after the outbreak of the war and was drafted out to France in April last. He experienced a good deal of hard fighting and wrote some very interesting letters to his parents. The last word they had from him was a field pc dated 29th September (the day before he was killed) stating that he was quite well. The family have displayed a splendid spirit of patriotism and other three of his brothers are serving their King and country. The eldest William is a Sgt in the 2nd Scots Guards. He was a reservist and has been out at the front ever since the outbreak of the war. The others are L/Cpl John Creelman, 1/10th Royal Scots and Pte James Creelman, 2/10th Royal Scots. The news of Thomas's death was a sad blow to his parents and the sincere sympathy of their friends has been extended to them in their loss.

West Lothian Courier 22nd October 1915

Creelman – In loving memory of Pte Thomas Creelman, 2nd Royal Scots, beloved son of John & Elizabeth Creelman, 212 Mid Street Broxburn, who was killed at Hooze in France on September 30th 1915, aged 18 years. For King and Country. He marched away so bravely, his young head proudly held
His footsteps never faltered, his courage never failed,
Then on the field of battle he calmly took his place,
And fought and died for Britain and the honour of his race.
Hard, hard, it was to give him, but he went at the call of One
Who gave for him and others his own beloved son.

West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916

Creelman – In loving memory of Pte Thomas Creelman, 2nd Royal Scots killed in action at Hooze on 30th Sept 1915.
Somewhere abroad a volley rings
The bugle sounds farewell
A little cross, a passing flower
Marks where a British soldier fell
His King and Country called him
The call was not in vain
On Britain's roll of honour
You will find our Tommy's name.
Inserted by his mother Mrs E Creelman, 293 West Street Broxburn

West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918

Creelman – In loving memory of my dear husband John Creelman, who died 8th April 1916, result of an accident, also my son Pte Thomas Creelman, Royal Scots, killed in France 30th September 1915 also LCpl John Creelman, Royal Scots missing since 13th Nov 1916, now presumed died on that date, also Pte James Creelman, Royal Scots missing since 22nd August 1917, presumed died on that date, also Daniel Creelman who died result of an accident 12th July 1911, aged 9 years.
Though earthly ties are over
in life we'll meet no more
my heart is with them always
On yonder distant shore.
Mrs Creelman, 293 West Street, Broxburn

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287 Pte John
Crichton **MiD**
2nd Australian
Pioneers AIF

CRICHTON, JOHN
Rank: Private
Service No: 287
Date of Death: 12/12/1916
Age:21
Regiment/Service: Australian Pioneers 2nd
Awards: Mentioned in Despatches
Grave Reference: VI. E. 16.
Cemetery: HEILLY STATION CEMETERY,
MERICOURT-L'ABBE
Additional Information: Son of Robert Stewart
Crichton and Elizabeth Crichton, of 16, Pashley St.,
Balmain, New South Wales. Native of Broxburn,
Linlithgowshire, Scotland.



West Lothian Courier 2nd February 1917

Crichton – died of wounds in France, on December 12th Pte John Crichton aged 21 – Pioneer Australian Div., beloved grandson of Mrs Yorkston Strathbrock Brae, Broxburn, and eldest son of Rob and Lizzie Crichton, Balmain Sydney. Thy will be done.

Inserted by Mrs Mair, 3 Shrine Place, - Orcadian papers please copy.

West Lothian Courier 30th March 1917

Former Broxburn Scout Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Information has reached relatives in Broxburn (via Australia) of the death from gunshot wounds of Pte John Crichton AIF. The deceased, who previous to proceeding to Australia resided at 294 West Street Broxburn was employed as a linesman in the Australian government telephones and in February 1915 enlisted in His Majesty's Forces. After four months training he was drafted to Egypt and from thence two weeks later to Gallipoli. Taking part in the severe fighting on this front side by side with his brave brother Anzacs, he was after the withdrawal sent to France where he transferred to the Pioneers. As already stated he died from gunshot wounds at No 38 Clearing Station France, death taking place on 12th December 1916. Pte Crichton was well known in the Broxburn Troop of Boy Scouts, which he joined in September 1910, and shortly afterwards passed the "tenderfoot test. Taking great interest in his Scout duties, he was promoted Patrol leader of the Owl Patrol in March 1913 and proved himself a most popular and successful leader. He held the Scouts' Ambulance and also cook's badges.

West Lothian Courier 14th December 1917

Crichton – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte John Crichton, 2nd Pioneer AIF, who died of wounds in France 12th Dec 1916, aged 21 years, eldest son of Robert and Lizzie Crichton Pashley, St Balmain Sydney, late of Broxburn.
AN ANZAC

The flower of the family
He was loved and liked by all
was chosen 12 months ago
to answer that great call
In a soldier's grave he is sleeping,
Our boy the dearest and best
In our hearts we shall miss him forever
Though we know he is only at rest.
Somewhere in France dear John sleeps
Far frae his native hame
What more or better could any man give
than die for his country that others might live
Inserted by his grandfather 294 West Street, Broxburn.

West Lothian Courier 13th December 1918

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	<p>Crichton – In loving memory of our dear son and brother Pte John Crichton aged 21 years, 2nd Pioneers, AIF, who died of wounds in France December 12th 1916, the dearly beloved eldest son of Robert and Lizzie Crichton 16 Pashley Street, Balmain, (late of Broxburn, Scotland) Far from his home he fought and fell For Justice Truth and Right Like our warriors sires of yore A dauntless Scot was he He gave his life none can do more to keep his country free And though we mourn his loss sincere In thought we solace find He died for King and Homeland dear and loved ones left behind An Anzac – Inserted by his loving parents sisters and brothers.</p>
<p>25123 Pte John Davie 15th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>DAVIE, JOHN Rank: Private Service No: 25123 Date of Death: 02/06/1916 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots "C" Coy. 15th Bn. Grave Reference: I. G. 14. Cemetery: ALBERT COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Davie, of 76, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 16th June 1916 Fatal Accident to Broxburn Soldier – We show a photo of Pte John Davie, 15th Royal Scots, son of Mrs R Davie, 76 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, who as we reported in our last week’s issue, was accidentally killed on 2nd June as the result of a bombing accident in the training school. Mrs Davie has received letters of sympathy from the chaplain and an officer of the Battalion. The officer’s letter is in the following terms: - Dear Mrs Davie, I am extremely sorry to say that there has been an accident here at the Brigade Bombing School in which your son has succumbed to his wounds. It was a very serious accident as there were nine wounded altogether. I think personally, considering the nature of his wounds, it was better that he succumbed. I have not known your son very long, indeed only a fortnight but from what I have seen of him, he seemed to be a very good soldier, and most obliging. The minister was present at his death, which occurred in hospital, and I hear he is writing to you. Your son is going to be buried in the cemetery here tonight but unfortunately on account of censoring restrictions I cannot tell you the place. If you can communicate with my home address after the war, which is Melville Terrace, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, I can then tell you the place, that is if I am still to the fore myself. Sympathising very much with you in your sad bereavement, I remain yours faithfully, T W Denholm Hay. PS I am herewith enclosing your son’s cap badge, which he desired would be sent to you. I have just heard that your son’s last words were “Jesus my soul.”</p>
<p>10215 L/Cpl Frank Dempster 2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>DEMPSTER, FRANK Rank: Lance Corporal Date of Death: 25/09/1915 Regiment/Service: Gordon Highlanders 2nd Bn.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Service No: 10215 Age: 26</p>



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Panel Reference: Panel 115 to 119.

Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL

Additional Information: Son of Francis and Margaret J. Dempster, of 61, Stewartfield, Broxburn, Linlithgowshire. His brothers John Dempster and James Dempster also fell.

West Lothian Courier 13th November 1914

Broxburn Men Killed and Wounded – Intimation was received in Broxburn this week that Pte William Alexander Carle, Scots Guards, had been killed in action on the 14th September. Carle was at one time a member of the West Lothian Constabulary, and was stationed at Broxburn, for 16 months. Two and half years ago he was transferred to Queensferry, but later joined the Scots Guards. Pte George Melville, 1st Cameron Highlanders, sent a PC to his brother that he had been wounded. Mrs Dempster, 19 Stewartfield, Broxburn, received a PC from her son stating that he had received a wound in the right side and was now in a London Hospital. He has been in the 1st Gordons for over 8 years and was in Egypt when war broke out.



West Lothian Courier 4th December 1914

Broxburn Man Home from the Front – An Entertaining Talk – Pte Frank Dempster, 2nd Gordon Highlanders has arrived home in Broxburn, having been wounded in action. Dempster belongs to the regular army and has spent four years in India and two in Egypt. After the outbreak of the war he was drafted with his company to England and again left for the front on October 3rd. Typical of the true soldier he is not over communicative regarding his experiences. He has, however been in thick of it, and remarked that it was not at all comfortable to be within range of the German big guns. It was on October 29th that he was wounded, a shrapnel bullet piercing his right side and striking a rib. He had to wait till darkness set in before he could be removed, and he was in the trench for three days.

West Lothian Courier 19th March 1915

Broxburn Soldier Second Time Wounded – In a letter home to his mother Pte Frank Dempster, 2nd Gordon Highlanders states that he was wounded on 11th March in the left arm, but not seriously, and is lying at VAD Hospital, Kent. Pte Dempster was previously wounded in October and was home on sick leave in December. He re-joined his regiment and was drafted to the front at the end of February and was only three weeks in the trenches when he received his wound.

West Lothian Courier 19th November 1915

Broxburn Soldiers Missing – Mr Francis Dempster, Stewartfield, Broxburn, has received intimation from the War Office that his son No 10215 L/Cpl Francis Dempster, 2nd Gordon Highlanders, was posted as wounded and missing on the 25th September. L/Cpl Dempster was in the Regular Army and came with his regiment from Egypt shortly after the outbreak of the war. He was twice previously wounded and was home about four months ago. If this should meet the eye of any soldier of his regiment who can supply information regarding the missing Gordon it will be gratefully received by his father.

West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916

Broxburn Gordon Killed – a Third Son Gone – We reproduce a photograph of LCpl Frank Dempster, who has been missing since the battle of Loos 25th September 1915, but he is now officially reported killed. L/Cpl Dempster who was 36 years of age has seen a lot of service in the Army. Having served for eight years before war was declared he has been with his regiment, 2nd Gordons in India and Egypt. On the outbreak of hostilities, he was drafted to France from Egypt in

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	<p>October 1914 and was wounded in December of that year. After hospital treatment, he was again sent out to the scene of operations near the beginning of 1915 and was wounded in May of that year. He is the third son of Mr and Mrs Dempster who reside at Stewartfield who has been killed in the present war.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Dempster – In loving memory of LCpl Francis Dempster, Gordons, killed in action 25th September 1915 aged 26 years, beloved son of Francis and Margaret Dempster, Stewartfield, Broxburn. No stone shows where unknown he lies No cross marks where he sleeps A cloud obscured his honoured grave And death its secret keeps. Inserted by his sorrowing parents and sister.</p> <p>Dempster – In loving memory of LCpl Francis Dempster, Gordons, Killed in action 25th September 1915 aged 26 years He sleeps beside his comrades In a hallowed grave unknown But his name is written in letters of love On the hearts he left at home Inserted by his loving sister and brother in law Mr and Mrs Andrew McLean, Stewartfield, Broxburn</p>
<p>8632 Pte James Dempster 1st Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>DEMPSTER, JAMES Rank: Private Service No: 8632 Date of Death: 09/05/1915 Age: 29 Regiment/Service: Seaforth Highlanders 1st Bn. Grave Reference: XVII. D. 10. Cemetery: CABARET-ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY, SOUCHEZ Additional Information: Son of Francis and Margaret Dempster, of 61, Stewartfield, Broxburn, West Lothian. His brothers John Dempster and Frank Dempster also fell.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th November 1914 Broxburn Men Who Have Fallen – The public of Broxburn are now being made to realise more fully the awful toll exacted by such a stupendous war as the present, as scarcely a week passes but information is to hand of some of her sons having fallen in action. This week the list includes both killed and wounded and the sympathy of the community has gone out to the relatives of those brave fellow who have given their lives in their country's cause. Pte James Dempster, 2nd Seaforth Highlander whose parents reside at Stewartfield, has sent word home that he is wounded and in hospital. Out of the three sons serving with the colours this is the second one that has been wounded.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th May 1916 Broxburn Dempster – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte James Dempster, Seaforths, killed in action 9th May 1915, aged 30, son of Francis and Margaret Dempster. At peace in his grave on a battlefield gory Only a cross o'er a mound of brown earth Dead in the pride of his young and his glory Far from the home and the land of his birth A gallant soldier, a faithful son</p>



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	<p>Is laid beneath the sod, He died for King and country His home is now with God. Inserted by his father and mother and his sister Lena, Stewartfield, Broxburn. Dempster – In affectionate remembrance of our dear brother, Pte James Dempster, Seaforths, killed in action, 9th May 1915 aged 30. He was brave and loving kind and true He faced the shot and shell Although his grave we cannot see, He like a soldier fell. Inserted by Mr and Mrs McLean, Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th June 1915 Death of Two Broxburn Reservists – Mr Frank Dempster, Old Town, Broxburn has received official intimation of the death from wounds received in France on 9th May of his son, Pte James Dempster, Seaforth Highlanders. Pte Dempster who was 30 years of age, was a Reservist. He was wounded in October, but returned again to the front in March. Mr Dempster has other three sons serving in the Army. The death in action is also announced of Pte James Nelson, 1st Black Watch, a Reservist who resided at Kirkhill Road, Broxburn previous to the war, but who was a native of Musselburgh.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th May 1917 Dempster – In loving memory of Pte James Dempster, Seaforth Highlanders, beloved son of Francis and Margaret Dempster who was killed in action, 9th May 1915, aged 30. Deep down in our hearts his fond memory we cherish He oft fills our thoughts as in silence we sit But we're proud when we think of the way that he perished He died for his country doing his bit Inserted by his loving brother and sister, Mr and Mrs Andrew McLean, Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 Dempster – In loving memory of Pte James Dempster, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action 9th May 1915, aged 30, beloved son of Francis and Margaret Dempster, Stewartfield, Broxburn. Oft in my dreams I see thy face Thy loving voice I hear Whispering mother, do not fret for me As I am ever near He has gone from amongst us, oh, how we miss him Loving him dearly his memory we'll keep Never till life ends shall we forget him Dear to our hearts is the place where he sleeps. Inserted by his father and other brother and sister. Somewhere in France there is a grave where our dear brother sleeps He seemed alive but yesterday So fresh his memory keeps Inserted by his sister and brother in law Mr and Mrs A McLean.</p>
<p>4606 Pte John Dempster MM</p>	<p>DEMPSTER, JOHN Rank: Private Service No: 4606</p>


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58 th Btn Machine Gun Corps	<p>Date of Death: 08/07/1916 Age: 28 Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 58th Bn. Awards: M M Grave Reference: I. S. 1. Cemetery: BECOURT MILITARY CEMETERY, BECORDEL-BECOURT Additional Information: Son of Francis and Margaret Dempster, of 61, Stewartfield, Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Isabella Lee (formerly Dempster), of 7, Alexandra St., Ballymena, Co. Antrim. His brothers James Dempster and Frank Dempster also fell.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th July 1916 Broxburn Men Killed and wounded – Notification has also been received by Mrs Dempster from the wife of her son Cpl John Dempster to the effect that he has been killed in action. This is the third son of Mrs Dempsters’ to have paid the supreme sacrifice. L/Cpl Dempster was a member of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Mrs Dempster Stewartfield has received a letter from her sister in law stating that her son Cpl John Dempster has been killed in action. He joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders but was subsequently transferred to a machine gun section. His officer writing to the widow, who resides in Ballymena, speaks in eulogistic terms of the services rendered by Cpl Dempster and that he has been recommended for the DCM. He also states he was one of the best fellows in the section. This is the third son that has met with misfortune on the battlefield. Pte James Dempster who was in the Seaforth Highlanders, was killed about a year ago, while Pte Frank Dempster has been reported wounded and missing since 25th September last. A fourth brother William, a private in the Royal Scots Fusiliers is at present in the trenches.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th May 1917 A Broxburn Soldier’s Gallantry – A Posthumous Honour – Mrs Elizabeth Dempster, 84 Springwell Street, Ballymena, has just received from the War Office authority the Military Medal, which was awarded to her husband Act Cpl J Dempster, Machine Gun Corps for gallantry on the field. He was subsequently wounded and died in a French hospital. The act of gallantry which won for him the coveted distinction is officially described as follows:- “During an attack on our position by enemy bombers and after having the NCO of his gun killed by a bayonet wound, he climbed on to the parapet with a machine gun and ammunition from which position he threw bombs and worked his gun alternatively.” His Company Officer when writing of his death from wounds received in the offensive in July last, says, “He was one of the rarest of our soldiers and a born leader of men.” The late Cpl John Dempster, whose widow resides at the above address in Ballymena was born and brought up in Broxburn and is a son of Mr and Mrs Frank Dempster Stewartfield Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th July 1917 Dempster – In loving memory of our dear brother Cpl John Dempster, awarded the Military Medal, killed in action in France on 7th July 1916. Dear Johnnie you sleep among the brave Where no tears of a sister can drop on thy grave In the red fields of France you are laid far away Still my tribute of love to thy memory I’ll pay. Inserted by his loving sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs Andrew Baxter, Stewartfield, Broxburn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th July 1917</p>
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	<p>Dempster – In loving memory of Cpl John Dempster, beloved son of Francis and Margaret Dempster, awarded the Military Medal, killed in action in France on 7th July 1916.</p> <p>He took his place beside the best Of Britain's noblest sons A soldier grave is laid to rest Amid the roar of guns The face I loved is now laid low The fond true heart is still.</p> <p>Inserted by his father, mother and sister, Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p>
<p>49082 Pte Robert Docherty 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname DOCHERTY Forename Robert Russell Rank Pte Service number 49082 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgow Date of death 28 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 13th Bn</p>
<p>203059 Cpl William Dornan 8th Btn Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>DORNAN, WILLIAM Rank: Corporal Service No:203059 Date of Death: 29/07/1918 Age: 29 Regiment/Service: Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Memorial: SOISSONS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Sarah Dornan, of 19, Shrine Place, Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Jeanie Reid Fairley Dornan. West Lothian Courier 30th August 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Official information has been received by Mrs Doran, Marion Terrace, Broxburn, that her husband, Cpl William Dornan has been killed in action on the 29th July 1918. The deceased who was 29 years of age, answered his country's call on the 18th July 1916, enlisting in the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. After a period of training he was transferred to the Scottish Rifles and drafted to Egypt. On the way out to this theatre of war, the Troopship, Invernina, on which the deceased was journeying was torpedoed. On the front Cpl Dornan took part in some of the engagements especially at the Gaza Battle and the taking of Jerusalem. In May of this year, the deceased was sent to France and as already stated met his death in July. Cpl Dornan who leaving a widow and two of a family to mourn his loss, and whom we extend our sympathies was previous to enlisting, employed by the Grocery Dept of Broxburn Co-Operative Society. West Lothian Courier 30th August 1918 Dornan – Killed in action on the 29th July Cpl William Dornan, Scottish Rifles, beloved husband of Jeanie Fairley, Marion Terrace and eldest son of Mrs Dornan, Shrine Place, Broxburn – To Memory Dear.</p>

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<p>S/7100 L/Cpl David Dryden 8th Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname DRYDEN Forename David Rank L Cpl Service number S/7100 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 25 September 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Other detail 8th Bn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 22nd October 1915 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Mr and Mrs William Calder, Fergus Place, Broxburn have received notification from the chaplain William Crawford, of the Seaforth Highlanders, that their nephew, L/Cpl David Dryden, died of wounds received in the great night of 28th September last, and that he was buried on the field of battle. L/Cpl Dryden would have completed his 23rd year on the 5th October.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd October 1915 Broxburn Men Who have Fallen – reproduced here a photo of L/Cpl David Dryden, 8th Seaforth Highlanders, nephew of Mr and Mrs William Calder, Fergus Place Broxburn, who was killed in action on 25th September. From information to hand it appears that the young soldier had been severely wounded in the big engagement and died on his way to the dressing station. Not having heard from him so some time, Mr Calder made anxious inquiries at the most likely quarters and eventually received the sad intelligence of his nephew's death. The follow letter dated 14th October was received from the Chaplain;- It is sad to me to acquaint you with the death of your nephew L/Cpl D Dryden no 7100, Seaforth Highlanders. He was killed in the great fight on 25th September last. I know that you must have spent weeks of watching and waiting and it is all the sadder for me to state that all hope of him is gone. He died doing his duty and have been buried on the field of battle. Every one of us here feels much sympathy with you and with all the relatives of those who have given their lives for their country. I would remember you however of Christ our hope in the dark hour, though dead he yet speaketh and you and we will always hold his memory in sweet remembrance. I pray that God may enable you to bear your great loss in patience. With Sympathy believer me, sincerely yours, William Crawford.</p> <p>A letter has also been received from Pte J McCluskey to whom Mr Calder had written making inquiries regarding the fate of his nephew. The letter which is dated 11th October is in the following terms :- I received your letter today, (Monday), inquiring about L/Cpl Dryden. I am very sorry to tell you that he died of wounds on the battlefield. He was severely wounded and died while being taken to the dressing station. I am attached to D Coy, just now, to which Coy he belonged. I made inquiries about him ad found that he was very much respected by all his Coy. Everyone seems to have a good word for him and all his comrades join with me in sending our deepest sympathy to you, hoping that you will bear up in your sad bereavement knowing that he died a hero's death. I may tell you we lost a lot of brave heroes that day but not in vain, for we achieved one of the greatest victories off the war. I was one of the few lucky ones who came through it all. Trusting this finds you well – with deepest sympathy yours sincerely, J McCluskey. The late L/Cpl Dryden who was 23 years of age enlisted in January</p>	
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	<p>last and proceeded to France in the month of July. He was for some time employed in the Broxburn Oil works, but immediately before joining the army he was engaged with the North British Rubber Coy Edinburgh. He was a very popular young man, and there are many companions who will mourn his loss. The sympathy of the community has gone out to Mr and Mrs Calder in their bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Dryden – In loving memory of our dear nephew and adopted son, LCpl David Dryden, 8th Seaforth Highlanders killed in action on Hill 76 near Loos 25th September 1915. His country called, he answered Inserted by Mr and Mrs William Calder, Fergus Place, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Dryden – In loving and affectionate remembrance of our dear nephew and adopted son, LCpl David Dryden, Seaforth Highlanders, who was killed on action in Hill 70, Loos, 25th September 1915 aged 23 years. His life for his country he freely gave Inserted by Mr and Mrs William Calder, Fergus Place, Broxburn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Dryden – In loving and affectionate remembrance of our nephew and adopted son, LCpl David Dryden, Seaforth Highlanders killed in action at Loos 25th Sept 1915 aged 23 years. To Memory Ever Dear Inserted by Mr and Mrs William Calder, Fergus Place, Broxburn</p>																								
<p>6542 Pte Alex B Dudgeon 2nd Dragoon Guards, Royal Scots Greys latterly B/21208 1st Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Surname</td> <td>DUDGEON</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forename</td> <td>Alexander</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rank</td> <td>Pte</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service number</td> <td>6542</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decoration</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Place of birth</td> <td>Broxburn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of death</td> <td>8 March 1916</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theatre of death</td> <td>Mesopotamia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cause of death</td> <td>Died of wounds.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SNWM roll</td> <td>THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS (2nd DRAGOONS)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unit name</td> <td>Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS 2nd DRAGOONS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other detail</td> <td>latterly B/21208 1st Bn. Highland Light Inf.</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th May 1916 Broxburn Lad Dies of Wounds – Official news has been received by his parents of the death of Pte Alex Dudgeon, Dragoon Guards, attached to the HLI with the Indian Expeditionary Force in the Persian Gulf. The lad who was only 17.5 years of age was a son of Mr and Mrs James Dudgeon, Ulva Cottage, Broxburn, and enlisted in September 1914. He was with his regiment in France till the end of 1915, when he was transferred to the Expeditionary Force for the relief of Kut. After having come through much hard fighting he was wounded in action on 8th March last, and died of his wounds. He was a bright cheery lad, and his loss is keenly felt by all who knew him. To Mr and Mrs Dudgeon and their family much sympathy is extended in their loss.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 9th March 1917</p>	Surname	DUDGEON	Forename	Alexander	Rank	Pte	Service number	6542	Decoration		Place of birth	Broxburn	Date of death	8 March 1916	Theatre of death	Mesopotamia	Cause of death	Died of wounds.	SNWM roll	THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS (2nd DRAGOONS)	Unit name	Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS 2nd DRAGOONS	Other detail	latterly B/21208 1st Bn. Highland Light Inf.
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	<p>Dudgeon – In loving memory of Pte A Dudgeon, 1st HLI, who died of wounds at Persian Gulf, March 8th 1916 aged 17.5 years, youngest son of James Dudgeon, Broxburn.</p> <p>Little I thought when I bid you goodbye It would be the last parting between you and I I loved you in life, you are dear to me still But still we must bend to God's holy will. Inserted by his mother.</p>
Robert Ferguson	<p><i>Have not found anything on this man, either in Newspapers, nor can I identify him on CWGC or SNWM</i></p>
<p>3rd Engineer Samuel Ferguson Merchant Navy "Malvina"</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname FERGUSON Forename Samuel Rank 3rd Engr Service number Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Date of death 2 August 1918 Theatre of death 'MALVINA' 79156 Cause of death d. SNWM roll THE MERCANTILE MARINE Unit name In or attached to THE MERCANTILE MARINE West Lothian Courier 9th August 1918 Ferguson – Drowned at sea, through enemy action, Aug 2nd, Samuel Ferguson aged 23, engineer on SS_____, beloved husband of Chrissie Allan, 186 Bonnington Road, Leith, and fifth son of Mr and Mrs R Ferguson, Shrine Place, Broxburn. Deeply Regretted – The sea shall give up it's dead.</p>
<p>40359 Pte Robert Findlay 2nd Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>FINDLAY, ROBERT HAMILTON Rank: Private Service No: 40359 Date of Death: 12/10/1916 Age: 19 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 3 C. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Mary H. Findlay, of 13, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, Linlithgow. West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Broxburn Bandsmen in action Assist in taking German Trench Mr and Mrs W Findlay, Greendykes Road yesterday received official intimation that their son Pte Robert H Findlay, Royal Scots, att'd Royal Scots Fusiliers, had been killed in action on 12th October. He was a member of Broxburn Band having charge of the musical effects and acting as librarian, He left for France on 29th August. He was only 19 years of age. Midlothian Advertiser 3rd November 1916 Broxburn Public Band Casualties – Broxburn people have received intelligence that some of the members of the public band have fallen in France. The band, it will be remembered, enlisted in a body shortly after the outbreak of the war. It was at first attached to the 4th Royal Scots, and did good service in the days of voluntary recruiting. Since then the men have been attached to various units and</p>



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	<p>have been in France for some time. The following casualties are officially reported:-</p> <p>Pte Robert H Finlay, RSF, killed on October 12, was a son of Mr W Finlay 13 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, and was 19 years of age.</p> <p>Pte Peter Wilson, RSF, killed on October 12 was a son of Mr Thomas Wilson, 7 Goschen Place Broxburn and was 23 years of age. Another member of the band has been officially reported killed on October 14. A letter however, dated October 17 has been received from him so that this casualty is still doubtful. Another member has been wounded in the left arm and is in hospital at Nottingham.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th October 1917</p> <p>Findlay – In loving memory of Pte R H Findlay, Royal Scots Fusiliers, who was killed in action 12 Oct 1916.</p> <p>A mother's heart is aching For a son she loved so well He gave his lie for his country In honour's cause he fell</p> <p>Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother 13 Greendykes Road, Broxburn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th October 1918</p> <p>Findlay – In loving memory of our dear son 40359 Pte Robert Findlay, Royal Scots Fusiliers, late Broxburn Band, who was killed in action 12th Oct 1916.</p> <p>The years roll on and what a meeting Will be on that heavenly shore When were welcomed by our loved ones Who have journey on before</p> <p>Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother, 13 Greendykes Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>A soldier's grave is a touching thing Where loving hands no flowers can bring But God in his great loving care Will guard our brother lying there.</p> <p>Inserted by his brother and sisters and brothers in law.</p>
<p>14461 Pte David Webster Fisher 8th Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>FISHER, DAVID Rank: Private Service No: 14461 Date of Death: 25/09/1915 Age: 23 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 53 to 56. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Robert Fisher, of Drumshoreland Station, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 12th November 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Men Missing - Mr Fisher, Drumshoreland Station, Broxburn has been officially informed that his son, Pte David F Fisher, KOSB was wounded in action at Hill 70 on September 25 and has been missing since that date.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th November 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Mr Robert Fisher, Drumshoreland, Broxburn has received intimation from the War Office that his son Pte David Fisher 9th KOSB, has been killed in action. Some time ago it was reported that Pte Fisher was wounded and missing, as from the 25th September last, and as no information regarding him could be had, fears were entertained as to his fate. Pte Fisher enlisted in September of last year and was drafted to the front in the spring of the year.</p>





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	<p>West Lothian Courier 10th December 1915 Killed in Action – Pte D Fisher, Broxburn – We show a photo of Pte D Fisher, 8th Btn KOSB, son of Mr R Fisher, Drumshoreland, Broxburn, who has been killed in action. He was 23 years of age.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Fischer – In loving memory of Pte David Webster Fisher, No 14461 KOSB, who was killed in action on 25th Sept 1915, aged 22 years – Sadly Missed Inserted by his father and mother Mr and Mrs R Fischer Drumshoreland.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Fischer – In loving memory of Pte David Webster Fisher, No 14461, KOSB who was killed in action on 25th Sept 1915 aged 22 years. Inserted by his brother James.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Fisher – In loving memory of Pte David Fisher, KOSB killed in action 25th September 1915 aged 23. To Memory Ever Dear Inserted by his loving mother, father, sisters and brothers Drumshoreland.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Fisher – In loving memory of our dear son Pte David Webster Fisher, who was killed in action 25th September 1915 aged 23 years. Fondly remembered. Inserted by his parents’ sisters and brothers, Drumshoreland Station, Broxburn</p>
<p>15476 L/Cpl Murdoch Fyfe 1st Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname FYFE Forename Murdoch Rank L Cpl Service number 15476 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 27 March 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died SNWM roll SCOTS SERVING IN BRIGADE OF GUARDS AND ENGLISH REGIMENTS Unit name THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS Other detail 1st Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th April 1916 Broxburn Soldier Missing – Pte Adam Menzies, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been posted as missing since 28th March, and his father who resides at Melbourne Road, Broxburn, received notice from the official source last week. Prior to enlisting at the outbreak of hostilities, Menzies was a miner employed by the Broxburn Oil Coy He was 20 years of age. A companion of Pte Menzies, L/Cpl Murdoch Fyfe, who belonged to the same regiment and also a Broxburn lad, son of Mr William Fyfe Kirkhill Road are reported as wounded and missing. Fyfe who is 19 was employed as a miner by Young’s Oil Coy. Both the young lads enlisted at the same time.</p>
<p>43099 Pte Andrew Galloway 1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>Surname GALLOWAY Forename Andrew Rank Pte Service number 43099 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 26 November 1917</p>

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	<p>Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Other detail 1st Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th January 1918 Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs Galloway, Kirkhill Park, Broxburn, that their son Pte Andrew Galloway has been killed in France on the 26th November 1917. Regarding our brave soldier's death, the following letter has also been received from his officer – viz., BEF France – Dear Mrs Galloway – By the time you will have had official word of the sad death of your son, Andrew, who was killed by a shell on the 26th of last month (No). I intended writing earlier – had in fact a letter half written – but was prevented from finishing it, as the rest we so badly needed came to an abrupt end. Andrew was in my half of the Battery and I had only just left him a few moments before his death – which has taken from you a good son, and from us a companion who was both an ideal man and an ideal soldier. To me he always appeared willing and cheery no matter what was happening, or what was to be done, and with his death I have lost as fine a soldier and as good a lad as I've ever had the honour to be put in charge of. He, too, with his never-failing cheerfulness and Scots wit, was one who couldn't fail to keep up the hearts of his companions and as I write I have in my mind several saying of his, which I'll do well to remember if I'm spared to return to civil life. Hailing, also from West Lothian, I was especially interested in Andrew and several other lads from our County, and they especially are bound to miss him, as they all seemed so closed bound together. It will perhaps be a comfort to know that his death was instantaneous and absolutely painless and took place while he was doing as he always did, his bet to finish this ghastly war. Captain Murchie, seven of his companions and I took him far down the line to a place (which I'll let you know of when I can) – and laid him to rest in a beautiful little military cemetery beside several Royal Scots Fusiliers and Royal Scots companions. The Padre of his old Battalion presided and as we are still near the ruined little French village near which he rests we will see to his little resting place being kept – though there is really no need, as it is looked after by a special staff. It is difficult saying all one would like to say, but when I'm home on leave to Whitburn, I'll call on you and tell you more. I am sending on his few belongs which go through official hands, but I would you to know that we who also suffer (though in a lesser degree) by his loss, offer you our sincerest sympathy Yours etc Alan A Mackinnon, 2nd Lieut.</p> <p>The deceased who was 35 years of age, was a member of the 1/10th Royal Scots and was mobilised in August 1914. On being drafted to France, he was attached to the Trench Mortar Battery and came through many of the severe engagements since that tie. Previous to the outbreak of war he was employed by Broxburn Oil Company. Mr and Mrs Galloway, to who we extend our sincere sympathy have other two sons nobly doing their duty, Pte Thomas, Royal Scots and Pte William, Scottish Rifles.</p>	
<p>39615 Pte William Gillon 6th Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>Surname GILLON Forename William Rank Pte Service number 39615</p>	

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	<p>Thomas Hall, has been killed in action on 14th inst. Pte Thomas Hall joined the Royal Scots Fusiliers in April 1914 and went to France with a draft of this regiment on June 15th, 1915. After eight months in France he secured a week's furlough in February, after which he returned to the scene of operations. He was 19 years old when he was killed, having joined the Army at the age of 17. Mr Hall has three other sons with the colours 2 are serving in France, while another is in training in Canada. The letter Mr Hall received from his son Pte George Hall in connection with Tom's fate, he states that he died a hero and suffered no pain, that that he had been buried in a nice grave alongside several of his comrades, he also states that it was a machine gun bullet that killed him.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn Man Killed – Pte Tom Hall, Royal Scots Fusiliers, son of Mr Joseph Hall Old Town Broxburn, was killed in action on 14th July. Pte Hall was in his 19th year and was one of the first to join Kitchener's Army He was one of four brothers who have joined the colours. Two are fighting in France and one is in training in Canada.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte T Hall</td> <td>6771</td> <td>Royal Scots Fusiliers</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Killed</td> </tr> </table>	Pte T Hall	6771	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Killed
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	<p>The pain of parting without saying farewell Inserted by his brothers, John, Archie, Alexander and Gunner Robert Hamilton on active service.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th October 1918</p> <p>Hamilton – In loving memory of our dear brother 57440 driver Thomas Grant Hamilton, RFA, who died in France on 3rd Oct 1918 aged 22 years.</p> <p>Dearest brother thou hast left us Here the loss we deeply feel But the God who hath bereft us He can all our sorrows heal.</p> <p>Inserted by his sister and brother in law, Mrs and Sgt A Cook, Broxburn.</p>																																				
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	<p>occurred before the post goes I am sending now this sad news. These lads come into the hospital sick or wounded and act so cheerily and patiently that one is very proud of them, and glad to be of any little assistance. May I express my deepest sympathy with you both in this bereavement and hope that divine consolation may be yours. A soldier's grave is the grave which holds all honour from us: no man can find one more honoured. I am sorry to send this sad news but expect you will be glad to hear something of the end. I do not think he suffered latterly but swiftly sank away. With all sympathy, yours sincerely – Hugh T S Morrison, Pres. Chaplain.</p>
<p>13354 Pte William Heggie 14th Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>HEGGIE, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: 13354 Date of Death: 06/08/1916 Age: 21 Regiment/Service: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders "D" Coy. 14th Bn. Grave Reference: I. C. 33. Cemetery: PHILOSOPHE BRITISH CEMETERY, MAZINGARBE Additional Information: Son of William and Jane Martin Heggie, of West Burnside, Broxburn, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916 Broxburn Merchant's Son Sniped – Mr & Mrs W Heggie, Broxburn, have received official intimation that their son, Pte William Heggie, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders had been killed by a sniper on 6th August. He joined the colours in September 1915, and left for France last June. Under date 7th August, Chaplain W White Anderson wrote – it was my sad duty today to officiate at the burial of your boy, Pte W Heggie, 13354. No burial could have been more orderly or reverent. His Captain and 11 men from his Company went with him and his special pals lowered him to his last resting place – Your boy has been privileged to make the supreme sacrifice. . . . Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend. That must be your consolation now and your joy in your grief. Lieut J Grahame Drew, under date 7th August, wrote – It is with great sorrow that I write to inform you of the death of your splendid son. I and my platoon offer our sincerest sympathy in your great loss. Our loss is great, but yours must be overwhelming. It was my sad duty to take one of my best lads for his last ride down the billets. While on duty in the front line of the trenches with the bombers he was standing looking over the parapet when he was sniped by a Boche sniper. His death was instantaneous, being shot through the head. Alas, that my best man should have been killed like that. I know not whether anger or sorrow is the greater in me. I will miss him as well as my Platoon for he was a general favourite with everyone. I looked on him as one of my mainstays, he was so smart, so ready to do his duty. Always cheery and bright he kept us in good spirits and helped to lighten our dark moments. Captain J D Mackie, writing under date 7th August, says – I am writing to offer you my sympathy in your great loss. Pte Heggie was a very fine soldier, one of the smartest I ever had to deal with, He had a grand physique, a happy and pleasing manner, and he knew his job. Did he ever tell you that before we left for France, I wanted him to become a Lance Corporal? He preferred to remain in the ranks however. He was detached from the Company when he was killed, so that I was not present. I spoke to the Officer who was with him at the time. Your son was shot by a sniper and death was instantaneous. The Officer in charge was greatly distressed especially as he realised your son's great abilities. I attended the funeral and took with me 11 of your son's platoon. He was buried in a beautiful cemetery along with many other brave men. It is carefully tended to by</p>

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	<p>an old Scots Guardsman, and the little French girls bring flowers for the graves and keep them beautiful. I cannot tell you just now the name of the village, but a careful record is kept by the Government and all the graves are marked. Words are of little use to you in your sorrow and measuring your grief by my own, I know how deep it must be but I thought you would be glad to know how much your son was loved by the officers and men of his Company, and that he was laid to rest by Scots among Scots friends.</p> <p>Pte J Ronald, Uphall, who joined at the same time as Pte Heggie wrote – It is a bitter blow to you all, but I hope it is some comfort to you to learn from his chum and comrade how highly esteemed he was by one and all. He was a brave true soldier, who never flinched in the face of danger which he faced with a cheery smile. Letters of condolence were also received from L/Cpl James B Russell, Bathgate, and Pte James McCracken.</p> <p>L/Cpl A D Ralston, son of Mr Ralston, joiner, Broxburn writing to Mr and Mrs Heggie under date 10th August, says – It is with feelings of deep regret that I write to you to let you know from information received from his most intimate comrades of the manner in which your son met his death. He was in the bombing party whose duty it was that night to hold a sap, this, I may say is one of the most dangerous and trying bits of work that fall to the lot of a soldier. All went well until about five o'clock on Sunday morning when Pte W Heggie fell to a sniper's bullet. He was hit in the head. His death was a painless one. He was buried on Tuesday about mid-day. It was late on the evening of the day prior to the funeral that I heard of what had happened, he was the only other Broxburn lad in the Battalion besides myself. I was to my deep regret unable to get to the funeral. He is buried in a soldier's cemetery. The cemetery was made by the 16th Irish Division, it is splendidly laid out and beautifully kept. At the funeral were Captain Mackie, and 12 of the deceased's platoon comrades, also the Chaplain and French and British soldiers who were stationed near. When I visited the grave the day after the funeral I found it surrounded with coloured tiles, a cross and anchor done with white pebbles, flowers in pots at head and foot, the work of French girl children. These little girls see to the renewing and watering of the flowers. Your son was held in the highest respect by his comrades and was esteemed by his officers. He was ever cheerful and willing to do any duty he was called upon to do. Although I have not been much in his company since landing here – the last talk we had together would be a month ago – still I will miss him very much as there was always a joke, a laugh and a talk of Broxburn and the folks in it when we did meet which cheered both of us. I hope what I have been able to tell you will be some consolation to you.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo</p> <p>West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Pte W Heggie</td> <td style="width: 15%;">13354</td> <td style="width: 30%;">A & S Highlanders</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Killed</td> </tr> </table>	Pte W Heggie	13354	A & S Highlanders	Broxburn	Killed
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 Other detail 1st Bn.



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Broxburn – 4 Sons Serving Their Country – We reproduce above photos of four sons of Mr and Mrs David Herriot, Holygate, Broxburn, who are at present serving in various branches of His Majesty's Army. The eldest son, William (28), is an ex Gordon Highlanders and fought in the last South African war. At that time, he was transferred to Sitwell's Mounted Infantry and he was fortunate enough to come through the whole campaign with only a very slight wound in the foot. He, however, had a very narrow escape as a bullet went through his helmet. For the part he took in that war he received two medals and five bars. After having offered his services for the Scottish Fusiliers he was given a position in what is known as No 2 Remounts his duties being to break in horses and transport them to France. James (22), is a Sgt in the 10th Btn Royal Scots and is presently stationed at Bathgate. He has served four years with the Territorials and before the outbreak of war was a Cpl. He has been on duty in Ayrshire and also at East Linton but was transferred to Bathgate after the Reserve Battalion was raised. John (20), is a Pte in the regular army, having been attached to the 1st Btn KOSB for over 3 years. He has spent two years in India and has only recently returned to this country and is presently stationed at Essex. He expects to be sent to the front very soon but hopes to have the opportunity of paying a visit to Broxburn before then. David (16), enlisted in the 9th Btn KOSB in September, and is stationed at Portland.

Midlothian Advertiser 30th July 1915

Broxburn Private Killed – Mr D Herriot, Holygate, Broxburn has received notification that his son Pte John Herriot KOSB has been killed in action at the Dardanelles. Pte Herriot enlisted in 1910 and was in India when the war broke out, Mr Herriot has other three sons serving in the Army.

West Lothian Courier 23rd July 1915

Broxburn KOSB Killed at the Dardanelles – On Wednesday Mr and Mrs Herriott, Holygate Broxburn, received official intimation that their son Pte John Herriott, 22 years of age, serving with the KISB, had been on 28th June, killed in action at the Dardanelles.

Pte John Herriott was, when war broke out, serving as a soldier in India, he having joined in 1910. With the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, he came through the Suez Canal, and received a slight wound during the voyage through. He took part in the first landing at the Dardanelles and was wounded in the knee with a bullet. He made a rapid recovery and returned and it was in one of the big attacks made towards the end of last month that he fell. Of the work of the KOSB, Colonel Pennyman on Wednesday at Berwick said – In a few days' time we shall complete one year of this war. During that time the KOSB has been in the thick of the fighting both in the Dardanelles and in France. The record of the regiment during this year is a fine one. I regret to say that our losses have been severe, and that we all deplore them but it is a source of pride to us to know that the regiment by its distinguished conduct in the field has so worthily maintained its great traditions. The regiment will always cherish the fine record of its deeds at the

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landing at the Dardanelles. Pte John Herriott is one of four brothers who since the commencement of hostilities has been serving their country. He is the second youngest of those serving.

West Lothian Courier 30th June 1916

Broxburn – Heriot – In loving memory of our dear son Pte John Heriot, 1st Btn KOSB, killed at the Dardanelles, 28th June 1915.

Sleep on dear John in a soldier's grave
Your life for your country you nobly gave
No friend stood near you to say goodbye
But safe in God's keeping you now lie
The parting was sad, the blow severe
To part with one we loved so dear.

Inserted by his sorrowing parents, New Holygate, Broxburn, West Lothian

Heriot – In loving memory of Pte John Heriot, 1st Btn KOSB, killed at Dardanelles, 28th June 1915, aged 22 years.

Sleep on, dear brother in a far-off land,
In a grave we will never see

But as long as life and memory last,
We will remember the

His cheery ways, his smiling face
Are a pleasure to recall

There is nothing left to answer
But his photo on the wall

Inserted by his sorrowing sister and brother, Mr and Mrs Stevenson 56 Holygate, Broxburn.

West Lothian Courier 29th June 1917

Heriot – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte John Heriot, KOSB, killed Dardanelles 28th June 1915.

Sleep on dear John, in a soldier's grave
Your life for your country you nobly gave
No friend stood near to say goodbye
But safe in God's keeping now you lie
The parting was sad, the blow severe
To part with one we loved so dear

Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother, New Holygate, Broxburn.

We mourn for you dear brother

Though not with outward show
For the heart that mourns sincerely

Mourns silently and low
His cheery ways, his smiling face

Are a pleasure to recall
He did his duty well while here

And died beloved by all

Inserted by his sister and brother in law, Nellie and Bob Stevenson.

West Lothian Courier 28th June 1918

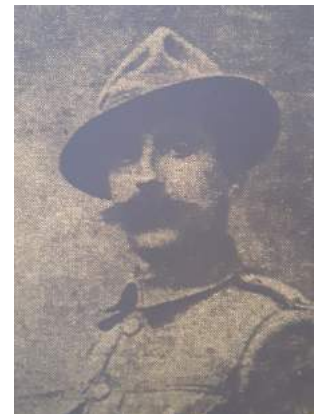
Heriot – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte John Heriot, 11256 1st Btn KOSB, killed Dardanelles, 28th June 1915.

One of the dearest, one of the best
God in his mercy took him to rest
Little we thought when we bade you goodbye
It would be the last parting between you and I

Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother Mr and Mrs Heriot Holygate Broxburn

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	<p>Sleep on dear brother, in a soldier's grave Your life for your country you nobly gave A loving brother so true and kind His equal on earth is hard to find As years go by and I'm living still Forget you brother I never will. Inserted by his loving sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs Stevenson, Holygate, Broxburn.</p>
<p>41189 Pte Thomas Howieson 2nd Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>HOWIESON, THOMAS Rank: Private Service No: 41189 Date of Death: 31/07/1917 Age:19 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 19 and 33. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of James and Margaret Howieson, of 43, Grieve St., Dunfermline. Native of Broxburn, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 17th August 1917 Howieson – Killed in action in France 31st July 1917, 41189 Pte Thomas Anderson Howieson, aged 19 years, Royal Scots Fusiliers, second son of James Howieson, Melbourne Road, Broxburn – Deeply Mourned. West Lothian Courier 2nd August 1918 Howieson – In loving memory of our dear son Pte Thomas Howieson, Royal Scots Fusiliers, who was killed in action in France 31st July 1917. His country's call he answered The dear old flag to save And now he lies in a far-off land And fills a hero's grave. Inserted by his parents and family 27 B2 Road, Rosyth (Late Broxburn).</p>
<p>6/2671 Sgt George Hudson 1st Btn Canterbury Rgt New Zealand EF</p>	<p>HUDSON, GEORGE Rank: Serjeant Service No: 6/2671 Date of Death: 27/09/1916 Age:33 Regiment/Service: Canterbury Regiment, N.Z.E.F. 1st Bn. Grave Reference: II. K. 21. Cemetery: A.I.F. BURIAL GROUND, FLERS Additional Information: Son of George and Mary Hudson, of Broxburn, West Lothian, Scotland. West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Broxburn New Zealander Killed – Official intimation was received last Friday by Mr William Hudson, Mid Street, Bathgate, late of Broxburn, that his brother, Sgt George Hudson, 6/2671, 1st Btn Canterbury Infantry, New Zealand Expeditionary Force was killed in action in France 27th September 1916. Sgt Hudson, was an ex-soldier, having served 12 years in the Scots Guards, and when war broke out he at once joined up with a Colonial Contingent. A little over seven years ago, he left Broxburn, for Australian, and was there when war broke out, He at once in order to be with his chums, crossed to New Zealand, and there enlisted in the Canterbury Battalion, After some training, he and his fellow soldiers were drafted to the Dardanelles and there remained through those anxious months, until the evacuation was carried through, From the Dardanelles, the regiment went to Egypt and after several months in the land of the Pharaohs then with his companions were re-embarked and France was their destination, Since, March,</p>



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	<p>Sgt Hudson has been almost constantly in the fighting line and has been through the many vicissitudes which have carried the British and French forces so far into the country so long held by the Germans. In civil life Sg Hudson followed the occupation of a miner, He as a keen football enthusiast and was at one time a member of committee of Broxburn United Football Club, He was a member of Buchan St John Masonic Lodge and in his last year at Broxburn, fulfilled the duties of JS. Sgt Hudson was well known throughout Broxburn, and district and his cheery disposition secured for him many friends who will deeply deplore his loss. Writing under date 13th October, to Mr Hudson, the Private Secretary to the Governor of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand says – I am directed to convey an expression of the sympathy felt for you by their Excellency's, the Earl and Countess of Liverpool, in the loss which you have suffered. Wiring to Mr Hudson, under date 13th October, Mr J Allan, Minister for Defence Wellington, New Zealand says: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss which you and New Zealand have suffered.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917</p> <p>Hudson – In ever loving memory of Sgt George Hudson, New Zealand Forces, killed in action 27th September 1916, and our dear friend Pte George Marshall, Scots Guards, killed in action, 18th December 1914.</p> <p>We do not forget you nor do we intend We think of you daily and will to the end Gone and forgotten by some you may be But dear in our memory forever you'll be.</p> <p>Inserted by Mr and Mrs W Hudson, Church Street, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918</p> <p>Hudson – In ever loving memory of our dear brother, Sgt George Hudson, who was killed in action 27th Sept 1916.</p> <p>For honour, liberty and truth He sacrificed his stalwart youth 'midst bursting cannon shot and shell Our gallant brother nobly fell</p> <p>Inserted by Mr and Mrs William Hudson, Church Street, Broxburn.</p>
<p>277504 Pte William Hunter 1st Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>HUNTER, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: 277504 Date of Death: 20/09/1917 Age:21 Regiment/Service: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders 1st/7th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 141 to 143 and 162. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Joan Hunter, of Wilsonville, Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917</p> <p>Hunter – Died on 20th September 1917, of wounds received same day, Pte William Hunter, A & S Highlanders, aged 21 years, youngest son of Mrs Hunter, Wilsonville, Broxburn, Deeply mourned.</p>
<p>64268 L/Cpl John Hunter 8th Btn Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>HUNTER, JOHN Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 64268 Date of Death: 26/02/1918 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 5 C and 12 C.</p>

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	<p>Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Alexander Service Hunter and Marion Hunter, of Erskinefield House, Broxburn, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 15th March 1918 Promising Broxburn Youth Killed – On Friday last Mr Alexander S Hunter Erskinefield House, Broxburn, received intimation that his only son LCpl John Hunter MGC, had been killed in Flanders. The news was conveyed by a comrade who narrated the circumstances and expressed sincere condolence from the Company. On 27th February LCpl Hunter had been on sentry duty in the front line when an enemy shell landed near by killing him instantly and wounding two others. LCpl Hunter had only been in France a few months although he enlisted in the early days of the war. He was a promising lad having gained the Dux Prize at Broxburn Higher Grade School and from there gone on to Edinburgh University to take the Arts Course. He was 20 years of age. Mr Alexander S Hunter is a District Secretary of the Independent Order of Rechabites and widespread sympathy has been evoked towards him and Mrs Hunter in their sad loss. LCpl Hunter was a member on Onward Tent, Broxburn and for a time held the office of Sick Steward. West Lothian Courier 28th March 1918 Hunter – Killed in action near Passchendaele on 26th February 1918, LCpl John Hunter Machine Gun Corps, only surviving son of Mr and Mrs A S Hunter, Erskinefield House, Broxburn.</p>
<p>S/19567 Pte Archibald Kinloch 9th Btn Black Watch</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname KINLOCH Forename Archibald Rank Pte Service number S/19567 Decoration Place of birth Dennistoun Glasgow Date of death 26 August 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 9th Bn (Possible)</p>
<p>186862 Able Seaman Charles Liddell Royal Navy HMS Hawke</p>	<p>CHARLES LIDDELL Rank: Able Seaman Service No: 186862 Date of Death: 15/10/1914 Age: 34 Regiment/Service: Royal Navy (RFR/CH/B/3631). H.M.S. "Hawke." Panel Reference: 2. Memorial: CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liddell, of Uphall, West Lothian; husband of Annie Anderson, of 38, Earl Gray St., Edinburgh. West Lothian Courier 23rd October 1914 Broxburn Men Missing and Wounded – It is also feared that Charles Liddell, a naval reservist who was on board the “Hawke” when it was torpedoed has been lost as his name is not included in the list of survivors. His wife who resides in the Old Town has, however, had no official intimation from the Admiralty. Along with the relatives of those who are reported missing she is in a state of suspense,</p>

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	<p>and all have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their trying circumstances.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th January 1917</p> <p>Liddell – In loving memory of our dear sons, Charles Liddell, who was drowned on the “Hawke”, also Tom Liddell who was killed in France Jan 18th 1916. Oh we miss them and how sadly Bleeding hearts alone can tell Earth has lost them, Heaven has found them Jesus doeth all things well Why should we mourn their loss or tears of sorrow flow since they have laid aside the Cross and passed from all below Inserted by their father and mother,</p>
<p>1551 Sgt Thomas Liddell 11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>THOMAS LIDDELL Rank: Serjeant Service No: 15517 Date of Death: 18/01/1916 Age: 26 Regiment/Service: Northumberland Fusiliers 11th Bn. Grave Reference: IV. A. 11. Cemetery: BREWERY ORCHARD CEMETERY, BOIS-GRENIER Additional Information: Son of Charles and Jane L. Murray Liddell, of 7, Roman Camp, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th January 1916</p> <p>Uphall - Killed in Action – Mr & Mrs Thomas Liddell, Roman Camp Uphall, have received notification that their son, Sgt Thomas Liddell, Northumberland Fusiliers, was killed in action on 18th January. The sad intelligence was conveyed in letters from an Army Chaplain and a Coy Quarter Master Sgt. The letter from Rev J W Babb, Wesleyan Chaplain to the Forces which is dated January 20th, is as follows: - “it is with sincerest regret that I have to inform you of the death of your gallant son Sgt T Liddell of the 11th Northumberland Fusiliers. I was summoned last evening to conduct the funeral in a little cemetery near the trenches, and the location of the grave will be made known to you after the war if you so desire. It is carefully registered and a cross will be erected upon it by the Graves Registration Commission. May I be allowed to assure you of my sympathy and of my prayers that the Divine comfort may graciously come to you and all who were near to him. Your brave son was killed while on duty at 9: pm on the 18th inst., and mercifully did not suffer, If there are any questions I am allowed to answer please do o hesitate to address me at 70th Field Ambulance.”</p> <p>Coy Quarter Master Sergeant Parker, B Coy, 11th Northumberland Fusiliers, writing under date Jan 21st says – “with much regret I have to announce the death of your son 15517 Sgt T Liddell killed whilst on duty on January 18th at 10m., in the trenches near Armentieres. He was buried yesterday full military honours, at Bois Grenier a Presbyterian Minister officiating. I have forwarded his personal effects to the proper quarter. Any information I shall be pleased to answer. My duties are numerous so please excuse more. My deepest sympathy to all the family. Our Coy has lost an asset in a good NCO.”</p> <p>Sgt Liddell, who was 25 years of age enlisted in the Northumberland fusiliers in Sept 1914. He went across to France about six or seven months ago and took part</p>




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	<p>in the big battle of Loos. He was home on seven days leave just before Christmas. His elder brother, Charles who was a naval Reservist, at the time of the outbreak of the war went down with the Hawke on 15th Oct 1914. The sincere sympathy of the community has gone out to Mr and Mrs Liddell and family in their particularly sad bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th January 1917 Liddell – In loving memory of our dear sons, Charles Liddell, who was drowned on the “Hawke”, also Tom Liddell who was killed in France Jan 18th 1916. Oh we miss them and how sadly Bleeding hearts alone can tell Earth has lost them, Heaven has found them Jesus doeth all things well Why should we mourn their loss or tears of sorrow flow since they have laid aside the Cross and passed from all below Inserted by their father and mother,</p>
<p>45098 Pte Stewart Main 18th Btn Lancashire Fusiliers, formerly R.4/089542 RASC</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname MAIN Forename Stewart Rank Pte Service number 45098 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 26 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS SERVING IN BRIGADE OF GUARDS AND ENGLISH REGIMENTS Unit name THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS Other detail 18th Bn. formerly R.4/089542 RASC</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – We show a photo of Pte Stewart Main whose parents Mr and Mrs William Main, “Lucknow”, West End Broxburn have been officially informed of his having been killed in action in France on the 26th March 1918. Deceased answered his country’s call for men in March of 1915, choosing for his regiment the Lancashire Fusiliers and after a short period of training was sent to France. Almost immediately after his arrival in France he was in action and was wounded on 1st July 1915. After recovering from his wounds, he again took his place in the firing line and came through many engagements was again wounded in January of this year ultimately giving his life for his country as already stated on 26th March. Previous to enlisting Pte Main assisted his father in the conducting of a fruit and vegetable business. Deceased was 23 years of age.</p> <p><i>(Cousin of John Main, Canadians, mentioned in another part of this book, and of my Grannie, sister of John Main).</i></p> 

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<p>7288 Pte George Malcolm 1st Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>MALCOLM, G Rank: Private Service No: 7288 Date of Death: 12/01/1915 Regiment/Service: Cameron Highlanders 1st Bn. Grave Reference: V. G. 6. Cemetery: BROWN'S ROAD MILITARY CEMETERY, FESTUBERT</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th February 1915 Killed in Action – Pte George Malcolm, Broxburn – We reproduce a photo of Pte George Malcolm (24) of the 1st Cameron Highlanders who was killed while in the act of leaving a trench after a fight on 12th January. The sad intelligence was received through a comrade of the deceased, who, in a letter to Malcolm's father, who now resides at Ormiston, stated that his son had been shot through the heart but that he had seen him decently buried. Coming at the age of 3 years, with his parents, Pte Malcolm was educated in Broxburn and on leaving school worked for a short time in the mines. At the age of 16 he enlisted in the Cameron Highlanders, and had been with his regiment in Africa, China (where the above photo was taken) and India. His time expired at the end of 1913, but on the outbreak of the war he was called up, and proceeded at once to the front. His brother David Malcolm who resides in the Old Town, is also an ex-soldier and he has re-enlisted in his old regiment, The Black Watch, and is presently stationed at Bristol. Mrs Reid, Greendykes Road, is also a sister of the deceased and to both the heartfelt sympathy of their friends has been extended in the loss of their brother.</p>	
<p>9840 Pte George Marshall 2nd Btn Scots Guards</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname MARSHALL Forename George Rank Gdsm Service number 9840 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 18 December 1914 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th February 1915 Tarbrax – Mrs G Marshall, 172 Tarbrax has received news of her husband's death at the front. Pte George Marshall (late of Broxburn) 2nd Btn Scots Guards, although a time expired reservist, volunteered and re-joined his regiment when the war broke out. Mrs Marshall was first informed from the War Office that her husband was wounded and later that he was killed in action on 18th December 1914.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Hudson – In ever loving memory of Sgt George Hudson, New Zealand Forces, killed in action 27th September 1916, and our dear friend Pte George Marshall, Scots Guards, killed in action, 18th December 1914. We do not forget you nor do we intend We think of you daily and will to the end Gone and forgotten by some you may be But dear in our memory forever you'll be. Inserted by Mr and Mrs W Hudson, Church Street, Broxburn.</p>	

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<p>12733 Pte James Marshalsay 1st Btn Scots Guards</p>	<p>JAMES MASHALSAY Rank: Private Service No: 12733 Date of Death: 12/12/1916 Age: 30 Regiment/Service: Scots Guards 1st Bn. Grave Reference: III. L. 24. Cemetery: A.I.F. BURIAL GROUND, FLERS Additional Information: Son of Thomas and Agnes Marshalsay, of Primrose Cottages, Goshen Place, Uphall, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 19th January 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists Soldiers Killed – Pte J Marshalsay, Scots Guards, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th January 1917 Marshalsay- In loving memory of my beloved husband Pte James Marshallhay, Scots Guards, MG, was killed in action on December 12th 1916. I prayed that God would keep him and shield him in the fray but alas our hopes were blighted when the sad news came that day Had I but seen him yet in life or watched his dying bed Or seen the last fond look in his face Or held his dying head He Sleeps besides his comrades In a hallowed grave unknown But his name is written in letter of love On the heart he left at home Father in thy heavenly keeping we leave our solder daddy sleeping Inserted by his sorrowing wife and family, Alexander Street, Uphall</p> <p>Marshalsay – In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte James Marshalsay, Scots Guards who was killed in action on December 12th 1916 Sleep on dear Jim in a foreign grave Your life for your country you nobly gave The midnight stars are gleaming on a grave I cannot see somewhere in France he lies sleeping A brother dear to me. Inserted by his loving sisters Agnes and Lizzie. Uphall</p> <p>Marshalsay – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte James Marshalsay, Scots Guards who was killed in action December 12th 1916. Duty Called him, he was there To do his bit and take his share His heart was good, his spirit brave His resting place a soldier's grave Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother and brother George on active service.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th January 1917 Uphall Scots Guardsman Killed – Mrs Marshalsay, Alexander Place, Uphall, has received intimation from the War Office that her husband Pte James Marshalsay, aged 30 years, Scots Guards, Machine Gunner was killed in France on 12th</p>	
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December 1916. He enlisted at the outbreak of war, and after a year's training was drafted to France. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a slater and plasterer with Mr William Paris, Port Buchan, Broxburn. He leaves a widow and five of a family, the second oldest being in Canada.

West Lothian Courier 14th December 1917

Marshalsay – In ever loving memory of our dear brother Pte James Marshalsay, Scots Guards beloved son of Mr and Mrs Marshalsay Goschen Place Uphall, who was killed in France on 12th December 1916 aged 30 years.

Far o'er the seas lied our dear rother Jim
Now in the grave with his comrades he is laid
He fought for the cause and the flag of old Britain
The price of its freedom with his life has paid.
Not a drum was heard, nor a funeral beat
on the grave where our dear brother sleeps
Inserted by his sisters, Lizzie and Agnes, Glengyle, Eskbank
We cannot bring flowers dear Jim
To place on your soldiers grave
Just his tribute of love and memory of you
A son true and brave.

In a land of strangers our dear son lies
Not one of us near to bid him goodbye
But the angels of heaven ae guarding his soul
Till we meet him again at the great roll-call

Inserted by his father and mother
Could we his brothers, have clasped his hand
The brother we loved so well
to kiss his brow when death was nigh
and whispered him farewell

Inserted by his brothers, Dod and Robert.

West Lothian Courier 13th December 1918

Marshalsay – In loving memory of our dear son Pte James Marshalsay, Scots Guards, who was killed in action in France 12th Dec 1916.

The one I loved so well laid low
the fond true heart is still
The hands that oft assisted mine
Lie now in death's cold chill
His cheerful smile and friendly grasp
Are pleasant to reall

He had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all

Inserted by Thomas and Ages Marshalsay Goschen Place Uphall.

Two years are gone since that sad day
When my dear brother was called away
His sweet young life he freely gave
God guard and watch my brother's grave

Inserted by his eldest sister Lizzie, Glengyle, Eskbank
Like one of many he answered the call
For those he loved he gave his all
Somewhere abroad in a hero's grave
Lies by dear brother among the brave

Inserted by his youngest sister Agnes Glengyle, Eskbank.

West Lothian Courier 13th December 1918

Marshalsay – In loving memory of my dear brother Jim, who was killed in France 12th Dec 1916.

I mourn for you dear brother

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	<p>But not with outward show For the heat that mourns sincerely Mourns silently and low Inserted by his loving brother Dod.</p>
<p>15474 Pte Adam Menzies 1st Btn Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>MENZIES, ADAM Rank: Private Service No: 15474 Date of Death: 27/03/1916 Age: 18 Regiment/Service: Northumberland Fusiliers 1st Bn. Grave Reference: V. F. 18. Cemetery: WYTSCHAETE MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Only son of Adam and Belle McKinnon Menzies, of Blackford Cottages, Melbourne Rd., Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th April 1916 Broxburn Soldier Missing – Pte Adam Menzies, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been posted as missing since 28th March, and his father who resides at Melbourne Road, Broxburn, received notice from the official source last week. Prior to enlisting at the outbreak of hostilities, Menzies was a miner employed by the Broxburn Oil Coy He was 20 years of age. A companion of Pte Menzies, L/Cpl Murdoch Fyfe, who belonged to the same regiment and also a Broxburn lad, son of Mr William Fyfe Kirkhill Road are reported as wounded and missing. Fyfe who is 19 was employed as a miner by Young's Oil Coy. Both the young lads enlisted at the same time.</p>
<p>1422 Pte Archibald Miller 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname MILLER Forename Archibald Rank Pte Service number 1422 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Date of death 27 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 2nd Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn soldiers Killed – Mrs Millar 88 Stewartfield, received notice yesterday morning from the Military authorities that her husband Pte Archibald Millar Royal Scots had died at 2 Stationary Hospital, Abbeyhill on 27th July. Pte Millar was seriously wounded in the big advance on 23rd July. He had been out at France since the first stages of the war, being a reservist when war was declared. He leaves a widow and three of a family to whom the utmost sympathy is extended.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916 Men Killed Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the News Columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p>



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	Pte A Miller	1422	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Died of Wounds
	<p>West Lothian Courier 27th July 1917 Miller – In loving memory of Pte Archibald Miller, who died of wounds received in action on 27th July 1916, aged 28 years. One year has passed and still we miss him Some may think the wound has healed But little know they of the sorrow That's oft behind a smile concealed Inserted by his wife and children 88 Stewartfield, Broxburn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th July 1918 Miller – In loving memory of my dear husband, Pte Archibald Millar Royal Scots died of wounds received in action, 27th July 1916. Gone but not Forgotten Sleep on dear daddy and take thy rest they miss you most who loved you best Friends are friends but very few we lost our best friend when we lost you Inserted by his wife and family 88 Stewartfield, Broxburn</p> <p>Miller – In loving memory of my dear son Pte Archie Miller, Royal Scots, who died of wounds received in action, 24th July 1916 Sleep on dear son in a foreign grave A grave I may never see but as long as life and memory last I will remember thee Inserted by his sorrowing mother.</p> <p>Miller – Far and oft our thoughts do wander To a grave so far away Where they laid our dear brother Archie Just two years ago today When we think of all the changes, which the last few years have brought We are glad the world you have gone to Is the world that changes not Inserted by his sisters and brothers.</p>				
T/307932 Driver Hugh Miller Army Service Corps att'd HQ 150 th Infantry Brigade	<p>MILLER, HUGH Rank: Driver Service No: T/307932 Date of Death: 27/05/1918 Age: 35 Regiment/Service: Army Service Corps attd. H.Q. 150th Inf. Bde. Panel Reference: Memorial: SOISSONS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Husband of Isabella A. Miller, of Old Bank House, East End, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>				
353445 L/Cpl Samuel Millar 5/6 th Btn Royal Scots	<p>MILLAR, SAM Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 353445 Date of Death: 11/08/1918 Age:31 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 5th/6th Bn. Grave Reference: V. C. 11.</p>				

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	<p>Cemetery: BOUCHOIR NEW BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Millar, of Linns Buildings, Old Town, Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th December 1915 Broxburn Family's Patriotism – Recently Mr G D Duncan, Hon Secretary of Broxburn Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Committee brought under the notice of Lord Stamfordham, Equerry to the King the fact that Mr John Miller 96 Stewartfield, Broxburn had five sons and three grandsons serving with the forces, and Mr Miller has since received the following letter – "Buckingham Palace, 14th December 1915 – Sir, I have the honour to inform you that the King has heard with much interest that you have at present moment 5 sons serving in the Army. I am commanded to express to you the King's congratulations and to assure you that His Majesty much appreciated the spirit of patriotism which prompted this example in one family, of loyalty and devotion to their sovereign and Empire. I have the honour to be, Sir your obedient Servant, P M Ponsony, Keeper of the Privy Purse. The names of the sons are, Pte John Miller, 3rd Gordon Highlanders, Gunner Alex Miller Royal Field Artillery, Pte William Miller, 3rd Gordon Highlanders, Pte Archibald Miller, 1st Canadians and Pte Samuel Miller, 3rd Gordon Highlanders. The three grandsons are Pte Joseph Miller, 10th Btn 1st Canadians, Pte Alex Miller 16th Btn 1st Canadians, and Pte Robert Cowley Miller, Royal Scots who was killed in action in the Dardanelles.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th September 1918 Miller – Killed in action on the 11th August, LCpl S Miller of the Royal Scots, beloved son of Mr and Mrs Miller, Old Town, Broxburn. Jesus in thy gracious keeping Leave we now our dear one sleeping Inserted by his sorrowing friend, Joan Grierson, 11 Dean Park Crescent, Edinburgh</p>
<p>1269 Pte John Moore 2nd Btn Scots Guards</p>	<p>MOORE, J Rank: Private Service No: 12609 Date of Death: 31/08/1917 Age:26 Regiment/Service: Scots Guards 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 10. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Emma Moore, of 113, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian, and the late John Moore.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs John Moore, 113 Greendykes Road, Broxburn that their son Pte John Moore, Scots Guards, was killed in action on 21st August 1917. The following letter has also been received by the bereaved parents:- "Dear Mrs Moore, I am greatly grieved to have to inform you that your son Pte J Moore, 12609 Scots Guards, was killed a shell on 21st August. He was holding the front line and was killed instantaneously just as he was entering a dugout. I enclose some letters and cards that were found on his body. You will like to have them and see how carefully he treasured your gifts. It is a hard blow for you all, but may our Heavenly Father strengthen and comfort you with the thought that your son gave himself as a brave man to defend you and all he loved in this world.</p>




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	<p>Officers and men unite in sending you their deep sympathy in your great sorrow. Yours etc Arthur Stanley Middleton, Chaplain Scots Guards.”</p> <p>Decease who was 26 years of age, answered his country’s call for men on 12th December 1914, and was drafted to France in August of 1916. Towards the end of that year he was wounded and was again in the casualty list in July of this year but was treated in the base hospital on both occasions. Deceased who was unmarried, was previous to entering His Majesty’s Forces employed by the Broxburn Oil Coy.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th August 1918</p> <p>Moore – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte John Moore, Scots Guards, who was killed in action on 31st August 1917</p> <p>One year today our dear son fell For the honour of freedom struck down by a shell But there’s one consolation he has left behind Though absent in body he’s with us in mind Inserted by his father and mother, 113 Greendykes Road, Broxburn Safe beyond this world of danger Safe beyond this world of care we shall find our missing loved one In the spirit realms so fair. Inserted by his brother, sisters and brothers in law.</p>	
<p>2566 Pte John Munnoch 5th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Surname MUNNOCH Forename John Rank Pte Service number 2566 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 28 June 1915 Theatre of death Gallipoli Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS LOTHIAN REGIMENT Other detail 5th Bn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 16th July 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Artist Soldier Wounded – Mrs Munnoch, Station Road, Broxburn has received intimation that her son Pte John Munnoch of the 5th Royal Scots, has been wounded in the right shoulder at the Dardanelles, and is in hospital at Alexandria. Pte Munnoch is an artist, with a studio in Edinburgh. His recent pictures exhibited in the Scottish Academy have brought him very favourable notice.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 9th July 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Artist Soldier Wounded – Mrs Munnoch, Station Road Broxburn has received intimation from headquarters at Hamilton, that her son Pte John Munnoch, 1/5th Royal Sots, was wounded at the Dardanelles on the 19th June. Mr Munnoch who is an artist of considerable promise was in Holland at the time of the outbreak of war, and on returning home enlisted in the Royal Scots in September. He was drafted out to the Dardanelles in April. No particulars are yet to hand regarding the nature of his wounds.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 8th October 1915</p> <p>Memorial Service for the Late Pte John Munnoch, 1/5th Royal Scots. Last Sunday evening the Rev Charles Dunn preached a very impressive memorial service in</p>	

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	<p>the Parish Church Hall in memory of Pte John Munnoch. He took as his text John 15-13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends". He made reference to the beautiful three panel picture portraying the birth, life and death of Christ which Mr Munnoch painted in the Church Hall on the Saturday afternoons and presented it to them as a congregation as a free gift. His widowed mother Mrs Munnoch, Station Road, Broxburn, only received official notification from the War Office a little over a week ago that her son was killed last June. He was an artist of great ability. For a number of years he had pictures hung in the Royal Scottish Academy, and had no less than two picture at the recent exhibition. He had a studio in York Place, Edinburgh, and had studied both in Edinburgh and on the Continent. He was on the Continent when the war broke out and after some difficulty in getting home, he enlisted along with a fellow artist in the 1/3rd Royal Scots a little over a year ago. Last April he went out to Gallipoli with his battalion and was fortunate to get landed uninjured although a number of his comrades were cut down. He has now given up his life for his country and much sympathy is felt in the district for his widowed mother.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th September 1915 Broxburn Artist Killed at the Dardanelles – Official notification was received yesterday morning by Mrs Munnoch Station Road Broxburn that her son Pte John Munnoch, 1/5th Royal Scots, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles in June. Pte Munnoch enlisted in September of last year and went out with the Battalion in April and took part in the landing at Gallipoli. Fully two months ago he was posted wounded but no information regarding him had come to hand until intimation of his death was received. Pte Munnoch, prior to enlisting was an artist and had a studio in York Place, Edinburgh. He studied both in Edinburgh and on the Continent, where he had travelled pretty extensively. As a matter of fact, he was in Holland when war broke out, and at that time we published a short account of his experiences in which he told of the difficulties encountered in securing a passage home. In his profession he was regarded as an artist of great promise, and as a student he gained many notable honours. For several years he had pictures accepted in the Royal Scottish Academy and had two paintings at the last exhibition which closed about a fortnight ago. His prospects for a successful career were exceedingly bright, and his untimely demise is therefore all the more regrettable. Like many others he has given his life in his country's cause, and in this fact, it is hoped that his sorrowing mother and brothers will find some little solace in their poignant grief. The sincere sympathy of their friends as gone out to them in their bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th October 1915 The above is a photo of Pte John Munnoch, 5th Royal Scots, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles. Pte Munnoch whose mother reside at Station Road Broxburn, enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war, and took part with his regiment, in the memorable landing at Gallipoli. He was an artist of great promise and his untimely death is therefore all the more tragic.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th September 1915 Munnoch – Killed in action at the Dardanelles in June, No 2566 Pte John Munnoch, 1/5th Royal Scots, dearly beloved son of Mrs M Munnoch, Station Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st October 1915 Acknowledgements – Mrs Munnoch and family desire to than many friends for kind sympathy extended in their sad bereavement.</p>
15922 Guardsman Duncan McBeath	Era WW1 Surname McBEATH Forename Duncan

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	<p>Rank Gdsm Service number 15922 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 19 September 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS WILLIAM MCBEATH West Lothian Courier 4th October 1918 McBeath – Died of wounds and gas poisoning at 19th Casualty Clearing Station France on 19th Sept., 15922 Pte William McBeath, Scots Guards in his 21st Year, youngest son of Duncan McBeath, East Main Street, Broxburn, and beloved nephew of Isabella McBeath, Golspie. Deeply mourned – Interred at Boyelles, France Kind-hearted, true hearted faithful and loyal Dear our hearts thy sweet life will be Inserted by his father and sister.</p> <p style="color: red;"><i>Memorial and Courier Entry states William, SNWM entry gives forename of Duncan. Service no is the same.</i></p>						
<p>S/10182 LCpl Thomas McCabe Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>THOMAS MCCABE Era WW1 Surname McCABE Forename Thomas Rank L Cpl Service number S/10182 Decoration Place of birth Glasgow Date of death 18 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 5th Bn. West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>LCpl T McCabe</td> <td>10182</td> <td>Cameron Highlanders</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Killed</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Broxburn Cameron Highlander Killed – the parents of the Pte T McCabe have received intimation that their son was killed in action on 19th July. Pte T McCabe joined the Cameron Highlanders. His parents reside at Kennedy's Court.</p>	LCpl T McCabe	10182	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Killed	
LCpl T McCabe	10182	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Killed			
<p>17511 Pte William McCourt</p>	<p>McCOURT, William Rank: Private Service No: 17511</p>						

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<p>1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>Date of Death: 26/08/1918 Age:41 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 1st/4th Bn. Grave Reference: X. B. 22. Cemetery: TILLOY BRITISH CEMETERY, TILLOY-LES-MOFFLAINES Additional Information: Husband of Annie Paterson McCourt, of 2, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th September 1918 McCourt – Killed in action on August 26th 1918, Pte William McCourt, 17511, Royal Scots Fusiliers aged 41 years, beloved husband of Annie Paterson 2 Greendykes Road, Broxburn. His country called – he answered.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 McCourt – Killed in action on August 26th 1918, Pte William McCourt, Royal Scots Fusiliers dearly beloved husband of Annie Paterson 2 Greendykes Road and beloved brother of James and May Thomson 26 Queen Mary Terrace, Inverkeithing. Life Christ he thought first of others And himself he could not save Deeply Mourned by his sorrowing widow.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 McCourt – In loving memory of our dear father Pte William McCourt, RSF, who was killed in action on the 26th August 1918, aged 41 years. One of the many, he answered the call For those he loved he gave his all Somewhere in aa soldier’s grave Lies our dear father amongst the brave. Inserted by his step-sons James, Thomas and Robert Foley, Greendykes Road Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Official information has now been received by Mrs McCourt, 2 Greendykes Road, Broxburn that her husband Pte William McCourt was killed in action in France on the 26th August 1918. The deceased who was 41 years of age was a time expired man, having enlisted in the Royal Scots Fusiliers as far back as August 1897, and with his regiment saw much service in India and elsewhere. The call of his country for men in her time of need found the deceased ready and willing to again do his bit and he rejoined his old regiment in March 1915 and was immediately drafted to France. He came through the severe fighting at Loos in September of last year and also took part in the Somme engagement of 1916. He was wounded at Monchy on June 3rd, 1917 and after recovering was again sent to France in March of this year, being again in the casualty list on June 8th. On his recovery for the second time, he was transferred to another battalion, and ultimately gave his life for his country on August 26th 1918. The following letter has been received from his officer, viz. Dear Mrs McCourt, I have no doubt ere now you have heard the sad news of your husband’s death in action on the 26th August. Your husband was in my Platoon and was an excellent soldier and I just wish to express my sympathy for you in the terrible loss you have sustained. He was killed by a sniper and his death was instantaneous. I am glad to say the same sniper was afterwards killed by a bomb. With deepest sympathy, Yours etc G Clark, Lieut.</p>
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	We show a photo of the deceased who was previous to enlisting employed as a miner at No 3 Roman Camp Mine of the Broxburn Oil Co Ltd.					
S/12698 Hector MacDonald 6 th Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders	<p>HECTOR MACDONALD Era WW1 Surname MacDONALD Forename Hector Rank Pte Service number S/12698 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 13 August 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 6th Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th August 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Mrs Lawrie Steel's Row, step mother of Pte Hector McDonald, Cameron Highlanders has received notification through a chaplain and a chum that her stepson has been killed in action. The chaplain states that he took part in a most successful attack and capture of the enemy trenches but fell along with many of his comrades before the battle was won. His body was buried by his comrades just where he fell, as lack of trenches and heavy enemy shelling forbade the removal of the dead. It was a hero's death. A chum also states that McDonald was killed by a sniper having been shot through the neck while he was doing a merciful job of carrying the wounded on Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. Pte McDonald joined the army shortly after the outbreak of war and has been in France for 14 months having been previously wounded in the thigh at Loos. He fell in action on 13th inst, previous to enlistment he was employed by Young's Oil Works Niddry.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916 Men Killed Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the News Columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte H McDonald</td> <td style="width: 15%;">12698</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Cameron Highlanders</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Killed</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th August 1917 Macdonald – In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte Hector MacDonald, Cameron Highlanders, who was killed in action, on 13th August 1916 aged 21 years. Too far away your grave to see But not too far to think of the Inserted by his sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs McIlwee, 8 Steel's Rows, Broxburn.</p> <p>Sleep on dear brother in your foreign grave Your life for your country you nobly gave Gone and forgotten by some you may be But dear to our memory for ever you'll be Inserted by his sisters Jessie and Marion</p>	Pte H McDonald	12698	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Killed
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<p>40520 Pte John McKinnon KOSB Prev 4536 Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname McKINNON Forename John Rank Pte Service number 40520 Decoration Place of birth Caldercruix Lanark Date of death 30 November 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS Unit name In or attached to THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS Other detail 1st Bn, formerly 4536 Royal Scots</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th January 1918 Broxburn Teacher Reported Missing – Official word has just been received that Pte John McKinnon, KOSB, has been posted as wounded and missing since 30th November. Pte McKinnon who was attached to the Machine Gun Company has only been a week or two back in France from his home leave, after having already spent nearly 18 months at the Front. In civil life Pte McKinnon was one of the staff of Broxburn Higher Grade Public School and was an able and zealous teacher, being a great favourite with teachers and scholars alike and with many of the latter he corresponded regularly. From private sources it is learned that the gallant soldier had been wounded in both hands.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th October 1918 Broxburn School Teacher Presumed Killed – The relatives of Pte John McKinnon have now received official intimation from the War Office that he has been missing since the 30th November 1917 and is now believed to have been killed on that date. The deceased whose photo appears above, joined the Army in March 1916, enlisting in the 9th Royal Scots, and on being drafted to France in August of the same year, was attached to the KOSB. Pte McKinnon was almost immediately in action, taking part in the Battle of the Somme, (Sept 1916) and also in the Battle of Arras, Ypres and Cambrai. He latterly was attached to the Machine gun Corps and at the time of his death was engaged in the offensive before Cambrai. When last seen he was wounded in the arms and was making his way back to the nearest aid post, but the exact manner of his death can only be conjectured. In civil life, Pte McKinnon was a teacher, and at the time of his enlistment was on the staff of Broxburn H G Public School. He was a very successful teacher and was inspired high ideals of life and conduct. He visited the school when home on furlough just a few weeks before his death. The deceased is the second teacher of this school to fall in action, 2nd Lieut William Tulloch having been killed early in the war.</p>	
<p>235372 Pte David McLaren 4th Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>McLAREN, DAVID Rank: Private Service No: 235372 Date of Death: 20/07/1918 Age: 19 Regiment/Service: Seaforth Highlanders 4th Bn. Grave Reference: I. J. 12. Cemetery: MARFAUX BRITISH CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of James and Annie McLaren, of Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>	

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	<p>West Lothian Courier 20th September 1918 Broxburn Man Killed in Action – official information has been received by Mr John McLaren Glenbrae, Old Town Broxburn, that his youngest brother Pte David McLaren who was reported missing on 20th July 1918, was killed on that date. The deceased was only 19 years of age and was for some time employed as an apprentice baker with Broxburn Co-operative Society, and immediately previous to enlisting in May of last year was employed in a similar capacity in Edinburgh. Pte McLaren was drafted to France along with his regiment The Seaforth Highlanders in May last.</p> <p>Another brother of the deceased, Driver Robert McLaren is still on active service in France where he has been for over two years, coming over from the “Golden West” with the Canadians to help the “Old Country” in 1916. Pte James McLaren, another of this patriotic trio is a prisoner of war in Germany. The latter brother who was in the Royal Scots saw three years’ service in France before falling into the hands of the enemy in April last.</p>
<p>S/40842 Pte Edward McLaughlin 4th Btn Seaforth Highlanders formerly S/18213 Black Watch, (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname McLAUGHLAN Forename Edward James Routledge Rank Pte Service number S/40842 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 2 June 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Other detail 4th Bn. formerly S/18213 Royal Hldrs</p>  <p>Midlothian Advertiser 26th November 1915 He resided with his sister at Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th November 1915 Two Broxburn Soldiers Killed – Intimation has been received from the War Office that Pte Edward McLaughlin, 8th Black Watch who resided with his sister Miss Hannah McLaughlin, 61 Stewartfield, Broxburn was killed in action on 21st October. Deceased who was only 19 years of age, enlisted in May last, and only proceeded to the front on 1st October. Before enlisting he was employed in the Broxburn Oil Coy, mines. The sincere sympathy of the neighbours has gone out to his sister in her particularly sad bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th November 1915 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Pte Edward McLaughlin, 8th Black Watch, whose death we reported last week. His home address was at 61 Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 McLaughlin – In loving memory of my dear brother Pte Edward McLaughlin, Black Watch, who was killed in action 21st Oct 1915 aged 19 years. RIP. The die is cast, you’ve gone before Your memory lives for ever Oh, gallant brother your trials are o’er Your victory none can sever God knows the way he holds the key He guides you with unerring hand Sometime with tearless eyes we’ll see</p>

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	<p>Yes there, up there we'll understand Sleep on dear brother your battles are o'er We hope to meet on yon bright shore Where troubles and trials and wars must cease And all is calm and joy and peace. Inserted by his loving sister Hannah</p>
<p>345726 Pte Thomas McLean 14th Black Watch</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname McLEAN Forename Thomas Rank Pte Service number 345726 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 2 September 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 14th Bn West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 McLean – Killed in action in France on 2nd Sept, Pte Thomas McLean, (Tom), Black Watch aged 21 years and 9 months, youngest son of William and Elizabeth McLean, Old Town, Broxburn. Deeply mourned.</p>
<p>132917 Sapper John McNee 179th Tunnelling Coy, Royal Engineers</p>	<p>JOHN MCNEE Rank: Sapper Service No: 132917 Date of Death: 20/10/1917 Age:37 Regiment/Service: Royal Engineers 179th Tunnelling Coy. Grave Reference: VIII. I. 76. Cemetery: BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. James McNee, of 289, West St., Broxburn, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 9th November 1917 Broxburn Soldier Dies of Wounds – Official information has been received by Mrs Coutts, 289 West Street, Broxburn that her son Sapper John McNee, whose photo appears above has died from wounds received in action in France. The deceased answered duty's call on the 14th Nov 1914 enlisting in McCrae's Battalion and was drafted to France in October of the following year. Being a proficient miner, he was transferred to the Tunnelling Section of the Royal Engineers. He was wounded on the 11th October and admitted to Boulogne Hospital on the 13th suffering from wounds to both legs and both hands the latter being a compound fracture. The following day he was operated on and had the left leg amputated above the knee but succumbed to his wounds on the 25th October 1917. Previous to answering his country's call, he was employed at No 2 Stewartfield Mine of the Broxburn Oil Coy and was 37 years of age. Deceased was held in the highest esteem by the inhabitants of his native place, a man who to quote the opinion of his many friends, was as "good as gold" and was a member of the Committee of Broxburn Reading Room and Institute. A billiard player of some distinction he secured many prizes at this game and as a member of Broxburn</p>



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	<p>Bowling Club he also showed his proficiency on the green. Another son of Mrs Coutts, Sapper Daniel McNee is also in the Royal Engineers and is “doing his duty” somewhere in France.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918 McNee – In loving memory of my dear son Sapper John McNee, who died of wounds on 20th Oct 1917 at 13th General Hospital France Could I, you mother have clasped your hand The son I loved so well Or kissed your brow when death was night And whispered dear John farewell Dear son, sleep on The victor’s crown you have won You left your home for your country And nobly shouldered your gun A loving son true and kind No one on earth like you we’ll find When days are dark, and friends are few My dear son how I long for you. Inserted by his mother Mrs Coutts, 289 West Street Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918 McNee – In loving memory of my dear chum, Sapper John McNee who died of wounds received in action 20th Oct 1917. This day brings back to memory dear My friend who fought and fell and those who think of him today Are those who loved him well Inserted by Sec Cpl J C Jamieson, Royal Engineers (on active service).</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918 McNee – In loving remembrance of my dear brother Sapper John McNee, who died of wounds on 20th Oct 1917. His comrades may come home some day But he’ll be sleeping far away His war is won, his sun is set But I who loved him will never forget. Inserted by his brother Sapper Dannie McNee, Royal Engineers Upright and just in all his ways Honest and faithful till the end of his days Forgotten to the world by some you may be But dear to my memory you ever will be Inserted by his friend, William Anderson, Maryville Cottage, Broxburn</p>
<p>S/29385 Piper Duncan McNeill 7th Btn Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders Formerly 8431 40th TR Bt</p>	<p>Surname McNEILL Forename Duncan Rank L Cpl Service number S/29385 Decoration Place of birth West Calder Midlothian Date of death 23 April 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 7th Bn. formerly 8431. 40th T.R. Bn.</p>

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Where a Bathgate Soldier Fell – Mrs Clark, 81 Cochrane Street, Bathgate who last month, received from the War Office intimation of the death of her husband Pte William Clark 2nd Btn HLI, has this week received a letter from Piper Neil, Broxburn giving details so far as he could get them as to how Pte Clark fell. Piper Neil writes: - I heard of Pte Clark's death from members of his Section. It appears he was killed in action the bullet passing through his head. He was sadly missed by his Section. He was always ready to do his little bit, and the Section Commander had great faith in him. The day he was killed the Germans were making a strong attack on our trenches and I am pleased to say he helped to keep the name of his Regiment to the front. It was at a small village called Longhemaq that most of the severe fighting took place and your husband was in the thick of it till just at the finish he fell. Pte Clark was killed in action on 3rd November, and the battle is known as Ypres. A sad circumstance in connection with Mrs Clark is that her youngest child, Hugh aged seven months, died on Wednesday last. Four children of the marriage survive.

NB – William Clark's sister lived in Broxburn and he had strong links with the town.

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Broxburn Piper's Note – Piper Neil, Broxburn, writing from France under date December 20th, says; - I am in the very best of health. The HLI Battalion is enjoying a hard-earned rest away from the firing line. There are very few of us who came out with the regiment left still hale and hearty as we have been well to the fore in all the fighting.

West Lothian Courier 25th February 1916

Broxburn Presentation to Soldiers – On the occasion of their son Driver Thomas Potter Canadian Engineers being home on leave, Mr and Mrs John Potter, Old Town, Broxburn, entertained about 20 couple to tea at their residence on Friday evening. One of the guests was Piper W Neil, who was on leave from the front. In the course of the evening, Mr S Nicol, on behalf of several friends presented the soldiers with a wristlet watch each, which both suitable acknowledged. Songs were rendered by members of the company and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. Before separating the company joined in singing Auld Lang Syne.

West Lothian Courier 8th June 1917

Well Known Broxburn Piper Killed in Action – among the many homes in Broxburn and district who have been called upon to mourn the loss of their brave young lads during the war, is that of Mr and Mrs John McNeill, Kirkhill Park, Broxburn, who have received information of the death in action of their youngest son LCpl Piper Duncan McNeill, of the gallant Cameron Highlanders. The brave young piper, who was only 21 years of age, made the supreme sacrifice in his country's cause on 25th April 1917. The deceased was previously reported missing but has now been officially notified that he was killed by shell on the date mentioned. He enlisted on 1st January 1915, and as drafted to France in March of this year, meeting his death in his first engagement. A well-known piper and highland dancer he held many trophies won at different competitions and his



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services were in great demand at various fetes and functions and were always ungrudgingly given. He was a great favourite in the district and throughout the country, and the sympathy of his large circle of friends goes out to the parents in their sad bereavement. Previous to enlisting he followed the occupation of painter with Mr James Munnoch and was also a member of the Ecclesmachan Troop, of Boy Scouts. LCpl McNeill is the second member of the Troop to fall, Pte Thomas King, being killed in the Gretna Disaster of May 1915. Another two brothers of the deceased, Robert and John, were in Australia at the outbreak of war, nobly answering the call of the Motherland joined the Australian Forces and have come through many hard engagements. The first named brother Robert is presently lying in Brighton Hospital suffering from shrapnel wounds in the neck. Two brothers in law are also doing their "bit" in France. We sympathise deeply with the parents of the deceased in this sad bereavement, and those of us who came in contact with him will miss one whose place in our affections and esteem it will be hard to fill.

West Lothian Courier 6th July 1917

The Fallen Piper

Piper Duncan McNeil, Cameron Highlanders, Fell in Action

April 25th 1917 aged 21 years

Now hushed is the pibroch; the piper lies still,
Will the soil of fair France gently piled o'er his breast;
The air wit sweet echoes no more he shall fill –
For the pipes, which he loved are for ever at rest.

Far, far from his homeland, he peacefully sleeps,
Where the thunder of guns a wild coronach wail
And Britain's proud banner so mournfully sweeps
O'er the graves of brave hearts, which have passed through the vale.

As sadly we ponder, our memory takes flight
To the blest days of peace – Ah how far off they seem –
When the sound of his pipes filled our hearts with delight
And our days glided past like a sweet placid stream.




On calm summer evenings, how oft would we stand
While the strains wafted clear on the soft balmy air
When he swelled the wild chorus in Kelso's brave band;
Or rallied the Scouts in our village so fair.

And on long winter nights, which these Scouts oft beguiled,
We were thrilled by the grand Scottish airs which he played
At his pranks amongst his comrades we happy smiled
Or were move unto tears by the scenes they portrayed.

We watched them through boyhood, approach manhood's dawn
Now these halcyon days seem so long, long ago
And also, from their ranks two bright faces have gone –
While the rest, with their Master, are facing the foe.

Two years have departed, on slow, leaden feet
Since the first to Eternity swiftly was hurled -*
Now our piper has followed our singer so sweet
And, perchance they have met in that blest spirit world.

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	<p>God guard those remaining, when dangers are braved As we leave in thy keeping those spirits now fled, Deep down in our hearts are their memories engraved For our freedom is bought through the blood which they shed.</p> <p>*Pte Thomas King, 7th Royal Scots, killed in the Gretna disaster, May 22nd 1915 aged 18 years. Georgina Russell, Hillside Cottage, Ecclesmachan, Uphall, June 1917. West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 McNeill – In fond and loving memory of our dear son and brother LCpl Duncan McNeill, Cameron Highlanders who was reported missing between the 23rd and 24th April 1917, now officially presumed dead, beloved youngest son of Mr and Mrs John McNeill, Kirkhill Park, Broxburn. In the bloom of his life god claimed him In the pride of his manhood days None knew him but to love him None mentioned his name but with praise. Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother brothers and sisters. West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 McNeill – In remembrance of LCpl (Piper) Duncan McNeill, Cameron Highlanders, killed in action 25th April, 1917 Inserted by Alex Fairley, Merritt, BC</p>																									
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<p>2nd Btn Scots Guards</p>	<p>Regiment/Service: Scots Guards 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: Sp. Mem. 21. Cemetery: KORTRIJK (ST. JAN) COMMUNAL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Francis and Fanny Nicol, of 19, Albyn Cottages, Broxburn, West Lothian</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th November 1914 Broxburn Men Who Have Fallen – The public of Broxburn are now being made to realise more fully the awful toll exacted by such a stupendous war as the present, as scarcely a week passes but information is to hand of some of her sons having fallen in action. This week the list includes both killed and wounded and the sympathy of the community has gone out to the relatives of those brave fellow who have given their lives in their country's cause. Mr Creelman who is in the transport service, has written home, and states that Pte Charles Nicol Scots Guards, whose parents reside in Broxburn failed to answer the roll call after a big battle about the beginning of this month. Nicol enlisted at the a little over a year ago.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th December 1914 Broxburn Soldier in German's Hands – the parents of Pte Charles Nicol, 2nd Scots Guards, who was recently reported as missing have this week received a letter from a gentleman in Kent giving particulars of their son's whereabouts. He states that Pte Nicol has been wounded in the back with shrapnel and that his right hand is in rather a bad state and he is consequently unable to write. It will be some time before he is better. He is, however, being well looked after and a kind gentleman sees him every day and brings him some cigarettes and sweets. When he recovered he would be sent to join the other prisoners of war in Germany. He is lying in a hospital in Courtrai Belgium, which is presently occupied by the Germans.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th February 1915 Young Broxburn Soldier's Death – Pte Charles Hendry Nicol – The above is a photo of Pte Charles Hendry Nicol, 2nd Scots Guards, intimation of whose death was received by his parents who reside at Port Buchan, on Monday morning. According to the notification from the War Office the young soldier died from peritonitis following wounds on 23rd November last in a hospital at Courtrai, Belgium. Mr Frank Nicol, his father, had received information that deceased had been wounded on the 28th October at Ypres and a letter was received from a gentleman in Kent in which he stated that Pte Nicol had been wounded in the back with shrapnel and that the right hand was in a rather bad state and he was consequently unable to write. The letter further said that he was in a hospital in Courtrai, Belgium and that when he recovered, he would be sent to join the other prisoners of war in Germany. It was also reported that he was being well looked after. Nicol enlisted in the Scots Guards in September 1913 and was drafted on to the front in the month of September last year, the last letter which his parents received from him. He was in his 20th year and just previous to the outbreak of the war had taken a first-class army certificate for education. It is interesting to note that deceased's father served for 7 years in the 2nd Scots Guards, and when his son indicated his intention to enlist it was on Mr Nicol's advice that he joined this particular regiment. The sincere sympathy of their many friends has been extended to Mr and Mrs Nicol in their sad loss.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 23rd November 1917</p>
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	<p>Nicol – In proud and loving memory of our dear brother Pte Charles H Nicol, Scots Guards, son of Francis and Fanny Nicol, Barjovah Broxburn, who died 23rd Nov 1914 from wounds received in action on 28th Oct 1914, in his 20th year. Dear brother you are laid among the brave Where no tears of your sisters can fall on your grave On the red field of battle, you're laid far away Still our tribute of love to your memory we pay Inserted by his sisters, Emily, Kent and Nellie, London. West Lothian Courier 23rd November 1917</p> <p>Nicol – At Courtrai on the 23rd Nov 1914 from wounds received in action at Ypres 28th Oct 1914, Pte Charles Henry Nicol, beloved son of Francis and Fanny Nicol in his 20th year. What though in lovely grief I sigh for one we loved no longer nigh submissive would I still reply Thy Will be done. Inserted by his parents Barjovah, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 22nd November 1918</p> <p>Nicol – At Courtrai 23rd Nov 1914, from wounds received at Ypres Oct 26th, Pte Charles Henry Nicol, 2nd Scots Guards, beloved son of France and Fanny Nicol in his 20th year. Sleep on dear son until the morn To wake the old contemptibles Inserted by his parents Barjovah, Broxburn. Oh brother you have paid the price the one who made his sacrifice will all the roll in Paradise of all the old contemptibles. Inserted by his brother John, Black Watch</p>					
<p>43077 Sgt James Harrison Nicol 1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>JAMES NICOL Rank: Serjeant Service No: 43077 Date of Death: 13/11/1916 Age:27 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 1st Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 3 C. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mrs. Margaret Nicol; husband of Joan Nicol, of 2, Clark Place, South Queensferry, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Broxburn Sgt Missing – Mrs Nicol, daughter of Mr George Ford, Brewery Close, has received notice from the War Office that her husband, No 43077, Sgt James Nicol, Royal Scots, attached to the RSF, and whose home is in Church Street, Broxburn, has been missing at the front in France since 13th November. West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Sgt J Nicol</td> <td style="width: 15%;">43077</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Scots Fusiliers</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Missing</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th May 1917 Three Broxburn Brothers in the Casualty Lists – Official information has been received by Mrs Nicol, Kirkhill, that her son Sgt William Nicol, Army Cyclist Corps was wounded on the 19th April 1917. Sgt Nicol was a Territorial and was mobilised at the outbreak of war He was drafted to Egypt in May 1916. Another son Pte Robert Nicol, is presently lying in Bangour war Hospital suffering from a shrapnel wound in the left thigh received in action in France on the 18th December</p>	Sgt J Nicol	43077	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Missing
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	<p>1916. He is 24 years of age and was employed as an oilworker at Young's Hopetoun Works. Also belonging to the County Battalion, he was attached to the Royal Warwickshires and was drafted to France in May 1916. Sgt James Nicol, the eldest of the three brothers has been reported missing since 13th November 1916. He is 28 years of age and like his other brothers was also in the Country Battalion. He was drafted to France in July 1916 and was attached to the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Previous to the outbreak of war he was employed as a sulphate maker at the Hopetoun works of Young's Oil Company. We congratulate Mrs Nicol on being the mother of three such gallant sons, and on the worthy and patriotic examples they, like one or two more Broxburn families, have set to those as able, if less willing, to supply their fair quota in their country's fight for liberty and justice</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th November 1918</p> <p>Nicol – In loving memory of David Nicol, beloved husband of Margaret Harrison, who died 28th No 1913, also our dear son Sgt James Nicol, RSF, killed in action 13th November 1916, also my dear mother who died at Kirkhill Park, 14th No 1915.</p> <p>Friends may forget them I will never They will dwell in my heart till life's journey is over Lord teach me to live that we my days are ended I will be met at the gates by dear ones again Inserted by mother and family Kirkhill Park, Broxburn.</p>																										
<p>2654 Pte John Nicol 21st Infantry Brigade, AIF</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Era</td> <td>WW1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Surname</td> <td>NICOL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forename</td> <td>John</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rank</td> <td>Pte</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service number</td> <td>2654</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decoration</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Place of birth</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of death</td> <td>4 October 1917</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theatre of death</td> <td>Belgium</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cause of death</td> <td>d.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SNWM roll</td> <td>AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unit name</td> <td>In or attached to AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other detail</td> <td>2 Bn.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 20th August 1915</p> <p>Local Men join the Australian Forces – In a letter to his parents, received towards the end of late week, John Nathaniel, who emigrated to Australia about three years ago, states that he has joined a Colonial regiment, and is now training in the neighbourhood of Sydney. Another Uphall lad, Mr John Nicol brother of "mine host" of Uphall Hotel, has also joined the Commonwealth military forces.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916</p> <p>Uphall – Pte John Nicol of the 21st Infantry Brigade Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces, writing to his brother, Mr R Nicol, Uphall Hotel, states he has been wounded in the face and although the wound is not serious it will leave a nasty scar. He also states that Pte Nathaniel, of the same company, also an Uphall lad, was in the same engagement as he was. He states that their company was to be relieved the same night as he saw him, so he thinks Nathaniel will be all right. We have been in some hot corners he adds and states that that last one was fair "H--- on earth, not from the German infantry, but from their own artillery. He had many souvenirs but states he has lost them all.</p> 	Era	WW1	Surname	NICOL	Forename	John	Rank	Pte	Service number	2654	Decoration		Place of birth		Date of death	4 October 1917	Theatre of death	Belgium	Cause of death	d.	SNWM roll	AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE	Unit name	In or attached to AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE	Other detail	2 Bn.
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	<p>West Lothian Courier 26th October 1917 Uphall Station – Late Cpl John Nicol – Australian Expeditionary Force – Information has just come to hand that Cpl John Nicol of the Australian Expeditionary Force has made the supreme sacrifice having been killed in action on 15th inst, east of Polygon Wood in France. The gallant Cpl was well known locally and resided at Uphall Station for many years with his parents Mr and Mrs James Nicol, before emigrating to Australian in 1910. He was a pupil of Broxburn higher Grade Public School under the late Major Cleghorn and the present headmaster Mr William Brown. While at Broxburn higher Grade School he gave promise of a brilliant future in the teaching profession. After arrival in Australian he went in for engineering and when war was declared he, along with Mr John Nathaniel and others joined the forces. Last Christmas he was at Uphall on furlough residing with this brother, Robert Nicol of Uphall and Ratho. General regret will be expressed when the sad news becomes generally known as the deceased was a favourite with all who knew him. The later Cpl was a member of the Buchan St John Masonic Lodge. The father of the deceased was for many years foreman in Young’s Oil Company’s Uphall Works.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 Uphall Australian Killed in Action – We quote the following letter from “Muirurunhi Times”, Australian, relating to the death in action of Sgt John Nicol, who emigrated to Australia number of years ago and who previous to that time resided with his parents Mr and Mrs James Nicol at Uphall Station. The letter is in the following terms and is from a brother Sgt, viz, - On behalf of all the OCO’s and men of C Company I am writing to express our deepest sympathy with you in the great loss your have sustained by the death of your son Sgt J Nicol, “Jock”, as he was familiarly called was liked by all. In the action in which he was killed he did some great work. There was an open space between us and an English Regiment which had to be patrolled at night. Jock was in charge of the patrol the first night in and next morning the enemy attacked us. The attack was beaten off and I was sent to him to get a message through from our Co to Tommies. I thought he might ask some of his patrol to volunteer but he immediately started off himself. I told him there was no need for a Sgt to go when he said, “Well you don’t suppose I am going to ask anybody else?” He had a rough grip but got back to safety. About three days afterwards he was killed in the trench when the big advance started. I am writing on behalf of his comrades. After all he had been through it was hard losing him. He would have been recommended for a decoration if he had lived through it. Nothing can make up to you for the loss you have sustained but at any rate it is something to know that in the line and out of it, he was always the same and his death is a loss to the Battalion.</p>
<p>T4/262199 Driver Samuel Nicol 86th Bde, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>NICOL, S Rank: Driver Service No: T4/262199 Date of Death: 22/07/1919 Age: 38 Regiment/Service: Royal Army Service Corps attd. 86th Bde. Royal Field Artillery Grave Reference: C. 39. Cemetery: UPHALL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Samuel and Marion Waddell Nicol, of Janefield Cottages, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>

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<p>2283 Pte George Paris 2/10th Royal Scots att'd KOSB</p>	<p>GEORGE PARIS Era WW1 Surname PARIS Forename George Rank Pte Service number 2283 Decoration Place of birth Kirknewton Midlothian Date of death 26 August 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 2/10th Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Broxburn Soldiers – The official intimation has also been received by Mrs Paris, Union Terrace, Broxburn, that her son Pte George Paris, 2/10th attached to KOSB was killed in action on 26th August having sustained a fracture of the skull by a gunshot wound. Previous to enlisting he was engaged as a pit head worker and was 21 years of age.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 15th September 1916 Broxburn Man Killed – Official intimation has been received by Mr George Paris, Union Terrace, Broxburn, late of East Calder that his son Pte George Paris, Royal Scots (attached to KOSB) has died of gunshot wounds in the head. He was 21 years of age, and before enlisting shortly after the outbreak of war, was a pithead worker. He went to the front four weeks ago.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Paris – died of wounds received in action on 26th August, Pte George Paris, dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs George Paris, Union Terrace Broxburn aged 20 years. So, ready to answer the call of the brave Although you rest in a far distant grave, What more or what better could any man give Than die for his country that others might live.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Broxburn Royal Scot dies of Wounds – We show a photograph of Pte George Paris, who was a member of the county Battalion and who on being sent to France was transferred to the KOSB. Pte Paris as was previously reported was wounded on 26th August. Mrs Paris has received a letter from the chaplain which is in the following terms. “Will you accept my very sincere sympathy in the great sorrow which has come upon you in the death of your son. Yesterday we laid him to rest in the cemetery near here. He had a funeral with full military honours and his grave will be well cared for and reverently kept. I did not know your son. I only saw his as he was dying. I only came to Rouen on Friday. All the same I have heard from the sister and others what a fine lad your boy was and his death will be a very great trial for you all. But there is another side to this which I know you will try to see. Your boy has joined the company of those who have done infinitely more for their country by their death than ever they could have done had they lived. May God in his tender mercy comfort and console you and yours is my sincere wish.”</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916</p>	
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	<p>Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo</p> <p>West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte G Paris</td> <td style="width: 15%;">2283</td> <td style="width: 30%;">RS att'd KOSB</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Died of Wounds</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th August 1917</p> <p>Paris – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte George Paris, Royal Scots died of wounds in France 26th August 1916 late of Broxburn.</p> <p>This day brings sad thoughts to our mind Thoughts of a son we loved so dear His equal would be hard to find what would we give to have him here short was your life my darling son But peaceful be your rest. For those who think of you tonight are those who loved you best Someday, some time, we'll understand Some time we know not when We'll clasp your hand in a better land never to part again. Do not ask us if we miss him There is such a vacant place Can we ever forget his footsteps, Or his dear and loving face. Inserted by his parents. He was a brother truly fond A friend both kind and true A better brother never lived His equals were but few Inserted by his sisters and brother on active service.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 23rd August 1918</p> <p>Paris – In loving memory of our dear son Pte George Paris, Royal Scots, att'd KOSB, who died from wounds received in action 26th August 1916 late of Broxburn.</p> <p>There is a grave across the sea that I do long to see where lies the soldier laddie Aye sae dear tae me Although nae mair I'll see him I seem to hear him say Weep not for me dear mother We'll meet again someday. Two years have passed since that sad day When one we loved was called away God took him from us, it was his will But in our hearts', he Liveth still Gone and forgotten by some you may be but dear to our memory ever you'll be Inserted by his father and mother sisters and brother (on active service).</p>	Pte G Paris	2283	RS att'd KOSB	Broxburn	Died of Wounds
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<p>43275 Cpl William Paris 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>PARIS, WILLIAM Rank: Corporal Service No:43275</p>					

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	<p>R W Colquhoun, mine oversman, Roman Camp, Broxburn, has also received information of the death in action in France of his son, Sgt J C Colquhoun of the same regiment.</p>
<p>7823 Pte Alexander Reid 2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname REID Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 7823 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 16 June 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 2nd Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th July 1917 Broxburn Soldier Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Mrs Reid, Greendykes Road, Broxburn has received the following information regarding the death of her husband, Pte A Reid;- Dear Madam, I very much regret to have to write to inform you that your husband No 7823 Pte A Reid, died of wounds received in action on 16-6-17. His platoon officer speaks highly of your husband and we all regret his death very much indeed. It will perhaps help you a little to know that he suffered very little pain at the end. We can ill afford to lose men like your husband who was a good steady soldier, always doing his duty well and cheerfully. Please accept my very deepest sympathy and that of all his comrades in the Company – Yours faithfully George H Gordon, Captain. The deceased who leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss, nobly answered his country's call at the outbreak of war, and after a short period of training was sent to France. During the two years and nine months in France in which period the deceased came through some of the hottest battles, he only received leave on one occasion over 18 months ago. Previous to enlisting, he was employed by Broxburn Oil Company.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 20th July 1917 Broxburn Soldier's Death – Pte Alex Reid, of the Gordon Highlanders, whose wife resides at Broxburn, has died of wounds in a French hospital. In civil life he worked as a miner with the Broxburn Oil Coy.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th July 1917 Broxburn Soldier Dies from Wounds – Mrs Reid 146 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, has now been officially informed through the War Office that her husband Pte Alex Reid, died of wounds on the 16th June. The deceased whose photo appears above, was 35 years of age, and being a reservist was "called up" on the outbreak of war. He enlisted in 1899 and obtained his discharge in 1904, having served five years with the colours. He was attached to his old regiment, the Gordons, on being called up and was sent to France towards the end of September 1914. Being a good shot, when volunteers were asked for the dangerous work of a sniper, our gallant Broxburnian offered his services and occupied that position until wounded by gunshot wound in the right leg. After lying in a Base Hospital for 7 or 8 weeks, he again returned to the fighting line and after coming through</p>



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	<p>many severe engagements, met a noble death on 16th June. Deceased who previous to being called up in August 1914, was employed as a miner in Loaninghill Mine, Broxburn Oil Coy, leaves a widow and five of a family to mourn his loss, to whom our sympathy goes out at this sad time. Other two brothers of deceased are in His Majesty's Forces, George who is in the Naval Division, and was through the siege of Antwerp and Nicholas who is fighting with the Gordon Highlanders.</p>
Pte William Reid	<i>Can't identify this man, either from Recruitment or Casualty lists, local newspapers nor CWGC or SNWM</i>
20161 Pte James A Robertson 15 th Btn Royal Scots	<p>Era WW1 Surname ROBERTSON Forename James A Rank Pte Service number 20161 Decoration Place of birth Peebles Date of death 1 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 15th Bn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st September 1916 Broxburn Casualties – Pte J A Robertson, Royal Scots, only son of Mrs Robertson, Fernie Place Broxburn has been missing since the beginning of July. He is 18 years of age.</p>
S/10379 Pte Peter Robertson 8 th Btn Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)	<p>Regiment, Corps etc Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) Battalion/etc 8th (Service) Battalion. Surname Robertson Forename Peter Initials P Born DALMENY, LINLITHGOWSHIRE Enlisted BROXBURN, LINLITHGOWSHIRE Rank PRIVATE Number S/10379 Died Date 09-04-1917 Died How Killed in action Theatre of War France & Flanders</p>
172379 Coy Sgt Maj George Rodger MM & Bar, MiD 3 rd Btn Canadian Infantry	<p>RODGER, G Rank: Company Sergeant Major Service No: 172379 Date of Death: 30/08/1918 Age: 26 Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry 3rd Bn. Awards: MM and Bar Grave Reference: A. 10. Cemetery: VALLEY CEMETERY, VIS-EN-ARTOIS</p>



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Additional Information: Son of George and Jane Rodger, of "Barjovah," Union Rd., Broxburn, Scotland. Born at Cupar, Fife. Enlisted 1915.

West Lothian Courier 19th October 1917

Broxburn Sgt Awarded the Military Medal – We are pleased to learn that still another Broxburn soldier has received his country's recognition for gallantry displayed on the field of battle, Sgt Instructor George Rodgers, Canadian Forces, whose photo we show, and to whom we offer our congratulations has been awarded the Military medal for conspicuous gallantry at Lens and Hill 70. The gallant Sgt who is the second son of Mr and Mrs Rodgers, Barjovah, Broxburn was recommended for a similar honour for a heroic action at Vimy Ridge. Previous to leaving for Canada Sgt Rodgers was in the employment of Mr Fletcher South Queensferry.

West Lothian Courier 25th January 1918

Presentation to Military Medalist – Under the auspices of the Broxburn Honours and Memorial Committee another of their distinguished heroes was honoured in the Public School Broxburn on Tuesday night. Mr G D Duncan presided over a fair attendance and referred to their hero Sgt George Rodger of the Canadians in suitable terms. It was a pleasure to welcome back men o' his mind or any who had been in the stern places of the field on furlough from time to time, but a still greater pleasure would be given by all to welcome all back to civil life when the hostilities had been brought to a triumphant end for freedom. (Applause). It was his duty and privilege to introduce Mr Cuthbertson make the presentation on behalf of the people of Broxburn. Mr Cuthbertson was always their service and amid the many claims he found time to devote to the cause of the soldiers' and sailors' societies in the district. He had much pleasure in asking Mr Cuthbertson to perform the presentation. (Applause).

Mr Cuthbertson said it was a distinct pleasure to welcome back men from the battle front and to be the means of conveying to them, a token of the people's gratitude. In this case as in many others, little was known of how the distinction was won, but there was no doubt, but it was deservedly bestowed. Sgt Rodger had been through much of the fighting and had taken part in many engagements. He desired to congratulate him upon his safety and the distinction he had brought to his native land and to himself, and he hoped that when it had all come to an end, that Sgt Rodger would return and be with them again. On behalf of the Broxburn people had to ask Sgt Rodger to accept of a gold badge bearing an inscription and a book of War Certificates with the best wishes and Godspeed in the work that lay before him. (Applause).

Sgt Rodger briefly and feelingly replied, thanking all for the honour they had done him, and he would treasure the gift as long as life lasted, as a happy memory of the Broxburn public. (Applause).

Dr Scott in a word conveyed a vote of thanks to Mr Cuthbertson for making the presentation, He had quite a host of offices amongst the various associations for soldier and sailors and he was sure there was none that gave him greater pleasure than to welcome back those who had, like Sgt Rodger done valiant work. He called for a hearty vote of thanks and the proceedings terminated by bidding Sgt Rodger goodbye as he proceeded to France last night.

Sgt Rodgers who is attached to the 3rd Canadians left Broxburn a few years ago for the United States of America. Early in 1915 he determined to do his bit in helping the Motherland and having tied every measure to enlist in America (he was employed in Philadelphia at this time) without success, he nothing daunted made the long journey to Toronto (Canada) and immediately joined up. In August 1916 he was drafted to France and in May of the following ear was recommended for distinction. During the severe fighting at Hill 70, in August 1917, Sgt Rodgers played a noble part, and for his heroic action in holding a position and in great measure assisting to break up an enemy counter attack he was awarded the

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	<p>Military Medal. In November last, he again displayed great bravery in action and was awarded a bar to his Military Medal.</p> <p>Sgt Rodgers is a man bordering only on 25 years of age and is a splendid example of the kind of men Broxburn has sent out to help in the great war.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th January 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Jottings – We remember at the public presentation of the Carnegie awards to Mr James McMullan the chairman’s advice to the public to turn out in large numbers on any occasion when a DCM or Military Medalist was being presented with the Broxburn Honours Medal and War Scrip. Recalling that advice we regret to find that the seed sown on that occasion apparently has not taken root as the audience in number at the presentation to Sgt Rodger MM & Bar, on Tuesday last was a repetition of former occasions.</p> <p>Do the public realise that these presentations are being made to me who have been out fighting our battles, and having secured recognition from their country, for some outstanding bravery, it surely is the last the public of their own place can do to show their recognition? While we know the funds that make these presentations possibly have been contributed by the public and that they recognise that these heroes should be honoured in some way, it is, we think not asking a great deal more if we suggest their turning out and showing these men that he proper spirit is also behind their monetary gift. We ourselves have been present in a “village” where a soldier was leaving on his return to the front. He wasn’t a VC a DCM or an MM, he was only one of our brave fighting men one who had done his bit, and he got a send-off by over 100 – and yet we in Broxburn, a place that has sent out over 800 men to all theatres of war, can only muster 12 or 14 of an audience at a public presentation!</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th October 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Military Medalist Makes the Supreme Sacrifice – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs George Rodgers, Barjovah, Union Road, Broxburn, that their son, Acting RSM George Rodgers was killed in action by shell on the 30th August 1918. The deceased who was the second son of Mr and Mrs Rodgers (other two sons of whom are also on active service, viz., Pioneer Sgt John Rodgers and Platoon Sgt James Rodger, Royal Scots), was in America in the early days of the war, and promptly answered the call of the “Motherland” and in order to give his services in the fight for liberty and justice journeyed from Philadelphia to Toronto for this purpose and enlisted in the Canadians. In 1916 the subject of our sketch was in the “thick of it” and came through many of the subsequent hard engagements. For his bravery in the field he was awarded the Military Medal (August 1917) and three months later was again decorated by being awarded a bar to his medal. Shortly after obtaining his second distinction he was severely wounded and lay for a considerable time in hospital. While home on leave, he was publicly presented with the Broxburn Honours Medal and its accompanying War Savings Certificates at a meeting arranged for that purpose in the Broxburn Public School. Deceased whose photo appears above was 26 years of age and previous to leaving for America was employed as a chauffeur at South Queensferry and was also employed for a short period with the George Grant and Forsyth Bros Broxburn.</p>
Cpl John G Ronald	<p>Possibly – the only Cpl I could find</p> <p>Era WW1</p> <p>Surname RONALD</p> <p>Forename John</p> <p>Rank Cpl</p> <p>Service number 16352</p> <p>Decoration</p> <p>Place of birth Fillmouth Northumberland</p>

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	<p>Date of death 29 September 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Other detail 6th Bn</p>
<p>31474 Pte James Ross 9th Btn Royal Scots Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname ROSS Forename James Rank Pte Service number 31474 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 2 December 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 9th Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th January 1918 Ross – Killed in action on 2nd December 1917, 31474 Pte James Ross, Royal Scots, Machine Gun Corps. Anchored by love, death cannot sever. Inserted by his sorrowing widow and children, East Burnside Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918 Ross – In loving memory of Pte James Ross, MGC, beloved husband of Janet Campbell, killed in action in France 2nd December 1917. He did his duty and did it well Facing the danger as each day dawned Inserted by his widow and children, East Burnside Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918 In loving memory of Pte James Ross, Machine Gun Corps, beloved husband of Janet Campbell, killed in action on December 2nd 1917. A day of remembrance sad to recall Inserted by his brother and sister in law.</p>
<p>S/2960 Pte John Ure Samuel 9th Btn Gordon Highlanders (School Memorial States Bugler)</p>	<p>JOHN SAMUEL Rank: Private Service No: S/2960 Date of Death: 29/03/1918 Age: 24 Regiment/Service: Gordon Highlanders "F" Coy. 9th Bn. Grave Reference: VIII. I. 174. Cemetery: BOULOGNE EASTERN CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Catherine Samuel, of 32, Roman Camp, Uphall, West Lothian, and the late John Samuel. Enlisted Aug 1914.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918 Broxburn Bandsman's Death – Official intimation has been received by Mrs Samuel, Roman Camp Uphall of the death in Boulogne Hospital of her youngest son Bugler John Samuel, 9th Gordon Highlanders. The young soldier enlisted about three weeks after the outbreak of war and has served in France for 2 years and 9 months. On Saturday March 23rd he sustained gunshot wounds multiple whilst on guard and succumbed to his injuries on Friday 29th March. Previous to enlisting he was for some time a cornet player in Broxburn Public Band, and he had a great deal of musical talent. With his ready humour and cheery disposition,</p>

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	<p>he was exceedingly popular among his wide circle of friends in Broxburn and district.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918 Samuel – Died of wounds on March 29th at Boulogne Hospital, Bugler John Ure Samuel, Gordon Highlanders, aged 24 years, youngest beloved son of the late John Ligat Samuel and of Mrs Samuel, 32 Roman Camp, Uphall.</p>
<p>200417 Pte Alexander Simpson Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname SIMPSON Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 200417 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 7 October 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Other detail 4th Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Broxburn Soldier Prisoner of War – Mr and Mrs Robert Simpson, 246 Mid Street, Broxburn, has also received word that their son Pte D Simpson, Lancashire Fusiliers, is a prisoner of war in Germany. Another son, Pte A Simpson, Seaforth Highlanders has been reported missing from 4th October 1917 and any information regarding him will be thankfully received by the parents.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th September 1918 Broxburn Soldier makes the Supreme Sacrifice – We show a photo of Pte Alexander Simpson, whose parents Mr and Mrs Robert Simpson, Mid Street, Broxburn, have now been officially informed that he was killed in action in October last. The parents of the deceased were previously notified that he was missing last October. The deceased who was in the Gallant Seaforths, and came through many hard engagements, was employed as a gardener at Almondell House, before answering the call of his country. Other two brothers of the deceased have also nobly done their duty, one being presently in service in Egypt, whilst the other brother is a prisoner of war in Germany.</p>



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<p>1459 Sgt William Smith 2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname SMITH Forename William Rank Sgt Service number 1459 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Linlithgowshire Date of death 1 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 2nd B</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Sgt William Smith 2nd Gordons, son of Mr William Smith draper, has also been wounded. No word, however, has been received from the War Office to this effect, but from information received through another source the news seems quite authentic.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st July 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – The parents of Sgt William Smith 2nd Gordons who was previously reported wounded have now been officially notified that their son has been killed in action on 1st July. Sgt Smith was previously wounded at Loos on 25th September. Since joined the Army in the early stages of the war he has met with much success and was made Sgt at the age of 19. Sgt Smith was 20 years of age when he made the supreme sacrifice and like Pte Potter and Sgt Colquhoun had a wide circle of friends, and their deaths have come as a shock to the community. The utmost sympathy is extended to their relatives.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 28th July 1916 Broxburn Man Killed – Mr William Smith, draper, Broxburn has just received notification from the War Office that his elder son, Sgt William Smith, Gordons, was killed in action in France on 1st July. Sgt Smith was 20 years of age.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn Man Killed – Sgt W Smith 2nd Gordons was killed in action on 1st July. He was wounded at Loos last September. His parents reside in Broxburn.</p>	
<p>7338 Sgt William Sneddon MM 6th Reserve Btn, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>SNEDDON, WILLIAM Rank: Serjeant Service No: 7338 Date of Death: 22/02/1919 Age:26 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 6th Reserve Bde. Awards: M M Grave Reference: G.95. Cemetery: UPHALL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of William and Margaret Sneddon, of Church St., Broxburn, West Lothian. William was wounded on 4th Sept 1917 and entitled to wear a wound stripe. He died in Marsden Hospital, Bedfordshire and his mother was his sole legatee. Gazette Info: Gazette issue 30287. M.M.; Awarded for bravery in the field. Gazette Date: 14/9/1917 Gazette Page: 9612</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th April 1917</p>	

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	<p>Martin – In memory of my comrades, Gunner F Martin, killed in action on 19th April 1916, also Gunner A Bell and Peter Vanisburg, Ever ready to do or dare Always ready to do their share Amidst the roar of shot and shell My comrades all like soldiers fell Cpl William Sneddon, France</p>					
LCpl Robert Spiers	<i>Cannot find a LCpl Robert Spiers, but there is a LCpl Richard Spiers on other memorials in the town?</i>					
2713 Pte James Stein 10 th Btn Royal Scots	<p>STEIN, J Rank: Private Service No: 2713 Date of Death: 27/08/1916 Age: 29 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 10th Bn. Grave Reference: II. A. 10. Cemetery: CONTALMAISON CHATEAU CEMETERY Additional Information: Husband of Lena McGrath Stein, of Fairley's Buildings, Church St., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th November 1916 Broxburn Soldier Dies of Wounds – Mrs Stein, 50 Stewartfield, received official word on Wednesday that her husband Pte James Stein, Royal Scots had died of wounds on 27th August. He enlisted at the outbreak of war, but was kept on coast defence work till May 1916, when he went to France. About the middle of August, he received serious injuries through an enemy shell bursting near him. One of legs was practically blown off and the other so shattered that it had to be amputated. Despite every effort his life could not be saved. He leaves a widow and two children.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th November 1916 Broxburn Soldier Dies of Wounds – We show a portrait, of Pte James Stein, 2/10th Royal Scots, whose death from wounds on 27th August, we reported in last week's issue. His wife, who resides at 50 Stewartfield, Broxburn, received official intimation only last week. Pte Stein enlisted on the outbreak of war, and previous to enlisting was employed in the Broxburn Oil Works. He was 30 years of age and leaves a widow and two of a family. The deceased has two brothers in the Army. Sapper John Denholm, Royal Engineers, wounded last August and is recuperating at College Hospital England, while Sapper Robert Denholm Royal Engineers is still in the fighting line.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Men Killed & Wounded West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte J Stein</td> <td style="width: 10%;">2713</td> <td style="width: 30%;">RS att'd Royal Scots Fusiliers</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th August 1916 In loving memory of Pte James Stein, Royal Scots, beloved son of George and Janet Denholm, East Main Street, Broxburn, who died of wounds received at the battle of Mons 28th August 1916 aged 31 years. He marched away so bravely, his young head proudly held His footsteps never faltered his courage never failed Then on the field of battle he calmly took his place And fought and died for Britain and the honour of his race</p>	Pte J Stein	2713	RS att'd Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Wounded
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	<p>Hard, Hard, it was to give him, but he went at the call of one Who gave his life for him and others his own beloved son. Inserted by Mr and Mrs Denholm.</p> <p>His warfare o'er, his battle fought His victory won, though dearly bought his fresh young life could not be saved he slumbers now in a soldier's grave Inserted by his sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs Miller, 48 Stewartfield, Broxburn.</p> <p>We little thought, when leaving home That he in death so soon would sleep And leave us all to mourn Inserted by his uncle and Aunt, Mr and Mrs Paterson Old Town Broxburn West Lothian Courier 31st August 1917</p> <p>Stein – In loving memory of my dear husband, Pte James Stein, 2713, Royal Scots who died of wounds received at the battle of the Somme, aged 30 years, also his two children, Doddie who died 24th May 1915, aged 2 years and Wee Olive, 4th May 1916 aged 13 months Oh why was he taken so young and so fair When the world holds so many it better could spare Oh sad was the blow that caused us to part With the loved one so near and so dear to our hearts Inserted by his sorrowing wife and family, 50 Stewartfield, Broxburn</p> <p>A hero to his country's cause He answered to the call Sad was the morn that brought the news Of his untimely fall Inserted by his father and mother in law Mr and Mrs McGrath, Burnvale, East End, Broxburn</p> <p>He left his home in perfect health We had no thought that death was nigh but God thought it fit to call him home and to his will we must comply. Inserted by his brother in law John McGrath, East End, Broxburn</p>
<p>JS/21191 Pte John Steven 5th Btn Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>STEVEN, John Private, H J, S/21191, 5th Bn., Cameron Highlanders. 18 September 1917. Age 29. Son of John Steven, of 5, Roman Camp, Uphall, Linlithgowshire. Grave Ref. IB4 West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn – Mr J Steven, 5 Roman Camp, has received official intimation that his two sons, L/Cpl Alex Steven and Pte J or P Steven, have been wounded in action. Alex has received a gunshot wound in the hand and is lying seriously ill at the General Hospital, Rouen. Alex is in the Cameron Highlanders and was wounded on 18th July. Pte J Steven who is also in the Cameron Highlanders, has been admitted to 22nd General Hospital Dannes, Cameries, suffering from serious gunshot wound to the shoulder. Alex joined the Army in October 1914 and was sent to France with a draft in November 1915, while his brother who joined in September 1915, has been in France for about 6 months. Both were fighting in the same engagement.</p>

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<p>Chief Stoker James Stewart</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 19th March 1915 Broxburn Victim of Disaster to HMS Amphion – This is a photo of Chief Stoker James Stewart (35), who has succumbed to injuries received in the disaster which befell the Amphion early in August last. Stewart had been in the Navy for thirteen years and had seen service on several of His Majesty’s ships, including Andromeda, Majestic, Venus and Dreadnought. He also acted as instructor for some time on a training ship for cadets and also served a term on a submarine His duties in the Navy took him to many parts of the world, and he had in his time sailed to China, Japan and Spain. He was one of the survivors when the Amphion was mined but was badly injured and was removed to a hospital in Portsmouth He seemed to be making progress and had reach a stage of convalescence when he again took ill and died, and was interred at Knowle, Hants. Stewart was educated at Broxburn Public School and was well known in the district. He is a son of the late Mr John Stewart, cooper, who was employed in the Broxburn Oil works for 30 years.</p> <p style="color: red;"><i>Can't locate this man on either CWGC nor SNWM</i></p>	
<p>S/9603 Pte William Tait 11th Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>TAIT, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: S/9603 Date of Death: 31/07/1917 Age: 28 Regiment/Service: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders "C" Coy. 11th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 42 and 44. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tait, of Old Holygate, Broxburn; husband of Elizabeth T. H. Tait, of Buchan Lane, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st September 1917 Broxburn Soldier Reported Missing – Mrs William Tait, Buchan Lane, Broxburn has received official word from the War Office that her husband Pte William Tait, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders of whom a photo appears, has been missing since 31st July. Pte Tait, who was employed as a miner in the Dunnet Mine of the Broxburn Oil Company, enlisted on the 5th June 1915, and was drafted to France in August of the following year. In April of this year during one of the many engagements in which he took part, Pte Tait was wounded and after recovering at the base, rejoined his Battalion last June. Mrs Tait will be thankful to anyone for any information they may be able to give regarding her husband.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 16th August 1918</p>	

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	 <p>Broxburn Soldier Presumed Killed – Official intimation has been received by Mrs William Tait, Buchan Lane, Broxburn that her husband Pte William Tait, who has been missing since 31st July 1917, is now presumed to have been killed on that date or since. Pte Tait, whose parents Mr and Mrs Samuel Tait, reside at Oldy Holygate, Broxburn answered the call of his country in June of 1915, and after a short period of training was drafted to France where he took part in a great deal of the hard fighting along with his regiment, the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. He was wounded in the knee on the 9th April 1917. Previous to joining up the deceased who was 28 years of age was employed as a miner in the Dunnet Mine of the Broxburn Oil Co.</p>
<p>S/8777 Pte Gordon Taylor 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname TAYLOR Forename Gordon Rank Pte Service number S/8777 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn West Lothian Date of death 25 September 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 1st Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th March 1915</p> <p>We reproduce above the photos of four brothers, sons of the late Mr Robert Taylor, who previous to his death about a year ago, resided at Stewartfield, Broxburn. The house is still occupied by member of the family. Of the four sons in the army three have been at the front for a considerable time. The eldest brother, William, who is 34 years of age is a Cpl in the ASC. He was an ex-soldier and re-enlisted after the outbreak of the war. He was stationed at Aldershot for a short time and was then sent out to France. He is married and was resident in Bo'ness. Gordon (30), enlisted in Kitchener's Army three months ago, and is a Pte in the Gordon Highlanders. He is also married, and his wife resides at Stewartfield. Alexander (26) was a reservist at the time of the outbreak of the war and is now serving with the 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders. He went out with the first Expeditionary Force and has been in practically all the engagements from the retreat at Mons right on to the present time. He is still in the trenches and has been fortunate enough, so far, to escape without a scratch. He received rapid promotion and now occupies the rank of Sergeant. He was home about a month ago, on three days' furlough and was then in the best of health. Even amongst his own friends, however, he observed a strict reticence regarding his experiences at the front. In his last letter home, he stated that he was quite well.</p> <p>Pte James Taylor (24) belongs to the 2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders. He enlisted at the age of 17, and was still in the army when the war broke out. He has served two</p> 

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	<p>years in Egypt. He has been at the front since the month of October and in a letter written to his sister, which arrived at the beginning of this week, he states that he is presently at an infantry base at Havre, convalescent following upon a slight shrapnel wound. He has been 5 weeks in a hospital, but says he is making a rapid recovery.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd October 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mrs Taylor, Stewartfield, Broxburn has received intimation from the War Office that her husband Pte Gordon Taylor, 1st Gordon Highlanders has been wounded. No other particulars are yet to hand.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th November, 1916 Broxburn Soldier Presumed Killed – this week, Mrs Taylor, nee Catherine Baird received official intimation that her husband Pte Gordon Taylor Gordon Highlanders reported missing after the battle of Loos on 25th September 1915 is now presumed to have been killed. Pte Taylor joined in January 1915, and proceeded to France in March, the same year, He was engaged in fighting almost continuously up to the Battle of Loos. In private life he was a miner under the Broxburn Oil Company and resided at 63 Stewartfield. He leaves a widow and four children. Last July Mrs Taylor’s sister Mrs Millar, who is left with three children also lost her husband killed in battle. Their brother, Pte Thomas Baird Royal Scots attached to the Warwickshires, continues in the firing line, He has been through all the recent big advances. Mrs Baird to whose children reference has been made resides at Stewartfield.</p>
<p>47746 LCpl James Tennant 15th Btn Royal Scots formerly 2/21645 TR Btn</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname TENNANT Forename James Rank L Cpl Service number 47746 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 26 August 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 15th Bn. formerly 2/21645 TR Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th September 1917 Young Broxburn soldier makes the supreme sacrifice – In the following letter Mr W Angus Tennant, the Gardens, Broxburn, has received the sad tidings that his son James has given his life in defence of his country.</p> <p>Dear Mr and Mrs Tennant, Just a few lines to let you know and to sympathise with you about your loving son James who was killed beside me. Well I can assure you he suffered no pain and he was one of the bravest men and was the same until the last for I should know as he was my section commander. He was a good lad and he and I got on well, and if he was just living so as we could tell him what has done for he was very brave, in fact too brave. All his section that are left, dear Mr and Mrs Tennant send on their sympathies to you and we are all very sorry I can assure you. I would like you to know he was my pal and to hear from you soon, Yours etc George Readdie,</p> <p>Sad tidings indeed to his parents and also to his many companions in Broxburn, but there is just that bright little spot within the dark cloud, the knowledge that he gave his young life in a just and righteous cause. The deceased who would have been 19 years of age in November, enlisted in February of last year and had been in France since April 1917, being moved up to join his regiment the Royal Scots</p>

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	<p>in the firing line after a short spell at the base, “Chuckie” as the deceased was affectionately known to his fellow workers at the Roman Camp Works where he was employed for a short period previous to enlisting was a promising lad and during his two years in the Commercial Classes of the Broxburn Evening School gained first prize at both sessions. His letters home and to his chums several of which it has been our pleasure to read, were always written in a bright and cheerful strain and full of descriptive bits of “Life in the Trenches” his last one mentioning that he had been employed on some duty that reminded him happily of his Boy Scout days.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st September 1917 Tennant – Killed in action on the 26th August, 1917 in his 18th year, LCpl James Tennant, Royal Scots, eldest and dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs W Tennant, The Gardens, Broxburn.</p>
<p>14125 Pte Alexander Thomson Scots Guards</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname THOMSON Forename Alexander Rank Gdsm Service number 14125 Decoration Place of birth Gilmerton Edinburgh Date of death 9 March 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDSALEXANDER THOMSON</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th April 1917 Uphall Man Killed in Action – Official intimation has been received by Mr Alexander Thomson, 6 Goschen Place, Uphall of the death in action on 9th March 1917, of his eldest son Pte Alex Thomson, Scots Guards. The deceased who was 30 years of age was prior to enlistment employed in the Cawburn Mine of the Broxburn Oil Company as a miner and we well known and respected in the district. Answering the call of his country he enlisted in the Scots Guards on 29th June 1915 and was drafted to France on the 5th October 1916. The deceased’s father who has resided for over 22 years in the locality was himself an old soldier having been in the colours for 8 years and took part in the first Egyptian Campaign of 1882, along with his regiment the 42 Highlanders (Black Watch). He holds the Egyptian medal and the Khedive’s Star.</p>
<p>400800 Pte George Thomson 2nd Btn Canadian Infantry</p>	<p>GEORGE THOMSON Rank: Private Service No: 400800 Date of Death:12/09/1916 Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: VI. A. 7. Cemetery: WARLOY-BAILLON COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916</p>



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Broxburn Canadian's death – Intimation has been received of the death of Pte George Thomson, son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Thomson 207 Mid Street Broxburn who was in the Canadian Contingent.

Pte Thomson who was formerly employed as a fireman in Broxburn Oil Works, left Broxburn about four years ago, and went to Toronto. He joined a Canadian battalion in January 1915 and came over to this country in August of the same year. after a period of training he went over to France in January last and has been at the front ever since. He was severely wounded on 10th September and died in hospital two days later. He was 24 years of age. A sister in the hospital writes: - Dear Mrs Thomson Just a line to tell you the sad news of your son's death. He came in severely wounded in chest and back (shrapnel wounds) on 10th September and died at 5:15pm on the 12th. He did not suffer any pain, I am glad to be able to tell you and was most cheery all the time. I was talking with him half an hour before he died, and I told him I was writing to you. He said, give them all my love, and say I am all right now. He was ever so plucky. He was buried today in this village and his grave will be carefully kept.



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Thomson – In loving memory of our dear son George who fell in action 12th September 1916 aged 24 years
when in the field of battle

He calmly took his place

He fought and died for Britain

And the honour of his race

Inserted by his father and mother 207 Mid Street, Broxburn

Thomson – In loving memory of our brother George, Canadian Forces, who fell in action 12th September 1916.

Friends laid him down on earth's sod breast

The end of the trail brings peace and rest

Friends laid him down where he fought and fell

He has served the Empire brave and well

His life was good his death was great

What better would he have asked of fate

Than to risk his all in Britain's strife

And gave for Britain a true man's life.

Time may heal our broken hearts

time may make the wound less sore

but time can never stop the longing

for the loved on gone before.

But the hardest blow is yet to come

When the warriors shall return

And we miss among the cheering crowd

The one we loved but mourn

Inserted by his sisters and brother (on active service).

West Lothian Courier 13th September 1918

Thomson – In loving memory of Pte George Thomson Canadians, who died of wounds in France 12th Sept 1916, beloved son of Mr and Mrs Thomson, 207 Mid Street Broxburn. Still fondly remembered.

Inserted by his father, mother sisters and brothers.

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<p>2nd Lieut William Tulloch 53 Inf Brigade, Machine Gun Corps previously Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname TULLOCH Forename William Rank T/2nd Lieut Service number Decoration Place of birth Date of death 20 July 1916 Theatre of death Unknown Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll MACHINE GUN CORPS Unit name In or attached to MACHINE GUN CORPS Other detail (53 Inf. Bde.).</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916 Broxburn Schoolmaster Killed – Official word has reached Mrs C Richardson, Park Street, Cowdenbeath of the death of her brother 2nd Lieut W Tulloch, who was killed in action on July 20th. Lieut Tulloch joined the Royal Scots in September 1914 and obtained his commission in January 1915. He was English master in Broxburn Higher Grade School, previous to enlisting.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 4th August 1916 Broxburn Schoolmaster Killed – Official word has reached Mrs C Richardson, Park Street, Cowdenbeath of the death of her brother 2nd Lieut W Tulloch, who was killed in action on July 20th. Lieut Tulloch joined the Royal Scots in September 1914 and obtained his commission in January 1915. He was English Master in Broxburn High Grade School previous to enlisting.</p>
<p>31831 Pte Robert Vickers 6/7th Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>VICKERS, ROBERT FLOCKHART Rank: Private Service No: 31831 Date of Death: 06/05/1917 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots Fusiliers 6th/7th Bn. Grave Reference: P. I. D. 10A. Cemetery: ST. SEVER CEMETERY EXTENSION, ROUEN Additional Information: Son of William and Marion Vickers, of East Main St., Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Broxburnian Dies of Wounds – Mr & Mrs William Vickers, Main Street, Broxburn have received official information that their son Pte Robert Vickers died of wounds on May 6th 1917. The deceased who was the eldest son, was 25 years of age, and previous to enlistment was employed a barman with Mr William Beveridge, Main Street. In February of last year he answered his country's call and enlisted in the Royal Scots Fusiliers, when after a few months training he was drafted to France (Oct 1916) and as already mentioned made the supreme sacrifice on the 6th of this month. Other two brothers are also nobly doing their duty in France Driver John Vickers, RFA, and Pte A Vickers, att'd RSF.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th May 1917 Broxburn Man Dies of Wounds – We publish a photograph of Pt Robert Vickers, who as we noted last week, died of wounds on May 6th 1917. He was a son of Mr and Mrs William Vickers, Main Street, Broxburn, and husband of Mrs Vickers,</p>



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	<p>nee Catherine Curran, who resides in Glasgow. Prior to enlistment, deceased was barman with Mr William Beveridge, Main Street, Broxburn. He entered the Army in January 1916 and was drafted to France in October of the same year.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918</p> <p>Vickers – In loving memory of Pte Robert Flockhart Vickers, Royal Scots Fusiliers, who died of wounds 6th May 1917, aged 25 years. Interred in St Sever Cemetery Rouen.</p> <p>For Faith For liberty for truth he offered up his stalwart youth he died, if it were death to give his life that all he loved might live.</p> <p>Inserted by his father, mother sisters and brothers (on active service).</p>
<p>22087 Pte John B B Walker 17th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WALKER Forename John B. B. Rank Pte Service number 22087 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 27 April 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 17th Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918</p> <p>Walker – Killed in action on 27th April 1918, 22087 Pte John B B Walker, Royal Scots, aged 20 years, beloved son of Alexander and Margaret Walker, Port Buchan Cottage, Broxburn.</p> <p>Through the trials of the battlefield The Lord had spared him well the reason why he chose him now No one on earth can tell He bravely answered duty's call And gave his life for one and all He fought but not for love of strife He struck but to defend He stood for liberty and truth a soldier to the end His warfare's o'er, his battle fought His victory won, though dearly bought His fresh young life he nobly gave He slumbers in a soldier's grave.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Information has been received by Mr and Mrs Alex Walker, Port Buchan, Broxburn that their son Pte John B B Walker, was killed in action in France on the 27th April. The sad tidings were conveyed to the parents in letters from his chums and the following letter has also been received from his officer, viz.,</p> <p>Dear Mrs Walker, It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of your son No 22087 Pte J B Walker. He was killed by a sniper in the early morning of the 24th ult. The bullet hit him in the head, death being instantaneous. We buried your boy under a tree a few hundred yards behind the line and erected a cross to mark the spot where a brave boy lies sleeping. The whole Company feels for you in</p>

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	<p>your great loss. Your son was well liked by all. Personally, words cannot express how I feel for you in your sad loss. May God grant you his comfort. I have known your boy since he joined this company and prized him as one of the best men of the Company. Since coming to France he has performed his duties fearlessly and cheerfully. With the deepest sympathy of the officers and men of the Company in your sad bereavement. Yours sincerely – Sam McKnight (Captain).</p> <p>The deceased whilst still in his seventeenth year, bravely answered the call of his country enlisting on the 20th February 1915, in “The Bantams” (Royal Scots). November of the same year saw him in France with his regiment and taking part in several of the heroic charges that the “Bantams” made at the period and on subsequent occasions. During all the time Pte Walker was in France and notwithstanding the heavy fighting he came through he was never wounded, until the morning already mentioned when he gave up his life for his country. The deceased, who was of a quiet nature was held in high esteem in the district and was previous to enlisting employed as an apprentice boilermaker in Broxburn Oil Co’s works.</p>
<p>36926 Pte William Walker 2nd Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>WALKER, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: 36926 Date of Death: 25/08/1918 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Highland Light Infantry 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 9 and 10. Memorial: VIS-EN-ARTOIS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Annie G. Walker, of 41, Holygate, Broxburn, West Lothian, and the late John Walker. West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Walker – Killed in action on August 25th 1918, Pte William Walker, 36926, HLI, aged 21 years, beloved son of Mr and Mrs Walker, 47 Old Holygate Broxburn, His Country Called – he Answered. West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – We show a photo of Pte William Walker, whose parents Mr and Mrs J Walker, residing at 45 Old Holygate, Broxburn, have now been officially informed of his having been killed in action on the 25th August 1918. The deceased who was 21 years of age was previous to his joining up in June of last year, employed as a miner with the Fife Coal Coy, Cowdenbeath. Enlisting in the HLI, he was after only 6 weeks, training drafted with his regiment to France. After coming through several of the most important engagements in which his gallant regiment took part, he got a well-earned leave in March of this year, and during his visit to Broxburn was entertained by the “Holygate Crowd” and presented with a well filled pocket book, etc. Shortly after returning to the firing line, he received a wound in the left hand and was sent to a base hospital. On recovery he again took his place in the trenches and made the great sacrifice on the date mentioned. A brother of the deceased Driver Donald Walker, who answered the call immediately at the outbreak of the war has seen considerable service with his regiment the RHA in Egypt.</p> 
<p>29615 Pte James McCulloch Watson</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WATSON Forename James</p>

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<p>5/6th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Rank Pte Service number 29615 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 14 September 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 5/6th Bn West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918 Watson – In fond remembrance of my beloved son and our dear brother James McCulloch Watson, who died in Rouen on 14th Sept of wounds received in action. Deeply Mourned, by his sorrowing mother sisters and brother Main Street, Broxburn</p>
<p>200825 Pte Archibald Webster 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEBSTER Forename Archibald Rank Pte Service number 200825 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 12 October 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 12th Bn.</p>
<p>40352 Pte James Webster Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEBSTER Forename James Rank Pte Service number 40352 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 12 October 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS Other detail 2nd Bn West Lothian Courier 12th January 1917 Broxburn Bandsman Killed – We show a portrait of Pte James Webster. Mrs Webster, Ivy Cottage, Winchburgh, has received official intimation that her husband, Pte James Webster, Royal Scots Fusiliers was killed in action in France on October 12th 1916. The deceased, who was 25 years of age, enlisted along with the members of Broxburn Public Band in February 1915, and was previous to answering his country's call, employed as a shale miner with Broxburn' Oil Coy Ltd at No Camps Mine. He was drafted to France in August of last year. An enthusiastic bandsman, he filled the position of euphonium player in this musical combination. He leaves a widow and two of a family. Mrs Webster, 261 Mid</p>




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	<p>Street, Broxburn, mother of the deceased has two other sons serving in the 2/4th Royal Scots, both being presently stationed with their battalion at Essex, England. Both were members of Broxburn Band and enlisted at the same time as the deceased.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th October 1917 Webster – In loving memory of my dear husband Pte James Webster, RSF late Broxburn Band, killed in France 12th Oct 1916 aged 25. Sleep on dear Jim, in a foreign grave Your life for your country you nobly gave The midnight stars are gleaming On a grave I cannot see Somewhere in France he lies sleeping a husband dear to me. Inserted by his wife. It is God that lifts our comforts high Or sinks them in the grave He gives, and when he takes away He takes but what he gave. Inserted by his father and mother.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th November 1918 Webster – In loving memory of Pte James Webster who was killed in action in France on 12th Oct 1916; also, Pte Robert Webster (Dick) supposed killed in action in France 20th September 1917 aged 23 years, beloved sons of Alex and Helen Webster, 261 Mid Street, Broxburn.</p>
<p>20929 Pte David West 3rd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEST Forename David Rank Pte Service number 20929 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 15 September 1915 Theatre of death Home Cause of death Died SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 3rd Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th September 1915 Funeral of a Broxburn Soldier – The funeral of Pte David West, 3rd Royal Scots, son of Mrs John West, Lauriston Cottage, Broxburn who succumbed to injuries received while practising bomb throwing at Glencorse last week took place to Uphall Cemetery on Friday last. A party of eight soldiers from the Battalion to which Pte West belonged were present at the funeral, as well as the members of the Oil Guard at Broxburn Oil Works, and soldiers belonging to the district who were on furlough. The funeral was also largely attended by the general public. Numerous wreaths were sent by friends as a last tribute to the young soldier and on all hands there were manifestations of mourning. On arrival at the cemetery the coffin was carried to the grave by the men of the 3rd Royal Scots, all of whom seemed deeply moved at the loss of their comrade. The service at the house and also at the grave was conducted by Rev H Ferguson, East UF Church.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916</p>


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	<p>West – In loving memory of my dear son Pte D West Royal Scots who died at Craigleith Military hospital (the result of a bombing accident at Glencorse), 15th September 1915 aged 17 years. Ah fain, would I have kept him back But he heard his country's call So he gave his very best he had his dear life for us all Inserted by his mother, Broxburn</p>
<p>16463 Pte Alex Williamson 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WILLIAMSON Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 16463 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 1 October 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 13th Bn. West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Williamson – In loving memory of Pte Alex Williamson Royal Scots who died as a result of wounds received in action on 30th September 1915 aged 18 years. Inserted by his mother Mrs White, Broxburn</p>
<p>16462 Pte George Wilson 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>WILSON, GEORGE Rank: Private Service No: 16462 Date of Death: 26/09/1915 Age: 21 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 13th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 10 to 13. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of George Wilson. Midlothian Advertiser 22nd October 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – A letter from an officer has been received by Mr George Wilson, Shrine Place, Broxburn, informing him that his son Pte George Wilson, 13th Royal Scots has been wounded in action in France. West Lothian Courier 19th November 1915 Notification has been sent from the Infantry Record Office, Hamilton, that Pte George Wilson, 13th Royal Scots, son of Mr George Wilson, Shrine Place, Broxburn, is reported wounded and missing. The War Office previously reported that Pte Wilson was wounded on 27th September but no particulars had come to had since. He enlisted about a year ago and has been in France for about three months.</p>

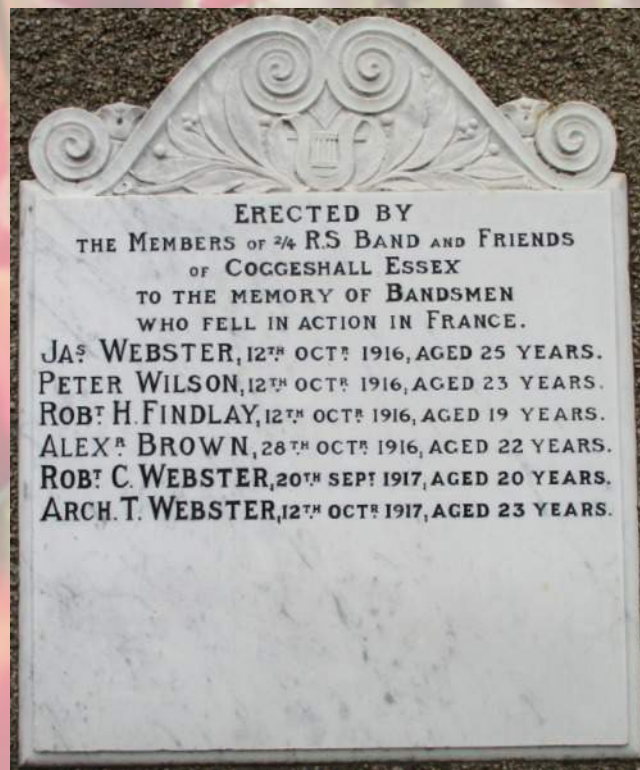
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<p>S/40651 LCpl Robert Wilson 1st Btn Black Watch prev 4376 Scottish Horse</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WILSON Forename Robert Rank L Cpl Service number S/40651 Decoration Place of birth Irvine Ayrshire Date of death 21 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 1st Bn, formerly 4376 Scottish Horse West Lothian Courier 19th April 1918 Broxburn Soldier Killed in Action – Official information has now been received by Mrs Wilson 56 Greendykes Road Broxburn, that her eldest son LCpl Robert Wilson (we show a photo) has been killed in action in France on the 20th March 1918. Amongst the numerous letters of sympathy, which Mrs Wilson has received all of which speak in the highest terms of the upright and courageous character of the deceased we quote extracts from his Lieutenant, viz., Your son’s death was a great loss to me and to his section as he was willing in nature, brave in character, and a true soldier in all his habits and it is with great sorrow that I send you the sympathy of his section, platoon and myself.” The late NCO offered his services in his country’s fight at the outbreak of war joining the Scottish Horse and after a period of training was drafted to the Dardanelles, where he took part in the severe fighting which occurred at that period. Being severely wounded in action, he was sent to a home hospital to recover. On his recovery he was transferred to the gallant Black Watch and was ultimately drafted to France in the latter end of 1916 and died a soldier’s death on the 20th March 1918, as one of his chums writes in a letter to Mrs Wilson, “with his face to the enemy and fighting for the Right.” Deceased who was 25 years of age was previous to enlistment employed in the Vitrol Works of Broxburn Oil Company Ltd. He was a well-known and successful ped, and running under the name of “Roberts, Broxburn” secured numerous prizes at Powderhall and other places in Scotland whilst at the various Regimental Sports he was a most successful competitor his favourite distance being the “half mile.”</p>	
<p>Artificer James Woodrow</p>	<p>Artificer Engineer WOODROW, JAMES Died 31/05/1916 H.M.S. "Black Prince" Royal Navy Remembered Plymouth Naval Memorial</p>	
<p>2747 Pte Alex Wright 7th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>ALEXANDER WRIGHT</p>	

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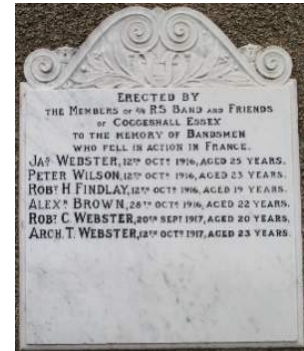
	<p>Rank: Private Service No: 2747 Date of Death: 28/06/1915 Age: 19 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots "C" Coy. 7th Bn Panel Reference: Panel 26 to 30. Memorial: HELLES MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Robert and Margaret Wright, of Whiteford Place, Broxburn, West Lothian. First Name: Alexander Initials: A Surname: Wright DOB: Circa 1896 Age: 19 Birth Town: Bo'Ness, Linlithgowshire Resided Town: Broxburn, West Lothian Nationality: British Date of Death: 28/06/1915 Fate: Killed in Action ALEXANDER WRIGHT West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Broxburn Soldier Safe – Since June 28th 1915, Pte Alex Wright, of the 7th Royal Scots, whose photograph we reproduce above has been reported missing, but he is now a prisoner of war. He joined the army in December 1914 and was drafted to the Dardanelles, arriving at that theatre of war in June 1915. He just missed being involved in the Gretna disaster he having been luckily transferred to the train that followed. It was in a March issue of the Sunday Pictorial that his mother recognised her son. It may be said that out of the same photograph of their camp another West Lothian man named Boyd, has been identified. The American Ambassador has been communicated with, inquiring who were all in the camp, but the Turks for some reason or other refused to divulge anything. He has been interned at Angora and Cornosto both in Asia Minor. From the photograph of the camp he looks very well, although a little thin because of an attack of fever from which he has fully recovered. He was employed in Broxburn Oilworks in the engineering department. He gained his three years' certificates at Broxburn Evening School and met with further success in Heriot Watt's College. Pte Wright was well known, and was much respected by his fellow townsmen, who all wish him a safe return home.</p> <p><i>The above article seems to show that Alex survived, however, I haven't found any other articles regarding him, and his entry in CWGC and SNWM remains, I've checked deaths after the war, but can't find anything, and he remains on the various war memorials in the Town. Most of those dedicated several years after the ending of the war.</i></p>	
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Broxburn Band Memorial



40352 Pte
James Webster
Royal Scots
Fusiliers

Era WW1
Surname WEBSTER
Forename James
Rank Pte
Service number 40352
Decoration
Place of birth
Date of death 12 October 1916
Theatre of death F&F
Cause of death Killed in action
SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS
Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS
Other detail 2nd Bn



West Lothian Courier 12th January 1917


Broxburn Bandsman Killed – We show a portrait of Pte James Webster. Mrs Webster, Ivy Cottage, Winchburgh, has received official intimation that her husband, Pte James Webster, Royal Scots Fusiliers was killed in action in France on October 12th 1916. The deceased, who was 25 years of age, enlisted along with the members of Broxburn Public Band in February 1915, and was previous to answering his country's call, employed as a shale miner with Broxburn' Oil Coy Ltd at No Camps Mine. He was drafted to France in August of last year. An enthusiastic bandsman, he filled the position of euphonium player in this musical combination. He leaves a widow and two of a family. Mrs Webster, 261 Mid Street, Broxburn, mother of the deceased has two other sons serving in the 2/4th Royal Scots, both being presently stationed with their battalion at Essex, England. Both were members of Broxburn Band and enlisted at the same time as the deceased.

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Webster – In loving memory of my dear husband Pte James Webster, RSF late Broxburn Band, killed in France 12th Oct 1916 aged 25.

Sleep on dear Jim, in a foreign grave
Your life for your country you nobly gave
The midnight stars are gleaming
On a grave I cannot see
Somewhere in France he lies sleeping
a husband dear to me.
Inserted by his wife.
It is God that lifts our comforts high



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	<p>Or sinks them in the grave He gives, and when he takes away He takes but what he gave. Inserted by his father and mother. West Lothian Courier 8th November 1918 Webster – In loving memory of Pte James Webster who was killed in action in France on 12th Oct 1916; also, Pte Robert Webster (Dick) supposed killed in action in France 20th September 1917 aged 23 years, beloved sons of Alex and Helen Webster, 261 Mid Street, Broxburn.</p>																								
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	<p>Just two years ago today When we think of all the changes Which the last few years have brought We are glad the world you have gone to Is the world that changes not Inserted by his father, mother and sister, Church Street, Broxburn.</p>
<p>200824 Pte Robert Webster 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>ROBERT WEBSTER Era WW1 Surname WEBSTER Forename Robert Rank Pte Service number 200824 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 20 September 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 12th Bn West Lothian Courier 8th November 1918 Webster – In loving memory of Pte James Webster who was killed in action in France on 12th Oct 1916; also, Pte Robert Webster (Dick) supposed killed in action in France 20th September 1917 aged 23 years, beloved sons of Alex and Helen Webster, 261 Mid Street, Broxburn.</p> 
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<p>11257 Pte John Barclay 1st Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>JOHN BARCLAY West Lothian Courier 25th June 1915 Pte John Barclay, 1st KOSB has been wounded at the Dardanelles. In a letter to his parents who reside at Old Stewartfield, Broxburn, he states that he was wounded in the left arm in a bayonet charge on the 3rd June. The charge was made at 12 noon and as he was wounded early in the fight he had to drop out. He is in hospital at Alexandria. Barclay enlisted a little over three years ago, and when war broke out he was in India with his regiment. He was afterwards sent to the Dardanelles.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J Barclay</td> <td>11257</td> <td>KOSB</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Men Killed & Wounded West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J Barclay</td> <td>11257</td> <td>KOSB</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – We would be greatly indebted to the relatives of any soldier, killed or wounded if they would kindly send us for publication in our news columns and a short account of his career in the Army and in civilian life before enlisting. Friends of soldiers in the casualty list should communicate with our Head Office Whitburn Road, Bathgate or any of our reporters or correspondents. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J Barclay</td> <td>11257</td> <td>KOSB</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Cannot locate anyone of this name or Ser No in CWGC nor SNWM records the service no brings up numerous names but nothing to match this John Barclay</i></p>	Pte J Barclay	11257	KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded	Pte J Barclay	11257	KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded	Pte J Barclay	11257	KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>24175 Pte Claude Brownlee 6th Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>CLAUDE BROWNLEE Rank: Private Service No: 24175 Date of Death: 03/05/1917 Age:26 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 6th Bn. Panel Reference: Bay 6. Memorial: ARRAS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Brownlie, of Kirkhill Rd., Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Magdalene Brownlie, of Kirkview Cottages, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Brownlie – Killed in action on 4th May, Pte Claud Brownlie, KOSB aged 25, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Brownlie Broxburn, and beloved husband of Magdalene R Cochrane, youngest daughter of James Cochrane, butcher, Uphall, Deeply mourned - Loved by all.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th May 1917 Broxburn Soldiers Killed – The following Broxburn men are reported killed – Pte Alex Braidwood, Royal Scots, Melbourne Road, Pte Claude Brownlie,</p> 															

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	<p>KOSB, eldest son of Mr Gavin Brownlie, Mid Street, Pte Alex McLeay, Royal Scots Fusiliers, lately employed by M Angus Shiel, Crown Tavern, Pte Robert Vicars, Royal Scots Fusiliers, son of Mr William Vicars, Main Street.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917</p> <p>Uphall Soldier Killed – Pte Claud Brownlie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Brownlie, Broxburn, and husband of Mrs Brownlie, youngest daughter of Mr James Cochrane, Butcher, Uphall. Pte Brownlie was killed in action on 4th May. Prior to enlistment, deceased was employed in the bakery department of Broxburn Co-operative Society. He was twenty-five years of age, and has three brothers also in the Army, two of whom have been serving on the western front, since practically the outbreak of the war.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918</p> <p>Brownlie – In loving memory of Pte Claud Brownlie, who fell in action (instantaneously) in Battle of Arras France on 3rd May 1917, beloved husband of Magdalene R Cochrane, Bloomfield, Uphall, loved by all who knew him.</p> <p>His warfare o'er, his battles fought His victory won, though dearly bought His fresh young life we could not save He rest's now in a soldier's grave "Until he come, when the day breaks and the shadow flee away."</p>
<p>57559 Pte David Hope 18th Btn HLI</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname HOPE Forename David Rank Pte Service number 57559 Decoration Place of birth Tranent Haddingtonshire Date of death 28 April 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY Unit name In or attached to THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY Other detail 18th Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918</p> <p>Hope – At 10 General Hospital France on the 28th April, of wounds received 14th April, David, aged 19 years, third son of David Hope, East View Cottages, Broxburn.</p>
<p>G/16822 Pte James Smith 9th Btn Royal Sussex Rgt</p>	<p>JAMES SMITH Rank: Private Service No: G/16822 Date of Death: 25/03/1918 Age: 34 Regiment/Service: Royal Sussex Regiment 9th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 46 and 47. Memorial: POZIERES MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. John and Mrs. S. C. Smith, of 118, Beechwood Cottages, Uphall, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918</p> <p>Uphall Station Soldier Killed in action – We show a photo of Pte James Smith, whose parents Mr and Mrs John Smith, residing at 118 Beechwood Cottages, Uphall station, have now been officially informed of his having been killed in action on the 25th March 1918. The deceased who was</p>



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	<p>34 years of age, enlisted in the Motor Transport ASC on 18th October 1916, and after a period of three months spent in this Corps was transferred to the Royal Sussex Regiment. In May of 1917 he was drafted to France and was in many of the actions taken part in by the “fighting Sussex.” Pte Smith was home on leave as recently as March last and would only be back in the fighting line about two weeks when he made the greatest sacrifice a man can make the giving of his life for his country. He was for a number of years in Australia and was also well known in Masonic circles, his mother Lodge being Lodge Buchan St John. Previous to enlisting, Pte Smith was employed with Messrs Young’s Oil Coy Ltd at their Uphall works.</p>
<p>6/2671 Sgt George Hudson 1st Btn Canterbury Rgt New Zealand EF</p>	<p>HUDSON, GEORGE Rank: Serjeant Service No: 6/2671 Date of Death: 27/09/1916 Age:33 Regiment/Service: Canterbury Regiment, N.Z.E.F. 1st Bn. Grave Reference: II. K. 21. Cemetery: A.I.F. BURIAL GROUND, FLERS Additional Information: Son of George and Mary Hudson, of Broxburn, West Lothian, Scotland. West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Broxburn New Zealander Killed – Official intimation was received last Friday by Mr William Hudson, Mid Street, Bathgate, late of Broxburn, that his brother, Sgt George Hudson, 6/2671, 1st Btn Canterbury Infantry, New Zealand Expeditionary Force was killed in action in France 27th September 1916. Sgt Hudson, was an ex-soldier, having served 12 years in the Scots Guards, and when war broke out he at once joined up with a Colonial Contingent. A little over seven years ago, he left Broxburn, for Australian, and was there when war broke out, He at once in order to be with his chums, crossed to New Zealand, and there enlisted in the Canterbury Battalion, After some training, he and his fellow soldiers were drafted to the Dardanelles and there remained through those anxious months, until the evacuation was carried through, From the Dardanelles, the regiment went to Egypt and after several months in the land of the Pharaohs then with his companions were re-embarked and France was their destination, Since, March, Sgt Hudson has been almost constantly in the fighting line and has been through the many vicissitudes which have carried the British and French forces so far into the country so long held by the Germans. In civil life Sg Hudson followed the occupation of a miner, He as a keen football enthusiast and was at one time a member of committee of Broxburn United Football Club, He was a member of Buchan St John Masonic Lodge and in his last year at Broxburn, fulfilled the duties of JS. Sgt Hudson was well known throughout Broxburn, and district and his cheery disposition secured for him many friends who will deeply deplore his loss. Writing under date 13th October, to Mr Hudson, the Private Secretary to the Governor of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand says – I am directed to convey an expression of the sympathy felt for you by their Excellency’s, the Earl and Countess of Liverpool, in the loss which you have suffered. Wiring to Mr Hudson, under date 13th October, Mr J Allan, Minister for Defence Wellington, New Zealand says: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss which you and New Zealand have suffered. West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917</p>



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	<p>Hudson – In ever loving memory of Sgt George Hudson, New Zealand Forces, killed in action 27th September 1916, and our dear friend Pte George Marshall, Scots Guards, killed in action, 18th December 1914.</p> <p>We do not forget you nor do we intend We think of you daily and will to the end Gone and forgotten by some you may be But dear in our memory forever you'll be.</p> <p>Inserted by Mr and Mrs W Hudson, Church Street, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918</p> <p>Hudson – In ever loving memory of our dear brother, Sgt George Hudson, who was killed in action 27th Sept 1916.</p> <p>For honour, liberty and truth He sacrificed his stalwart youth 'midst bursting cannon shot and shell Our gallant brother nobly fell</p> <p>Inserted by Mr and Mrs William Hudson, Church Street, Broxburn.</p>
<p>10692 Guardsman Wilson McLean 1st Btn Scots Guards att'd 170th Coy, Royal Engineers</p>	<p>McLEAN, WILSON Rank: Private Service No: 10692 Date of Death: 11/08/1915 Age: 37 Regiment/Service: Scots Guards 1st Bn. Att'd. 170th Coy Royal Engineers Grave Reference: F. 39. Cemetery: CAMBRIN CHURCHYARD EXTENSION Additional Information: Son of Lilian McLean and the late Robert McLean. Of Broxburn, West Lothian. Era WW1 Surname McLEAN Forename Wilson Rank Gdsm Service number 10692 Decoration Place of birth Old Monkland Lanark Date of death 11 August 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 20th August 1915 Broxburn Soldier dies of Wounds – Mr John McLean, Greendykes Road, Broxburn has been informed that his brother, Pte Wilson McLean of the 1st Scots Guards, has died of wounds received in action in France.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th August 1915 Broxburn Soldier Killed – This week Mr John McLean, Greendykes Road, received intimation that his brother, the Wilson McLean, 1st Scots Guards, had been killed in action. The information was contained in a letter from Captain Victor MacKenzie (bart), 1st Btn Scots Guards, written in France on 13th August. The letter was as follows :- “I very much regret to have to tell you that your brother, Pte McLean has been killed. He belonged to my company, but has lately been detached from it, doing mining work with the Royal Engineers. I heard yesterday evening that a shell had burst on a dugout where he and several</p>



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others were, and that they were all killed instantaneously. His body was recovered and buried with all respect. I hope you will accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of a most gallant soldier. He had always done his work out here, so well and cheerfully, and was a most excellent soldier in all respects, and I was personally very fond of him and deeply mourn his loss. No man could have met a more honourable or better death and I hope this may be of some consolation to you in your sorrow. He will be much missed in the Battalion, both by his officers and comrades.” Pte McLean, prior to enlisting in September last, resided with his sister Mrs Robert Gibson, Maitland Cottages, Old Town, Broxburn. After undergoing a course of training, he was drafted out to the front about five months ago, and had seen a good deal of hard fighting. He was recently transferred to the Royal Engineers, where his experience in mining proved of the greatest value. Of fine physique Pte Wilson looked well in his uniform and was a splendid soldier. From a letter sent to a brother by Pte Robert Wilkison, Pumpherston it appears that Pte Wilson was killed on 11th August.

West Lothian Courier 27th August 1915

We reproduce a photo of Pte Wilson McLean 1st Scots Guards who as we reported last week was killed in action in France on 11th August. Deceased's brother Mr John McLean, Greendykes Road, Broxburn has this week received official notification from the War Office, with an accompanying note signed by Lord Kitchener, which is as follows :- the King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of his Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow. Pte McLean was 37 years of age and prior to enlistment was employed as a miner.

West Lothian Courier 11th August 1916

McLean – Killed in action on the 10th August 1915, 10692 Pt Wilson McLean, Scots Guards

His heart was good his spirit brave

His resting place a soldier's grave

Inserted by his nephew Robert Gibson, Old Town Broxburn

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He did his bit and did it well

and what he suffered none can tell

Inserted by his loving nephew Robert Gibson, Old Town Broxburn.

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<p>2654 Pte John Nicol 21st Infantry Brigade, AIF</p>	<p>JOHN NICOL Era WW1 Surname NICOL Forename John Rank Pte Service number 2654 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 4 October 1917 Theatre of death Belgium Cause of death d. SNWM roll AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE Unit name In or attached to AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE Other detail 2 Bn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 20th August 1915 Local Men join the Australian Forces – In a letter to his parents, received towards the end of late week, John Nathaniel, who emigrated to Australia about three years ago, states that he has joined a Colonial regiment, and is now training in the neighbourhood of Sydney. Another Uphall lad, Mr John Nicol brother of “mine host” of Uphall Hotel, has also joined the Commonwealth military forces.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Uphall – Pte John Nicol of the 21st Infantry Brigade Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces, writing to his brother, Mr R Nicol, Uphall Hotel, states he has been wounded in the face and although the wound is not serious it will leave a nasty scar. He also states that Pte Nathaniel, of the same company, also an Uphall lad, was in the same engagement as he was. He states that their company was to be relieved the same night as he saw him, so he thinks Nathaniel will be all right. We have been in some hot corners he adds and states that that last one was fair “H--- on earth, not from the German infantry, but from their own artillery. He had many souvenirs, but states he has lost them all.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th October 1917 Uphall Station – Late Cpl John Nicol – Australian Expeditionary Force – Information has just come to hand that Cpl John Nicol of the Australian Expeditionary Force has made the supreme sacrifice having been killed in action on 15th inst, east of Polygon Wood in France. The gallant Cpl was well known locally and resided at Uphall Station for many years with his parents Mr and Mrs James Nicol, before emigrating to Australia in 1910. He was a pupil of Broxburn higher Grade Public School under the late Major Cleghorn and the present headmaster Mr William Brown. While at Broxburn higher Grade School he gave promise of a brilliant future in the teaching profession. After arrival in Australia he went in for engineering and when war was declared he, along with Mr John Nathaniel and others joined the forces. Last Christmas he was at Uphall on furlough residing with this brother, Robert Nicol of Uphall and Ratho. General regret will be expressed when the sad news becomes generally known as the deceased was a favourite with all who knew him. The later Cpl was a member of the Buchan St John Masonic Lodge. The father of the deceased was for many years foreman in Young’s Oil Company’s Uphall Works.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 Uphall Australian Killed in Action – We quote the following letter from “Muirurunhi Times”, Australian, relating to the death in action of Sgt John</p>	
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	<p>Nicol, who emigrated to Australia number of years ago and who previous to that time resided with his parents Mr and Mrs James Nicol at Uphall Station.</p> <p>The letter is in the following terms and is from a brother Sgt, viz, - On behalf of all the OCO's and men of C Company I am writing to express our deepest sympathy with you in the great loss your have sustained by the death of your son Sgt J Nicol, "Jock", as he was familiarly called was liked by all. In the action in which he was killed he did some great work. There was an open space between us and an English Regiment which had to be patrolled at night. Jock was in charge of the patrol the first night in and next morning the enemy attacked us. The attack was beaten off and I was sent to him to get a message through from our Co to Tommies. I thought he might ask some of his patrol to volunteer but he immediately started off himself. I told him there was no need for a Sgt to go when he said, "Well you don't suppose I am going to ask anybody else?" He had a rough grip but got back to safety. About three days afterwards he was killed in the trench when the big advance started. I am writing on behalf of his comrades. After all he had been through it was hard losing him. He would have been recommended for a decoration if he had lived through it. Nothing can make up to you for the loss you have sustained but at any rate it is something to know that in the line and out of it, he was always the same and his death is a loss to the Battalion.</p>
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Ecclesmachan School War Memorial



To Lasting Memory of those Who Fell in the Great War	
<p>21079 Pte Alexander Erskine 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname ERSKINE Forename Alexander Rank Pte Service number 21079 Decoration Place of birth Ecclesmachan West Lothian Date of death 15 September 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 13th Bn. West Lothian Courier 6th October 1916 Ecclesmachan Soldier Killed – Information is to hand in a letter dated 19th September of the death of Pte Alex Erskine, Royal Scots on the morning of 16th September. Writing home, his chum, Pte William Ogilvy, tells how they got over the top, across “No man’s Land,” and had started digging in when Erskine was struck. He had been twice wounded. Prior to the war, he resided at Ash Bank Cottage, Ecclesmachan, Uphall, and had been in France almost eighteen months.</p>
<p>2720 Pte Thomas Wright King 7th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname KING Forename Thomas Rank Pte Service number 2720 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 22 May 1915 Theatre of death Home Cause of death Died SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 7th Bn. West Lothian Courier 19th May 1916 Broxburn – King – In loving remembrance of Pte Thomas Wright King, 1/7th Royal Scots, who perished in the Gretna disaster, on May 22nd 1915, youngest and dearly loved son of Mr and Mrs William King, late of Ormiston Terrace, Broxburn Deeply Mourned All is dark within our dwelling lonely is our home today For the one who smiled and cheered us Tom has forever passed away. West Lothian Courier 28th May 1915 Broxburn & Bo’ness Victims – Below is a photo of Pte Thomas King (18) son of Mr William King, Ormiston Terrace Broxburn and Pte Andrew Williamson, Cowdenhill Grangepens, Bo’ness who are amongst the missing in the Gretna</p>



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	<p>troop train disaster King enlisted in the 2/7th Royal Scots in December last, but an appeal was made for volunteers to fill up gaps in the 1st Battalion and he was transferred. He was in “A” Company and along with Pte Williamson, with whom he had become very friendly was said to have been in the forepart of the ill-fated train. Before enlisting Pte King was employed in the Electric Power Station, and was a former member of the Ecclesmachan troop of Boy Scouts. The sympathy of the community has gone out to his parents in their trying bereavement.</p> <p>When news of the disaster reached Broxburn, ears were entertained for the safety of other Broxburn lads, who were members of the same Battalion. In fact, Mrs Clark, Steel’s Rows received intimation that it was believed her son, Pte William Clark was also a victim, and the same appeared on the list of killed. Mrs Clark visited the headquarters of the Battalion and discovered that the number of the deceased soldier did not correspond with her son’s regimental number. She was, however, naturally in a state of anxiety and it was a great relief to her when she received a letter on Tuesday from her son stating that he was not in the train as he had been transferred from Larbert to Kinghorn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918 King – In loving memory of our dear brother Pte T W King, Royal Scots, who perished in the Gretna Disaster, 22nd May 1915 – A loved one dearly missed.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918 King – In loving memory of Pte Thomas W King, Royal Scots who perished in Gretna Disaster, May 22 1915, youngest and dearly loved son of Mr and Mrs King, late of Broxburn – Mourned and Missed.</p> <p>Days of sadness still come o’er us Tears of sorrow often flow But memory keeps our loved one near us Though God claimed him three years ago.</p>
<p>28019 CSM James Lees MM 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname LEES Forename James W Rank WO2 (CSM) Service number 28019 Decoration MM Place of birth Abercorn, Linlithgowshire Date of death 23 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 12th Bn.</p>
<p>146230 Sapper Thomas Mutter 245th Tunnelling Coy, Royal Engineers</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname MUTTER</p>

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<p>60665 Cpl Daniel Ross 119th Battery, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>Forename Thomas Rank Spr Service number 146230 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 18 February 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL ENGINEERS Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL ENGINEERS Other detail 254th Tunnelling Coy West Lothian Courier 30th March 1917 Men Killed & wounded – Casualty List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Sapper T Mutter</td> <td style="width: 15%;">146230</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Field Artillery</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Mid Calder</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Killed</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th February 1918 Mutter – In loving memory of my dear husband Sapper Thomas Mutter, Royal Engineers, killed in action 18th February 1917. One year has passed and still I miss him some may think the wound is healed But little know they of the sorrow That lies beneath a smile concealed. Inserted by his widow, Mrs Mutter, 20 Pumpherston. West Lothian Courier 23rd March 1917 Ecclesmachan Soldier Killed – Mrs T Mutter, 20 Pumpherston, Mid Calder, has received official intimation that her husband Sapper Thomas Mutter, Royal Engineers was killed in action on the 18th February 1917. Prior to joining the Army, he was a miner and resided in Ecclesmachan Uphall.</p>	Sapper T Mutter	146230	Royal Field Artillery	Mid Calder	Killed	
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<p>60665 Cpl Daniel Ross 119th Battery, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>DANIEL ROSS Rank: Corporal Service No: 60665 Date of Death: 27/07/1918 Age: 26 Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery 119th Bty. Grave Reference: 55. Cemetery: VEVEY (ST. MARTIN'S) CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Daniel and Mary Ross, of Janefield, Uphall, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 25th December 1914 Uphall Four Sons at the Front – Is it a Record for the County – We introduce above the photos of four sons of Mr and Mrs Daniel Ross, Janefield Cottages, Uphall who are at present serving with His Majesty's Army. Their names are Pte John Ross, (25) 9th Royal Scots, Cpl Daniel Ross (23), 119th Battery RFA, Gunner Peter Ross (20) 150th Battery RFA, and Gunner (18) 12th Battery RFA. Cpl Dan Ross has served for 5 years in the RFA and was stationed in Ireland at the outbreak of the war. He proceeded at once to the Front and was wounded at Mons, on 24th August, but his parents have not heard from him since 29th September and they are naturally somewhat uneasy as to his whereabouts. His last letter which bore the address – Convent Filles de Marie Witherves, Belgium, was posted on 17th September and is as follows: - I am writing this from the hospital. I don't know where it will ever reach you or not as the German Army is between here and France. In the first place I have been here 3 weeks suffering from a fractured leg caused by the</p>						

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	<p>German Artillery. I suppose you read the account of the battle in the papers at home, it took place on the 24th August. About 4 hours after the battle commenced I got two bullet wounds in the right leg, causing a fracture. The doctor here says I will be able to be up out of bed in another 2 weeks. I am feeling all right now only it is so tedious lying on your back all day. The people here are very good to us, the only drawback being I can't speak the Belgian language. The convent I am in is under the Red Cross Society and run by Belgian Sisters of Mercy. There are only 26 here now. Over 30 of our en have been taken off by the Germans, some for X-ray treatment and others as prisoners of war. I am afraid out battery has had a very bad cutting up. This letter is going by special messenger to Ostend.</p> <p>Robert Ross who was a despatch clerk with Pumpherston Oil Coy., enlisted immediately after the outbreak of the war, and he presently stationed at Brighton. Peter, who joined in September and is billeted in Surrey was an apprentice clerk also being employed by Pumpherston Oil Coy. John who was employed as a claim's clerk with the NB Railway Company at Falkirk enlisted about 5 weeks ago and his present quarters are in Kilmarnock. It is expected that all three will be home on furlough at the New Year. It is interesting to note that the father of the lads is himself an ex-soldier. He served for 6 years in the Royal Scots Fusiliers and went through the Zulu War and the first Boer War in 1878-79. He was fortunate to come through both without hurt.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 25th June 1915</p> <p>Uphall Family's Patriotism – Mrs Daniel Ross, Uphall has received a letter from the King containing his Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted the five sons of Mr Ross to give their service at the present time to the Army.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th January 1915</p> <p>Good News for Uphall Soldiers Parents – Four Month Silence Broken – After almost four months trying and anxious suspense, Mr & Mrs Daniel Ross, Janefield Cottage, Uphall, have received a letter from their son Cpl Daniel Ross, 119th Battery, RFA. It will be remembered that three weeks ago we reproduced photos of four sons of Mr and Mrs Ross who were serving under the colours, and at that time we reported that the last news they had of their son Daniel was contained in a letter dated 17th September, and written from a hospital in Belgium. Cpl Ross then stated that he had been in hospital for three weeks suffering from a fractured leg caused by two bullet wounds. Since that time the Germans however, had occupied the part of Belgium in which the hospital was situated and not having heard from their son since Mr and Mrs Ross were naturally somewhat uneasy as to their son's fate. One can imagine their relief and joy on receiving both a PC and a letter telling them that he was a prisoner in Germany. The letter which is written from Gifengenlages, Cardelegen is as follows; - "I have written several letters home but have not yet receive any. I hope things are going on all right. I am in the best of health myself, but have some difficulty in walking, owing to having my leg broken. I was in hospital in Belgium but have now arrived at the above address. This is a barracks for prisoners of war, so that as soon as the war is over I will be home, and see you all again. I expect you are having cold weather just now. It is rather cold here but very clear and healthy. I am not allowed to say very much but I can receive letters, so will you write by return as I am very anxious to hear how you are all getting on".</p>
1328 Pte John Shields	<p>Surname SHIELDS Forename John Rank Cpl</p>

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<p>1/8th Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>Service number 1328 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 24 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS Other detail 1/8th Bn.</p>
<p>4801 Pte Joseph West 22nd Infantry Btn AIF</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEST Forename Joseph Rank Pte Service number 4801 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 3 May 1917 Theatre of death France Cause of death d. SNWM roll AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE Unit name In or attached to AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE Other detail 22 Bn.</p>
<p>24924 Pte George Paterson 1st Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname PATERSON Forename George E Rank Pte Service number 24924 Decoration Place of birth Ecclesmachan Linlithgow Date of death 21 November 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS Unit name In or attached to THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS Other detail 1st Bn.</p>
<p>Former Pupils of this School</p>	

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<p>Pte Alex Aitken Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>ALEXANDER AITKEN West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Pte Alex Aitken, Northumberland Fusiliers, has been wounded in the left hand and is lying in Lake Auxiliary Military Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyme. Pte Aitken has been in France for eleven months.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 31st August 1917 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Information has been received by Mrs T Aitken, Cotton’s Buildings Broxburn, that her son Pte Alex Aitken, Northumberland Fusiliers has been admitted to Whalley Hospital, Blackburn, suffering from gunshot wounds in left forearm. Pte Aitken enlisted at the outbreak of war and was also wounded at the battle of the Somme.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 7th September 1917 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mrs Aitken, has been notified that her son, Pte A Aitken of the Northumberland Fusiliers has been wounded in action. His injuries consist of gunshot wounds in the left forearm.</p>
<p>43085 Pte James Allan, 10th Royal Scots, latterly Royal Scots Fusiliers POW</p>	<p>JAMES ALLAN West Lothian Courier 24th May 1918 A Broxburn Man’s Experiences as a Prisoner of War – Poor Treatment While Wounded, Life in Hospital - German Prisoner’s Camp – A Good Time In Switzerland.</p> <p>Pte James Allan, No 43085, 10th Royal Scots, (Territorials) who belongs to Broxburn has just got back home again discharged from the Army.</p> <p>Pte Allan was in the employment of the Broxburn Oil Company in their still department when war broke out, and being a Territorial, he reported himself for service on the 4th August 914. He went for training to Berwick, and at other camps. Training in his case covered a period of almost two years, and it was not till July of 1916 that he was drafted to France. A month prior to going out-bye he got married, so that like Hood’s famous hero he is quite able to say: - “I thought that Love was Love and May, But it was Love and March”</p> <p>Once in France, Pte Allan, who had now been transferred to Royal Scots Fusiliers, in the 3rd Division speedily found himself up against the real thing going into battle for the first time at Albert on 6th August and later on, taking part in the fighting near Loos and Beaumont Hamel. It was in the fighting at the latter place that being grievously wounded he was taken prisoner on the 13th November. Going over the top at 6.05 on that winter’s morning they reached the German third line. In a rough tussle there the commander Captain Gillies, of Edinburgh was killed and the non-commissioned officer – Sgt Nicol (also of Broxburn and believed to have been killed since) found himself compelled to retire with what was left of the Company. Allan had fallen in the fight badly wounded in the leg and through the stomach by an explosive bullet. He lay in a shell hole for four or five hours, mid the snow and wet, hoping that when darkness came on he might be able to crawl back to the British Lines. This, however, he was unable to do, and during the night the German Red Cross men found him picked him up and took him over to the German dugouts. He stats that he lay for five days in the German dugout before he had his wounds dressed. Several other British prisoners were there also, two or three of whom died. He lay on an old bed and was supplied with coffee occasionally. As the British maintained a heavy bombardment of the positions the Germans were unable to move their prisoners for some days. At last, however, he was taken in a cart further behind the German lines and on to a church which was being used as a hospital. On reaching this church they flung him off the stretcher</p>

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onto a bed. He received indifferent treatment here and had his boots and other articles of wear stolen from him. He was soon after taken to Cambrai where he lay for 12 days. Here he had his wounds attended to and bound up with paper dressings. Later on, he was loaded with others into a Red Cross Train and set out for Berlin where they arrived on 6th December and were placed in the Alexandra Strasse Prisoners' Hospital. This hospital is a wooden structure, there were 30 or more British prisoners in it at that time.

Asked how they were treated while there he said the doctor visited the 5 or 6 days. He was an elderly man skilful in his work and told some of the invalids that he could save them if he only had the proper medical appliances and necessaries. He appeared to have far too much to do owing to the number of the men in the hospital.

Allan went through two operations here for his stomach wound and despite the difficulties of his circumstances he (thanks perhaps in large measure to his originally good constitution), made progress.

The Rations in hospital – were not generous, one slice of bread, with a cup of burnt acorn coffee, for breakfast, dinner consisted of a bowl of boiled turnips, while “tea” was a draught of oiled maize or barley. He however, having notified his folks at home on 6th December that he was in Berlin received early in January his first parcel from home. He received parcels sent to him all right though with the suspicion sometimes that they had been tampered with. Thanks to these welcome gifts from home, he got on fairly well in the food line. He mentions that while in hospital he got 8 days imprisonment – which meant dry bread and a dark cell – for daring to smoke while in bed although he was unable to get up. There were no women nurses in this hospital, and prisoners had practically to look after themselves. The hospital is situated right in Berlin. but he was never outside its grounds He could hear the noises in the streets and he heard the uproar on one occasion when there was great rioting.

The people overturned the cars, broke windows etc., and the soldiers were called out. He heard the machine guns firing on the crowds. That was in February or March of last year.

After four months in this hospital, most of which time he lay on his back, he was removed to the “Gefangener Lager,” at Kottbus, in Branderburgh, a town some 15 miles south east of Berlin, He was the only man removed at that time to Kottbus and on his arrival there all his belongings were gone through, The Gefangener Lager at Kottbus is on the race course, a place our own King has visited. The huts are of wood and there are barbed wire fences all round. There were some two to three hundred British, 5000 Russian and some 500 French prisoners there when he arrived. He heard that 8000 Russian prisoners had died there of fever. There was a large graveyard. Conditions here as to food did not vary and they had boiled turnips every day, as this seemed to be a staple dish. He continued to receive parcels from home, which greatly helped him. Prisoners worked here who were able to do so were classified No 1 Arbeit (work), No 2 Arbeit, and No 3 Arbeit. No 3 were considered too ill to work and he was in this category, But, he sometimes gave a hand at the receiving station for parcels and one day finding a parcel there addressed to himself, he took it away with him. For doing this he got 10 days CB.

Life was monotonous at this prison. They were not allowed outside the bounds and it was a great relief to him when on 7th December 1917, after more than twelve months captivity he left Kottbus Camp to go to Mannheim to be exchanged there. Before they left Kottbus, to proceed to Mannheim, their clothing, all of it was taken off them and they were fumigated and steamed and while the clothes were under the same process they themselves were turned out in to open in “puris naturalibus”, and the fumigated articles of clothing when finished were handed out

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to them still steaming and damp. As this was in the month of December, he thought it a real Hun procedure.

He was in Mannheim up to 26th December when he left for Constance Switzerland. While in Mannheim he experienced bombardments of that town by the Allies airmen and seen as many as 20 of their aircraft over the place they did considerable damage to Mannheim. They also did great damage to a Krupp works at Frankfurt and further north.

Before leaving Mannheim for Constance all the officers and men (589) in all he had heard were searched and all spare articles of clothing were taken from them. They took a day in the train to get to Constance where they arrived at night. They had and but one meal that day, in the morning but they got a basin of soup when handed over to the Swiss officers.

From Constance they were taken to Murren Hospital, some 500 of them. Life in Switzerland was a great change from the Hun prison camps and the three months he spent there were quite enjoyable. He came through France from Murren on 22nd March, just when the German offensive was on and they were held up at Albert Junction for about two hours, owing to the offensive. When they got to Boulogne they were bombed by German airmen, but no damage was done. They arrived in London on 25th March. They were put up in the King George Hospital. He left London on 17th March for Dumfries his wife's home and he was discharged from the Army on 4th May. He is now, as already stated back in Broxburn and is to start work soon with the Broxburn Oil Company again.

The foregoing is simply the short story of the soldier's own experiences what he himself went through and he has many interesting tales to say of the experiences of others. For instance, he tells of one Highlander who, on his way by rail from France to Berlin as a prisoner of war, was compelled to exhibit himself at the various stations at which they stopped so that the people might see the "Kilted" warrior. But the curiosity to see him was not kindly and the "Jock" had to undergo many petty indignities from jeering crowds.

Beyond what has been already narrated, he could not speak to ill treatment of prisoners, though he recalls one incident, which took place at Kottbus Camp when an English soldier was shot by the guards.

At that camp where are Strafe Barracks where prisoners undergoing punishment are confined, or work and no other prisoners are allowed to speak to them. The soldier referred to suffered from shell shock and was perhaps in consequence not wholly "compos mentis", and he broke the regulations by going over and conversing with the men under punishment. He was shot down and severely injured, though not mortally Allan thinks.

Asked why prisoners writing home, made mention sometimes of the good treatment they received, he smiled and said they could not do otherwise, as all the writings they sent home were censored and only such as pleased their censors passed. Before he himself left Germany all the notes he made on his experiences there were taken from him.

Conditions prevailing in German – Pte Allan well believes from what he himself saw and heard, that the common people are in great straits for the necessities of life. Depopulated of its men, women are also practically conscripted, and large numbers of them work slavishly in the fields going about there barefooted and dressed otherwise in what are merely superior rags. Even the Berlin ladies walked through the streets in dungarees. Bread, sugar, butter, eggs are scarce, milk to be had only for the very young children. Many shops are closed, businesses shut up. But Germany is a under the thrall of militarism and all are "working for the war." They are fighting us, and they will win they say. There were few of the enjoyments of life in Germany today, few amusements and no sports. All were in the war. More or less and there were no crowds out there at football matches, or

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	<p>other games, no tripping of the light fantastic toe, and no long queues at the doors of the Picturedromes.</p> <p>But, with it all, he knows there is great discontent, and thinks the present offensives are the efforts of a desperate necessity. Let these fail, and he can foresee discontent develop to outbreak.</p>
<p>Pte Alex Anderson Royal Irish Rifles POW</p>	<p>ALEX ANDERSON West Lothian Courier 24th May 1918 Broxburn Soldier a Prisoner of War – Mr Robert Anderson, The Gardens, Broxburn whose son Pte Alex Anderson, Royal Irish Rifles, was officially reported wounded and missing on the 21st March has now received a letter from the gallant soldier himself intimating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. Pte Anderson enlisted in May of last year and has been in France since October and during this short period has taken part in some hard fighting. Pte Alex Anderson is the third son who has gone forth from this home to take part in the country's fight for freedom, a contribution to the call for men which Mrs Anderson has every reason to be justly proud of. Lieut Robert Anderson, Kings Own Royal Irish Rifles, who has seen 2.5 years' service in France, is presently lying in hospital at Moffat and whilst also taking part in a great deal of hand fighting had the thrilling experience of being en route for Salonika when the ship was torpedoed. Sgt James Anderson (Gordons) we regret to say made the supreme sacrifice 31st July 1917.</p>
<p>2nd Lieutenant David Alexander Anderson</p>	<p>2nd Lieut David A Anderson 10th Btn Highland Light Infantry, killed in action 17th August 1916, aged 27 years. Son of Robert and Catherine Sutherland Anderson of "Morven", Seafield, Bathgate. Born Uphall. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, Seafield Oil Works Memorial, headstone in St Nicholas Churchyard. Highland Light Infantry, was the eldest son of Robert Anderson, a Crude Oil Works Manager, and Catherine Sutherland Anderson, of "Morven," Seafield, Bathgate, West Lothian. He was born in Uphall and died on 17 August 1916, age 27. Surviving siblings were Elizabeth, Robert, Lily, James and Catherine. Midlothian Advertiser 25th August 1916 Seafield Lieutenant Killed - Mr David Anderson, works manager, Seafield Works, has received official notice that his son, Lieut David Anderson HLI has been killed in action. Lieut Anderson was in the Civil Service and at his examination passed second for Scotland. He joined shortly after the outbreak of war. Lieut Anderson was a young man of great promise and much sympathy is being expressed for Mr and Mrs Anderson in their sad bereavement. The Late Lieutenant Anderson – The war continues to take a heavy toll of bright young lives. One of the latest to pay the supreme sacrifice is Lieut David Anderson eldest son of Mr Robert Anderson, works manager. Lieut Anderson was born at Uphall, and was educated at Pumpherstons School, George Watson's College and Skerry's College, Edinburgh. Passing with distinction for the Civil Service he secured a responsible position in the Scottish Insurance Commission Office, Edinburgh. He was a member of the "Dandy" Ninth when war broke out and volunteered for foreign service. He went across to France in February of last year and in November he was transferred to the Highland Light Infantry as a Second Lieutenant. With his untimely death a bright and promising career has closed. David was a favourite with all who knew him, and he was well-respected throughout the district. West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916</p>

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Anderson – Killed in action in France on 18th August 2nd Lieut D A Anderson, 10th HLI, eldest and dearly beloved son of Robert Anderson manager, Seafield Oil Works, in his 27th year.

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2nd Lieut David Anderson, Seafield, Killed in Action – Mr and Mrs Anderson, Morven, Seafield have received official intimation that their eldest son, 2nd Lieut David Anderson of the HLI was killed in action on Friday 18th August. Born at Uphall in 1889 and educated at Pumpherston Public School and at George Watson's and Skerry's Colleges, he entered the Civil Service and at the outbreak of war occupied a responsible position in the Scottish Insurance Office Edinburgh. As a member of the "Dandy Ninth" he was mobilised in August 1914 and shortly afterwards volunteered for foreign service. He has been in France since February of last year and received his commission in November last.

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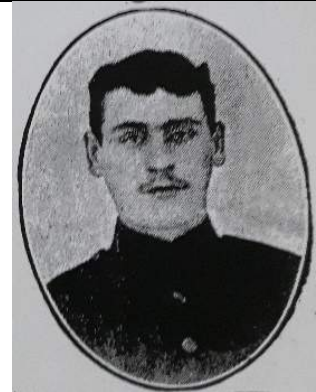
2nd Lieut David Anderson – 2nd Lieut David A Anderson, of the Highland Light Infantry who fell in action on the 17th August, was the eldest son of Mr Robert Anderson, Works Manager, Seafield. He was born at Uphall and received his early education at Pumpherston Public School, and at George Watson's College, Edinburgh. After a brilliant career at these institutions he proceeded to higher study through which he passed with distinction and entered government service as a member of the staff of National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland) from the inception of the National Insurance Act in 1912. A zealous and capable official, he was held in high regard by the staff of which he was recognised as one of the most promising members. He is the seventh member of the staff of that department who has made the supreme sacrifice. At a meeting of the National Insurance Commissioners on the 28th ultimo, it was unanimously agreed to place on record the Commissioner's regret at Mr Anderson's death and their sincere sympathy with the relatives." to whom an excerpt of this minute has been sent. When war broke out, Mr Anderson was Pte in the 9th Royal Scots, and with that famous regiment he went to France in February 1915. He shared in the trench warfare until he was called to St Omar Cadet School France, where he passed his examination and received his commission, being attached to the HLI. 2nd Lieut was very popular with the officers and men of his Company and he proved himself an exceedingly capable officer. The following letter received by his parents disclose to us "of the stuff a hero is made," and how he died. The Colonel wrote, "I wish to express on my own behalf and that of the officers of this regiment, our sincere sympathy with you on the loss of your son. His loss to the regiment is very great. He had always shown courage and resourcefulness and had it not been for his unfortunate death on August 17th, he would by his courage and organisational capabilities at one critical time have won distinction. I can only again express our sympathy and assure you that the regiment regrets his loss keenly." The chaplain said "He had just carried through successfully a very brilliant and daring bit of work entirely on his own initiative, namely the leading of a bombing party to go to the assistance of another battalion who were making an attack on the German trenches. His splendid assistance materially helped towards the accomplishment of the object of the attack and he had returned to our own trenches in safety. Unfortunately, he was soon afterwards struck by an enemy shell and killed instantaneously. I write to send you the deepest sympathy of all our battalion in the great loss which his death involves for you and for them. We are all convinced that had he lived his fine performance would have been recognised by the conferring of some suitable decoration and this makes the more regrettable his passing away. He was a splendid officer much liked and looked up to by all ranks. Personally, I was much distressed by Lieut Anderson's death. I saw a great deal of him the last few months and had a great appreciation of all his fine qualities of

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	<p>head and of heart. For you the loss must be very great, and our thoughts go out to you and yours in your sorrow.”</p> <p>From Buckingham Palace came this Royal message; - “The King and Queen deeply regret the loss to you and your family have sustained by the death of your son in the Service of his Country. Their Majesties truly sympathise with you in your sorrow. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to his sorrowing parents and to other members of his family. Thorough and fearless in all that he did Lieut Anderson has left behind him a noble example. He voluntarily gave his service to his country in a noble cause and has given his life for us.</p>					
<p>S/21842 Pte David Bell Anderson Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 14th Fife & Forfar Yeomanry</p>	<p>ANDERSON, DAVID BELL Rank: Private Service No: S/21840 Date of Death: 27/12/1917 Age:35 Regiment/Service: Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 14th (Fife and Forfar Yeomanry) Bn. Grave Reference: Cemetery: JERUSALEM WAR CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson, of Broxburn, West Lothian; husband of Margaret Grieve Anderson, of Colville Terrace, Crossgates, Fife.</p>					
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<p>299658 Sapper Donald S Appleby Royal Engineers</p>	<p>Sapper APPLEBY, DONALD S. Service Number 299658 Died 23/11/1918, Aged 46 2nd Reserve Bn. Royal Engineers Husband of Mary Campbell (formerly Appleby), of 158, Allison St., Crosshill, Glasgow. Died at home, buried Livingston Cemetery Extension</p>					
<p>Pte A Armit Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>A ARMIT West Lothian Courier 30th October 1914 Pte A Armit also a Gordon Highlander, who underwent two operations after being called up has arrived home in Broxburn on a month's leave.</p>					
<p>Pte James Armit</p>	<p>JAMES ARMIT West Lothian Courier 10th December 1915</p>					

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<p>3rd Royal Scots drafted to 11th Royal Scots att'd RAMC</p>	<p>Tribute to a Broxburn Soldier – A letter has been received from wounded soldiers at Eastbourne paying high tribute to Pte James Armit, 3rd Btn Royal Scots, who was drafted into the 11th Btn, and attached to the RAMC. The soldiers say they can never forget the kindness he showed to them on the battlefield and the care with which he attended to them when they were wounded. A Mother's care for her child could not surpass all he did for the and even when in danger himself he did his work without a thought of his own interests and safety. They learned that he was being invalided home for a time, and desired to express their appreciation of him, and to wish him health and good luck while he is home among loved ones.</p>
<p>Pte A Armstrong DCM Machine Gun Section, 2nd Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>A ARMSTRONG</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th January 1915</p> <p>Their Majesties' Christmas Greeting to the Soldiers – Mrs Armstrong, Old Town, Broxburn has just received a letter from her son, Pte A Armstrong Machine Gun Section, 2nd Black Watch, in which he encloses the Christmas greeting card sent by the King and Queen. The card, which bears portraits of their Majesties is signed by both Queen Mary and King George and conveys the following greeting – “With our best wishes for Christmas, 1914. May god protect you and bring you home safe.” In his letter Pte Armstrong says, I received your welcome letter and also parcel and I thank you very much for same. You say you wrote several times, well if that is the case the letters never reached my length. It is, you say an awful war. Not for us though as much as the poor people who are homeless. There is a sort of panic to what it would be in our own country. Don't worry about me I am in splendid health, and the more I rough it the better I like it. I enclose a Christmas card sent to the troops by their Majesties Queen Mary and King George. I would like to keep it with me, but I am sure it would be spoiled, so you can have it as a souvenir. I will close now wishing you a very happy new year.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th April 1916</p> <p>Another Broxburn Man wins the DCM – Another Broxburn soldier has distinguished himself in the fighting line and has been awarded the DCM. The following details are published through the War Office. Cpl A Armstrong 2nd Battery Royal Highlanders (att'd Barielly Brigade, Machine Gun Company.) For conspicuous gallantry with machine guns in covering a retirement under heavy fire and bomb attacks. When only one man of his team was left, he brought a gun back a long distance and at once got into action again under heavy shell fire. This is the third DCM which has been awarded to Broxburn soldiers. Cpl Armstrong who is 27 years of age was in the Regular Army and had served 7 years in India before the outbreak of hostilities and was sent to the firing line with a contingent of his regiment. His mother is a widow and resides in Broxburn. She is highly delighted at her son gaining the Distinguished Conduct Medal.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Presentation of Honours Medals – Under the auspices of Broxburn Honours and Memorial Fund Committee a public presentation of the “Honours Medal” and war Saving Certificates took place on Thursday last in the Gymnasium of the School, the recipients being Coy Qtr Master Sgt A Armstrong, DCM and Driver F Feeney, MM.</p> <p>Mr Cuthbertson, chairman, presided over a good turnout of the public and in the course of a brief speech called upon Mr Finlay Stuart to make the presentation. Mr Stuart in presenting CQMS Armstrong with the Medal and War Certificates said it recalled to his mind an old saying “Some were born to greatness, others had</p>



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it thrust upon them,” and he (Mr Stuart) was in the latter class as it was only within the past few minutes that he had had this great honour thrust upon him, of presenting these two heroes with this public recognition and appreciation of the bravery that had won for them these coveted distinctions. He was so highly gratified at the great honour that these men had brought to themselves and to Broxburn, that he could not possibly refuse to do this duty. He had great pleasure in asking Sgt Armstrong to accept of these tokens of esteem from the people of Broxburn as a small recognition of the noble part he had acted in this great War. CQMS Armstrong belonged to that noble band of heroes known as the “Old Contemptibles” that great band of men who stood the first shock of the German onslaught and whom fighting a rear-guard action, that will ever live in history were ultimately able to drive the German hordes back. To these men we owe a debt of gratitude which we can never repay and which we will hold in everlasting remembrance. Sgt Armstrong was a Broxburn lad born and bred educated in the same school in which they were sitting and ran about with many of the lads who were out fighting and had now risen to an honourable position in that famous old Scottish Regiment “The Black Watch.” We are all proud of the bravery that had been shown by Sgt Armstrong and which had earned for him the Distinguished Conduct Medal. In asking CQMS Armstrong in name of the public of Broxburn to accept of the Honours Medal and War Savings Certificates, he wished him long life and prosperity and as he understood the gallant Sgt would shortly be going in double harness he hoped he would spare to hand down this medal to generation yet unborn. (Applause).

CQMS Armstrong briefly returned thanks.

Mr Stuart in another appropriate speech made a similar presentation to Driver F Feeney (who has now been recalled from the colours to resume his former occupation as a miner), expressing the pleasure they all felt at the honour Driver Feeney had brought to Broxburn in having in having recognition of his brave actions on the field being awarded the Military Medal and hoped that he would have a long and prosperous life and to enjoy the value of the War Savings Certificates when they matured.

Driver Feeney in returning thanks said that he only did his duty a thing which any British soldier was always ready to do.

Mr Cuthbertson in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Stuart, which was heartily accorded said it was a pleasure to preside over such a large gathering and he hoped that future functions of this sort would be as well attended.

It was a public duty to honour those men who had fought and bled for us and he hoped the public would look upon it as such. The Fund however through which these presentations were made needed more money to carry on and he hoped when an appeal was made to the public for this most worthy object that the subscriptions would be on a liberal scale.

CQMS Armstrong enlisted in 1904 in the Black Watch and spent a number of years of his military service abroad. At the outbreak of war, he was stationed at Bareilly (in the central Provinces of India), and was immediately drafted with his regiment to France. Later he was attached to the Machine Gun Section and it was for his heroic action in covering up a retirement with his machine gun under severe fire that earned for him the DCM. The brave action referred to occurred at Loos, on the 25th September 1915. The gallant Sgt was over 14 months in France and was afterwards sent to Mesopotamia where he has also seen some hard fighting and from which please he returned home on a well-earned leave a few days ago. Driver F Feeney, the other recipient who as we have already mentioned is now following his former occupation as a miner, enlisted on the 4th September 1914, serving for over three years in the 48th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. He took part in a great deal of the fighting during that period and was twice wounded. He was awarded the Military Medal for bringing in the wounded, along with the

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	guns, under heavy shell fire. Driver Feeney was a prominent player in the R Band previous to enlistment.					
4513 Pte Harry Archibald 9 th Royal Scots	<p>HARRY ARCHIBALD Era WW1 Surname ARCHIBALD Forename Harry Rank Pte Service number 4513 Decoration Place of birth Musselburgh Date of death 20 August 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 9th Bn</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Broxburn Soldiers – The intelligence has been received by Mrs Gibbons that Pte Harry Archibald, has made the supreme sacrifice. He was the local manager of the Danish Dairy Company and joined the Dandy Ninth five months ago. He was well-known in Broxburn and was held in much respect by a wide circle of friends. Pte Archibald belonged to Musselburgh, was 30 years of age and leaves a widowed mother and two sisters to mourn his loss.</p>					
S/8092 Pte William Ball MM 9 th Gordon Highlanders	<p>WILLIAM BALL West Lothian Courier 6th October 1916 Broxburn Military Medallist – Above we reproduce a photograph of another Broxburn soldier, Pte William Ball, who has been awarded the Military medal for meritorious services rendered on the field of battle. The Commanding Officers report awarding the medal is as follows; - “The Commanding Officer desires to place on record the act in recognition of which the Corps Commander has awarded S/8092, Pte William Bell the Military Medal. S/8092 Pte William Ball on night 2/3d September 1916, near Bazentin ignited a grenade with his pick axe while clearing a trench. He immediately shouted to his comrades, helped one man into cover who was too confused to hurry and having himself insufficient time to get clear, was wounded. His presence of mind undoubtedly saved his comrades.” As a result of his gallant conduct. Pte Ball sustained slight injuries to the back foot and forearm. This is the second-time Pte Ball has been wounded in action, the previous occasion being at Loos where he was wounded in the right foot. Pte Ball who is 28 years of age joined the 9th Btn Gordons on 10th November 1914 and was drafted to France on 12th June of the following year. Before enlisting he was employed as a miner in Loaninghill Mine. His parents reside at Eastbourne Place, Melbourne Road.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Men Killed & Wounded West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte W Ball</td> <td>8092</td> <td>Gordon Highlanders</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th October 1917 Broxburn Presentation to Military Medallist – At the public meeting held in Broxburn on Tuesday last, Mr Pratt, MP previous to commencing his address at the request of the Honours and Memorial Committee present LCpl Ball, Gordon</p>	Pte W Ball	8092	Gordon Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
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	<p>Highlanders with the Broxburn Honours Medal and six War Savings Certificates on the occasion of his having been awarded the Military Medal, Mr Pratt in making the presentation said he had no idea he was to have this additional honour and pleasure. He acknowledged it as a special honour from the community of Broxburn to be asked to present this souvenir of their great esteem and regard to LCpl Ball of the gallant Gordons. While they had no details of the brave action for which LCpl Ball had received this distinction they could rest assured it was conduct of the most gallant and soldier like quality. LCpl Ball was a man of deeds not words and it was deeds, not words that were going to put this world right. It was men of this type who were laying broad and deep the great foundation for a truer democracy greater than the world had ever seen. LCpl Ball, he understood was leaving the following night to return to France. May God preserve him and bring him back safe. He left with the sincere good wishes of this large assembly with the sincere good wishes of all Broxburn in fact, and in asking him to accept of the medal and War Certificate he could assure him it was accompanied by the great admiration of all for the bravery that had gained for LCpl Ball and for Broxburn the Military Medal.</p> <p>LCpl Ball briefly replied and thanked them for their great kindness. He expressed the hope that his handsome gift, with which they had presented him, would only be one amongst the many he hoped they'd be yet called upon to give to Broxburn men. LCpl Ball, on leaving the platform was accompanied by the ringing cheers of the large audience led by Mr Pratt.</p>
<p>Pte Robert Ballantyne Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>ROBERT BALLANTYNE West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Broxburn Bandsmen in action Assist in taking German Trench Telegram & Letter – Mrs Ballantyne Greendykes Road Broxburn yesterday received official intimation that her son Pte Robert Ballantyne att'd to the RSF a cornet player in Broxburn Public Band had been killed in action on 12th October. The same day, however, she received a letter from her son dated 17th October, reporting all well. This points to some official error. Until however further news is received Mrs Ballantyne will be consumed with anxiety.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916 Broxburn Soldiers – Mrs Ballantyne, Greendykes Road Broxburn, has this week received another letter from her son, Pte Robert Ballantyne Royal Scots attached Royal Scots Fusiliers stating that he is getting along alright. He was officially reported killed in action in early October. Mrs Farrell, McMillan Place, Broxburn after lengthy correspondence with the War Office has received word that her son Pte James Farrell, RIF is wounded and missing.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th January 1918 Broxburn Presentation – A large number of the friends of Pte R Ballantyne, Machine Gun Corps met him in a social capacity in the Band Hall on Friday evening last and presented him with a well filled pocket book of money as a token of their respect and esteem. Mr J Kelly presided over a gathering of upwards of 60 couples and after a splendid tea, purveyed by some of the lady friends had been partaken of, he in a few remarks made the presentation. Pte Ballantyne suitably replying. Songs were afterward rendered by Miss A Paterson, Mrs J Stenhouse, Messrs J Bell, G Glendinning etc and were much appreciated. During the course of the dancing which followed a waltzing competition was held an entry of 12 couples being received. Mr Louis Jordan officiate as judge and awarded the prize to Mr J Morris and his partner Mrs Lang. The prizes which were generously given by Pte Ballantyne consisted of an excellent manicure set for the lady and a dressing case for the gentleman. Dancing was carried through with great enthusiasm until</p>

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	<p>about 5am, the music being supplied by Miss Connar's Band while Messrs J Ness and J Bell capably filled the position of MC.</p>
<p>Pte Thomas Baptie 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>THOMAS BAPTIE Midlothian Advertiser 7th May 1915 Broxburn Men Wounded at Hill 60 – Information has just reached Broxburn that the following four men belonging to the town and all serving in the 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders, were wounded at Hill 60:- Pte John Mackay, Pte James Grant, Pte Thomas Baptie and Pte James Watters. The first three are Reserve men, and the last-named enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war, Mackay was wounded about the head, and is suffering from asphyxiation. Grant received a gunshot wound in the shoulder. Baptie's right elbow was broken by a bullet which afterwards entered his side and passed out at his back. Watters was badly wounded in the shoulder by a gunshot.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th May 1915 Broxburn Soldiers Wounded at Hill 60 – It has just been learned in Broxburn that at least four soldiers from the shale town have been wounded in the recent fight for Hill 60. All four are serving in the 2nd Btn of the Seaforth Highlanders, and their names are Pte John Mackay who resided at Mid Street, Pte James Grant, Pte Thomas Baptie, Pyothall Road and Pte James Watters, Mid Street. The first three were reservists while Watters was an ex-soldier and re-enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war. Watters was wounded in the shoulder, while Mackay was slightly wounded on the head and back but is also suffering from the effects of the asphyxiating gas used by the Germans. Both are lying in Stobhill Hospital and have been visited by their Broxburn friends. Grant received a gunshot wound in the shoulder and Baptie's right elbow was broken by a bullet which afterwards entered his side and passed out at his back. From the nature of his wound Watters is of the opinion that it must have been caused by a dum-dum bullet. In a letter from Stobhill hospital Pte Mackay says that the engagement was the worst he has come through during the war and describes it as a like "hell". He also states that he met Ptes Innes, Miller and Kennedy also of Broxburn before they went into action and that they shook hands with each other just before the charge realising that they might never come out alive. Mackay was also wounded in the arm in the month of October and returned to the front about Christmas time.</p>
<p>Pte T Barclay, HLI</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 29th November 1918 Broxburn Presentation – A large number of the friends of Pte T Barclay, HLI, met in a social capacity in the Band Hall, and took the opportunity of showing their respect and esteem by presenting him with a pocket book containing a good sum of money. Mr Tom McCallum in a few appropriate remarks, made the presentation, and the recipient suitably replied. After an excellent tea had been partaken of and songs rendered by Miss Keenan and Driver Stewart, the tables were cleared and to the tuneful strains of Webster's Band a lengthy programme of dances was entered upon and carried through with great spirit until 4:30am. Messrs P Nicol, jnr and R Whitelaw ably officiated as MC's. During the evening songs etc were rendered by Mrs Johnstone, Mrs McGuire, Mrs Reid, Miss Barclay and Messrs Keenan, Currie and Whitelaw.</p>

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<p>21209 Pte John Barr 5th Dragoon Guards (Scots Greys) transferred to 2nd Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>JOHN BARR West Lothian Courier 24th November 1916 Broxburn men wounded – Mrs Barr, Craigour, West End, Broxburn, has received word that her son John, has been admitted into St John Ambulance Brigade hospital France, suffering from fractured arm. He was among the first to enlist from Broxburn, when war broke out. He joined the 5th Dragoon Guards and was one of the 30 picked out of the regiment to give a display of sword and horsemanship before the King, Queen, and Princess Mary, when the Royal party visited Aldershot. Along with others, he was transferred to the infantry being attached to the 2nd Btn HLI, and has been in France since September 1915, and on the Somme during the present offensive. Before enlistment he was employed in Young’s Oil Company’s mines.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J Barr</td> <td>21209</td> <td>Highland Light Infantry</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte J Barr	21209	Highland Light Infantry	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>2nd Lieut George Beattie Royal Flying Corps formerly Royal Scots, then Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 14th December 1917 Promotion for an Uphall Station Young Man – We reproduce the photo of 2nd Lieut George Beattie, Royal Flying Corps. The Lieut is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Beattie Uphall Station and is 19 years of age. Since joining the Royal Scots in 1914, his progress has been steady and extremely creditable to himself. After serving a short time in the Royal Scots, he was transferred to Cameron Highlanders in which regiment he was 16 months. On Wednesday 5th December he was gazetted 2nd Lieut in the Royal Flying Corps and is at present at home awaiting orders. Prior to enlisting George was for five years an enthusiastic member of the Boy Scouts. He was employed by Linlithgow County Council in their electricity department at Broxburn.</p> 					
<p>Coy Sgt Major Lewis Begg MM Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>LEWIS BEGG West Lothian Courier 4th February 1916 Marriages – Begg – Chambers – At Linlithgow on 4th inst., Sgt Lewis Begg, 1st Black Watch, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Lewis Begg, Pyothall Road Broxburn, to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Chambers, Barjovah, Union Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st September 1916 Military Medal for Broxburn Man – Information has been received by Mrs Begg, that her husband, Company Sgt Major Begg, Black Watch, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field. He is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Begg, Fyothall Road, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Broxburn Military Medallist – We show a photograph of Sgt Lewis Begg, Black Watch, who has won the Military Medal for bravery and devotion to duty. Sgt Begg, who is 25 years of age, has seen eight years’ service with the colours. He has been in France since April 1915. Before joining the Army, he was a member of 3rd Coy Mayfield Boys Brigade Edinburgh. The news as to when he won the</p> 					

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medal came from himself, but like the true soldier he has failed to relate how he won the honour. He was married when home on leave a few months ago, and his parents reside at Pyothall Road. We wish Sgt Begg further success and hope that he shall long be spared to wear the coveted honour.

West Lothian Courier 22nd June 1917

Public Presentation to Sgt Major Begg, MM – A public meeting under the auspices of Broxburn Honours and Memorial Committee was held in the Public School on Tuesday last for the purpose of presenting Company Sgt Major Lewis Begg, with the Broxburn Honours Medal and War Script. Previous to the meeting the Broxburn RC Band under the leadership of Mr Tom Kelly paraded the streets and also discoursed a short programme of music in the School grounds. Mr G D Duncan presided at the meeting over a good turnout of the general public, and in the course of his remarks spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see such a large gathering of the public, I was now some little time since they had the honour of presenting of their many heroes with this public recognition. On this occasion they were met to do honour to another of these gallant representative of the British Army who belonged to the district, Sgt Begg, who had gained the distinction of being awarded the Military Medal. Some considerable time had elapsed since their gallant Sgt had been awarded this distinction, and they had taken the first occasion in presenting him with the public appreciation for the honour he had brought to himself and his native place. As is usual on these occasions they had no information of the valourous deed that had been done and for which the Military medal was awarded, but we could rest assured it had not been won for nothing. It was always a pleasure for the inhabitants to be able to recognise such men as Sgt Begg, and he hoped they would be able to give the same recognition to all of our local men who may gain distinction. He regretted however that the funds for the worthy object were getting low and unless the public subscribed in their usual generous manner, the Committee would find a difficulty in being able to carry out the work of presenting each local man who gains these honours with the same recognition. He would ask the public to assist them by subscribing to the funds and an opportunity to do so would be given at an early date. Strange to say, he did not know Sgt Begg personally as during his (Mr Duncan's) 16 years in Broxburn, he was about the only one he thought that he didn't know. He had only met him the precious day for the first time, but he hoped Sgt Begg would be spared to come back and that their intimacy would be of an enduring nature. He had much pleasure in asking Mr Cuthbertson to make the presentation. They were pleased to have Mr Cuthbertson with them as he had come at some inconvenience having recently been indisposed.

Mr Cuthbertson in making the presentation, said it gave him great pleasure in welcoming one of our own local heroes. Sgt Begg had been in the Regular Army for some considerable time, and he was pleased at the honour that had been added to their list on this occasion. He congratulated Sgt Begg on having gained this distinction, and he was sure the public of Broxburn was pleased to be able to recognise such heroes. The honour was one that not only reflected on himself but also his parents, and the inhabitants of Broxburn. He hoped the public would take Mr Duncan's hint to heart and help the honours and memorial fund. It would be a great pity if they were unable to recognise in a public manner such heroes as Sgt Begg as it certainly proved a great encouragement to our brave lads to know that the public were taking an interest in them. It gave him great pleasure in asking Sgt Begg, to accept of the gold medal (suitably inscribed) and War Savings Certificate to the amount of £6. He wished him long life and prosperity and hoped that he would be spared to come through the war safely.

Sgt Begg in briefly replying said was a great pleasure to him to receive such handsome presents from the inhabitant of Broxburn, presents he might say he would always cherish. It was a great surprise to him when he was awarded the


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	<p>Military medal, but the surprise was even greater when he heard that he was also going to receive something from the people of Broxburn, and he sincerely thanked them for their great kindness.</p> <p>Dr Scott in moving a vote of thanks to Mr Cuthbertson, said that in the first place he would like to support Mr Duncan in his argument for the necessity for further funds. No one but would admit how nice it was to be able to show our recognition for those brave soldiers and he felt sure when further appeals were made for subscriptions that the public would assist them, as it would be a great pity if they, the Committee were unable to carry through the same worthy scheme to the end. He asked them to accord Mr Cuthbertson their warmest thanks for making the presentation. Many times, Mr Cuthbertson had acted in this and other public occasions, and he was sure the public appreciated his services sincerely.</p> <p>Mr Duncan also proposed votes of thanks to the members of the RC Band for having turned out on such short notice, both votes of thanks being heartily accorded. The proceedings were brought to a close with the playing of the National Anthem by the Band.</p> <p>Coy Sgt Major Lewis Begg, Black Watch, the recipient of this public recognition is only 26 years of age and previous to the outbreak of war was in the Regular Army. He enlisted when about 16 years of age on the 10th June 1908 and was drafted to France in March of 1915. During his service in France he has been in many of the big engagements and was award the military medal on 14th June 1916 for his conspicuous bravery on the field. With the usual modesty of our local heroes, Sgt Begg gives no information of the brave action that won for him this coveted distinction but knowing the many valorous deeds that have been done by men of this gallant fighting regiment, we may be sure it was an outstanding action. Coy Sgt Major Begg is the eldest son of Mr Lewis Begg, Pyothall Road Broxburn, a well-known and respected employee of the Broxburn Oil Company.</p>
<p>Cpl Alexander Bell Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 18th October 1918 Bell-Stein – at 90 Beechwood Cottage, Uphall Station on 10th October, by the Rev Charles Dunn, Uphall Parish Church Cpl Alexander Bell, Royal Scots Fusiliers, to Magdalene Rolland, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs James Stein.</p>
<p>Captain Oliver Bell MC York & Lancaster Rgt</p>	<p>OLIVER BELL West Lothian Courier 4th May 1917 Honours of War – Broxburn Officer wins Military Cross – It is with great pleasure that Broxburn heard he news on Monday that another honour had been added to the already large list won by local heroes. On this occasion, our congratulations are extended to Capt Oliver B Bell, who has been awarded the Military Cross for his gallantry on the field. The gallant Captain who is a son of the late Mr John Bell and of Mrs Bell, Gerson Park, is only 26 years of age and enlisted in the Royal Engineers as a Sapper at the outbreak of the war, After ten months he obtained his commission as 2nd Lieut and was transferred to the Yorks and Lancs Regiment and drafted to France.</p> <p>Captain Bell has come through many engagements and was on a previous occasion recommended for distinction for his bravery. Capt Bell was at home on leave during last week and left for France on Sunday evening last. And on Monday information was received of his having been awarded this great distinction. Many letters of congratulations have been received from this Colonel, and his other fellow officers. No details are available as to the brave action for which Captain Bell was awarded the Military Cross, and during his period of leave at home no mention was made by him of having been even recommended for distinction. We congratulate him on this honour which he has gained for himself and for his native place.</p>

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	<p>Midlothian Advertiser 11th May 1917 Broxburn Honour for Local Officer – We are pleased to note that Captain Oliver Bell, has been awarded the military Cross for bravery on the battlefield. Captain Bell’s success will be cordially received by his many friends in the district.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th May 1917 Broxburn How A Military Cross Was Won – Captain Oliver B Bell, York and Lancaster Regiment, son of the late Mr John Bell, Gerston Park, Broxburn, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and leadership, He was in command of his company in the front line, where the enemy concentrated a heavy bombardment, which culminated in an attack, Captain Bell handled his men with great skill with the result that he beat back the enemy from his part of the line, inflicting loss on them, During the whole day he was constantly with his men directing them, He showed throughout the highest qualities of a company leader.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 22nd June 1917 Broxburn Officer Killed – Mrs Bell, Gerston Park, Broxburn has been notified that her son, Captain Oliver Bell, York and Lancaster Regiment has been seriously wounded in the left side and leg. Captain Bell was awarded the Military Cross quite recently and had only returned to the front after leave.</p>
<p>Mr A Benassi Italian Army</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 1st February 1918 Broxburn Presentation – The members and supporters of Broxburn Athletic football club to the number of over 30 couples met in a social capacity in the Band Hall on Tuesday last to present Mr A Benassi “Empire Café”, with tokens of their esteem on his leaving to join the Italian army. After a splendid tea had been thoroughly enjoyed by all present, Mr G McLeod, president of the Club in presenting Mr Benassi with a gold wristlet watch, pocket book and silver cigarette case, match box and cigarette holder, referred to the esteem and respect Mr Benassi had earned amongst them. He need hardly assure him that he would be very much missed by his numerous friends, but he would always be in their thoughts and his splendid support to the club would be one of their most pleasant memories. Whilst he wasn’t going to be a “Tommy” in the British Army, he was going out to fight in the same great cause on the side of his country and in the Army of one of our greatest Allies and he was sure he expressed the sincere wish of the company that their guest whom it was an honour to entertain would not only be spared to use these gifts throughout the war but would also be long spared to use them on his return to civilian life. On behalf of the subscribers he had much pleasure in asking Mr Benassi to accept of these tokens of their appreciation coupled with their good wishes for his success in Army life and their hope for a safe and speedy return. Mr Benassi suitably replied and returned thanks for the great kindness they had shown him on all occasions.</p> <p>A programme of songs etc was afterwards carried through amongst those contributing to the success and harmony of the evening being Misses Keenan, Davidson, Paterson, etc., and Messrs W Mutter, A Webster J Roy, A Dungavil, William McCallum, James Charleston etc. Dancing was engaged in with great enthusiasm until about 3am, splendid music being supplied by Messrs Webster’s band, the duties of C being capably managed by Mr M Richardson. Mr Benassi left for Italy on Thursday and got a splendid send-off.</p>

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<p>Pte George Bennett Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>GEORGE BENNETT</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 22nd December 1916 Local Soldiers in the Casualty Lists – The names of the following local soldiers appeared in the casualty lists published this week. Wounded Pte G Bennett, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Uphall Pte A Shade, Royal Scots, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th January 1916 Uphall Man at Sea – Under date 7th December, Mrs W Bennett, Uphall, received a letter from her son George. He states that he had arrived on this date at Malta with wounded soldiers from the Dardanelles. He was at Salonika on November 24th, and describes it as a big town and from the sea presents a fine appearance. At Salonika there were lying in the bay when he was there plenty of warships, transports and hospital ships. After Salonika, Mr G Bennett visited with his ship Lemnos. Mudros is the chief town, a very uninviting place. Hills and sand are the dominant features. There was very little vegetation. After Lemnos Imbros was made for but entrance into the harbour was delayed owing to a fierce storm. It was the worst storm experienced for years and caused a lot of damage to small boats. At Imbros the writer had his first sight of actual warfare. On the peninsula the big guns flashed. On 1st December, a hospital ship went ashore at Sulva Bay during the storm and though it was later floated. 1000 wounded were transferred. While wound soldiers were being carried on board three hospital ships, shells whizzed about all the time. He watched with particular interest Allied warships shelling the Turkish batteries. At night star shells were sent up. These illuminated the country for a great distance. He also was witness to a Turkish attempt to bring down a British aeroplane.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th December 1916 Uphall Soldier Wounded – Mr James Bennet Park Place, Uphall has been officially notified that his son Pte George Bennet, 43006, Royal Scots Fusiliers, was severely wounded in France on 13th November and is now in a hospital in England. Before enlisting Pte Bennet was employed as a postman at Uphall Post Office.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte G Bennett</td> <td style="width: 15%;">43006</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Scots Fusiliers</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Uphall</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte G Bennett	43006	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Uphall	Wounded	
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	<p>Broxburn Soldier's Death – Official information has now been received conveying the sad tidings that LCpl William Benson was killed in action on the 23rd July 1918. The deceased, who is the third son of the late William Benson and grandson of the late James Neil, of Niddry and Broxburn, enlisted in the Scottish Rifles and was in due course drafted to Salonika, where during the fighting in that war zone was wounded. On his recovery he was drafted to France where in one of the numerous actions in which he has taken part he made the supreme sacrifice. LCpl Benson who is a nephew of Mrs James Boag, 80 Greendykes Road Broxburn, was previous to enlistment employed by Mrs Edgar as barman in the Black Bull Inn, Mid Calder.</p>
<p>Pte J Beveridge Australians</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918 Broxburn Presentation and Dance – A Triple presentation took place on the Public Hall on Thursday last when at a dance held for the occasion, Sapper W Knowles, Royal Engineers, Pte J Beveridge, Australians, and Pte John Millar Irish Guards were made the recipients of handsome gifts from their many friends After a few hours dancing which was engaged in with great spirit by sixty couples present, a dainty tea was served. Mr William Anderson made the presentation referring in the course of an appropriate speech to the high esteem in which their guests were held and the pleasure they had in seeing and having them once more amongst them. He could assure them they had always been in the thoughts of their friends and their sincere wish was that the guests of the evening would be spared to come home again, and they would find a warm welcome. The gifts took the form of a wristlet watch to Sapper Knowles, cigarette case, silver vesta box, cigarette holder and a sum of money to Pte Beveridge and a pocketbook with treasury notes to Pte Millar. The recipients suitably replied expressing their thanks for the kindness that had been shown to them. Dancing was again engaged in, delightful music being supplied by those capable musicians Miss Connor and Mr Lions Jordan and Mr H Boyd again ably officiated as MC. During the evening several songs etc were contributed by members of the company and a most enjoyable function was brought to a close about 4am with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.</p>
<p>Sgt A Binnie Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>A BINNIE Midlothian Advertiser 21st December 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appears in the list of casualties publish this week. Wounded Sgt A Binnie, MGA, Uphall Pte J Fry, HLI, Uphall</p>
<p>Sailor James Alexander Birnie Merchant Navy SS Portloe</p>	<p>JAMES ALEXANDER BIRNIE Rank: Sailor Date of Death: 20/04/1917 Age: 48 Regiment/Service: Mercantile Marine S.S. "Portloe" (Cardiff) Panel Reference: Memorial: TOWER HILL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Agnes Birnie (nee Freeland), of 169, West 91st St., New York, U.S.A., and the late Alexander Birnie. Born at Uphall, Linlithgow.</p>
<p>Pte John Blair</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 27th April 1917 Broxburn Men Reported Wounded – From amongst the large number of Broxburn lads who took part in the recent severe fighting intelligence has been received this week of a considerable number who have been wounded, included in the list being</p>

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	<p>the names of Pte James Stewart, son of Mr D R Stewart, Osbourne Cottage, Pte J Blair, son of Mr and Mrs Blair, Mayfield Cottage, West End, Pte Logan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Logan, Buchan Road, and Ptes George and David Jamieson, of the South Africans, (late of Broxburn). Several we regret to announce have made the supreme sacrifice of whom photos and details will be published next week. West Lothian Courier 27th April 1917</p>				
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<p>6265 Pte Daniel Blaney 2nd Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>DANIEL BLANEY West Lothian Courier 13th August 1915 Broxburn Men on Casualty List – In the course of the past week information has been received in Broxburn of several of her soldier sons having been wounded. Mr Michael Blaney, Stewartfield, received intimation that his son Pte Daniel Blaney 2nd Gordon Highlanders had been admitted to the Royal Infirmary Glasgow suffering from a severe wound in the head. The bullet entered the jaw and lodged in the back of the head and we understand he is to undergo an operation this week to have the bullet extracted. His father paid a visit to the Infirmary on Monday and was allowed to see the young man. Pte Blaney enlisted immediately after the outbreak of the war and has been about ten months in France. This is the second time he has been wounded. West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Mr Blainie, 82 Stewartfield, has received the notification that his son Pte Dan Blainie, 23 years of age of the 2nd Gordon Highlanders is wounded in the knee. This is Blainie’s third time wounded. He writes he is getting on well, and that he is still lying at the base. West Lothian Courier 11th August 1916 Gordon Highlanders Wounded – The following names of soldiers wounded, Gordon Highlanders are taken from the official report; -</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte D Blaney</td> <td style="width: 25%;">6265</td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;">Broxburn</td> </tr> </table>	Pte D Blaney	6265		Broxburn
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	<p>Councillor Peter McQueen presided over a gathering of about 40 couples and in a short appropriate speech made the presentation, the recipient suitably returning thanks. A lengthy dance programmed was afterward carried through to the strains of Webster's Band. Mr Currie ably officiating as MC.</p>
Pte William Boag	<p>WILLIAM BOAG Midlothian Advertiser 16th February 1917 Broxburn Footballers Presentation - Pte William Boag, who is now serving with the colours, has been presented with a wristlet watch from the members of the Athletic Football Club.</p>
Sgt Borthwick Royal Scots	<p>SGT BORTHWICK West Lothian Courier 15th October 1915 Former Broxburnian Wounded – we have received this week a PC from Glasgow, informing us that Sgt Borthwick, Royal Scots was wounded in the left foot in the big engagement three weeks ago and is now a patient in Stobhill Hospital. Sgt Borthwick resided in Broxburn for 24 years but left for Polmont about two or three years ago.</p>
12562 Pte Henry Brennan 11 th Royal Scots	<p>HENRY BRENNAN West Lothian Courier 29th October 1915 Broxburn Men Home From the Front – After having been in Netley Hospital for a fortnight Pte Henry Brennan 11th Royal Scots son of Mr Samuel Brennan 135 Greendykes Road Broxburn arrived home on Saturday last on ten days' furlough. Pte Brennan was gassed on 25th September, the day of the big advance, and considers he was pretty lucky. He was unconscious for about two hours and came to while being attended by a member of the RAMC. He enlisted in August 1914 and was in France for about 6 months. At the point where he was located at the time of the big offensive the charge was made by the A & S Highlanders, The Black Watch and the 11th & 12th Royal Scots, and he states that it certainly was the hottest engagement he had been in. Pte Brennan leaves for his depot on Sunday. His brother Robert is a member of the RAMC and has been in France since the war started. He was a reservist and his time expired about 6 weeks ago. When he re-enlisted and was home on a months' leave. He returned to the front at the beginning of this month.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st January 1916 Broxburn Military Absentee – Henry Brannan, (20) a private in the Royal Scots, belonging to Broxburn was brought before the Court on a charge of having been an absentee from Glencorse since 2nd January. In reply to the Sheriff he admitted being an absentee. The Sheriff – You will be taken back by an escort, the young soldier, who was in his Khaki uniform had been at the front in France and was in the great battle of Loos. He was all day in the battle of Loos on 25th September and was gassed towards the evening. His regiment is the 11th Royal Scots.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 4th August 1916 Broxburn Wounded – The following Broxburn men are reported as having been wounded - Pte Henry Brennan, Royal Scots, 135 Greendykes Road, Pte John O'Brien Inniskilling Fusiliers, 223 Mid Street, Pte William Young, Seaforths, Bank Place, L/Cpl Stewart Lynch, Royal Scots, whose wife resides at Maryhill Cottage, and Pte Andrew Paris, Royal Scots, Port Buchan. West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn – Mrs Brennan Greendykes Road Broxburn has received word that hr son Pte Henry Brennan, 15th Royal Scots, has sustained a serious gunshot wound to the right hand and is lying at 22 General Hospital, Nannes, Carneir. From</p>

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	<p>information received he is getting on all right, He joined the Army at the outbreak of war and is 20 years of age.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte H Brennan</td> <td style="width: 15%;">12562</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Royal Scots</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 23rd March 1917 Military Absentee – Before Sheriff Macleod at Linlithgow on Friday a young man named Henry Brennan, a private in the Royal Scots was charged with being an absentee from his regiment since 4th November without leave. He had been seen going about Broxburn in his uniform for some time and on inquiry being made by the police they learned that he was absent from his regiment without leave. The Sheriff granted an order for his being hand over to an escort.</p>	Pte H Brennan	12562	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>Pte Robert Brennan RAMC</p>	<p>ROBERT BRENNAN</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th February 1915 Broxburn - With a Field Ambulance from Mons to Ypres – The following interesting letter has been received by Mr J McGough, newsagent from Pte Robert W Brennan, B Section, RAMC of the British Expeditionary Forces; - I landed at Rouen in the early stages of the war about the 13th August 1914. I went up country as far as Mons and there we made a stand, but we had to retire back as we were outnumbered by the Germans. We came back to Landracies, and there we made another stand and held the enemy for 24 hours under very heavy fire, from which not many of us escaped. We lost all our officers except one Captain and three NCO's and about 50 men. The Germans smashed up our hospital, where we were treating our wounded, so we had to retire back to a place called Fourtency, about 12 kilometres from Paris. That was a terrible march for four days and nights without a break. After that we took part in the battle of the Marne add later on the Aisne, where we did good work with our Artillery. We were in the trenches 21 days without a break. It was something awful what with "Jack Johnsons" and shrapnel bursting all around us. After that we were relieved by the French troops and then we went to where so much fighting has been going on lately a place called Ypres. There we stayed for three weeks under shell fire all the time the city being ruthlessly bombarded. Hundreds of lives were lost and poor woman and children frightened to death. They did not know what to do or where to go. It was a sight I shall ever forget. There were some of the finest churches I have ever seen anywhere in Belgium blown in ruins to the ground. It was here our 19th Field Ambulance go blown up so those of us left have been formed into what they call B Section 20th Field Ambulance and that is the Ambulance I am now serving with.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th October 1915 Broxburn Men Home From the Front – After having been in Netley Hospital for a fortnight Pte Henry Brennan 11th Royal Scots son of Mr Samuel Brennan 135 Greendykes Road Broxburn arrived home on Saturday last on ten days' furlough. Pte Brennan was gassed on 25th September, the day of the big advance, and considers he was pretty lucky. He was unconscious for about two hours and came to while being attended by a member of the RAMC. He enlisted in August 1914 and was in France for about 6 months. At the point where he was located at the time of the big offensive the charge was made by the A & S Highlanders, The Black Watch and the 11th & 12th Royal Scots, and he states that it certainly was the hottest engagement he had been in. Pte Brennan leaves for his depot on Sunday. His brother Robert is a member of the RAMC and has been in France since the war started. He was a reservist and his time expired about 6 weeks ago. When he re-</p>					

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L/Cpl J Brown Royal Scots	<p>J BROWN</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 2nd November 1917</p> <p>District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appear in the list of casualties publish this week.</p> <p>Killed Pte J Steven, Cameron Highlanders, Uphall Died of Wounds Pte G Stewart, London Regiment, Uphall Wounded Pte N Gallacher, KOSB, Uphall L/Cpl J Brown, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte J Lynch, Scottish Rifles, Uphall Gunner J McIntyre, Royal Garrison Artillery, Uphall</p>
Pte William Brown Royal Scots Fusiliers prev. Royal Scots	<p>WILLIAM BROWN</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th May 1917</p> <p>Uphall Station man Wounded – Mrs Brown has received official word from the War Office that her son Pte Willie Brown, Royal Scots Fusiliers, late of the Royal Scots, has been wounded by shrapnel on the right shoulder, He was in Boulogne Hospital, but was transferred to Ballahouston Hospital. He had been in France 10 months.</p>
Pte Gavin Brownlee Black Watch	<p>GAVIN BROWNLEE</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th June 1918</p> <p>Presentations to Soldiers – Under the auspices of the West End Presentation Fund Committee, Pte Gavin Brownlee, Black Watch, was presented with tokens of esteem at a social function arranged in his honour in the Labour Hall, Broxburn on Saturday last. Mr George Anderson presided over a company numbering upwards of twenty of Pte Brownlee's companions and in the course of a felicitous speech in which he referred to the splendid manner in which the guest had fulfilled his duties to his country, presented him with a handsome wristlet watch. Pte Brownlee suitably replied and thanked them for this further example of their great kindness. The remained of the evening was pleasantly passed in song and sentiment, amongst those contributing the success of the evening being Messrs G Anderson, R Brownlee, A Burns, H Tonner, Pte Brownlee etc, etc.</p>
25543 Pte R Burns Highland Light Infantry att'd Royal Scots Fusiliers	<p>R BURNS</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916</p> <p>Men Killed Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the News Columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.</p> <p>West Lothian Casualties Official List</p>

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43447 Pte Thomas White Burns 15 th Btn Royal Scots	<p>BURNS, THOMAS WHITE Rank: Private Service No: 43447 Date of Death: 11/05/1917 Age:24 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 15th Bn. Grave Reference: XVIII. B. 15. Cemetery: COLOGNE SOUTHERN CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Thomas White Burns and Helen Burns, of Sycamore Place, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>				
Pte William Burns King's Own Scottish Borderers	<p>WILLIAM BURNS Midlothian Advertiser 8th December 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Pte William Burns, KOSB son of Mr T Burns, grocer Broxburn has been wounded by shrapnel and is in an English hospital.</p>				
Pte James C S Calder 9 th Btn Royal Scots	<p>JAMES C S CALDER West Lothian Courier 26th March 1915 Uphall Soldiers Experiences in the Trenches – James C S Calder, one of the 9th Btn (Highlanders) Royal Scots (The Dandy 9th) writes from Belgium to his parents in Uphall as follows:- Tons of Bullets Whistling Past - Pte James C S Calder, second son of Mr J S Calder, late headmaster of Uphall Public School is in the “Dandy Ninth” and has had his baptism of fire in the trenches. Mr Calder belonged originally to East Calder. Writing home to his parents this week he says:- “Here I am actually writing this in the trenches sixty yards from the Germans, with tons of bullets whistling overhead. It is quite a novel experience for me and one I won’t readily forget. We are practically quite safe once we are in the trenches, provided we keep well down, the only danger is when entering or leaving them, as we have to cover over a mile under fire. We relieved the famous Kilted regiment last night. We are in the trenches for twenty-four hours after which we return to our billets for six days rest, so it isn’t so bad after all. Anyhow, we’re all quite cheerful, and I think we have made the Huns “sit up” even allowing we’re only raw “Terriers”. We have kept battering away the whole night, and so are getting quire accustomed to the firing. The only accident so far as I hear, happened to the Sgt Major of the (blocked) who got his eye slightly cut. The first job I got when we arrived was “sentry go” which kept me on the alert for an hour. After that I was sent to a new trench to bail out water after which I was relieved, then sentry again for an hour every two hours throughout the night. Once when relieved I managed to get into a “dugout” and got an hour’s sleep. The trench we occupy just now is fairly dry, so we are not so badly off as some who are up to the knees in water. Before leaving for here we had to grease our feet and legs to keep out the damp”. Shovelling It into Them – We didn’t get relieved after all on Sunday night. Everything went well till about 5pm. I was heating up some bully beef over our fire, when three star-shells went up from the German trenches. That, as it turned out to be, was their signal to attack, as a terrific bombardment started all along the line. The order came – Every man stand to his post and open rapid fire – and I can tell you we did “shovel” it into them. We kept it up for about a couple of hours for all we were worth, and then we were ordered to take it easier. All this time the artillery on both side were going at it “teeth and nail.” At first it seemed to be</p>				

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	<p>pretty equally matched, but after a bit our lads seemed to get the right range and simply knocked the German trenches out of existence. The attack lasted the whole night till well on the Monday morning so that it was impossible for our relief to approach under such a fire. We had, therefore to remain in the trenches for other 24 hours and go duly relieved late last night. We have been very lucky as regards casualties. A good number were wounded, however, and one poor chap, a sergeant was shot through the neck and killed. I had one or two narrow shaves – bullets whistling past my ear and such like, but nothing to speak of.</p> <p>Ready for the Whole German Army – I must admit I felt a little nervous at the beginning of the attack but after about five minutes firing I settled down and was soon ready for the whole German army should it care to come. Of course, being mixed with the Regulars made a big difference, and their cheering remarks, such as “Steady up boys, and knock the – out of them” put us on our feet. The Regulars are very fine chaps, they shared their rations with us, as we were provided for only 24 hours and did various other little things towards our comfort, one of them actually went out to a farm during the heaviest of the firing for water. After being relieved we had five miles to cover ere we reached out billets, so you can imagine after 48 hours of it we were almost dropping. When we woke this morning our first cry was “any letters or parcels?” You have absolutely no idea how much we appreciate them.</p> <p>Praised by the Regulars – I can safely say the 9th have been in the very thickest of the fighting and I could tell you something regarding the result of the attack, but I am not allowed. The Regulars gave us great praise and said that we stuck to our guns like heroes. Don’t send me any more clothing meantime as I have had to give some away. When we are on long marches the less we have in our packs the better, as clothing is now issued. What a terrible state of filth we were in when came back from the trenches! The Germans send up star shells at night every few minutes and we have to lie down flat whenever they go up and sometimes it is a burn or a ditch we have to get down into. It is very exciting when we are going in and coming out of the trenches as the bullets whistle past one’s ears every few minutes.</p>
<p>Pte John Calder (reporting from Pte Ferguson) Brother of James C S Calder (above)</p>	<p>JOHN CALDER West Lothian Courier 27th August 1915</p> <p>The Christmas Time at the front – Interesting Account by Seaforth Highlander – To recall incidents of the war which occurred at Christmas time may appear somewhat belated, but an account of the truce between the British and German troops, which has just come to hand, is of sufficient interest to warrant its publication. The writer is Cpl John Ferguson, 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, who belongs to the Glasgow district, and for a copy of the narrative we are indebted to Pte John Calder, of the Home Guards Battalion, son of Mr J S Calder, Uphall, and who is stationed in Ilkeston, near Derby. It appears that Pte Calder had gone to a hospital to visit a wounded soldier, who was in Darby hospital, and there made the acquaintance of Cpl Ferguson. The account is as follows :-</p> <p>24th December 1914 – Peace on Earth – Xmas Eve in the Trenches, and not too comfortable, pumps going night and day, but could never bring the waterline to less than 2ft above our boots – a small stream which flows parallel to our trench and also made use of the latter as an overflow, being the cause of most of our discomfort. It is almost dark, and being only 100 yards from the German trenches, and at night less than that it is almost possible to listen to conversation in their trenches, by raising our voices a very little above the usual we can make ourselves heard and understood. Very little sniping had been done by either side, the Germans being exceptionally quiet.</p>

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Goodwill towards Men – We start singing carols and they applaud us, then they sing and we applaud, we are not quite so harmonious as they – there are some very fine voices amongst them. The stillness of the night and our mood (Xmas feeling) may have helped, but as the sound floated over the turnip field to our trench we are spellbound. We give them three cheers – British ones, when they sing “God save our King.” Quietness reigns again. What are they up to? Behind their trenches are hung Chinese lanterns arranging at about 10 yards, intervals. Illumination of any other night, the glare of a lighted cigarette, or the lash of a match, would have drawn our fire, but tonight no one snipes – it’s Xmas Eve. We heard it rumoured that there is to be a truce, but nothing was given out to us officially – the order being as usual, “keep a sharp lookout.” All of a sudden someone calls from the German trenches, “Komrad, English, Komrad.” I answered him, “Hello Fritz” – we call them all Fritz. “Do you want any tobacco” he asks, “Yes” I answer, Then he says, “Come half ways.” We shout back and forward until “Old Fritz clammers out of the trench and comes towards us. Accompanied by other 3 of my section, we go out to meet him, Fancy we are walking between the trenches, which at any other time, would have meant suicide, even to show one’s head above the parapet would have been fatal, but tonight we go unharmed, although a wee bit shaky – out to meet our enemies. “Make for the Light,” he calls, and as we go nearer, we see his flash-lamp in his hand putting it in and out to guide us. When we meet, we shake hands and wish each other “A Merry Christmas” and are soon conversing, as if we had known each other for years. We are in front of their wire entanglements and surrounded by Germans, Fritz and I in the centre. He occasionally translates to his friends what I am saying and we stand inside the circle like street corner orators. Soon most of our Coy (A) hearing we have gone out follow us. For short, they call me Fergie in the regiment and to find out where I am they keep calling “Fergie”. The Germans thinking this is an English greeting, answer “Fergie.” What a sight, little groups of German and British extending almost the length of our line talking away. Out of darkness we can hear laughter and see lighted matches – the Germans lighting the Scottie’s cigarettes, and vice-versa exchanging cigarettes and souvenirs. Where they can’t understand the language, they are making themselves understood by signs, and everyone seems to be getting along nicely. Here we are laughing and chatting to men, who only a few hours ago we were trying to kill. I am surprised at the good English some, of them speak, especially Fritz, and ask him about it he says he was in Edinburgh for 15 years, and only left in August when called up. He knew of our Regiment having been stationed in Edinburgh two years during the time he was there. He also tells me the name of the regiment that relieves us (Dublin Fusiliers), and also when we were relieved. How did he find that out? He wouldn’t tell me. We were working four days in and four out of the trenches and coming in and going out were the most dangerous times, we were always having someone hit. I ask him how long he thinks the war will last and he says that it wouldn’t have lasted so long if the Russians had still been beating the Austrians, but now that the Austrians were punishing the Russians he thought it would last 4 or 5 months longer. (At that time, according to our Press, the Russians were capturing and slaughtering the Austrians in thousands.) I try to convince him on this point, but he produces a German paper for corroboration. I am sorry I didn’t take a copy of Lloyd’s Weekly which I had in the trench with me, for his paper was marked “Military Press,” and as I heard later, printed specially for the troops. He says “What does it matter who wins, so long as we come out all safe,” and tells us to save our ammunition for the Prussians. He says, “we are the 28th Bavarians,” “the regiments which captured your Gordon Highlanders.” He seems quite proud of his regiment, but they all have a hatred for the Prussians. They had arranged not to fire for 48 hours, whether we did or not but warned us that the Prussians on their left would still be sniping, “The Dogs” he called them. They keep their promise


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	<p>and neither of us fire during the two days, it is like being in a different world, here we are, Xmas Day, and able to walk about with our heads up. Some of our men are leaving the trench now to play football. A party of our B Coy, have been over and got photographed with the Germans. As we say "Good night" we invite Fritz and his friends to pay us a visit in the morning. Next morning, we saw them coming - like an attacking force in extended order - but all without arms. Our Colonel who had not heard of our last night's occurrence, saw them coming and also saw me up on the parapet, waving my hands as I called "here you are Fritz." Very soon he (the Colonel), was in a rage and said, "who is that a waving the enemy over here?" "Send them back." Then he called to them in German "Go back or we'll fire." Everything he said in German, was answered by our friend Fritz in English Our Major then went out and spoke to him, and said we only wanted those Germans who wished to give themselves up, did he intend doing that? But Fritz was ready and said, "Respecting your ranks, sir, but I'm not here to talk "politics". They all then went back to their trenches, and we to our loopholes, with orders not to fire unless they left their trenches and then we could warn them back and fire high. It was a very quiet day, but we had made friends with the enemy, and all day we kept calling and joking across to them. 26th December, they have not fired yet, but the Artillery have been busy, and they have the range of our trench, they have started shelling on the right, word is passed along for our section to retire to the reserve trenches. I had just let my mud hut to carry out the order and saw the telephone wires smashed by a shell, and the next I didn't know was going to strike me - but it did. Result - left arm amputated at elbow, and shrapnel wounds in left thigh. In all I have had 13 operations and had 6 pieces of shrapnel and 2 bullets removed from me, but I know that it was not our newly made friends the Bavarians but the artillery of the Prussians who shot me - "The Dogs." I am at present in the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary and words fail me in trying to express my appreciation for the attentions and kindnesses of our Sisters and Nurses. I wish I were a woman I'd be a nurse, they're champions!! (signed) John Ferguson.</p>
<p>Pte William Calder 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>WILLIAM CALDER West Lothian Courier 17th March 1916 Broxburn Soldier Seriously Wounded - Intimation has been received that Pte W Calder, 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders. Son of Mr William Calder, Stewartfield, Broxburn was seriously wounded on 2nd March. He received a gunshot wound in the right-side fractured ribs and badly damaged right lung. He is presently lying in No 13 General Hospital, Boulogne and it is feared he is in a critical condition. Calder enlisted almost immediately after the outbreak of the war, and he was drafted to France in February of last year. He was also wounded at Loos on 25th September last and he was home on leave about the New Year time.</p>
<p>9574 Pte A Cameron Royal Scots</p>	<p>A CAMERON West Lothian Courier 26th May 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded - Pte A Cameron, 9574, Broxburn, a Royal Scots is officially reported wounded.</p>
<p>Pte Robert (Bobby) Cameron</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918 Broxburn Presentation and Dance - A very successful social and dance was held in the Band Hall on Wednesday evening last at which Mr William Anderson presided over a gathering of over 60 couples. The occasion was taken to present Pte Thomas Kelly with a pocket book and sum of money and Pte Bobby Cameron with a silver wristlet watch. Mr William Anderson in an appropriate little speech made the presentation both recipients suitably replying. Pte Kelly who is in the A</p>

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	<p>& SH is presently home on leave from Salonika this being his first home leave for four years and the other guest Pte Cameron has seen service in Egypt and latterly in France. After the excellent tea had been thoroughly enjoyed dancing was engaged in to the tuneful music supplied by Miss Connor (violin) and Miss J Henderson (piano). Songs were contributed during the evening by members of the "Eight Daffodils" which are proving such a success at the Picturedrome this week, and also by several of the ladies and gentlemen present.</p> <p>On the previous evening Driver Thomson RFA, who has been in Mesopotamia for three years was also met in a social capacity and presented with a silver cigarette case, vesta box, cigarette tube and a gold signet ring by his many friends in the district A happy gathering of over 50 couple assembled on this occasion and a most enjoyable evening was spent in dancing.</p>					
<p>LCpl H B Campbell DCM Lovat Scouts</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 12th April 1918 Broxburn Farmer's Son Awarded the DCM – LCpl H B Campbell, Lovat Scouts attached Cameron Highlanders, was awarded the DCM for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For two days before the attack he was constantly employed in reconnoitring the ground close up to the enemy's position, thus contributing materially to the success of the enterprise. He led the advance with great determination and courage through very difficult country and under heavy fire. Previous to enlisting in September 1914, LCpl Campbell assisted his father the farm of Illieston Broxburn.</p>					
<p>Pte John Campbell 11th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CAMPBELL Forename John Rank Pte Service number 26833 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 4 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 11th Bn West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916 Men Killed & Wounded and Prisoners Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J Campbell</td> <td>25833</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Uphall</td> <td>Died of Wounds</td> </tr> </table>	Pte J Campbell	25833	Royal Scots	Uphall	Died of Wounds
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<p>Signaller R D Campbell Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>R D CAMPBELL West Lothian Courier 28th May 1915 Reported Missing – Signaller R D Campbell, Gordon Highlanders, is reported missing since 25th March. Before joining the colours, Signaller Campbell was a passenger guard on the NBR between Uphall and Bangour.</p>					

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<p>L/Cpl Campbell Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>L/CPL CAMPBELL West Lothian Courier 19th November 1915 Broxburn Soldier in Hospital – We show a photo of L/Cpl Campbell, Northumberland Fusiliers, son of Mr Joseph Campbell, Union Road, Broxburn, who has arrived at Manchester Hospital suffering from frost bitten feet. L/Cpl Campbell enlisted in November last and was drafted to the front at the end of July last. He has been in the trenches since up to 1st October and took part in the big offensive at the end of September. After being conveyed to a dressing station, he was taken to a Canadian Hospital in France and was later removed to Manchester. He is hopeful that he will soon be able to return to the front again. Prior to enlisting he was employed as a miner with Young’s Oil Company.</p>	
<p>8811 Guardsman William A Carle Scots Guards</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CARLE Forename William Alexander Rank Gdsm Service number 8811 Decoration Place of birth Newdeer Aberdeen Date of death 14 September 1914 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS West Lothian Courier 13th November 1914 Broxburn Men Killed and Wounded – Intimation was received in Broxburn this week that Pte William Alexander Carle, Scots Guards, had been killed in action on the 14th September. Carle was at one time a member of the West Lothian Constabulary, and was stationed at Broxburn, for 16 months. Two and half years ago he was transferred to Queensferry, but later joined the Scots Guards. Pte George Melville, 1st Cameron Highlanders, sent a PC to his brother that he had been wounded. Mrs Dempster, 19 Stewartfield, Broxburn, received a PC from her son stating that he had received a wound in the right side and was now in a London Hospital. He has been in the 1st Gordons for over 8 years and was in Egypt when war broke out.</p>	
<p>23409 Pte James Carr 1st Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>JAMES CARR Era WW1 Surname CARR Forename James Rank Pte Service number 23409 Decoration Place of birth Glasgow Date of death 1 October 1916 Theatre of death Salonika Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 1st Bn West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916</p>	

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	<p>Broxburn Royal Scot Killed – Pte James Carr, who prior to joining the Royal Scots reside at Main Street Broxburn is notified this week as having died from wounds. He joined towards the close of 1914, following the death of his wife, having previously worked as a miner with the Broxburn Oil Company Ltd. His children reside with their grandmother at Pumpherston.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Royal Scot Killed – Pte James Carr who prior to joining the Royal Scots, resided at Main Street Broxburn is notified as this week as having died from wounds. He joined towards the close of 1914, following the death of his wife, having previously worked as a miner with the Broxburn Oil Company Ltd, His children reside with their grandmother at Pumpherston.</p>					
<p>4606 Pte Pte Archibald Cathie KIA Scottish Horse</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CATHIE Forename Archibald Rank Pte Service number 4606 Decoration Place of birth Dunbar Date of death 9 November 1915 Theatre of death Malta Cause of death Died SNWM roll SCOTTISH HORSE Unit name In or attached to SCOTTISH HORSE YEOMANRY</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 20th November 1915</p> <p>Uphall Local Soldier Dies at Malta – Mrs Archibald Cathie, Dechmont, has received intimation that her husband has died of enteric fever in a Military Hospital at Malta. Pte A Cathie was a signaller in the Scottish Horse and previous to enlistment he was employed the Pumpherston Oil Co Ltd at Deans.</p>					
<p>23081 Pte John Caulfield, Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>JOHN CAULFIELD</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mrs Caulfield Park Road Broxburn has this week received notification that her husband Pte John Caulfield, Cameron Highlanders had been at Salonica wounded with shrapnel.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916</p> <p>Men Killed & Wounded – We would be greatly indebted to the relatives of any soldier, killed or wounded if they would kindly send us for publication in our news columns and a short account of his career in the Army and in civilian life before enlisting. Friends of soldiers in the casualty list should communicate with our Head Office Whitburn Road, Bathgate or any of our reporters or correspondents.</p> <p>West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J Caulfield</td> <td>23081</td> <td>Cameron Highlanders</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte J Caulfield	23081	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>Pte Tom Chambers Canadian Forces</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Presentation to soldiers – Under the auspices of the Broxburn “West End Presentation Fund” committee a social and dance was held in the Public Hall on Friday last Mr John Forsyth presided over a gathering of upwards of sixty couples. After an excellent tea, the Chairman in a few appropriate remarks presented Pte Tom Chambers, Canadians, LCpl Hardie, Royal Engineers and LCpl Gilchrist, Royal Scots with handsome wristlet watches as tokens of respect from the inhabitants of the West End district and as a small appreciation of the services they had rendered to their country in the fight for freedom. The recipients suitably</p>					

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	<p>replied, and the tables having been cleared a splendid programme of dance was entered upon and kept up with the great spirit until 5am. The dance music was supplied by Messrs Webster's Band and the duties of MC were capably carried through by Messrs Forsyth and Methven. During the evening a number of songs were rendered with much acceptance by several of the company.</p> <p>Under the same auspices Pte Robert McNeill was also met in a social capacity in the West End Billiard Saloon and presented with a wristlet watch. The West End Presentation Fund under the auspices of which these presentations were held has now been put on a proper business footing and has been registered. The following gentlemen have agreed to act as officials viz., Mr John Forsyth, President, Mr Alex Crooks, Secretary and Messrs Methven, A Sloan and D Webster Committee and it is expected by means of subscriptions to present each of the "West End" Soldiers with suitable gifts as occasion rises.</p>
<p>4119 Pte James Chapman Att'd RAMC</p>	<p>JAMES CHAPMAN West Lothian Courier 5th March 1915</p> <p>Experience of Broxburn Soldier in France – Mr John McGough, newsagent has just received a most interesting letter from Pte James Chapman, who is attached to the RAMC and has been on active service since the month of August last. The letter which is written from "Base Details Camp", Rouen France is dated 23rd February, and is in the following terms, - I have been reading the Courier and have seen a letter that R Brennan sent you. It was a very interesting indeed. I thought it was my place also to write you as an old residenter of Broxburn and give you a little bit of an experience that I had at the front. I was engaged in an ambulance train shortly after I came out here and in the middle of August last, I was one of the Orderlies who formed No 7 Ambulance Train and was on it from the first run it made until about a month ago, when I was sent to the base with rheumatism, but I am glad to say I am improving rapidly. I should like to tell you of my first experience under shell fire from the cultured "Germ-Huns". We were at the time, about one o' clock on the morning of November 2nd we began to load our train with wounded, who were being brought to us by a motor convoy from a temporary hospital in the town, when without any warning a shell bust over the town. At first I thought it was a bomb, and looked up in awe if there were any signs of a Zeppelin, as we little dreamed of being shelled, although we knew the Germans were not far off. Then I heard a chap remark, "that was a Jack Johnston" and he had no sooner spoken that a shell came shrieking through the air and we all made a dive for shelter under the train. A flash and report and number two burst ploughing up yards from where I was standing. I was hit by several pieces of flying gravel, etc, which did no harm, but a poor chap of the Royal Engineers was killed. He and four others were lying asleep under a waggon about six yards from where the shell burst, and it was a miracle they were not all killed. A piece of shell struck this chap and he died in his sleep. I was one of the stretcher bearers who helped to carry him into the station and his head was nearly severed from his body. Things began to look serious now as it is a game of the Huns to shell defenceless towns and hospital, but we could not get away if we wanted to as our engine had gone back to the next station. However, we had the wounded to look after. Of course, that was our duty, so our CO gave the order to go on with the loading. All the minor wounded who could walk cleared down the line at the first shot, and several were wounded again, luckily only slightly by pieces of flying glass, as nearly all the windows of our train were smashed. We were just getting some wounded officers into the train when the guns again sounded in the distance and three more shells were heard screaming through the air. Everyone crouched instinctively, and I can assure you John we had some anxious moments wondering where they were going to burst. Well two of them exploded high in the air, and the third knocked</p>

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a house over. And they creased as suddenly as they began. I think we were extremely lucky in escaping with the loss of only one man. It was my first time under shell fire and I hope the last as it isn't exactly a fire-work display. When the firing ceased we suddenly discovered there was train full of ammunition on the next line to us with enough shrapnel and lyridite in it to blow up the whole town if a shell had caught it. So, you see we had a miraculous escape. All the time our guns were firing away and think they must have smashed the battery that fired at us as were left in peace. We loaded our car train up with wounded and left at 6am. Since then the Germans have been shelling the town from different parts in their vain efforts to break through our lines. The Kaiser's message was, I believe "Taken by November 1st". It was the morning of November 2nd I was there, but his order had not been carried out, which shows slackness on his Generals part. Pardon, I was forgetting the "Contemptible little army", which countermanded the order. It was rumoured that the "Great Hun" himself was directing operations, and it was a common remark wherever one of our guns fired;- I hope he will get that pill. I was very much amused by seeing chalked on one of the guns of an armoured train, "Little Willie." Let us hope that "Big Willie" will get a few of them as well. Another gun was nicknamed "Homeless Hector", but I bet the sailor who look after him find a home for some his pills. A Sailor belonging to this armoured train told us how an aeroplane dropped a bomb which fell on their engine, but failed to explode (luckily for them), and other instance of German made goods. I have heard at different times from wounded chaps that a lot of the German shells fail to burst and I don't wonder at it when they are "made in Germany."

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Broxburn RAMC – James Chapman, now somewhere in France

For Fine Ye Ken

Noo come away ye shirkers,
Ye seem tae hae nae shame,
Ye never seem tae think o' them
That's been sae lang frae hame

An' while ye've been enjoyin' yersel'
An' ha'en sports in galore
There's mony a braw lad gone west,
Amid the cannon's roar

It suits ye fine juist tae come hame,
And at the papers glance
And ready aboot the glorious deeds
The Boys are da'en in France

Sae pit some life intae yersels
And gang and list at wance
For fine ye ken ye're needed here
Tae help the Boys in France

An' when ye don the Khaki Claes
A Prood lad ye will be
Tae think ye're gaunt tae help the Boys
Tae fecht for liberty

Then whan the battle's focht an' wan,
And ye come safely hame,
Ye'el lift ye're heid wi' pride an' say

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	<p>I've nae cause tae think shame West Lothian Courier 22nd October 1915 My Dear Auld Hame The following verses were written by Pte James Chapman, RAMC, son of Mrs D Chapman, 143 Greendykes Road, Broxburn. He was a reservist and has been in France since the outbreak of the war. I'm far awa' frae Scotland Faur frae me dear auld hame, And often dae I wonder If I'll see it aince again But tho' I'm in a foreign land My thochts for aye will be At hame in dear auld Scotland Auld Scotia o'wer the sea.</p> <p>I think I see my mither noo, She's sittin' in her chair Her thochts are wi' her sodger son that she micht see nae mair But though she canna see my face, Or tak' me by the haund she'll no forget her sodger lad that's in a foreign land.</p> <p>But maybe I'll get hame again And happy I will be, When aince again I'm wi' the freens That're aye sae dear tae me Ma mither tae she'll be sae prood I'm no amogst the slain, She'll meet me in thae welcome words I'm gled ye're hame again. No 4119 Pte James Chapman RAMC Somewhere in France.</p>
<p>11938 Cpl T Chattam 11th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CHATTAM Forename Thomas Rank L Cpl Service number 11938 Decoration Place of birth Bridgend Linlithgow Date of death 27 September 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 11th Bn West Lothian Courier 10th December 1915 Broxburn Soldier Missing – Mrs Chattam, 17 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, has received intimation from the War Office that her son Cpl T Chattam (11938) 11th Btn Royal Scots, has been posted missing since 27th September. It is just possible that some member of his battalion can give some information regarding him and they certainly will be doing a service if they communicate with Mrs Chattam. Cpl</p>

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	<p>Chattam enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war, and left for France in the early days of this year.</p>
<p>Pte G Cherry 5th Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>G CHERRY West Lothian Courier 8th October 1915 More Broxburn Wounded – Information has been received that Pte G Cherry, who wife resides in Old Town, Broxburn, is in No 56 Convalescent Depot, suffering from slight gas poisoning. He is attached to D Coy 5th Cameron Highlanders.</p>
<p>8908 Pte William Clarke 2nd Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>WILLIAM CLARKE Rank: Private Service No: 8908 Date of Death: 29/10/1914 Age:29 Regiment/Service: Highland Light Infantry "G" Coy. 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 38. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of William John Clarke, of Bow Yetts, Torphichen; husband of Maggie Young McKenzie (formerly Clarke), of 27, Dean's Rows, Bathgate. West Lothian Courier 20th November 1914 Broxburn Men Who Have Fallen – The public of Broxburn are now being made to realise more fully the awful toll exacted by such a stupendous war as the present, as scarcely a week passes but information is to hand of some of her sons having fallen in action. This week the list includes both killed and wounded and the sympathy of the community has gone out to the relatives of those brave fellow who have given their lives in their country's cause. Mrs McCreight, Greendykes Road, has received intimation from the War Office that her brother in law, Pte William Clark HLI had been killed in action, He was a reservist and before he was called up resided at Cochrane Street, Bathgate. West Lothian Courier 22nd January 1915 Bathgate – Clark – Killed at Ypres, on 3rd November 1914, Pte William Clark, 2nd HLI, beloved husband of Maggie Young Clark, 81 Cochrane Street, Bathgate, and also their child, Hugh Clark, aged 7 months who died 13th January 1915. West Lothian Courier 22nd January 1915 Where a Bathgate Soldier Fell – Mrs Clark, 81 Cochrane Street, Bathgate who last month, received from the War Office intimation of the death of her husband Pte William Clark 2nd Btn HLI, has this week received a letter from Piper Neil, Broxburn giving details so far as he could get them as to how Pte Clark fell. Piper Neil writes: - I heard of Pte Clark's death from members of his Section. It appears he was killed in action the bullet passing through his head. He was sadly missed by his Section. He was always ready to do his little bit, and the Section Commander had great faith in him. The day he was killed the Germans were making a strong attack on our trenches and I am pleased to say he helped to keep the name of his Regiment to the front. It was at a small village called Longhemaq that most of the severe fighting took place and your husband was in the thick of it till just at the finish he fell. Pte Clark was killed in action on 3rd November, and the battle is known as Ypres. A sad circumstance in connection with Mrs Clark is that her youngest child, Hugh aged seven months, died on Wednesday last. Four children of the marriage survive.</p>
<p>Pte Ritchie Cole Lovat Scouts</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 7th September 1917 Broxburn Presentation – when the Holygate Crowd takes a hand with the doing of anything they apparently believe in the maxim of doing it well. Another instance</p>

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	<p>of this took place on Saturday last when two of their soldier chums Pte Ritchie Cole, Lovat Scouts and LCpl John McKelvie, were made the recipients of handsome presents in Clifton Arms. This is now the sixth presentation during the past month, that has been made to their soldier companions surely sufficient evidence of the good fellowship that exists in the "Crowd" and of their thoughtfulness to those of their number who have been nobly doing their duty on the different fronts. Mr John Gibson occupied the chair and in presenting Pte Cole and LCpl McKelvie with wristlet watches silver cigarette cases and silver mounted holders, expressed the feelings of the "Crowd" at the great pleasure they had in having their two companions with them once again. Whilst the great respect and esteem they felt for their many chums doing duty on behalf of King and country, could not be expressed in a monetary sense, still these tokens would help to convey to them in some little way that the "Crowd" hadn't forgotten them. "Once a chum, always a chum" was their motto and he hoped it would continue throughout the future as it had done in the many happy years they had already spent together, he hoped their guests of that evening and their many other companions, who were fighting their country's battles would be spared to return safe and sound, and he could assure them there would always be a hearty welcome awaiting them from the "Holygate Crowd." Both recipients suitably replied and thanked them all for this further expression of kindly feeling that had always been a feature of the "Crowd." Neither of them had any idea of receiving such handsome and useful gifts, the pleasure of being amongst their old mates was quite sufficient for them but they could both assure them that this extra kindness of the "Crowd" was deeply appreciated by them far more so that their words could express. They hoped the day wasn't far distant when Peace would be declared on the Allies terms and the "Crowd" would be a complete "Crowd" once more. The evening was afterwards pleasantly passed in song and sentiment. Amongst those contributing to the harmony of the evening being Messrs Mackay and Lees, W Morrow, W Dawson, W Gallaway, A Wilson, S McKelvie, W McVickers, H Boyle, and Bombardiers Baxter and Crawley etc. Pte Cole who has spent eighteen months in Salonika left on Monday to join another unit and LCpl McKelvie, who has spent a similar period in France left on Wednesday both soldiers getting a most enthusiastic send off.</p>								
<p>6180 Pte James Coleman Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte J Coleman</td> <td style="width: 15%;">6180</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Gordon Highlanders</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th January 1918 Broxburn Presentation – Another successful smoking concert held under the auspices of the "Holygate Crowd", took place on Monday last, in the Clifton Arms the occasion being the presenting of a wristlet watch and silver cigarette case to Pte James Coleman as a token of the "Crowds" respect and esteem. Mr Gibson presided over a large company and in making the presentation expressed the pleasure they had in being able to honour and show in some little way the esteem with which they held their soldier companions. It was always a pleasure to entertain any of their members who had been doing the fighting and although this was the 17th presentation they had now made to the soldier lads of "The Crowd" they hadn't got tired of making them yet, and speaking for the other members, he knew they never would get tired of showing how much they appreciated the good work their soldier chums had done. He only hoped, and he was sure he expressed the feeling of all, that they would all be spared to return home once more, a real "final" leave, and he could assure Pte Coleman and the others that a right Royal welcome awaited them from the "Holygate Crowd." A programme of songs etc was afterwards carried through amongst those contributing with excellent results</p>				Pte J Coleman	6180	Gordon Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
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	<p>being Messrs William Dawson, A McKelvie, J Easton, J White, A Wilson, P Dawson, J Simpson, M Morrow D White and Pte Coleman etc. The proceeding like the previous sixteen occasions passed off in a most enjoyable manner and was brought to a close with the singing of “He’s a Jolly Good Fellow” and “Auld Lang Syne.” Pte Coleman, who is attached to the Gordon Highlanders enlisted immediately on the outbreak of war and this occasion was his second leave home.</p>
<p>Transport Sgt Matthew Cook, Middlesex Rgt</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 13th April 1917 Interesting Letter from Uphall – Man in “Tyndareus” Disaster - Mrs Cook, Middleton Place Uphall has received the following interesting letter from her son Transport Sgt Matthew Cook, who was one of the gallant Middlesex Rgt, who so narrowly escaped going down in the steamer Tyndareus off the coast of Africa recently:- Rest Camp W-----, South Africa. Just a few lines to let you know we are having quite an experience on this trip. We have been dodging submarines for the last six weeks and got mined at last off Cap L’Aguthas, it was a great time, I was down at the Sgts Mess when it struck. There was a dull explosion and things began to fly about, such as chairs, plates, etc., and the first impression I had was that we had struck a rock. Anyway, we all got into lifebelts pretty slippy and made for our boat stations. It was marvellous the way the troops took it, a little bit of a rush but no sign of panic anywhere. I was in charge of the dogs on the ship, five in number, so after reporting myself at the boat station, I cut off and took all the dogs out of their kennels taking two myself and handing the others over to some of the grooms with instructions to throw them overboard so that the lifeboat could pick them up. It took us about an hour and a half to get our boat under way as the sea was running pretty rough and kept dashing it against the side of the ship. We expected it to be smashed up every minute, it broke adrift six times but we always succeeded in getting a rope out to her before she got too far away and haul it back. At last our boat was loaded up, 65 troops, 4 chinese, and a ships butcher but I had my dogs to go on her, so I threw them into the water on the windward side of the lifeboat and they swam for it and were hauled aboard after a struggle. I then slid down into the boat, cut the rope and pushed off. We had all worked hard to get her loaded up but the real struggle was to get her away from the side of the ship. After hard efforts, we got clear and by this time, two ships had answered our SOS. One was a great hospital ship, and the other was a Blue Funnel boat belonging to the same company as our ship. Our orders were to make for the Blue Funnel boat, and we pulled like niggers towards her. Half-way there the boat sprang a leak, and the boys had to bail out with their helmets. We were almost at the Blue Funnel boat when she steamed away to the other side of the sinking ship, and we were left. The word then came from the “bailers”, that the water was rising faster than they could bail it out. We were in a bit of a fix, until the Red Cross ship came around our way and our officer gave the order to pull for her. Getting alongside they put down ladders and ropes and the men commenced climbing up. The more men that got out of our boat, the greater the struggle for those left to the last as the old boat kept crashing against the side, and we had to use oars to keep it off. They pitched a couple of sacks down to put the dogs in, and the first to go up was “Pioneer” the regimental mascot, a big greyhound. I got him fixed to a line and he was hauled up to safety. The next one an Irish terrier “Paddy” was put in the sack and I was fixing him to the line when the boat broke adrift. There were only three of us left in the boat by this time, and as we could no nothing with it, I took the poor dog out of the sack again and they transferred him to another life boat that was passing. Our boat</p>



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	<p>crashed against the side once more and the Cpl succeeded in grasping the rope ladder. The next time she came back on the top of a great wave, I made a spring for the ladder and got my grip but was left hanging in mid-air as the boat went away down a dozen feet when the wave receded. I climbed up to the deck which is just like climbing to the top of "Gowans" building, but not so steady. The only man left now was our young 2nd Lieutenant, "a little brick", but after a time we got him off also, and not before time, as the boat was in a sinking condition, as I myself was up to the waist in water but like all the rest of the boys I was quite cheerful. No doubt, the people at home will be glad to learn that every man was saved, the only casualties being one Chinaman killed and one man with a broken arm and another had his leg broken, while every one of us had our hands badly blistered with rowing and pulling ropes. We came into Cape Town and are in camp a few miles out. We saved nothing but our lives and are in a desolate lot but the people here are doing everything in the way of comforts for us and we are quite happy in our poverty. I hear that they managed to get the old "Tyndareus" into dock today in a half-submerged condition, so we live in hopes of salvaging some of our kit. Mat.</p> <p>Stop Press News – All the dogs were saved.</p>
<p>Pte Alex Colquhoun 10th Royal Scots, then Seaforth Highlanders then Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>ALEXANDER COLQUHOUN</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st January 1915 Wounded Broxburn Men - On Monday the parents of Pte Alex Colquhoun, Bank Buildings Broxburn received notification that it is unknown whether he is sick or wounded. This lad at onetime enlisted in the Seaforth Highlanders, but after serving three months was bought off. Prior to that he was a member of the local battalion of the 10th Royal Scots. After the outbreak of the war he joined the Gordons and considered to have sufficient military training was despatched to the front.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th January 1915 Broxburn Wounded Gordon Home – Pte Alex Colquhoun, 1st Gordon Highlanders, who resides at Bank Buildings, Broxburn, arrived home this week on a month's furlough from Stobhill Hospital. Colquhoun was at the front for fully three months, and was invalided home suffering from frostbite in the feet. He also received a bullet wound in the ankle, but it was very slight. After being a short time in hospital at France he was brought to Stobhill hospital, where he arrived on Sunday 27th December. He enlisted after the outbreak of war, but having had previous experience in the Territorials and also in the Regulars he as considered to have had sufficient military training, and was therefore drafted out to the front. Pte Colquhoun, who was located with his regiment has been in the thick of the fighting and took part in the great charge on the enemy's trenches on 14th December. The Gordon's suffered very heavily and the Broxburn lad had his rifle blown out of his hand, which caused him to stumble and fall. This incident was witnessed by Sgt Taylor, another Broxburn Gordon, who at the time was in the reserve trenches, and after the charge he made anxious enquiries as to Colquhoun's fate. When the two met it was an impressive sight. Taylor shaking Colquhoun by the hand and with a tear in his eye warmly congratulated him on coming out safely. Colquhoun described the war as pure murder and remarked that it was pitiful to hear the cries of the wounded, who are at time compelled to lie for a whole day before they can be brought in. Talking of the "Jack Johnson's" he said they sometimes made a hole in the ground big enough to put a railway waggon in. He then, however paid a high compliment to the British artillery and said they were now doing splendid work. He affirmed the report that the Germans were using "dum-dum" bullets and added that they made a very nasty wound.</p>

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Pte John Collins	<p>JOHN COLLINS</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 19th May 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Local Soldiers Wounded – Pte Collins, Uphall and Pte Robert McLaren Broxburn have been reported wounded. Three other young men from the district were reported killed last week. The casualties among Broxburn men at the front have been very heavy since the war started.</p>
Pte John Convey King's Own Scottish Borderers	<p>JOHN CONVEY</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th November 1914</p> <p>Broxburn Men Who Have Fallen – The public of Broxburn are now being made to realise more fully the awful toll exacted by such a stupendous war as the present, as scarcely a week passes but information is to hand of some of her sons having fallen in action. This week the list includes both killed and wounded and the sympathy of the community has gone out to the relatives of those brave fellow who have given their lives in their country's cause. A PC has also been received from Pte John Convey KOSB, stating that he has been wounded. He too was a reservist and resided with Mrs Downes, 5 Greendykes Road. He was also wounded at the battle of Mons and after being home to recuperate returned to the fighting line.</p>
10385 Pte Edward Conway 1 st Btn Cameronians, (Scottish Rifles)	<p>Era WW1</p> <p>Surname CONWAY</p> <p>Forename Edward</p> <p>Rank Pte</p> <p>Service number 10385</p> <p>Decoration</p> <p>Place of birth Govan</p> <p>Date of death 25 April 1917</p> <p>Theatre of death France</p> <p>Cause of death d.</p> <p>SNWM roll THE CAMERONIANS (SCOTTISH RIFLES)</p> <p>Unit name In or attached to THE CAMERONIANS</p> <p>Other detail 1st Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916</p> <p>Broxburn – Mrs Conway, Holmes Rows Uphall has also been officially notified that her son Pte E Conway, Royal Scots, attached to the KOSB has been wounded. He went to France with the draft about a month ago. He was wounded in the head and has been admitted to Lord Derby's Hospital, Warrington. He states he has gone through an operation and that he is now getting on all right. Edward is the second son to appear in the casualty list. The first son was killed on 27th March.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st September 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Casualties – Pte Edward Conway, Royal Scots, attached to KOSB, son of Mr Arthur Conway, Holmes Rows has been wounded.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 8th September 1916</p> <p>Uphall soldier Wounded – Mrs Conway, Holmes Rows, Uphall, has also been officially notified that her son Pte E Conway, Royal Scots, attached to the KOSB has been wounded. He went to France with the draft about a month ago. He was wounded in the head, and has been admitted to Lord Derby's hospital, Warrington. He states he has gone through an operation and that he is now getting on all right. Edward is the second son to appear in the casualty list. The first son James was killed on 27th March.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 28th September 1917</p> <p>District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week.</p> <p>Wounded</p>

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	Pte E Conway, KOSB, Uphall
<p>4044 Sgt John Corstorphine MM + Bar MiD Machine Gun Corps, previously Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>JOHN CORSTORPHINE</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 8th December 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Sgt John Corstorphine, Machine Gun Corps, son of Mr J Corstorphine, Greendykes Road, Broxburn, has been wounded by shrapnel and is in hospital in England.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th November 1916 Broxburn Soldier reported Wounded – A comrade writing home states that Sgt Corstorphine whose parents reside in Back Street Broxburn has been wounded in action. So far there is no official intimation. Sgt Corstorphine who is with the Gordon Highlanders has seen some two years’ service now, he is only a few months back in the firing line after recovering from wounds received in the summer of this year.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Broxburn Soldier gets Military Medal – Cpl Act Sgt John Corstorphine, Machine Gun Company, son of Mr and Mrs James Corstorphine, Greendykes Road, Broxburn, has been awarded the Military medal. He enlisted at the commencement of the war in the Gordons, and later was transferred to the Machine Gun Section, He is a native of Broxburn and 24 years of age.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 29th December 1916 Military Medal for Broxburn Man – Mr John Corstorphine, 51 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, has been officially notified that his son, Sgt John Corstorphine, Machine Gun Corps, has been awarded the Military Medal on 27th October 1916. Sgt Corstorphine is a present in an English hospital suffering from wounds recently received. This is the second time he has been wounded. He was formerly a well-known East of Scotland junior football player having been a member of Pumpherston Rangers team during its most successful history.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 29th December 1916 Pumpherston Another Military Medalist – We are pleased to announce that Sgt John Corstorphine Machine Gun Corps, who was the crack inside-right of Pumpherston Rangers Football Club, has been awarded the military Medal for gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field on 27th October 1916, He is at present in an English hospital suffering from wounds recently received, this is the second time he has been wounded. He is a native of Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th December 1916 Broxburn Soldier gets Military Medal – As we noted in our last issue, Act Sgt John Corstorphine, 54th Coy Machine Gun Corps, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in the field on 27th October 1916. The following is a record of why this award was given. “Cpl, Act Sgt J Corstorphine, I have read with great pleasure the report of your regimental Commander and brigade commander regarding your gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field on 27th October 1916 – Major General Commanding the 18th Division.” A comrade writes:- Dear Mrs Corstorphine, I have much pleasure in informing you that your son, Act Sgt John Corstorphine has been awarded the Military Medal, His comrades extend heartiest congratulations to him, through you, and wish him a speedy recovery. Cpl Act Sgt John Corstorphine is the son of Mr and Mrs James Corstorphine, Greendykes Road, Broxburn. He is native of Broxburn, and 24 years of age. He enlisted at the outbreak of war, in the Gordons, but subsequently transferred to the Machine Guns. He was wounded at the Battle of Loos, and after treatment in a</p> 

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	<p>home hospital he returned to the front early in the present year to be again wounded on the 10th November, two weeks following the date on which his medal was gained. He is presently under treatment in an English Hospital suffering from shrapnel wounds. Act Sgt Corstorphine at the outbreak of war was a miner with Broxburn Oil Coy, Ltd. He as formerly a well-known East of Scotland junior football player having been a member of Pumpherston Rangers team during its most successful history.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Act Sgt J Corstorphine</td> <td>4044</td> <td>Machine Gun Section</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st June 1918 Honour for a Broxburn Soldier – Sgt J Corstorphine, who was awarded a bar to his Military Medal at the end of March for bravery on the field and has been decorated on the field. He received the Military Medal in November 1916 and for having been mentioned in official dispatches in October 1916, he was awarded the parchment Certificate from the Commander of his Division. In a letter to his parents last week, he says he is in the best of health and expects to be home on leave shortly.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th December 1918 Broxburn Presentation & Dance – Sgt John Corstorphine, Military Medalist and Bar, who is presently enjoying a well-earned leave, from France was the guest of a large number of his many friends at a social and dance held in the Public Hall on Wednesday last. To the tuneful music supplied by Miss Connor and Mr Louis Jordon nearly 60 couple took part in a few hours dancing after which a splendid tea was served. The principal event of the evening viz., the presenting of a handsome pocket book and a good sum of money to the gallant Sgt was then carried through the duty of making the presentation and the expressing of the good wishes of the company being left in the capable hands of Mr William Anderson. Sgt Corstorphine having suitably returned thanks, dancing was again proceeded with and kept up with great enthusiasm until nearly 5am. Messrs A Jenkins, and H Boyd performed he duties of MC's. During the evening songs were rendered by Misses Smith, Calder, Fairley and Paterson and "The Daffodils" and Messrs W Calder, G Glendinning L Calder and Pte Jones.</p>	Act Sgt J Corstorphine	4044	Machine Gun Section	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>Gunner John K Corstorphine Royal Artillery</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Broxburn Men in Casualty Lists – We regret this week to have again to record the death in action of several Broxburn soldiers, and also others who have been wounded in the country's fight for liberty and justice. Among those suffering from wounds is Gunner J K Corstorphine RFA, son of Mr Alex Corstorphine Albyn Cottages He is presently lying in Whitecross Hospital, Warrington, suffering from shrapnel wounds in the left thigh and right hand, gunner Corstorphine enlisted in defence of his country in January 1915, and was drafted to France in October of the same year He has been through most of the engagements in the Battles of the Somme the Ancre and the Arras.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Broxburn Soldier Again in Hospital – Gunner John K Corstorphine, RA, eldest son of Mr Alex Corstorphine Albyn Cottages, Broxburn, volunteered January 1915, crossed to France the same year and went through all the heavy engagements with the famous 51st Division. He has been twice gassed, was home wounded in the thigh last year, and has again arrived in hospital in Cheltenham with shrapnel wounds in head. His helmet saved his life and we are pleased to hear he is doing well. He was a clerk with the Broxburn Oil Coy.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th October 1918</p>					

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	<p>Broxburn soldier Wounded – Mr A Corstorphine, Albyn Cottages, Broxburn, has received official intimation from the War Office that his son Gunner J K Corstorphine was wounded on Sept 19th and “remained on duty.”</p> <p>Since being drafted to France in 1915 this is the third time that this gallant soldier has been wounded and, on this occasion, had only returned to the firing line after recovering from being “gassed,” an experience which he has also undergone for the third time, In a later letter received from himself, he reports himself as better and keeping well.</p>					
<p>Sapper Alfred Edward Cossins Royal Engineers</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 26th October 1917 Marriages – Cossins – Vickers – At Darling’s Regent Hotel on the 23rd inst, by the Rev John Aitken Orr MA, Alfred Edward Cossins RE, on active service third son of Walter E and Mrs Cossins, Ashbank Broxburn to Beatrice Gillies, eldest daughter of William and Mrs Vickers, Main Street, Broxburn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1917 Broxburn Presentation – On the evening of Friday last Sapper Alfred E Cossins RE, who was home for a short leave (having joined up on the outbreak of hostilities) was met in the staff room of St Andrew’s Steel Works, Albion Road Edinburgh and presented with a beautiful marble timepiece on the occasion of his marriage. Mr John Mitchell, works manager, in making the presentation, referred to Sapper Cossins coming to the firm as a boy 12 years ago, and how by strict attention to his work, he had been advanced to a position on the works staff. Spr Cossins feelingly replied thanking his friends for the beautiful serviceable gift they had presented him with that night, and for the many kindnesses bestowed upon him during the past three years. During the night songs were contributed by Messrs MacDonald, Mason and Cumming, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close, by the company singing “Auld Lang Syne” and wishing Sapper Cossins who returned to France on Sunday evening “Godspeed.”</p>					
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<p>Pte George Coutts Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>GEORGE COUTTS</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Broxburn Bandsmen in action Assist in taking German Trench – In February 1915, Broxburn Public Band joined the Royal Scots and took part in the homeland in helping on Government work. Some nine weeks ago, a large number who had been transferred into the Royal Scots Fusiliers paid a last visit to Broxburn ere leaving for the front. On 29th August, the draft sailed for France. Apparently the first big engagement they entered upon was on the 12th October when they assisted in carrying a German trench and ousting its first inhabitants. In that fight gallantly fighting several of Broxburn lads fell and a large number were wounded.</p> <p>Fight for German Trench – Pte George Coutts, cornet player in Broxburn Band whose father resides in West Main Street Broxburn was wounded in left hand and left forearm, and now lies in a hospital in Nottingham. In his letter, he gives a very vivid account of how the RSF went into action He says “On the 12th October 1916, I got wounded. We were standing to attention from 12 o’clock mid-day. At 1;30 in the afternoon the bombardment started, We were over the parapet at 2 o’clock I got about our first line trench when I received the first bullet. In a way, it was a lucky one. It struck me on the left-hand ammunition pouch and set off all my ammunition My handkerchief riddled with bullets but that was all. Had I got the shot on the other side it would have been “na poo” freely translated -All up with me for I had a</p>					

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	<p>live bomb there. I went on with the rest. Just as I reached the German first line trench I got a second bullet this time from a machine gun. I was wounded in the forearm. I had to go back two miles to get the wound dressed. How the big guns and the maxims played in and around us. However, I got to the dressing station with the addition of another wound, one to my hand, However the Germans were ousted though at the loss of many brave men.</p>
<p>40475 Driver John Coyle Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname COYLE Forename John Rank Dvr Service number 40475 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Linlithgowshire Date of death 27 May 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll ROYAL HORSE AND ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY Unit name In or attached to ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY or ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY Midlothian Advertiser 29th June 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – the names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week. Killed Driver J Coyle, RFA, Uphall Wounded Pte J Macdonald, Scottish Rifles, Uphall</p>
<p>16139 Pte John Craig MM 10th Brigade, Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>JOHN CRAIG West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916 Honours of War – Broxburn Soldier Awarded Military Cross – Mrs Craig, 68 Greendykes Road Broxburn, received this week, official intimation that her son Pte J Craig, 10th Brigade Machine Gun Company, had been awarded the Military Medal. In a private letter Captain A Low, Commanding the 10th Machine Gun Coy, writing under date 10th August says; - Dear Mrs Craig, I have much pleasure in forwarding the enclosed card to you, received by me from higher authority as a testimonial of your son's gallant and devoted conduct on July 1st. I am glad to be able to tell you that he was been awarded the Military Meal – Yours truly, A. Low The card referred to reads as follows: - Fourth Division, British Expeditionary Force, 16139 Pte J Craig, 10th Brigade Machine Gun Coy – Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by your conduct in the field, I have read their report with much pleasure and have brought it to the notice of higher authority. W Lambton, Major-General, Commanding 4th Division. Pte John Craig enlisted on 9th August 1914 in the Seaforths and is in the Machine Gun Section. He was born in Broxburn 23 years ago and has resided there all his life. The act for which Pte Craig has been recognised occurred in the early days of the great offensive in France when only an</p>




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	<p>officer and he were left of his company in an advanced part of the enemy's territory. The officer ordered Craig to retire which he did, and despite the fact that one of his arms was useless succeeded in carrying back his machine gun and handing it over to another company. On Sabbath, last Pte Craig returned to us depot after 10 days in hospital with his wounded arm. The news of the honour secured by a Broxburn native will be received with enthusiasm by all residents in the town.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 26th January 1917</p> <p>Presentation to Military Medallists – An interesting ceremony took place in the Public School on Monday evening when LCpl Stewart Lynch and Gunner John Craig were presented with gold medals by the Broxburn Honours and Memorial Committee. Mr William Cuthbertson presided over a small attendance of the public. The short notice with which the ceremony had to be arranged didn't allow for a proper intimation being given to the public and this fact doubtless accounted for the meagre attendance. The Chairman in making the presentation spoke of the great pleasure it gave him in being asked to perform such an interesting ceremony. The public of Broxburn were always eager to recognise any of the brave lads who had gained distinction on the field and they were met together on this occasion to honour two such heroes namely LCpl Lynch and Gunner Craig, who had been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery. On previous occasions of such a nature the gold medals were accompanied by a monetary gift but recent legislation had put a stop to this. They however, were allowed to invest a sum of money on their behalf and the Committee had decided to invest a sum of money in the War Loan for LCpl Lynch and Gunner Craig. In asking them to accept the gold medals he congratulated them on the honour they had brought to themselves and to their native place, and through their gallant actions he hoped they would spare to return home again having helped to secure peace for our Country. LCpl Lynch and Gunner Craig returned for the kindness the public had shown to the on this occasion. The medals were inscribed with the names of the recipient and on the reverse side the inscription "A recognition of valour from Broxburn people." LCpl Lynch was in Canada when war broke out but returned home and answered the appeal for men enlisted in the Royal Scots. After a few months training he was drafted to France where he took part in some severe fighting. He was wounded in action in July last and invalided home. He was recommended for the Military Medal on two occasions, viz, in September 1915 and March 1916. Gunner Craig enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders at the outbreak of war and was soon drafted to France. He was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps and has been through most of the big engagements. He was decorated with the Military medal in July last by the Duke of Connaught.</p>
<p>301628 Pte James Thompson Craigie 17th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CRAIGIE Forename James Thomson Rank Pte Service number 301628 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 29 March 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 17th Bn West Lothian Courier 19th April 1918</p>

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	<p>Craigie – Died of wounds at 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital France on 30th March, Pte James Thompson Craigie, Royal Scots, late of Broxburn, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Craigie, 67 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh.</p>
<p>Pioneer J Crane MM Royal Engineers</p>	<p>J CRANE West Lothian Courier 28th June 1918 Broxburn man Wins Military Medal – We show a photo of Pioneer J Crane, RE, son of Mr and Mrs Crane late of the Strathbrock Hotel, Broxburn, who has been awarded the Military Medal for maintaining lines under heavy shell fire. Many of his Broxburn friends will be pleased to hear of the award. Before enlisting he was employed with Mr Sanderson at the Power Station Broxburn and later with the Broxburn Oil Coy.</p> 
<p>Sgt William Crighton, Royal Scots POW</p>	<p>WILLIAM CRIGHTON West Lothian Courier 21st June 1918 Another Broxburn Soldier a Prisoner – Sgt William Crighton, Royal Scots whose father resides at 294 West Street, Broxburn, has now sent home information that he was taken prisoner on the 12th April and is in the hands of the Germans. Sgt Crighton enlisted in May 1915, and was wounded on Sept 25th 1917, being sent home to Canterbury Hospital. He was again drafted to France after his recovery, in the end of March and was taken prisoner a few days later. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a miner by the Broxburn Oil Company Ltd.</p>
<p>469389 Sgt William Crooks 21st Btn Canadian Infantry</p>	<p>WILLIAM CROOKS Rank: Private Service No: 469389 Date of Death: 15/09/1916 Age: 32 Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry 21st Bn Grave Reference: I. H. 12. Cemetery: POZIERES BRITISH CEMETERY, OVILLERS-LA BOISSELLE Additional Information: Son of James and Annie Crooks; husband of Annie Wilson Hamilton Crooks, of 33, Woodside Place, Larkhall, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Born at Clarkston, Lanarkshire, Scotland. West Lothian Courier 24th November 1916 Crooks – Killed in action, on 15th September 1916, Sgt William Crooks, Canadian Forces, aged 32, beloved husband of Annie Hamilton, Glasgow Road Blantyre and eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Crooks Drumoyne Drive Govan, late of Uphall, Linlithgowshire. West Lothian Courier 1st December 1916 Crooks – Killed in action on 15th September 1916, Sgt William Crooks Canadians Forces aged 32, beloved son of Mr and Mrs James Crooks, Drumoyne Drive Govan, late of Uphall, Linlithgowshire. Nameless his grave on a battlefield gory. Only a cross on a mound of brown earth Died in the pride of his youth and his glory Far from his home and the land of his birth. Inserted by his father mother and family</p>

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	<p>West Lothian Courier 7th September 1917 Crooks – In loving memory of Sgt William Crooks, Canadians, killed in action 15th September 1916. A brother dear has fallen One we all did love He died for King and country His soul is now above We miss you much dear brother Will And mourn for you sincere The vacant place you left behind nothing can ever fill Of your wife and family we often think and offer sympathy sincere and while for him whose gone from us we shed the silent tear. Inserted by Sgt Sam Crooks and Mrs Crooks 120 Greendykes Road Broxburn.</p> <p>Crooks – In loving memory of our dear son Sgt William Crooks, Canadians, killed in action at the Somme 15th September 1916, ever remembered by his loving father, mother sister and brothers. As dawn crept o’er the trenches You fell midst shot and shell Our only grief we were not there To bid a last farewell. Crooks – In loving memory of our dear brother Sgt William Crooks Canadians who was killed in action in France on 15th September 1916. Greater love hath no man than this That he lay down his life for his friends Inserted by his loving sister and brother in law Jeanie and Henry Maitland.</p>
<p>2nd Lieut Alfred Lionel Cumming Royal Flying Corps</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname CUMMING Forename Alfred Lionel Rank T/2nd Lieut Service number Decoration Place of birth Date of death 7 June 1917 Theatre of death Unknown Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll ROYAL FLYING CORPS Unit name In or attached to ROYAL FLYING CORPS Other detail 15 Squad., Gen. List).</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 29th June 1917 Admiral Cumming’s Nephew Killed – We show a photo of 2nd Lieut A L Cumming, Royal Flying Corps, who has been killed in action, and had only been five days in France when he made the supreme sacrifice. The gallant officer was a nephew of Admiral Cumming, late of Houston House Uphall, and was one of four brothers serving, sons of Admiral Cumming’s eldest brother – all of whom came from Chili to serve their King and Country. Another friend of Admiral Cumming and a frequent visitor at Houston House, 2nd Lieut Eric Symons, Machine Gun Corps, gave his life for his Country last September. On the outbreak of war he came from China where he had gone to join his parents. His only brother is also serving. It may interest Uphall folks to learn that Admiral Cumming often serving</p> 

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<p>Pte Angus Cunningham Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>A CUNNINGHAM Midlothian Advertiser 23rd November 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week:- Wounded Pte A Cunningham, Machine Gun Corps, Uphall West Lothian Courier 15th November 1918 Broxburn Presentation – A number of the Roman Camp and Broxburn friends of Pte William Lawrie, Canadian Light Horse, waited upon him at his father's resident at Roman Camps for the purpose of presenting him with a token of esteem on the occasion of his being home on leave after a considerable time spent in the trenches in France. Mr Walter Nelson, speaking for the deputation extended to Pte Lawrie the best wishes of his many friends on the occasion of his marriage and for</p>

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	<p>his future welfare when he returned to the land of the Maple Leaf. In name of the subscribers he has much pleasure in asking him to accept of a pocket book and the sum of money enclosed and hoped he would be long spared to look back on this happy occasion. Pte Lawrie suitably replied. The company was afterwards hospitably entertained by Mr and Mrs Lawrie and a few hours was pleasantly passed in games songs etc. On a recent evening Mr Nelson had a similar pleasant duty to perform in presenting Pte Angus Cunningham with a handsome pocket book and sum of money from his many friends in the Roma Camp and Broxburn.</p>
<p>Pte David Cunningham Canadians</p>	<p>DAVID CUNNINGHAM Midlothian Advertiser 1st October 1915 Broxburn Canadian Wounded – Intimation has been received by Mrs Cunningham, The Elms, Broxburn that her son Pte David Cunningham belonging to a Canadian Regiment has been wounded in Flanders and is now in a Kent hospital. It has been learned that he received the wound almost immediately after taking his place in the firing line.</p>
<p>Sgt William Cunningham 11th Royal Scots POW</p>	<p>WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM Midlothian Advertiser 12th November 1915 Uphall Soldier in Germany – Mrs William Cunningham, Weir’s Buildings, Main Street, Uphall, has received a letter from her husband Sgt William Cunningham, 11th Royal Scots, stating that he has been wounded and is a prisoner in Germany. He was an ex-Territorial and enlisted in September of last year, and was drafted to France in May last. He was home on leave the week before the big offensive movement and it was in that engagement that he was wounded and made prisoner. The address given in the letter is as follows:- Festungs, Lazarett, VI, Abt Kaiserin, Augusta Schule, Colne, Deutschland, and Sgt Cunningham says;- “I write you a few lines to let you know that I am getting on as well as can be expected. I was wounded on Saturday 25th September and was taken prisoner. I was shot through both legs and the right haunch, so I could not go very far, but they are very kind to us and we get as much food as we can eat. It is a very good hospital and very good doctors. We get every attention, so you are not to alarm yourself about me because I am all right. There is an officer and another sergeant and one or two men from my battalions. Have you heard anything about CSM Petrie, because heard that he was wounded early in the day, but I never saw him. It was late at night when I was wounded. After inquiring about relatives and friends, the sergeant adds, I am not so bad, I can walk a little and I will be better day by day. We are only allowed to write two letters and four post cards in the months, but that is not so bad.”</p>
<p>Pte Sammy Currie</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 3rd January 1919 Broxburn Presentations – On Monday evening in the Public Hall, Pte “Sammy” Currie was entertained by a large company of friends, numbering upwards of 100 couples. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs Craig and Mrs Gray and everything passed off in a pleasant manner. After the partaking of a first class tea, Mr William Anderson in a few appropriate remarks presented Pte Currie with a handsome pocket book and £5 which had been subscribed by the many friends of the recipient, the guest suitably returned thanks. A lengthy dance programme was carried through Messrs Webster’s Band being responsible for the music which was excellent and Mr R Currie filled the role of MC with acceptance. Pte Currie who has seen much service in France was seriously wounded in July 1917 and is still undergoing treatment in hospital, the present occasion being a few days sick leave.</p>

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<p>154770 Sapper John Denholm Royal Engineers</p>	<p>JOHN DENHOLM</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st September 1916 Broxburn Casualties - Mrs Denholm, 42 Stewartfield, Broxburn, has received notification that her husband Sapper John Denholm, Royal Engineers, has been seriously wounded in the left shoulder and arm.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo</p> <p>West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sapper J Denholm</td> <td style="text-align: center;">154770</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Royal Engineers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Broxburn</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Sapper J Denholm	154770	Royal Engineers	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>Bombardier H Davis Royal Horse Artillery</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 7th September 1917 Broxburn Presentation – The many Broxburn friends of Bombardier H Davis, RHA, met in a social capacity in Mr James Sloan’s New Holygate on Saturday last to present him with tokens of their respect and esteem on the occasion of his being home on leave after two year’s duty in France, Mr J Simpson made the presentation and in the course of his remarks spoke of the great pleasure they all felt at having Bombardier Davis with them once again. It was a pleasure at all times to have him with them, but he believed the pleasure was even greater that night, as Bombardier Davis had now been through “the thick of it” for two years and during that time they had missed his company very much. He had no doubt his Broxburn friends would sometimes be in his (Bombardier Davis’ thoughts during his nights in the trenches and he could assure him he was always in theirs. Many a time they recalled the happy evenings they had spent together and he hoped the wristlet watch which he had been asked to present him with, wouldn’t have long to tick until he was back beside them again, having helped to secure to for their country a glorious and lasting peace. In name of his many friends he had great pleasure in asking Bombardier Davis to accept of a Wristlet Watch, silver cigarette case, a purse of money and a plentiful supply of “fags,” and he expressed the feeling of the company when he said he hoped their soldier friend would be long spared to use them. Bombardier Davis briefly replied and thanked them sincerely for their good wishes and the handsome gifts he was received from them. Although he wasn’t a native of Broxburn, he was sure no Broxburnian could have received any kinder treatment than had been his lot amongst them, and he could assure them their kindness would never be forgotten by him. How could he forget? Everytime he had occasion to look at his Watch thoughts of this pleasant company must spring up before him and like the chairman he also hoped the times wasn’t far distant when they would meet again in the same happy circle. The company were afterwards entertained to the by Mrs J and A Sloan and the enjoyment of the evening further added to by the rendering of songs by Messrs J Smith, A Sloan, J Simpson and Bombardier Davis, whilst a number of excellent gramophone selections were given by Mr J Smith.</p>					

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<p>1451 Cpl James Davidson Royal Engineers</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname DAVIDSON Forename James Rank A/2nd Cpl Service number 1451 Decoration Place of birth Avonbridge, Stirlingshire Date of death 24 September 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL ENGINEERS Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL ENGINEERS Other detail 1/1st City of Edinburgh Field Coy.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty Lists</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Cpl J Davidson</td> <td style="width: 10%;">1451</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Engineers</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Uphall</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Died of Wound</td> </tr> </table>	Cpl J Davidson	1451	Engineers	Uphall	Died of Wound
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<p>LCpl William Dempster Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 29th June 1917 Broxburn soldier Wounded – Official information has been received that LCpl William Dempster, Machine Gun Corps, has been wounded on the left arm and is presently lying in Morton Bank Hospital, Keighley, England. LCpl Dempster who has come through two years of the fighting in France is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Frank Dempster, 61 Stewartfield, who we regret to say have already been called upon to mourn the loss of three brave sons, killed in nobly doing their duty for their country.</p>					
<p>Pte Thomas Devine 2nd Royal Scots</p>	<p>THOMAS DEVINE Midlothian Advertiser 25th December 1914 Broxburn Footballer Wounded – Pte Thomas Devine, a Broxburn footballer, serving in the 2nd Btn Royal Scots, has been wounded in the right leg by a bayonet. Writing from Boulogne Hospital to a Broxburn club official he describes the fighting in the water-logged trenches as a dirty game, and wished the referee would blow the whistle for “time up” as he thinks they are leading 3 – 1. The football hour on Saturdays always finds him thinking of Sports Park, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 25th December 1914 Broxburn Footballer Wounded – Information was received in Broxburn at the end of last week, that Pte T Devine 2nd Royal Scots who played last season for Broxburn United, and was re-signed this year, has been wounded. In a letter, written from No 13 General Hospital, Boulogne, he says: - Just a note to let you know that I have been wounded in the right leg by a bayonet and have stained my back but it is not very bad. I was a bit lucky in getting away with what I got. I got your parcel (Pte Devine here refers to a parcel containing a sweater etc sent him by the officials), but never had the pleasure of wearing it. I am sorry to say. I am very much obliged to you and it would have been the very thing I needed as the water in the trenches in some parts was up to our waist. It is a dirty game, and I wish the referee would blow for full time, as I think we are leading about 3-1. It is hard lines of Saturday afternoons when you ask the time and they say it is 2:45. It is then I think of the Sports Park, but never mind with God’s help and a little luck we will pull through and get the cup and medals. You might convey my best wishes to the boys for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. In the PS, Pte</p>					

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	Devine says: - If ever I get back fit and well you can always rely on my services when you want me.
Pte Dickie Royal Field Artillery	<p>West Lothian Courier 22nd February 1918 Broxburn Presentation – Pte Dickie, RFA, who was home on leave after a long period spent in the trenches of the Western Front, was entertained by a large company of his friends in the Band Hall on Friday last Mr John Gibson presided over a company which in numbers constituted a record for the Band Hall and after full justice had been done to the dainty fare provided by several of the ladies, presented Pte Dickie with a well filled pocket book and a handsome wristlet watch. In making the presentation, Mr Gibson expressed the pleasure of the company at having Pte Dickie with them once more Pte Dickie had now had his fair share of the fighting and like the rest of the Broxburn lads would no doubt be glad to see it finished but they were determined to carry on until they had secured for their country and those for who they were fighting glorious and a lasting peace. When they considered that these men had done, the hardships they had suffered and the terrible times they had come through, that we at home, might live in peace and security, it was the very least they (their friends) could do to try and show them in some little way that their efforts were appreciated. Pte Dickie would always carry with him their sincere good wishes that he would be spared to come through it all successfully and he would at least always have the consolation on looking at the watch he had the honour to present in knowing it was ticking away the time till he would be back amongst them again, but not for a short leave, as on this occasion, but for many happy years which they all hoped he would be spared to spend amongst his many friends in Broxburn. Pte Dickie briefly replied and thanking the company for their good wishes and the splendid presents they had so kindly presented him with. The table were afterwards cleared, and the dancing engaged in. When it is mentioned that the services of those “crack” musicians Miss Connor and Mr Lions Jordan were engaged for the dance music, it would see needless to say that the dancing was thoroughly enjoyed and was kept up with great spirit until 5am. The duties of MC were most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs R Currie and J Gibson. During the evening a number of songs etc were contributed by several ladies and gentlemen and a most enjoyable social was brought to a close with the singing of Auld Land Syne.”</p>
Reg Qtr Master Sgt W T M Dickson MM Seaforth Highlanders prev Scots Greys	<p>West Lothian Courier 31st May 1918 Military Medal for Broxburn Soldier – We are pleased to learn that Reg Quarter Master Sgt W T M Dickson, Seaforth Highlanders, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field. Sgt Dickson, who enlisted at the outbreak of war in the Scots Greys is a native of Duns but was employed previous to his joining the colours as teller in the Broxburn Branch of the British Linen Company’s Bank. Sgt Dickson was a very popular member of the Bank staff and those with whom he came in contact will be pleased to hear of the recognition he has received from his country.</p>
22245 Pte John Dignan Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders	<p>JOHN DIGNAN Midlothian Advertiser 20th October 1916 Broxburn Man Missing – Pte John Dignan (22245) Cameron Highlanders, has been posted as missing since 3rd September last. He was employed by the Broxburn Oil Company as a labourer before he enlisted in February of this year. His mother resides at 120 Greendykes Road, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Broxburn Cameron Missing – Mr and Mrs John Dignan, 129 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, have received official intimation that their son, Pte John Dignan, 29?45,</p>

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	<p>Cameron Highlanders, has been posted missing as from 3rd September. Pte Dignan joined up last February and has only been a few months in the fighting line. Prior to becoming a soldier, he worked as a labourer in the Broxburn Oil Works.</p>
<p>Pte George Donald HLI</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 8th February 1918 Broxburn Presentation – Pte George Donald, HLI, on the occasion of his being home on leave from the Front, was entertained by the member of the “Dividend Crowd” in the Band Hall on Tuesday last Mr James Kelty presided over a gathering of nearly 160 couples. Full justice having been done to the excellent and dainty fare purveyed by several lady friends, the chairman in presenting Pte Donald with a splendid pocket book and a good sum of money spoke of the great pleasure the “Crowd” had at having their esteemed companion amongst the again even though it was only for a short period. Though he had been away from them nobly doing his duty on behalf of his country for a considerable time, he had never been away from their thoughts, many a time they spoke of “Geordie” and wished that he was back in the “Crowd” – and that the war would be a thing of the past and he was sure he expressed the feeling of their guest’s large circle of friends that their wish wouldn’t be much longer delayed. This pleasant duty he had been asked to perform, namely to present Pte Donald with this token of their esteem while it only in a very small way expressed the great respect in which he was held by the ”Crowd”, would serve to remind him that he was always one of them and he could assure him of a hearty welcome back again, should he be spared to return as they all sincerely hoped he would be. In name of the subscribers he had great pleasure in asking Pte Donald to accept of the gift, coupled with their best wishes for his safe return, and that he would long continue to be a member of the “Dividend Crown.” Pte Donald in a few words returned thanks for their great kindness in making him the recipient of such a handsome and useful gift and for the hearty welcome they had extended to him. Dancing was afterwards engaged in.</p>
<p>Pte John Dooley Black Watch</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Broxburn Men in Casualty Lists – We regret this week to have again to record the death in action of several Broxburn soldiers, and also others who have been wounded in the country’s fight for liberty and justice. Another of our gallant ain ladies who is suffering from wounds is Pte John Dooley Black Watch, who was wounded at the Arras on 9th April. Pte Dooley is lying in a Leeds hospital, and his wife who resides at 121 Greendykes Road, has received a warrant to visit him, Pte Dooley was sent to France in August, and was invalided home in 1916 suffering from trench fever.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th December 1918 Broxburn Marriage Presentation – On Tuesday evening last the members and committee of Broxburn RC Band held a smoking concert in the Cardross Hotel and took the occasion to present one of their number Mr John Dooley with a token of their esteem in view of his marriage, which took place recently. Mr William McEwan, the popular present of the Band occupied the chair, and in briefly addressing the thirty gentlemen present, referred to the splendid service their guest had rendered to his country in the ranks of the British Army. The guest of the evening had, like several others of the Band nobly done his duty and had endured all the trials and hardships of a soldier’s life especially on that disastrous day at Cambrai, and now they had him amongst them once more, and he could assure Mr Dooley it was with extreme pleasure they took this opportunity of showing their respect for him. Mr McEwan also made feeling reference to those of their number who had made the supreme sacrifice and also briefly referred to those who for their bravery and devotion to duty had been recognised by their country. Mr James Marshall, the capable conductor in a short appropriate speech presented Mr Dooley</p>


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	<p>with a handsome clock (suitably inscribed) and wished his and his good lady many years' of happiness and prosperity. Mr Dooley suitably replied, and the rest of the evening was pleasantly spent in song and sentiment to which Mr Leo Leacock added in no inconsiderable manner with his brilliant piano accompaniments. Votes of thanks to the chairman and to Mr William White for his past kindness and his also granting the use of the room on this occasion were warmly accorded and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "For he's a Jolly good fellow" terminated a social function which was heartily enjoyed by all.</p>
<p>16480 L/Cpl Thomas Dornan 9th Btn Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>THOMAS DORNAN Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 16480 Date of Death: 25/09/1915 Age: 22 Regiment/Service: Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 9th Bn. Grave Reference: J. 14. Cemetery: CAMBRIN CHURCHYARD EXTENSION Additional Information: Son of John and Margaret Finlay Dornan, of Montclair, Promenade, Leven, Fife. Late of Uphall, West Lothian.</p>
<p>3050728 Pte James Bryce Drummond 4th Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>JAMES B DRUMMOND Rank: Private Service No: 3050728 Date of Death: 03/06/1940 Age: 39 Regiment/Service: Gordon Highlanders 4th Bn. Grave Reference: Row G. Grave 18. Cemetery: DOVER (ST. JAMES'S) CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of James Semple Drummond and Jessie Park Drummond; husband of Jane Walker Drummond, of Uphall, West Lothian.</p>
<p>Pte James Duncan 2nd Royal Scots</p>	<p>JAMES DUNCAN West Lothian Courier 13th August 1915 Home from the Front – Pte James Duncan, 2nd Royal Scots, son of Mr James Duncan, Barjovah, Port Buchan, Broxburn arrived home on Monday morning on leave from the front. Pte Duncan was a reservist and was called up immediately after the outbreak of hostilities. Prior to that, he was a chauffeur with Major Tweedie, of the Royal Scots who has been a prisoner of war in Germany ever since the retreat of Mons. Pte Duncan went out to France with the first draft and he has seen a great deal of hard fighting. He has been fortunate enough to escape practically scathless, although his regiment has lost heavily, both in officers and men. Only one of the officers who went out with the first draft is left. Pte Duncan is strictly reticent regarding his experiences and even to his parents he is modestly uncommunicative. He is looking well, says he is feeling fit and he is certainly very cheery, and seem to have no doubt of the ultimate issue.</p>
<p>Pte James Dunlop 9th Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>JAMES DUNLOP West Lothian Courier 29th October 1915 Broxburn soldier Gassed – Mr William Dunlop, Stewartfield has received intimation that his son Pte James Dunlop, 9th Scottish Rifles, was gassed in the big attack and is now in No 12 General Hospital. He enlisted shortly after the war broke out and has been in France since the beginning of the year. Prior to enlisting he was employed by Mr R Hastie potato merchant.</p>

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<p>Rev Charles Dunn</p>	<p>CHARLES DUNN West Lothian Courier 28th January 1916 Uphall – Rev Charles Dunn off to France – It has been known for some considerable time past that Rev Charles Dunn, Uphall, was anxious to serve the country in some way or other in connection with the present war. It is not surprising, therefore, to learn that he left this week for France. We understand that he is to work under Sir Robert Baden-Powell in the Rest Huts somewhere behind the firing line and the engagement is for three months. For the next two months the pulpit in the Uphall Parish Church will be occupied by the Rev Alex Dunn of the Presbyterian Church, Brussels who is a cousin to the Uphall Parish Minister. On Monday evening Rev Charles Dunn was met in the Church Hall by members of the Women’s Guild and presented with a sleeping bag a fountain pen and a small album with the names of the contributors. Miss Grossert secretary presided and in a neat little speech made the presentation. She expressed the hope that Mr Dunn would be able to accomplish good and useful work and assured him their thoughts would be always with him. On behalf of the guild she wished him Godspeed and a safe return. Rev Mr Dunn acknowledged the gifts and explained briefly the nature of the work he was to undertake. He thanked the members of the Guild very warmly for their kindness to him and he wished them every success during his absence. A few appropriate remarks were also offered by Mrs Cunningham, President. Tea was also server and altogether the gathering was a most enthusiastic one. West Lothian Courier 2nd June 1916 Back from France – The Rev Charles Dunn, has received a hearty welcome back to Uphall after having spent four months in Rest Hut work with the forces in France. On Sunday last Rev Mr Dunn, in the Church gave a thrilling and touching recital of the work amongst the troops and rendered some of the hymns sung by the soldiers in the battle front. During Mr Dunn’s absence in France, the work of the parish has been conducted by the Rev Alex Dunn, of the Presbyterian Church, Brussel’s, a cousin of the Parish minister.</p>
<p>S/9942 Pte George Dunn 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname DUNN Forename George Rank Pte Service number S/9942 Decoration Place of birth Perth Date of death 2 March 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS Other detail 1st Bn. West Lothian Courier 16th June 1916 Former Broxburnian Killed – Mr and Mrs Dunn, Cowiehall Cottage, Cowie, Bannockburn, have received official news that their son, Pte George Dunn, 25, Gordons, previously reported wounded and missing, is now reported killed in action. Pte Dunn formerly worked in Broxburn Oil Works.</p>
<p>L/Cpl George Dunn Army Service Corps</p>	<p>GEORGE DUNN West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916 Uphall Soldier in Hospital – Mrs George Dunn, 34 Stankards Rows, Uphall has received word from the War Office that her husband LCpl George Dunn, ASC was admitted to hospital in Malta on the 9th October suffering from Malaria fever. This</p>

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	<p>is the third time that LCpl Dunn has been invalided for Malaria. LCpl Dunn enlisted at the beginning of the war and served seven months at the Dardanelles and three months at Salonica.</p>
<p>Pte John Dunnachie 1st Btn Scots Guards</p>	<p>JOHN DUNNACHIE West Lothian Courier 12th March 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – The parents of Pte John Dunnachie, 1st Scots Guards, who reside at Greendykes Road, have received word from their son that he is lying on Orthopedic Hospital, London, with a bullet wound in the right hand received while in action on 24th February. He enlisted in the Scots Guards last September, and was drafted to the front at the beginning of February, and was only three weeks in the trenches when he was wounded. West Lothian Courier 30th April 1915</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>We reproduce a photo of five Broxburn companions, who enlisted in the Scots Guards, shortly after the outbreak of the war. Their names are : Standing – Pte James McAllister, Pte John Dunnachie and Pte William Swanney; sitting – Pte Hugh Shaw and Pte J Spalding Niddrie. After enlisting they were stationed at Wellington Barracks, London where the above photograph was taken. With the exception of Shaw, they</p> </div> </div> <p>were attached to the 1st Btn and proceeded to the front about the end of January. Pte Shaw followed with the 2nd Btn, about a fortnight later, and as was stated in our last week's issue, was reported to have been killed at the Battle of Neuve Chappelle. Fortunately, this proved untrue and Pte Shaw is still in the trenches fighting for his country. As was also reported by us last week, Ptes Dunnachie McAllister and Swanney, have been wounded. Pte Dunnachie arrived home last Saturday on a fortnight's leave. He received his wound at Richebourg on the 2nd March, when he had an exceedingly narrow escape. He was situated behind breast-works and feeling cold was blowing his hand, when he was caught by a German sniper, the bullet entered the back of his right hand and passing right through penetrated his middle finger. A few inches on the course of the bullet might have meant instant death, He was removed to a hospital in Boulogne. Two days later he was brought across the channel and remained in a London Hospital for seven days.</p>
<p>Pte John Dutton 10th Royal Scots (Cyclists)</p>	<p>JOHN DUTTON Midlothian Advertiser 16th July 1915 Broxburn Cyclist Territorial Wounded – Mrs Carson, 110 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, has received notification that her son John Dutton a Territorial of the 10th Btn Royal Scots (Cyclists) has been wounded in France. As he was one of a party of despatch riders sent from the Battalion to France in the month of February</p>

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	<p>last, it is presumed he was wounded while engaged in this work. His injuries are about the hand, shoulder and leg.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 16th July 1915</p> <p>The parents of Pte John Dutton, Greendykes Road 10th Royal Scots (cyclists) have received word from Chaplain R E Jones that their son has been at the 10th Casualty Clearing Station for some days suffering from injuries to hand, shoulder and leg. He states that Dutton is progressing as well as possible and is quite bright and comfortable. He also states that he will afterwards be removed to a base hospital. Pte Dutton who is 23 years of age, was a member of the 10th Royal Scots and went to France in January along with several others as a despatch rider. At the time he was wounded he was in the trenches as a hand grenade thrower.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th August 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Men on Casualty List Mrs Carson, 110 Greendykes Road has received a letter which is evidently written by a nurse, giving her information regarding her son, Pte J Dutton Army Cyclist Corps who as we reported recently, had been severely wounded. He is at present lying in Suffolk Hospital, Bury, where the letter states, he arrived on Wednesday last. His arm is healing and he is able to walk about. The letter further states ; - This is a fine place, a gentleman's house given as a hospital. It stands in its own grounds, and there is a fine loch in view from the house. We are looked after by nurses, some of whom give their services free.</p>
<p>Sgt Thomas Eardley DCM Durham Light Infantry</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 29th November 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Native awarded the DCM – Sgt Tom Eardley, Durham Light Infantry (The Faithfuls) got the DCM for services rendered on the battlefield, He was then Cpl, acting Co Sgt Major. He joined up in 1915 and has been in France from the time he finished training and has been in most of the important engagements. He got his promotion to Sgt with his DCM.</p> <p>He is a native of Broxburn, son of John J Eardley, late of Broxburn and has three brothers in the Army two in France, and one a prisoner of war in Germany.</p> <p>He was for 10 years in the crude oil engineering department of the Broxburn Oil Works and was for a number of years in the RC Band. As a footballer he played in some of the local teams including the Broxburn Football Club.</p>
<p>Pte John Edgar 5th Royal Scots</p>	<p>JOHN EDGAR</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th August 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Man Wounded at Dardanelles – Mr Robert Edgar, Stewartfield, has received intimation that his son, Pte John Edgar, 5th Royal Scots, was wounded at the Dardanelles, on the day of the big advance on 28th June Pte Edgar is now in a hospital near Portsmouth and a letter written by Rev R F McNeill chaplain on board SS Goorkha, on which vessel the wounded soldier was brought to this country has been received by his parents. It is in the following terms – “Your son who is in this hospital ship, arriving today in Southampton asks me to write you a line to say that he has got safely to England. He was wounded in the right shoulder, and has temporarily lost the use of his arm so that he cannot write for himself. He is being sent to hospital near Portsmouth for the present, but will be moved probably within a few days, somewhere nearer his home.” Pte Edgar has since sent on a photo taken in the hospital, showing him and two sisters standing at the bedside of a wounded comrade. An old soldier, Pte Edgar re-enlisted in April, was sent to the Dardanelles with his regiment about a fortnight later. His father who is also an old soldier re-enlisted in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders about six weeks ago. Pte Edgar is now progressing favourably and is trying the novel experiment of writing letters with his left hand.</p>

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<p>Pte T Edwards Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 22nd February 1918 Broxburn Social and Presentation – A large gathering of friends of Pte T Edwards, A & SH met in a social capacity in the Band Hall to present him with tokens of their esteem and to welcome him back from France, where he has been for over a year. A splendid repast was purveyed by several of the lady friends and thoroughly enjoyed by the 60 couples who were present. Mr William Anderson presided and in presenting Pte Edwards with a splendid pocket book containing upwards of £4 spoke of the pleasure it gave him to have the honour of doing this duty to one of their number who had been so nobly fighting in their country’s cause. It was always a great pleasure to welcome one of their returned heroes and show them that although they had been absent from amongst their many friends they had still been in their thoughts. He could assure Pte Edwards that the gifts w his friends were presenting him with were insignificant compared with their good wishes and their earnest hope was that he would be spared to come through this crisis in our country’s history and have many years of pleasure before him. Pte Edwards in a few remarks appropriate to the occasion expressed his thanks for their kindness. Dancing was afterwards engaged in and kept up with enthusiasm until about 5 o’clock, songs and recitations being contributed at intervals for members of the company. The music for the dancing which was a feature was supplied by Messrs Webster’s band and Messrs W Neill and J Webster officiated in a capable manner as MC’s. The awarding of votes of thanks and the singing of Auld Lang Syne terminated a most enjoyable function.</p>					
<p>15284 Pte J Elliot Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>J ELLIOT West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte J Elliot</td> <td style="width: 10%;">15284</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Cameron Highlanders</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte J Elliot	15284	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>22377 Pte W Fairbairn Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>W FAIRBAIRN Midlothian Advertiser 24th November 1916 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The following names of district soldiers appear in the casualty lists published this week. Wounded Pte W Fairbairn, Cameron Highlanders, Uphall West Lothian Courier 24th November 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte W Fairbairn</td> <td style="width: 10%;">22377</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Cameron Highlanders</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Uphall</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Killed</td> </tr> </table>	Pte W Fairbairn	22377	Cameron Highlanders	Uphall	Killed
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<p>3139 Pte John Fairlie Royal Scots</p>	<p>JOHN FAIRLIE West Lothian Courier 1st December 1916 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mr and Mrs John Fairley, 3 Stewartfield, Broxburn, have this week received notification that their eldest son Pte John Fairley, 3139, Royal Scots, was wounded on the 18th November. He sustained wounds in both shoulders. He is lying in hospital at Pembury Kent. Pte Fairley enlisted at the beginning of 1915, and he has during the last nine months been in France. Prior to entering the Army he was a miner in Westerton Pits. Midlothian Advertiser 8th December 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Pte John Fairlie, Royal Scots, has been wounded. He is a son of Mr J Fairlie, 3 Stewartfield, Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 29th December 1916 Men Killed & wounded – West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J Fairlie</td> <td>3139</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte J Fairlie	3139	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>Pte Albert Falconer 90th Rifles, 1st Canadians</p>	<p>ALBERT FALCONER West Lothian Courier 2nd April 1915 Broxburn Canadian Wounded – Mr G C Falconer baker, received intimation on Wednesday that his son, Pte Albert Falconer, of the 90th Rifles 1st Canadian contingent had been wounded. Beyond the bare intimation no particulars are yet to hand as to the nature of his wound. Pte Falconer migrated to Canada four and a half years ago and was resident in Winnipeg. Like many other loyal sons of the Motherland he enlisted immediately after the outbreak of war and crossed over with the first Canadian contingent about the New Year time and shortly afterwards proceeded to the front. West Lothian Courier 9th April 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – In last week’s issue we reported that Pte Albert Falconer of the 90th Rifles, 1st Canadian contingent, son of Mr G C Falconer, baker, had been wounded. A letter has since been received from Pte Falconer stating that he has been wounded in the left foot and is now lying in a hospital in Kent. He states that he has already gone through an operation and it is not known whether the wound might prove serious or not. The hospital known as “Shornecliffe” was formerly the private residence of a gentleman who has placed it at the disposal of the military authorities for wounded Canadians. Pte Falconer speaks very highly of the attention he has received there and states that he is very comfortable and getting on as well as can be expected.</p>					
<p>Cpl William Fallon DCM 1st Black Watch</p>	<p>WILLIAM FALLON West Lothian Courier 10th December 1915 Broxburn DCM – Cpl William Fallon, 1st Black Watch arrived in Broxburn at the beginning of this week on six days leave from the Western front and his friends were pleased to learn he had distinguished himself on the field of battle. On the day of the big offensive on 25th September, Cpl Fallon then a Pte, displayed great bravery at Loos, and we understand not only was awarded the DCM, but was promoted King’s Corporal on the field. Cpl Fallon, although proud of the honour gained is modest regarding it, and merely remarked that he only did his duty. We are informed that he had asked an officer for permission to bring in a wounded man, who had lain all day 60 yards from the German lines, appealing for help. At first this was refused, but eventually Fallon said he must go out and, and it took him about 6 hours to take the man 600 yards. Five officers were present when he reached the parapet, and all of them recommended him for distinction. Although not a native of Broxburn Cpl Fallon was in the employment of Mr M Hastie, potato merchant for three years, prior to enlisting in the Regular Army. He enlisted in the 2nd Royal Highlanders in 1908 and had been in India during most of his service.</p>					

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He arrived in France from India in October 1914 and was invalided home in January last. On returning to the front in May, he was transferred to the 1st Btn of the Black Watch.

West Lothian Courier 28th July 1916

Broxburn Men Killed and wounded – The wife of Pte W Fallon, Black Watch, one of the Broxburn DCM's has received notice from the War Office that her husband has been admitted to No 12 Stationery Hospital in Rouen, suffering from a gunshot wound in the left hand. Pte Fallon who has been in France since war was declared has been previously wounded.


Midlothian Advertiser 4th August 1916

Broxburn DCM Wounded – Pte William Fallon, Black Watch, has been wounded in France. He was awarded the DCM some time ago. His wife resides at Stewartfield, Broxburn.

West Lothian Courier 9th February 1917

Presentation to Pte Fallon, DCM – An interesting function took place in the Public School, Broxburn on Friday last, when Pte J Fallon, DCM was presented with a gold medal and War Loan Certificates as a recognition of the public appreciation of his having brought this honour to Broxburn. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Broxburn Honours and Memorial Committee and there was a fair attendance of the public. In the unavoidable absence of Mr William Cuthbertson and Dr Scott from whom letters of apology were read, Mr G D Duncan Hon Secy, occupied the chair. Mr Duncan in the course of his remarks spoke of the short notice with which these functions had to be arranged but in the great number of cases, it could not be otherwise. Soldiers returning from the front, even at the most were only a day or two amongst them before having to return. The Committee had done everything possible in the short time at their disposal to inform the public and he was pleased to see such a fair turnout. He was especially pleased to see such a good attendance of the younger generation and he was sure such deeds of valour as that which they were met to recognise that evening would always be remembered by them as one of the many brave deeds done by Broxburn soldiers and sailors in the Great War. This was Pte Fallon's 2nd visit to Broxburn since receiving his distinction. On the first occasion there was no public funds by which they could recognise his heroism, but since then the Honours and Memorial Committee had been formed and it was their pleasant duty at his time now, through the medium of that fund to show Pte Fallon his brave action had not been overlooked by the Broxburn people. He had pleasure in calling upon Mr William Brown MA to make the presentation which, he might say, Mr Brown had agreed to do at very short notice. Mr Brown in his remarks said he was very pleased to act in that capacity in the absence of Mr Cuthbertson and Dr Scott. This had been a great war of heroism. Every newspaper we took up, every day's events that we read about, were full of great deeds of valour. No war we could ever think about was like the present for besides other things, the many acts of bravery that had been done, and we didn't even hear of a tenth of such magnificent heroism that was daily displayed by our Soldiers and Sailors. Such splendid gallantry would live in history as long as the world lasts. We were proud to know Broxburn lads had, had some of their acts of bravery rewarded as a large number of those brave young men who had gone out to their country's call had gained distinction which would be a pride to themselves and their friends as long they exist. Our Roll of Honour would always remain to show Broxburn's sacrifice in the great struggle, scores out of the hundreds who had voluntarily enlisted on Lord Kitchener's call for men having made that greatest of all sacrifices, life itself. On this occasion, they were met to honour on of our heroes, Pte J Fallon who had gained that coveted distinction, the Distinguished Conduct Medal, as his country's reward for a brave action. An extra interest was attached to Pte Fallon's award as he was the first of our brave lads to bring distinction to Broxburn, having been recommended for the DCM as far back

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	<p>as September 1915. Two DCM's and a number of Military Medals had been bestowed on our own lads, and he felt sure many more would yet have their bravery in the field rewarded. In asking Pte Fallon to accept of this handsome gold medal and War Savings Certificate to the value of £5 he expressed the hope of himself and the public of Broxburn that he (Pte Fallon) who was returning to France in a day or so to help finish the work which he was sure would end successfully, would be spared to return safe to Broxburn and would be long spared to enjoy the great distinction which his country had given him.</p> <p>Pte Fallon briefly replied and thanked the public for their kindness to him in presenting him with these handsome gifts. He was proud to belong to such a place a Broxburn and although he had gained the distinction in the execution of his duty he was sure there were many more of his fellow townsmen who had done as much if not more, but unfortunately had died without getting the distinction they deserved. He was going back to give all the help in his power to bring the great victory we must have and if it was possible he would try to bring back to Broxburn the greatest of all honours.</p> <p>Mr Stuart in a short speech, added his congratulations to Pte Fallon for the honour he had brought to himself, to Broxburn, and to that gallant regiment the Black Watch. He asked the audience to accord Mr Brown a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness in coming to make the presentation especially at such short notice. The vote of thanks having been warmly accorded, Pte Fallon shook hands with the assembled company and having received congratulation from one and all a most enjoyable function terminated.</p> <p>Pte Fallon was in the Reserve, and at the outbreak of war was recalled to the colours with his old regiment, The Black Watch. He has been at the front for over two years and was in most of the big engagements, being twice wounded and once gassed. The brave deed for which Pte Fallon gained his DCM was performed on 26th September 1915, immediately after the Loos engagement. Pte Fallon made the discovery that a chum of his belong to a Welsh Regiment, was lying out wounded. He asked his officer's permission to try and bring him in but owing to the great danger this was refused. For once Pte Fallon disobeyed orders, and mounting the parapet, made his way through a murderous fire to the side of his wounded companion. The task Pte Fallon has set his hand to was a most dangerous and heavy one but with the grit we have become familiar with where our soldier are concerned he stuck to his task for four hours and ultimately had the satisfaction of bringing in his chum to a place of safety. Pte Fallon was grated leave in December of the same year and while in the train at London on his return journey to the trenches received orders to report himself at Headquarters in London and the following day received the DCM at the hands of His Majesty at Buckingham Palace.</p>
<p>23187 Driver Fred Feeney MM Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>FRED FEENEY West Lothian Courier 17th November 1916 Broxburn RFA Driver Awarded the Military Medal – Driver Fred Feeney, RFA, son of Mr Patrick Feeney, Goschen Place Uphall, has been awarded the Military Medal. He enlisted in September last year and was drafted to France in May. He has been wounded twice once at Ypres and again in the Somme Battle. It was for his plucky conduct in the fighting on the Somme that he gained the military medal. One morning he was driving up shells to the guns and on returning to the waggon lines with an empty waggon the Germans began to shell his team. A shell burst in the middle of Feeney's team and</p> <div style="float: right;">  </div>

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Midlothian Advertiser 24th November 1916

Uphall Military Medal for Local Soldier – Driver Fred Feeney, RFA, son of Mr Patrick Feeney, Goschen Place, Uphall, has been awarded the military Medal. He enlisted in September last year and was drafted to France in May. He had been wounded twice, once at Ypres and again in the Somme Battle. It was for his plucky conduct in the fighting on the Somme that he gained the Military Medal. One morning he was driving up shells to the guns, and on returning to the waggon lines with an empty waggon the Germans began to shell his team. A shell burst in the middle of Feeney’s team and killed one of his drivers and wounded two of his horses. Feeney however, dismounted and placed the driver in a safe place, while he himself took the wounded horses out of the team and brought them all back to the waggon lines, while suffering from his own wounds and under shell fire.

Feeney was formerly employed by the Broxburn Oil Company.

West Lothian Courier 1st December 1916

Broxburn Military Medalist – We show a portrait of Driver Fred Feeney, RFA, son of Mr Patrick Feeney, Goschen Place, Uphall, who, as we noted in our issue of 17th November, was awarded the Military medal. While returning with a team of horses after taking shells to the guns, the Germans shelled the team. A driver was killed and Driver Feeney was wounded, while the horses were also injured. Driver Feeney, though suffering acutely and under heavy fire, brought the horses and waggon and the body of his driver to a place out of reach of the enemy guns.

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Driver F Feeney	23187	Royal Field Artillery	Uphall	Wounded
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West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918

Broxburn Presentation of Honours Medals – Under the auspices of Broxburn Honours and Memorial Fund Committee a public presentation of the “Honours Medal” and war Saving Certificates took place on Thursday last in the Gymnasium of the School, the recipients being Coy Qtr Master Sgt A Armstrong, DCM and Driver F Feeney, MM.

Mr Cuthbertson, chairman, presided over a good turnout of the public and in the course of a brief speech called upon Mr Finlay Stuart to make the presentation. Mr Stuart in presenting CQMS Armstrong with the Medal and War Certificates said it recalled to his mind an old saying “Some were born to greatness, others had it thrust upon them,” and he (Mr Stuart) was in the latter class as it was only within the past few minutes that he had had this great honour thrust upon him, of presenting these two heroes with this public recognition and appreciation of the bravery that had won for them these coveted distinctions. He was so highly gratified at the great honour that these men had brought to themselves and to Broxburn, that he could not possible refuse to do this duty. He had great pleasure in asking Sgt Armstrong to accept of these tokens of esteem from the people of Broxburn as a small recognition of the noble part he had acted in this great War. CQMS Armstrong belonged to that noble band of heroes known as the “Old Contemptibles” that great band of men who stood the first shock of the German onslaught and whom fighting a rear-guard action, that will ever live in history were ultimately able to drive the German hordes back To these men we owe a debt of gratitude which we can never repay and which we will hold in everlasting remembrance. Sgt Armstrong was a Broxburn lad born and bred educated in the

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	<p>same school I which they were sitting and ran about with many of the lads who were out fighting and had now risen to an honourable position in that famous old Scottish Regiment “The Black Watch.” We are all proud of the bravery that had been shown by Sgt Armstrong and which had earned for him the Distinguished Conduct Medal. In asking CQMS Armstrong in name of the public of Broxburn to accept of the Honours Medal and War Savings Certificates, he wished him long life and prosperity and as he understood the gallant Sgt would shortly be going in double harness he hoped he would spare to hand down this medal to generation yet unborn. (Applause).</p> <p>CQMS Armstrong briefly returned thanks.</p> <p>Mr Stuart in another appropriate speech made a similar presentation to Driver F Feeney (who has now been recalled from the colours to resume his former occupation as a miner), expressing the pleasure they all felt at the honour Driver Feeney had brought to Broxburn in having in having recognition of his brave actions on the field being awarded the Military Medal and hoped that he would have a long and prosperous life and to enjoy the value of the War Savings Certificates when they matured.</p> <p>Driver Feeney in returning thanks said that he only did his duty a thing which any British soldier was always ready to do.</p> <p>Mr Cuthbertson in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Stuart, which was heartily accorded said it was a pleasure to preside over such a large gathering and he hoped that future functions of this sort would be as well attended.</p> <p>It was a public duty to honour those men who had fought and bled for us and he hoped the public would look upon it as such The Fund however through which these presentations were made needed more money to carry on and he hoped when an appeal was made to the public for this most worthy object that the subscriptions would be on a liberal scale.</p> <p>CQMS Armstrong enlisted in 1904 in the Black Watch and spent a number of years of his military service abroad. At the outbreak of war, he was stationed at Bareilly (in the central Provinces of India), and was immediately drafted with his regiment to France. Later he was attached to the Machine Gun Section and it was for his heroic action in covering up a retirement with his machine gun under severe fire that earned for him the DCM. The brave action referred to occurred at Loos, on the 25th September 1915. The gallant Sgt was over 14 months in France and was afterwards sent to Mesopotamia where he has also seen some hard fighting and from which please he returned home on a well-earned leave a few days ago.</p> <p>Driver F Feeney, the other recipient who as we have already mentioned is now following his former occupation as a miner, enlisted on the 4th September 1914, serving for over three years in the 48th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. He took part in a great deal of the fighting during that period and was twice wounded. He was awarded the Military Medal for bringing in the wounded, along with the guns, under heavy shell fire. Driver Feeney was a prominent player in the R Band previous to enlistment.</p>
<p>Pte John Ferguson RAMC formerly Guards</p>	<p>JOHN FERGUSON West Lothian Courier 23rd July 1915 Broxburn Soldier on Leave from France – Pte John Ferguson, Broxburn, who had been in France since the outbreak of hostilities, last week enjoyed three days’ leave. On Thursday he returned to the post of duty. Pte Ferguson who served his full time in the Scots Guards, had a few months before the declaration of war ceased to have any connection with the Army. So soon as war was declared, however he at once offered his services, and he has been doing good work with the Army Medical Corps at the front as stretcher bearer. West Lothian Courier 27th December 1918</p>

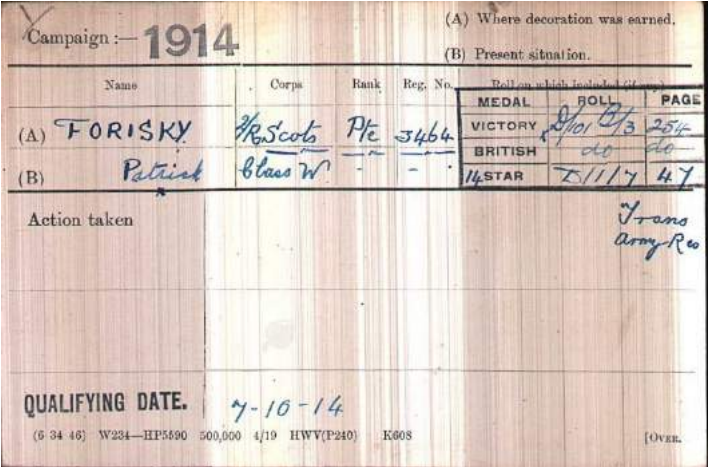
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	<p>Broxburn Presentation – On Wednesday evening last the many friends of Pte J Ferguson, RAMC to the number of over 40 couples met in a social capacity and took the occasion to present him with a handsome pocket book and sum of money. After an excellent tea had been partaken of by the company. Mr Houston in a few appropriate remarks made the presentation which was suitably replied to by the recipient. A lengthy dance programme was carried through and songs etc were rendered an intervals by James Houston and Co, who have made such a successful appearance at the Picturedrome during the week. Misses Davidson and Fairley, Piper Forbes, Pte Erskine and Messrs Leacock , McLean and Samson. Miss Criss Ferguson also gave a delightful exhibition of Highland dancing. The music was supplied by Miss Connor and Mr Louis Jordan in their usual artistic style and Mr H Boyd ably officiated as MC. For the satisfactory arrangements the credit is due to Mrs Colman and Mrs Yorkston who were responsible.</p>
<p>5333 Cpl Alexander Figgins, POW 1st Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>FIGGINS, ALEXANDER Rank: Corporal Service No:5333 Date of Death: 22/10/1914 Age: 34 Regiment/Service: Cameron Highlanders 1st Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 38 and 40. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of David and Annie Figgins, of 21, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn; husband of Annie Figgins, of 59, King St., Inverness. A Reservist. Served in the South African Campaign. West Lothian Courier 16th July 1915 After having been reported a missing since the end of October last, L/Cpl A Figgins, 1st Queens Own Cameron Highlanders, son of Mr and Mrs D Figgins Greendykes Road is now stated to be a prisoner of war in Germany. The parents learned the good news through the Regimental paper, "The 79th News," and naturally it has given them much relief after such a long period of suspense. Figgins who is 34 years of age has been 13 years with the colours and went to France at the beginning of the war.</p>
<p>12608 Pte Peter Finnigan Scots Guards</p>	<p>PETER FINNIGAN Era WW1 Surname FINNIGAN Forename Peter Rank Gdsm Service number 12608 Decoration Place of birth Kirkliston West lothian Date of death 27 September 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS West Lothian Courier 5th November 1915 Broxburn Soldier Missing – Mrs Peter Finnigan, Holygate Broxburn, has received intimation that her husband Pte Peter Finnigan, Scots Guards is reported missing since the big offensive at the end of September last. He enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war and proceeded to the western front about three months ago.</p>

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	<p>Midlothian Advertiser 12th November 1915 Broxburn Men Missing - Mrs Finnigan, Holygate Broxburn has received intimation that her husband Pte Peter Finnigan, Scots Guards has been missing since the big engagement in France at the end of September. Pte Finnigan was a prominent football player in Broxburn district some years ago.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Broxburn Missing Soldier Notified Killed – Mrs Finnigan who resides with her mother Mrs Leacock, at New Holygate, Broxburn has received notification that her husband, Pte Peter Finnigan Scots Guards reported missing on 27th September 1915, after the Battle of Loos is now officially held to have been killed on that date. Pte Finnigan joined in the early months of 1915 and was early drafted to the fighting line. Prior to being knocked out he went through successfully several heavy engagements. In civilian life, we was a miner in the employment of Broxburn Oil Company Ltd. He was a well-known pedestrian and played for several seasons with the old Broxburn Football Club. Mr John Leacock, father in law of Pte Finnigan is just home discharged from the Navy. He in June 1915, joined the Royal Scots but had to undergo an operation and received his discharge. On his health improving he joined the Naval Division with which he served part of the time in France. He again was invalided to hospital, the result of the strain of his work and is now at home recuperating. Mr and Mrs Leacock’s son George who was officially reported killed is still in the fighting line and writes that he is getting on well.</p>
<p>202556 Pte John Fleming Royal Warwickshire Rgt prev Royal Scots</p>	<p>202556, PRIVATE John Fleming 2/6th Battalion., Royal Warwickshire Regiment Killed in action, France & Flanders, 22-03-1918 Born: UPHALL, LINLITHGOW, Enlisted: BATHGATE, LINLITHGOW Prev Royal Scots</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th September 1917 <i>Romantic Marriage at Broxburn</i> – A good deal of interest has been aroused by the romance surrounding the appearance of a young soldier belonging to the Royal Scots at the Police Office. It was on Friday night that the Broxburn Police at the instigation of a Cpl from Glencorse arrested a young soldier named John Fleming on a charge of being absent without leave. Fleming who is a Glasgow man, came to Broxburn for purpose of being married and the union is quite a romance of the war. The young lady a military nurse is appears, belongs to Broxburn, and she made the acquaintance of Fleming while the soldier was in inmate in Bangour Military Hospital recovering from wounds received in France. On returning to duty Fleming was picked for a a draft to go abroad next week and seeing no hope of carrying out his intention to marry the girl of his choice it is stated that, along with a chum Fleming took French leave from Glencorse.</p> <p><i>Love Laughs at Locksmiths</i> – The young Royal Scot, by some means was locked up for the night by the police and it looked as if the wedding would have to be postponed to an indefinite date. But while Fleming was in the lock up his friend outside had apparently been busy during the evening as this morning, just a few minutes before the time Fleming was due to leave for Linlithgow for examination a romantic interlude caused surprise to many. Fleming’s sweetheart accompanied by a lady friend, the Cpl from Glencorse and the Rev J A Orr, Established church minister entered the police station and asked the officer in charge if permission would be granted for Fleming and his sweetheart to be married there and then. It was explained to the police that all the legal formalities for the wedding taking place had been completed and on this representation no obstacle to the war romance being carried a stage further was made by the authorities.</p>


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	<p>Wedding in the Police Office – The wedding party in the unusual environment of the police office ranged up, forming a unique group and without any undue elaboration Pte Fleming and his lady love were made man and wife the bride of a few moments had evidently realised that there would be no honeymoon at this stage, but she looked rather wistful as she watched her soldier husband being driven away to Linlithgow. But the bridegroom was not allowed to depart without congratulations and good wishes from the small circle of friends and acquaintances who had become aware of the romantic circumstances attending the wedding in the police office and to the accompaniment of something like a cheer, Pte Fleming quietly proceeded along with his military guard to the county Town. Later in the day Pte Fleming appeared in Linlithgow Sherriff Court and pleaded guilty to being an army absentee. He was handed over to the military escort.</p>																																																								
<p>Pte W Flockhart Scottish Rifles</p>	<p>W FLOCKHART West Lothian Courier 7th June 1918 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Information has been received by the relatives of Pte W Flockhart, Scottish Rifles, that he has again been amongst the casualties and is presently lying in an hospital in York suffering from a bullet wound in the left hand. Pte Flockhart who has now been wounded for the third time went to France early on 1916, and took part in the battle of High Wood, Ypres, Arras, Kemmel Hill, etc. Previous to enlistment he was employed at the Roman Camp Works. It is only seven or eight weeks since Pte Flockhart was home on leave.</p>																																																								
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<p>10th Btn Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>Age:34 Regiment/Service: Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 10th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 57 to 59. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of John and Mary Foy, of 39, Westerton Rows, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>					
<p>5th Eng Officer Alexander Donald John Fraser Merchant Navy SS Clan Macvey</p>	<p>ALEXANDER D J FRASER Rank: Fifth Engineer Officer Date of Death: 08/08/1918 Age:23 Regiment/Service: Mercantile Marine S.S. "Clan Macvey" (Glasgow) Panel Reference: Memorial: TOWER HILL MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of John and the late Mary Fraser, of "Waratah," Gordon Rd., Corstorphine, Midlothian. Born at Uphall, West Lothian.</p>					
<p>Pte J Fry Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>J FRY Midlothian Advertiser 21st December 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appear in the list of casualties published this week. Wounded Sgt A Binnie, MGA, Uphall Pte J Fry, HLI, Uphall</p>					
<p>Pte N Gallacher King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>N GALLACHER Midlothian Advertiser 2nd November 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appear in the list of casualties publish this week. Killed Pte J Steven, Cameron Highlanders, Uphall Died of Wounds Pte G Stewart, London Regiment, Uphall Wounded Pte N Gallacher, KOSB, Uphall L/Cpl J Brown, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte J Lynch, Scottish Rifles, Uphall Gunner J McIntyre, Royal Garrison Artillery, Uphall</p>					
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<p>L/Cpl Daniel Gardner VC Princess Patricia's Own, Canadians</p>	<p>DANIEL GARDNER Rank: Lance Corporal Service No: 1548 Date of Death:12/05/1915 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment) Grave Reference: I. G. 17.</p>					

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	<p>Cemetery: WIMEREUX COMMUNAL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Barbara and the late John Gardner, of 818, 6th Avenue West, Calgary. Late of Midlothian, Scotland. West Lothian Courier 9th July 1915 A V.C.'s Broxburn Connection – It might interest our readers to learn that L/Cpl Daniel Gardner, who won the coveted VC in France, and who has since died of his wounds in a hospital in Boulogne had a Broxburn connection. Gardner was born in Edinburgh 25 years ago, and his mother resided in Broxburn for two years occupying a house in Jeffrey's Buildings, Kirkhill Road. She migrated to Canada two years ago. Gardner served for some time in the Army, and on completing his term resided for about three months in Kirkhill Road with his married brother, who still resides there. He thereafter left to join his mother in Calgary Canada. When war broke out, he re-enlisted as a gunner in Princess Patricia's Own. While in Edinburgh he proved himself a decent, well behaved lad, who as so often has happened during the present war in face of danger or in the emergence of the moment rose to the supreme test of courage. The hour brought the man. Along with a companion he held the German advance in a trench until his company was able to effect, a re-engagement which culminated in a victorious advance, and for this act of great daring and bravery, he had been awarded the Victoria Cross and decoration which he has not lived to wear. Friends of the Gardiner family express no surprise at Daniel as he was, they say full of grit and determination. He has an Uncle, Mr White, who resides at Pumpherston, while Mrs McCrae who resides in West End, Broxburn is an aunt.</p>
<p>Pte Thomas M Garry 9th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>THOMAS GARRY Midlothian Advertiser 3rd April 1915 Dandy Ninth Man Wounded – The name of the following soldier appear in the list of casualties sustained by the "Dandy Ninth" Royal Scots, Pte Garry, son of Mrs M Garry, 57 Station Rows, Uphall, severely wounded. Midlothian Advertiser 9th April 1915 Dandy Ninth Man Wounded – Mr and Mrs George Garry, Station Rows, Uphall Station have received word from the War Office to the effect that their son, Pte Thomas M Garry has been seriously wounded. Pte Garry was twenty years of age and enlisted in the 9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) on the 1st September last year. He was drafted to France on 23rd February and it was while going into the trenches on March 12th that he received a gun shot in the abdomen. He was taken to the dressing station near the trenches, where he remained till March 15th, and from there he was conveyed to the Base Hospital in Boulogne and thence to England. He is now convalescent in a large house converted into a hospital in Herts. In a letter to his parents he stated that the doctor says he was lucky in escaping with his life, as the bullet in its progress escaped killing him in four different vital places. He also stated that the bullet is resting almost against his spine and quoted the words of the Sister in attendance, he says that had it touched it he would have been disabled for life. He writes in high terms of the manner in which he is being treated and states that lords and such like are no better off than wounded soldiers. West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 Uphall Station Hero – Mr and Mrs George Garry, 37 Station Rows, Uphall Station, have been informed by letter from their eldest son, Pte Thomas M Garry, Royal</p> 


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	<p>Scots, that he has been awarded the Military Medal. Pte Garry, who enlisted in September 1914, has another brother on active service.</p>
<p>Pte Robert Geddes</p>	<p>ROBERT GEDDES West Lothian Courier 7th June 1918 Presentations to Soldiers – Pte Robert Geddes who was amongst the first of Broxburn’s gallant sons who crossed to France to do battle for his country (having now been 3.5 years in this theatre of war), and who is presently home on sick leave, was met by a number of his friends on Saturday last and presented with a wristlet watch, pocket book and a sum of money as a token of esteem. The function took place in the house of his brother, Mr M Geddes, St Margaret’s Place and Dr Kelso in an appropriate speech, made the presentation, recipient suitably replying. The company was afterwards hospitably entertained by Mr and Mrs Geddes and a most enjoyable evening was spent.</p>
<p>3327 Sgt Maj W Geddes DCM 12th Btn Royal Scots formerly HLI</p>	<p>W GEDDES Edinburgh Evening News 19th November 1915 D.C.M. FOR UPHALL MAN. Among the latest recipients of the Distinguished Medal is Acting Company W. Geddes, 12th Battalion Royal Scots, who is native Uphall, and a son of Mr Geddes, clerk, Young's Oil Works, Uphall. Sergt.-Major Geddes formerly served in the H.L.I. At the outbreak of war re-enlisted in the 12th Royal Scots. While residing in Broxburn he was in the employment of Broxburn Co-operative Society</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 26th November 1915 Broxburn – Local Soldiers Success – General satisfaction is felt in the district at the honour which has come to Sgt Maj Geddes in securing the DCM. He is well known in the local cricket circles and the members of the local club are delighted to think that one of their former comrades has won distinction.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 26th November 1915 DCM for Uphall Man – Amongst the latest recipients of the Distinguished Conduct Medal as Acting Company Sgt Major W Geddes, 12th Btn Royal Scots, who is a native of Uphall and a son of Mr Geddes clerk, Youngs Oil Works, Uphall. Sgt Maj Geddes formerly served in the HLI. At the outbreak of war he re-enlisted in the 12th Royal Scots. While residing in Broxburn he was in the employment of Broxburn Co-operative Society as a vanman</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th November 1915 DCM for Uphall Man – Conspicuous Gallantry on the Field – Included in the latest published list of DCM’s is the name of 3327 Act Coy Sgt Maj W Geddes, 12th Royal Scots, son of Mr William Geddes, Springbank, Uphall. The particulars accompanying the intimations are as follows :- “3327 Act Coy Sgt Maj W Geddes, 12th Royal Scots. For conspicuous gallantry on the 28th September 1915, in Dump trench. A mixed body of troops on the right flank had become disorganised owing to the enemy bombers. Act Co Sgt Maj Geddes rallied and took charge of them. His coolness, example and bravery were of the greatest value. The award first appeared in the routine Orders dated 28th October issued by brigadier general John H E Walsh, Commanding 27th Infantry Brigade and while home on leave last week. A Coy Sgt Geddes was able to inform his relatives of the distinction he had gained. Geddes is a soldier of considerable experiences having 12 years in the Highland Light Infantry, he came through the Boer War practically from beginning to end and was fortunate to escape without a scratch. He came out of the Army with the rank of Sgt and on re-joining after the outbreak of the war he received the stripes right away. Attached to the 12th Royal Scots, he was for some time engaged training Kitchener’s Army at Glencorse. He went to France in May last and so far</p>


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	has escaped with a very slight wound. Amongst the congratulations received was a wire from his commanding officer. He is married and his home is in Portobello.										
808492 Pte Robert Gentles 10 th Btn Canadian Infantry	<p>ROBERT GENTLES Rank: Private Service No: 808492 Date of Death: 11/10/1916 Age: 34 Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry 10th Bn. Panel Reference: Memorial: VIMY MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Archibald and Annie Gentles, of 3157, Gamma St., Victoria, British Columbia. Born at Uphall, West Lothian, Scotland. West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Gentles – Killed in action in France, October 11th 1916 Pte Robert Gentles, Canadian Infantry (a native of Uphall), beloved nephew of A & E Macdonald, St John's Road Broxburn.</p>										
7181 Pte J Gibson Seaforth Highlanders	<p>J GIBSON Midlothian Advertiser 22nd September 1916 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following local and district soldiers appear in the casualty lists published this week. Wounded Pte A Splatt, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte J Gibson, Seaforth Highlanders, Uphall West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Sapper J Denholm</td> <td style="width: 15%;">154770</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Engineers</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Wounded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pte J Gibson</td> <td>7181</td> <td>Seaforth Highlanders</td> <td>Uphall</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Sapper J Denholm	154770	Royal Engineers	Broxburn	Wounded	Pte J Gibson	7181	Seaforth Highlanders	Uphall	Wounded
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Captain John Walls Gibson	<p>JOHN GIBSON Rank: Captain Service No: 161597 Date of Death: 02/11/1942 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Royal Army Medical Corps attd. 6th Bn. Durham Light Infantry Grave Reference: XXIII. F. 17. Cemetery: EL ALAMEIN WAR CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Andrew and Jessie Gibson, of Uphall, West Lothian. M.B., Ch.B.</p>										

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<p>4917 QM Sgt William Gibson 1/2nd Scottish Horse</p>	<p>WILLIAM GIBSON Era WW1 Surname GIBSON Forename William Rank A/SQMS Service number 4917 Decoration Place of birth Cadder Lanarkshire Date of death 8 December 1915 Theatre of death Gallipoli Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTTISH HORSE Unit name In or attached to SCOTTISH HORSE YEOMANRY</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th January 1916 Killed at the Dardanelles – QM Sgt William Gibson – We reproduce a photo of Quarter Master Sgt William Gibson, 1/2nd Scottish Horse who was killed at the Dardanelles on 8th December. QMS Gibson was a Town Councillor of Cockenzie and Port Seton burgh. He was a keen Unionist and secretary to the local Tariff Reform Association. He also served in the Boer War. He was 46 years of age and leaves a widow and two young children who reside at Cockenzie. QMS Gibson was a son in law of Mr and Mrs George Howieson Goschen Place Uphall.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th December 1917 Gibson – In loving memory of my dear son in law, Qtr Master Sgt William M Gibson, Scottish Horse who was killed in action at the Dardanelles on the 22nd Dec 1914 Gone but not forgotten Inserted by Mrs Howieson Goschen Place Uphall.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918 Gibson – In loving memory of my dear son in law, Qtr Master, Sgt W M Gibson, Scottish Horse, Killed in action, at Dardanelles, 8th December 1915. Gone but not Forgotten Inserted by Mrs G Howieson, Goschen Place, Broxburn.</p>	
<p>Gunner A Gilchrist Royal Garrison Artillery</p>	<p>A GILCHRIST</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 16th November 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appear in the list of casualties published this week Wounded Gunner A Gilchrist, RGA, Uphall</p>	
<p>LCpl Gilchrist Royal Scots</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918 Broxburn Presentation to soldiers – Under the auspices of the Broxburn “West End Presentation Fund” committee a social and dance was held in the Public Hall on Friday last Mr John Forsyth presided over a gathering of upwards of sixty couples. After an excellent tea, the Chairman in a few appropriate remarks presented Pte Tom Chambers, Canadians, LCpl Hardie, Royal Engineers and LCpl Gilchrist, Royal Scots with handsome wristlet watches as tokens of respect from the inhabitants of the West End district and as a small appreciation of the services they had rendered to their country in the fight for freedom. The recipients suitably replied, and the tables having been cleared a splendid programme of dance was entered upon and kept up with the great spirit until 5am. The dance music was supplied by Messrs Webster’s Band and the duties of MC were capably carried</p>	


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	<p>through by Messrs Forsyth and Methven. During the evening a number of songs were rendered with much acceptance by several of the company.</p> <p>Under the same auspices Pte Robert McNeill was also met in a social capacity in the West End Billiard Saloon and presented with a wristlet watch. The West End Presentation Fund under the auspices of which these presentations were held has now been put on a proper business footing and has been registered. The following gentlemen have agreed to act as officials viz., Mr John Forsyth, President, Mr Alex Crooks, Secretary and Messrs Methven, A Sloan and D Webster Committee and it is expected by means of subscriptions to present each of the "West End" Soldiers with suitable gifts as occasion rises.</p>
<p>7825 Pte James Gilhooly 1st Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>GILHOOLY, JAMES Rank: Private Service No :7825 Date of Death: 14/09/1914 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Cameron Highlanders 1st Bn. Panel Reference: Memorial: LA FERTE-SOUS-JOUARRE MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilhooly, of 20, Sandport St., Leith, Edinburgh.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 3rd December 1915 Mr & Mrs Gilhooly, Church Street, Broxburn have been officially notified that their son, Pte James Gilhooly, 1st Cameron Highlanders (No 7825) who went missing on the 14th September 1914 died on that day. Pte Gilhooly enlisted in 1907. Previous to the war he was employed as butler in the Gilmerton district and later removed to the King's Arms Hotel, Melrose, where he remained until called up as a reservist.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd December 1915 Another Broxburn Soldier Fallen – After a year of anxious suspense Mr and Mrs P Gilhooley, Church Street, Broxburn, have received notification from the War Office that their son Pte James Gilhooley, 1st Cameron Highlanders, was killed on 14th September 1914. Fully a year ago, Gilhooley was posted as missing, and no information has been received of him since. His parents made the most exhaustive enquiries in all likely quarters and even communicated with the American Ambassador in Germany, who reported that he could not find any trace of him in the German Prison Camps. At the time of the outbreak of the war Pte Gilhooley who was a reservist and went out with the First Expeditionary force. He came through the retreat of Mons and was reported missing after the Battle of the Aisne. He served 7 years with the colours during 3.5 years of which he was an officer's servant. He left the Army at Christmas time 1913 and was employed as a butler in Fernieside House, Gilmerton and later in the King's Arms Hotel Melrose. He was 25 years of age. The sympathy of their friend has been extended to Mr and Mrs Gilhooley in their trying bereavement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th December 1915 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Pte James Gilhooley – The photo is a portrait of Pte James Gilhooley, 1st Cameron Highlanders, Broxburn, who is officially reported killed on 14th September 1914. Deceased's parents reside in Church Street, Broxburn.</p> 
<p>Pte James Gillespie Dublin Fusiliers</p>	<p>JAMES GILLESPIE Midlothian Advertiser 16th July 1915</p>

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	<p>Pumpherstons Soldier Wounded – Mr Gillespie, Pumpherston has received word that his son Pte James Gillespie, Dublin Fusiliers has been wounded at Flanders, and is now in King’s Hospital, London.</p>
<p>Pte J Graham 1st Btn Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>J GRAHAM West Lothian Courier 27th November 1914 Broxburn Men at the Front The relatives of Pte J Graham, 1st Cameron Highlanders, have received a letter from him written at No 3 Camp, Le Harve, under date 19th November. He says – I have come to anchor here in Le Harve after shifting up and down all over France. I am all right now. The bullet wounds I had in my cheek are healed but the shrapnel wound in the hip is giving me some trouble. It is worse than was anticipated in the hospital. I believe what hindered it more than anything else from healing was that I had to lie out four days after I was wounded and it was three days after that before the shrapnel was taken out of my leg. I was sent to hospital again last week to undergo an operation, but the Doctor advised me to wait and see if time and rest would not do all that is require so I am likely to remain here for some time.</p>
<p>Pte Robert Graham 3rd Canadians</p>	<p>ROBERT GRAHAM West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Wounded Canadian Sent to Bangour – Pte Robert Graham, of the 3rd Canadians, a nephew of Mrs Lynch, Kirkview, Uphall, arrived at Bangour Hospital last Sunday morning wounded in the shoulder. He was in the fighting in France on Sunday October 8th when he was hit with shrapnel. He is 21 years of age and October 8th was his birthday so that his coming of age birthday was celebrated in a somewhat painful manner. This is the second time he has been wounded. It was by the merest chance that he was taken to the hospital at Bangour so near his friends at home. He heard that a train of wounded soldiers was leaving for Scotland and he jumped aboard saying, “I’m going in the Scotch train.” On arriving at Bangour he was not long in sending word about his arrival to his friends in Uphall. He is still in bed but hopes before long to visit his friends in Uphall and Broxburn where his mother at one time resided before going to Canada.</p>
<p>Pte James Grant 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>JAMES GRANT Midlothian Advertiser 7th May 1915 Broxburn Men Wounded at Hill 60 – Information has just reached Broxburn that the following four men belonging to the town and all serving in the 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders, were wounded at Hill 60:- Pte John Mackay, Pte James Grant, Pte Thomas Baptie and Pte James Watters. The first three are Reserve men, and the last-named enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war, Mackay was wounded about the head, and is suffering from asphyxiation. Grant received a gunshot wound in the shoulder. Baptie’s right elbow was broken by a bullet which afterwards entered his side and passed out at his back. Watters was badly wounded in the shoulder by a gunshot. West Lothian Courier 7th May 1915 Broxburn Soldiers Wounded at Hill 60 – It has just been learned in Broxburn that at least four soldiers from the shale town have been wounded in the recent fight for Hill 60. All four are serving in the 2nd Btn of the Seaforth Highlanders, and their names are Pte John Mackay who resided at Mid Street, Pte James Grant, Pte Thomas Baptie, Pyothall Road and Pte James Watters, Mid Street. The first three were reservists while Watters was an ex-soldier and re-enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war. Watters was wounded in the shoulder, while Mackay was slightly wounded on the head and back but is also suffering from the effects of the asphyxiating gas used by the Germans. Both are lying in Stobhill Hospital and</p>

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	<p>The cherries are a great just now. Better in the trenches than out we always say. I was a bit vexed I did not get home with the “soft one” I got. A month at Bangour Hospital, oh wouldn't it be a great difference, well away from these mighty “coal boxes” which drop almost everywhere here. That battle at Hill 60 kept me here, for they were needing all the accommodation they had across the water. But I am happy all the same. The “Dandy Ninth” are beside us, and James Calder is in them. He has been inquiring for me and I for him, but we cannot get each other, they're a good regiment we all talk about them. They came through the second battle of Ypres with us and were in the trenches for over 30 days.</p>
<p>S/5358 L/Cpl Robert Gray 9th Btn Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname GRAY Forename Robert Rank L Cpl Service number S/5358 Decoration Place of birth East Calder Midlothian Date of death 27 April 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 9th Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th May 1916 Well Known Quoter Killed – L/Cpl Robert Gray – Mrs Gray has received notification from the War Office that her husband L/Cpl Robert Gray, Black Watch was killed in action in France on 27th April. He enlisted on the outbreak of war and had been eleven months in the firing line. L/Cpl Gray was a prominent quoter and was well known in Broxburn and East Calder Districts. His parents reside in East Calder, where he also resided prior to enlistment, with his wife a Broxburn woman. L/Cpl Gray received his promotion for gallant work at the Battle of Loos. He was 25 years of age and much sympathy is felt for his widow and two little children. Mrs Gray has also a brother serving in the Royal Scots Fusiliers and a brother in law in Salonica with the RFA.</p> 
<p>Rifleman Robert Gray King's Royal Rifles</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918 Broxburn Men in the Casualty Lists – Mrs R Gray, Cotton's Buildings, Old Town, has received information that her husband Rifleman Robert Gray has been admitted to hospital suffering from wounds in the left arm. Rifleman Gray, who is in the King's Royal Rifles, has seen three years' service in France.</p>
<p>Sgt William Gray Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 17th May 1918 Gray – At Hanover Place, Broxburn on the 13th inst, William Gray, late Sgt, Seaforth Highlanders, aged 75 years. (Born 1843)</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th May 1918 Broxburn Death of Band Sgt William Gray – On Thursday last the grave closed over the remains of one of the most widely known and highly respected citizens of Broxburn, Band Sgt William Gray or to give him the name by which he was affectionately known by old and young alike “The Janitor”.</p>

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Those of us, who in our school days, came under the charge of Sgt Gray, looked upon him with almost an air of reverence and certainly one of deep respect and while we may have reached the stage of manhood or womanhood, we will always recall these days with pride and pleasure and perhaps next to our old schoolmaster, the late Major P Pace Cleghorne, there is no one who stands out more vividly to our minds than “The Janitor”.

Reluctant as some may have been at school and youth and thoughtlessness may be our excuse to pay him that deference which his position demanded, we had in later years come to regard him with that respect which he was so entitled to. With a method combined with some little dignity begotten of a long term of military training Mr Gray discharge his duties thoroughly and conscientiously and as a result he was always in favour amongst those with whom he was most closely associated.

Born in Slamannan, Stirlingshire on the 25th June 1842, the deceased came through a life of adventure and travel in many parts. After working the coal mines of that district for two years and for a period in agricultural work he entered upon his military career on the 8th Oct 1862 being in his 20th year. He enlisted in the 72nd Duke of Albany’s Own Highlanders and eighteen months later was drafted with his regiment to India and was stationed there for about 2.5 years. Shortly after the regiment’s return to this country they were stationed at Manchester, where they were called out on account of the Fenion Riots, work which Sgt Gray always looked upon as his most disagreeable task.

After being stationed at various places in Scotland, England and Ireland the regiment once more set sail for India (1871) and eleven years elapsed before Mr Gray again got a glimpse of “the old country.”

It was in the year of his departure for India that Mr Gray was promoted Cpl while in 1877 he was raised to the rank of Sgt. Shortly after joining the Army, Mr Gray made application to be enrolled as a member of the Regimental Band and was admitted. He cultivated a true love for music and all along took a deep interest in the Band and held the position of Band Sgt for a number of years.

In the course of his sojourn in India, he took part in the Afghan War (1878-1889). The engagements in which his regiment shared in the fighting were Peiwar, Kotel, Charasia, Kabul, and Kandahar, while Mr Gray was also one of the force under the then General Roberts which undertook the famous march from Kabul to Kandahar in August 1880. The column consisted of close on ten thousand men and the long march of 313 miles was accomplished in something like 24 days. The trials and difficulties of the march are too well known to require repeating. Being attached to the Band, Sgt Gray’s duties on active service were mostly ambulance work, attending to the wounded and carrying them off the field to the hospital. He himself was fortunate enough to escape without hurt and indeed during his long term of service in India enjoyed remarkably good health.

In the year 1883 his regiment was dispatched to Egypt on account of the outbreak of war there. The engagements included the seizure of the Suez Canal, east of Imalia, 21st August, Battle of Tel-el-Kebir, 13th Sept, and the subsequent occupation of Cairo. The 72 shortly afterwards returned to this country and in the year 1883 Sgt Gray retired from the Army, after fully 21 years’ service. His decorations included – medal with four clasps for Peiwar, Kotal, Charasia, Kabul and Kandahar; Bronze Star for the march from Kabul to Kandahar, Egyptian Medal and Clasp and the Khedive’s Star and also the medal for long service and good conduct.



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After leaving the Army Mr Gray joined the Edinburgh Police Force and during 15 months in this position took a keen interest in the Police Band.

In Sept 1885 he was appointed Compulsory Officer and Janitor under Uphall School Board, and in September 1913 retired from the position after 28 years' service. To mark their appreciation of his long and faithful service, the School Board granted him a retiring allowance of £15 a year.

Immediately after his retirement from the position of Janitor, Mr Gray took a trip to America to visit some relatives, a well-earned holiday and voyage, which proved most beneficial to his health. Shortly after coming to Broxburn Mr Gray became interested in what was then the Works Band and for several years held the position of Bandmaster. One of the proudest days in Mr Gray's life in his own opinion, was in July of last year when he was asked and willingly accepted the position of leading the Children's Gala Day Procession. Who amongst us but will admit his was the outstanding personality in the Procession, it was our pleasant duty to ask him to accept of this position and we know how he appreciated the honour which was conferred on him and which was only his due. How gallantly he stepped forward, he was back at work again amongst the school children, work which had been part of his very existence and those of us who were privileged to view the procession thought of the kindly heart of the Leader, and we knew our "Bairns" were safe. The many salutations with which he was greeted that day and as a matter of fact, any day, furnished a striking testimony to his popularity and proved once again that few amongst the spectators had forgot "The Janitor."

He has passed away. His illness was short, and he slipped peacefully away to his Haven of Rest on Monday 13th May at 3:15am. Even in death the great respect with which he was held in the district was strikingly illustrated by his funeral which took place on Thursday last, and which was one of the largest that has been seen in the district.

A member of Lodge Buchan St John (of which Lodge Sgt Gray had been an enthusiastic member for 28 years), the funeral arrangements were carried through by the Lodge with full Masonic Honours. A large number of the Brethren turned out in full regalia as a last mark of respect to one who was a most popular member. To one who had served his country so well in her wars of other days, fitting respect was paid to his memory by the members of B Coy of the Linlithgowshire Volunteer Regiment over a hundred of the Company's Officers, NCO's and men being present. The Volunteers were under the command of Captain Clark and turned out in full uniform. Captain Perkins was also present. There was also a large number of the general public at the funeral, and as a mark of respect the places of business on the route were closed during the passing of the cortege. Large crowds lined the streets and many expressions of sorrow were witnessed as the remains of the dear old "Janitor" were conveyed to their last resting place. The Broxburn & District Pipe Band preceded the funeral and played "The Flowers of the Forest", the sorrowful strains of this grand old Scottish tune adding to the impressiveness of the occasion.

The coffin covered with the Union Jack, a flag which our dear old departed friend had braved so much to uphold was conveyed from the house to the hearse by his Masonic Brethren who also acted as pallbearers at the grave.

The burial service was conducted by the Lodge Chaplain the Rev J A Orr, and was a most impressive one. The cemetery was crowded with the general public from Broxburn Uphall and surrounding districts who had known and respected the deceased in life and had now come to show their respect for him in death, and many a tear was wiped away when the "Last Post" was sounded and they knew that the cheery word and smile from "The Janitor" was now a memory a memory which however long as there are schools and scholars in the district will be ever fresh. Our sympathy goes out at this time to his family in their bereavement and especially to his two sons William and Thomas in France.

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5568 Pte W Greenshields Royal Scots	<p>W GREENSHIELDS</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 15th September 1916 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following local and district soldiers appear in the casualty lists published this week. Wounded Pte W Greenshields, Royal Scots, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916 Men Killed Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the News Columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Pte W Greenshields</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5568</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Royal Scots</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Uphall</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte W Greenshields	5568	Royal Scots	Uphall	Wounded
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Sapper A Grimson Royal Engineers	<p>A GRIMSON</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th August 1918 Broxburn Presentation – Sapper A Grimson, RE who was amongst the first of our local men to answer the call of the country (enlisting in the Army in August 1914) and who was home on leave from France was waited upon by several of the neighbours and friends on Saturday night and presented with a handsome pocket book and treasury notes. The presentation took place at the residence of Sapper Grimson's parents, Bank Cottages, Broxburn, one of the deputation expressing the great respect with which Sapper Grimson was held by his many friends and conveying the best wishes of the subscribers for a safe and speedy return. Sapper Grimson suitably replied and the company was afterwards hospitably entertained by Mr and Mrs Grimson. Sapper Grimson left again for France where he has been since June 1915 on Monday night, and got a hearty send off. Another son, Driver P Grimson, RFA, who was well known in local football circles and who is presently in Salonika has forwarded an interesting souvenir to his mother this week, viz, the medal (mounted in the form of a brooch) won by Driver Grimson while playing in the final of the Macedonia Cup, a trophy which his team the 57th Brigade, won on the 5th May of this year.</p>					
Pte George Hall Royal Scots Fusiliers	<p>GEORGE HALL</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 23rd October 1914 Broxburn Man Wounded at the Battle of the Aisne – What he thinks of the Germans – The following is taken from the columns of the Musselburgh News, and related the experiences of Pte G Hall, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, who took part in a number of the engagements in France. Pte Hall, who is now resident in Musselburgh, is a former Broxburnian and resided at Violet Cottage, while his father still lives in the Old Town. This week he paid a visit to his relatives in Broxburn, having been granted a second furlough of 14 days as his wound is not yet healed. His experiences as recounted in the Musselburgh paper are as under – “He was in all the fighting including the battle on the Aisne, where he was shot through the foot. On being asked what he thought of the Germans, he exclaimed contemptibly, “Cowards!” They won't face you in a fair fight, he said later. At Mons the 9th Brigade put up a great fight. There the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Royal Fusiliers held a position for seven hours against overwhelming odds, he afterwards ascertained that there were six German Army Corps, which meant that there were 40 Germans to one Briton. We had 73 men in our Platoon when the battle started, he said, and after the battle we had only 33. At Mons he saw a brave deed done by a Sgt of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, this man swam across the canal under heavy rifle fire and brought back a wounded lieutenant from the other side,</p>					

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	<p>thereby probably saving his life. The officer in command said he certainly would get some distinctive reward for doing this brave action. When retiring from Mons he saw for miles and miles around Belgium, villages in flames.</p> <p>Hall had been in six engagements, as well as some skirmishes, among which are Mons, Cambrai and the Aisne, where a bullet penetrated the top right side of his foot and came out at the sole on the left side. He has brought the boot he was wearing home and once can distinctly see the hole through which the bullet passed, a few inches on either side and it would have missed him altogether.</p> <p>In the hospital that he was carried to there was a wounded soldier who had been shot through the ankle and this soldier related that sometime after he was wounded a party of Germans came upon him and made him a prisoner. These in their turn handed him over to another body of Germans who placed him with his back to a tree and were about to shoot him, when he appealed to his former captors in the wood - they hearing his shout came back and would not allow his guardians to shoot him. The second group afterwards bandaged up his wound and left him to his fate in a plantation where he lay for two days and nights before he was discovered.</p> <p>Hall believes the German artillery and especially the "Jack Johnsons" were excellent. The artillerymen were given the positions of the British troops by aeroplanes and zeppelins, which hovered over them the whole day. Sometimes he saw aeroplanes dropping lights at night. The rifle fire of the Germans however was useless. It was only by force of numbers and their big guns that they had saved themselves so far. He had a number of trophies of the field but lost them when wounded.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 4th August 1916</p> <p>Broxburn RSF Killed - Mr Joseph Hall, Old Row, Broxburn has received a letter from his son Pte George Hall, Royal Scots Fusiliers intimating that another son Pte Thomas Hall of the same regiment has been killed in France. He was 19 years of age and enlisted shortly before the war commenced. He was the youngest of four brothers serving.</p>
<p>8729 Sgt James Hamilton 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname HAMILTON Forename James Rank A/Sgt Service number 8729 Decoration Place of birth New Monkland Lanarkshire Date of death 25 April 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Other detail 2nd Bn.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th October 1914</p> <p>Mr T Heatlie, Secretary of Broxburn United has received a PC from the favourite centre of the club, Sgt Hamilton, 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, who is also at the front. He says he is sorry he is not chasing leather at Broxburn, but he hopes it won't be long until they are all back and at it again. He remarks that he observed the club pulled through the first round of the Qualifying Cup and he hopes they will continue to do well. There are two Broxburn chaps beside him, Baptie and McKay, both of whom are doing well. He also asks to be remembered to all his friends. On behalf of the club Secretary Heatlie has since sent Sgt Hamilton a</p>

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	<p>parcel containing a sweater and woollen helmet which should be useful in the winter months, besides a supply of cigarettes.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 21st May 1915 Broxburn Footballer Killed – news has reached Broxburn that Sgt James Hamilton of the 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders has been killed in action in France. Sgt Hamilton was the centre forward of Broxburn Unite Football club and had quite a reputation as a crack shot and goal scorer. He played for Dundee in season 1913-1914. His mother was drowned in the Lusitania.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st May 1915 Broxburn Footballer Killed in Action – Information has been received that Sgt James M Hamilton, 2nd Seaforth Highlanders was killed in action on 25th April. The first news of his death received by his cousin who resides at West Lodge Dechmont, was from a brother in law who had visited Stobhill Hospital and there met a soldier belonging to the same Company as Sgt Hamilton. Mr Angus Sheal, treasurer of Broxburn United Football Club, wired to the War Office for particulars and received a reply stating that Sgt Hamilton was reported to have been killed near St Julien on 25th April. Hamilton was a reservist and resided with his cousin at Dechmont. He was called up at the outbreak of the war and crossed the channel with the first draft. He had therefore been in all the big engagements up to the date of his death, and during the eight month had escaped unscathed. He was a professional footballer and was a great favourite with the Broxburn supporters. While in the Army he was captain of the regimental team and was introduced to the Broxburn club at the beginning of season 1913-1914 by McPhale a former custodian, who served in the Seaforths at the same time as Hamilton. In that season thanks in large measure to the goal scoring propensities of Hamilton, Broxburn went into the fourth round of the Qualifying cup. In the middle of November Dundee secured his transfer but later in the season he was allowed to return to help his old club in the Scottish ties. He was signed on for season 1914-1915 but, of course, he was called up before he had an opportunity of again turning out for the United. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, he was very popular with players, officials and spectators alike and the news of his death has created a poignant feeling of regret amongst his many friends and admirers. Even in the days of peace Sgt Hamilton had often remarked that the only death worth dying was on the battlefield and he even expressed the desire that that would be his lot. It is a sad circumstance that his mother was a victim of the Germans' act of piracy against the Lusitania.</p>
<p>7356 Cpl George Hammond MM Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname HAMMOND Forename George Rank Cpl Service number 7356 Decoration MM Place of birth Ripon Date of death 26 April 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll ROYAL HORSE AND ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY Unit name In or attached to ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY or ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th June 1918 Broxburn Military Medallist Killed in Action – Mr and Mrs John Hammond 8 Bank Cottages, Broxburn have received official information that their eldest son Cpl George D Hammond was killed in action in France on the 26th April 1918. The</p>


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	<p>deceased who was 22 years of age, enlisted in the RFA on the 3rd Sept 1914. May of the following year saw him in “the thick of it” in France and until the day when he made the great sacrifice he was never wounded, a fact which is remarkable considering the heavy fighting in which he took part on many occasions. For his great gallantry on the field and his strict devotion to duty, he gained the recognition of his country and was awarded the Military medal on the 30th November 1917. Previous to enlisting, Cpl Hammond was employed in the joinery department of the Broxburn Oil Co. Deceased was a grandson of Mr Nicol Reid, and was well known and respected in the district.</p>
<p>Pte John Hanlon MM Royal Scots</p>	<p>JOHN HANLON West Lothian Courier 24th May 1918 Broxburn Soldier Awarded the Military Medal – We congratulate Pte John Hanlon Royal Scots, whose parents reside at 32 Greendykes Road, Broxburn on the honour he has brought to himself and to his native place on being awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field. Pte Hanlon has been over two years in the Army sixteen months of which have been passed in France. Other two brothers are nobly doing their duty in France Pte Patrick Hanlon, Inniskilling Fusiliers and Pte James Hanlon who came over with the Canadians to help the Mother Country.</p>
<p>Driver Hannah MT Army Service Corps</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 8th March 1918 Uphall Presentation – On the occasion of their being home on leave from France, Pte Robert Brennan, RAMC and Driver Hannah, MT ASC, were met in a social capacity in the Band Hall on Wednesday last and presented with well filled pocket books as a token of esteem and respect from their many friends. During the evening songs were rendered by Mrs Stenhouse, Mrs Williamson, Misses Davidson and McReight and Mr C Farrell etc and a few hours dancing afterwards engaged in.</p>
<p>Pte John Hardie 10th Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>JOHN HARDIE West Lothian Courier 8th October 1915 Uphall Man’s Experiences in the Big Battle – Mr Thomas Hardie, Binny Bridge, Uphall, has just received a very interesting letter from his brother, Pte John Hardie, “K” Coy, 10th Gordon Highlanders. Mr and Mrs Thomas Hardie have three sons all of whom are serving their King and country. James, the eldest is in the 2/10th Royal Scots, the second son John is serving with the 1/10th Royal Scots, while Tom, the youngest enlisted in the 9th Gordon Highlanders and is now “doing his bit” in France. Uncle and nephew have met several times in France. Pte John Hardie was born and brought up in Uphall and was a very familiar figure in the village. In sentiment “Jock” was intensely Scotch, and himself assumed the nom-de-plume of “Scotland the Brave.” His letter which is dated 2nd October, is as follows: - “Just a few lines to let you know that I am still in the best of health and hope this will find you all the same. You will have heard of the great victory we had last Saturday, it was a terrible affair. Nobody knows what that charge meant except those taking part. We got the order at 6 o’clock in the morning and in less time than it takes me to write it we were out of the trenches with shells falling thickly amongst us. Many poor fellows fell to rise no more. My chum R MacDonald (I sent you his photo) was wounded at my side. We were taking cover behind a trench when a shell burst and killed ten of the Camerons and wounded other two along with Macdonald and a chap named Martin on my right and one named Holmes on my left and I did not get a touch. We were only 200 yards from our own trenches, then we charge right across the plain to a village named Loos in face of a pure hell of a machine gun, shell and shrapnel fire. That is where we took</p>

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	<p>a lot of prisoners, whenever they saw the steel they put up their hands and cried for mercy. We killed a few but we pushed on and took Hill 70. We lost a lot of men, but dear brother the position could not have been taken without it. It will be recorded in the history of Britain as one of the most brilliant victories ever won by British soldiers. Kitchener's Highland Brigade has upheld their name and added glory to "Bonnie Scotland." I saw Tom (a nephew), last Monday, he got safely through also and like me he will never forget the 25th September 1915, as long as he lives. We were inspected yesterday by General Rawlinson, and he told us he was proud to inspect men who had accomplished such glorious deeds. I am sorry to tell you that James McKenna, (son of Michael McKenna), who resided in Stankards Rows, Uphall Station, about 30 years ago is killed. He was shot through the brain, poor fellow. I am sorry for his mother. I am going to see Tom to-night."</p>
<p>LCpl Hardie Royal Engineers</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918 Broxburn Presentation to soldiers – Under the auspices of the Broxburn "West End Presentation Fund" committee a social and dance was held in the Public Hall on Friday last Mr John Forsyth presided over a gathering of upwards of sixty couples. After an excellent tea, the Chairman in a few appropriate remarks presented Pte Tom Chambers, Canadians, LCpl Hardie, Royal Engineers and LCpl Gilchrist, Royal Scots with handsome wristlet watches as tokens of respect from the inhabitants of the West End district and as a small appreciation of the services they had rendered to their country in the fight for freedom. The recipients suitably replied, and the tables having been cleared a splendid programme of dance was entered upon and kept up with the great spirit until 5am. The dance music was supplied by Messrs Webster's Band and the duties of MC were capably carried through by Messrs Forsyth and Methven. During the evening a number of songs were rendered with much acceptance by several of the company. Under the same auspices Pte Robert McNeill was also met in a social capacity in the West End Billiard Saloon and presented with a wristlet watch. The West End Presentation Fund under the auspices of which these presentations were held has now been put on a proper business footing and has been registered. The following gentlemen have agreed to act as officials viz., Mr John Forsyth, President, Mr Alex Crooks, Secretary and Messrs Methven, A Sloan and D Webster Committee and it is expected by means of subscriptions to present each of the "West End" Soldiers with suitable gifts as occasion rises.</p>
<p>Pte James Hargedon</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 18th January 1918 Presentation to Uphall Station Soldier – Pte James Hargedon, who is presently home on leave after having seen a considerable amount of active service in France, was made the recipient of tokens of esteem in the Uphall Station Institute. Mr James Wilson presided over a large company of friends and well-wishers and after a spending tea purveyed by the Pumpherston Branch of West Calder Co-op Society, had been thoroughly enjoyed by all present made the presentation to Pte Hargedon of a silver wristlet watch (luminous dial) and a cigarette holder. In making the presentation, he expressed the pleasure it gave him to see such a large company assembled to do honour to one of the "Boys" who they were all glad to have with them once more, There were some people he said, who didn't think it right or proper to hold any form of festivity in war times, but he for one couldn't agree especially on an occasions like this, when they were met to show their esteem to one of their brave lads home from the war torn and muddy fields of France and Flanders. It was their duty to do everything in their power to try ad brighten up these men's spirits to take their mind away for a time, however short from the trying experiences they had come through on behalf of their country. He could assure their guest that he and the other lads from the Station who had nobly</p>

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	<p>gone out to duty's call were ever in their thoughts and their most sincere wish was that they would soon be back amongst the "hame folk" peace more, having helped to secure a lasting peace, not only for our own country but for the whole world. He had much pleasure in name of the subscribers in asking Pte Hargedon to accept of the gifts and he hoped that he would be long spared to use them Pte Hargedon suitably replied, thanking them for the great kindness shown to him on this occasion. Appropriate remarks were also made by Mr Grenville and Mr P McGlone, and being in a humorous vein, were much appreciated by all, The remainder of the evening was pleasantly passed in song and merriment amongst those contributing to the harmony of the evening being Mrs William Russell, Mrs Tweedie and Mrs McGlone, Misses Jack and Oliver and Messrs Phillips, McCart and J Turnbull, whilst a reading by the Chairman on "Browning on Eisenstein's playing" was also much appreciated. The tables were afterward cleared, and dancing engage in with great spirit the music being supplied by Mr James Turnbull's Band the duties of MC were ably conducted by Mr James Wilson.</p>					
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<p>35203 Pte John McC Hay 14th Btn Highland Light Infantry prev Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>HAY, John McC. Rank: Private Service No: 35203 Date of Death Hay: 25/05/1917 Age: 22 Regiment/Service: Highland Light Infantry 14th Bn. Grave Reference: I. E. 11. Cemetery: LA CHAPELETTE BRITISH AND INDIAN CEMETERY, PERONNE Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hay, of East Burnside, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th June 1917 Patriotic Broxburn Family in Casualty List – Mr & Mrs George Hay, East Burnside Broxburn, have again been called upon to mourn the loss of another son in our country's great struggle for liberty and justice. Pte John Hay who has been officially reported as having died of wounds at a Clearing Station in France, on 25th May 1917. The gallant young soldier, 22 years of age, was a reservist and was called to the colours at the outbreak of war rejoining his regiment, the Cameron Highlanders, but afterwards transferred to the HLI. In civilian life, he was employed as a vanman with Broxburn Co-operative Society and was well known and respected in the district. Much sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Hay the parents of the deceased whose other son, Cpl Alex Hay made the supreme sacrifice on 6th April 1916. Cpl Alex Hay was in the regular army, Cameron Highlands at the outbreak of war, having served for over seven years in India, and was at the time of meeting his death attached to the Machine Gun Section. Another son Pte Robert Hay, who enlisted in the Royal Scots shortly after war began is presently lying in a hospital in Liverpool, having been wounded in the left leg. Still another son of the most patriotic family Pte William Hay of the Army Service Corps, who also voluntarily answered the call of his country early in the war, has also been wounded and is presently being treated at Bangour War Hospital for wounds in foot and ankle. A son in law, Pte Peter Thomson, Dalkeith, ASC, and several nephews are also serving in his Majesty's Forces in France. We sincerely sympathise with Mr and Mrs Hay in the sad bereavements they have had to bear but they will have the little consolation in knowing that where others may have failed in their duty there's at least bravely went forth to help their country in its time of crisis.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th May 1918</p>



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	<p>Hay – In loving memory of my dear brother Pte John Hay, HLI who died of wounds received in action May 25th 1917. One year today our dear John fell, For the honour of freedom struck down by a shell But there's one consolation for those left behind though he's absent in body he's present in mind, Inserted by his loving brother and sister in law Mr and Mrs George hay, Fernie Place, Broxburn.</p>
<p>Captain R E Hay</p>	<p>R E HAY Midlothian Advertiser 6th August 1915 Pumpherston – Promotion for Local Soldier – We are pleased to announce that Lieut R E Hay, RAMC, has been promoted to Captain. Captain Hay is a son of Mr and Mrs R E Hay, Pumpherston and joined the Army last October and has been on active service in Flanders for about eight months. He is a present at Peebles with the Royal Scots.</p>
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Trooper William Himsworth 1 st Life Guards	<p>WILLIAM HIMSWORTH</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd January 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Constable Home From the Front – Trooper William Himsworth, 1st Life Guards, who, prior to the outbreak of the war, was a constable in Broxburn, and who was allowed home from the Front on a 72-hour furlough, paid a flying visit to Broxburn on Tuesday. He visited his comrades at the Police Station and also called on a number of friends in Broxburn, all of whom, needless to say were delighted to see him. Trooper Himsworth first crossed the Channel on 5th October, and landed at Ostend, and since that date he has seen a deal of the hard fighting. He has been fortunate enough to come through it all unscathed, and he is feeling as “fit as a fiddle”. The military authorities however feel that these men are entitled to a well-earned rest, and though his leave was short Trooper Himsworth thoroughly appreciated it and was glad of the opportunity of visiting his friends at home. He was not anxious to discuss his experiences and only spoke of the war in a general way. Although belonging to a cavalry regiment he had been taking his turn in the trenches but for three weeks prior to leaving the front he was locate in a barn. The weather he says has been wretched and the excessive rains had added considerably to their discomforts. So far as they were concerned frost suited them best. He spoke in high praise of the manner in which they were looked after, and in his opinion both the food and the clothing were as good as they could possibly expect in the circumstances. He has seen Germans whose ages ranged from 16 to 60, and he was of the opinion the Kaiser’s troops in general is that they cannot compare with our own men as fighters. He also alluded to the improvement in the British Artillery and in that respect, they were now able to give as much as they got. Trooper Himsworth arrived at his home in Leith in the early hours of Tuesday morning and had to leave again on Wednesday night to return to the fight once more.</p>					
Pte Peter Hughes 3 rd Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders	<p>PETER HUGHES</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th November 1914</p> <p>Broxburn Men at the Front Pte Peter Hughes B Coy, 3rd A & SH has sent work to his parents in the Old Town that he was wounded in the left thigh by shrapnel and bayoneted in the side at the battle near Messines. After being wounded he lay in the field for two days and was very weak owing to the loss of blood. He is now in hospital in Woolwich.</p>					
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<p>Sapper William Hume Scottish Signal Service, Royal Engineers</p>	<p>WILLIAM HUME</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th September 1915</p> <p>Uphall Man’s Experiences – Sapper William Hume, who is attached to the Scottish Signal Service, Royal Engineers, has written several interesting letters from the Dardanelles to his parents who reside in Springbank, Uphall, Writing under date 5th August, he says, - “After a very long and uninteresting voyage we have today dropped anchor in the Bay, of the island which forms the base of operations here, we are still a long way from the Peninsula – a sail of an hour or so. But we don’t know whether or not we are going there right off or remaining here for any time. Personally, I’d be happier to now we were to go right out Embarking and disembarking does make me “fed up.” The first two days of this voyage the sea and weather were pretty rough – not quite though as big a heave as we had in the Bay of Biscay. Four days seems a long time over a comparatively short course, but direct routes seem at present to be forsaken. I’ve seen quite a lot of guns today, but they are all naval ones I saw a submarine I being for the first time today. Smart little craft they are, and they have proved how very dangerous they can be in action. The hills and land round here are pretty bare and burnt up – I hope we don’t encamp on sand again. Except that the hills present a burnt-out appearance instead of being heather covered, one could quite well imagine this is the Clyde.” In a PS written the following day Sapper Hume continues – “We still float at anchor in the bay, nothing more interesting around us than other transports and battleships. Last night a boat was let down on either side, and we were allowed to bathe. I did go in, but I am still a little shaky when it comes to bathing in water where there is no bottom. I kept alongside a friendly rope all the time. To-day we hear the heavy roll of guns. Probably it is the sound wafting across from Gallipoli. From the continuity of the bombardment someone is have it hot.”</p> <p>Writing again on 12th August, Sapper Hume states :- “I find it a little difficult to write my exact position this morning. I am not really in Turkey, but out from shore about 400 yards. We are now among the shooting for the first time – really good British guns keeping us cheery. They have given me a headache already, and the bombardment hasn’t been very heavy. From the foregoing you will imagine we are under shell fire, but we are in the happy position – we can sit here and view the work of the naval guns in comparative safety. I don’t know if I could describe the land before me. We are lying in a pretty little bay formed by two jutting promontories of land the points of which are about two miles apart. The land here rises in a decided slope from the water to about 309 feet high and continues along the shore forming the horizon for half a mile or so. Then at about the mile of the bay the land is almost sea level again and stretches inland so for miles to range of hill perhaps ten miles off. These hills form the backbone of the Peninsula as far as we view it and are lost to the right in the distance, right along that distant range of hills, the Turks appear to have their position. Our troops don’t seem to be far inland yet for we see the occasional flash of a field gun and in the distance on ridges small figures moving about. The gunfire we are interested in is that of the ships. They lie as close as possible to the shore and we see the sailors dodging about on most of them, though others are obscured from view by merchant craft. All morning there has been on occasions “bang” and we look away to these hills where in a few moments a cloud of brownish smoke shows where the shot has struck. Just now they seem to be firing a different sort of shell for we see explosions in the air above the hill and puffs of white smoke. The bombardment is heavier now. We are---(Missing)--- We cannot claim to be on real active service At present I am doing my best to get shelter from the sun while writing, Quite a lot has happened since I last wrote Half of the disembarkation was done on Thursday and the rest completed on Friday. The drivers with most of the mules went ashore in the afternoon and another two rafts were loaded with waggons and only awaiting</p>
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the tug to tow them ashore. Just about dark, twelve were detailed to go ashore – I was one of them – and we all got into the rocky old raft and waited for the tug. We waited all night – it didn't come till morning, and there we were, twelve of us cramped up in an old tub, so near the ship – lashed to it – and yet helpless. Funny too, I slept soundly even though the war vessels were bombarding during the night. The morning came (Friday) and we were taken aboard again to do some more loading of other horses and fodder. I was on the ship all forenoon and left with the last lot. While waiting for the empty rafts to return the few of us on the transport witnessed a regular bombardment of the Turkish position by the naval guns, the vessels formed a semi-circle and for almost three hours the Turks on the hills must have realised what a thorn in their flesh our Navy is. Bang – Bang went these guns all the time. It was delightful to hear a broadside going off. What a roar, then dots of white smoke in the distance told where they had struck. High explosive and shrapnel seemed to go alternately. The fact of the ships being there seemed to make us all forget our own danger – they seemed so strong. We are behind them – right in the line of Turkish fire – though not one of the reply shots were effective. They were all landing short either bursting on the shore or sending up a great column of water. Where I am sitting now I can hear the whistle of the good old British shells, going over the Turkish positions. The shells of the Turks never trouble us much – we are so nicely situated behind a ridge of rock, out of their direct line. Only occasionally a shell ever comes near. The Turks haven't shells to waste, I'm afraid – the sailors have not much respect for them. As one said, they had a perfect mark and they tried for hours without a hit. The Tars must glory in it – hitting without much danger of being hit. The fellows here are having it hard, but they are gradually forcing the enemy to the hills. One thing I do believe now – I can realise now – an endless supply of guns and ammunition is wanted. The poor chaps in the trenches don't have the chance they ought to have if more guns were available. They all seem quite optimistic though. There is abundance of ideal infantry cover, and I can realise how difficult the forcing of a landing must have been. Describing the conditions under which our Engineers work, Sapper Hume says, "Our office is dug out of the face of a cliff, and well protected with rocks and sandbags, we are quite comfy inside, even though boxes of any kind do for chairs – novel conditions under which to work. One great advantage of our position is that we are close to the sea. It really is our only means of a wash, for drinking water is almost a luxury. I stood in a queue last night for about two hours waiting my turn for water! He concludes by saying he is quite well and cheery. Sapper Hume again wrote on the 19th August, and his letter contained the following – "The German influence seems to be pretty strong among the Turks, not a few officers being Germans. During the last night or two we have been visited by an aeroplane – I think of the Taube type. Last night it was accompanied by a second one. On a former night the first aeroplane indulged in dropping bombs on the ships in the harbour. Fortunately, not one hit a mark, the bombs either bursting on the sands or splashing in the water. It must worry the Turks to see the troopships come in and discharge their cargos of men and material. We are going to get through here, so it is for others to do likewise, and the dream of having a Christmas dinner at home may not be far off realisation after all."

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38078 Pte
Henry Hunter
10/11th Btn
Highland Light
Infantry

HUNTER, HENRY
Rank: Private
Service No: 38078
Date of Death: 01/08/1917
Age: 27
Regiment/Service: Highland Light Infantry
10th/11th Bn.
Panel Reference: Panel 38.
Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan
Hunter, of 71, Greendykes Rd., Broxburn, West
Lothian



West Lothian Courier 12th April 1918

Broxburn Soldier Missing – We show a photo of Pte Harry Hunter, Royal Scots, who has been posted missing from 1st August 1917 and who had been in France from March of the same year. His parents who reside at 71 Greendykes Road, Broxburn will be grateful to anyone for any information regarding their son. Considering the extensive circulation, the Courier has at the Front, we hope that by this medium someone will be able to supply details regarding Pte Hunter and so relieve the natural anxiety of his parents.

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Hunter – In loving memory of our beloved son Henry Hunter, 38978, HLI who died in action in France 1st August 1917 aged 27 years.

A light is from our household gone
The voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled
We loved him well, God loved him best
And took him to himself to rest
Far from this world of sin and strife
To dwell with him in endless life
Inserted by his loving father and mother, Broxburn.

Hunter – Do not ask us if we miss him
Oh, there such a vacant place
Oft we think we hear his footsteps
And see his smiling face
Could we have raised his dying head,
or heard his last farewell
The blow would not have been so great
To those he loved so well
Inserted by his loving brother and sister, James and Jeannie, 71 Greendykes Road
Broxburn.

Hunter – Had we but seen him still in life
To soothe his weary head
to catch the last sigh of his heart
or watch his dying bed
Our hearts we think would not have felt
The bitter pangs and tears we've shed
Inserted by his loving brother and sister James and Sarah Little, 129 Holygate
Broxburn.

Hunter – His cheery face and loving smile
Are pleasant to recall
He had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all
Inserted by his loving nephew Allan T Hunter, Aberdeen.


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<p>L/Cpl William Hutton 9th Btn Black Watch</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname HUTTON Forename William Rank L Cpl Service number S/10048 Decoration Place of birth Uphall Linlithgowshire Date of death 24 June 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 9th Bn. West Lothian Courier 7th July 1916 Uphall – Hutton – Killed in action June 24th, 1916, L/Cpl William Hutton aged 22 years, Black Watch, fourth son of Mr and Mrs James Hutton, 74 High Street, Burntisland (late of Uphall).</p>
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<p>Pte George Jamieson Pte David Jamieson</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 27th April 1917 Broxburn Men Reported Wounded – From amongst the large number of Broxburn lads who took part in the recent severe fighting intelligence has been received this week of a considerable number who have been wounded, included in the list being the names of Pte James Stewart, son of Mr D R Stewart, Osbourne Cottage, Pte J Blair, son of Mr and Mrs Blair, Mayfield Cottage, West End, Pte Logan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Logan, Buchan Road, and Ptes George and David Jamieson, of the South Africans, (late of Broxburn). Several we regret to announce have made the supreme sacrifice of whom photos and details will be published next week.</p>					
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	<p>distinction as far back as August, Bombardier Jeromeson, with characteristic modesty made no mention of the fact in any of his letters home to his parents Mr and Mrs William Jeromeson, Gowanbank, Broxburn and it is only within the last few days that the matter has “leaked” out. Accompanying the medal, which was gained for Gallant Conduct and devotion to duty at Troness Wood near Combles on 29th August 1918, is an illuminated certificate from the Commanding Officer. Bombardier Jeromeson, on his country’s call for men, had no hesitation in deciding where his duty lay, and Sept 1914 saw him in khaki, and nine months later taking his share of the fighting in France. The subject of our sketch has been on the Western Front from that date (July 1915). And while taking part in most of the big engagements was we are pleased to say, never wounded. Previous to enlisting he was employed in the Engineering Department of the Broxburn Oil Co’s Works.</p>										
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<p>Pte William Johnstone HLI POW</p>	<p>WILLIAM JOHNSTONE West Lothian Courier 14th June 1918 Broxburn Soldier a Prisoner of War – Mr and Mrs David Johnstone, Shrine Place, Broxburn whose son Pte William Johnstone, HLI was reported missing on the 9th April of this year have now received a postcard conveying the information that he is a prisoner of war in Germany unwounded and in good health. Pte Johnstone who is 19 years of age, was only one week in France when he was taken prisoner. He was employed in civilian life as a miner with the Broxburn Oil Coy.</p>									
<p>Driver John Jordan MT Army Service Corps</p>	<p>JOHN JORDAN West Lothian Courier 8th March 1918 Broxburn – Driver John Jordon ASC who is presently home on leave from Salonika, was met in a social capacity in the Public Hall on Friday last and presented with tokens of esteem. The social was held under the auspices of the West End Presentation Fund, and Mr John Forsyth presided over a gathering of over 60 couples. After having done ample justice to an excellent tea, for the purveying of which several of the ladies were responsible, the chairman on behalf of the subscribers presented Driver Jordan with a handsome wristlet watch (luminous dial). In making the presentation the chairman expressed their pleasure at being able to honour one of their number in such a way as it would tend in some measure to show how much the services that Driver Jordon and the other “boys” were rendering were being appreciated. Whilst any present they could give to Driver Jordan could never sufficiently show how much he was held in esteem, it would at least always serve to remind him of the happy time they had all spent that evening and he could assure Driver Jordan that the presentation carried with it their sincere good wishes for a safe and speedy return. The recipient suitably replied thanking them for their great kindness – Songs were rendered by Miss D Baird, Miss Keenan, Mr Thomas Baird, and Corporal Pratt. Dancing was afterwards engaged in, and carried through with great enthusiasm until about 4am, splendid music being provided by Mr George Orr’s Band. The duties of MC were satisfactorily carried out by Messrs James Chambers and David Webster. Songs etc were also contributed during intervals in the dancing by several ladies and gentlemen. This is now the third presentation which has been made through the medium of this fund, the previous recipients being Pte D Paterson A & S Highlanders and Driver Roche, ASC, both of whom received wristlet watches.</p>									
<p>9682 Pte John Kane Black Watch, (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>JOHN KANE Midlothian Advertiser 15th September 1916 Broxburn Casualties – Mr James Duffy, 32 Stewartfield, Broxburn, has received official intimation that his son, Gunner John Duffy, RFA, has been killed in France. He was 17 years of age and enlisted in 1915. Pte J Speirs, Army Cyclist Corps has died of wound in France. He was a territorial and was called up at the outbreak of war. He resided with his Grandmother, Mrs McGhie, Winchburgh, whose home is now at Hawthorne Place, Broxburn. Mr Alexander Kane, 17 Stewartfield, has been officially informed that his son, Pte John Kane, Royal Highlanders, has been wounded and is now in hospital at Perth. West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo</p> <p>West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte J Kane</td> <td style="width: 10%;">9682</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Black Watch</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table>					Pte J Kane	9682	Black Watch	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>51289 Pte John Kelly Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Eastern Ontario Rgt</p>	<p>KELLY, JOHN Rank: Private Service No: 51289 Date of Death: 21/01/1916 Regiment/Service: Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment) Panel Reference: Panel 10. Memorial: YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL West Lothian Courier 25th February 1916 Broxburn Canadian Killed – Mrs Darroch, The Gardens, Broxburn, has received official intimation that her son, Pte John Kelly, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was killed in France on 21st January. He was a grenade thrower and according to information received, he met his death by the explosion of a hand grenade. Kelly went to Canada about six years ago, and came across with the first Canadian Contingent, and had been in France ever since. He was home on seven days leave at the New Year time and was looking well and in the best of spirits, he was 28 years of age. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Darroch in her sad loss.</p>
<p>Pte John Kelly Royal Scots</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Broxburn Soldier Gassed – Information has been received by Mrs Kelly Smith's Buildings Broxburn, that her husband Pte John Kelly is presently lying in a Birmingham Hospital, suffering from gas poisoning received on 14th April 1917. Pte Kelly in May 1915, entered the ranks of that gallant regiment, The Royal Scots, and was after a short period sent to France where he has taken part in several engagements. Previous to answering the call of duty, Pte Kelly was employed with the Broxburn Oil Company Ltd.</p> 
<p>Pte Thomas Kelly Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918 Broxburn Presentation and Dance – A very successful social and dance was held in the Band Hall on Wednesday evening last at which Mr William Anderson presided over a gathering of over 60 couples. The occasion was taken to present Pte Thomas Kelly with a pocket book and sum of money and Pte Bobby Cameron with a silver wristlet watch. Mr William Anderson in an appropriate little speech made the presentation both recipients suitably replying. Pte Kelly who is in the A & SH is presently home on leave from Salonika this being his first home leave for four years and the other guest Pte Cameron has seen service in Egypt and latterly in France. After the excellent tea had been thoroughly enjoyed dancing was engaged in to the tuneful music supplied by Miss Connor (violin) and Miss J Henderson (piano). Songs were contributed during the evening by members of the "Eight Daffodils" which are proving such a success at the Picturedrome this week, and also by several of the ladies and gentlemen present. On the previous evening Driver Thomson RFA, who has been in Mesopotamia for three years was also met in a social capacity and presented with a silver cigarette case, vesta box, cigarette tube and a gold signet ring by his many friends in the district A happy gathering of over 50 couple assembled on this occasion and a most enjoyable evening was spent in dancing.</p>

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<p>1912 Pte W Kelly Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>W KELLY West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte W Kelly</td> <td>1912</td> <td>A & S Highlanders</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte W Kelly	1912	A & S Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>Pte John Keenan Royal Scots Cyclists Battalion att'd Egyptian Force</p>	<p>JOHN KEENAN West Lothian Courier 21st June 1918 Broxburn Presentation – Pte John Keenan, who has been on service since the outbreak of war with the Royal Scots Cyclists Battalion, attached to the Egyptian Force and who was home on a well-earned leave of fourteen days, was made the recipient of tokens of respect at a dance arranged in his honour by several of his Old Town friends. The dance took place in the Band Hall and at an interval Mrs Torrance on behalf of the company presented Pte Keenan with a pocket book containing a large sum of money. Pte Keenan suitably replied and thanked Mrs Torrance, Mrs Darroch, and the rest of the company for the enjoyable dance that had been arranged and for the handsome gift they had presented him with. Dancing was carried through until about 4:30am, the music being supplied by Webster's Band and the duties of MC were capably managed by Mr Darroch. During the evening songs etc were contributed by Mrs Keenan, Mr McGuire, Misses Bell, Maddon, Lumsden etc.</p>					
<p>Pte Andrew Kerr Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>ANDREW KERR West Lothian Courier 30th April 1915 Uphall Soldier Wounded – In a letter to his brother who resides with his parents at Main Street, Uphall, Pte Andrew Kerr, Cameron Highlanders states that he is lying in a base hospital in France as a result of slight wounds received in the engagement at Hill 60 on the 20th April. He states that he is suffering from injuries received by being buried twice in debris caused by 17 inch gas guns. He is deaf in the right ear and some of his teeth were broken with the explosion, which he says is worse than a "yankee." He says there were 10 of them bombarded for 2.5 hours, but he doesn't know what happened to the others. His coat was badly torn, and he states that it is his coat he has to thank for escaping with his life. He is making satisfactory progress and is being well treated, He also writes that he lost his cap, rifle and equipment. Pte Kerr joined the army in September and is 20 years of age.</p>					
<p>650223 Sgt George T Kerr, Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname KERR Forename George Rank Sgt Service number 650223 Decoration Place of birth Edinburgh Date of death 1 June 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll ROYAL HORSE AND ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY Unit name In or attached to ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY or ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY Other detail (TF) West Lothian Courier 14th June 1918</p>					

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	<p>Sgt Kerr of Bangour Killed in Action – Mr and Mrs G L Kerr, Edinburgh War Hospital, have received a letter from the major of B Battery Brigade of the death in action of their eldest son, Sgt G T Kerr, RFA. Sgt Kerr was educated at George Heriots, passed into the Civil Service and was attached to the Board of Agriculture on the outbreak of war. He enlisted on the first day of mobilisation and went to France in 1915. Sgt Kerr was 24 years and 8 months old, and there are still three brothers serving.</p>					
<p>Pte Spence King HLI POW</p>	<p>SPENCE KING West Lothian Courier 7th June 1918 Broxburn Soldier a Prisoner of War – Pte Spence King HLI who was reported missing on the 9th April, has now forwarded a German “Official” postcard to his parents Mr and Mrs John King 282 West Street, Broxburn that he is a prisoner of war in Germany and in good health. Pte King went to France in January of last year, and in August, received to use an Army expression, “A Blighty.” After recovering from his wounds, he received a short period of leave at home. Before joining up he worked with the works plumbers. Another brother Driver John King, is in the Army Service Corps.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd January 1919 Broxburn Presentations – On Friday evening last, a company of over 50 couples met in a social capacity in the Band Hall to do honour to one of their number Pte Spence King, who is now home in Broxburn after having been a prisoner of war in Germany since March of last year. Excellent arrangements had been made by the organisers Mrs Black and Mrs Stenhouse, and as a result of their efforts a splendid tea was enjoyed by the company. An opportunity was taken to present Pte King with tokens of esteem and Mr William Anderson on behalf of the company presented the guest with a silver cigarette case, vesta box, and cigarette holder. Pte King suitably replied, and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing to the tuneful music supplied by Miss Connar and Mr Louis Jordan.</p>					
<p>1484 Pte John Kilpatrick MM RAMC</p>	<p>JOHN KILPATRICK West Lothian Courier 17th November 1916 Military medal for Uphall Soldier – Above is a photo of Pte John Kilpatrick, RAMC whose parents reside at Hawthorn Place Uphall and who has been awarded the Military Medal for meritorious work under enemy fire. Pte Kilpatrick who in private life followed the vocation of a miner, was when war broke out serving in the Army. He is only 20 years of age and has been in France for two years. He was recently home on furlough and at that time indicated that he had been recommended for the Medal, but it was only his return that he was notified that the award had actually been made. He is now wearing the coveted ribbon and will in due time be presented with the medal by His Majesty the King.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Men Killed, Wounded Prisoners of War - West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J Kilpatrick</td> <td>1484</td> <td>RAMC</td> <td>Uphall</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte J Kilpatrick	1484	RAMC	Uphall	Wounded
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<p>Signaller Michael G Kilday MM</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 1st November 1918 Broxburn Soldier Awarded the Military Medal – It is our pleasant duty this week to record another act of bravery performed by a Broxburn Soldier in the face of the enemy and for which he has gained the recognition of his country in being awarded</p>					



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<p>Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>the Military Medal, The heroic soldier to whom we refer on this occasion is Signaller M G Kilday, RFA, and to whom we offer our congratulations at the honour has brought to himself and to his native place, The brave action for which “Mick” (to give him the name by which he is affectionately known to all Broxburnians), was awarded the coveted distinction is intimated in the following official notice: - Signaller M G Kilday, C Battery, 93rd Army Brigade, RFA, For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near _____ on 30th September 1918. This man acted as linesman with the FOO. The line had to be laid across the Canal under very heavy fire to the OP in the front line of outposts. Throughout the day the line was persistently cut and for twelve continuous hours, exposed to heavy machine gun and shell fire, this man remained out on the line. His efforts were at first successful, but finally the line became cut beyond repair and he returned to the OP. He later acted as runner and carried back three messages across the Canal. He displayed great coolness and self-sacrifice under heavy fire. Signaller Kilday, whose wife resides at Marion Terrace is the eldest son of Mr John Kilday Fergus Place Broxburn and prior to enlisting in January of last year, carried on a successful hairdressing saloon at Uphall.</p>					
<p>Sapper W Knowles Royal Engineers</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918 Broxburn Presentation and Dance – A Triple presentation took place on the Public Hall on Thursday last when at a dance held for the occasion, Sapper W Knowles, Royal Engineers, Pte J Beveridge, Australians, and Pte John Millar Irish Guards were made the recipients of handsome gifts from their many friends After a few hours dancing which was engaged in with great spirit by sixty couples present, a dainty tea was served. Mr William Anderson made the presentation referring in the course of an appropriate speech to the high esteem in which their guests were held and the pleasure they had in seeing and having them once more amongst them. He could assure them they had always been in the thoughts of their friends and their sincere wish was that the guests of the evening would be spared to come home again, and they would find a warm welcome. The gifts took the form of a wristlet watch to Sapper Knowles, cigarette case, silver vesta box, cigarette holder and a sum of money to Pte Beveridge and a pocket book with treasury notes to Pte Millar. The recipients suitably replied expressing their thanks for the kindness that had been shown to them. Dancing was again engaged in, delightful music being supplied by those capable musicians Miss Connor and Mr Lions Jordan and Mr H Boyd again ably officiated as MC. During the evening several songs etc were contributed by members of the company and a most enjoyable function was brought to a close about 4am with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.</p>					
<p>25275 Pte W Laing Royal Scots</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Men Killed & Wounded West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte W Laing</td> <td>25275</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Uphall</td> <td>Shell Shock</td> </tr> </table>	Pte W Laing	25275	Royal Scots	Uphall	Shell Shock
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<p>11302 Pte Moses Lamont 2nd Btn Otago Rgt, NZEF</p>	<p>LAMONT, MOSES Rank: Private Service No: 11302 Date of Death: 01/10/1916 Age: 35 Regiment/Service: Otago Regiment, N.Z.E.F. 2nd Bn. Panel Reference: Memorial: CATERPILLAR VALLEY (NEW ZEALAND) MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Eliza Jane Lamont, of 212, Mid St., Broxburn, Edinburgh, Scotland, and the late John Lamont</p>					

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	<p>West Lothian Courier 5th October 1917 Lamont – In loving memory of Pte Moses Lamont, NZEF, killed in action 1st Oct 1916, eldest son of Mrs Lamont Mid Street, Broxburn. Some may forget you, your mother will never You will live in my heart till life’s journey is done Lord teach me to live that when my days are ended I’ll be met at the gate by my own darling son. Inserted by his mother, brother and sister.</p>
<p>Pte William Lawrie, Canadian Light Horse</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 15th November 1918 Broxburn Presentation – A number of the Roman Camp and Broxburn friends of Pte William Lawrie, Canadian Light Horse, waited upon him at his father’s resident at Roman Camps for the purpose of presenting him with a token of esteem on the occasion of his being home on leave after a considerable time spent in the trenches in France. Mr Walter Nelson, speaking for the deputation extended to Pte Lawrie the best wishes of his many friends on the occasion of his marriage and for his future welfare when he returned to the land of the Maple Leaf. In name of the subscribers he has much pleasure in asking him to accept of a pocket book and the sum of money enclosed and hoped he would be long spared to look back on this happy occasion. Pte Lawrie suitably replied. The company was afterwards hospitably entertained by Mr and Mrs Lawrie and a few hours was pleasantly passed in games songs etc. On a recent evening Mr Nelson had a similar pleasant duty to perform in presenting Pte Angus Cunningham with a handsome pocket book and sum of money from his many friends in the Roma Camp and Broxburn.</p>
<p>Pte George Leacock 15th Btn Canadian Highlanders</p>	<p>GEORGE LEACOCK Midlothian Advertiser 21st May 1915 Broxburn Canadian Poisoned – Pte George Leacock, a Broxburn soldier has died in France as the result of poisoning by asphyxiating gases. The news was received by his mother who resides at 211 Holygate, Broxburn. Pte Leacock was a Canadian Highlander and crossed to this country with the first Canadian contingent. He was well known as an amateur vocalist in the Broxburn district. West Lothian Courier 21st May 1915 Broxburn Canadian Reported Killed – A Strange Case – On Sunday last, the parents of Pte George Leacock, 15th Btn Canadian Highlanders, who reside at Holygate Broxburn, received a wire from the War Office, intimating the death of their son in France. The usual notification dated 15th May, arrived the following morning stating that Pte Leacock was reported to have died as the result of gas poisoning. On the Tuesday morning however, Mrs Leacock received a field postcard which was dated 16th May, in which he stated he was quite well. Prior to this a letter was received from Pte Leacock dated 12th May, in which he stated that he had been in hospital for two days with gas poisoning, but he was feeling fit again. They were having a rest, he said, and would be going into action soon again. The circumstances therefore would seem to indicate that there is a strong doubt as to the authenticity of the War Office report and in face of the postcard from Pte Leacock, dated a day later than the War Office communication it is inconceivable that the report can be correct. Pte Leacock’s relatives have communicated with the War Office and pending their reply they are naturally in a state of anxiety and suspense. Pte Leacock left Broxburn for Canada in April of last year, shortly after the death of his wife. After the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the Canadian Highlanders and crossed with the first Canadian contingent leaving for France about the beginning of February. Locally he had quite a reputation as a bass vocalist and was also a member of Broxburn RC Band.</p>

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West Lothian Courier 28th May 1915

Broxburn Canadian Wrongly Reported Killed – It has been confirmed that the report that Pte George Leacock, 15 Battalion (48th Highlanders), Canadians, had been killed is incorrect. On receipt of a Post Card from Pte Leacock, his mother who resides in Holygate Broxburn, communicated with the War Office and this week received the following reply for the Pay and Records Office, Canadian Contingent, London. “I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 18th inst, having reference to the reported death of your son. No 27917, Pte George Leacock, 15th Btn, (48th Highlanders). The fact that you have received a post card from your son himself dated 16th inst., is conclusive enough proof that a mistake occurred in reporting him to you as having died of gas poisoning reached this office by a telegram received from the base in France, dated 14th May, and such a telegram having been received here there was nothing further to do but to advise you of the casualty. I am making further inquiries into the matter with a view to finding exactly how the error occurred. I regret very much that you and yours have been caused any anxiety in this matter” – signed Major Armstrong. Mrs Leacock also received another Field Post Card from her son, stating that he is quite well.

West Lothian Courier 4th June 1915

Broxburn Canadian Hears of his own Death – How the Mistake Occurred – Mrs Leacock, Holygate, Broxburn has received an interesting letter from her son, Pte George Leacock, Canadian Highlanders, who, it will be remembered, was reported by the War Office as dead. Pte Leacock gives a possible explanation of the mistake and states the he is in the best of health. The letter which is dated 26th May, is in the following terms; - I have been looking for a letter this last week but have been disappointed. I guess my friends think I am dead and buried ‘somewhere in France,’ but I am very much alive at present. I have just seen the paymaster this morning and I told him I was reported dead in the English papers, and I asked him to contradict it. He will write to England about it, I have an idea how they reported me dead. After the battle of Ypres, I was walking along the road to a farm to buy some eggs for breakfast. Well, I must have dropped on the road and when I came to my senses I was in an English hospital suffering from gas poisoning. I was there two days, and as I was feeling fit I was anxious to get back to the regiment as they were moving. I asked the Doctor to discharge me, but he told me I was not well enough to leave. Next morning, I rose early and crawled through the hedge and got past the sentry. I saw a French ammunition waggon coming down the road, I jumped in and rode about ten miles with them. We halted at a village and had some coffee. I must have been the first Highlander in that village for the people came out of their homes and stared at me and the kids followed me down the streets. I met a French Officer who could speak English, I inquired if he knew where the Canadian Highlanders were stationed. He did not know but they phoned up headquarters and found they had moved twenty miles from Ypres. I started to march to the town they were billeted in and got there next day. The people in the hospital would put me down as dead when I was not discharged. There are so many dying that they get mixed up with the names. My regiment went into Ypres 1100 strong, and came back with 162 men, so you can guess we had some fight, they would not come and face us like men. They had to blind and poison our men before they would try and take our trenches. We are miles from Ypres and I never want to see that city again. We are making good headway in our new position. We have taken three lines of German trenches. We took a farmhouse the other night. When we made the charge, the Germans trained 6 machine guns on us, but they did not stop us. When we got to the farm, they held up their hands and shouted “Mercy Jock, Mercy. Out fellows have not forgotten the gas yet. We have all kinds of German helmets, but we are not allowed to send the through the mail. The night we made the charge we lost over 200 killed and

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	<p>wounded. Out Major called for volunteers to carry out the wounded. Eight of us answered the call, and we had a terrible time. The Germans shelled all the roads and the snipers were everywhere. We had to carry the wounded one and half miles to the dressing station. The first man we carried down, died ten minutes after we got him there. Four of our party were killed with a “Jack Johnson.” I said a few prayers as I hurried along that road. We have been in reserve trenches these last two days, but we are moving up to the firing line tonight and we expect to make things lively for the Germans. When I went to draw rations last night, the Sgt said to me “you’re dead Leacock, you can’t draw rations.”</p>
<p>S/4203 Pte Andrew Leishman Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders latterly S/40641 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname LEISHMAN Forename Andrew Rank Pte Service number S/4203 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 15 April 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS Other detail latterly S/40641, 2nd Bn Seaforth Hldrs. West Lothian Courier 4th May 1917 Another Broxburn Native Killed – Mr and Mrs Purdie, 55 Adams Terrace, Kelty, have received intimation from the War Office that their son Pte Andrew Leishman died from wounds on 15th April. He had been wounded in the head, legs and arms and other parts of the body. Pte Leishman was 30 years of age and was born in Broxburn, He enlisted in May 1915, and had been at the front since July last year. He joined the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders and was transferred to the Seaforths. Before enlisting he was employed as a miner in Kelty where he was very well known.</p>
<p>S/13408 Pte William S Liddell Black Watch latterly 39612 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname LIDDELL Forename William Stewart Rank Pte Service number S/13408 Decoration Place of birth Blackburn Linlithgow Date of death 10 May 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail latterly 39612 12th Bn The Royal Scots West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918 Liddell – In fond remembrance of Pte W Liddell, Black Watch, killed in action, 10th May 1917. “To Memory ever dear.” Inserted by N M Broxburn.</p>



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20951 Pte Robert Linton, POW Royal Scots Fusiliers	ROBERT LINTON West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Broxburn – Pte Robert Linton, Royal Scots Fusiliers, who was previous to enlisting, employed as a postman, and who was reported missing last week, is now officially reported as prisoner of war in Gefangenenlan, Dulmen, Germany. Midlothian Advertiser 1 st September 1916 Broxburn Casualties – Mrs Linton, Shrine Place, Broxburn, has received intimation that her husband Pte Robert Linton, Royal Scots Fusiliers is a prisoner in Germany. West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916 Men Killed Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the News Columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo. West Lothian Casualties Official List <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Pte R Linton</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20951</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Royal Scots</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Broxburn</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Missing</td> </tr> </table> West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – We would be greatly indebted to the relatives of any soldier, killed or wounded if they would kindly send us for publication in our news columns and a short account of his career in the Army and in civilian life before enlisting. Friends of soldiers in the casualty list should communicate with our Head Office Whitburn Road, Bathgate or any of our reporters or correspondents. West Lothian Casualties Official List <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Pte R Linton</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20851</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Royal Scots Fusiliers</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Broxburn</td> <td style="text-align: center;">POW</td> </tr> </table>	Pte R Linton	20951	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Missing	Pte R Linton	20851	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	POW
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Pte Logan	LOGAN West Lothian Courier 27th April 1917 Broxburn Men Reported Wounded – From amongst the large number of Broxburn lads who took part in the recent severe fighting intelligence has been received this week of a considerable number who have been wounded, included in the list being the names of Pte James Stewart, son of Mr D R Stewart, Osbourne Cottage, Pte J Blair, son of Mr and Mrs Blair, Mayfield Cottage, West End, Pte Logan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Logan, Buchan Road, and Ptes George and David Jamieson, of the South Africans, (late of Broxburn). Several we regret to announce have made the supreme sacrifice of whom photos and details will be published next week.										
Cpl John Lowler MM Royal Scots	JOHN LOWLER West Lothian Courier 5th April 1918 Broxburn Men in the Casualty Lists – Mrs Lowler, Church Street, has also received word that her husband Cpl John Lowler MM is lying in hospital suffering from wounds to the right knee. Cpl Lowler was wounded in France on the 25 th March. Cpl Lowler was in the Royal Scots and was called up at the outbreak of war. He was drafted to France in July of 1916 and has been through some severe fighting. His parents reside at Paulville, Bathgate.										
Pte Alex Lumsden	ALEX LUMSDEN West Lothian Courier 31st May 1918 Presentation – Pte Alex Lumsden, presently home on leave from France was met in a social capacity in the Band Hall on Wednesday last by a large company of his Roman Camp and Broxburn friends. Mr W Neilson presided, and after an enjoyable tea had been partaken of, presented Pte Lumsden with a well filled pocket book, the recipient suitably replying. Tables having been cleared a few hours dancing was engaged in the music being supplied by Miss Connor (violin) and Mr Louis Jordan (piano) and needless to say was of a high order. Messrs G R										

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	<p>Stewart and E McCann ably officiated as MC's and songs etc were rendered by Mrs Madden, Mrs Ems, Misses Madden, Davidson and Young and Messrs G Dickie, W Neilson, A Cunningham, W Calder, Brennan and Pte Anderson.</p>
<p>Cpl James Lyall Scots Guards</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname LYALL Forename James Rank L Cpl Service number 15749 Decoration Place of birth Coldingham Date of death 25 July 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS West Lothian Courier 17th August 1917 Lyll – Killed in action in France, 25th July, Cpl James Lyall, Scots Guards, dearly beloved husband of Jeannie Lyall, The Gardens, Broxburn – A Loved one Missed. West Lothian Courier 26th July 1918 Lyll – In loving remembrance of my dear husband Cpl James Lyall, Scots Guards, killed in action in France 25th July 1917. One year has passed and still I miss him Some may think the wound is healed But little know they of the sorrow That lies beneath a smile concealed. Inserted by his widow and family, Mrs Lyall, Holygate, Broxburn. Duty called him, he was there To do his bit and take his share His heart was good, his spirit brave His resting place a soldier's grave Inserted by his father and mother in law Mr and Mrs McNee, Holygate, Broxburn</p>
<p>Pte J Lynch Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>J LYNCH Midlothian Advertiser 2nd November 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appears in the list of casualties publish this week. Killed Pte J Steven, Cameron Highlanders, Uphall Died of Wounds Pte G Stewart, London Regiment, Uphall Wounded Pte N Gallacher, KOSB, Uphall L/Cpl J Brown, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte J Lynch, Scottish Rifles, Uphall Gunner J McIntyre, Royal Garrison Artillery, Uphall</p>

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20992 L/Cpl
Stewart Lynch
MM
Royal Scots

STEWART LYNCH

Midlothian Advertiser 4th August 1916

Broxburn Wounded – The following Broxburn men are reported as having been wounded - Pte Henry Brennan, Royal Scots, 135 Greendykes Road, Pte John O'Brien Inniskilling Fusiliers, 223 Mid Street, Pte William Young, Seaforths, Bank Place, L/Cpl Stewart Lynch, Royal Scots, whose wife resides at Maryhill Cottage, and Pte Andrew Paris, Royal Scots, Port Buchan.

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Broxburn Man and Military Medal – LCpl Stewart Lynch, Royal Scots, whose wife resides at Maryville Cottages Old Town, Broxburn and whose parents reside in Back Street Broxburn has been recommended for the Military Medal. He succeeded under heavy fire in cutting a long length of barbed wire and later rescued his Sgt Major under great danger. LCpl Lynch is a Broxburn lad a grandson of the late Mrs Lunch midwife who was well known to old Broxburnians. He was five years' resident in Canada and it was while there that he married, his wife being a Miss Glencorse a native of Pumpherston. On the outbreak of war, he offered his services to a Colonial regiment but was rejected on account of his eyesight. He then with his wife and children returned to Broxburn. He had only resumed work a few weeks when he again offered his services this time in the Royal Scots. He was accepted and in April 1915, was drafted to France. He has seen many stirring scenes and been twice wounded. At the moment he is at Glencorse convalescent. Another brother, Gunner James Lynch, RFA who joined on 30th September 1915, is presently in Rouen hospital suffering from overstrain. He writes that he is about all right again and expects to be sent back to duty at any moment.

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Broxburn Man gets Military Medal – We show a portrait of LCpl Stewart Lynch, Royal Scots who as we reported in our issue last week has won the Military Medal. His wife resides at Maryville Cottages, Old Town, Broxburn, and his parents at Back Street, Broxburn.

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Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.)

West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.

LCpl S Lynch	20992	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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West Lothian Courier 26th January 1917

Presentation to Military Medallists – An interesting ceremony took place in the Public School on Monday evening when LCpl Stewart Lynch and Gunner John Craig were presented with gold medals by the Broxburn Honours and Memorial Committee. Mr William Cuthbertson presided over a small attendance of the public. The short notice with which the ceremony had to be arranged didn't allow for a proper intimation being given to the public and this fact doubtless accounted for the meagre attendance. The Chairman in making the presentation spoke of the great pleasure it gave him in being asked to perform such an interesting ceremony. The public of Broxburn were always eager to recognise any of the brave lads who had gained distinction on the field and they were met together on this occasion to honour two such heroes namely LCpl Lynch and Gunner Craig, who had been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery. On previous occasions of such a nature the gold medals were accompanied by a monetary gift but recent legislation had put a stop to this. They however, were allowed to invest a sum of




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	<p>money on their behalf and the Committee had decided to invest a sum of money in the War Loan for LCpl Lynch and Gunner Craig. In asking them to accept the gold medals he congratulated them on the honour they had brought to themselves and to their native place, and through their gallant actions he hoped they would spared to return home again having helped to secure peace for our Country. LCpl Lynch and Gunner Craig returned for the kindness the public had shown to the on this occasion. The medals were inscribed with the names of the recipient and on the reverse side the inscription "A recognition of valour from Broxburn people." LCpl Lynch was in Canada when war broke out, but returned home and answered the appeal for men enlisted in the Royal Scots. After a few months training he was drafted to France where he took part in some severe fighting. He was wounded in action in July last and invalided home. He was recommended for the Military Medal on two occasions, viz, in September 1915 and March 1916. Gunner Craig enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders at the outbreak of war and was soon drafted to France. He was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps and has been through most of the big engagements. He was decorated with the Military medal in July last by the Duke of Connaught.</p>
<p>2142 Pte John Joseph Main 5th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>MAIN, JOHN JOSEPH Rank: Private Service No: 2142 Date of Death: 19/06/1915 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 4th Bn. Grave Reference: IV. E. 4. Cemetery: PINK FARM CEMETERY, HELLES</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 16th July 1915 Broxburn Soldier on the Casualty List – Mrs McAllister, Greendykes Road, has received intimation that her nephew, Pte John Joseph Main, 4th Royal Scots, (Queens Edinburgh Rifles), has been killed in action at the Dardanelles. Pte Main joined the Army in September and was drafted to the Dardanelles in May, and it was while going into the trenches on 19th June that he was killed. Previous to the outbreak of the war, Pte Main was employed in Niddry Oil Works and has been in Broxburn for three years. He was 18 years of age.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th July 1915 Men Killed & Wounded – Killed in Action – Pte Joseph Main, Broxburn A portrait of Pte John Joseph Main, 4th Royal Scots (Queens Edinburgh Rifles), who died from wounds received in action at the Dardanelles on 19th June. Pte Main enlisted in September and was drafted out to the Dardanelles in May. According to information received it appears he was wounded while going into the trenches and succumbed the following day. Pte Main is a nephew of Mrs McAllister, 107 Greendykes Road, and prior to the outbreak of the war was employed in Niddry Oil works. He was 18 years of age and had resided in Broxburn for a period of 3 years.</p>



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<p>2069 Pte Thomas McAlonan 5th Btn Cameronians</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname McALONAN Forename T Rank Pte Service number 2069 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 16 January 1917 Theatre of death France Cause of death d. SNWM roll THE CAMERONIANS (SCOTTISH RIFLES) Unit name In or attached to THE CAMERONIANS Other detail 5th Bn. THOMAS MCALONAN West Lothian Courier 26th January 1917 Broxburn Soldier's Death – We show a photo of Pte Thomas McAlonan who has died in a hospital in France from pneumonia. Before joining the Royal Scots Pte McAlonan was employed by the Oakbank Oil Company at Winchburgh. He is survived by a wife and two of a family who reside at Greendykes Road, Broxburn.</p>	
<p>Pte James McAllister 1st Scots Guards</p>	<p>JAMES MCALLISTER Midlothian Advertiser 16th April 1915 Broxburn Soldiers Wounded - Particulars are to hand in letters received by relatives regarding two Broxburn soldiers who were wounded at Neuve Chapelle. Pte James McAllister of the 1st Scots Guards was hit on the shoulder and is in hospital at Boulogne, while Pte William Swanney also of the 1st Scots Guards states that he received a clap on the head with a sandbag and is a South of England hospital. Both men resided at Greendykes Road, Broxburn and enlisted at the outbreak of war. West Lothian Courier 23rd April 1915 Experiences of Broxburn Scots Guardsman - Pte James McAllister also of the 1st Scots Guards was wounded on the right shoulder on 22nd March and is presently in a hospital at Boulogne. Pte William Swanney, 1st Scots Guards, who resides at Albion Cottages, has arrived home on 14 days' furlough. He was also wounded on 21st March and after being for some time at a hospital in France, was sent to a hospital at Southend on Sea. A shell burst in front of the trench and he was almost buried in the debris receiving injuries to the head, face and back. Pte Swanney tells of a particular daring action on the part of Pte McAllister. A German sniper located in a dugout was causing considerable trouble and the officer asked for a volunteer to go out on to the top of the trench to try and stop his little game. Pte McAllister at once offered himself and, despite the fact that he came under heavy fire, succeeded in silencing the sniper after firing five rounds. It was a risky business and said much for Pte McAllister's pluck. Pte Swanney also speaks of a particularly severe attack made on one occasion by the Bavarian Guards, whose trenches were only about 40 yards distant from the British. The Scots Guards were ordered to hold the position at all costs and they had a hot time of it. Their position was not improved by the fact that the Coldstream Guards had retired on their left, but the Black Watch came up to reinforce them. The latter regiment at first lost heavily but fell back beside the Guards, and the enemy were eventually driven back. The bout lasted for two hours and was a fierce engagement. Along with his comrades Pte Swanney also</p>	

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took part in the Battle of Neuve Chappelle in which the Scots Guards lost pretty heavily.

West Lothian Courier 30th April 1915



We reproduce a photo of five Broxburn companions, who enlisted in the Scots Guards, shortly after the outbreak of the war. Their names are : Standing – Pte James McAllister, Pte John Dunnachie and Pte William Swanney; sitting – Pte Hugh Shaw and Pte J Spalding Niddrie. After enlisting they were stationed at Wellington Barracks, London where the above photograph was taken. With the exception of Shaw, they

were attached to the 1st Btn and proceeded to the front about the end of January. Pte Shaw followed with the 2nd Btn, about a fortnight later, and as was stated in our last week's issue, was reported to have been killed at the Battle of Neuve Chappelle. Fortunately, this proved untrue and Pte Shaw is still in the trenches fighting for his country. As was also reported by us last week, Ptes Dunnachie McAllister and Swanney, have been wounded. Pte Dunnachie arrived home last Saturday on a fortnight's leave. He received his wound at Richebourg on the 2nd March, when he had an exceedingly narrow escape. He was situated behind breast-works and feeling cold was blowing his hand, when he was caught by a German sniper, the bullet entered the back of his right hand and passing right through penetrated his middle finger. A few inches on the course of the bullet might have meant instant death, He was removed to a hospital in Boulogne. Two days later he was brought across the channel and remained in a London Hospital for seven days.

Pte Lachlan McArthur
Stretcher Bearer, RAMC
previously Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

LACHLAN MCARTHUR

West Lothian Courier 23rd July 1915

Uphall Soldier on Holiday from the Front – Met A Bathgate Railway Guard – Pte Lachlan McArthur, who was a reservist in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, when war opened, has been this week enjoying a week's holiday at his home in Salisbury Place, Uphall, where resides his wife and his three children. Immediately on the declaration of war he reported himself to the headquarters of his regiment and was sent as a member of the RAMC for a Brigade, he was among the first drafts sent to France, and there until he left on a short holiday, he has been kept busy in the arduous and dangerous work of bringing the wounded from stricken fields and the trenches. He came through the retreat of Mons and has also followed in the wake of the advance. The work of the stretcher bearers at the firing line always dangerous, is in these days of German brutality greater than usual. Men on humane missions appear to be considered first class marks for the Teutonic sniper and it is from the sniper that ambulance men stand the most in dread. On no less than three occasions Pte McArthur has been hit but fortunately he came to


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	<p>no serious harm. His first baptism was when a bullet went through his right shoulder inflicting only a minor wound. At another time, when a party of stretcher bearers were out on their errand of mercy a big gun was trained on them. At once the men toppled into a trench nearby. As McArthur disappeared over the side a bit of shrapnel opened the back of his left hand. Though the trench was filled with water, it proved a safer place until darkness set in than the open; after daylight fled the work of carrying in the wounded was resumed. On another occasion he sustained a flesh wound in the calf of the left leg, this time from a bullet. The fragment of shrapnel that lacerated the hand was brought home as a trophy. Pte McArthur, who, previous to rejoining his regiment was a railway guard, beyond acknowledging that the Allies were having a lot of stiff work to do said he had nothing to add to what had already appeared in the various dispatches. He mentioned in passing that a fortnight before leaving he had met Pte John Watson Bathgate who is with the Black Watch. Pte Watson is a South African warrior and was at the outbreak of the war a railway guard at Bathgate. He then in good health. He leaves again on Saturday for France.</p>
<p>Pte Thomas McCafferty (McAfferty) Royal Inniskilling's</p>	<p>THOMAS MCCAFFERTY West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Intelligence has been received by Mr McAfferty East Main Street that his two sons Pte James McAfferty and Pte Tom McAfferty, have been wounded. Tom has been wounded in the left arm, but the nature of James' wound is not yet known. Both enlisted in the The Royal Inniskilling's.</p>
<p>Pte Malcolm McCallum Royal Scots POW</p>	<p>MALCOLM MCCALLUM West Lothian Courier 23rd October 1914 Broxburn Men Missing and Wounded –Some time ago the relatives of Pte Malcolm McCallum of the Royal Scots, also received news that he had been missing since the same engagement (retreat from Mons) and it is not known whether they are prisoners of war or not. The relatives of Pte McCallum received a PC from him yesterday afternoon from Sennelager, Germany. He states – “this is the first opportunity that I have had of letting you know I am a prisoner of war, and they have given me the privilege of writing home. We are allowed to received parcels up to 10 lbs, so if you could send on some tobacco and writing paper I would be pleased. Don't worry as I am quite safe”. Needless to say the receipt of the postcard came as a great relief to his parents and sisters and brothers.</p>
<p>Gunner John McCloy MM Royal Artillery</p>	<p>JOHN MCCLOY West Lothian Courier 14th June 1918 Broxburn Soldier Awarded MM – We are pleased to learn that another of Broxburn's gallant sons has been recognised by his country for his bravery on the field, the hero on this occasion being Gunner J McCloy, who was awarded the Military Medal on the 20th March 1918. Gunner McCloy, whose widowed mother resides at 40 Greendykes Road, Broxburn, answered the country's call on 3rd March 1915, and has been for nearly three years on the Western Front. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a miner by the Broxburn Oil Coy.</p>
<p>Gunner John McColl Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>JOHN MCCOLL West Lothian Courier 14th September 1917 Broxburn Presentation – On Saturday last “The Celtic Crowd” to the number of between 30 and 40 met in the Strathbrock Hotel for the purpose of presenting Gunner John McColl, RFA with tokens of respect and esteem. Mr O'Brien presided and in a short speech presented Gunner McColl with a splendid wristlet</p>

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	<p>Watch and silver cigarette case. Gunner McColl briefly replied. A few hours were afterwards spent in songs and sentimental songs were being rendered by Messrs O'Brien, Duffy, Menzies, Brady, Tierney, Smith, White and Dobbs, etc. Gunner McColl who was home on leave, after two years in France has left again on Sunday evening.</p>
<p>991 Pte Alexander MacDonald 4th Btn Australian Infantry, AIF</p>	<p>MACDONALD, ALEXANDER Rank: Private Service No: 991 Date of Death: 22/07/1916 Age: 31 Regiment/Service: Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 4th Bn. Panel Reference: Memorial: VILLERS-BRETONNEUX MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Donald and Helen Macdonald, of 96, Nicolson St., Edinburgh, Scotland. Born at Broxburn, Scotland.</p>
<p>Pte Charles McDonald 6th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders POW</p>	<p>CHARLES MCDONALD West Lothian Courier 23rd June 1916 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Official intimation has been received from Perth by Mr James Lawrie, 8 Steel's Rows, Broxburn, that his stepson, Pte C McDonald, 6th Camerons has sustained injuries to the scalp and back from gunshot wounds on 12th inst, and that he is lying in the 14th General Hospital, Imereux, Boulogne Base. In a letter to his step-parent, Pte McDonald states he is all right again and that he was not badly wounded, suffering chiefly from shock. He says he was blown up by a mine and that he first thought his back was broken. Pte McDonald previous to enlisting was engaged in McEwan's Brewery, Edinburgh. Bo'ness Journal 4th January 1918 Official Casualty List – the following names of county soldiers appear in the official lists of casualties issued during the week; J Turnbull, Broxburn, HLI, Killed C McDonald, Broxburn, Cameron Highlanders West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Broxburn Soldier Prisoner of War – Mrs J Lawrie, Steel's Rows, Broxburn, whose eldest son, Pte Charles McDonald, Cameron Highlanders, was reported missing on the 28th of March of this year has now received word from him that he is a prisoner of war at Hanover Germany. Pte McDonald enlisted on 3rd September 1914 and has been in France since July 1915, being twice wounded during that period. Previous to enlisting he was employed at McEwan's Brewery Fountainbridge, Edinburgh. A younger brother Pte Hector McDonald of the same regiment was killed in action at the Battle of the Somme, on 13th August 1916.</p>
<p>Pte J MacDonald Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>J MACDONALD Midlothian Advertiser 29th June 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – the names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week. Killed Driver J Coyle, RFA, Uphall Wounded Pte J Macdonald, Scottish Rifles, Uphall</p>
<p>Gunner Patrick McDonald</p>	<p>PATRICK MCDONALD West Lothian Courier 17th August 1917</p>

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<p>Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>Military Absentees – Before Mr John Montgomerie at Linlithgow, JP Court on Tuesday Cpl John Johnston of the Royal Scots, was charged with having absented himself from his unit since 13th August, without leave. He pleaded guilty. A report by a police constable was to the effect that on Saturday 11th inst, information was conveyed to him that a soldier had been living in Broxburn for some weeks without a pass. He (the Constable) made enquiries at West Burnside Broxburn and then called at the house of the man, where his wife and family resided. He found him there, and on asking him if he had a pass Johnston admitted that he should have rejoined his regiment on 10th July. In reply to the Justice the soldier stated that he had been at home and overstayed his leave. Another soldier named Patrick McDonald of the Royal Field Artillery whose home is at Stankards Rows, Uphall, was charged with having absented himself from the battery without leave. He pleaded guilty. In reply to the Justice he said he was only absent from the precious day He had gone home to see a friend who returned from France – Justice – If you had asked leave, would you not have got it? A – I did not ask, it and also thought had asked leave of absence I don't suppose I would have got it, for when I asked leave on a previous occasion I was told that when I went home I could stay there. Both men were told that they would be handed over to an escort and taken back to their respective units.</p>					
<p>John McEwan</p>	<p>JOHN MCEWAN West Lothian Courier 6th October 1916 Failing to Join the Colours – Two Broxburn lads, named John McEwan, and Thomas Simpson, were brought before Sheriff Macleod at Linlithgow on Friday on a charge of being army absentees, the lads, it was stated had enlisted but had failed to join the colours. The lads now stated that they were under age, it was, however stated that when they enlisted they gave their ages at 18.5 years. The Sheriff addressing the lads, said they would be handed over to an escort and that it would be for them and the military to clear up the matter about their ages.</p>					
<p>2411 Pte D McGill Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>D MCGILL West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte D McGill</td> <td>2411</td> <td>Gordon Highlanders</td> <td>Drumshoreland</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte D McGill	2411	Gordon Highlanders	Drumshoreland	Wounded
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<p>Stoker Thomas McGovern, CGM Royal Navy HMS Lion</p>	<p>THOMAS MCGOVERN West Lothian Courier 12th January 1917 Broxburn Stoker's Bravery Rewarded – Mr McGovern, Roman Camp, Uphall, has received word that his son Thomas McGovern Leading Stoker on HMS Lion, has been awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, during the Jutland battle. In the heat of the fight he showed much courage in extinguishing a large fire which could only be reached through a shell hole surrounded by intense heat, fumes and smoke. His behavior was highly commendable. He has been in the Navy seven years and has taken part in all the fighting on sea. He has also a brother serving with the Army, who is now in Salonika. West Lothian Courier 23rd March 1917</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>					

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Presentation to Leading Stoker McGovern – A public presentation to leading Stoker McGovern took place on Monday evening in Broxburn Public School. The presentation was under the auspices of Broxburn Honours and Memorial Committee and there was a large turnout of the general public.

Mr G D Duncan occupied the chair and in the course of his opening remarks spoke of the great pleasure it gave the public of Broxburn to be able to recognise such heroes as Leading Stoker McGovern. An extra interest attached to this particular occasion as their guest was the first of our local lads serving in the in the Navy who had won distinction. They were pleased to have Leading Stoker McGovern with them that night and he expressed the hope that he would be long spared to wear the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, which had been awarded him for his bravery in the Jutland battle. Apologies for absence were read from the Rev Canon Hoban and Dr Scott. Mr William Cuthbertson in making the presentation of the Broxburn Honours Medal and War Scrip to Leading Stoker T McGovern said it gave him great pleasure to be asked to fulfil this pleasant duty of making the presentation. Broxburn people felt honoured to have such a hero amongst us as we had on this occasion. On previous occasions, we have had the pleasure of recognising several Military heroes who have been awarded DCM's and Military Medal for some acts of bravery and we felt equal pride tonight in having a hero from our gallant Navy. Leading Stoker McGovern was a native of Broxburn and had been for five years on that great ship HMS Lion, one of the ships that had done great work in the Jutland battle, and was instrumental in chasing the German Grand Fleet back to their hiding place again. It was our gallant Navy we much depend on to protect our shores against being invaded by the enemy and when we know we have such men as Leading Stoker McGovern in it, we could be sure of the German Navy getting the same fright as they got at Jutland if they make their appearance again. He had great pleasure in asking their guest to accept of the Broxburn Honours Medal and War Scrip and in the name of the public he wished him long life, health and prosperity.

Leading stoker McGovern thanked the public for their kindness in making him the recipient of such handsome gifts. They could have no idea who such recognition by the people of their own native place helped to “buck them up” and redouble their efforts to keep our country free from invasion by the enemy. It showed the public appreciated any little thing they could manager to do in the trenches or on the sea. Gifts like these sent them back cheery to their duty and anxious to see that that duty was carried out as well as they could manage.

Mr Finlay Stuart added his congratulation to Leading Stoker McGovern on the honour he had brought to himself and his native place. He was our first Broxburn Naval man to win honour but from what we know of the great gallantry of our Navy he didn't think he would be the last. In Broxburn the vast majority of our lads were in the Army, only very few being in the Navy. This made Leading Stoker McGovern's honour even greater, that from among so few ha had won that coveted distinction The “Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.” It was such men as Leading Stoker McGovern we had to depend on for the security that we enjoy and from such men as these we would never look in vain. He felt sure the next time the German Fleet ventured out, that our gallant Navy would give an even great account of themselves, and that the Germans would got back with such a thrashing that they would never attempt conclusions with our Navy again. He asked them to accord a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Cuthbertson for making the presentation. The meeting concluded in an appropriate manner with the singing of “Rule Britannia.”

Leading Stoker McGovern who is 25 years of age, is a son of Mr James McGovern Roman Camps. In February of 1910 he enlisted in the Navy as a stoker and entering upon the career of his adoption in a whole-hearted manner, his general good behaviour and strict attention to his duties gained for him the recognition of

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	<p>his superior Officers and he was promoted the rating of Leading Stoker on the 26th July 1914. During his several years in the Navy, he spent two years on HMS King Edward, and the remaining period on HMS Lion, on which ship he is presently serving. Since the war began he has been through all the principal Naval engagements including the Heligoland Bight, Doggar Bank and Jutland Battles. It was during the latter action that the bravery of Leading Stoker McGovern gained for himself the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal which in the Navy ranks next to the greatest of all honours, the Victoria Cross. During the action which was fought on 31st May and 1st June 1916, Leading Stoker McGovern was in charge of a party on fire duty on the mess desk which is probably one of the most dangerous parts of the ship. One of the shells which struck HMS Lion fell on the upper deck and penetrated through other two lower decks where it exploded setting fire to this particular deck in close proximity to one of the magazines. Leading Stoker McGovern along with two other men without any hesitation, crawled through the shell hold with the fire brigade appliance and despite the intense heat and smoke succeeded in attaining their object of extinguishing the fire. At a parade of men on the quarter deck of HMS Lion, on Sunday 3rd February he received his nobly won award at the hands of Admiral Sir W Peckenham, whilst his other two brave comrades received the Distinguished Service Medal. Leading Stoker McGovern who has also another brother doing his duty for King and Country in the Gordon Highlanders at Salonika was previous to enlisting employed in the Roman Camps Oil Works. This is the second honour that has been brought to this patriotic little place, Roman Camps. Sgt Smith having been awarded the Military Medal and Sgt Smith's brother Tom, was also raised to the rank of Sgt on the field for bravery. Out of the Roman Camps which only consists of 24 houses 25 lads have bravely gone forth to fight for their honour of their country and like most other place the horrors of war have been forcibly brought home to them, 4 of these gallant men having made the supreme sacrifice, and another has been so badly wounded it was necessary to amputate his leg. In this latter case, Pte Steven, there are other three brothers serving in HM Forces. We congratulate Leading Stoker McGovern on the honour he has brought to this little place and the inhabitants of the Roman Camps for having so patriotically sent forth so many sons to do battle against the enemy.</p>
<p>3330 Sapper Adam John St Clair McGown 1 Tunnelling Coy, Australian Expeditionary Force</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname McGOWN Forename Adam John St Clair Rank Spr Service number 3330 Decoration Place of birth Date of death 19 September 1917 Theatre of death Belgium Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE Unit name In or attached to AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE Other detail 1 Tunnelling Coy West Lothian Courier 16th November 1917 Broxburn Australian Dies of Wounds – The following letter has been received by Mrs William Boag, 220 Mid Street Broxburn, informing her of the death of her son Sapper A J McGown, viz., Dear Mrs Boag, I have received your letter dated Oct 20th, and regret to have to inform you of the sad death of your son No 3330 Sapper A J McGown. He died of wounds received in action on the 18th Sept 1917, on the 19th Sept at No 17 Casualty Clearing Station. On behalf of the officer and men of</p>

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	<p>this unit, I would like to extend to you our heartfelt sympathy – Yours etc, William Carroll Lieut A. E.</p> <p>The deceased left Broxburn over four years ago for Australian and on the outbreak of war promptly offered his services on behalf of the Motherland in her fight for liberty and justice. After undergoing the necessary training, he was sent to the Dardanelles, where he took part in some of the severe fighting in that theatre of war. Later he was drafted to German East Africa and after having taken part in that campaign was ultimately sent to France, where he made the supreme sacrifice. He was 25 years of age and previous to leaving home was employed in the Broxburn Oil Works.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th September 1918</p> <p>McGown - In loving memory of our son Sapper A J McGown, Australians, who died from wounds received in action in France, 19th September 1917.</p> <p>Dear son of mine you sleep with the brave Where no tears of your mother can drop on your grave Unknown to the world, you stand by my side And whisper dear mother death cannot divide They miss you most who loved you best</p> <p>Inserted by his mother and step father Mr and Mrs William Boag, 220 Mid Street, Broxburn.</p> <p>Peaceful be thy rest dear brother 'Tis sweet to breathe thy name In life we loved you very dear In death we do the same</p> <p>Inserted by his sister Maggie and brother in law (on active service)</p> <p>What happy hours we once enjoyed How sweet their memory still For he has left a vacant place That no on earth can fill</p> <p>Inserted by his chum, Driver R Wallace on active service.</p>					
<p>Pte J McGrath King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>J MCGRATH</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th August 1916</p> <p>District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The following are the names of local and district soldiers appearing the official casualty lists this week.</p> <p>Wounded</p> <p>Pte J McKeirnon, Uphall, 669, Gordon Highlanders Pte J McGrath, Uphall, KOSB</p>					
<p>6203 Pte T McGrath King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>T MCGRATH</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916</p> <p>Men Killed & Wounded and Prisoners Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte T McGrath</td> <td>6203</td> <td>KOSB</td> <td>Uphall</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte T McGrath	6203	KOSB	Uphall	Wounded
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<p>Gunner J McIntyre Royal Garrison Artillery</p>	<p>J MCINTYRE</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 2nd November 1917</p> <p>District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appears in the list of casualties publish this week.</p> <p>Killed</p> <p>Pte J Steven, Cameron Highlanders, Uphall Died of Wounds</p>					

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	<p>Pte G Stewart, London Regiment, Uphall Wounded Pte N Gallacher, KOSB, Uphall L/Cpl J Brown, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte J Lynch, Scottish Rifles, Uphall Gunner J McIntyre, Royal Garrison Artillery, Uphall</p>					
<p>Lieut John Mackay Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>JOHN MACKAY West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916 Uphall Officer Dangerously Wounded - Word is to hand that Lt John L Mackay, tenant of the Law Farm, Uphall had received a gunshot wound in the left leg. He was operated upon and the leg taken off beneath the knee. Later word came that a further operation was necessary the leg was taken off near the thigh. As the condition of the patient was dangerous, his people who reside at 17 Seton Place Edinburgh were wired to and a pass was arranged for on Friday. On Saturday, his sister and her husband Dr Johnston left en route to visit the patient. At London Mrs Johnston was not allowed to proceed, only one pass being given, and Dr Johnston went on. Lt Mackay took the tenancy of Law Farm in November 1912. He enlisted in August 1915, having placed a manager at the farm, and became an officer in the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He left for the front on 3rd September of this year and had only been in the firing line a few weeks, when he received his wound.</p>					
<p>S/6759 Pte James Mackay 7th Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname MACKAY Forename James Rank Pte Service number S/6759 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Linlithgowshire Date of death 26 July 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Unit name In or attached to THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS Other detail 7th Bn West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J McKay</td> <td>6759</td> <td>Seaforth Highlanders</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Died of Wounds</td> </tr> </table>	Pte J McKay	6759	Seaforth Highlanders	Broxburn	Died of Wounds
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<p>Pte John McKay 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>JOHN MCKAY West Lothian Courier 23rd October 1914 Broxburn Men Missing and Wounded – On Monday it was learned that Pte McKay, Seaforth Highlanders had been wounded in the arm on 15th October. He is presently in a hospital in London and hopes to be home this week. Midlothian Advertiser 7th May 1915 Broxburn Men Wounded at Hill 60 – Information has just reached Broxburn that the following four men belonging to the town and all serving in the 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders, were wounded at Hill 60:- Pte John Mackay, Pte James Grant, Pte Thomas Baptie and Pte James Watters. The first three are Reserve men, and the last-named enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war, Mackay was</p>					

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	<p>wounded about the head, and is suffering from asphyxiation. Grant received a gunshot wound in the shoulder. Baptie's right elbow was broken by a bullet which afterwards entered his side and passed out at his back. Watters was badly wounded in the shoulder by a gunshot.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th May 1915 Broxburn Soldiers Wounded at Hill 60 – It has just been learned in Broxburn that at least four soldiers from the shale town have been wounded in the recent fight for Hill 60. All four are serving in the 2nd Btn of the Seaforth Highlanders, and their names are Pte John Mackay who resided at Mid Street, Pte James Grant, Pte Thomas Baptie, Pyothall Road and Pte James Watters, Mid Street. The first three were reservists while Watters was an ex-soldier and re-enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war. Watters was wounded in the shoulder, while Mackay was slightly wounded on the head and back but is also suffering from the effects of the asphyxiating gas used by the Germans. Both are lying in Stobhill Hospital and have been visited by their Broxburn friends. Grant received a gunshot wound in the shoulder and Baptie's right elbow was broken by a bullet which afterwards entered his side and passed out at his back. From the nature of his wound Watters is of the opinion that it must have been caused by a dum-dum bullet. In a letter from Stobhill hospital Pte Mackay says that the engagement was the worst he has come through during the war and describes it as like "hell". He also states that he met Ptes Innes, Miller and Kennedy also of Broxburn before they went into action and that they shook hands with each other just before the charge realising that they might never come out alive. Mackay was also wounded in the arm in the month of October and returned to the front about Christmas time.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th August 1915 Pte John McKay, 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, who was wounded at Hill 60, also paid a visit to Broxburn this week and called on his former landlady Mrs Ferguson, Mid Street. He has been in a convalescent home in Glasgow for the past month and has been granted 14 days leave.</p>					
6759 Cpl M Mackay Seaforth Highlanders	<p>West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Men Killed & Wounded West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Cpl M MacKay</td> <td>6759</td> <td>Seaforth Highlanders</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Died of Wounds</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Cpl M MacKay, 6759 is the Service No of Cpl J Mackay. – Error in Newspapers?</i></p>	Cpl M MacKay	6759	Seaforth Highlanders	Broxburn	Died of Wounds
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350965 Cpl W McKee 9 th Btn Royal Scots	<p>McKEE, W Rank: Corporal Service No: 350965 Date of Death: 22/06/1918 Age: 27 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 9th Bn. Grave Reference: J. 43. Cemetery: UPHALL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of William and Agnes McKee, of Broxburn; husband of Lillias Crawford McKee, of I, Clutha Place, Uddingston, Glasgow.</p>					

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	<p>Edinburgh Evening News 22nd June 1918 Last night a young Broxburn shale miner, named William McKee, residing at Greendykes Road, was killed by a heavy fall of shale which occurred in Westwood Mine, belonging to Oakbank Oil Company, Ltd. He died while being conveyed to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. McKee was released from the Army last November to resume his occupation as a shale miner, and in the Royal Scots had seen a good deal of active service in France. He was only recently married. <i>Biography of William from his Gt Niece Audra Mckee with grateful thanks for allowing me to include it in this book – Meg June 2019</i></p> <p><u>William McKee</u> William McKee was born on 8 January 1891 at 210 Mid Street, Broxburn to William McKee and Agnes McKelvie/McKee. He had 10 brothers and sisters including my grandfather, Alexander McKee. William entered active service on 12 October 1915 where he served with the 9th Battalion Royal Scots, who at that point were still manning the Ypres front. His winter months would have been spent repairing damaged trench lines and communication links as well as bringing up fresh supplies to the front. On 1 March 1916, William and the rest of his unit transferred to a division that was quickly building up its reputation and would go on to become one of the most famous in the British army, the 51st Highland Division. The 9th Royal Scots were placed within the 154th (3rd Highland) Brigade when they joined the 51st and they remained there until the end of William's war service in November 1917. William fought at Verdun, at two major phases of the Somme operation - the attacks on High Wood and the Battle of Ancre and was involved in the capture of Beaumont-Hamel and Vimy Ridge. He then fought at the Second Battle of the Scarpe before fighting his last battle at the Third Battle of Ypres or Passchendaele. In November 1917, as part of a government scheme, William was brought back from the front line to resume his job as a shale miner because of the shortage of oil. He was still on active duty and could have been recalled at any point. On 28 December 1917, he married his sweetheart, Lillias, to whom he had sent many postcards from the front line. Sadly, on 21 June 1918, at about 10.15pm, William was re-arranging the work-place after a shift in Westwood Pit, when a large quantity of shale fell on top of him from the roof. After being cleared of the debris, William was taken to the surface and a doctor was sent for. Just before midnight William was placed in the ambulance wagon to take him to Edinburgh Infirmary. Tragically, he died on his way to hospital on what was now Saturday 22 June 1918, five months before his baby daughter, Agnes, was born. William McKee is honoured on the National War Memorial at Edinburgh Castle and the Broxburn War Memorial within the United Free Church on Station Road, Broxburn. He is buried next to his parents in Uphall Cemetery.</p>					
<p>699 Pte J McKeirnon Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>J MCKEIRNON West Lothian Courier 11th August 1916 Gordon Highlanders Wounded – The following names of soldiers wounded, Gordon Highlanders are taken from the official report; -</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Cpl J McKeirnan</td> <td>669</td> <td></td> <td>Uphall</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Cpl J McKeirnan	669		Uphall	
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	<p>Midlothian Advertiser 18th August 1916 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The following are the names of local and district soldiers appearing the official casualty lists this week. Wounded Pte J McKeirnon, Uphall, 669, Gordon Highlanders Pte J McGrath, Uphall, KOSB</p>
<p>LCpl John McKelvie</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 7th September 1917 Broxburn Presentation – when the Holygate Crowd takes a hand with the doing of anything they apparently believe in the maxim of doing it well. Another instance of this took place on Saturday last when two of their soldier chums Pte Ritchie Cole, Lovat Scouts and LCpl John McKelvie, were made the recipients of handsome presents in Clifton Arms. This is now the sixth presentation during the past month, that has been made to their soldier companions surely sufficient evidence of the good fellowship that exists in the “Crowd” and of their thoughtfulness to those of their number who have been nobly doing their duty on the different fronts. Mr John Gibson occupied the chair and in presenting Pte Cole and LCpl McKelvie with wristlet watches silver cigarette cases and silver mounted holders, expressed the feelings of the “Crowd” at the great pleasure they had in having their two companions with them once again. Whilst the great respect and esteem they felt for their many chums doing duty on behalf of King and country, could not be expressed in a monetary sense, still these tokens would help to convey to them in some little way that the “Crowd” hadn’t forgotten them. “Once a chum, always a chum” was their motto and he hoped it would continue throughout the future as it had done in the many happy years they had already spent together, he hoped their guests of that evening and their many other companions, who were fighting their country’s battles would be spared to return safe and sound, and he could assure them there would always be a hearty welcome awaiting them from the “Holygate Crowd.” Both recipients suitably replied and thanked them all for this further expression of kindly feeling that had always been a feature of the “Crowd.” Neither of them had any idea of receiving such handsome and useful gifts, the pleasure of being amongst their old mates was quite sufficient for them but they could both assure them that this extra kindness of the “Crowd” was deeply appreciated by them far more so that their words could express. They hoped the day wasn’t far distant when Peace would be declared on the Allies terms and the “Crowd” would be a complete “Crowd” once more. The evening was afterwards pleasantly passed in song and sentiment. Amongst those contributing to the harmony of the evening being Messrs Mackay and Lees, W Morrow, W Dawson, W Gallaway, A Wilson, S McKelvie, W McVickers, H Boyle, and Bombardiers Baxter and Crawley etc. Pte Cole who has spent eighteen months in Salonika left on Monday to join another unit and LCpl McKelvie, who has spent a similar period in France left on Wednesday both soldiers getting a most enthusiastic send off.</p>
<p>Driver C McKendrick Royal Engineers</p>	<p>C MCKENDRICK</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th February 1915 The above is a photo of Driver Tom Hendry, Broxburn, of the Royal Engineers with the cup which he recently won in a boxing competition open to all the men of Kitchener’s Army. In the photo, the Cup is being held up by Driver C McKendrick, also a Broxburn lad. As a boxer Hendry has had a most successful career. He commenced his training under Mr G Coyle of Niddry, who at</p> 

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	<p>one time won the Middleweight Championship of Scotland, and with such a capable tutor it was not surprising that Driver Hendry soon made a name for himself. As an amateur he won 5 competitions open to Britain. In 1910 he won the championship of Scotland, and in the same year carried f the premier honours in 2 competitions open to Britain. He was the only man in the Association to defeat J Buchanan, and he also beat the well-known boxer G Renouf. In amateur circles he won over 30 contests and was selected to represent Scotland against Denmark. He was also one of the East of Scotland representatives against the West and defeated his man Buster of Glasgow, on points. In 1913 he turned professional and beat the East India champion in 1.25 minutes at Woodnose. He topped the bill at Wigan against C Chittern, the champion of Liverpool, whom he knocked out in the seventh round. Shortly after the outbreak of the war Hendry joined Kitchener's Army and as already mentioned he emerged victorious in the boxing competition for which there were 11 entries. As a matter of fact, he came through the contest with flying colours. Hendry is presently stationed in Sussex</p>
<p>Pte Donald Andrew McKenzie 1st Btn Scots Guards POW</p>	<p>DONALD MCKENZIE West Lothian Courier 26th February 1915 Broxburn Soldier a Prisoner of War – Pte Donald Andrew McKenzie, 1st Btn Scots Guards, who was reported missing on 25th January after the battle of La Bassee, has sent a postcard to his sister stating that he is a prisoner of war at Soissons. He also writes that she is not to worry as he is all right. Pte McKenzie was home on sick leave from the front in November and re-joined his regiment in December. His mother resides in Old Holygate. Pte McKenzie enlisted in this regiment little over two years ago.</p>
<p>Pte Kenny McKenzie</p>	<p>KENNETH MCKENZIE West Lothian Courier 30th July 1915 Broxburn Soldier wounded – Pte Kenny McKenzie whose wife resides in Broxburn, has been wounded in France but is reported to be making good progress towards recovery.</p>
<p>303395 Pt Henry McKinney 1/8th Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>McKINNEY, HENRY Rank: Private Service No: 303395 Date of Death: 05/09/1917 Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders 1st/8th Bn. Grave Reference: IV. F. 18. Cemetery: BARD COTTAGE CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of James and Charlotte McKinney, of Shrine Place, Broxburn, West Lothian. West Lothian Courier 5th October 1917 Broxburn Soldier Dies of Wounds – Information has been received by Mr McKinney, Shrine Place, Broxburn that his son Pte Harry McKinney A & S Highlanders, has died of wounds received in action in France 5th Sept 1917. The deceased enlisted in April of 1916 and was drafted to France in January of this year. Pte McKinney was only 20 years of age was employed by Mr Robert Muir grocer Broxburn previous to his answering the call of his country. West Lothian Courier 6th September 1918 McKinney - In loving memory of Pte Harry McKinney, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, who was killed in action 5th Sept 1917, beloved son of Mr and Mrs James McKinney, Shrine Place, Broxburn Still fondly remembered</p>

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	Inserted by his father and mother, brothers and sisters.
Pte James McLaren Royal Scots POW	<p>West Lothian Courier 2nd June 1916 Broxburn – Second Time Wounded – Intimation has been received by a brother residing at East End Broxburn that Pte James McLaren Royal Scots was wounded in France on 14th May. Pte McLaren had just returned to the fighting line after recovering from wounds received in February.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 24th May 1918 Broxburn Soldier Prisoner of War – Mr John McLaren, Glenbrae, East End, Broxburn, has now received a postcard from his brother Cpl James McLaren containing the brief tidings that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. Cpl McLaren who is in the Royal Scots has seen a great deal of fighting during his 3.5 years in the Army and has been wounded no fewer than three times.</p>
Pte Robert McLaren	<p>ROBERT MCLAREN</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 19th May 1916 Broxburn Local Soldiers Wounded – Pte Collins, Uphall and Pte Robert McLaren Broxburn have been reported wounded. Three other young men from the district were reported killed last week. The casualties among Broxburn men at the front have been very heavy since the war started.</p>
Pte George McLauchlin Royal Scots	<p>West Lothian Courier 15th March 1918 Broxburn Presentation – A large gathering of the many friends of Pte George Stewart, Royal Scots and Pte George McLauchlin, Royal Scots met in a social capacity in the Public Hall on Friday last to extend a hearty welcome to them on the occasion of their being home on leave.</p> <p>After full justice had been done to the excellent tea provided for the purveying of which the ladies deserve every credit, Mr William Anderson, who presided over a company of over 80 couples, made the presentation of well filled pocket books to both guests and also a silver cigarette case to Pte Stewart. In the course of a brief speech, he expressed the pleasure the company had at having their soldier fiends with them. It was always a pleasure to entertain any of their friends who had been so nobly doing their duty and while they tried in a small way to show how much these services had been appreciated and how much they respected them, he need hardly assure the recipients that the great respect and esteem their friends bore for them could never be expressed in any monetary sense. Whilst their duty to their country necessitated them being absent from amongst their circle of friends, they could always rest assured that they were never absent from their thoughts and their friends most sincere wish was that they would be spared to come through all the struggles and hardships they were enduring for their country and would have the pleasure many years after this of looking back on this evening and that the remembrance would be one full of pleasure.</p> <p>After the recipients had briefly replied, the tables were cleared away and dancing engaged in delightful music being supplied by Miss Jean Henderson (piano) and Mr George Orr (violin). Messrs James McGeachie and R Currie officiated as MC's in a praiseworthy manner. During intervals in the dance programme songs etc were rendered by several members of the company and a most enjoyable evening spent.</p>
S/40383 Pte E McLeod 4 th Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders	<p>McLEOD, E Rank: Private Service No: S/40383 Date of Death: 03/01/1918 Age: 42</p>

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	<p>Regiment/Service: Cameron Highlanders 4th Bn. Grave Reference: K. 71. Cemetery: UPHALL CEMETERY Additional Information: Husband of Mary McLeod, of Bank Cottages, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>
<p>Pte William McLean 5th Royal Scots</p>	<p>WILLIAM MCLEAN Midlothian Advertiser 30th July 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mr O’Brien Mid Street, Broxburn has received notification that his son, John O’Brien, Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, has been wounded at the Dardanelles. Mrs McLean, Stewartfield, Broxburn has been notified that her son W McLean has been wounded at the Dardanelles West Lothian Courier 23rd July 1915 Broxburn Lad Wounded at Dardanelles – Yesterday Mrs McLean, 5 Stewartfield, Broxburn, received official intimation that her son Pte W McLean, 5th Royal Scots, had been wounded through the right foot while in action at the Dardanelles. He is at present in Glymenopoulo Hospital, Alexandria Egypt. Mrs McLean’s husband Pte McLean is also serving at this time, his regiment being the Black Watch.</p>
<p>Pte Alex McLeary 3/5th Royal Scots</p>	<p>ALEXANDER MCLEAY or McLeary West Lothian Courier 7th January 1916 Linlithgow JP Court Before Mr Mongomerie – Military Absentee at Broxburn – Alex McLeary (20), private in the 3/5th Royal Scots, presently stationed in Edinburgh, was brought before the Court on a charge of being an absentee from his regiment as from 8 o’clock on Sunday 2nd January. The information of Police Constable Robert Anderson stationed at Broxburn was to the effect that about eight o’clock on Sunday 2nd January, a phone message was received at Broxburn Police Office from Edinburgh instructing the apprehension of accused on the grounds that he had broken out from the guard room. About 8am in the morning (Monday) 3rd January, while making inquiries regarding accused he found him in a house in Stewartfield, Broxburn. It was stated that an escort had arrived and the Magistrate informed the accused that he would be handed over to the escort. West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Broxburn Men in Casualty Lists – We regret this week to have again to record the death in action of several Broxburn soldiers, and also others who have been wounded in the country’s fight for liberty and justice Pte Alex McLeary has made the supreme sacrifice in France. Although not a native of Broxburn, deceased who was in the Royal Scots Fusiliers, was before joining up employed as a barman with Mr Angus Shiels, Crown Tavern, Broxburn. Midlothian Advertiser 18th May 1917 Broxburn Soldiers Killed – The following Broxburn men are reported killed – Pte Alex Braidwood, Royal Scots, Melbourne Road, Pte Claude Brownlie, KOSB, eldest son of Mr Gavin Brownlie, Mid Street, Pte Alex McLeary, Royal Scots Fusiliers, lately employed by M Angus Shiel, Crown Tavern, Pte Robert Vicars, Royal Scots Fusiliers, son of Mr William Vicars, Main Street. West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 MacLeary – In loving memory of LCpl Alex MacLeary, Royal Scots Fusiliers, late Dragoon Guards who was killed in action at Arras 23rd April 1917 aged 24 years.</p>
<p>6889 Pte Peter McMartin</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname McMARTIN Forename Peter</p>

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<p>2nd Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>Rank Pte Service number 6889 Decoration Place of birth Dunblane Perth Date of death 18 April 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS Unit name In or attached to THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS Other detail 2nd Bn. West Lothian Courier 21st April 1916 Broxburn – McMartin – In loving memory of Pte Peter McMartin, No 6889, 2nd KOSB who was killed in action on 18th April 1915 aged 18 years. May the heavenly winds blow softly O'er that sweet and hallowed spot Amidst the changing scenes of life Dear Peter you'll never be forgot. His heart was good, his spirit brave, His resting place, a soldier's grave. Inserted by his cousin James. Broxburn</p>
<p>Pte Edward McMillan Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918 Broxburn Presentation – A large number of the friends of Pte Ed McMillan, A & SH met in a social capacity in the band Hall on Friday last and took the occasion to present him with a splendid and well filled pocket book as a token of esteem. Mr P McCann presided. After full justice had been done to the excellent fare purveyed by Mrs Coleman, Mrs Yorkston and several lady friends the chairman in the course of a few appropriate remarks made the presentation to which Pte McMillan suitably replied. Dancing was afterwards engaged in and carried though until 5am, the pleasure of the evening being also considerably added to by songs from Misses Davidson, Mcleod and Keenan and the Ptes Campbell, Jones and Allan and Messrs McCann, Keenan, Simpson, Calder and Abbott. Miss Connor also contributed the Highland Fling in a creditable manner. Miss Connor and Mr Louis Jordan provided the music to the dancing and the duties of MC were capably performed by Mr P McCann.</p>
<p>Gunner J McMillan Royal Garrison Artillery</p>	<p>J MCMILLAN Midlothian Advertiser 31st August 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week. Wounded Gnr J McMillan, RGA Uphall Cpl W Wilson, RSF, Uphall Pte W Shearer, Seaforth Highlanders, Uphall Station</p>
<p>S/15264 H M McMinn 7th Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>McMINN, H M Rank: Private Service No: S/15264 Date of Death: 1 7/08/1916 Age: 21 Regiment/Service: Cameron Highlanders "B" Coy. 7th Bn. Grave Reference: II. D. 14. Cemetery: CONTALMAISON CHATEAU CEMETERY</p>

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	Additional Information: Son of John and Agnes McMinn (nee Miller), of Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.
Pte James McNally Scottish Horse	<p>JAMES MCNALLY</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916</p> <p>Military Absentee – Before Mr John Montgomerie in the JP Court at Linlithgow on Monday, Pte James McNally of the Scottish Horse, stationed in England was charge with being an absentee from his battalion. He admitting being absent without leave but explained that before going abroad he wished to see his wife and children in Broxburn. He left on Saturday and was apprehended on Sunday but having seen his wife and family he was quite satisfied. The magistrate granted an order for his being handed over to a Military escort.</p>
103541 Gunner John Allison McNeil Royal Garrison Artillery	<p>McNEIL, JOHN ALLISON</p> <p>Rank: Gunner</p> <p>Service No: 103541</p> <p>Date of Death: 13/07/1919</p> <p>Age:27</p> <p>Regiment/Service: Royal Garrison Artillery</p> <p>Grave Reference: O. 491.</p> <p>Cemetery: GLASGOW (CRAIGTON) CEMETERY</p> <p>Additional Information: Son of Peter S. and Margaret McNeil, of 15, Wood St., Partick, Glasgow. Born at Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>
Pte Robert McNeill	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Presentation to soldiers – Under the auspices of the Broxburn “West End Presentation Fund” committee a social and dance was held in the Public Hall on Friday last Mr John Forsyth presided over a gathering of upwards of sixty couples. After an excellent tea, the Chairman in a few appropriate remarks presented Pte Tom Chambers, Canadians, LCpl Hardie, Royal Engineers and LCpl Gilchrist, Royal Scots with handsome wristlet watches as tokens of respect from the inhabitants of the West End district and as a small appreciation of the services they had rendered to their country in the fight for freedom. The recipients suitably replied, and the tables having been cleared a splendid programme of dance was entered upon and kept up with the great spirit until 5am. The dance music was supplied by Messrs Webster’s Band and the duties of MC were capably carried through by Messrs Forsyth and Methven. During the evening a number of songs were rendered with much acceptance by several of the company.</p> <p>Under the same auspices Pte Robert McNeill was also met in a social capacity in the West End Billiard Saloon and presented with a wristlet watch. The West End Presentation Fund under the auspices of which these presentations were held has now been put on a proper business footing and has been registered. The following gentlemen have agreed to act as officials viz., Mr John Forsyth, President, Mr Alex Crooks, Secretary and Messrs Methven, A Sloan and D Webster Committee and it is expected by means of subscriptions to present each of the “West End” Soldiers with suitable gifts as occasion rises.</p>

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<p>Pte David McQueen MM Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 6th July 1917 Broxburn Soldier's Bravery – Wins Military Medal – Official information has been received by Mr Peter McQueen, Janefield Cottage Old Town, Broxburn that his son Pte David McQueen, has been awarded the Military Medal. The following is the official note of the brave actions that won for our Broxburn hero the coveted distinction vis;-“For Conspicuous devotion to duty in action as stretcher, on the 7th and 8th June this man showed great gallantry in dressing wounded men at SP 9 and in Battle wood, under heavy shell fire in the open. All day he showed great endurance in carrying back to the dressing station from the fighting area and without doubt saved the lives of many of his comrades. H Harkins, Lt Colonel.” Our brave young soldier, who is one of our “ain laddies,” is only 24 years of age and previous to enlisting in the Northumberland Fusiliers was employed at the Roman Camp Works of the Broxburn Oil Company. With a patriotic understand of the need for the country for men in her entry into the great struggle, Pte McQueen followed the path of duty and enlisted in August of 1914 and after a few months training was drafted to France where for the past two years he has nobly done his bit in many a severer engagement. We congratulate Pte McQueen on the honour he has gained for himself and for Broxburn and sincerely hope he will be spared to return home having helped to secure for us the victory we all hope for.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th August 1918 Broxburn Presentation – A large gathering of the friends and well-wishers of Pte David McQueen MM met in a social capacity in the Band Hall on Friday evening last to welcome him back to Broxburn on a well-earned leave, and to present him with a token of their esteem and regard, the arrangements were in the hands of Miss McGinn and several lady friends, and the purveying carried through by them was greatly enjoyed by the company which numbered well over 60 couples. After the blessing had been asked by the respected minister of the Parish Church, the Rev J Aitken Orr and full justice done to the good things provided, Dr Kelso who presided presented the guest with a splendid pocket book containing between £6 & £7. In making the presentation the genial doctor referred to the great service Pte McQueen had rendered to his country in the fighting line. Pte McQueen had lost no time in answering his country's call and had now seen four years' service, the most of which had been spent in the trenches in France and also for the past nine months in Italy. It was on such men as Pte McQueen we had to depend for our country's safety and those who knew their guest would know that confidence would not be misplaced. Pte McQueen had not only proved himself to be a good soldier he had also proved himself to be one of exceptional bravery and in recognition of that had been awarded the military medal. He knew he was voicing the feelings of all who had come in contact with their guest when he expressed the hope that he would be long spared to wear the coveted distinction he had received from his country and that the token of esteem he had been asked to present to him would serve as a reminder of the many friends he had in Broxburn. Pte McQueen feelingly replied, and Councillor McQueen also expressed his own and his gallant son's thanks for the great kindness that had been shown on this occasion. During the partaking of the splendid tea provided Miss Jessie Black the well- known lady piper played several selections with her usual ability. After the tables had been cleared, dancing was proceeded with and carried on with great spirit until well on in the morning. Messrs Webster's Band with the assistance of Mr Andrew Leacock (Jerry) at the piano, provided delightful music for the dancing. Messrs William Anderson and H Boyd capably filled the positions of MC and one of the</p>
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	<p>happiest gatherings that has yet graced the Band Hall broke up with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." During intervals in the dance programme songs were rendered by Misses Watson and Paterson and several of the gentlemen.</p>
<p>Pte John McQueen MM Royal Dublin Fusiliers</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 16th March 1917 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mrs McQueen, Hughes Buildings, Old Town, Broxburn, has been notified through the War Office that her son Pte John McQueen Royal Dublin Fusiliers has been wounded by gun shot in his side, while serving in France. Pte McQueen has also served in the Dardanelles and in Egypt. He has been on active service from November 14th 1915 until February 28th 1917.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 30th March 1917 Broxburn Soldier awarded the Military Medal – In our issue of March 16th we published a photo of Pte John McQueen, whose mother Mrs McQueen, Hughes Buildings, Old Town, Broxburn, had been officially notified of his being wounded while serving in France. This week we are pleased to record that Pte McQueen has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field. Mrs McQueen has received the following letter from his officer, viz., 29th Division, Reserve Camp BEF – Dear Mrs McQueen, I am sure you will be very proud and glad to hear that your son has earned the Military medal by his great gallantry in action on 28th of last month. He belonged to my old platoon and I always looked upon him as one of my best lads, and I take pride in the fact that so good a lad came from my own battalion. I have no particulars about his wound beyond the fact that he is reported to be going on well and I shall be very glad to hear good news of him at any time. With my hearty congratulations on his gallantry. yours very sincerely, Maurice F Healy, Lieut RDF.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th April 1917 Broxburn Presentation of Military Medal – A public meeting under the auspices of the Broxburn & District War Honours & Memorial Committee was held at the Public School for the purpose of presenting Pte John McQueen with the Broxburn Honour Medal and War Savings Certificate as a token of appreciation of his gaining the Military Medal. Mr G F Duncan presided over a meagre turnout of the public and in the course of his remarks spoke of the pleasure it gave them to meet together to do honour to a man who had brought such great credit to himself and his native place. He regretted the small attendance but when on considered the long nights and the great amount of land the public were cultivating at this time it offered some excuse. On behalf of the Committee he was pleased to welcome Pte McQueen, who having recovered from his wounds was home on leave and they had taken the first opportunity to show their appreciation of his gallantry in winning the Military Medal. Little details were available regarding the brave deed that had won for their brave soldier this coveted distinction, but when the history of the war was written they would learn of the many brave actions that had been done by Broxburn men, actions that were adding to the already large list of honours won by our own local lads. In the absence of Mr Cuthbertson, he had much pleasure in calling upon Dr Scott who although amidst the numerous duties of his position had agreed to make the presentation. Dr Scott in presenting Pte McQueen with the Honours Medal and War Savings Certificates (£6.00), spoke of the pleasure it gave all the Committee to be able to do honour to any of their fellow citizens of Broxburn. At the present time, this was the only way in which the Broxburn people could show their appreciation of their many brave lads who like Pte McQueen were so worthily upholding their honour in the fighting in France and elsewhere. He desired to congratulate their brave</p> 

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	<p>guest Pte McQueen on his winning the Military Medal and although there were no details available the officers letter (which he read) were surely ample testimony to Pte McQueen's good work in the Army. One can't take up any daily paper but must form a serious impression of the severe fighting through which our men were passing. The fighting was bitter and very many brave men must fall for every Military Medal won. We in Broxburn realised this and in making such a presentation as tonight, it was the only way in which we could show the feeling we have for the men who had done so well for us. In asking Pte McQueen to accept of the gifts he expressed the hope that the great bravery and good work he had already done in the Army would be continued and that he would be spared to come through it all safely.</p> <p>Pte McQueen in replying thanked them for their great kindness to him. He was no speaker and would sooner at any time get over the parapet than make a speech but he could assure them he thanked them from his heart, it was something to keep him in remembrance of Broxburn, and the great kindness of the people, but he was sure even without these that he would always remember his own native place.</p> <p>Votes of thanks having been accorded to the Chairman and Dr Scott the proceedings terminated.</p> <p>Pte John McQueen, who previous to joining HM Forces, was employed as miner by Young's Oil Co is only 22 years of age. He answered the call on 15th May 1915, and entered that famous regiment, the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. In November of the same year he was drafted to the Dardanelles, where he took part in the severe fighting until the evacuation when he was transferred to Egypt. After a few weeks in Egypt he was drafted to France and after coming safely through several engagements was wounded on the 28th February of this year, the same day on which he performed the brave deed that won him the Military Medal. He is at present on leave, having now almost recovered from his wounds and proceeds to his depot in Ireland on Monday first.</p>					
<p>Pte Adam McVicars POW</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 11th October 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier a Prisoner of War – We are pleased to learn that Pte Adam McVicars, Royal Scots who was reported killed on 11th August, has fortunately escaped this fate, and is now reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany. A Postcard from himself having been received this week by his parents Mr and Mrs James McVicars, 114 New Holygate, Broxburn, and which also conveyed the glad tidings that he is in good health. Pte McVicars who previous to enlisting in 1915, was employed as a blacksmith with Mr Kinnear, Broxburn, has seen three years' service in France.</p> <p>Another brother, LCpl John McVicars is also a prisoner of war in Germany being captured by the enemy on the 18th April 1918.</p> <p>Other three brothers of this patriotic family are also nobly doing their duty to their country, viz., Pte Robert (Black Watch), Pte George (Middlesex) and Pte Alexander (Royal Scots Fusiliers). The latter two brothers are on service in France whilst the former is also doing his bit in Egypt.</p>					
<p>2195 Pte John McVicar Black Watch POW (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>JOHN MCVICAR</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916</p> <p>Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo</p> <p>West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J McVicar</td> <td>2195</td> <td>Black Watch</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 31st May 1918</p>	Pte J McVicar	2195	Black Watch	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>Pte Alex McVicar Royal Scots Fusiliers, Pte Adam McVicar Royal Scots, Pte George McVicar Middlesex Rgt, Pte Robert McVicar, A & S Highlanders.</p>	<p>McVICAR BROTHERS West Lothian Courier 31st May 1918 Broxburn Soldiers Prisoners – Mr James McVicar, 114 New Holygate, Broxburn has now received word from his son LCpl John McVicar that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. LCpl McVicar was reported wounded and missing on 28th April. Our gallant soldier was in the army at the outbreak of war and was immediately drafted with his regiment the Black Watch to the Western Front and took part in the retreat from Mons and has since then been twice wounded. Other four brothers are in the service viz., Pte Alex who is in France with the Royal Scots Fusiliers, Pte Adam who is in the same theatre of war with the Royal Scots, Pte George, also in France with his regiment the Middlesex, and Pte Robert, A & S Highlanders who has had 13 years' service and is presently in Egypt and has also seen service in France, Mesopotamia, India etc. We congratulate Mr McVicar on the splendid contribution he has made to the fighting forces of the country and his five brave sons home at the conclusion of the Great War.</p>
<p>Gunner John McWilliams MM Royal Garrison Artillery</p>	<p>JOHN MCWILLIAMS Midlothian Advertiser 30th June 1916 Uphall Soldier Wounded – Gunner G Scott, Uphall, is officially noted wounded. Gunner J McWilliams, Uphall is listed among the wounded Midlothian Advertiser 10th November 1916 Pumpherston Military Medal for Local Soldier – We are pleased to announce that Gunner John McWilliams, of the RGA has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on the field in France on the 21st May 1916, while working aerial signals. He was severely wounded on the head on 22nd May 1916, from which he is not yet fully recovered. He is at present at home with his parents who reside in Station Road, Pumpherston and is now in Section W of the Army Reserves. He enlisted on 1st June 1914. We are informed that arrangements are being made for the presentation to take place in the Institute Hall shortly. Midlothian Advertiser 22nd December 1916 Pumpherston Presentation to Military Medallist - A concert and presentation to Gunner John McWilliams was held in the Institute Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr James Bryson presided over a very large audience and in his opening remarks said he was pleased to see such a large gathering. He had no doubt they were delighted to be present to do honour to one of their own lads who had won the Military Medal. It was easier to courageous in a crowd than when one was alone, and he understood that it was when by himself that their young hero had performed the deed which had gained him the medal (Applause). The Chairman dwelt for some time on our position in the war and expressed the hope that it would soon be finished and the victory crown our efforts. An excellent musical programme was</p>

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then submitted. Then Mr Bryson then called upon Mr James Caldwell to make the presentation. Mr Caldwell said he was delighted to have the honour of presenting their young hero with his medal. The young men who were serving their King and Count at this time were in his opinion, all heroes, and if he had his will he would present them all with medals. He referred to Tennyson's poem on "The Charge of the Light Brigade" where it said, "Cannon in front of them, cannon right of them, and cannon on left of them" but in this war, our men had them on top of them and from below as well. The hardship our young lads had to face in this war were greater than ever they have been in the whole history of wars, and therefore they deserved all the gratitude and honour they could give them. He then gave an account of the brave deed in which their young hero had received the medal as follows:- "Award of Military Medal to Gunner J McWilliams, Royal Garrison Artillery – This lad, is 20 years of age and has served two years and four months in the regular army. He joined the army when 18 years of age, one month prior to the outbreak of war, and was drafted to France as a signaller in the Royal Garrison Artillery about the middle of 1915. The engagement in which he distinguished himself took place north of Loos. Two batteries of artillery, out of three in his section, were knocked out of action. McWilliams was the means through sticking at his post as observer and signaller in an advanced part of the line (the signals he was flashing to our aeroplanes overhead being clearly seen by the Germans and drawing the heavy German fire on to himself. He thus enabled the third battery of artillery to remain in action, and for his distinguished conduct was awarded the Military Service Medal (Applause). He was wounded next morning in the head, through the bursting of a high explosive shell, and in consequence of his injuries has been transferred to the Class W of the Army Reserves". Mr Caldwell then asked for a young lady out of the audience who would like to pin on the medal, which was accepted by Miss Maggie Provan, who, along with Mr Caldwell pinned on the medal, amidst loud applause. He also asked him to accept a gold watch and chain and gold badge as a present from his fellow workmen and friends at Pumpherston works. The badge bore the following inscription "Presented to gunner John McWilliams, RGA, by his fellow workmen at Pumpherston in appreciation of his being awarded the Military Service Medal".

Gunner McWilliams, in accepting the gifts, suitably replied and thanked the donors for their great kindness. The second part of the programme was then proceeded with, and several entertainers provided songs and music. Mr Bryson proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the artistes for the excellent entertainment which they had provided, and this was heartily responded to. Mr Caldwell proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, and stated that Sgt John McWilliams, RFA at present at the front somewhere in France had also won the Military Medal and that when he comes home on furlough they hope to have another meeting similar to what they had that night (Applause.) The National Anthem was then sung by the audience.

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Presentation to Gunner J McWilliams, RGA – A pleasant function took place in Pumpherston Hall on Tuesday evening, when a concert was held and the opportunity taken of making a presentation to Gunner John McWilliams, RGA, who has been awarded the Military Medal. There as a large audience and Mr James Bryson occupied the chair.

Mr Caldwell, on making the presentation, congratulated Gunner McWilliams on the high honour gained in winning the Military Medal, which came next to the Victoria Cross as a decoration. Gunner J McWilliams, Royal Garrison Artillery resides at Coronation Cottages, Uphall Station. He has served 2 years and 4 months in the Regular Army. McWilliams joined the Army when 18 years of age – one year prior to the outbreak of war – and was drafted to France as a signaller in the Royal Garrison Artillery about the middle of 1915. The engagement in which he distinguished himself took place north of Loos. Two batteries of artillery out of


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<p>43434 Pte Michael Madden, Machine Gun Section 15th Royal Scots</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 16th February 1917 Letters to the Editor – Melodeon Wanted – to the Editor West Lothian Courier, 4-2-17 Dear Sir, Being a constant reader of your paper, and also a Broxburn chap I would be very much obliged to you if you will put this letter of mine in your paper. I am a melodeon player, so when I and the rest of the gunners come out of the trenches, we have nothing to cheer us up. So I appeal to some kind lady of Broxburn if she would kindly send me out a melodeon, a double keyed melodeon preferred. I will in return send a nice present from France. Hoping that my letter meets with success. At the same time wishing your paper the best of luck. Had it sent to me in Egypt as well as France and am still receiving it every week from home. I remain, yours etc., Pte Michael Maddin, 43434, O Coy Machine Gun Section, 15th Royal Scots, BEF France C/O GPO London.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mrs Madden, 7 Stewartfield Broxburn, has received information that her eldest son Pte Michael Madden has been severely wounded and is presently lying in Macclesfield Infirmary Cheshire, suffering from gunshot wounds in the thighs. Pte Madden, who has now been wounded for the fourth time is in the Machine Gun Section of the Royal Scots. Prior to enlisting which he did shortly after the outbreak of war, Pte Madden was employed as a tipman with the Broxburn Oil Company.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th March 1918 Broxburn Presentation – Mrs Madden, Stewartfield hospitably entertained a large company of friends to tea on a recent evening the occasion being the homecoming of her son Pte M Madden on a few days leave. Pte Madden's many chums took the opportunity of giving him a pleasant surprise. Mr McKendrick on their behalf presenting him with a suitable gift to mark their respect and esteem for him, coupled with their best wishes for a safe and speedy return. Pte Madden suitably replied, and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing, excellent music being supplied by Mr B McCafferty. A number of songs etc, were rendered with much acceptance by Misses M Calder, L Dempster, E Lumsden and L Madden and Messrs L Calder, J McKendrick and T Angus and an enjoyable party brought to a close with the singing of "he's a jolly good fellow."</p>

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<p>Pte John Main Canadians</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 Broxburn Canadian Gassed – Information has also been received by Mrs and Mrs Main that their eldest son, Pte John Main, was severely gassed in action on 28th March and is presently lying in a hospital in London. Pte John Main, who followed the occupation of a miner and is 26 years of age emigrated to Canada a few years ago. At the outbreak of war, he was resident in that country and answering the call of the Motherland in her fight for freedom came over with the Canadians to help in the great cause. Pte Main was home a few weeks ago.</p> <p><i>(NB – My Gt Uncle – he and his brothers eventually went to Wisconsin, we never knew that he'd served in the Great War)</i></p>
<p>Pte J Martin 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>J MARTIN West Lothian Courier 12th March 1915 Broxburn Soldiers Experiences – Pte J Martin, 2nd Btn Royal Scots has just returned home to Broxburn on sick leave after having spent four months at the front. Martin enlisted two months before the outbreak of the war and left for active service at the beginning of October. He saw a good deal of stiff fighting and took part in the memorable charge of the Royal Scots and the Gordon Highlanders which took place on the 14th December. Just after that engagement he met two other Broxburn soldiers Sgt Taylor and Pte Colquhoun, both of the Gordons. During the four months in the trenches he escaped without injury, but fell ill and was invalided home on the 29th January. He has been five weeks in a hospital at Lincoln and has now been sent home to recuperate. Unostentatious in his manner Martin says very little about his experiences although he must have seen a deal of severe fighting.</p>
<p>Pte Nicholas Martin Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>NICHOLAS MARTIN West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Broxburn Bandsmen in action Assist in taking German Trench Mrs Martin, Goschen Place Uphall is anxious regarding her son Pte Nicholas as she has received no word from him for a week or two. A comrade writing home reports that he is in an English hospital suffering from shell shock but so far the statement has not been officially verified. West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916 Uphall Soldier has Shell Shock – Mrs Martin, Goschen Place Uphall, whose son, Pte Nicholas Martin, was reported by a comrade to be in an English Hospital, suffering from shell shock, received after a three weeks waiting, a letter from her son, last Friday. Another was received on the Saturday. In the first letter delayed fully a week, he stated he was at a rest station suffering from shell shock. In the second letter, he notified that he was all right again and preparing to go back to the fighting line. Midlothian Advertiser 17th November 1916 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The following names of district soldiers appear in the casualty lists published this week. Killed Pte P Wilson, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Uphall Wounded Pte N Martin, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Uphall West Lothian Courier 17th November 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties – Official List</p>

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133996 L/Cpl Thomas Martin 11 th Royal Scots	<p>THOMAS MARTIN West Lothian Courier 28th July 1916 Broxburn Men Killed and wounded – The intelligence has also been received by Mrs Martin, Bank Cottages Broxburn that her son L/Cpl Thomas Martin, 11th Royal Scots has been wounded in the arm. This is the second-time L/Cpl Martin has been wounded. Previously at Loos when he sustained injuries to the foot. L/Cpl Martin was wounded on 14th inst at the advance made on Trones Wood.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers killed in action, can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>LCpl T Martin</td> <td>133996</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	LCpl T Martin	133996	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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L/Cpl William Matthews Royal Scots	<p>W MATTHEWS West Lothian Courier 25th May 1917 Uphall Station Soldier Wounded – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs Robert Matthews, Woodside Cottage, Uphall Station that their eldest son LCpl William Matthews, was wounded in action in France on the 1st May. LCpl Matthews who was in the Machine Gun Section of the Royal Scots, is presently lying in a hospital in France, suffering from gunshot wounds in the face the head and the chest. The gallant LCpl heard his country's call for men early in the war and enlisted in November 1914. After undergoing his training, he was sent to Egypt where he saw service for 6 months afterwards being drafted to France where during the past 14 months he has been through a great deal of the hard fighting. Previous to joining the colours he was employed as a miner at No 4 Mine of the Pumpherston Oil Company.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 27th July 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – the names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week. Wounded L/Cpl W Matthews, Royal Scots, Uphall L/Cpl F Paterson, Black Watch, Uphall</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st June 1917 Uphall Soldier Wounded – Information has been received at Uphall Station that L/Cpl W Matthews of the Royal Scots, is at present in a French Hospital suffering from gunshot wounds in the head and chest. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a miner with the Pumpherston Oil Company.</p>					
135081 Pte George Meek POW Highland Light Infantry	<p>West Lothian Courier 14th September 1917</p>					

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	<p>Broxburn Soldier Missing – Mr Andrew Meek, 150 Mid Street Broxburn has received official notification from the War Office that his youngest son Pte George Meek, 135081, is posted as missing on the 1st August 1917. Pte Meek who was a playing member of Broxburn thistle FC and was employed on the Loading Bank at Broxburn Oil Works, enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry on the 1st January 1917. After ten weeks training he was drafted to France on 20th March and was only a month in the fighting line when he received a shrapnel wound in the left leg. After being in a French hospital and a convalescent home until the middle of July he again returned to the trenches and took part in an action on 1st August, and as already stated is now posted as missing. Pte Meek is well known and respected in football circles in the district and we hope to have tidings at an early date that he was turned up fit and well.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Broxburn Soldier a Prisoner in Germany – Word has now been received from Pte Meek, Highland Light Infantry whose photo appeared in our issue of September 14th, and who was posted as missing on 1st August, that he is a prisoner of war at Limburgh-on-Lahn, Deutschland, and is in the best of health.</p>
<p>Pte George Melville 1st Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>GEORGE MELVILLE</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th November 1914 Broxburn Men Killed and Wounded – Intimation was received in Broxburn this week that Pte William Alexander Carle, Scots Guards, had been killed in action on the 14th September. Carle was at one time a member of the West Lothian Constabulary, and was stationed at Broxburn, for 16 months. Two and half years ago he was transferred to Queensferry, but later joined the Scots Guards. Pte George Melville, 1st Cameron Highlanders, sent a PC to his brother that he had been wounded. Mrs Dempster, 19 Stewartfield, Broxburn, received a PC from her son stating that he had received a wound in the right side and was now in a London Hospital. He has been in the 1st Gordons for over 8 years and was in Egypt when war broke out.</p>
<p>Millar Family Pte John Millar Gunner Alex Millar Pte William Millar Pte Archibald Millar KIA Pte Samuel Millar KIA Pte Joseph Millar Pte Alex Millar Pte Robert C Millar KIA</p>	<p>MILLAR FAMILY</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th December 1915 Broxburn Family's Patriotism – Recently Mr G D Duncan, Hon Secretary of Broxburn Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Committee brought under the notice of Lord Stamfordham, Equerry to the King the fact that Mr John Miller 96 Stewartfield, Broxburn had five sons and three grandsons serving with the forces, and Mr Miller has since received the following letter – "Buckingham Palace, 14th December 1915 – Sir, I have the honour to inform you that the King has heard with much interest that you have at present moment 5 sons serving in the Army. I am commanded to express to you the King's congratulations and to assure you that His Majesty much appreciated the spirit of patriotism which prompted this example in one family, of loyalty and devotion to their sovereign and Empire. I have the honour to be, Sir your obedient Servant, P M Ponsonby, Keeper of the Privy Purse. The names of the sons are, Pte John Miller, 3rd Gordon Highlanders, Gunner Alex Miller Royal Field Artillery, Pte William Miller, 3rd Gordon Highlanders, Pte Archibald Miller, 1st Canadians and Pte Samuel Miller, 3rd Gordon Highlanders. The three grandsons are Pte Joseph Miller, 10th Btn 1st Canadians, Pte Alex Miller 16th Btn 1st Canadians, and Pte Robert Cowley Miller, Royal Scots who was killed in action in the Dardanelles.</p>



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<p>Pte Andrew Miller Durham Light Infantry</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 7th December 1917 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mr Andrew Miller, one of the proprietors of Broxburn Picturedrome, whose son, Pte Andrew Miller, Durham Light Infantry was seriously wounded in the beginning of November, has now received word from the gallant soldier himself which will serve to intimate to his large circle of friends that he is on the road to recovery. Pte Miller, who is presently lying in Rouen Hospital France sustained gunshot wounds to the knee and shoulder and was also suffering from gas and severe burns to the body. He is well known and respected in the district and previous to answering the call in January 1917, was employed as a joiner with the Broxburn Oil Company. His parents have received many letters from his officer, a chaplain, nurses and chums since he received his wounds, which show the respect in which he was held in the district, has followed him in his military career. He was only two months in France when he was wounded.</p>
<p>Pte Harry Millar Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 8th March 1918 Broxburn Social and Presentation – Pte Harry Millar’s many friends in the Old Town arranged a pleasant surprise for him last Friday, when a social gathering was held in Mrs Scott’s hall on the occasion of his being home on sick leave, the opportunity being also taken to present him with a pocket book and a sum of money as a small token of their esteem. Mrs Torrance presided over a large happy gathering of over 30 couples and after tea had been enjoyed by the company, made the presentation. In a brief speech Pte Millar suitably replied. The evening was afterwards spent in dancing with music being supplied by Mr George Webster and Mr G Murphy capably filled the post of MC. During the evening songs were rendered by Mrs Stenhouse, Mrs Meechan, Miss Murdoch etc, etc. Pte Millar who belongs to the Machine Gun Corps has been for over a year in France and has recently been in hospital suffering from wounds and shell shock.</p>
<p>Sapper J Millar Royal Engineers</p>	<p>J MILLAR West Lothian Courier 26th May 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – Sapper J Millar Royal Engineers Broxburn, is officially notified as wounded.</p>
<p>Pte John Millar Irish Guards</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 25th October 1918 Broxburn Presentation and Dance – A Triple presentation took place on the Public Hall on Thursday last when at a dance held for the occasion, Sapper W Knowles, Royal Engineers, Pte J Beveridge, Australians, and Pte John Millar Irish Guards were made the recipients of handsome gifts from their many friends After a few hours dancing which was engaged in with great spirit by sixty couples present, a dainty tea was served. Mr William Anderson made the presentation referring in the course of an appropriate speech to the high esteem in which their guests were held and the pleasure they had in seeing and having them once more amongst them. He could assure them they had always been in the thoughts of their friends and their sincere wish was that the guests of the evening would be spared to come home again, and they would find a warm welcome. The gifts took the form of a wristlet watch to Sapper Knowles, cigarette case, silver vesta box, cigarette holder and a sum of money to Pte Beveridge and a pocket book with treasury notes to Pte Millar. The recipients suitably replied expressing their thanks for the kindness that had been shown to them. Dancing was again engaged in, delightful music being supplied by those capable musicians Miss Connor and Mr Lions Jordan and Mr H Boyd again ably officiated as MC. During the evening several songs etc were</p>


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	<p>contributed by members of the company and a most enjoyable function was brought to a close about 4am with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.</p>					
<p>Robert Cowley Millar Royal Scots</p>	<p>ROBERT C MILLAR</p> <p><i>No Robert Millar (Miller) in Royal Scots killed at the Dardanelles in either CWGC or SNWM – see Millar family above</i></p>					
<p>50057 LCpl Robert Millar 9th Btn The Prince Of Wales's North Staffordshire Rgt prev 217223 Royal Engineers</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname MILLAR Forename Robert Rank L Cpl Service number 217223 Decoration Place of birth Dechmont West Lothian Date of death 19 May 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL ENGINEERS Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL ENGINEERS Other detail latterly 50057 9th Bn The Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regt.)</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 31st May 1918 Miller – Died, the 19th inst, at No 9 General Hospital France through being severely gassed on his 20th birthday, 50057 LCpl R Millar, (Bertie) Royal Engineers beloved son of the late Neil Millar signalman Uphall Station and of Mrs Smith 22 Mansefield Terrace Springburn Glasgow. Deeply Regretted.</p>					
<p>5761 Pte W Millar Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>W MILLAR</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn – The wife of Pte W Millar, who resides at East Main Street has received notification from the War Office that her husband was wounded on 19th inst., and is a patient at North Evington Military Hospital Leicester suffering from several gunshot wounds. In a letter home, he states he has been wounded in the head, arms and legs and thinks the Germans have given him enough for his first time. He also states he is amid excellent surroundings and is being much cared for.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte W Millar</td> <td style="width: 10%;">5761</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Cameron Highlanders</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte W Millar	5761	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>Pte William Millar Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>WILLIAM MILLAR</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st July 1916 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Information has been received by Mr John Millar, Stewartfield, Broxburn that his son Pte W Millar, Gordon Highlanders has been gassed by a mine gas poison shell and is lying in 13th Stationary Hospital Boulogne. Pte Millar, who was knocked out on 18th July, has been out at the front for nine months. He has four brothers also serving all of whom are at present in the trenches.</p>					

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<p>109990 LCpl H Mitchell Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>H MITCHELL West Lothian Courier 2nd October 1914 Ecclesmachan Man Wounded in Action – General regret mingled with a thrill of pride ran through the Ecclesmachan village last Saturday when it became known that Pte Harry Mitchell, of the Cameron Highlanders, had been wounded during an engagement. Mr and Mrs Mitchell have since received a letter from their son saying he had been wounded in the left shoulder and wrist and that he was in hospital in Aberdeen where he was progressing favourably, and from where he hoped to get home soon to recuperate. Pte Mitchell enlisted nine years ago and was only placed on the three years reserve list in the beginning of the year. When war was declared he was eager to re-join his colours and lost no time in reporting himself to headquarters, where he was attached to the first battalion (his old battalion), the 2nd being them stationed abroad. When Pte Mitchell is able to pay a visit to his home and we hope that may be soon – he is sure of receiving a right cordial welcome from the villagers, who will undoubtedly feel proud of having in their midst one who has played his part in defending his King and Country.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty Lists</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">LCpl H Mitchell</td> <td style="text-align: center;">109990</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Cameron Highlanders</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Broxburn</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	LCpl H Mitchell	109990	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>201272 Pte J Mitchell 4th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Surname MITCHELL Forename John Rank Pte Service number 201272 Decoration Place of birth Ratho Date of death 2 November 1917 Theatre of death Egypt Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name Unknown Unit attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS LOTHIAN REGIMENT Other detail 4th Bn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 14th December 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appears in the list of casualties publish this week. Killed Pte J Mitchell, Royal Scots, Uphall Missing Gnr J Hume, RFA, Uphall</p>					
<p>Cpl James Mitchell MM 31st Canadian Infantry (Machine Gun Section)</p>	<p>JAMES MITCHELL West Lothian Courier 12th July 1918 Uphall Canadian Awarded the Military Medal – Mrs A Davidson, Park House, Kirkhill Park, Broxburn, has this week received information that her nephew Cpl James Mitchel, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field Cpl Mitchell who at the same time was promoted to his rank on the field, is a son of the late Andrew Mitchell, who previous to the whole family emigrating to the Golden West some ten years ago, resided at Viewforth Place Uphall Our gallant Cpl precious to emigrating to Canada, was employed as an engineer in Young's Oil Works (Uphall), and on settling in the country of his adoption, took up farming</p>					

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	<p>with considerable success. The call of the Motherland in her fight for freedom however found Cpl Mitchell ready and willing to do his share.</p> <p>His success as a farmer was to him secondary consideration and the beginning of 1916 found him in the ranks of the 31st Canadians and in the “fall” of that year he was in the “thick of it” alongside his many brave Canadian comrades. Early in the following year Cpl Mitchell, who was in the Machine Gun Section, received a “Blighty” (being wounded in the legs with shrapnel) and was sent home to Bellahouston Hospital. After recovery he obtained a short leave which he passed in renewing old comradeship in his native village and was afterwards drafted to France where he has again taken part in much of the heavy fighting, and where, we are pleased to say he has gained the deserving recognition of his country. Cpl Mitchell has two younger brothers, also in the Canadian Forces, viz., John and Andrew, and a brother in law is also taking his share in helping the “Old Country.” Above is a photo of Cpl James Mitchell.</p>						
<p>Pte A Moffat Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>A MOFFAT Midlothian Advertiser 7th December 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appears in the list of casualties publish this week. Wounded Pte A Moffat, Scottish Rifles, Uphall</p>						
<p>Pte Moffat 2nd Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>MOFFAT West Lothian Courier 21st May 1915 Mr David Bertram received this week a letter from his cousin Pte Moffat, 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, who is presently in Stobhill Hospital, in which he refers to Sgt Hamilton’s death. He says :- I am now an inmate of this institution suffering from the after effects of the German poison gas. Our regiment got the full blast of it on Monday 2nd May, and a good few of our boy died through it from slow strangulation. I just managed to scrape through it myself and was sent home here from Versailles Hospital outside Paris. They very nearly managed to wiped us out the Sunday before that. Out Brigade attacked them on the Sunday morning of the 25th April, and drove them back and held them there, but we paid dearly for it. We lost a good bit over half of the regiment and the majority of the officers. But I can tell you we gave the Germans beans. Their casualties must have been twice as many as ours. I suppose you would see that Sgt Hamilton, belonging to your town, was killed that day. We brought in his body the following night. A party of us were told of to bring in all our boys we could see lying about. We worked all night at it going out in front of our lines. We got Sgt Hamilton lying well out on the left flank. He had got well up to the German lines before he was knocked over. He had a very peaceful look on his face, but he died a soldier’s death leading his section I don’t know how I came through it myself. It is perfect hell at Ypres.</p>						
<p>2504 Pte D Moore Royal Scots att’d KOSB</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Men Killed & Wounded West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte D Moore</td> <td>2504</td> <td>RS att’d KOSB</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>		Pte D Moore	2504	RS att’d KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>Cpl J Morris</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 19th October 1917</p>						

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Royal Scots	<p>Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mrs Morris, West Street Broxburn has been officially informed that her husband, Cpl J Morris, has received severe gunshot wounds in the left hand and is presently lying in Keighley Hospital, England. Cpl Morris was wounded on the 16th September 1917.</p> <p>He was mobilised at the outbreak of war, being in the 1/10th and was later attached to the Royal Scots. Previous to being called up, he was employed in the Paraffin Sheds at Broxburn Oil Company's works.</p>					
17163 L/Cpl Alex Morrison 15 th Royal Scots	<p>ALEXANDER MORRISON</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916</p> <p>Broxburn Men Wounded – Mr George S Morrison has received information that his son L/Cpl Alex Morrison 15th Royal Scots, has been wounded in the left foot. He is lying in a hospital in Manchester.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916</p> <p>Men Killed & Wounded and Prisoners Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">L/Cpl A Morrison</td> <td style="width: 15%;">17163</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Scots</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	L/Cpl A Morrison	17163	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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Cpl James Muir MM 1 st Lowland Royal Field Artillery	<p>West Lothian Courier 28th June 1918</p> <p>Welcome News at Uphall – We show a photo of Pte John Sharp Royal Scots whose parents reside at Ashfield Buildings Uphall. Much anxiety was felt on his behalf as no communication had been received from him for about two months', but all fears have now been set aside by his parents receiving a letter from him saying he is a prisoner of war in Germany. Before enlisting Pte Sharp was employed with Cunningham Brothers, butchers, Uphall.</p> <p>Almost at the same time Mr and Mrs Sharp received the information that their son in law Cpl James Muir, 1st Lowland RFA, had been awarded the Military Medal. Before enlisting Cpl Muir was employed with the North British Rubber Co Ltd, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh</p>					
Pte James Mulvenna 1 st Royal Scots	<p>JAMES MULVENNA</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th June 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Soldier Wounded - The parents of Pte James Mulvenna, 1st Royal Scots have received intimation that their son has been severely wounded in France on May 22nd, having sustained injury to the head and eyes as the result of a bullet splinter. Pte Mulvenna went through an operation in Boulogne, and is now convalescent in the General Hospital, Camberwell. Pte Mulvenna joined the 3rd Royal Scots in the beginning of February and was transferred to the 1st Btn and drafted to France on 2nd May. He had only been fourteen days in the trenches before he was knocked out, For several days he was troubled with his eyesight, but we understand that he is progressing as well as can be expected and that his sight will be fully restored, Pte Mulvenna is only 18 years of age.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 20th August 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Wounded Soldier loses sight of an Eye – Pte James Mulvenna, 1st Royal Scots, son of Mr James Mulvenna 234 Mid Street, has arrived home this week from St George's Hall Convalescent Hospital, Willenden Lane, London having lost the sight of his left eye. Mulvenna enlisted in January last and was stationed at Weymouth until April when he was sent out to France. He took part in several hot engagements and towards the end of May was wounded at Ypres. An explosive bullet entered his forehead above the left eye and passed out at the side of his head. He was removed to a hospital in Boulogne, and for nine days was totally blind. He, however recovered the sight of his right eye, but it is feared the sight of the left eye has been permanently lost. Pte Mulvenna was afterwards removed to the 1st</p>					


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	London General Hospital and later was sent to the Convalescent home. He has now been discharged from the Army.
Pte Isaac Murdoch Black Watch POW	<p>ISAAC MURDOCH West Lothian Courier 26th April 1918 Broxburn Soldier Reported Missing – Information has been received by Mr John Murdoch, Victoria Place Broxburn that his brother Pte Isaac Murdoch, is reported missing. Pte Murdoch left Broxburn some years ago and resided with another brother in Fife and followed the occupation of a miner with the Bowhill Colliery Company. Immediately on the outbreak of war and while still only 16 years of age he enlisted in the Black Watch and was drafted to France in the autumn of 1915. He was through the Battle of Loos and many of the other big engagements.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th June 1918 Broxburn Solider a Prisoner of War – Mr John Murdoch, 10 Victoria Place Broxburn, whose brother, Pte Isaac Murdoch Black Watch, was reported missing on the 25th March, has now received a postcard intimating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. Pte Murdoch resided in Fife previous to the outbreak of war and followed the occupation of a miner.</p>
Cpl John Murdoch 1/10 th Royal Scots	<p>West Lothian Courier 17th December 1915 Broxburn Local Soldier Entertained – On Friday evening last, the friends of Cpl John Murdock, 1/10th Royal Scots, who has been in France for nearly a year, arranged a social and dance on the occasion of a short visit to his home in Broxburn. The function was held in the Masonic Temple, where a fairly large company of ladies and gentlemen assembled. Mr T Y Anthony occupied the chair. After a splendid tea, purveyed by Mr D Drysdale, the chairman in the course of a few remarks, expressed the great pleasure it was to see Cpl Murdoch back amongst them. They hoped his short visit, and especially the recollection of that night would help to cheer him up when he went back to face the enemy. Songs were thereafter rendered by Miss L Wilson, Miss A Morrison and Mr John Murdoch. The tables were then removed and dancing was engaged in. Something like 45 couples took part in the Grand March, which was led off Mr and Mrs Wilson. The music was supplied by Miss Connor’s band. In the course of the evening songs ere contributed by Miss L Morrison, Turnbull, Crawford and Gordon, and Messrs S Chambers, W Sanderson, D Higgins and Cpl Murdoch. Mr Henderson also gave two comic songs while Mrs Henderson played a very fine pianoforte selection of popular choruses, which was very much appreciated. Doubtless much of the evening’s success was due to the manner in which Mr William Ness assisted by Mr T Y Anthony discharged the duties of MC. Towards the close, Cpl Murdoch in a few words thanked the committee who had made the arrangements for such a delightful evening. It had been one of the most enjoyable functions he had ever attended and he could assure them that he would always remember the warm and kindly reception which had been given him by his old friends in Broxburn. The dance, which had been kept up with great zest was brought to a close about 5:30, the company before dispersing joining in the singing of “Auld Lang Syne.” The function was in every respect an unqualified success and those present derived the maximum of enjoyment.</p>
1017 Pte J Murray King’s Own Scottish Borderers	<p>J MURRAY Midlothian Advertiser 29th September 1916 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following local and district soldiers appear in the casualty lists published this week. Killed Pte J Murray, KOSB, Uphall</p>

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	<p>Wounded Pte R Stark, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte A Vickers, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte J Innes, Royal Scots, Uphall West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Men Killed & Wounded West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte J Murray</td> <td>1017</td> <td>Royal Scots att'd KOSB</td> <td>Uphall</td> <td>Killed</td> </tr> </table>	Pte J Murray	1017	Royal Scots att'd KOSB	Uphall	Killed
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Mr W H Murray	W H MURRAY Midlothian Advertiser 2nd July 1915 Former Broxburn Mining Manager Killed – The death in action in the Dardanelles is announced of Mr W H Murray, H M Inspector of Mines, Liverpool, who previous to that appointment about three years ago occupied the position of Assistant Mining Manager to Broxburn Oil Company Ltd. Mr Murray who was a Glasgow man, was married to a Broxburn lady and there are two young children.					
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Pte John Nathaniel Australian Imperial Force	Midlothian Advertiser 20th August 1915 Local Men join the Australian Forces – In a letter to his parents, received towards the end of late week, John Nathaniel, who emigrated to Australia about three years ago, states that he has joined a Colonial regiment, and is now training in the neighbourhood of Sydney. Another Uphall lad, Mr John Nicol brother of “mine host” of Uphall Hotel, has also joined the Commonwealth military forces. West Lothian Courier 13th August 1915 The Patriotism of the Colonials – Uphall Emigrant with the Colours - Amid all the gloom and horror of the present appalling war, one of two features have stood out in bold relief and have served to dispel in some measure, at least, the gruesome side of the conflict and have helped considerably to impart courage and confidence in the ultimate issue. Perhaps one of the most notable of these has been the patriotism and loyalty displayed by our Colonials, and the manner in which they have rallied to the aid of the mother country in her time of stress has certainly been as inspiring as it has been helpful. It is pleasing therefore, to learn that some of our own former townsmen, who left to seek their fortunes in other parts have at this time answered the call of duty and are now serving their country. One such case is Mr John Nathaniel, Uphall, who left Uphall for New South Wales, three or four years ago, and has now joined the Australian force. His father was a former Lieutenant in E Coy 10 th Royal Scots. Writing to his parents, under date 13 th June, Mr John Nathaniel says – “Last Tuesday I came down to Sydney from Newnes and enlisted in the Expeditionary Force. It is only my duty, and the duty of very young man in the Empire, they want every man they can get, and it is only right I should					

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	<p>take my place and do my part with the rest.” In a letter written a week later from the Infantry depot Liverpool Camp, he states – “I came into camp last Monday night and have been drilling nearly every day. I couldn’t help but take it ill-out a first but now I am beginning to get hardened to it. We are living in long corrugated iron huts just now with about 60 men in each. They are pretty cold things to sleep in especially in this weather. All we have to lie on is a blanket between us and the floor, but I would not mind that if the weather was a bit warmer. I don’t suppose we will be very long in them, for I expect we will embark for Egypt in a few weeks and finish our training there. There are three battalions sailing on Friday and Saturday straight for the front. They have been training hard for six months, so they should be fit enough. New South Wales is doing very well as far as recruits go for there is never a day passes but she gets more than the requirements. The other States are not doing nearly so well, however, so the extras from NSW help to make up the shortages of the others.”</p>																								
<p>S/15316 Pte Samuel Neil 7th Btn Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Surname</td> <td>NEIL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forename</td> <td>Samuel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rank</td> <td>Pte</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Service number</td> <td>S/15316</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decoration</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Place of birth</td> <td>Penicuik Midlothian</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of death</td> <td>25 September 1915</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Theatre of death</td> <td>F&F</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cause of death</td> <td>Killed in action</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SNWM roll</td> <td>THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unit name</td> <td>Unknown Unit attached to THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other detail</td> <td>7th Bn.</td> </tr> </table>  <p>Midlothian Advertiser, 6th October 1916 Uphall Man’s Death Reported – Mrs Beckingham, 39 Uphall Station, has received official information of her youngest son’s death. Pte Samuel Neil, (15316) Canadian Highlanders, formerly reported wounded and missing at Loos, 25th September 1915. He was employed at Meat Pit, Roslin and 26 years of age. Deceased was the youngest of the late Samuel Neil, Roslin.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 6th October 1916 Uphall – An echo of the Loos Battle – Mrs Beckingham 39 Uphall Station has received official information of the death her youngest son, 15316, Pte Samuel Neil, Cameron Highlanders formerly reported wounded and missing at Loos 25th September 1915. He was employed at Moat Pit, Roslin, and was 26 years of age, He was the youngest son of the late Samuel Neil, Roslin.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th October 1916 Echo of the Loos Battle – Mrs Beckingham 30 Uphall Station, has received official information of the death of her youngest son 15316 Pte Samuel Neil, Cameron Highlanders, formerly reported wounded and missing at Loos 25th September 1915. He was employed at Moat Pit, Roslin and 26 years of age. He was the youngest son of the late Samuel Neil, Roslin.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th September 1917 Neil – In loving remembrance of my dear son, Pte Samuel Neil, Cameron Highlanders, killed or died of wounds 25th Sept 1915 aged 26. Two years have gone by and years may roll on We will never forget our dear one who is gone It is only those who have lost that can tell the pain of parting without saying farewell.</p>	Surname	NEIL	Forename	Samuel	Rank	Pte	Service number	S/15316	Decoration		Place of birth	Penicuik Midlothian	Date of death	25 September 1915	Theatre of death	F&F	Cause of death	Killed in action	SNWM roll	THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS	Unit name	Unknown Unit attached to THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS	Other detail	7th Bn.
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	<p>Inserted by his sorrowing mother, brothers and sisters, Mrs Beckingham, 39 Uphall Station.</p> <p>Neil – In loving memory of our dear brother Pte Samuel Neil, Cameron Highlanders, killed at Loos 25th Sept 1915.</p> <p>Inserted by his sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs Clarkson, Pumpherston.</p> <p>Neil – Dear brother you sleep amongst the brave Where no tears of a brother can fall on your grave There is but one link death cannot sever Love and remembrance last forever.</p> <p>Inserted by his loving brother John on active service.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th September 1918</p> <p>Neil – In loving memory of Pte Samuel Neil, Cameron Highlanders, reported killed or died of wounds 25th Sept 1915, son of Mrs Beckingham 38 Station Rows, Uphall, late of Penicuik</p> <p>Far and oft my thought do wander To a place I'd like to see Where my dear son went a missing Just three years ago today Oft in my dreams I see his face, His loving voice I hear Whispering mother do not fret As I am always near</p> <p>Inserted by his mother and sister.</p> <p>Dear brother our loss can never be told We miss you more as the day grow old Oft we sit in sorrow and woe We think of our happy days long ago</p> <p>Inserted by his brothers George and John (on active service).</p>
<p>PW/975 Sgt Hugh Neilson MM 26th Btn Middlesex Rgt</p>	<p>HUGH NEILSON Rank: Serjeant Service No: PW/975 Date of Death: 23/11/1918 Regiment/Service: Middlesex Regiment 26th Bn. Awards: MM Grave Reference: 487. Cemetery: KIRECHKOI-HORTAKOI MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Husband of Margaret Neilson, of Wester Dechmont, Uphall, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th November 1914</p> <p>Broxburn Men at the Front – this week the parents of Pte Neilson 2nd Scots Guards, who was recently reported missing received a PC stating that he had re-joined his regiment. He also mentioned that out of 1500 only 190 men and one officer returned.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 19th January 1917</p> <p>Dechmont Man wins Military Medal – Mrs Hugh Neilson Dechmont Uphall, has received intimation that her husband, Sgt Hugh Neilson, Middlesex Rgt, has been awarded the Military medal for bravery in the field at Salonika. Sgt Neilson, joined the Army at the outbreak of war, previous to that he was employed by Pumpherston Oil Coy at their Deans Works.</p>



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Midlothian Advertiser 2nd February 1917

Three Military Medals for West Lothian – Coy Sgt Major Archie McMillan, Cameron Highlanders, Torphichen has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry on the field in France. For this act he was promoted while his predecessor, now Lieutenant Law, was also honoured. Sgt Hugh Neilson, Middlesex Regiment, whose wife resides in Dechmont, West Lothian has won the Military Medal for bravery at Salonika. Sapper R Kerr, Australians, son of Mrs Kerr, Midhope Castle, Hopetoun, has won the Military Medal for carrying despatches and giving warning of a German attack.

West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918

Neilson - Died in hospital in Salonica, on 23rd November, after four years' service, Sgt Hugh Neilson Military Medalist, 26th Middlesex Rgt, beloved son of Mr and Mrs Neilson Station Road, Dechmont.

When last we saw his smiling face
He looked so strong and brave
We little thought he so soon he would
Be laid in a soldier's grave
Friends may forget him, mother never will
He will dwell in my heart till life's journey is done
Lord teach me how to live that when my days are ended
I'll be met at the gate by my dear hero son.

West Lothian Courier 20th December 1918

Neilson – In loving memory of my dear husband Sgt Hugh Neilson, 26th Middlesex Rgt, who died at General Hospital Salonika on 23rd November 1918 of malaria, followed by pneumonia.

We looked for his returning
We long to clasp his hand
but God has postponed the meeting
till we meet in a better land

Inserted by his sorrowing wife and two children, Wester Dechmont.

West Lothian Courier 27th December 1918

Dechmont Soldier Dies in Salonika – Mrs H Neilson Wester Dechmont, Uphall, has received official news of the death of her husband Sgt Hugh Neilson, 26th Middlesex Rgt, who has died of malaria, followed by pneumonia, in hospital at Salonika on 23rd November last. Sgt Neilson was previously employed by the Pumpherston Oil Company, Deans, and joined the colours in September 1914, shortly after the outbreak of war. After his necessary training in England, he was sent to Salonika in June 1916. In Dec of the same year he was awarded the military medal for his gallantry on the field of battle. The first intimation that anything was amiss was conveyed in a telegram four days after the Armistice was signed, from his headquarters at Hounslow England stating that he was dangerously ill with malaria. Nothing more was received until about a fortnight later when the sad news arrived that he had died of pneumonia.

The following is a letter received from his Major viz.,

Madam, it is with the greatest regret that I have to inform you of the death of your husband, Sgt Neilson. He was taken ill while the battalion was on the march and died of malaria on 23rd November in the 80th General Hospital, Salonika. Sgt Neilson was one of the finest soldiers and one of the best men in my Company. I have known him for three years, and during all that time he has been fearless, hardworking and always cheerful. He was one of the hardest sportsmen in the battalion, a keen footballer and was respected and liked by every officer and man in the unit. As you know, he has been Transport Sgt to the battalion for nearly three years and has had a great deal of hard difficult work to do in very trying circumstances. He was awarded the Military medal for a particularly brave act at


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	<p>the Battle of Tumbitza in December 1916. He has been an example of pluck and endurance to the men under him, and his officers placed every confidence in him. I feel that I have lost a friend by his death and all his comrades feel the same I think you ought to know that in my opinion, a soldier who loses his life by disease connected during the hardships of pursuit in such a country as this is every bit as much a hero as I he had actually met his death from gunfire. I wish to tend to you and your children my utmost sympathy in your bereavement. H J Harris, Major.</p>
<p>Pte John Neilson Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>JOHN NEILSON West Lothian Courier 23rd April 1915 Experiences of Broxburn Scots Guardsman – Three Wounded – A few Broxburn young men who enlisted in the Scots Guards shortly after the outbreak of the war and were drafted out to the front in January have for some considerable time been associated with each other in the trenches. They were attached to the 1st Btn Scots Guards and have taken part in a few severe engagements. Some time ago we reported that one of their number Pte John Dunnachie had been wounded on the 24th February, and now other three of the Broxburn lads have figured in the casualty lists. One of them Pte John Neilson, was in the Regulars when war was declared and had been out since the commencement. He was a machine gunner and has come through the most trying of the engagements including Mons, The Marne, The Aisne and other bouts right up to Neuve Chappelle. He was wounded on the 21st March by a bullet, which passed through his left shoulder breaking the collar bone and he is now lying in a hospital in Suffolk. His parents who reside at Greendykes Road, first received intimation from a Sapper in the Royal Engineers who stated that their son was looking on at a working party of the Engineers when the enemy opened fire and a bullet passed through his left shoulder. Information has since been received that Pte Nelson is making favourable progress. About two months ago he was reported missing, but he rejoined his regiment later. On another occasion he was one of a party of six in charge of a machine gun when four were killed and one wounded, while he escaped unhurt.</p>
<p>Lieut J Lauder Nicol 8th Royal Scots</p>	<p>J LAUDER NICOL West Lothian Courier 8th January 1915 Former Uphall Teacher’s Courageous Conduct at the Front – In a letter written by Cpl E J Walker, 6th “G” Company 8th Royal Scots, written from the trenches in France, dated 21st December, special mention is made of Lieut Lauder Nicol, who was for some years an assistant in Uphall Public School. The reference to Lieut Nicol is as follows: - A Courageous Officer – Many are the narrow escapes we have had. Unfortunately, we lost our Captain (Todd, wounded) at an early date, the charge being left to two junior officers.” He mentions particularly Lieut Lauder Nicol, “a most unassuming, courteous, and courageous gentleman and officer who is most solicitous regarding our welfare and who has endeared himself to every one of us and is respected by all who know him.” When there is work to be done he says, “Come, not go” and every man if he can crawl, tries to be there with him at his post. “One night when out trench digging in moonlight, the enemy discovered us and opened shell fire on us. Lieut Nicol promptly gave the necessary orders to retire, and just as the last man had got clear away, a well-placed shell blew the trench up. So the whole company was saved, and returned to their billet smiling.” “Another time his duty was to take his men to within sixty yards of the German trenches. He carried out his mission with dash and bravery, and just as we were finishing the enemy opened fire, but Lieut Nicol was too quick for them, and they found they had been caught napping. We all got back safely.”</p>


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	<p>Midlothian Advertiser 4th June 1915 Uphall Teacher Wounded – Lieut J Lauder Nicol of the 8th Royal Scots is now in hospital in Edinburgh with an injury to his elbow sustained in action last week. This officer it will be recalled was spoken in high terms of praise in a letter written by a Corporal in the 8th shortly after the battalion went into action.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th May 1915 Former Uphall Teacher Severely Wounded – Lieut J Lauder Nicol, of the 8th Royal Scots is now in hospital in Edinburgh after being wounded in the elbow sustained in action last Monday. This officer it will be recalled, was spoken of in high terms of praise in a letter written by a Cpl in the 8th shortly after the battalion went into action. The writer referred to him as a “most unassuming, courteous and courageous, gentleman and officer who is most solicitous regarding our welfare and who had endeared himself to every one of us and is respected by all who know him. Where there is work to be done he says “Come, not go” and everyman if he can crawl tries to be there with him at his post. One night when out trench digging in moonlight, the enemy discovered us and opened shell fire on us. Lieutenant Nicol promptly gave the necessary orders to retire and just as the last man had got clear away, a well-placed shell blew the trench up. But the whole company was saved and returned to their billet smiling. Another time his duty was to take the men to within sixty yards of the German trenches, He carried out his mission with dash and bravery, and just as we were finishing the enemy opened fire, but Lieutenant Nicol was too quick for them and they found they had been caught napping. We all got back safely. Lieutenant Nicol who is 24 years of age, graduated at Edinburgh University three years ago and got his commission out of the Officers Training Corps. Mr Nicol was for some time a teacher in Uphall Public School.</p>
<p>Pte John Nicol 14th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>JOHN NICOL West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Honours of War – Broxburn Lad’s Bravery – Pte John Nicol, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Nicol, Union Road Broxburn, has been presented with a handsome silver badge from the officers of his battalion for bravery and devotion to duty while in training on the East Coast. The badge which bears his monogram is also inscribed as follows:- “Presented to Pte John Nicol for bravery and devotion to duty, 14th Btn Royal Scots.” Pte Nicol enlisted in the 14th Royal Scots 5 months ago but has now been transferred to Training Reserve Battalion of the Royal Scots. Pte Nicol who is still in his teens was employed in Broxburn Oil works previous to enlisting.</p>
<p>Pte Robert Nicol Royal Scots att’d Royal Warwicks</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 11th May 1917 Three Broxburn Brothers in the Casualty Lists – Official information has been received by Mrs Nicol, Kirkhill, that her son Sgt William Nicol, Army Cyclist Corps was wounded on the 19th April 1917. Sgt Nicol was a Territorial and was mobilised at the outbreak of war He was drafted to Egypt in May 1916. Another son Pte Robert Nicol, is presently lying in Bangour war Hospital suffering from a shrapnel wound in the left thigh received in action in France on the 18th December 1916. He is 24 years of age and was employed as an oilworker at Young’s Hopetoun Works. Also belonging to the County Battalion, he was attached to the Royal Warwickshires and was drafted to France in May 1916. Sgt James Nicol, the eldest of the three brothers has been reported missing since 13th November 1916. He is 28 years of age and like his other brothers was also in the Country Battalion. He was drafted to France in July 1916 and was attached to the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Previous to the outbreak of war he was employed as a sulphate maker at the Hopetoun works of Young’s Oil Company. We congratulate Mrs Nicol on being the mother of three such gallant sons, and on the worthy and patriotic</p>


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<p>Sapper Thomas Nicol Canadian Engineers</p>	<p>THOMAS NICOL West Lothian Courier 15th November 1918 Broxburn Presentation and Dance – A happy gathering of over 120 of Sapper Thomas Nicol's (Canadian Engineers) friends assembled in the Band Hall on Friday last to entertain him on the occasion of his being home on leave and to present him with tokens of their respect and esteem. Mr William Pagan presided and after an excellent tea, the purveying of which reflected the highest credit on Mrs James nes and a few lady friend, Mr William Anderson in one of those neat little speeches of which he has acquired the happy knack presented the guest with a beautiful silver wristlet watch and expressed the best wishes of the company for his future well-being. Sapper Nicol suitably replied and after songs had been rendered by Miss Keenan and Mr A Jenkins, the tables were cleared, and dancing proceeded with. Splendid music was provided by Miss Conner and Mr L Jordan, and the dance was carried through with untiring energy until 4:30am. Mr William Anderson ably officiated as MC. Song etc were rendered throughout the evening by Mrs Johnstone, Mrs Stenhouse, Miss Wood, Pte McGill and Messrs Potter, Anderson & Jenkins.</p> 
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<p>7068 Cpl Samuel Ferguson Nisbet 2nd Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>NISBET, SAMUEL FERGUSON Rank: Corporal Date of Death: 02/07/1917 Regiment/Service: King's Own Scottish Borderers 2nd Bn. Grave Reference: IV. N. 40. Cemetery: DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, ETRUN Additional Information: Son of John and Mary Ferguson Nisbet, of 13, Front St., Cuthill, Prestonpans, Haddingtonshire. One of three brothers who fell in the War. Born at Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Service No:7068 Age:27</p>

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	<p>whilst it brought a little pleasure and brightness into the military life of these heroes, also served the purpose of showing he that their services were being appreciated by “the Folks at Home.” His only regret and he was sure he spoke for the company, was that several of their lads had been overlooked and had been allowed to return to the hard life of the trenches without having received sufficient recognition. None of the resident desired that this should be so, they felt that every lad was “doing his bit,” and he would suggest that a fund should be started to which each of the inhabitants might contribute a small sum weekly so that all their heroic soldiers belonging to the Station would receive equal treatment.</p> <p>He felt sure that the subject only needed to be mooted to get it set away. He was confident he could rely on the support of all as he had yet to find a place that could surpass the “Station” for its endeavours to treat their soldiers with every hospitality on their return from their hard and trying times on the various fronts. He hoped their guests would be spared to return to their civilian life and that the time wasn’t far distant when they and the rest of the “boys” would be home by their own fireside, having helped to secure for their country a glorious and lasting peace.</p> <p>Privates Russell and O’Donnell suitably replied and expressed their sincere thanks for the great kindness shown to them. After refreshments had been served a splendid programme of music was carried through, among those contributing to the pleasure of the evening being Misses A Jack, E Wilson and N Wilson and Messrs R Russell, M Vincent, A Combe, William Russell, A Phillips, John Reid and Pte Russell. A dance followed and was kept up with great enthusiasm until the early hours of the morning, Mr George Combe officiated as MC.</p>
<p>LCpl O’Hara Royal Warwickshire Rgt previously Royal Scots Parchment for Conspicuous Bravery</p>	<p>O’HARA West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916 LCpl O’Hara Broxburn – Above is a portrait of LCpl O’Hara, 64 Niddry who has been awarded a Parchment for conspicuous bravery displayed in attending to the wounded on the field of battle. He was a member of the 2/10th Royal Scots but was transferred into the Royal Warwickshires. The officer’s report is as follows: - He showed conspicuous gallantry in bringing in wounded from No Man’s Land in broad daylight and displayed great courage and persistence in one case in particular when after 3.5 hours he finally brought a wounded man safely to our lines. His father is an ex-soldier and his eldest brother was killed in action in the present war.</p> 
<p>Pte H Oliver Royal Scots</p>	<p>H OLIVER Midlothian Advertiser 30th June 1916 In the list of casualties published on Monday the names of the following district soldiers appear among the wounded:- Pte H Oliver, Royal Scots, Uphall</p>

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<p>3487 Pte Andrew Paris Royal Scots</p>	<p>ANDREW PARIS Midlothian Advertiser 4th August 1916 Broxburn Wounded – The following Broxburn men are reported as having been wounded - Pte Henry Brennan, Royal Scots, 135 Greendykes Road, Pte John O’Brien Inniskilling Fusiliers, 223 Mid Street, Pte William Young, Seaforths, Bank Place, L/Cpl Stewart Lynch, Royal Scots, whose wife resides at Maryhill Cottage, and Pte Andrew Paris, Royal Scots, Port Buchan. West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn – The intelligence has been received by Mrs Paris, Port Buchan, that her son Pte Paris has been wounded in the hand, while part of the other arm above the wrist has been blown off. No communication, however, has been received from the War Office, the knowledge of the incident being received from a comrade. West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte A Paris</td> <td>3487</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte A Paris	3487	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>L/Cpl Peter Paris 6th Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>PETER PARIS Midlothian Advertiser 17th September 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Intimation has been received by Mr and Mrs Paris, Church Street, Broxburn that their son L/Cpl Peter Paris of the 6th Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers is seriously ill as the result of gunshot wounds received in France on 29th August. He is in the Fourth General Hospital at Versailles. Midlothian Advertiser 24th September 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – L/Cpl Paris, Royal Scots Fusiliers son of Robert Paris, Church Street, Broxburn was wounded in France on 29th August. The official notification stated that he had received gunshot wounds in the chest and he is posted seriously ill in Versailles hospital. L/Cpl Paris enlisted in December last, and was drafted to the front on 9th May last. West Lothian Courier 17th September 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – The above is a photo of L/Cpl Paris, Royal Scots Fusiliers, son of Mr Robert Paris, Church Street, Broxburn, who was wounded in France on 29th August. The official notification stated that he had received gunshot wounds in the chest and he is posted seriously ill in Versailles hospital. L/Cpl Paris enlisted in December last, and was drafted to the front on 9th May last. He has been in the trenches ever since, and has taken part in a good many severe engagements. Prior to enlisting he was employed as a miner with Broxburn Oil Company.</p>					
<p>Pte Paterson Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>PATERSON Midlothian Advertiser 7th September 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appeared in the lists of casualties published this week Killed Pte Paterson, Scottish Rifles, Uphall</p>					

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<p>Pte D Paterson Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 8th March 1918 Broxburn – Driver John Jordon ASC who is presently home on leave from Salonika, was met in a social capacity in the Public Hall on Friday last and presented with tokens of esteem. The social was held under the auspices of the West End Presentation Fund, and Mr John Forsyth presided over a gathering of over 60 couples. After having done ample justice to an excellent tea, for the purveying of which several of the ladies were responsible, the chairman on behalf of the subscribers presented Driver Jordan with a handsome wristlet watch (luminous dial). In making the presentation the chairman expressed their pleasure at being able to honour one of their number in such a way as it would tend in some measure to show how much the services that Driver Jordon and the other “boys” were rendering were being appreciated. Whilst any present they could give to Driver Jordan could never sufficiently show how much he was held in esteem, it would at least always serve to remind him of the happy time they had all spent that evening and he could assure Driver Jordan that the presentation carried with it their sincere good wishes for a safe and speedy return. The recipient suitably replied thanking them for their great kindness – Songs were rendered by Miss D Baird, Miss Keenan, Mr Thomas Baird, and Corporal Pratt. Dancing was afterwards engaged in, and carried through with great enthusiasm until about 4am, splendid music being provided by Mr George Orr’s Band. The duties of MC were satisfactorily carried out by Messrs James Chambers and David Webster. Songs etc were also contributed during intervals in the dancing by several ladies and gentlemen. This is now the third presentation which has been made through the medium of this fund, the previous recipients being Pte D Paterson A & S Highlanders and Driver Roche, ASC, both of whom received wristlet watches.</p>
<p>L/Cpl Frank Paterson Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>FRANK PATERSON West Lothian Courier 2nd October 1914 Uphall Man Home from the Front – Pte Frank Paterson, of the Black Watch, who had been invalided home from the front arrived in Uphall last week. Pte Paterson who was a postman in Uphall, was called upon the declaration of war and in a weeks’ time landed with his regiment at Harve. After two days in the rest camp they proceeded to the front, making one or two halts on the way. He was in the battle of Mons, and was fortunate enough to escape unhurt, although after a time his officer advised him to drop out on account of severe foot trouble, Interviewed by our representative Pte Paterson was modestly uncommunicative regarding the engagements in which he took part, He did admit however, that it was an exacting time but he evidently found time to regard the scene from its important aspect, It was a great sight he said to see troops for miles aroused and he was greatly struck by the French entering the field in full uniform and wearing their medals, There was intense excitement in the villages which they passed through the inhabitants hurrying off with what little their belonging they could conveniently carry. He told of one cavalryman who had a miraculous escape. A bullet had struck his bandolier and bent up five cartridges a fact that which probably saved his life. When Pte Paterson saw him, he was surrounded by a number of soldiers who seem much interested in hearing his experiences. On another occasion they were enjoying a meal when a shell burst close by and they had to get into action in double quick time. When he was compelled to drop out, Pte Paterson met in with a cavalryman who had been cut off from his regiment. He had two horses with him one of which had belonged to a German spy who had been dressed as a Frenchman and led them into a trap. He paid the full penalty. Pte Paterson mounted the horse and came up with an artillery regiment. Here he was kindly treated, and they supplied him with</p>

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	<p>rations sufficient for two or three days. With several others he again set out to endeavour to meet with the ambulances off his own regiment. The following day he came across the Field Ambulance into which he was assisted by Pte McArthur who was formerly a porter at Uphall Station. Later on he was able to join his own regiment's ambulance and was ultimately entrained for France. At every stopping place the French people showed them extreme kindness. Women collected at the stations and gave them fruit, coffee and cider. On arriving at Southampton, he was taken to Leeds hospital where he remained for 9 days. Here also he was kindly treated, and people sent gifts of cigarettes, etc., to the hospital, He was afterwards given a fortnight's furlough and provided he is fit he will proceed to Perth on 8th October.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 9th April 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded - Pte Frank Paterson, Black Watch has sent a field post card to his wife stating that he has been wounded. No other particulars are yet to hand. Pte Paterson being a reservist came to France shortly after the outbreak of hostilities and took part in all the early engagements including the battle of Mons. After that encounter he was invalided home with feet trouble and after recovering was again drafted out to the front. He was not long back in the trenches until he was wounded.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 16th April 1915 Uphall Man Wounded – Particulars are now to hand as to the nature of the wounds received by Pte Frank Paterson, Back Watch who was formerly a postman at Uphall, His wife who resides at Lillia Place Uphall has received information that a bomb fell on the trench and he sustained wounds to both hands and the left arm but he is progressing favourably.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 23rd April 1915 Uphall Postman Wounded – Information has been received by Mrs Paterson, Uphall, that her husband Pte Frank Paterson, of the Black Watch, has been wounded in action. It appears that a bomb fell on the trench and he sustained injury to both hands and his left arm.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 27th July 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – the names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week. Wounded L/Cpl W Matthews, Royal Scots, Uphall L/Cpl F Paterson, Black Watch, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 5th November 1915 Uphall Soldier Gassed and Wounded – Intimation has been received by Mrs Paterson, Uphall, that her husband Pte Frank Paterson, 1st Black Watch was gassed and wounded on 15th October. Writing home, he says he was in a charge on that date and was lucky to get out. He received a bullet wound in the back of the neck and he is now in hospital in Huddersfield and getting on fairly well. Paterson was formerly a postman in Uphall and being a reservist was called up immediately after the outbreak of the war. He took part in the retreat from Mons but was invalided home in October of last year through feet trouble. A short time after he again preceded to France but had once more to be sent home. He returned to France in January last and was for a time in a base hospital suffering from shrapnel wounds in the arm and both hands. After his recovery he went into the trenches again and as already stated is now a patient in a war hospital in Huddersfield.</p>
S/8744 Pte James Paterson 8 th Btn Gordon Highlanders	PATERSON, JAMES Rank: Private Service No: S/8744 Date of Death: 25/09/1915

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	<p>Age: 20 Regiment/Service: Gordon Highlanders 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 115 to 119. Memorial: LOOS MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Paterson, of 34, Westerton Row, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd December 1915 Westerton Soldier Missing – Mr George Paterson, 24 Westerton Rows, by Broxburn has received intimation that his son Pte James Paterson, 8th Btn Gordon Highlanders was posted as wounded and missing between the 26th and 27th September. Pt Paterson enlisted in January last and was drafted to the front in the month of May. If any comrades can supply further information regarding this soldier it will be gratefully received by his parents.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd December 1915 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Pte George Paterson, 8th Gordon Highlanders, son of Mr George Paterson, builder late of Broxburn and now resident in Corstorphine is officially notified as killed in France on 14th November. Pte Paterson who was well-known in Broxburn, his birthplace and in Corstorphine, was working in New York when war was declared. He threw up his position and came home to Scotland journeying to Aberdeen, where he joined the Gay Gordons. A wire from Aberdeen notifying his enlistment was the first news his father had of his son's return. Deceased was a keen sportsman and excelled in football and bowling. He did good work for the Corstorphine Rangers and with Broxburn Juniors. As a bowler he was a good exponent of the ancient royal game and a winner of many prizes. After the Loos battle, which he came successfully through he wrote a descriptive account of the fight so far as it came under his purview, and his cheery optimism abounded throughout. He wrote a letter on 13th November to his sister Mrs Beach, next day a sniper took away his young life – he was only in his 29th year. The censor of letters, who was also his company lieutenant inserted a note informing Mrs Beach of the death of her brother.</p>
<p>Pte John Morris Paterson 1/7th Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>JOHN PATERSON Midlothian Advertiser 9th July 1915 Uphall Man Killed – Pte John Morris Paterson, Methven Drive, Dunfermline, a member of the 1/7th Black Watch, has been killed in action. Pte Paterson enlisted in September on his twentieth birthday. He was by profession a chemist. The circumstances of his death were that he had sprained his foot, and was unable to proceed quickly enough along with his comrades. He was found death some time afterwards in a communication trench. Pte Paterson was the youngest son of Mr W E Paterson for many years proprietor of the Volunteer Arms, Uphall. Mrs Gordon, Ashfield Buildings, Uphall is the eldest sister of the late Pte Paterson.</p>
<p>LCpls E Payne Royal Engineers</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918 Broxburn Presentation – During the week several more of our “ain Laddies” who are home on leave, have been made the recipients of presents from their chums. On Thursday last Pte R Wallace Scottish Rifles was met at home in East Burnside and presented with a pocket book and a handsome sum of money by several of his friends. The company were hospitably entertained to tea by Mrs R Wallace and a pleasant evening spent in dancing etc.</p>



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	<p>In the Band Hall on Friday evening LCpls E Payne, RE and J Wishart HLI were presented with well filled pocket books by a number of their chums, on the occasion of their being home on leave from the front. Mr J Gibson made the presentation. After an excellent tea, dancing was engaged. Mr George Orr's Band being responsible for the delightful music and Mr R Currie officiated as MC.</p>
<p>Pte E Petrie MM Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>E PETRIE West Lothian Courier 20th October 1916 Uphall Military Medalist – We reproduce a photo of Pte E Petrie, Royal Scots Fusiliers who for bravery on the field gained the Military Medal. Pte Petrie when he saw his officer wounded went out under heavy shell fire and brought him back to their own trenches, thus saving the officer's life. Pte Petrie who has been in France for the past fourteen months has seen very heavy fighting, having been in many hard-contested engagements. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a foreman gardener in Ayrshire. His parents reside at Goschen Place, Uphall.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 25th May 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appeared in the lists of casualties published this week. Wounded Pte E Petrie, Royal Scots Fusiliers Uphall</p> 
<p>3811 Cpl Lawrence Petrie 1st Scottish Horse</p>	<p>LAWRENCE PETRIE Rank: Corporal Service No: 3811 Date of Death: 13/11/1915 Age: 36 Regiment/Service: Scottish Horse 1st Grave Reference: I. D. 6. Cemetery: GREEN HILL CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of James Petrie, of Uphall, Midlothian; husband of Isabella Petrie, of 374, Thornhill Rd., Falkirk.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th December 1915 Uphall Soldier Killed – Cpl Lawrence Petrie – We show a photo of Cpl Lawrence Petrie, 1st Scottish Horse, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Petrie Goschen Place Uphall, who was killed at the Dardanelles as the result of a shell bursting on 13th November. Cpl Petrie came through the South African War and re-enlisted after the outbreak of the present crisis. Prior to his enlistment he was coachman with Mr Scott, Oxfangs Colinton. He leaves a widow and 5 children for whom much sympathy is felt in their sad loss. Mrs Petrie, Uphall has also another son on active service in France.</p> 

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2nd Lieut W J
Petrie
Previously Sgt
Major 14th Btn
Royal Scots

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More Broxburn Wounded – Mrs Petrie, Schoolhouse Broxburn, has received notification that her husband Sgt Maj W J Petrie, 11th Royal Scots has been wounded. He is now in a military hospital at Colchester and writing home he stated that he received a bullet wound in the ankle but the bullet missed the bone, and he is making good progress. Sgt Maj Petrie took part in the big advance and was in the charge with his regiment. He is an ex-soldier and prior to the war was janitor at Broxburn Public School. His brother who was a private in the KOSB went down with the Royal Edward on his way to the Dardanelles.



NB Can't find any "Petrie" on CWGC who died on 13/14th August 1915 (sinking of the Royal Edward), or any in the KOSB

West Lothian Courier 7th April 1916

Broxburn Man Honoured – We understand that Sgt Maj W J Petrie of the 14th Btn Royal Scots has been promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Lieut Petrie was lately engaged as janitor at Broxburn Higher Grade School and is well-known in the district. He has received his promotion by merit alone. He has had an interesting military career and we hope to publish an account of it along with his photo in our issue next week.

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Broxburn Man Honoured – The many friends of Sgt Major W J Petrie of the 14th Btn Royal Scots (who is a well-known figure in military circles in Uphall and Broxburn districts of West Lothian), will be pleased to hear of his promotion to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Lieutenant Petrie, who has risen from the ranks on merit alone, has had a long military career having enlisted as a private in the Royal Scots at Edinburgh on the 25th March 1890. After having completed his recruit drills at the Regimental depot at Glencorse he was drafted to Aldershot to join the main body, who were stationed there. His sojourn in this important military centre was destined to be of short duration for at the latter end of the same year the regiment was despatched to Malta, another important centre in the Mediterranean and after a sojourn of fifteen months they were transferred to Wellington in the Madras presidency of India, where he received his first promotion and gradually ascended step by step to the rank of Col Sgt. He spent it all about 16 years in various parts of India, including Wellington in Madras, Belgaum, Mandalay in Burmah, Poona, Hamptee, Bombay and Deolali, from whence he was transferred to the home permanent staff. Perhaps the most eventful incident of stay in the Antipodes was while stationed at Mandalay. It was to this station that the good lady who is now his helpmate in life travelled all the way from Dumfries to meet her fate and they were married at Rangoon in 1897, and the partnership there inaugurated still continues. On returning he was posted to Uphall as drill instructor to a detachment of the 8th Volunteer Battalion of the Royal Scots and was stationed there during the transformation of the Volunteer system to Lord Haldane's scheme of Territorial units. He retired some time afterward on a well-earned pension to take up the duties of janitor at the Higher-Grade School in Broxburn after an uninterrupted service of 22.5 years. Shortly after the outbreak of war in August 1914, Lieut Petrie having obtained leave from his school board immediately responded to Lord Kitchener's appeal for ex-service men to rejoin the colours as drill instructors to the new units then forming. Consequently, he was attached to the 11th Btn, the Royal Scots who were then training at Aldershot where he spent the hardest nine months of his whole military career. In January 1915 he was appointed a warrant

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	<p>officer 2nd class, and shortly afterwards proceeded with the battalion to France where a British Expeditionary Force had previously been established and where so many of our Scottish regiments had so honourably distinguished themselves. His regiment was engaged in that memorable charge of the 25th September, where many of our Scottish heroes fell and it was while leading his company in this charge that Sg Maj Petrie had the misfortune to be wounded and after many trying experiences on the field was eventually removed to the base hospital for a short period and subsequently transferred to another hospital in the South of England. After having sufficiently recovered from his injuries he returned to the Regimental Depot in November where he remained for two months training the junior militarists and was subsequently transferred to the 14th Battalion as a first-class warrant officer and was engaged training further instalments of the ever increasing British Army until the announcement of being gazetted 2nd Lieutenant a few days ago. This honour was conferred for merit alone on the recommendation of his late Commanding Officer Col R C Dundas, and we express the hope that he will be as successful as a commissioned officer as he was while serving as an NCO.</p>
<p>43436 LCpl Alexander Potter MM 12th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname POTTER Forename Alexander Rank L Cpl Service number 43436 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Date of death 3 June 1918 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 12th Bn West Lothian Courier 1st February 1918 Linlithgowshire Military Medallists – The official list, published this week of Scottish soldiers who have been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field included the names of Pte George W Robinson, Cameron Highlanders, fourth and youngest son of Deputy Chief Constable, Linlithgow. Act Cpl J Rae, Royal Scots, Linlithgow, Act Cpl T McMahan RH, Bo’ness, Pte A Potter, Royal Scots Grangepans, Bo’ness, and Pte J Rushford A & S H Avonbridge. West Lothian Courier 14th June 1918 Bo’ness Footballer Dies of Wounds – Pte Alex Potter, Royal Scots, died of wounds, was before the war a prominent playing member of Bo’ness Football Club, formerly Vale of Grange. For conspicuous bravery while acting as a stretcher bearer on the field Potter was last winter awarded the Military medal. He leaves a widow and young family who reside at Philpingstone Terrace. West Lothian Courier 28th June 1918 Potter – Died of wounds at hospital in France, 3rd June 1918, Pte Alex Potter, Royal Scots, Broxburn, late of Bo’ness Inserted by his chum Cpl D Paterson, BEF, France.</p>
<p>S/14624 Pte William Purvis 9th Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>PURVES, WILLIAM Rank: Private Service No: S/14624 Date of Death: 25/08/1917 Age: 21 Regiment/Service: Gordon Highlanders 9th Bn.</p>

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	<p>Panel Reference: Panel 135 to 136. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of Mr and Mrs. Thomas Purves, of the Strathbrock Hotel, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>
<p>Ptes George & David Rankin 42nd Black Watch Machine Gun Section</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname RANKINE Forename David Beveridge Rank Pte Service number S/4167 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Linlithgowshire Date of death 17 August 1916 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 9th Bn</p> <p>Lothian Courier 8th October 1915 Two Soldier Sons – One Wounded – Well known in Broxburn district and amongst mining circles elsewhere is Mr George Rankin now of Hawthorn Villa, Cockenzie, East Lothian who was engaged in shale mining the Broxburn district for over twenty years. Since leaving Broxburn, Mr Rankin has been in the West Africa, first with the Altasi Gold Mine Coy., and latterly with the Broomasias Gold Mine Co, with whom he latterly held the responsible position of Mine Captain. Some touch of native fever brought him to Cockenzie or Port Seton, where Mrs Rankin has relatives and where he acquired Hawthorn Villa and grounds. His two sons George (26) and David (24), recently enlisted in the Black Watch (42nd), Machine Gun Section, and were actively engaged in the recent battle commencing on the 25th September last. White the younger seems to have escaped unhurt, George, the elder has been wounded and seriously on the chest by gunshot and in a telegram received this week is stated to be in hospital in Rouen, but so far no visitors are allowed. He is progressing. The lads themselves born in Broxburn are well known in mining centres, the elder latterly having been engineer at Preston Grange, the eastern colliery of the Mossend and Summerlie Iron and Steel Company while David, the younger was in the British Welding Works at Motherwell.</p>
<p>Pte William Redmond RAMC</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 8th June 1917 Broxburn Soldier wounded – Official information has been received by Mr and Mrs Matthew Redmond, 229 Mid Street, Broxburn that their eldest son Pte William Redmond was wounded on the 17th May, 1917, and has been admitted to No 47 General Hospital, Le Treport France, suffering from shrapnel wound to the right leg. Pte Redmond who belongs to the RAMC is 28 years of age and was formerly employed with Mr Muir, grocer Broxburn. He enlisted at the outbreak of war and has been for nearly two years in France where another brother Pte John Redmond, Seaforth Highlanders is also nobly doing his duty.</p>
<p>AB George Reid Royal Navy</p>	<p>GEORGE REID West Lothian Courier 23rd October 1914 Broxburn Naval Reservist at Antwerp – An Exciting Time – On Wednesday last George Reid, arrived home in Broxburn after having taken part with the 2nd Naval</p>

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	<p>Brigade in the defence of Antwerp. After being called up at the outbreak of the war, he was stationed at Deal where the Brigade were under-going training. Interviewed by our Broxburn representative Reid stated that they left Dover on Sunday 4th October and disembarked at Dunkirk. They afterwards proceeded to Antwerp and on Tuesday night were quartered in a school. They were called out about 2 o'clock on the Wednesday morning and proceeded to the trenches about four miles out from the city. At daybreak the German siege guns opened fire and the forts replying briskly an artillery duel was kept up during the whole day. the German shells, he said were falling short, but on Thursday night a few passed over their heads. The Brigade were ordered to leave the trenches and this step was taken not a minute too soon. They had just taken up a position behind a farm house when the German fire completely swept the trenches and must have worked terrible havoc had the Brigade not been timeously withdrawn. Before leaving the trenches the Brigade had kept up a sharp rifle fire while the Belgians occupying the forts, continued their plucky defence. Twice, however, Belgian soldiers left one of the forts but were encouraged back by the cheers of the Naval Brigade. When they left, Reid stated, the forts were still holding out. During the day the Belgians themselves blew up a petrol tank, while after the Naval Brigade had made their retreat one of the bridges crossing the river was also blow up. Numerous cases of treachery were experienced, the guide who conducted the Brigade to their trenches was afterwards caught signalling the enemy and was shot on the spot. Another was seen a quarter of a mile distant giving signals by means of the wings of a windmill but the first shot from the artillery sufficed to put an end to his nefarious work. The greatest excitement prevailed in the city amongst the inhabitants, huge crowds taking their departure with what little belongings they could speedily collect and conveniently carry, it was a very sad sight with women and children weeping and many of them scarcely able to make much progress. The Naval Brigade themselves had to leave practically all their kit behind, but in assisting the refugees they proved themselves "handy men." They assisted in carrying bundles and children and Reid himself carried a youngster only two or the months old for a distance of about 3 or 4 miles. The Brigade marched a distance of about 32 miles to St Nicholas, where they entrained for Bruges. They remained there overnight and continued their journey by rail the next day to Ostend. They left Ostend by boat in the early hours on Monday morning but got on the sands between Ostend and Dunkirk, and had to remain there all day. At high water another ship the "Victorious" came alongside and taking all hands on board they proceeded to Dover and arrived on Tuesday morning. Reid spoke in terms of high praise for the pluck and coolness of the Belgian soldier, and mentioned that they were at times seen enjoying their smoke while German shells flew over them. Altogether it was an exciting experience and one he was not likely to forget. He returned to Deal on Monday.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st May 1915 Broxburn Naval Man Wounded – Intimation has been received by Mrs Reid, Kirkhill Road, from the Military Authorities that her husband Stoke George Reid, RFR who was attached to the Hood Battalion RN Brigade, RN Division was wounded in action near the Dardanelles on 13th May. In the early stages of the war Reid took part in the defence of Antwerp.</p>
<p>Pte P Rennie Royal Scots</p>	<p>P RENNIE Midlothian Advertiser 26th October, 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week. Pte P Rennie, Royal Scots, Uphall</p>

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<p>3055 Pte R Richardson Royal Scots</p>	<p>R RICHARDSON West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916 Men Killed & Wounded and Prisoners Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte R Richardson</td> <td>3055</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte R Richardson	3055	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>Pte Arthur Robertson King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>ARTHUR ROBERTSON Midlothian Advertiser 22nd June 1917 Broxburn Man Wounded and Missing – Pte Arthur Robertson, KOSB, wounded and missing, was before enlisting employed in the publishing department of the “Evening Dispatch”. This is the second occasion on which he has been wounded. His home address in Newhouses, Broxburn.</p>					
<p>5725 Pte George Robertson Royal Warwickshire Rgt</p>	<p>G ROBERTSON Bo'ness Journal 11th February 1916 Uphall Man's Royal Humane Society Medal - At a special parade of the 2/10th Battalion of the Royal Scots at Berwick on Sunday morning Pte George Robertson, a native of Uphall, Linlithgowshire was presented by Colonel Peterkin, VD officer commanding the battalion with the Royal Humane Society's medal and parchment for the rescue of an aged man from drowning in Eyemouth harbour. The accident happened at night, and hearing the cries of the old man, Robertson, who was at the other side of the harbour swam across to him and assisted him ashore. West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – We would be greatly indebted to the relatives of any soldier, killed or wounded if they would kindly send us for publication in our news columns and a short account of his career in the Army and in civilian life before enlisting. Friends of soldiers in the casualty list should communicate with our Head Office Whitburn Road, Bathgate or any of our reporters or correspondents. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte G Robertson</td> <td>5725</td> <td>Warwickshires</td> <td>Uphall</td> <td>POW</td> </tr> </table>	Pte G Robertson	5725	Warwickshires	Uphall	POW
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<p>268869 Pte Robert Robertson 8th Btn Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>ROBERTSON, ROBERT Rank: Private Service No: 268869 Date of Death: 16/04/1918 Age: 38 Regiment/Service: Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 8th Bn. Panel Reference: Panel 94 to 96. Memorial: TYNE COT MEMORIAL Additional Information: Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robertson, of The Brae, Dunkeld, Perthshire; husband of Amelia J. Kemp Robertson, of Marionlea, Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>					
<p>26306 Pte Joseph Roche 16th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>ROCHE, JOSEPH Rank: Private Service No: 26306 Date of Death: 01/07/1916 Age: 31 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 16th Bn. Panel Reference: Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D. Memorial: THIEPVAL MEMORIAL</p>					



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	<p>Additional Information: Son of John and Mary Roche, of Kirkhill Rd., Broxburn, Edinburgh; husband of Mrs. Mary A. Sweeney (formerly Roche), of Kays Land, Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartonshire.</p>
<p>Driver Roche Army Service Corps</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 8th March 1918 Broxburn – Driver John Jordon ASC who is presently home on leave from Salonika, was met in a social capacity in the Public Hall on Friday last and presented with tokens of esteem. The social was held under the auspices of the West End Presentation Fund, and Mr John Forsyth presided over a gathering of over 60 couples. After having done ample justice to an excellent tea, for the purveying of which several of the ladies were responsible, the chairman on behalf of the subscribers presented Driver Jordan with a handsome wristlet watch (luminous dial). I making the presentation the chairman expressed their pleasure at being able to honour one of their number in such a way as it would tend in some measure to show how much the services that Driver Jordon and the other “boys” were rendering were being appreciated. Whilst any present they could give to Driver Jordan could never sufficiently show how much he was held in esteem, it would at least always serve to remind him of the happy time they had all spent that evening and he could assure Driver Jordan that the presentation carried with it their sincere good wishes for a safe and speedy return. The recipient suitably replied thanking them for their great kindness – Songs were rendered by Miss D Baird, Miss Keenan, Mr Thomas Baird, and Corporal Pratt. Dancing was afterwards engaged in, and carried through with great enthusiasm until about 4am, splendid music being provided by Mr George Orr’s Band. The duties of MC were satisfactorily carried out by Messrs James Chambers and David Webster. Songs etc were also contributed during intervals in the dancing by several ladies and gentlemen. This is now the third presentation which has been made through the medium of this fund, the previous recipients being Pte D Paterson A & S Highlanders and Driver Roche, ASC, both of whom received wristlet watches.</p>
<p>Pte Hugh Rodden 1st Btn Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>HUGH RODDEN West Lothian Courier 1st January 1915 Wounded Broxburn Men – Pte Hugh Rodden, 1st Cameron Highlanders, has sent a PC to his parents who reside at Eastbourne Place, Broxburn stating that he has been wounded and is lying in hospital. West Lothian Courier 15th January 1915 Young Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Pte Hugh Rodden, 1st Btn Cameron Highlanders, whose parents reside at Eastbourne Place, Broxburn, and who was reported wounded about Xmas time, is still in hospital, Information to hand is to the effect that he was wounded in the chest and arm, After lying in Boulogne hospital from Christmas Eve he was removed to England on Monday last, and is now in a Hospital in Norwich, He is perhaps amongst the youngest of those who have yet seen service at the front, as he is only 18 years of age. It is gratifying to learn that he is progressing as well as can be expected.</p>
<p>Pioneer Sgt John Rodgers Mid Royal Scots</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 15th June 1917 Broxburn Man Mentioned in Dispatches – Mr and Mrs Rodgers, Union Terrace, Broxburn, have received notification that their eldest son, Pioneer Sgt John Rodgers, Royal Scots, has been specially mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig’s dispatches for good work done in the field. The gallant Sgt who has other two brothers also doing their “bit” with his Majesty’s Forces, was employed previous to his enlistment with Mr Gillion, joiner Armadale. His wife presently resides at Blackridge. We congratulate Sgt Rodgers on the recognition he has received, and hope more will yet be heard of his bravery and good work</p>


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<p>Pte D Roe Royal Scots</p>	<p>D ROE Midlothian Advertiser 30th November 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appears in the list of casualties publish this week. Wounded Pte D Roe, Royal Scots, Uphall</p>
<p>Pte John Ross Mid 9th Btn Royal Scots transferred to Cameronians</p>	<p>JOHN ROSS West Lothian Courier 25th December 1914 Pte John Ross, (25) 9th Royal Scots - John who was employed as a claim's clerk with the NB Railway Company at Falkirk enlisted about 5 weeks ago and his present quarters are in Kilmarnock Additional Information: Son of Daniel and Mary Ross, of Janefield, Uphall, West Lothian Midlothian Advertiser 25th June 1915 Uphall Family's Patriotism – Mr Daniel Ross, Uphall, has received a letter from the King containing his Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted the five sons of Mr Ross to give their services at the present time to the Army. West Lothian Courier 25th May 1917 Uphall Soldier's Bravery Gains Recognition – Cpl John Ross, the Cameronians, has received the following certificate from his commanding officer, viz- 33rd Division BEF – No 40338, Cpl John Ross – Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you distinguished yourself I the field on the 24th April 1917. I have read their report with much pleasure – R J Pinney – Major General. The gallant Cpl whom we desire to congratulate on having gained this recognition is a son of Mr and Mrs Daniel Ross, Janefield Cottage Uphall. He enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war and was sent to France in August of last year. Originally enlisting in the "Dandy Ninth," he was later transferred to the Cameronians. He is 26 years of age and was employed in the service of the NBR at Falkirk as a claims clerk. Cpl Ross is one of five brothers who are nobly doing their duty I their country's cause, viz:- Peter, RFA, France, James, RFA, Egypt, Roberts RFA Salonika and Dan RFA. The latter brother who was in the Army at the outbreak of war was sent out with the First Expeditionary Force and was wounded and taken prisoner at the retreat from Mons. He is presently a prisoner in Switzerland. The father of this most patriotic family was himself an old soldier having served six years in the Royal Scots Fusiliers and came through the first Boer War and like his namesake son was also taken prisoner.</p>

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<p>Gunner Peter Ross 150th Battery Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>PETER ROSS West Lothian Courier 25th December 1914 Gunner Peter Ross (20) 150th Battery RFA - Peter, who joined in September and is billeted in Surrey was an apprentice clerk also being employed by Pumpherstons Oil Coy. Additional Information: Son of Daniel and Mary Ross, of Janefield, Uphall, West Lothian Midlothian Advertiser 25th June 1915 Uphall Family's Patriotism – Mr Daniel Ross, Uphall, has received a letter from the King containing his Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted the five sons of Mr Ross to give their services at the present time to the Army.</p>	
<p>Gunner Robert Ross 12th Battery Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>ROBERT ROSS West Lothian Courier 25th December 1914 Gunner Robert Ross (18) 12th Battery RFA - Robert Ross who was a despatch clerk with Pumpherstons Oil Coy., enlisted immediately after the outbreak of the war, and he presently stationed at Brighton. Midlothian Advertiser 30th July 1915 Uphall Soldier at Bangour – Among the soldiers recuperating at Bangour is Gunner R Ross, Royal Field Artillery, who was on the 24th May wounded at Festubert. Festubert is situated to the left of La Bassee. He was wounded by shrapnel above and below the right knee, on the left forearm and left ear. Gunner Ross is one of the six sons of Mrs and Mrs Ross, Janefield Cottage, Uphall. Additional Information: Son of Daniel and Mary Ross, of Janefield, Uphall, West Lothian Midlothian Advertiser 25th June 1915 Uphall Family's Patriotism – Mr Daniel Ross, Uphall, has received a letter from the King containing his Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted the five sons of Mr Ross to give their services at the present time to the Army. West Lothian Courier 23rd July 1915 Uphall Wounded Soldier at Bangour – Among the soldiers recuperating at Bangour is Gunner R Ross, Royal Field Artillery, who was on 24th May wounded at the Festubert engagement. Festubert is situated to the left of La Bassee. He was wounded by shrapnel above and below the right knee on the left forearm and left ear. Gunner Ross is one of the six sons of Mr and Mrs Ross, Janefield Cottage, Uphall.</p>	



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<p>9555 Sgt W Ross Mid Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st December 1917 Uphall Station Soldier Gains Distinction - Above we give a photo of Sgt W Ross, (no photo given) who has received the following certificate for his gallant action on the field and whom understand has been recommended for the Military Medal. The certificate is as follows:- 20th Light Division – The Major General commanding the 20th Light Division has received report of the gallant conduct of 9555 Sgt W Ross, Royal Field Artillery, on 27th October 1917, at Gouzeancourt, when he dugout under heavy shell fire four me who had been buried by a shell and he wishes to congratulate him on his fine behaviour. W Douglas Smith Maj-General.</p> <p>The gallant Sgt who is a son of Mr P Ross, 87 Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station, promptly answered the call of his country, enlisting on 27th August 1914. In July of the following year Sgt Ross was drafted to France and has been in the thick of it since then, being in most of the big engagements. He was slightly wounded in the beginning of October. We congratulate him on the distinction which he has received.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 28th December 1917 Uphall Station Man gets the Military Medal – Above is a photo of Sgt W Ross who as noted in our last week’s issue has been recommended for the Military Medal for gallant action in the field, He is the son of Mr P Ross, 87 Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station.</p>	
<p>Pte John Russell</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 15th March 1918 Uphall Station Presentation – Ever ready to extend a hearty welcome to any of her sons, who arrive home on leave from the scene of battle, the Uphall Works Institute was crowded on Wednesday evening last by the inhabitants of the “Station” who met on this occasion to do honour to Ptes John Russell and James O’Donnell. Mr James Wilson presided and in presenting Pte Russell (who is home from hospital having been wounded and gassed at the front), with a wristlet watch, and a smoker’s outfit to Pte O’Donnell said that nothing gave the inhabitants greater pleasure than the holding of such functions as he had the honour to preside over when they could in some way show their soldier laddies how much they were held in respect and when they were granted the privilege of trying their utmost to give the lads a good time on the occasion of their all too short leave. They all recognised that it was through the bravery of such men as their guests that the people at home were being kept secure from the enemy and these social evenings whilst it brought a little pleasure and brightness into the military life of these heroes, also served the purpose of showing them that their services were being appreciated by “the Folks at Home.” His only regret and he was sure he spoke for the company, was that several of their lads had been overlooked and had been allowed to return to the hard life of the trenches without having received sufficient recognition. None of the resident desired that this should be so, they felt that every lad was “doing his bit,” and he would suggest that a fund should be started to which each of the inhabitants might contribute a small sum weekly so that all their heroic soldiers belonging to the Station would receive equal treatment. He felt sure that the subject only needed to be mooted to get it set away. He was confident he could rely on the support of all as he had yet to find a place that could surpass the “Station” for its endeavours to treat their soldiers with every hospitality on their return from their hard and trying times on the various fronts. He hoped their guests would be spared to return to their civilian life and that the time wasn’t</p>	

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	<p>far distant when they and the rest of the “boys” would be home by their own fireside, having helped to secure for their country a glorious and lasting peace. Privates Russell and O’Donnell suitably replied and expressed their sincere thanks for the great kindness shown to them. After refreshments had been served a splendid programme of music was carried through, among those contributing to the pleasure of the evening being Misses A Jack, E Wilson and N Wilson and Messrs R Russell, M Vincent, A Combe, William Russell, A Phillips, John Reid and Pte Russell. A dance followed and was kept up with great enthusiasm until the early hours of the morning, Mr George Combe officiated as MC.</p>
<p>Mr Russo Italian Army</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 8th February 1918 Broxburn – Presentation – Mr Russo, who for some time has carried on a successful hairdressing saloon in Uphall, and who left on Monday 1st to join the Italian Army was made the recipient of a token of esteem and respect in the Uphall Station Institute on Friday evening, Mr James Wilson presiding over a large turnout of Mr Russo’s friend and well-wishers and in presenting him with a silver wristlet watch (luminous dial) said that a gathering of such large dimension clearly indicated the good will and respect with which Mr Russo was held in the district. He (Mr Russo) like many thousands of his fellow countrymen was prepared to rally round the old flag of Sunny Italy to defend his country from the tyranny of the Hun and to join hands with this country of his adoption and her Allies to help to secure for the world a lasting peace. He hoped their guest would be long spared to make use of this token of their esteem and that it would always serve to remind him of the man friends he had in Uphall, their sincere good wishes went out with him in his patriotic duty and he was sure he expressed the feelings of all present that Mr Russo would be spared to come through this great fight for freedom and that the time wasn’t far distant when he and other lads who were fighting for their country’s battles would be back amongst their friends once more. Mr Russo in replying thanked them sincerely for their generous gift and expressed the sorrow he felt in one way of having to leave so many kind friends. During the evening a splendid programme was carried through solos being rendered by Mrs Tweedie, Misses Morrison Jack and Emma Wilson and Messrs Phillips, Maywood and Hughes, comic songs by Messrs James Spence and James Combe and violin and concertina solos by Messrs James Turnbull and J McConnell respectively. All the artistes acquitted themselves with credit and greatly added to the success of the evening. Dancing was engaged in till the early hours of the morning, the music being supplied by Messrs J Spence J Maywood and J Turnbull Mr J Wilson jun., capably carrying out the duties of MC.</p>
<p>Gunner G Scott</p>	<p>G SCOTT Midlothian Advertiser 30th June 1916 Uphall Soldier Wounded – Gunner G Scott, Uphall, is officially noted wounded. Gunner J McWilliams, Uphall is listed among the wounded West Lothian Courier 23rd June 1916 Uphall Soldiers Wounded – Gunner G Scott (91), Uphall, is officially reported wounded. Gunner J McWilliams, Uphall, is listed among those wounded.</p>
<p>Pte Scott</p>	<p>SCOTT West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Broxburn Soldier Filmed – Interested in the Somme Battle field, which was shown last week in Edinburgh because her son had been through it, Mrs Scott, Broxburn, paid a visit to a Cinema entertainment. Judge of her astonishment when she saw the picture of her son on the screen.</p>



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<p>Pte David Scoular MM RAMC</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 17th January 1919 Another Military Honour for Broxburn – This week it is again our pleasant duty to report a further addition to the large number of Military Honours what have been awarded to Broxburn men in the great war The gallant soldier on this occasion is Pte David Scoular RAMC who for his heroic conduct and devotion to duty on Sept 29th has been awarded the Military Medal, Pte Scoular whose mother resides at Binny Place Broxburn, enlisted in January 1915 and was drafted to France in July of the same year and has been engaged as stretcher bearer with the 54th Field Ambulance in the field since that time. On October 24th of 1918, Pte Scoular was gassed and is at present in Oakbank Hospital, Glasgow. Previous to enlisting Pte Scoular whose photo appears above was employed with Mr Adam Muir, Merchant, Broxburn.</p> 					
<p>25035 Pte A Shade Royal Scots</p>	<p>A SHADE Midlothian Advertiser 22nd December 1916 Local Soldiers in the Casualty Lists – The names of the following local soldiers appeared in the casualty lists published this week. Wounded Pte G Bennett, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Uphall Pte A Shade, Royal Scots, Uphall West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte A Shade</td> <td>25035</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Uphall</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte A Shade	25035	Royal Scots	Uphall	Wounded
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<p>Pte John Sharp Royal Scots POW</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 28th June 1918 Welcome News at Uphall – We show a photo of Pte John Sharp Royal Scots whose parents reside at Ashfield Buildings Uphall. Much anxiety was felt on his behalf as no communication had been received from him for about two months’, but all fears have now been set aside by his parents receiving a letter from him saying he is a prisoner of war in Germany. Before enlisting Pte Sharp was employed with Cunningham Brothers, butchers, Uphall. Almost at the same time Mr and Mrs Sharp received the information that their son in law Cpl James Muir, 1st Lowland RFA, had been awarded the Military Medal. Before enlisting Cpl Muir was employed with the North British Rubber Co Ltd, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.</p> 					
<p>Pte Robert Sharp 8th Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>ROBERT SHARP Midlothian Advertiser 22nd October 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Mr and Mrs James Sharp, Church Street, Broxburn have received intimation that their son Pte Robert Sharp of the 8th Gordon Highlanders was wounded on 7th October and is now in hospital in France.</p>					
<p>Pte Hugh Shaw</p>	<p>HUGH SHAW West Lothian Courier 30th April 1915</p>					

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2 nd Btn Scots Guards	<p>We reproduce a photo of five Broxburn companions, who enlisted in the Scots Guards, shortly after the outbreak of the war. Their names are : Standing – Pte James McAllister, Pte John Dunnachie and Pte William Swanney; sitting – Pte Hugh Shaw and Pte J Spalding Niddrie. After enlisting they were stationed at Wellington Barracks, London where the above photograph was taken. With the exception of Shaw, they were attached to the 1st Btn and proceeded to the front about the end of January. Pte Shaw followed with the 2nd Btn, about a fortnight later, and as was stated in our last week’s issue, was reported to have been killed at the Battle of Neuve Chappelle. Fortunately, this proved untrue and Pte Shaw is still in the trenches fighting for his country. As was also reported by us last week, Ptes Dunnachie McAllister and Swanney, have been wounded. Pte Dunnachie arrived home last Saturday on a fortnight’s leave. He received his wound at Richebourg on the 2nd March, when he had an exceedingly narrow escape. He was situated behind breast-works and feeling cold was blowing his hand, when he was caught by a German sniper, the bullet entered the back of his right hand and passing right through penetrated his middle finger. A few inches on the course of the bullet might have meant instant death, He was removed to a hospital in Boulogne. Two days later he was brought across the channel and remained in a London Hospital for seven days.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 25th June 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Soldiers Wounded – Intimation has been received that Pte Hugh Shaw, 2nd Scots Guards, whose parents reside at 95 Greendykes Road, Broxburn has been wounded in France and is now in hospital in Rouen France. Shaw who received his wound on 16th June, has written home, and in his letter he says – “I am in hospital with a shrapnel wound in the nose, it is not serious but my nerves are shattered for the shell killed five men and wounded me. You need not worry as I am all right.” Pte Shaw enlisted in September last, and was drafted out to the front on 20th January last.</p>
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	<p>West Lothian Courier 23rd July 1915 Where a Bathgate Man Was Wounded – Pte Hugh Shaw whose parents reside in Greendykes Road, Broxburn is at present home recuperating. After six months without a scratch, he while in the trenches at Givenchy, was with a squad of soldiers, over whelmed by a large shell. After the air cleared, Pte Shaw found himself half buried in the ground. Only he and another of the section struck down, escaped with their lives. Pte Shaw was severely wounded in the left leg, while the bridge of nose was as also severely injured. He has made good progress since his knock out in June. The nose is still slightly disfigured but is not expected to be permanent. He still limps in his walk however and is not yet out of the doctor’s hands. Joining in September, Pte Shaw was sent to the front at the beginning of the year. He came through Neuve Chapelle, after many narrow escapes and took part in the charge on Festubert. It was in this charge that Pte John Wilson, Bathgate, was wounded and so severely wounded that later he died in hospital. It was also in this attack that 80 Scots Guards were cut off by the Germans and lost their lives. Pte Shaw was in the Company, but he with other two, managed as by a miracle to get out in time. At this engagement the Scots Guards faced the picked forces of the German Army, the Prussian and Bavarian Guards.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div>
<p>Pte William Shearer MM Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>W SHEARER West Lothian Courier 1st June 1917 Another Uphall Station Soldier Gains Military Medal – This week it is again our great pleasure to add still another name to the list of Uphall station soldiers, who have gained distinction for themselves and for their own patriotic little place. The brave “Tommy” who on this occasion has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on the field is Pte William Shearer. Pte Shearer, who is only 22 years of age is a son of Mr and Mrs Magnus Shearer, 88 Beechwood Cottages, and is attached to that famous regiment, the Seaforth Highlanders, as a stretcher bearer. Our gallant soldier offered his services in his country’s aid on 4th January 1915, and after undergoing his training was sent to France in October of the same year. Coming through many severe engagements he sustained a shrapnel wound in March of 1916 and lay for over three months in the Base Hospital in France. Like our previous Military Medalist Cpl William Wilson, whose photo appeared in our issued of the 11th May Pte Shearer was also employed in the boiler making department of Young’s Oil Company at Uphall Works and needless to say their fellow workmen are highly pleased at this double</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: center;">  </div>


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	<p>honour that has been brought to their department. We congratulate Pte William Shearer on having gained this token of his country's recognition of bravery. pleased at the double honour that has been brought to their department and to Uphall station in general.</p> <p>Mr Magnus Shearer has also another son Pte Peter Shearer nobly doing his duty in France in that "fighting" regiment, "The Black Watch".</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th June 1917</p> <p>Uphall Military Medalist – We show a portrait of Pte William Shearer, attached to Seaforth Highlanders as stretcher bearer who as we noted in our last week's issue has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on the field. He is a son of Mr and Mrs M Shearer, Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 31st August 1917</p> <p>District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week.</p> <p>Wounded Gnr J McMillan, RGA Uphall Cpl W Wilson, RSF, Uphall Pte W Shearer, Seaforth Highlanders, Uphall Station</p>
<p>Pte George Sibbald Royal Scots</p>	<p>GEORGE SIBBALD</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th August 1915</p> <p>Poetic "Tommy" – "First of Foot" Writing to his sister who resides at Kirkfield Bank Shrine Place Broxburn, Pte George Sibbald encloses a few lines of poetry composed by a comrade. Pte Sibbald was in the Militia and was called up after the outbreak of war. After undergoing training, he was drafted out to France in September. In his letter he says – " It is a quiet place we are in and only 15 or 20 yards from the German trenches. They sometime shout over to us and throw stones, but they are very quiet decent kind of chaps, but we don't give them much chance as you cannot trust any of them." The Poem which is laudatory of the Royal Scots is entitled "The First of Foot" and is as follows :-</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> There is a Scottish Regiment Whose gallantry and fame Upon the field of battle Has gained itself a name, The Royal Scots is the regiment To whom we always look For Scotland's fighting heroes the Gallant "First of Foot."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> When up against the Germans, They know not any fear, As they have shown at Ypres, La Bassee and Armentieres, And on fourteenth of December When a German trench they took – Tho' many heroes there did fall Of the gallant First of Foot.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> And when the war is over, And victory is won There'll be many a happy mother To welcome home her son, Who has fought for King and country</p>

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	<p>And upon him she will look As a soldier and a hero Of the Gallant First of Foot.</p>
Pte D Simpson Lancashire Fusiliers POW	<p>West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Broxburn Soldier Prisoner of War – Mr and Mrs Robert Simpson, 246 Mid Street, Broxburn, has also received word that their son Pte D Simpson, Lancashire Fusiliers, is a prisoner of war in Germany. Another son, Pte A Simpson, Seaforth Highlanders has been reported missing from 4th October 1917 and any information regarding him will be thankfully received by the parents.</p>
Thomas Simpson	<p>THOMAS SIMPSON West Lothian Courier 6th October 1916 Failing to Join the Colours – Two Broxburn lads, named John McEwan, and Thomas Simpson, were brought before Sheriff Macleod at Linlithgow on Friday on a charge of being army absentees, the lads, it was stated had enlisted but had failed to join the colours. The lads now stated that they were under age, it was, however stated that when they enlisted they gave their ages at 18.5 years. The Sheriff addressing the lads, said they would be handed over to an escort and that it would be for them and the military to clear up the matter about their ages.</p>
2 nd Lieut Alex Skene 13 th Highland Light Infantry	<p>ALEXANDER SKENE Midlothian Advertiser 16th July 1915 Commission for Pumpherston Teacher – Mr Alex Skene, Jnr, MA has received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant of the 13th Highland Light Infantry. He left for Liverpool on Sunday night.</p>
Pte Alex Smith 11 th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers	<p>ALEXANDER SMITH West Lothian Courier 22nd October 1915 Broxburn Soldier's Letter – In writing home to his mother who resides in West End, Broxburn Pte Alex Smith, 11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers, last week enclosed a letter addressed to the Broxburn Office of the West Lothian Courier which goes to show how eagerly the lads await the arrival of our paper. Pte Smith says – "There are about a dozen of the boys from Broxburn in the same Company as myself and they are all keeping well. I get the Courier sent here every week and pass it on to the other lads after I have read it, as they all like to know how they are getting on at home. If the lads at home only saw half of what we have seen since we came to France they would not hesitate a moment about enlisting. We have passed through some towns and villages here and they are now a mass of ruins There are churches here with the roofs blown off and there are others where only one end is left. We have been in the trenches three times and we have nothing to grumble about as yet, for so long as we keep our heads down we are all right, so the boys at home need not be afraid of coming out here. We expect to be home for the New Year, but we will need to look sharp. I will close now with three cheers for Scotland."</p>
Pte Arthur Smith 3/1 st Lowland Field Artillery	<p>ARTHUR SMITH West Lothian Courier 2nd June 1916 Broxburn – Military Absentee - A young soldier named Arthur Smith of the 3/1st Lowland Field Artillery, was brought before Hon Sheriff Russell at Linlithgow on Tuesday on a charge of being absent from his military duties without leave. He admitted being an absentee, without leave, and his lordship informed him that he would be detained until an escort arrived. The young soldier belongs to Broxburn,</p>

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	and he was arrested there the previous night. He had been an absentee for two days.
<p>40077 Pte George Smith 13th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname SMITH Forename George Rank Pte Service number 40077 Decoration Place of birth Fyvie, Aberdeenshire Date of death 3 May 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REGIMENT) Unit name In or attached to THE ROYAL SCOTS Other detail 13th Bn West Lothian Courier 3rd May 1918 Smith – In loving memory of Pte George Smith who was killed in action on 3rd May 1917 – To memory ever Dear Inserted by his friend Isabella Pennykid, Uphall.</p>
<p>Sgt James Smith MM 9th Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 24th November 1916 Honours of War – Military Medal for Roman Camp Soldier – Mr P Smith, Roman Camp, Broxburn, has received official intimation that his son, Sgt James Smith 9th Gordon Highlanders, has been awarded the Military Medal, for conspicuous good service in connection with signal work. The gallant Sgt, who is only 22 years of age, enlisted in defence of his King and Country on the 2nd September 1914, and was sent to France in July 1915. During his 16 months at the front, Sgt Smith has been through some severe engagements and everyone who knows him will be pleased to hear of the recognition he has now received. Previous to enlisting he was employed in the Roman Camp Works. Mr P Smith has also another son in the Army Sgt Tommy Smith, 8/10th Gordons who was promoted to this rank “on the field.” Another son Pte John Smith who came over with the Canadian Black Watch, was killed in action. We show a photo of Sgt James Smith.</p>  <p>West Lothian Courier 11th May 1917 Broxburn Presentation to Military Medalist – A public meeting, under the auspices of Broxburn Honours and Memorial Committee was held in the Broxburn Public School on Friday evening. The meeting, which on this occasion was held for the purpose of presenting Sgt James Smith with the Broxburn Honours Medal and War Script was well attended. Mr G D Duncan presiding over one of the largest audiences that have yet been at these meetings. Previous to the meeting the Broxburn RC Band, under the leadership of Mr James Marshall, paraded the Streets, and also played delightful selections in the School Grounds. This in a great measure was the means of attracting more of the public the interesting ceremony. The Chairman in the course of his remarks, said it gave him great pleasure to preside at another of those meetings which were held to show the public appreciation of the heroic deeds done by local lads, and for which they had received their decoration. He was pleased at the large turnout of the public for which they were in a great measure indebted to the RC Band who so kindly turned out. It was a happy inspiration on the part of the Committee to ask for their valuable services and he hoped they would be able to get their services on other</p>

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occasions, as it undoubtedly proved a great attraction. In the name of the Committee, he had great pleasure in welcoming Sgt Smith amongst them again, on his return from France where he had taken part in many of the severe engagements that had been gone through by our Army in the past. He congratulated the Sgt on the winning of the Military Medal and although no details of the bravery that had won for him this distinction were available, they would all be recorded someday, and would inspire us and our children when we were permitted to read of them. One thing we could be sure of, it was a distinction that was justly deserved and was for some good work done on the Somme, that place of so many brave and daring acts of heroism. He was very pleased that the gallant Sgt, who had taken his share in the great crisis, had come through it all safely and although he had latterly been in hospital, through illness, he was now fully recovered. He hoped when the war was finished to have the pleasure of welcoming Sgt Smith amongst them once more, having come right through it all successfully and that he would be long spared to enjoy the honour that his country had conferred on him. He had much pleasure in asking Mr Cuthbertson to make the presentation.


Mr Cuthbertson in presenting Sgt Smith with the handsome gold medal and War Saving Certificate, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to have the privilege of making this presentation to their gallant fellow townsman, Sgt Smith in name of Broxburn public for the great honour that had been conferred on him and through him to his native place, in being awarded the Military Medal. The public of Broxburn appreciated this great honour and the presentation of these gifts was in some small way a recognition of the public appreciation of the valour our brave lads have always shown during the war, in the risking of their lives for those of us at home. He was glad such a movement had been started in Broxburn. The Honours and Memorial Fund, as it gave the public an opportunity of showing how they appreciated the distinction that so many of their local lads had brought to Broxburn. Their Fund he was glad to say has proved a popular one, both with the public and the soldiers and up to the present they had had the pleasure of handing over seven Certificates. The recognition of the public could never be shown in the monetary sense and these gifts were not presented for their monetary value, but as a token which the soldiers could show at all times, that the public had recognised the bravery that had won for them distinction. In name of the Broxburn people he had great pleasure in asking Sgt Smith to accept of the Honours medal and War Certificates and expressed the hope that he would be spared to return safe amongst them again, and that he would enjoy long life and prosperity.

Sgt Smith in replying thanked them for their great kindness in making such a presentation to him.



When he was awarded the Military Medal, he never thought for a moment of receiving such kindness as he had received that night. He was pleased and considered it an honour to belong to Broxburn. Broxburn lads were well represented out at the front and in any action, were always well to the fore. Large numbers of Broxburn lads were out in France doing their duty, and from what he had seen at home in Broxburn large numbers had still go yet. When they did go, however, he was sure like the rest they would show their bravery. He hoped when they read the casualty lists they would see no more names of Broxburn men as he considered they had had plenty already. He could assure them he would always cherish these handsome gifts and that they would be kept by him till he died. He would always remember the kindness of Broxburn people and although he couldn't find sufficient words to express his thanks they could be assured that he sincerely appreciated their great kindness to him.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr Cuthbertson and the members of the Band, having been heartily accorded the proceedings were brought to a close with the playing of the National Anthem by the Band.

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	<p>Sgt James Smith who is a son of Mr P Smith, Roman Camps, is only 22 years of age and previous to enlisting was employed at Roman Camp Oil Works. The gallant Sgt Joined HM Forces immediately on the outbreak of war, choosing as his regiment the famous Gordon Highlanders. Drafted to France in July 1915, he has taken part in most of the “big” engagements and was awarded the Military Medal in November of last year “for conspicuous good service in connection with signal work.” Sgt James Smith has another brother, in the Gordons, Sgt Tommy who was promoted to the rank “on the field.” Another brother Pte John Smith, who came over to fight to the Motherland, with the Canadian Black Watch, was killed in action.</p>
<p>418171 Pte John Smith 42nd Btn Canadian Infantry (Black Watch)</p>	<p>SMITH, J Rank: Private Service No: 418171 Date of Death: 04/03/1916 Regiment/Service: Canadian Infantry 42nd Bn. Grave Reference: L. 58. Cemetery: KEMMEL CHATEAU MILITARY CEMETERY</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 17th March 1916 Broxburn Canadian Killed - The above is a photo of Pte John Smith, 42nd Btn, Canadian Black Watch, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Smith, Roman Camp, who was killed in action on 4th March. Deceased, who was 23 years of age, enlisted in Canada about a year ago He was drafted out to France about 7 months ago, and was only a week there when he was slightly wounded but only a fortnight elapsed before he was sent back to the trenches. He was home on leave about a month ago and it was only a few days later his return that he met his death. Two brothers have also been at the front for about a year, Sgt Thomas Smith, 10th Gordon Highlanders, and Cpl James Smith 9th Gordon Highlanders. Mrs Smith received a letter in the following terms from Major Stanley B Constone, OC 42 Btn Canadians – “It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of your son, who a private in my Company, He was killed while doing his duty which all of us over here hope may be said of us, if God so wills. It will doubtless be a pleasure to you to know that your son has always proved himself a good soldier and a willing worker, while with my Company for which reason he had been singled out for his recent leave. I hope you will take all the consolation possible from the above statement and from the fact that he was instantly killed suffering no pain whatever. With my sincerest sympathy to you in your great sorrow.” The following letter from the R Chaplain has also been received – “As you already know your dear boy has met with a sad end. Sad but noble, for he died a soldiers’ death, in the cause of justice and right. He was killed in action on the night of March, 4th. He was killed almost instantly being shot through the head, very likely by a sniper. We buried him on Sunday March 5th in the little Churchyard of which I cannot tell you now. He was carried out of the trenches by his comrades a distance of over a mile to be buried. I did not know your boy as I have only been three days in France, and sad to say he was the first man I had to bury. He was a general favourite with his comrades and his officers. Many of them were at his funeral, as many as could safely attend, as the shells were coming into the town as we were standing by the grave. If you write to the OC Graves Commission Department he will send you a picture of the grave, where you boy lies, his comrades are putting up a nice cross and right near is a beautiful grotto of our Lady which strange to say has not been touched by the shells although all the rest of the buildings are in ruins. Let us pray that our dear Lady who is watching over his grave, will aid him in his other and most happy life.</p> 

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	<p>Don't worry my dear Mrs Smith about your boy, God knows best, and called him in his own good time. Strange he was the first man to join his company, the first to get a slight wound, and the first to be killed in his company. He was as I already said the first I buried since coming to France. As he was always first here, let us hope and pray that he will be first in the other life of happiness. My dear Mrs Smith, I am very, very sorry for you and know that anything I may say will have very little effect on your keen sorrow. But my dear woman let me assure you that I shall remember you and your boy in Holy Mass each day, and I further pray that we may all meet in Heaven."</p>
<p>Pte Thomas Smith Northumberland Fusiliers</p>	<p>THOMAS SMITH West Lothian Courier 2nd November 1916 Broxburn Soldier Killed – Mrs Smith, Fergus Place Broxburn, received word this week that her son Pte Thomas Smith, Northumberland Fusiliers, has died from wounds He joined in November 1914, and has served at the front since February 1915. On 14th October, last as a result of shell wound had his leg amputated. Later he collapsed.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th November 1916 Broxburn Soldier loses a Leg – We show a portrait of Pte Thomas Smith, Northumberland Fusiliers, son of Mrs Smith, Fergus Place Broxburn, who had had his right leg amputated above the knee. He was struck by a shell on 14th October, and the leg was so severely shattered that amputation was rendered necessary. The report that the soldier had collapsed was made under a misapprehension. He is making satisfactory, if necessarily slow progress towards complete recovery. Pte Smith joined in November 1914 and arrived in France in July 1915. Prior to joining he was a miner with Young's Oil Company Ltd.</p> 
<p>Pte Henry Sneddon Mid MM 1st Btn Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>HENRY SNEDDON West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Westerton Lad Gets the Military Medal – Pte Henry Sneddon 1st Cameron Highlanders whose home address is 20 Westerton Cottages, Broxburn has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field. He is a stretcher bearer and his award was gained for carrying in wounded under very heavy shell fire. Pte Sneddon had been previously been mentioned in despatches so that his record as a soldier is highly creditable. He enlisted in 1914, and went to France in March 1915. He is 22 years of age, unmarried, and previous to the war was employed as a miner by Young's Oil Coy.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 3rd November 1916 Medal for Westerton Soldier – Pte Harry Sneddon, 1st Cameron Highlanders, whose home address is 20 Westerton Cottages, Broxburn, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field. He is a stretcher bearer and his award was gained for carrying in wounded under very heavy shell fire. Pte Sneddon has been previously mentioned in despatches so that his record as a soldier is highly creditable. He enlisted in 1914 and went to France in March 1915. He is 22 years of age unmarried and previous to the war was employed as a miner by Young's Oil Company.</p> 

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	<p>Midlothian Advertiser 24th August 1917 Broxburn – Presentation – Pte H Sneddon, the winner of the Military Medal, has been presented with a gold watch from the employees of Young’s Oil Company at Newliston Mine, the presentation was made by Mr Farquhar and Pte Sneddon suitably acknowledged receipt of the gift.</p>					
2621 Pte A Splatt Royal Scots	<p>A SPLATT Midlothian Advertiser 22nd September 1916 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following local and district soldiers appear in the casualty lists published this week. Pte A Splatt, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte J Gibson, Seaforth Highlanders, Uphall West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Pte A Splatt</td> <td>2621</td> <td>RS att’d KOSB</td> <td>Uphall</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte A Splatt	2621	RS att’d KOSB	Uphall	Wounded
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Pte J F Stenhouse 11 th Btn Royal Scots	<p>J F STENHOUSE West Lothian Courier 15th October 1915 Soldier’ Experiences – Royal Scot and the Big Fight – Pte J F Stenhouse, 11th Btn Royal Scots, whose wife resides in Broxburn and whose parents reside in Marjoribanks Street, Bathgate in a letter home has some interesting notes regarding the big fight on the 25th and 26th September. The Opening Proceedings – On the 24th September, we were told to dress for the trenches, without our packs. After doing our usual 8 miles, we arrived at our destination. It was a very cold night, and the lines we were holding had no dug-outs so we just had to put down our waterproof sheets, and make the best of it. At 2 o’clock in the morning we were served with a glass of run and we were needing it badly. We then moved further up to the German trenches and about 5 o’clock am the bombardment began by our guns. The noise was terrible, indeed, it was so bad that we got cotton wool to put in our ears. Capturing German Trenches – After 2 or 3 hours shelling, the KOSB mounted the parapet and as far as we would cold hear took the front line of German trenches. Then the HLI went over to reinforce the other chaps. Then the kilties followed – Camerons, Gordons and Black Watch. Then followed the Royal Scots.</p>					

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	<p>It puts a strange feeling through a chap when he goes over the parapet, the sights you see give you a big shaking. We captured seven Germans and as one tried to escape he got well two or three knocks.</p> <p>A Chum Wounded – When we had advanced about 3 miles my chum P Kelly lost half of his thumb and the bullet went into his thigh. When I hauled him up he said, “I’m right for Blighty Jim.” After doing what I could for him, I got him to a fairly safe place and moved on again.</p> <p>A Retiral – We peppered away at the Germans for a while when much to our surprise a regiment on our left began to retire, I won’t say what regiment it was, but they don’t sup brose anyhow. Then all our line retired by they weren’t in a hurray about it. It was raining hard all the time. Some of our chaps couldn’t get the bolt of their rifles to work, so we retired to the next line. After a bit we advanced again, and some of the chaps say it was the hardest fighting since the war began. We were relieved by another division and retired to our own lines. But the rest was only for a short time as we had to move up the line again. After a few more thrills we were relived for good. I’m the only one of our pals what’s left without a scratch, all the rest are wounded. Our division was composed mostly of Scottish Regiments – the KOSB Gordons, Camerons Black Watch, Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders, and the 11th and 12th Royal Scots, so the Germans got a good sample of what Scotsmen can do. I could have got a lot of souvenirs of the charge but I was doing my best to look after my opponents. It was terrible work. We got a message sent us from the King, who said the work of the 9th Division was beyond all praise. Honestly, we made the Germans run.</p>								
<p>15474 LCpl A Steven Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>ALEXANDER STEVEN</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 8th June 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – the names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week. Wounded Pte J Strathie, Scottish Rifles, Uphall Pte A Steven, HLI, Uphall</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn – Mr J Steven, 5 Roman Camp, has received official intimation that his two sons, L/Cpl Alex Steven and Pte J or P Steven, have been wounded in action. Alex has received a gunshot wound in the hand and is lying seriously ill at the General Hospital, Rouen. Alex is in the Cameron Highlanders and was wounded on 18th July. Pte J Steven who is also in the Cameron Highlanders, has been admitted to 22nd General Hospital Dannes, Cameries, suffering from serious gunshot wound to the shoulder. Alex joined the Army in October 1914 and was sent to France with a draft in November 1915, while his brother who joined in September 1915, has been in France for about 6 months. Both were fighting in the same engagement.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.) West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">LCpl A Steven</td> <td style="width: 15%;">15474</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Cameron Highlanders</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Uphall</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st June 1918 Roman Camp Soldier a Prisoner of War – Mr and Mrs J Steven, 5 Roman Camp, Uphall, whose son Pte Andrew Steven, HLI was reported missing on the 9th April, has now received a postcard conveying the information that he is a prisoner of war in Germany, unwounded. The news will also be received with extreme satisfaction</p>				LCpl A Steven	15474	Cameron Highlanders	Uphall	Wounded
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	<p>by Pte Steven's large circle of friends and his fellow workmen at Roman Camp Oil Works, where he was employed previous to enlisting and amongst whom he was a most popular favourite. Pte Steven or to give him the name by which he was affectionately known, "Wee Andra" enlisted in December 1916, and was drafted to France in March of the following year. In April of the same year he was amongst the casualties and on recovering, again took his place in the firing line and has taken part in a great deal of the heavy fighting. Other three brothers of Pte Steven have done their duty to their country, one of whom has made the supreme sacrifice, whilst the others have been discharged on account of severe wounds received in action.</p> <p style="color: red;"><i>Earlier article claims son is Alex, though the article above states Andrew.</i></p>
<p>Pte J Steven Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders</p>	<p>J STEVEN Midlothian Advertiser 1st September 1916 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The following are the names of local and district soldiers appearing the official casualty lists this week. Pte J Steven, Camerons, Uphall West Lothian Courier 4th August 1916 Broxburn – Mr J Steven, 5 Roman Camp, has received official intimation that his two sons, L/Cpl Alex Steven and Pte J or P Steven, have been wounded in action. Alex has received a gunshot wound in the hand and is lying seriously ill at the General Hospital, Rouen. Alex is in the Cameron Highlanders and was wounded on 18th July. Pte J Steven who is also in the Cameron Highlanders, has been admitted to 22nd General Hospital Dannes, Camerics, suffering from serious gunshot wound to the shoulder. Alex joined the Army in October 1914 and was sent to France with a draft in November 1915, while his brother who joined in September 1915, has been in France for about 6 months. Both were fighting in the same engagement.</p>
<p>90943 Pte J Stevenson 7TH Coy Machine Gun Corps</p>	<p>J STEVENSON Rank: Private Service No: 90943 Date of Death:02/08/1917 Age:18 Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 7th Coy. Grave Reference: XVII. C. 11. Cemetery: LIJSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of John Stevenson, of Saw Mill Cottage, West Calder, Midlothian. Born Uphall, West Lothian. Era WW1 Surname STEVENSON Forename James Rank Pte Service number 90943 Decoration Place of birth Broxburn Linlithgow Date of death 2 August 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll MACHINE GUN CORPS Unit name MACHINE GUN CORPS INFANTRY Other detail formerly 26342 King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>

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<p>2nd Lieut James William Harvie Stuart 9th Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>STEUART, JAMES WILLIAM HARVIE Rank: Second Lieutenant Date of Death: 12/05/1920 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: Royal Scots 9th Bn. Grave Reference: A. 3. Cemetery: ECCLESMACHAN CEMETERY Additional Information: Son of Daniel Rankin Steuart, F.I.C., F.C.S., F.R.S.E., and Margaret Osborne Steuart, of 20, Hillview, Blackhall, Edinburgh. Enlisted Dec., 1914, wounded at Arras, April, 1917. Gazetted March, 1918. Born at Broxburn, West Lothian.</p>
<p>G/67074 Pte G Stewart 2nd Btn London Royal Fusiliers</p>	<p>G STEWART Rank: Private Service No: G/67074 Date of Death: 27/09/1917 Age: 25 Regiment/Service: London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) 2nd/2nd Bn. Grave Reference: V. F. 18. Cemetery: DOZINGHEM MILITARY CEMETERY Additional Information: Husband of Alice F. Wilson (formerly Stewart), of 41, Station Row, Uphall, Linlithgowshire. Native of Newbridge. Midlothian Advertiser 2nd November 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appears in the list of casualties publish this week. Killed Pte J Steven, Cameron Highlanders, Uphall Died of Wounds Pte G Stewart, London Regiment, Uphall Wounded Pte N Gallacher, KOSB, Uphall L/Cpl J Brown, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte J Lynch, Scottish Rifles, Uphall Gunner J McIntyre, Royal Garrison Artillery, Uphall</p>
<p>Pte George Stewart Royal Scots</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 15th March 1918 Broxburn Presentation – A large gathering of the many friends of Pte George Stewart, Royal Scots and Pte George McLauchlin, Royal Scots met in a social capacity in the Public Hall on Friday last to extend a hearty welcome to them on the occasion of their being home on leave. After full justice had been done to the excellent tea provided for the purveying of which the ladies deserve every credit, Mr William Anderson, who presided over a company of over 80 couples, made the presentation of well filled pocket books to both guests and also a silver cigarette case to Pte Stewart. In the course of a brief speech, he expressed the pleasure the company had at having their soldier fiends with them. It was always a pleasure to entertain any of their friends who had been so nobly doing their duty and while they tried in a small way to show how much these services had been appreciated and how much they respected them, he need hardly assure the recipients that the great respect and esteem their friends bore for them could never be expressed in any monetary sense. Whilst their duty to their country necessitated them being absent from amongst their circle of friends, they could always rest assured that they were never absent from their thoughts and their friends most sincere wish was that they would be spared to come through all the struggles and hardships they were enduring for their country and would have the</p>


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	<p>pleasure many years after this of looking back on this evening and that the remembrance would be one full of pleasure.</p> <p>After the recipients had briefly replied, the tables were cleared away and dancing engaged in delightful music being supplied by Miss Jean Henderson (piano) and Mr George Orr (violin). Messrs James McGechie and R Currie officiated as MC's in a praiseworthy manner. During intervals in the dance programme songs etc were rendered by several members of the company and a most enjoyable evening spent.</p>
<p>Pte James Stewart</p>	<p>JAMES STEWART West Lothian Courier 27th April 1917 Broxburn Men Reported Wounded – From amongst the large number of Broxburn lads who took part in the recent severe fighting intelligence has been received this week of a considerable number who have been wounded, included in the list being the names of Pte James Stewart, son of Mr D R Stewart, Osbourne Cottage, Pte J Blair, son of Mr and Mrs Blair, Mayfield Cottage, West End, Pte Logan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Logan, Buchan Road, and Ptes George and David Jamieson, of the South Africans, (late of Broxburn). Several we regret to announce have made the supreme sacrifice of whom photos and details will be published next week.</p>
<p>S/7270 Pte Denis Strain 8th Btn Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname STRAIN Forename Dennis Rank Pte Service number S/7270 Decoration Place of birth Livingston Linlithgowshire Date of death 27 September 1915 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll THE BLACK WATCH (ROYAL HIGHLANDERS) Unit name In or attached to THE BLACK WATCH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS Other detail 8th Bn.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 22nd October 1915 A Noted Quoter and his Nephew Killed – Pte Denis Strain, aged 32, of the 8th Black Watch, formerly of Uphall, has met his death in the great advance of the Allies in the War, At the time of his death, it is stated, the Lieut Col Henderson of Linlithgow was his commanding officer. Pte Strain was well known in the country as a quoter. His nephew Pte James McKenna, aged 21, 10th Gordon Highlanders was killed in the same action. A comrade, who sends details adds that Pte McKenna died in his hands as he was trying to staunch his wound Another nephew, Pte John McKenna is in the Naval Brigade at the Dardanelles The above were brother and nephews respectively of Mrs Andrew Sweeney of Philpstoun.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916 Strain – McKenna – In loving memory of my dear brother, Pte Denis Strain, Black Watch who was killed at Loos, 25th Sept 1915, also my dear nephew Pte James McKenna, 10th Gordons, killed at Loos, 25th Sept 1915 – RIP In the rough dug trench, they waited, while the death storm raged elate Hearts on fire to brave the peril with a jest for death and fate They were there to fight for homeland for their kindred o'er the main And a life laid down in honour God will never judge as vain. Inserted by Mrs A Sweeney Hope Street, Philpstoun.</p>

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<p>Pte J Strathie Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)</p>	<p>J STRATHIE Midlothian Advertiser 8th June 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – the names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week. Wounded Pte J Strathie, Scottish Rifles, Uphall Pte A Steven, HLI, Uphall</p>
<p>Pte William Swanney 1st Scots Guards</p>	<p>WILLIAM SWANNEY Midlothian Advertiser 16th April 1915 Broxburn Soldiers Wounded - Particulars are to hand in letters received by relatives regarding two Broxburn soldiers who were wounded at Neuve Chapelle. Pte James McAllister of the 1st Scots Guards was hit on the shoulder and is in hospital at Boulogne, while Pte William Swanney also of the 1st Scots Guards states that he received a clap on the head with a sandbag and is a South of England hospital. Both men resided at Greendykes Road, Broxburn and enlisted at the outbreak of war. West Lothian Courier 23rd April 1915 Experiences of Broxburn Scots Guardsman - Pte James McAllister also of the 1st Scots Guards was wounded on the right shoulder on 22nd March and is presently in a hospital at Boulogne. Pte William Swanney, 1st Scots Guards, who resides at Albion Cottages, has arrived home on 14 days' furlough. He was also wounded on 21st March and after being for some time at a hospital in France, was sent to a hospital at Southend on Sea. A shell burst in front of the trench and he was almost buried in the debris receiving injuries to the head, face and back. Pte Swanney tells of a particular daring action on the part of Pte McAllister. A German sniper located in a dugout was causing considerable trouble and the officer asked for a volunteer to go out on to the top of the trench to try and stop his little game. Pte McAllister at once offered himself and, despite the fact that he came under heavy fire, succeeded in silencing the sniper after firing five rounds. It was a risky business and said much for Pte McAllister's pluck. Pte Swanney also speaks of a particularly severe attack made on one occasion by the Bavarian Guards, whose trenches were only about 40 yards distant from the British. The Scots Guards were ordered to hold the position at all costs and they had a hot time of it. Their position was not improved by the fact that the Coldstream Guards had retired on their left, but the Black Watch came up to reinforce them. The latter regiment at first lost heavily but fell back beside the Guards, and the enemy were eventually driven back. The bout lasted for two hours and was a fierce engagement. Along with his comrades Pte Swanney also took part in the Battle of Neuve Chappelle in which the Scots Guards lost pretty heavily. West Lothian Courier 30th April 1915</p>

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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="width: 60%; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>We reproduce a photo of five Broxburn companions, who enlisted in the Scots Guards, shortly after the outbreak of the war. Their names are : Standing – Pte James McAllister, Pte John Dunnachie and Pte William Swanney; sitting – Pte Hugh Shaw and Pte J Spalding Niddrie. After enlisting they were stationed at Wellington Barracks, London where the above photograph was taken. With the exception of Shaw, they were attached to the 1st Btn and proceeded to the front about the end of January. Pte Shaw followed with the 2nd Btn, about a fortnight later, and as was stated in our last week’s issue, was reported to have been killed at the Battle of Neuve Chappelle. Fortunately, this proved untrue and Pte Shaw is still in the trenches fighting for his country. As was also reported by us last week, Ptes Dunnachie McAllister and Swanney, have been wounded. Pte Dunnachie arrived home last Saturday on a fortnight’s leave. He received his wound at Richebourg on the 2nd March, when he had an exceedingly narrow escape. He was situated behind breast-works and feeling cold was blowing his hand, when he was caught by a German sniper, the bullet entered the back of his right hand and passing right through penetrated his middle finger. A few inches on the course of the bullet might have meant instant death, He was removed to a hospital in Boulogne. Two days later he was brought across the channel and remained in a London Hospital for seven days.</p> </div> </div>
<p>LCpl Robert Tait 2/10th Royal Scots</p>	<p>ROBERT TAIT West Lothian Courier 6th October 1916 Broxburn Military Absentee – LCpl Robert Tait of the 2/10th Royal Scots, was brought before Sheriff Macleod, on a charge of being an absentee from his battalion. In reply to the Sheriff, Tait he said he was unable to return, owing to illness. It was however stated that a doctor had expressed the opinion that he was able to return to his battalion. The Sheriff said would be handed over to an escort and that he was sure that after he was examined by the military doctors, he would get no duty to perform that he was not able for. Tait was in his home in Broxburn, when the police apprehended him.</p>
<p>10206 Sgt Major Alex Taylor DCM 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders</p>	<p>ALEXANDER TAYLOR West Lothian Courier 12th March 1915 We reproduce above the photos of four brothers, sons of the late Mr Robert Taylor, who previous to his death about a year ago, resided at Stewartfield, Broxburn. The house is still occupied by member of the family. Of the four sons in the army three have been at the front for a considerable time. The eldest brother, William, who is 34 years of age is a Cpl in the ASC. He was an ex-soldier and re-enlisted after the outbreak of the war. He was stationed at</p>

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Aldershot for a short time and was then sent out to France. He is married and was resident in Bo'ness. Gordon (30), enlisted in Kitchener's Army three months ago, and is a Pte in the Gordon Highlanders. He is also married, and his wife resides at Stewartfield. Alexander (26) was a reservist at the time of the outbreak of the war and is now serving with the 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders. He went out with the first Expeditionary Force and has been in practically all the engagements from the retreat at Mons right on to the present time. He is still in the trenches and has been fortunate enough, so far, to escape without a scratch. He received rapid promotion and now occupies the rank of Sergeant. He was home about a month ago, on three days' furlough and was then in the best of health. Even amongst his own friends, however, he observed a strict reticence regarding his experiences at the front. In his last letter home, he stated that he was quite well.



Pte James Taylor (24) belongs to the 2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders. He enlisted at the age of 17 and was still in the army when the war broke out. He has served two years in Egypt. He has been at the front since the month of October and in a letter written to his sister, which arrived at the beginning of this week, he states that he is presently at an infantry base at Havre, convalescent following upon a slight shrapnel wound. He has been 5 weeks in a hospital, but says he is making a rapid recovery.

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Broxburn Soldier Rapid Promotion – Since going out to France a year ago, Alexander Taylor Stewartfield, who belongs to the 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders has had the notable distinction of rising from a Private to the rank of Coy Sgt Maj. Taylor has proved himself a splendid soldier and he rose very rapidly through to the position of Sgt. We feel sure that his many friends in Broxburn will be pleased to learn of his latest promotion and also of the fact that he has distinguished himself in the field. Writing home to his sister Sgt Maj Taylor encloses a card, which is as follows :- No 10206 Sgt A Taylor, 1st Gordons, Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that your distinguished yourself in the field on the 20th July. I have read their report with much pleasure. A Haldane, Major-General, Commanding 3rd Div.

Of the men of his regiment who have been out since the beginning of the war, Taylor is said to be the only one whose name has not appeared on the casualty list, either as sick or wounded. When one thinks of the amount of work which has devolved on the Gordons commencing from the retreat from Mons, it is somewhat remarkable that Sgt Maj Taylor should have escaped without a scratch. Our readers will join with us in the wish that his good fortune should never desert him. Taylor is one of four brothers presently serving in His Majesty's Forces.

West Lothian Courier 3rd September 1915

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West Lothian Courier 21st January 1916

DCM for Broxburn Soldier – we understand that Coy Sgt Major Alexander Taylor, 1st Gordon Highlanders has earned the coveted distinction of DCM. The Sgt Major who resided at Stewartfield Broxburn is one of four brothers serving with the Army. Two of his brothers are presently at the front and the third, Pte Gordon Taylor, who was also in the 1st Gordons has been posted as missing since 25th September last. At the time of the outbreak of the war Coy Sgt Major Taylor was a reservist and being called up, went across with the first draft to France. He came through the hardships of the early stages of the war, but was fortunate enough to escape scathless till September last, when he was wounded. At that time, he was sent home to this country and he has since been transferred to the Machine Gun Corps and is presently stationed at Grantham. He went out to France as a Pte and received rapid promotion on the field. We are sure our readers join with us in congratulating the Sgt Major on his latest honour which brings credit not only to himself but to the community to which he belongs.

West Lothian Courier 4th February 1916

Presentation to Broxburn DCM – Broxburn's DCM, CSM Alexander Taylor, paid a flying visit home last week and he arrived on Saturday and left on Sunday evening and during his short stay was the recipient of many congratulations from his friends and acquaintances. On Sunday morning he attended divine service in the West UF Church where he was wont to be a regular worshipper. Rev Robert Erskine, before proceeding with his sermon took occasion to refer to Sgt Major Taylor's presence and congratulated him upon the distinction he had secured for himself and the honour he had been the means of bringing to the community through his valorous conduct. In his own name and in the name of the congregation M Erskine expressed the hope that Sgt Maj Taylor would be long spared to wear his decoration and come back amongst them. On account of the limited nature of his visit it was impossible to arrange anything of a public character to recognise the honour which had been conferred upon Sgt Maj Taylor, but the Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Committee felt that in a small way at least the gallant soldier's first visit home after gaining his honour should be taken notice of. He was accordingly met by several members of the committee and presented with a real pig skin morocco pocket book with a gold coin and also a cigarette case, cigarettes and cigars along with an accompanying letter printed on silk, the letter was in the following terms; - Broxburn S & S Comforts Committee, Broxburn, 29th January 1916 – Coy Sgt Major Alex Taylor – Dear Sir, With sincere pleasure Broxburn hailed the intelligence of your valour and of its recognition by the DCM decoration. In the name of the community we desire to congratulate you and pray that you may be long spared to wear it. Your brief visit does not permit us as a community of amply recognising your distinction and the honour you have brought to your native town as we would like, but we wish you to accept of this small token meantime on leaving to take up duties again at the front and hope you may be spared to return for fuller reward with further distinction. In the name of Committee William Cuthbertson, convenor, G D Duncan, secretary. The presentation was made on behalf of the Committee by Mr W Smith who conveyed the good wishes of the community to Sgt Major Taylor and hoped he would return to be fully rewarded and that he might be spared to bring even greater distinction back with him. Coy Sgt Maj Taylor feelingly replied and acknowledged the kindness shown him. CSM Taylor left on Sunday night for Grantham where he is attached to a machine gun section. He expects to proceed to the front again at an early date.

West Lothian Courier 9th June 1916

Broxburn DCM home on Leave – This week Coy Sgt Maj Alex Taylor, 1st Gordon Highlanders is home to Broxburn on leave. Sgt Maj Taylor was awarded the DCM

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at the beginning of the year and on the occasion of a flying visit to Broxburn in January was the recipient of many congratulations and was presented with various gifts. His many friends in the town join in wishing him all success and good luck

West Lothian Courier 16th June 1916

Broxburn - Sgt Major Taylor DCM Honoured – His Gallant Conduct Described – Defending a Crater to the Last Man – 3 Days and 3 Nights Hard Fighting without food – On Tuesday evening the committee of the Honours and Memorials Fund and a large number of the public met in the Public Hall Broxburn to pay honour to one of the local soldiers – Coy Sgt Major Alex Taylor who has been awarded the DCM for conspicuous gallantry on the field of battle. Sgt Major Taylor was the first of the men from Broxburn to receive distinction. Though the time was short it was sufficient to enable the committee and the public recognise his valour and quite a large company met in the hall to pay him homage. The Rev R Erskine presided and, in his remarks, alluded to the honour won by Sgt Maj Taylor. Personally, he was very proud of the distinction, he hoped that there might be more of such honours gained by Broxburn men. Alluding to the family life of Sgt Maj Taylor he said he had the pleasure of knowing them closely being members of his (Mr Erskine's) congregation. He did not intend to deal with what led up to the award as that would doubtless be done by Mr Cuthbertson, who was to hand Sgt Maj Taylor gifts in the name of the public. He had much pleasure in calling on Mr Cuthbertson. (Applause).

At the outset Mr Cuthbertson referred to the fact that the committee in charge had only been formed a fortnight ago and already they were in possession of funds to recognise all the DCM's they had and doubtless when they had ore they would be provided with the means. It was thought best to have a fund for this purpose and then recognise them all alike the balance to form a nucleus to a fund to raise a memorial to those who had made the supreme sacrifice. (Applause.) In such a case as this it would be fitting to give some idea of how the honour was won and he thought it well to read an account of it as follows: - The cause of the trouble on this particular occasion was the blowing up of a German trench with its occupants into the air. The hole caused by the enormous explosion is better known as a crater and it was in defending a crater against the Germans that Sgt Maj Taylor won the DCM. On his entering the crater he had an officer and 38 men. During the first hour he had his officer severely wounded and one man killed. He was now left entirely in charge. Nothing more happened that afternoon, except that the Germans tried to bomb them out it. They managed to keep them at bay. At night as soon as darkness appeared the fighting recommenced with bombs, rifle and machine gun fire. This lasted till the following day. Casualties for that night – a Sgt, LCpl, and a private wounded. The next day they underwent a bombardment with all kinds of heavy shells including aerial torpedoes. He suffered the loss of ten men that day, all having been buried. As darkness again approached they commenced and again the experience of the previous nights' work and so it went on for three days and three nights. They managed to hold the Germans till the afternoon of the third day. Sgt Maj Taylor was then left with two men and L/Cpl defending the position that at one time held 40. He stuck to his post, but it was not for long. One of the aerial torpedoes caught him and the L/Cpl and buried them both. Sgt Maj Taylor was lucky to escape without injury except for a good shaking up. The L/Cpl was not so fortunate, he having two ribs broken. The situation became desperate and they could not possibly hold on any longer and sent word to their Captain to that effect or if he could not relive them, have reinforcements sent at once, and eventually they were relieved. During the three days fighting they got no food though plenty was quite near. Another point in Sgt Maj Taylors, favour was that he was recommended on two previous occasions for successfully warding off attacks. To sum up the whole thing in a nut shell, the honour was granted for devotion to duty.

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(Applause.) Continuing Mr Cuthbertson said they were sure that after such gallant work the honour was well bestowed. In name of the people of Broxburn he had, therefore to present Coy Sgt Major Taylor with a £5 Exchange Bond and a gold badge bearing the following inscription: - A Recognition of valour from Broxburn people. Coy Sgt Major A Taylor, DCM 13-6-16 with the monogram AT. He wished the recipient many days to wear it, that he would go back to duty, see the war settled, peace declared and return again into his own. (Loud Applause.) Sgt Major Taylor expressed his deepest thanks for the great kindness bestowed on him. He said that he was not the only who should have been recognised. There were many doing their duty equally as well as himself and not only deserved the DCM but the VC. He could scarcely find words to convey his feelings, but he could say with sincerity "Thank You." (Cheers.)

On the motion of Rev Mr Erskine, a vote of thanks was awarded to Mr Cuthbertson for making the presentation and by Dr Scott to Rev Mr Erskine for presiding both of which were heartily responded to. In acknowledging the compliment Mr Cuthbertson called for a vote of thanks to the RC Band who had turned out so quickly and added to the enlivenment of the proceedings. The band then played "Rule Britannia, and the National Anthem. The company joining in singing the same. The badge which was supplied by Mr J C Howieson was passed around the entire company and was greatly admired.

West Lothian Courier 18th January 1918

Broxburn Social and Presentation – Sgt Major A Taylor, DCM who is home on leave was entertained by a party of friends in the Public Hall on Thursday last and made the recipient of tokens of their respect and esteem. Mr William Anderson presided over a company of thirty couples, as excellent tea being purveyed by several of the ladies. The chairman in making the presentation spoke of the pleasure it gave them to have the honour of entertaining the heroic Sgt Major. Sgt Major Taylor had been out since the outbreak of war, being one of the old "contemptables," but he had always been in their thoughts and he need hardly assure him that he would always be sure of a warm welcome whenever they had the pleasure of his visiting the old place. He expressed the feelings of the company in wishing him and his good lady long life and prosperity and hoped they would be long spared to use the gifts which it was his pleasant duty to present. The presents took the form of a handsome pipe for Sgt Maj Taylor and a purse for Mrs Taylor. The gallant soldier suitably replied and thanked them for their great kindness and good wishes. Previous to the tables being cleared a short programme of songs was rendered by Misses Paterson and Keenan and Messrs G Glendinning, J Meechan etc. A lengthy dance programme was afterwards carried through to the tuneful strains of music supplied by Miss Connor (violin) and Mr Louis Jordan (piano). Mr James McGeachie filled the role of MC to the entire satisfaction of everyone present and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close about 3am with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

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10438 L/Cpl
James Taylor
2nd Btn Gordon
Highlanders

JAMES TAYLOR

West Lothian Courier 22nd January 1915

Broxburn Man in the Trenches – Letter to a Blackburn Lady – Miss Phemia Philip, Post Office, Blackburn, has received a letter from her cousin, Pte James Taylor A Company, 2nd Gordon Highlanders (who belongs to Broxburn) which gives some idea of life in the trenches. He says; - The weather here never seems to change – rain the whole time. Of course, the big guns may have a lot to do with it, because it is boom! Boom! all day long and one never knows when it's one's turn. We are losing a lot of men every day although somebody must go. The place where our Battalion is seems to be too close for my liking. They are only a matter of a few yards distant; and if one does get hit it is generally about the head which means sudden death nine times out of ten. We are only holding on just now until the good weather comes in and the we must make a move. The enemy will never push us back, it is for us to push them, and I can assure you they will get it. I only hope I shall be spared to come back. I often wish the war was finished but so long as the common enemy can stick it so can we and I have no fear but that our troops are taking it with a good heart, even though they are knee deep in the trenches. I am just going with others to relieve our troops in the trenches so that they may be dried and rested before they go back again. I think the condition of our feet is the worst complain. Of course, one cannot keep them dry in the trenches.



West Lothian Courier 12th March 1915

We reproduce above the photos of four brothers, sons of the late Mr Robert Taylor, who previous to his death about a year ago, resided at Stewartfield, Broxburn. The house is still occupied by member of the family. Of the four sons in the army three have been at the front for a considerable time.


The eldest brother, William, who is 34 years of age is a Cpl in the ASC. He was an ex-soldier and re-enlisted after the outbreak of the war. He was stationed at Aldershot for a short time and was then sent out to France. He is married and was resident in Bo'ness. Gordon (30), enlisted in Kitchener's Army three months ago, and is a Pte in the Gordon Highlanders. He is also married, and his wife resides at Stewartfield. Alexander (26) was a reservist at the time of the outbreak of the war and is now serving with the 1st Btn Gordon Highlanders. He went out with the first Expeditionary Force and has been in practically all the engagements from the retreat at Mons right on to the present time. He is still in the trenches and has been fortunate enough, so far, to escape without a scratch. He received rapid promotion and now occupies the rank of Sergeant. He was home about a month ago, on three days' furlough and was then in the best of health. Even amongst his own friends, however, he observed a strict reticence regarding his experiences at the front. In his last letter home, he stated that he was quite well.

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<p>Driver Thomson Royal Field Artillery</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 6th December 1918 Broxburn Presentation and Dance – A very successful social and dance was held in the Band Hall on Wednesday evening last at which Mr William Anderson presided over a gathering of over 60 couples. The occasion was taken to present Pte Thomas Kelly with a pocket book and sum of money and Pte Bobby Cameron with a silver wristlet watch. Mr William Anderson in an appropriate little speech made the presentation both recipients suitably replying. Pte Kelly who is in the A & SH is presently home on leave from Salonika this being his first home leave for four years and the other guest Pte Cameron has seen service in Egypt and latterly in France. After the excellent tea had been thoroughly enjoyed dancing was engaged in to the tuneful music supplied by Miss Connor (violin) and Miss J Henderson (piano). Songs were contributed during the evening by members of the “Eight Daffodils” which are proving such a success at the Picturedrome this week, and also by several of the ladies and gentlemen present. On the previous evening Driver Thomson RFA, who has been in Mesopotamia for three years was also met in a social capacity and presented with a silver cigarette case, vesta box, cigarette tube and a gold signet ring by his many friends in the district A happy gathering of over 50 couple assembled on this occasion and a most enjoyable evening was spent in dancing.</p>
<p>Gunner D Thomson</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 27th December 1918 Broxburn Social Gathering – On Thursday evening last a large number of the friends of Gunner D Thomson were hospitably entertained by his parents at their house in Greendykes Road. Upwards of 40 ladies and gentlemen accepted the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs T Thomson and a delightful little social gathering was the result. An excellent tea was provided for the guests and song and sentiment passed away a peasant few hours, songs being rendered by Misses Gallocher, Stewart and Paterson, and Messrs T Thomson, A Jenkins, W Glendinning and Gunner Thomson. The party afterwards adjourned to the Band Hall where a few hours dancing took place the music being supplied by Miss Connor with Mr A Jenkins as MC. Gunner Thomson who through the thoughtful and kind efforts of Mrs Black</p>

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	and Mrs Stenhouse was presented with many tokens of esteem, consisting of silver cigarette case, vesta box and cigarette holder, a gold signet ring and a pocket book containing over £15 in treasury notes, at a social held recently has nobly done his bit since the outbreak of war. Four years of which service was spent in Mesopotamia. Gunner Thomson is home on a well-earned leave the first during that long spell of active service.										
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17754 Pte Frank Thorburn Royal Scots att'd Royal Scots Fusiliers POW	<p>FRANK THORBURN West Lothian Courier 25th August 1916 Broxburn Man wounded and a Prisoner – Notification is to hand that Pte Frank Thorburn, son of ex-Col Sgt Thorburn, who acted as recruiter in the district has been wounded in the leg and taken prisoner. Pte Thorburn has written a Post Card home and states he is interned at Dalmer, West Germany, and is getting on all right. Pte Thorburn joined the Royal Scots in October 1915, but at the time he was wounded was attached to the 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers. He has been in France scarcely a month. Before he joined he was employed in the laboratory in Broxburn Oil works.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st September 1916 Broxburn Casualties - Mr Thorburn, Park Road Broxburn, has been informed that his only son, Pte Frank Thorburn, Royal Scots, is missing in France. Pte Thorburn, who enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war was a Chemist in the Broxburn Oil Works.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 1st September 1916 Broxburn Casualties – Pte Frank Thorburn, Royal Scots, son of Mr James Thorburn, Park Road, Broxburn previous reported wounded and missing, is a prisoner of war in Germany.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916 Men Killed Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the News Columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Pte F Thorburn</td> <td>17754</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Missing</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th October 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty Lists</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Pte F Thorburn</td> <td>17754</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>POW</td> </tr> </table>	Pte F Thorburn	17754	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Missing	Pte F Thorburn	17754	Royal Scots	Broxburn	POW
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<p>9th Btn Australian Imperial Force</p>	<p>Decoration DCM Place of birth Date of death 11 August 1918 Theatre of death France Cause of death Died of wounds SNWM roll AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE Unit name In or attached to AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE Other detail 9 Bn West Lothian Courier 4th October 1918 Todd – Died of wounds in France on 11th August, Sgt Maj Harry Todd, AIF, in his 24th year, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Todd, Brisbane, Australia, late of Govan and grandson of Mr and Mrs Henry Todd, Mid Street, Broxburn. Not now, but in the coming years It may be in the better land We'll learn the meaning of our tears And then some time we'll understand. Inserted by his Uncle and Aunt A and Braidwood.</p>					
<p>28210 Pte John Turnbull 18th Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>TURNBULL, JOHN Rank: Private Service No: 28210 Date of Death: 25/08/1917 Regiment/Service: Highland Light Infantry 18th (Glasgow Yeomanry) Bn. Grave Reference: III. D. 26. Cemetery: UNICORN CEMETERY, VENDHUILE Additional Information: Brother-in-law of Mary Baxter, of East Burnside, Broxburn, West Lothian. Bo'ness Journal 4th January 1918 Official Casualty List – the following names of county soldiers appear in the official lists of casualties issued during the week; J Turnbull, Broxburn, HLI, Killed C McDonald, Broxburn, Cameron Highlanders</p>					
<p>2993 Pte A Vickers Royal Scots</p>	<p>A VICKERS Midlothian Advertiser 29th September 1916 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following local and district soldiers appear in the casualty lists published this week. Killed Pte J Murray, KOSB, Uphall Wounded Pte R Stark, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte A Vickers, Royal Scots, Uphall Pte J Innes, Royal Scots, Uphall West Lothian Courier 29th September 1916 Men Killed & Wounded West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte A Vickers</td> <td style="width: 10%;">2993</td> <td style="width: 30%;">RS att'd KOSB</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Uphall</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table>	Pte A Vickers	2993	RS att'd KOSB	Uphall	Wounded
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<p>Pte R Wallace Scottish Rifles (Cameronians) POW</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918 Broxburn Presentation – During the week several more of our “ain Laddies” who are home on leave, have been made the recipients of presents from their chums. On Thursday last Pte R Wallace Scottish Rifles was met at home in East Burnside and presented with a pocket book and a handsome sum of money by several of his</p>					

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	<p>friends. The company were hospitably entertained to tea by Mrs R Wallace and a pleasant evening spent in dancing etc.</p> <p>In the Band Hall on Friday evening LCpls E Payne, RE and J Wishart HLI were presented with well filled pocket books by a number of their chums, on the occasion of their being home on leave from the front. Mr J Gibson made the presentation. After an excellent tea, dancing was engaged. Mr George Orr's Band being responsible for the delightful music and Mr R Currie officiated as MC.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 31st May 1918</p> <p>Broxburn Soldiers Prisoners – Mrs Wallace, East Burnside Broxburn, whose husband Pte Robert Wallace was reported wounded and missing on the 16th April has now received a postcard from himself, conveying the tidings that he a prisoner of war in Germany. Pte Wallace who was in the Scottish Rifles is well known and respected in Broxburn, having carried on a successful general dealer's business previous to enlisting.</p>
<p>Sgt James S Watson Tank Corps Prev Royal Scots</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 19th April 1918</p> <p>Uphall Soldier Missing – Presumed Killed – Through the medium of the following letter from the Chaplain, Mr Alex Watson, Uphall Public Hall, has received word intimating the feared loss of his son Sgt J S Watson, in action in France. The letter conveying the information is as follows: -</p> <p>Dear Mr Watson, You have no doubt already heard from official quarters that your son Sgt J S Watson, is missing and we very much fear killed in the recent action. As Chaplain in his battalion I should very much like to write and say how very much we all feel for you in what must be a great anxiety. His Tank got a direct hit from a shell on March 24th when in action near Bapaume, and we fear all the crew must have been killed. Should any more news come in I will of course let you know at once. The Battalion has done splendidly, and we hold in great honour and rest all those who fell in helping so magnificently to uphold our great cause. May God comfort and strengthen you and all who cared for him to bear your sorrow as nobly as he bore himself in action. Yours in real sympathy LC Chamberlen CG.</p> <p>Sgt Watson enlisted at the outbreak of war, choosing as his regiment the 2/10th Royal Scots At that time he was employed as a postman in Uphall Post Office, where he had previously been employed as telegraph messenger and was only a few months over 16 years of age when he answered the country's call to duty. After a few months in the 2/10th he was transferred to the 1/10th as dispatch rider and on being drafted to France in July of last year was transferred to the Tank Corps. Sgt Watson was home on leave only four weeks previous to the 24th March. Previous to enlisting he had been employed for three years in the postal service and was well known and respected in the district and we sincerely hope word will yet be received dispelling the worst fears of his parents and many friends.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th May 1918</p> <p>Glad Tidings for Uphall Parents – Sgt James Watson, whose parents reside at the Public Hall, Uphall, and who recently received a letter from the Chaplain conveying the tidings of his having been killed in action, and which was quoted in our issue of 26th April, has, we are pleased to learn escaped that fate, his parents having now received a postcard from the gallant Sgt himself, intimating that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. Sgt Watson was attached to the Tank Corps.</p>
<p>Pte James Watters 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders</p>	<p>JAMES WATTERS</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 7th May 1915</p> <p>Broxburn Men Wounded at Hill 60 – Information has just reached Broxburn that the following four men belonging to the town and all serving in the 2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders, were wounded at Hill 60:- Pte John Mackay, Pte James Grant, Pte Thomas Baptie and Pte James Watters. The first three are Reserve men,</p>


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	<p>and the last-named enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war, Mackay was wounded about the head, and is suffering from asphyxiation. Grant received a gunshot wound in the shoulder. Baptie's right elbow was broken by a bullet which afterwards entered his side and passed out at his back. Watters was badly wounded in the shoulder by a gunshot.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 7th May 1915 Broxburn Soldiers Wounded at Hill 60 – It has just been learned in Broxburn that at least four soldiers from the shale town have been wounded in the recent fight for Hill 60. All four are serving in the 2nd Btn of the Seaforth Highlanders, and their names are Pte John Mackay who resided at Mid Street, Pte James Grant, Pte Thomas Baptie, Pyothall Road and Pte James Watters, Mid Street. The first three were reservists while Watters was an ex-soldier and re-enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war. Watters was wounded in the shoulder, while Mackay was slightly wounded on the head and back but is also suffering from the effects of the asphyxiating gas used by the Germans. Both are lying in Stobhill Hospital and have been visited by their Broxburn friends. Grant received a gunshot wound in the shoulder and Baptie's right elbow was broken by a bullet which afterwards entered his side and passed out at his back. From the nature of his wound Watters is of the opinion that it must have been caused by a dum-dum bullet. In a letter from Stobhill hospital Pte Mackay says that the engagement was the worst he has come through during the war and describes it as like "hell". He also states that he met Ptes Innes, Miller and Kennedy also of Broxburn before they went into action and that they shook hands with each other just before the charge realising that they might never come out alive. Mackay was also wounded in the arm in the month of October and returned to the front about Christmas time.</p>
<p>2nd Lieut Richard Waugh 3/10th Royal Scots</p>	<p>RICHARD WAUGH Midlothian Advertiser 17th November 1915 Uphall – Promotion for a local Soldier – Mr Richard Waugh, son of Mr W L Waugh, Volunteer Arms, Uphall who joined the 9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) some time ago has now received a commission on the 3rd/10th Royal Scots and assumed the duties of 2nd Lieut at Bathgate on Monday last. We congratulate Mr Waugh on his promotion.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 10th December 1915 Uphall Soldier's Promotion – We are pleased to learn that Mr Richard Waugh, son of Mr W L Waugh, Volunteer Arms, Uphall who joined the 9th Royal Scots (Dandy Ninth) some time ago, has now received a commission in the 3/10th Royal Scots and assumed the duties of 2nd Lieutenant at Bathgate on Monday last. We are sure our readers will join us in congratulating Mr Waugh on his promotion, and it is not too much to say that he gives promise of being a very smart and efficient officer.</p>
<p>10925 Gdsm James Webster Scots Guards</p>	<p>Era WW1 Surname WEBSTER Forename James Rank Gdsm Service number 10925 Decoration Place of birth Uphall West Lothian Date of death 26 June 1917 Theatre of death F&F Cause of death Killed in action SNWM roll SCOTS GUARDS Unit name In or attached to SCOTS GUARDS</p>

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<p>14197 Pte William Webster 11th Royal Scots</p>	<p>WILLIAM WEBSTER</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 13th August 1915 Broxburn Men on Casualty List The War Office have notified Mrs Webster, 46 Old Holygate, that her husband Pte William Webster, 11th Royal Scots, was wounded as a result of the accidental discharge of a revolver on 27th July. Mrs Webster has also had a letter from her husband in which he states that the wound is in the foot and that he is presently lying at B3 No 14 Stationary Hospital, France. Webster enlisted early in September of last year and has been with the Expeditionary Force for the past four months.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 21st July 1916 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – The parents of Pte W Webster Old Holygate, have been informed that their son has sustained injuries to the back and is lying in No 1 Convalescent hospital Boulogne. This is the third time Pte Webster has been wounded and has been out at France with his regiment the 11th Royal Scots for 21 months.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 18th August 1916 Men Killed & Wounded and Prisoners Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte W Webster</td> <td style="width: 15%;">14197</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Scots</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st December 1916 Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Pte W Webster</td> <td style="width: 15%;">14197</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Royal Scots</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Broxburn</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 27th April 1917 Broxburn Man Wounded – Mrs Webster, 46 Old Holygate, Broxburn, has received official information that her husband LCpl W Webster Royal Scots has been admitted to the Dispensary Hospital, Brighton, England, suffering from severe gunshot wound to the left hand. This is the fifth time LCpl Webster has been wounded. He joined the Army on 5th September 1914.</p>	Pte W Webster	14197	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded	Pte W Webster	14197	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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<p>8612 Pte D Wilson DCM 1st Btn King's Own Scottish Borderers</p>	<p>D WILSON West Lothian Courier 29th October 1915 DCM for Uphall Soldier – Dr Kelso, Broxburn has this week received a letter from the Sailors' and Soldiers Institute, Alexandria Egypt which contains the information that Pte D Wilson 1st Btn KOSB and who resided at Stankards Rows, Uphall has gained the coveted honour of DCM. The letter which was dictated to Mr Laurence Dawson, superintendent of the Institute is dated 19th October and is in the following terms: - Dear Sir, No 8612, Pte D Wilson 1st Btn KOSB, one of your recruits belonging to 30 Stankards Rows, Uphall, who has the pleasure of acknowledging you as the above who has won the DCM at the Dardanelles on the communication line. He cut the wire of communication and saved the Division. He is at present in No 15 Hospital, Alexandria and likely to be there for three weeks or so. He is wounded in the right leg and getting on all right. Will you please see about his children and let him know how they are and address the letter to this Institute. Yours faithfully, D Wilson. Three of his family are residing with his married daughter another daughter is in service. While a son also enlisted in the KOSB but in a different battalion.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>										

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	<p>West Lothian Courier 12th November 1915. Uphall DCM – We show a photo of Pte D Wilson 1st Btn KOSB, whose home is at Stankards Rows, Uphall, and who, as we previously reported has won the honour of DCM. The intelligence was conveyed in a letter received by Dr Kelso from the Sailors' & Soldiers' Institution, Alexandria, Egypt and Wilson is a patient I No 15 Hospital Alexandria. Pte Wilson earned this distinction at the Dardanelles by cutting the wires of communications and thus saving the Division. He was enlisted by Dr Kelso shortly after the outbreak of the war and we feel sure that Pte Wilson's friends will be proud to learn of his brave action, which brings distinction not only to himself but honour to the community to which he belongs.</p>					
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<p>19962 Cpl William Wilson MM Royal Scots Fusiliers</p>	<p>W WILSON West Lothian Courier 14th July 1916 Broxburn Men Wounded – It is also reported that Pte W Wilson, 16th Royal Scots, son of Mr Wilson Builder has also been wounded. Midlothian Advertiser 31st August 1917 District Soldiers in Casualty Lists – The names of the following district soldiers appeared in the list of casualties published this week. Wounded Gnr J McMillan, RGA Uphall Cpl W Wilson, RSF, Uphall Pte W Shearer, Seaforth Highlanders, Uphall Station West Lothian Courier 8th September 1916 Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers killed in action, can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo. West Lothian Casualties Official List</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>LCpl W Wilson</td> <td>19962</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>Broxburn</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> </table> <p>West Lothian Courier 11th May 1917 Military Medal for Uphall Man – We are pleased to learn that Cpl William Wilson, Machine Gun Section, attached to Royal Scots Fusiliers, has been awarded the</p>	LCpl W Wilson	19962	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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	<p>Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on the field (France) on the 11th April. The gallant young soldier who is only 21 years of age was a member of the Territorial Force and is the second son of Mr and Mrs James Wilson, 79 Beechwood Cottages, Uphall Station. Previous to the outbreak of war he was in the employment of Messrs Young's Oil works Ltd in which firm his father is also employed as foreman of the boiler department. We congratulate Cpl Wilson on his having received the recognition of his superiors a recognition which we feel sure had been deservedly won and on that credit he has brought "the Station" that little place which has given of its sons with an ungrudging hand.</p>
<p>LCpls J Wishart HLI</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st March 1918 Broxburn Presentation – During the week several more of our "ain Laddies" who are home on leave, have been made the recipients of presents from their chums. On Thursday last Pte R Wallace Scottish Rifles was met at home in East Burnside and presented with a pocket book and a handsome sum of money by several of his friends. The company were hospitably entertained to tea by Mrs R Wallace and a pleasant evening spent in dancing etc. In the Band Hall on Friday evening LCpls E Payne, RE and J Wishart HLI were presented with well filled pocket books by a number of their chums, on the occasion of their being home on leave from the front. Mr J Gibson made the presentation. After an excellent tea, dancing was engaged. Mr George Orr's Band being responsible for the delightful music and Mr R Currie officiated as MC.</p>
<p>Pte James Wood Royal Scots Greys</p>	<p>JAMES WOOD Midlothian Advertiser 22nd October 1915 Broxburn Soldier Wounded – Pte James Wood of the Royal Scots Greys, has sent intimation to his wife who resides at Church Street, Broxburn that he was wounded in the big fight on September 26th, and is now in hospital at Leicester. Pte Wood was attached to infantry during the course of the fight. He was an ex-reservist and re-enlisted when war broke out.</p>
<p>2704 Pte Robert Yates 17th Btn Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>ROBERT YATES Regiment, Corps etc Highland Light Infantry Battalion/etc 17th (Service) Battalion (3rd Glasgow). Surname Yates Forename Robert Initials R Born UPHALL, LINLITHGOWSHIRE Enlisted GLASGOW Rank PRIVATE Number 2704 Died Date 01-07-1916 Died How Killed in action Theatre of War France & Flanders</p>
<p>Pte Harry Young 1st Gordon Highlanders POW</p>	<p>HARRY YOUNG West Lothian Courier 23rd October 1914 Broxburn Men Missing and Wounded – While a large number of Broxburn's sons have answered the country's call in the present crisis a fair quota are already serving with the colours at the front and inquiries are being constantly made by their friends as to their welfare. Intimation has been received by his parents who reside at Greendykes Road that Pte H Young, 1st Gordon Highlander has been missing since the retreat from Mons on 26th August.</p>

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	<p>West Lothian Courier 30th October 1914 How Broxburn Soldiers are Faring – At the beginning of the week the parents of Pte Harry Young, 1st Gordon Highlanders who had been reported missing since the battle of Mons received a PC from him from Sennelager, Germany, stating that he was a prisoner of war. The post card was dated 14th October, and he stated that he was quite well and had been there for 6 weeks. His parents and other relatives were greatly relieved when they received the news as naturally, they have been in a state of suspense since he was reported missing.</p>
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Roll of Honour Recruitment October 1914	<p>West Lothian Courier 16th October 1914 Recruits for Lord Kitchener's Army We publish below a further list of men from the County of Linlithgow who are serving their King & Country at the present time. The list includes the recruits who have enlisted from the parishes of Uphall, Kirkliston and Linlithgow since war broke out and the reservists who lived in these parishes and who joined the colours at the outbreak of the war. Some names especially of Reservists and of those who enlisted at Edinburgh and Glasgow and other centres may be omitted. We shall be glad to hear of these and to publish their names and the regiments to which they belong in a supplementary list. Their friends should communicate with us at once as we are anxious to make the list as complete and accurate as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Uphall & Broxburn</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Samuel Tait</td> <td>Royal Scots</td> <td>William Tierney</td> <td>ASC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Dunn, ASC</td> <td></td> <td>Patrick Halpin</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thomas Knox</td> <td></td> <td>Alexander Breen</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joseph Moore</td> <td></td> <td>James Doran</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Coleman</td> <td></td> <td>Pat Forisky</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robert Anderson</td> <td></td> <td>John Edgar</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>William Geddes</td> <td></td> <td>Alex Grimlay</td> <td>Gordon Highlanders</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James S Watson</td> <td>RFA</td> <td>John O'Neill</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Simes</td> <td></td> <td>William H Boyes</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>I O'Neil</td> <td>Sp Res</td> <td>G Innes</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>M H Boyes</td> <td></td> <td>P Kirkland</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Ness</td> <td></td> <td>P Callaghan</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>G Swan</td> <td></td> <td>P Rose</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>G Findlay</td> <td></td> <td>W Calder</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Sheran</td> <td></td> <td>J Stewart</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>G Whigham</td> <td></td> <td>P McFall</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>C H Dunlop</td> <td></td> <td>J Cassidy</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Hallsworth</td> <td></td> <td>J Samuel</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Smith</td> <td></td> <td>J Robertson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>I Murray</td> <td></td> <td>D Paul</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Hastings</td> <td></td> <td>J Edwards</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R McDowell</td> <td></td> <td>J Woods</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Lamb</td> <td></td> <td>J Paterson</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Samuel Tait	Royal Scots	William Tierney	ASC	George Dunn, ASC		Patrick Halpin		Thomas Knox		Alexander Breen		Joseph Moore		James Doran		James Coleman		Pat Forisky		Robert Anderson		John Edgar		William Geddes		Alex Grimlay	Gordon Highlanders	James S Watson	RFA	John O'Neill		George Simes		William H Boyes		I O'Neil	Sp Res	G Innes		M H Boyes		P Kirkland		R Ness		P Callaghan		G Swan		P Rose		G Findlay		W Calder		J Sheran		J Stewart		G Whigham		P McFall		C H Dunlop		J Cassidy		J Hallsworth		J Samuel		James Smith		J Robertson		I Murray		D Paul		J Hastings		J Edwards		R McDowell		J Woods		James Lamb		J Paterson	
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James Anderson		William Webster	
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Hugh Gavin		John Cuthbert	
John Green		John Anderson	
Robert Murdoch		John Murphy	
James Boag		David McQueen	
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Roll of Honour Recruitment October 1914	<p>West Lothian Courier 16th October 1914 Recruits for Lord Kitchener's Army We publish below a further list of men from the County of Linlithgow who are serving their King & Country at the present time. The list includes the recruits who have enlisted from the parishes of Uphall, Kirkliston and Linlithgow since war broke out and the reservists who lived in these parishes and who joined the colours at the outbreak of the war. Some names especially of Reservists and of those who enlisted at Edinburgh and Glasgow and other centres may be omitted. We shall be glad to hear of these and to publish their names and the regiments to which they belong in a supplementary list. Their friends should communicate with us at once as we are anxious to make the list as complete and accurate as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ecclesmachan</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin: 10px 0;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Captain Mason</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Henry Mitchell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Henderson</td> <td>David Blackhall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Hardie</td> <td>John Begbie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walter Brodie</td> <td>George Nicol</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Nicol</td> <td>James Ramsay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robert Ramsay</td> <td>H Douglas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E Fairlie</td> <td>James Robertson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>William Brash</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Captain Mason	Henry Mitchell	John Henderson	David Blackhall	John Hardie	John Begbie	Walter Brodie	George Nicol	James Nicol	James Ramsay	Robert Ramsay	H Douglas	E Fairlie	James Robertson	William Brash	
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<p>Army Cyclist Corps</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 15th January 1915 10th Imperial Service Battalion the Royal Scots – Names of the Men now at the Front – Departure from East Linton – The Army Council recently decided to give Imperial Service Cyclist Battalions a representation, in the meantime, in the newly formed Army Cyclist Corps, and called for the names of Volunteers the officers being restricted to those now above the rank of Captain. Later it was notified that one officer, nominated by Seniority and 20 men were to be furnished by each Imperial Service Cyclist Battalion out of those who had volunteered, and the officer commanding the 10th Imperial Service Cyclist Battalion the Royal Scots received instructions to send Captain T W Hutchison with 20 men. Captain Hutchison had, in the meantime met with a slight accident which involved his being laid up in the Military Hospital at Craigleith and as the Medical Officer was not able to pass him as completely fit, the War Office called for the next Senior Captain. The detachment therefore left East Linton on Thursday night for Southampton under Captain George Wolfe jnr second for service with the Army Cyclist Corps, and it is understood that they have now joined the Expeditionary Force on the Continent. The detachment which travelled south in company with an officer and a similar number of men from the Imperial Service Battalion of the Highland Cyclists, was made up of the following: - Captain George Wolfe Jnr, Armadale Coy Sgt J Yates, Kirkliston Coy Cpl J Murdoch, Uphall Coy L/Cpl R Allan, Fauldhouse Coy L/Cpl J Reid Armadale Coy Pte W C Bradley, Armadale Co Pte R Brownlie, Bathgate Coy Pte S Cole Armadale Coy Pte J Connel, West Calder Coy Pte A Devlin Bo'ness Coy Pte J Dutton Uphall Coy Pte A Harvie, Linlithgow Coy</p>

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<p>Broxburn Band</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 12th February 1915 Broxburn Public Band Leaves for Edinburgh Castle – Enthusiastic Send-Off – Scenes of great enthusiasm were witnessed in Broxburn on Saturday afternoon on the occasion of the departure of Broxburn Public Band for Edinburgh Castle, where they entered upon service with the 4th Battalion (1st Reserve), The Royal Scots. A public meeting was held in the Band Hall on Thursday evening to consider the application by the members of the band for the use of the instruments while on service. Mr William Cuthbertson presided, and there was a fair attendance. At the outset the Chairman congratulated the bandsmen on their patriotic spirit, and aid that their enlisting in the Royal Scots would always be remembered with pride. He assured them it would have a beneficial effect, more ways than one. For the men themselves it would healthier lives, and would smarten them up. Mr Cuthbertson then explained the object of the meeting which was, he said to get the sanction of the public for the bandsmen to have use of the instruments while serving with the Royal Scots. He felt sure that the public would offer no demur to that course, more especially as the authorities had given a guarantee that the instruments would be safely returned or be</p>

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replaced. The Trustees – Mr N M Henderson and Mr A Fairlie – had willingly acquiesced in the proposed step, the question was then put to the meeting, and the request was readily and unanimously granted. It was arranged that the band should leave Broxburn at 2:45 on Saturday afternoon, and that prior to their departure a recruiting meeting should be held by the Rosebery Royal Scots Recruiting Committee. The band accordingly left the Band Hall shortly after two, and proceeded to Mr Henderson's residence where they were entertained to a light refreshment. Mr Henderson also presented each of the bandsmen with a box of cigarettes, while each was also made the recipient of a pair of socks and a cake of soap, the gift of Mrs Cuthbertson. Mr A Fairlie, president of the band, offered the thanks of the members to Mr Henderson and Mrs Cuthbertson for the kind hospitality extended to the bandsmen and also for the suitable gifts. The band thereafter proceeded along West Main Street to the Public Hall, where a huge concourse of people had assembled to give them a hearty send-off. The band played a few selections pending the arrival of the Recruiting Committee, but just then Mr McCallum, secretary appeared and intimated receipt of a telegram stating that the meeting had been postponed till five o'clock. It appears that the wire had been handed in at Edinburgh about half past ten, and for some reason or other had not reached Broxburn till about 2 o'clock. At five o'clock the band played from the Band Hall to Greendykes Road, and thence along the Main Street to the Public Hall, where they halted and played a few selections. By this time the crowd had grown to an enormous extent, and the members of the band must have felt highly flattered by the enthusiasm which characterised the subsequent proceedings.


The Rosebery Royal Scots Recruiting Committee arrived and conducted a recruiting meeting. Mr R Hastie presided, and spirited addresses were delivered by Captain R M Cameron of the 4th Royal Scots, Councillor F J Robertson Edinburgh; Mr John Golder, JP, and Mr John Nisbet.

The Chairman complimented the band on giving a lead to the bands of Scotland and urged on young men to follow the example. He thereafter introduced the several speakers. Captain Cameron expressed the thanks of his commanding officer and battalion to the band for their patriotic action in joining the Royal Scots. The country, he said, required not only bands, but men, and he appealed to those eligible and fit to follow them to Edinburgh. Councillor Robertson emphasised the claims of the Rosebery Bantam Battalion, which he said, was now 700 strong. Mr Nisbet pointed out the service which older men might give to their country by using their influence with the younger generation to respond to the call to arms. Mr Golder said that the success of the voluntary system depended upon the patriotic response to the present appeal.

Immediately after the meeting seven men enlisted in the 4th Royal Scots. The band thereafter formed up and followed by a huge crowd played along the Main Street, before boarding a special motor char-a-banc at the East End, the band struck up "Auld Lang Syne," and rousing cheers were raised as they took their departure.

A large crowd awaited the arrival of the band at the West End of Princes Street and their reception was most cordial, they were entertained to tea by the Rosebery committee in a restaurant after which short addresses were delivered by members of the committee, all of whom were highly complementary on the action of the band. The band again formed up, and headed by Captain Cameron, proceeded to Edinburgh Castle, via Princes Street and the Mound. All along the route they attracted considerable attention, and a most enthusiastic reception awaited them at the Castle. The whole Battalion were formed up in the Square, while a large number of the general public also congregated in the vicinity of the Castle. At the request of Captain Cameron, the band played "Tipperary" and then "God Save the King". They were afterwards conducted to their quarters,

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	<p>with which the men were well pleased. On Monday they were equipped with their uniform, etc, and the same afternoon arrived home with their civilian clothes. They returned to Edinburgh about 8 o'clock the same evening and we learn that they are thoroughly enjoying their new life.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 23rd July 1915 2/4th Royal Scots Band (late Broxburn Public) Top Row – A Mackay (Edinburgh), A Lord (Manchester), A Cochrane D Scott G Nelson (Newtongrange), 2nd Row – A Thomson (Lasswade), George Coutts, A Brown, R Webster, A Webster, R Ballantyne, Thomas Blair. 3rd Row – Sgt Buglar Thomas Knight (Edinburgh), S Blair, N Martin, R Pegg, H Ballantyne James Lamb, William Howat (Lasswade), A Donaldson (Edinburgh).</p>  <p>Front Row – James Webster P Wilson Colonel Archibald Young, Bandmaster Sgt William Pegg, Lt A S McGill, Adjutant Cpl D White, L/Cpl James Coutts. Lying – A Graham and R Findlay (Librarian).</p>
<p>Broxburn Everyman Belgium Relief</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 12th March 1915 Broxburn “Everyman” Belgian Relief Branch – A meeting of the above Branch was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening – Mrs Kelly presiding. The speaker of the evening was Miss Jean H Findlay, assistant editor of “Everyman.” Miss Findlay who has just returned from a visit to Belgium, had much to tell of the hardships endure by the wounded Belgian soldiers, who because of a lack of field hospitals, have to be conveyed quite a long distance over very bad road from the trenches to the base hospitals. Having seen something of the work accomplished under most trying conditions by the nurses and doctors (most of them Scottish), she felt that the splendid spirit of self-sacrifice and consideration of the needs of the patients before their own needs was worthy of the highest admiration. She had visited towns and cities and was saddened at the thought that never again would these beautiful buildings and architecture be restored. She found too, that a large percentage of the population was still living quite near to the firing line and was sustained by the soldiers who share their rations with the inhabitants. Miss Findlay had also been present at a review of the Belgian troops by King Albert and his Queen. From hostile aeroplanes overhead the bombs at least ten, fell but not on the desired point. One understands from this the devotion of the Belgians to the King, and especially to the Queen, who</p>

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	<p>thinks that the risk of this kind of danger to herself are really very small compared with what is endured every moment by the men in the trenches which are more often like canals than places of habitation. By her simple and straightforward approach, Miss Findlay won the hearts of her audience and without doubt she must have inspired everyone present with the conviction that we are not yet doing nearly enough for Belgians noble people. During the evening Miss Bolton contributed “Men of Harlech” and the French and Russian National Anthems, all of which were most thoroughly appreciated. An appeal was also made to send shirts and socks to Madame Saroles, Edinburgh for the Belgian soldiers. After votes of thank a most enjoyable and educative meeting was brought to a close by the singing of ”God Save the King.”</p>						
<p>Broxburn Recruiting</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 18th September 1914 Broxburn & Recruiting – There had been a distinct falling off in the number of recruits enlisted at Broxburn this week, but, of course, this is only in keeping with the experience all over the country. While the raising of the standard may account to some extent for this it was not be expected that the constant flow of recruits could be maintained. In the course of the week Mr Thorburn, the recruiting officer has passed 15 through his hands, most of whom have gone to the Cameron Highlanders and the Gordons. Of course the cavalry regiments and artillery are closed and this too must affect the numbers now coming forward. Several have also been joined by the Political Recruiting Agency.</p>						
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Alex Ralston	7 th Royal Scots
William Clark	7 th Btn Royal Scots
Robert F Paul	7 th Btn Royal Scots
<p>West Lothian Courier 11th December 1914 Roll of Honour The following is a further list of those who have joined Kitchener's Army. Broxburn During the last two months the joint political recruiting agency in Broxburn have enlisted the following recruits: -</p>	
John Clarkson	Patrick O'Neill
John Ord	Alex Porteous
James Hog	John McCann
John McNally	William Burnett
George Easton	William Sneddon
James Anderson	Andrew Methven
Alex Ritchie	Thomas Anthony
George McPherson	Patrick Brown
William Craik	William McLean
John Morrison	Thomas Galloway
<p>This week the following enlisted in the RAMC and are to be sent to Stobhill</p>	
Isaac Long	Henry Forsyth
David Allan	Alex Crawford
<p>The following have enlisted in Sir George McCrae's Battalion : -</p>	
William Wilson	Bartholomew Clark
J McNee	James Stewart
<p>The following also left for Edinburgh to enlist in the Royal Scots : -</p>	
George Wilson	Alex Scott
James McCallum	A Williamson
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Alexander Smith	
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Peter Finnigan	Scots Guards
Thomas McCully	Scots Guards
John Moore	Scots Guards
Rober Wardrope, Eskbank	Army Service Corps
<p>West Lothian Courier 25th December 1914 Roll of Honour - 7th Reserve Battalion The Royal Scots Broxburn</p>	
Thomas King	7 th Royal Scots
<p>Uphall</p>	
Andrew Young	7 th Royal Scots
John W Dunbar	7 th Royal Scots

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	James Carr	7 th Royal Scots
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	Andrew Gannon	7 th Royal Scots
	Andrew Rae	7 th Royal Scots
Broxburn & Uphall Recruiting Jan 1915	West Lothian Courier 8th January 1915	
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	Alex Burns Greig	
	James Forrest	
	Duncan McNeill	
	Broxburn	
	Undernoted is a list of recruits who have joined his Majesty's Forces through the joint political recruiting agency;-	
	Alex McLeary	5 th Royal Scots
	W McLean	5 th Royal Scots
	Patrick McCann	5 th Royal Scots
	John Fairley	5 th Royal Scots
	James Fairley	5 th Royal Scots
	Robert Cameron	5 th Royal Scots
	John McLeod	5 th Royal Scots
	Thomas Anderson	5 th Royal Scots
	Bernard McLafferty	5 th Royal Scots
	John Collins	Gordon Highlanders
	Harry Montgomery	Black Watch
	David Weir	Transport Corps
	Thomas Smith	Transport Corps
	West Lothian Courier 15th January 1915	
	Roll of Honour – The following is a further list of recruits for Kitchener's Army from West Lothian Midlothian and Lanarkshire.	
	Uphall	
(All General Service - Its main function is to act as a holding unit for specialists who have not been assigned to other units or corps. Its members are on the General List or Special List, and are usually part of the Army Reserve.)		
Duncan McNeill	William Shearer	
Philip Ross	James Farrell	
Michael McKenna	Daniel Dowd	
Thomas H Mooney	Alexander McDonald	
Patrick Gran	James Proudfoot	
Joseph Mallon	John O'Brien	
Thomas McCafferty	Thomas Hardie	
Alex Lumsden		
Broxburn		
The following have enlisted through the joint Political Recruiting agency:-		
Joe Ferguson	Transport Corps	
Gordon Taylor	Gordon Highlanders	
William Reynolds	Gordon Highlanders	
A large number have also gone to various recruiting offices in Edinburgh and among those are the following:-		
Frank D Murrie	Royal Field Artillery	
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	Samuel McCart	
	Thomas Reilly	10 th Royal Scots
	Michael Kavanagh	
	John Kavanagh	
	J Frame	
	Enlisted at Edinburgh	
	John Begg	City of Edinburgh Engineers
	<p>West Lothian Courier 26th February 1915 Recruiting Roll of Honour Uphall</p>	
	Leslie Armstrong	Royal Scots
Broxburn & Uphall Recruiting March 1915	<p>West Lothian Courier 5th March 1915 Recruiting Roll of Honour – During the last week the undernoted joined the Army for active service Uphall</p>	
	Peter Lyons	Royal Scots
	Broxburn & Uphall	
	The following have enlisted in HM Forces through the Joint Political Recruitment Agency.	
	Wilson Hendry	Royal Field Artillery
	Peter Hamilton	Royal Field Artillery
	James McKenzie	Royal Field Artillery
	T Anderson	Transport Corps
	Richard Pake	ASC
	A Perrie	ASC
	Robert Wardrop	
	Thomas McCully	
	John Moore	
	Peter Dunigan	
	Alex McCraine	
	Edward Agnew	
	John Logan	
	Herbertson Boyd	
	Peter Grimson	
	James McTiernan	
	John McCloy	
	Donaldson McKenzie	
	<p>West Lothian Courier 12th March 1915 Roll of Honour – The undernoted are some of the recruits to the Army during last week. Broxburn & Uphall</p>	
	William McCourt	Scottish Fusiliers
	Peter Barr	Lovat’s Scouts
	Uphall	

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	John James Charleton	Northumberland Fusiliers
	John Smith	General Service
	William McCourt	General Service
	West Lothian Courier 19th March 1915	
	Recruiting Roll of Honour – The following is a list of the men of the County who during last week joined the Army for active service; -	
	Broxburn & Uphall	
	Peter McComisky	Scots Guards
	Richard Cole	Royal Scots
	Joseph Stoddard	
	Uphall	
	James Weir	17 th Royal Scots
	James Corr	
	Thomas Linton	Royal Scots
	David Cunningham	ASC
	David Wet	3 rd Royal Scots
	John McCloy	
	John McTiernan	
	The following have enrolled for the Bantam battalion; -	
	Thomas Colman	17 th Royal Scots
	John B B Walker	17 th Royal Scots
	Thomas McNamee	17 th Royal Scots
	West Lothian Courier 26th March 1915	
	Recruiting – Roll of Honour – The following is an additional list of names of those who have joined for service abroad :-	
	Uphall	
	John Mossman Cunningham	Royal Scots
	Broxburn & Uphall	
	John Potter	ASC
	John Nicholls Winchburgh	ASC
	Alex Steedman Mid Calder	ASC
	William Smail, Mid Calder	ASC
	Andrw Colvie, Broxburn	Royal Field Artillery
	Patrick McCarigan	Inniskilling Fusiliers
	John Cunningham	Royal Scots
Broxburn & Uphall Recruiting April 1915	West Lothian Courier 2nd April 1915	
	Recruiting – The following is further list of recruits to the British Army;-	
	Uphall	
	Stewart Lynch	Royal Scots
	James Barr Mitchell	Remounts
	John McColl	Remounts
	James Colquhoun	Cameronians, Scottish Rifles
	William Russell	Remounts
	David Newton, East Calder	ASC
	William A Scott	ASC
	John Blair	9 th Royal Scots
	Charles Calder	9 th Royal Scots
	Henry Alison Heggie	Royal Scots
	James Russell	General Service

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West Lothian Courier 9th April 1915

Recruiting in West Lothian – During last week 15 men were recruited in West Lothian. Uphall stood first with 6, Bathgate and Fauldhouse came next with 3 each Kirkliston had 2 and West Calder and Bo'ness 1 each.

Roll of Honour

The following is a further list of recruits to the army;-

Uphall

George Henderson	Royal Engineers
Patrick Torrie	Connaught Rangers
James McNeele	Connaught Rangers
W J Jenkins	Royal Engineers
John Paxton	General Service
David McCreight	Bantams (17 th RS)
George Howieson	Royal Field Artillery
Robert Gray	ASC
Charles Thomson	ASC
William Wagstaff	Bantams (17 th RS)

West Lothian Courier 16th April 1915

Recruiting – In West Lothian during last week recruiting was quiet. In all 16 men joined. Kirkliston stood first with 5, and next best were Bathgate 4, Linlithgow and Uphall 3 each and West Calder 1.

Roll of Honour

The following is a list of men recruited in West Lothian Recruiting Stations during last week;

Uphall

David Hall	Highland Light Infantry
John Leacock	Royal Scots
Patrick Hughes	Royal Scots
Alex Erskine	Royal Scots
Robert Cadman	
George Beattie	Royal Garrison Artillery

West Lothian Courier 2nd April 1915

Recruiting – The following is further list of recruits to the British Army ;-

Uphall

Henry Alison Heggie	Royal Scots
James Russell	General Service

Broxburn

There has been a spurt in recruiting in the Broxburn district during the past week, and no less than thirteen have joined the colours. Their names are as follows:-

D McEwan	Royal Field Artillery
George Salmond East Calder	ASC
Andrew Donnelly	Dublin Fusiliers
Robrt Gibson	Royal Scots Greys
John McGrath	2/10 th Royal Scots
Alex Pirre	2/10 th Royal Scots
James Stein	2/10 th Royal Scots
John Coulter	2/10 th Royal Scots
Henry Dawson	17 th Royal Scots
Donald Walker	Royal Field Artillery
Pat Hughes	17 th Royal Scots

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	Stewart Main	Royal Garrison Artillery
	David Wilson	
	West Lothian Courier 30th April 1915	
	Roll of Honour Broxburn & Uphall	
	David McEwan	Royal Field Artillery
	Joseph Day	Royal Scots
	Peter Kilgour	Remounts
	Stewart Main	Remounts
	Archie Donnelly	Royal Irish Fusiliers
	Patrick Sheldon	Irish Guards
George Ross	Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)	
Broxburn & Uphall Recruiting May 1915	West Lothian Courier 7th May 1915	
	Recruiting – The following are the names of men enlisted this week at the centres noted;- Broxburn & Uphall	
	Henry Nugent	Royal Irish Fusiliers
	James lacey	Royal Irish Fusiliers
	Robert Edgar	RAMC
	John Gallacher	Irish Guards
	Dom McKenna	Irish Guards
	James Ferguson	9 th Royal Scots
	William Crighton	9 th Royal Scots
	Daniel McShane	Connaught Rangers
	Thomas Livingston	Remounts
	West Lothian Courier 14th May 1915	
	Recruiting – Roll of Honour – During last week the following enlisted from West Lothian Uphall & Broxburn	
	James Dougal	RAMC
	Andrew Turnbull	Remounts
	Peter Horsburgh	Remounts
	Alexander Wallace	Remounts
	George Webster Anthony	Motor Machine Gun Section
	Leopold Hamsworth	Lancashire Fusiliers
	James Anthony	Driver R F
John Tierney	ASC	
John Buchanan	ASC	
John McQueen	Dublin Fusiliers	
James Devine	Dublin Fusiliers	
M McPartlen	Dublin Fusiliers	
West Lothian Courier 21st May 1915		
Recruiting Roll of Honour – During the week ending 16 th May the following recruits were added to the Regular Army;- Broxburn		
Pat Keegan	ASC Remounts	
Matt McDermott	Royal Irish fusiliers	
Edward McLaughlan	Black Watch	
John Kelly	Royal Scots	

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	John Hunter	Highland Light Infantry	
	Don Bass	Highland Light Infantry	
	Pat McGowan	Dublin Fusiliers	
	John Devine	Motor Transport Machine Gun Sect	
	Alex Easton	Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders	
	Tom Chambers	9 th Royal Scots	
	<p>West Lothian Courier 28th May 1915 Recruiting Roll of Honour – Last week the following joined the Regular Army; Broxburn</p>		
	Alex Campbell	10 th Royal Scots	
	James Wattris	14 th Royal Scots	
	James Rennie	14 th Royal Scots	
	T McNamee	17 th Royal Scots	
	W Wilson	KOSB	
	R Henderson	Yorkshire Light Infantry	
	W Robertson	10 th Royal Scots	
	Michael McGuigan	10 th Royal Scots	
	Alex Aitken	10 th Royal Scots	
	E McCugh	Connaught Rangers	
Alex Shade	16 th Royal Scots		
John Albert	7 th Royal Scots		
Adam Ralston	A & SH		
Broxburn & Uphall Recruiting June 1915	<p>West Lothian Courier 4th June 1915 Recruiting Roll of Honour – During the week ending May 29th, the following enlisted in the Army;- Uphall & Broxburn</p>		
	James Martin	Royal Scots	
	John Davie	16 th Royal Scots	
	E McLeod	4 th Cameron Highlanders	
	R Wilson	Lowland Battery RFA	
	James Webster	14 th Royal Scots	
	Peter Quinn	3 rd Royal Scots	
	James McIntyre	16 th Royal Scots	
	George Fulton	RFA	
	Thomas Hamilton	Royal Scots Fusiliers	
	George Innes	10 th Royal Scots	
	John Finlayson	City of Edinburgh Royal Engineers	
	<p>West Lothian Courier 11th June 1915 Recruiting – Recruits Enlisted at Bathgate Political Recruiting Office – Roll of Honour Broxburn & Uphall The spurt in recruiting has been well maintained and this is the fourth week in succession Broxburn has reached double figures, the names are;-</p>		
	Bernard McGuire	7 th Royal Scots	
	William Taylor	Black Watch	
	John McCardle	RFA	
	W Watson	RFA	
	R Linton	RFA	
	James Rafferty	RFA	
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<p>Broxburn Scouts for Coastguard</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 29th January 1915 Broxburn Boy Scouts for Coastguard Duty – Immediately after the outbreak of the war Scoutmaster James Munnoch registered a number of the boys of the Broxburn troop of Boy Scouts for coastguard duty on the coast of Scotland. A communication has now been received from Scottish Headquarters Edinburgh intimating an opening for a full patrol of 8 to proceed to Nairn in the North of Scotland to take up the duty of coastguard under the Admiralty, and arrangements have been made for the Scouts to take up their quarters on Saturday. The patrol will be in charge of Senior Patrol Leader John I Swaney and the names of the other Scouts are;- Patrol Leader John Danks, ex Patrol Leader James Corstorphine, Patrol Leader William Johnston patrol Leader Peter Watson and 2ns Class Scouts, Will Rendall, Thomas Linton and Robert Duncan. The first three mentioned boys are First Class Scouts. The Scouts are to take the place of a patrol from Glasgow and they will take their departure by the first train from Drumshoreland Station on Saturday morning. Scoutmaster Munnoch will accompany the boys to Edinburgh. It is expected that the patrol will be on duty for a month.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 12th March 1915 Boy Scout's Experiences as Coastguards – the patrol of the Broxburn Boy Scouts, who were at Nairn on coastguard duty, have now returned home, and all are looking fit and well, the boys found their surrounding most congenial and a close friendship was formed with the local people. The Northerners took kindly to the scouts and besides inviting them occasionally to tea, they at times sent dinner up to their quarters while the fishermen saw they were kept well supplied with fish. These little attentions were much appreciated by the boys, who in their turn endeavoured to prove worthy of the interest thus shown in them. The accommodation placed at the disposal of the Scouts was all that could be desired, the boys having the run of a large house, comprising ten rooms with every convenience. A patrol from Dumbarton was billeted nearby and a Scout from each patrol went on duty for three hours at a time along with a coastguard. Only once was there a scare, and the Scouts are sworn to secrecy regarding it. Of course, there were other incidents which helped to keep things lively, such as pillow fights etc., but the offenders did not always escape scot free. Football was the favourite recreation and the Broxburn Scouts had several bouts with the local boys, and emerged winners on every occasion. The Station Officer also gave half an hour's instruction every morning while Divine Service was attended every Sunday. During their month's stay the Scouts enjoyed themselves thoroughly and they confess to feeling a little downhearted when they had to take their departure. The names of the lads who were on duty are as follows: - Patrol Leader Dunks, Ex PL Corstorphine, PL Johnston, PL Watson, Second Rendall, and Scouts Linton and Duncan. The patrol was under ASM John Swannay.</p>				

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<p>Cigarettes for 2nd Btn Royal Scots</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 29th January 1915 The Story of a Packet of Cigarettes – In our last week’s issue we recorded the fact that Mr N M Henderson, Broxburn had forwarded to the 2nd Btn of the Royal Scots on active service 1000 packets of cigarettes and also published letters of acknowledgement from men in the trenches. Mr Henderson has since received an interesting letter from Pte E Mason, Coy 3, Princes Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry, which tells how a packet of the cigarettes came into his possession. The letter is as follows: - Hope you will pardon the liberty I am taking in writing to you, but I thought you might be interested to know how a packet of cigarettes bearing your name and address came into my possession. A few days ago we had just finished our spell I the trenches and had marched back to a small village in Belgium, a few miles from the firing line for a few days’ rest before going back again and were billeted at a small farm, my friend and I took possession of an empty stall in a stable and were making ourselves comfortable with straw etc when we came across a bundle buried under a heap of straw. It consisted of a can of bully beef a few biscuits, piece of cheese and some tea and sugar, also your cigarettes. To say that they were welcome would only be expressing it mildly as we hadn’t had a smoke for a few days. Evidently the bundle had either been hidden or else forgotten by a soldier that had been there before we came. Anyway, we put the parcel back but commandeered his cigarettes as if we hadn’t done so, someone else probably would have taken them. So, in conclusion, Sir, I must thank you for your unexpected gift.</p>
<p>Poem for Broxburn & District Soldiers – Georgina Russell</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 31st December 1915 A New Year’s Greeting (to our brave defenders frae oor ain countryside) We have received a number of verses with the above heading from Miss Georgina Russell, Ecclesmachan. We regret that we cannot insert all the verses, but the following are a few of the best;-</p> <p>Ye laddies frae Broxburn, frae Inchmachan an’ Upha’ Oh, oor thochts are ever wi’ yem though ye’ve been sae lang awa’ An’ we send ye kindest greetings, noo the year is near a close Trustin’ ere he new ane’s ended, ye’ll hae vanquished a’ oor foes.</p> <p>In a’ the gallant charges oor brave Scots were tae the fore An’ it made ma hert leap wildly – for I’m Scottish tae the core That ye a’ were in the thick o’t made the bluid rush thro’ma veins I could see ye dashin’ onwards tae the stirrin’ bagpipes strains.</p> <p>Oh, ye’ve won a glorious record an’ ‘twill brichten a’ your life That ye lent a haund in endin’ aince for a’ this fearfu’ strife That ye crushed the Prussian bully, an’ his pooer for ever broke When he fain wad laid the warl’ underneath his iron yolk</p> <p>Noo the fear that’s fast approachin’ haude momentous days in store An’ the huns will learn a lesson that they never learnt afore Oh I feel there’s victory comin’ – yes ‘tis dawin’ ever near God grant peace be established, lang ere ends the dawnin’ year.</p> <p>Warmest greetings tae ye laddies – oh I rain wad clasp yer han’ By yer darin’ deeds a’ valour, ye hae served oor native lan’ Hoo ye rallied tae the standard, when the war flag was unfurled Yer pluck and strong endurance, are the wonders o’ the world.</p>

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Georgina Russell, Hillside Cottage Ecclesmachan.

West Lothian Courier 23rd July 1915

The Pride o' the Lowlands

(Tune – My Love is like a red, red rose)

Frae North tae South oor land is stirred

And herts thrilled tae the core

Oor Liberty's been threatened as it never was before

But brave o' hert an' strong o' airm, oor lads hae faced the foe

An' ere their swords are sheathed again the Huns shall be laid low

Chorus

The Huns shall be laid low my lads,

The Huns shall be laid low

And ere their swords shall be sheathed again

The Huns shall be laid low.

We've often sang the praises o' oor kilted lads sae braw,

And nae true Scot could grudge a word, they've dearly earned it a'

But we hae lads wae equal claims whaes glory ne'er can fade

Oor gallant regiments that form the Lowlanders' Brigade

(Chorus)

The Lowlanders Brigade my lads

Oor Royal Scots, Scots Fusiliers, Scots Guards and Gallant Greys,

Scots Rifles, an' oor Borderers, we'll ever sing yer praise

The pride o' ilka Lowland hert, ye've sworn oor lan' tae save,

Yer deeds have won undying fame, ye bravest o' the brave

(Chorus)

Ye Bravest o' the Brave my Lads

At hame or on the battlefield, ye second are tae nane,

And proodly we will welcome ye when ye come back again

Fu'll weel we ken ye'll dae yir bit, whatever may befa'

God Bless ye lads and keep ye safe, we lo'e and trust ye a'.

(Chorus)

We lo'e and trust ye a' my lads,

We lo'e and trust ye a',

God Bless ye lads and keep ye safe

We lo'e and trust ye a'.

Georgina Russell – Hillside Cottage, Ecclesmachan

West Lothian Courier 18th October 1918

The return of Peace

Gently the dark clouds asunder are riven

And lo, through the rift a soft radiance gleams

And war-torn souls get a glimpse into heaven

As that splendour burst forth into glorious streams

O'er this war saddened world, a halo is thrown

'tis the Angel of Peace coming back to her own.

Long, long from her throne she's been exiled afar

For on earth, air or sea, ah, no rest could be found

Nor could she escape the grim horrors of war

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to earth's uttermost parts its wild echoes resound
Thus, with sorrowful mien, from her realm she took flight
And sped far away to the regions of Light.

Then He who first sent her with mankind to dwell
Beheld with compassion her trouble and grief
And gave her a mission he knew she'd love well
That from sad meditations would give her relief
and it stilled her heart's sorrow and lessened her pain
As she calmly passing souls from the field of the slain.

While she soothed timid spirits with tenderest care
Towards her lost kingdom her eyes often turned
But the noise of confusion and strife rent the air
And with infinite anguish her tender soul burned
For the nought could discern from her vantage afar
But a wild seething turmoil of nations at war.

Still she watched the war-fiend his mad fury expend
But nature's fair face with his ravages mar
Knowing well retribution must surely attend
That vile hand which loosened the blood hounds of war
See those hounds in revolt, have their lord over powered
Nemesis overtaken him by them he's devoured.

Now with face turned joyfully earthwards once more
Her bright snowy pinions are cleaving through space
As swiftly she hastens her rule to restore
Bringing comfort and cheer to our war-stricken race
We are filled with rejoicing, though still she's afar
For her coming shall scatter the remnants of war.

Long, Long we have sought thee, thou vision so fair
On the distant horizon we wistfully gazed
But ever the minions of Giant Despair
Would dash to the ground the sweet hopes we'd raised
And the night winds re-echoed our mournful song
How long, Great Almighty how long, oh how long.

And now thou are coming – our hearts we uplift
And join once again in the glorious strain
which heralds thy coming, though heavenly gift
And welcomed thine advent on Bethlehem's plain
Peace over the earth and goodwill towards men
With hearts purged and chastened, we'll sing it again.

Oh, stay with us ever then Angel of Light
And wield thy sweet power o'er a war weary world
Thou heaven-sent messenger glorious and bright
Let us nevermore from thy presence be hurled
may each circling season thy kingdom increase
till all nations adore thee, blest Angel of Peace.

Georgina Russell,
Hillside Cottage
Ecclesmachan, Uphall

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Broxburn/Uphall Christmas Boxes 1914	<p>Edinburgh Evening News 11th December 1914 BROXBURN SOLDIERS' CHRISTMAS BOX - The Christmas boxes for Broxburn and Uphall soldiers serving in the Expeditionary Force have just been despatched to the men. The boxes numbered 111, and the contents included shortbread, chocolate, Oxo, soap, iodine, vaseline, a handkerchief, writing tablet, and a poetical greeting. A further batch of 425 parcels is in readiness to be forwarded to local men serving at home, the total number engaged in the forces of the Crown being 536. The cost of the Christmas boxes was defrayed by means of a National Flag Day which realised £82.</p>
Broxburn Soldier's and Sailor's Comforts Committee Christmas Boxes 1915	<p>West Lothian Courier 12th November 1915. Broxburn Soldier's and Sailors' Comfort Committee – Sir, Recently the above committee decided to try and raise fund sufficient to provide a Christmas Box for all soldiers and sailors and all units from Broxburn serving with the colours in whatever branch. Means have devised in the intervening weeks to raise funds and the committee are now hopeful that their aim will be accomplished, and desire to record their heartfelt thanks to all friends and societies who have given assistance. There can be little doubt of the appreciation our brave men will bestow upon such kindness during these trying times, when so many are separated by wide distance and far from the familiar scenes of their native land, guarding not only their native shores but bravely defending foreign lands from the terrors of a common foe. Close on 550 boxes will have to be made up and the committee feel it a privilege to be able to remember the lads in such a manner and one thing is essential that every person who was supplied with a form at the end of July last should see that the addresses of their friends are properly recorded with the undersigned or any member of the committee provide they belong and enlisted from its district. On Saturday first, 13th November, another effort will be made in aid of the funds. Miss Russell having composed a poem “Monarch of the Wave” a tribute to the British Navy, the entire proceeds are to be devoted to the purpose when it is hoped the effort will be crowned with success. On behalf of the committee, I remain, G D Duncan, Hon Secy.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 31st December 1915 Broxburn- Grateful Tommy – The scheme which was set afoot some time ago by the Broxburn Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Committee and which had for its object the providing of a Christmas parcel to each man belonging to the district who is serving with His Majesty's Forces has now been successfully completed. It was certainly proved a big undertaking, and the committee and the friends who assisted them are to be congratulated on the expeditions manner in which the work was carried through. All the parcels, the contents of which were particularly well chosen have now been despatched and already Mr G D Duncan, hon. secretary has been in receipt of a large batch of letters of acknowledgement. In practically every case, “Tommy” is most profuse in his thanks, and those who are “somewhere in France or Flanders” are particularly grateful for the seasonable gift. In that fact the committee will doubtless find an ample reward for their labour while the public will feel that in contributing to the fund they have given their support to a most worthy object. We give quotations from a few of the letters, which will no doubt prove very interesting. A Piper says, “I got my Christmas box in perfect condition, and was very pleased to be included. My chums who shared enclose proof of their appreciation. We enjoyed contents with such relish that had you seen us at the good things you would have thought we had never had such dainties before. Of course, it is a rare occasion when such nice parcels come our way and in</p>

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conclusion think it one of the finest assorted parcels sent to any soldier at the front.”

A member of the RAMC writing from “somewhere in Belgium”, says – “I am glad to see the people of Broxburn have not forgotten the boys. Things are pretty hard here in the trenches, waist deep in water. I am longing for home, and hope to be among the good people of Broxburn about Christmas.” A Sapper in France writes – “Accept my warmest thanks for Christmas box. The viands enclosed will make a pleasant change to our usual diet. It is also a great pleasure to think we are not forgotten by the folks at home. I am longing to see dear old Broxburn again.” **A L/Cpl in France** expresses himself thus – “I thank the townspeople of Broxburn very much for the Christmas Box and they may be sure I will appreciate it. You can fancy you see us enjoying the cakes and all the other good things in the trenches. The Nupines especially come in very handy as I have a very bad cold. As for the socks, there is no greater comfort this wet weather than to have a change of socks. Thanks to the Women’s Work party for them. As for the cigarettes they are just my fancy.” **A Bombardier** says – My Christmas box is one of the best friends I have met out in the trenches. All the contents were safely delivered and it was a welcome surprise.” **A driver in the ASC** writes – “Thanks for your kindness in remembering me out in the trenches with a Christmas Box. The contents were very acceptable and I can assure you that none would wish for a nicer box. A fellow has just come up to me and says – “Whaur did your that candle Jock”, I says, - The wee toon whaur they mak’ ‘em, Broxburn.” He says – “It’s a guid yin.”, Says I, “Yes, and it’s a guid country they cam frae tae.” **A member of the Flying Corps** in the field states – “I thank you for parcel received and also the Women’s Work Party for the very welcome articles they sent. I cannot find words to express my thanks, but I am sure you will understand as you all know I was a chap of very few words (bow-wow).” He signs his letter “Frae ane ye ken weel?” **A Bombardier** “Somewhere in France” writes - “I received my box safe and sound, especially the socks, which come as a boon to us fellows out here I am sure the gallant lads are more confident to think the people of Broxburn and district are still thinking of the and the cause they are fighting for.” **A Private in France** says – “I got my parcel in good condition and my chums and I thoroughly enjoyed it, I assure you. Please thank the Women’s Work Party for the kind gift of socks and mittens. They are just the things needed at present as the weather is so cold.” **A Driver in the BEF** in his letter says – “Although I read in the local paper about the gifts, I never thought I would receive one of them. I take the opportunity of thanking the subscribers for being so kind to us.” Another Bombardier writes – “I really do not know how much to thank you and our committee for the splendid work you have been doing on behalf of the Broxburn lads out here. We greatly appreciate any parcel sent out to us and we know the people at home do not forget us at Christmas. I hope it will be all over soon, and we will be back to dear old Broxburn again. I hope you and your staff (if God spares you all) will not need to send out parcels next Christmas, for I am sure you have a great amount of work to do.” **A letter from a Driver** is as follows – “I received your nice parcel today and was grateful to see it. Everything was in good condition. We gathered round and had our New Year out of it, although it was a bit previous. We needed it very much. The stationery will come in very useful and also the pair of hand knitted socks. We enjoyed a fine supper out of the cakes. There are six of us in this billet and they all join in sending best wishes and many thanks.” **A Private in the NF** says – “I received parcel in good condition. It is a very serviceable box and everything is just what a chap requires out here, such thing as candles and stationery are the two most important things for soldiers on active service. It is a great treat to us all to receive a present from our own town. The socks and mitts are other handy things, when we are up to boot

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tops in water we require a few pairs of socks to keep our feet warm. It must have been a great deal of extra work for the ladies of the committee that all the parcels had to be sewn in canvas and I have no doubt you would have a large staff of dressmakers on the job.” **A Driver in the BEF** in France says – “I received and greatly appreciate the parcel sent to me from the Broxburn Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Comforts Committee, I would esteem it a great favour if you thanked its members for the kindness they have shown in favouring me with one of their gifts. Tell them from me that their thoughtfulness was greatly admired by my comrades and myself.” **A Cpl in the RE** with a knowledge of chemistry writes in quite a happy vein. He says – “I hasten to convey my sincere thanks to all concerned for their great kindness. Everything is in the best of condition and will be greatly appreciated but much as I appreciate them I appreciate still more the spirit that prompted sending it to make our Christmas out here a little more like real Christmas. It has provided for us both outwardly and inwardly more inwardly than otherwise – as it is the chief characteristic of the festive season and I sincerely trust that as a result of the consumption of the good things the RAMC won’t have many of the Broxburn boys of their hands afterwards.” **A Sgt in the Canadians** writes – I am in receipt of Xmas box sent by your honourable body from Broxburn. Although I was born and raised in the town of Broxburn it is now a number of years since I left it and went to Canada where I have made my home. I intend to return to the land of the maple leaf and spend my remaining years. I cannot express my thanks in words to you all for the kindness you have shown to me by sending such a thoughtful and beneficial Christmas present. Hoping to see you all before I return to Canada.” **A Member of the Canadian Field Ambulance** says – “I now thank you and the kind friends of Broxburn for the nice Christmas parcel received yesterday. I assure you I do receive the gift not for what it contained but for the spirit in which the friends of Broxburn have thought to cheer up those who are trying to do their little bit for the country to which we belong. We out here are confident that the war, sooner or later will end in favour of the Allies.” **A Private in the Queen Mary’s Own Hussars** states: - “I thank the people of Broxburn for the splendid present which I have received. In fact, my chums and I are inclined to think that you are making us feel so comfortable this winter that there is a danger of us forgetting the business we have come out on. We all join in wishing you all a Merry Christmas.”

West Lothian Courier 14th January 1916

Tommy’s Appreciation of their Labours – Mr G D Duncan, hon. Secy of the Broxburn Soldier’s and Sailors’ Comforts Committee has been in receipt of another batch of letters from soldiers belonging to the district, acknowledging the handsome Christmas gifts sent to them. In every case “Tommy” is most profuse in his thanks for the kindness of the folks at home, and it is evident that the contents of the boxes gave abundant satisfaction. **A former teacher in Broxburn High Grade School**, and now in France writes – “I received last night the parcel which you on behalf of the Broxburn Comforts committee sent to me. To say the parcel was acceptable was put it very mildly, for I had just made up my mind to beg, borrow or well get my hands on and thereafter feet into another pair of socks. That the many and varied good thing I got from you. I was able not only to comfort myself externally but internally. My gratitude to your committee is difficult to write, but you have gladdened my heart from the fact that everything was so acceptable, and the parcel itself so unexpected, for I fear my claim to the generosity of your subscribers seems small to me. In the hope that soon you will know we have not been here in vain.” **Another member of the teaching profession** says – “I received a very pleasant surprise on Sunday night, when your parcel arrived. It naturally took some time to reach

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me, for I left the Headquarters of the Indian Cavalry Corps on Dec 6th for No 7 Stationary Hospital, where I am now employed as attendant in the Pathological Laboratory. The good things your parcel contained came in very useful indeed as a supplement to our barrack room fare. The cakes made splendid tasty bites for supper after roll call at 8:30pm, and even for a pre-prandial snack between our first parade at 6:15 and our breakfast at 7:40. To that statement my fellow inhabitants of our marque will willingly testify. I was delighted to receive the parcel and share it with the rest of the boys as is the custom. It makes one feel a little happier to know one is not quite forgotten by the folks at home. I have only seen only two Broxburn men since I came out in May. One to be correct was a Pumpherston lad – whom I had to take to hospital with a damaged knee. The other was an old pupil of my own, George Anderson, now a Sgt in the Gordons. He had been sent down with a wounded arm, and was proceeding “up the line again the day after I saw him. I met him on a tram-car and was struck by the coincidence. Please accept my thanks once again for sending me such a large and useful parcel.”

A Pte in the ASC says: - Please accept and convey to the members of the comforts committee my most sincere thanks for the splendid parcel received. The contents are most acceptable. I am sure every one of us is deeply grateful for the kind consideration on the part of the women folks. It is really surprising how well they have shown up the slackers. Out here, they are never too tired to attend to us, it makes a chap think shame that the country should have so many fellows who are unworthy to clean the shoes of some of the ladies. When, after having travelled all day in a cattle truck with nothing better than “Bully” and biscuits, your train crawls into some station, and there you discover a coffee bar, with some real British ladies behind it, you begin to understand what patriotism means to them. A present I am attached to Corps Headquarters (13th Corps). I have quite a decent time, as the units under the command of this Corps are not yet in the line. We work from about half past seven in the morning to about 11 at night. And have the rest of the day to ourselves so, that is better than doing tome in Portland, what? I have enjoyed excellent health since coming across in July and am at present in the “Pink”. Perhaps you would like to hear how we celebrated Christmas here? We have a junior clerks mess in a little cottage, being at present stationed in a village, and we got I in a good supply of the needful, turkey, chicken, pork etc etc. (Several chaps had already laid in a good stock on their own account before appearing at the dinner but this is by the way). Unluckily our fowls had no previous military training and were late on parade, which was fixed for 6pm., but did not come off till about 9pm. However, when they were all lined up, having been duly court-marshalled, and sentence was carried out very neatly and quickly. After having toasted the Empire, Death to the Kaiser and also toasted each regiment and corps represented (of which there were about twenty) we had a most glorious sing song. I should perhaps mention that our mess-room is about 12ft by 10. Two of the chums now got up and gave us an exhibition of the “Bunny-hug” in the space at their disposal (there was a company 30 altogether, two tables and a stove), and finished very gracefully under the table, much to our amusement. I will draw a veil over the subsequent proceedings which it is not expedient for the censor to hear about. Suffice it to say that next morning everybody was of the opinion that the season had been duly celebrated, and a good many of them wondered what had happened last night, of which they were blissfully unconscious. It is perhaps just as well for some that Christmas comes but once a year. Those of us who were teetotal seem to have had the most fun of the lot, as the others do not remember very clearly just what did actually happen.”

A Pte writing from the trenches says – “I beg to acknowledge with thanks the parcel which I have received. You would not believe how the boys do

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appreciate such luxuries items from home. I am extremely obliged to you for thinking of me. I am trying to do my little bit out here. I am pleased to tell you sir, an ambulance corps have got highly recommended for the work done on and since Sept 25th – that was really a dreadful night, nothing but shot and shell flying everywhere. I have seen some awful sights. I have been told many a time it was hell out here, but I have experienced it for myself. Our lads are very cheerful and it does on good to hear them singing their favourite songs on their way to the trenches. The Germans certainly are a hard nut to crack as you will know, but we will crack them before long. It is a pity to see the towns, and villages in ruins. If some of the young fellows did see some of them, I am sure they would not hesitate in coming forward. We are pushing the Germans back slowly but surely and I am positive victory will be ours and it is not so far distant. I am trying to do my work willingly in my sphere and when this war is over I shall be able to come home if god spares me, with a clear conscience that I did my little bit for King and County.”

A Drummer in France says – “Only a few lines to thank you and the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Comforts Committee for the welcome parcel received on Saturday. It is grand to know that the folks at home are always thinking of us roughing it our here, and all I can say is “keep the home fires burning, till the boys come home” because many a time when we are sitting round our fire (a pail with a few holes in it and some smoky sticks) that song fairly goes. I would be very much obliged if you could get me an old cornet any old bashed affair would do so long as the valves are good and a sound can come out of it. We are very hard up for instruments here and it fairly livens up the boys when these can be got on loan for quite a short time. At present we are out of the trenches having a well-earned rest, and it is the first too since we came out fully six months ago. I don’t think we will be back for five or six weeks and I would like very much to pay Broxburn a visit before we go into action again.”

West Lothian Courier 29th December 1916

Uphall – **A Grateful Tar** – An Amusing letter of Thanks – Mr James Muir, secretary of the Uphall Committee for sending comforts to our brave lads serving with the colours, has received several acknowledgments, all testifying to the pleasure it gave them to receive such a gift at the festive season One letter in particular was an outstanding epistle showing the write to possess a strong sense of humour. It was as follows;- On Board, HMS Victorious – “Happy and Glorious too, my boy”

Dear Hon Secy – May the Lord make us truly thankful (as the minister bodies say) thank the Germans for making the Uphall and Broxburn folk think sae kindly o’ us. I lighten ane o’ the candles and lookit’ a the dates, but there as naething about peace being declared on any o’ them. Maybe the sojer chaps will find the lucky number. Many thanks to the lady that made the wrapper, It’ll make a grand soapbag. I’ve hemmed it and put in a drawing string, ie (I dinna ken what i’e means) but I i.e. the bit that was round the box. The treacle bun was guid, an Edinburgh chap helped me tae judge it. By the way the messmates take aff their bunnets tae the despatch clerk that cut the stencil. It could hae gone round the world and found me so they said. As a matter of fact it did come to ane of its uttermost ends. Your parcel as a whole awakes the most pleasant of memories but it is not so in detail. For instance, I remember some miserable months spent up the Persian Gulf where they (the dates) come from. Very soon after leaving Bombay there was nought in the canteen but matches and bootlaces. So for month in and month oot we had for breakfast, “tea and dates”, for dinner, Corned Dog Biscuits. Rice and dates for tea and supper same as breakfast, and more dates. They were the squashed kind, tho’ that we got up there. The Arabs “mark time on them in their bare feet tae get twa hunderweight into a yae hundrweight bag. The auld sulphate of ammonia caper, ye ken, as

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	<p>practised by the local Oil Companies an' the chewing gum – well tae say the least of it, my mither had a knack of landing me a lift under the lug when she caught me wi' it, that just aboot knocked me S-Sen senseless. Now about the socks and hankies, let me tell ye on the quiet that if I live long enough to wear all that has been sent to me from various sources, I will one day be your auldest inhabitant. I can see the wife thrifty body, making a patch work bedcover of her mans' spare hankies after the war. The nupines and vaseline will be handy. I hope you gave the Uphall chemist a guid share of yer patronage, cause ye ken what things are when yer first married. I expect he'd lay oot a guid bit on penny stamps and post cards introducing himself. It's time tae stop noo, as I'm getting too personal, so thanking the Committee and all subscribers and well-wishers I remain yours sincerely – G Welsh.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 3rd August 1917 Broxburn Prisoners of War (To the Editor West Lothian Courier) Sir, Wold you kindly allow me space in your columns to make an appeal on behalf of our local prisoners of war. During the earlier part of last year the Broxburn Soldiers and Sailors Comforts Committee made arrangements with the Legation at Berne, Switzerland for a fortnightly parcel, and bread every week to each prisoner, a measure which gave fair satisfaction, but the Government making new arrangements towards this end of 1916 parcels could only be sent through Prisoners of War Associations. Ascertaining the necessary particulars of those Associations the above Committee decided to arrange for a parcel value 5s per fortnight, to each prisoner, in addition to those the Associations provide, but on account of the increased prices, the sum does not provide a parcel, and the money has to assist the Associations to send their weekly parcels and an extra parcel of clothing. The Committee feel confident that the public will support them in this object, and with a view to continuing the work they have arranged that on Saturday (tomorrow), 4th August, collectors will call for any subscriptions that you feel able to give. From a local body the Committee received the sum of £12 10s for this purpose, but with the number of prisoners a sum of at least £18 per quarter is necessary. Considering the hardships of those unfortunate lads, who must suffer in silence at the hands of a relentless foe, let everything that can be done to mitigate their hardship. Sealed boxes will be provided to the collectors, but any who wish to forward donations, same can be sent to Hon Treasurer Mr F Stuart, and will be thankfully acknowledged. On behalf of the Committee, I am yours, etc. G D Duncan Hon Secy Broxburn 1st August 1917.</p>
Broxburn & District VAD	<p>West Lothian Courier 21st July 1916 Uphall Organ Recital – As the result of the recent organ recital given by Trooper W Irwin Hunt, in Uphall Parish Church, the Broxburn and District Men's and Women's Detachments of the VAD will benefit to the extent of £12 1s 8d. This is a very gratifying result and will greatly enable the detachments to carry on their good work.</p>
Veteran of the Crimea George Gibson Pilmer	<p>West Lothian Courier 9th June 1916 Uphall – Passing of a Veteran – On Tuesday a notable figure passed away in the person of George Gibson Pilmer, one of the few remaining survivors of the Charge of the Light Brigade. George Pilmer was a native of Clackmannan but had been resident for many years in Broxburn having been in the employment of Broxburn Oil Company, until failing health compelled him to give up duty latterly. He was resident in England on the outbreak of the Crimean War and enlisted in 13th Light Dragoons going through the entire campaign and emerging practically scathless. He held the Crimean and Turkish medals, with clasps for</p>

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	<p>Inkerman, Alma, Balaclava, and Sebastopol. He was in his 87th year and by his death there has passed away on the very few survivors of the “Noble Six Hundred.” His funeral took place this afternoon to Uphall Cemetery with military honours</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 9th June 1916 Pilmer – At 51 Stewartfield, Broxburn, on the 6th inst., George Gibson Pilmer, aged 87 years, late 13th Light Dragoons – a survivor of the Noble Six Hundred. Canadian papers please copy.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 16th June 1916 Uphall Military Funeral – The remains of the late George Gibson Pilmer, 13th Light Dragoons, Crimean veteran who is recognised as the last Scottish representative of the noble six hundred was interred in Uphall Cemetery on Friday last. The funeral was a very impressive one, and the route to the cemetery was crowded with townspeople. Two pipers belonging to Dr Kelso’s Pipe band headed the procession while the RC Band under Mr J Marshall preceded the gun carriage and played the Dead March in Saul all the way to the cemetery. The coffin was wrapped in the Union Jack and was borne on a gun carriage kindly lent by the RFA, Edinburgh, and was drawn by six horses. The pall-bearers were members of the Royal Defence Corps, who are on guard at the Broxburn Oil Works. Following the gun carriage was also a company of the RDC as mourners under 2nd Lieut Hughes, while soldiers home on leave also paid respect to their veteran comrade. Next in line were members of the Broxburn and Uphall VAD, followed by a good number of townsmen among whom were Mr Grey, Mr Ewart, Mr Abbot, Mr J Curran also local veterans. The school children who had been marshalled on the playground stood at the salute as the cortege passed the school. All the business premises and houses on the road to the burial ground had drawn blinds. The service at the grave was of an impressive nature. After the Rev R Erskine had offered prayer the Pipers played “Lochaber no more”, while the firing party which consisted of 12 men and 2 NCO’s of the RDC under the charge of Sgt Burgess fired three volleys over the grave. The late Mr Pilmer was the possessor of the Crimean medal, 1854 with four clasps for Sebastopol, Inkerman, Balaclava and Alma also the Turkish medal for the same campaign dated 1856.</p>
<p>Uphall Golf Club Roll of Honour</p>	<p>Midlothian Advertiser 3rd April 1915 Uphall Golf Club Roll of Honour – At the annual meeting of the Uphall Golf Club held in the Public Hall on Wednesday Mr W M W Wilson presiding – the secretary submitted a list of names of members of the club now serving their King and country. Their names are:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Henry Gray John Rae, Charles Mutter Andrew Kelly George Nicol, Alex Splatt Matthew Cooks, J Lauder Nicol James C S Calder Henry Robertson</p>



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Honours & Memorial Committee	<p>West Lothian Courier 2nd June 1916 Broxburn – To Recognise Winners of War Honours – A public meeting was held on Tuesday evening in Broxburn Public Hall to further consider the proposals for doing honour to local members of the naval and military forces who have won or may yet win honours in this war. Mr William Cuthbertson presided over a fairly large and representative attendance. The chief business of the meeting was the discussion of the proposal made at a previous meeting to raise a local fund from which recognition could be made of local winners of war honours. It was indicated that any balance from such scheme might form the nucleus of a fund to provide a permanent memorial in Broxburn to those who have fallen in battle. The chairman explained that the adoption of the proposal would ensure equality of treatment and should more than the necessary sum of money be subscribed it was advisable that any surplus be earmarked for a special purpose. It was considered that no more fitting use could be made of this than the establishment of a memorial of a permanent character to the memory of Broxburn's sons who had made the supreme sacrifice. On the motion of Mr Callighan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the proposal and the following committee was appointment to carry out the proposals, Messrs W Cuthbertson, W Pagan, F Stuart, W Smith, H Watson, D R Stuart, A Bertram, Dr Scott, T McLean, M McAulay, J McCann, F Nicol, J McDougall, G D Duncan, W Brown, J Bryne, J Munnoch and G Smellie. Mr G D Duncan was unanimously appointed secretary. A proposal by Broxburn S & S Comforts Committee that an effort be made to provide suitable refreshments for and otherwise assist the wounded soldiers at Bangour or other wounded members of the forces visiting Broxburn who may not have friends in the district. Mr John McCann said in support of the motion that it embodied his views and he held that since Broxburn had done so well they might ever do better in providing in so far as it came within their province, for the comfort of those who were strangers in a strange land, he accordingly moved and it was unanimously agreed to work the scheme under the Comforts Committee, funds being raised for this special purpose and it was decided to add the following gentlemen to the existing committee, Dr Scott, Messrs John Smith, W G Colligan, T McLean, John Gibson, W Pagan. Mr Duncan stated that Mr John Smith had called upon him that afternoon and intimated that if it would facilitate the arrangements of the committee he would be pleased to let them have the use of a shop in Main Street to be used as refreshment rooms til the close of the war. It was unanimously agreed to accept the kind offer of Mr Smith which it was felt greatly enhanced the efforts of the committee in the preliminary arrangements and solved the initial difficulty of securing suitable premises. A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman.</p> <p>Midlothian Advertiser 23rd June 1916 Broxburn Local Honours Fund – Mr William Cuthbertson has been appointed chairman of the local committee who have charge of the fund for recognising soldiers who have distinguished themselves on the battlefield. Mr G D Duncan is secretary and Dr Scott, treasurer.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 1st February 1918 Honours and Memorial Fund – At a meeting of the Committee of the above Fund, held in Broxburn Public School and presided over by Mr William Cuthbertson JP., the report and balance sheet was submitted abstract of which appears in our advertisement columns. The statement shows an income of £8 6s 3d, and an expenditure of £78 3s 2d, leaving in Bank on current account of £9 6s 3d. It was explained that 11 local men who had gained either one or other of the military medals for bravery had been presented with the Broxburn Honours Medal and War Savings Certificate the expenditure under this heading accounting for over £75 of the total. The names of those who have already been</p>
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	<p>presented with this public recognition are as follows; - Sgt Taylor, LCpl Lynch, LCpl Craig, Pte William Fallon, Leading Stoker McGovern, Sgt J Corstorphine, Pte J McQueen, Sgt James Smith, LCpl William Ball, Sgt Lewis Begg and Sgt George Rodgers. As there are still 6 or 7 men who have won distinction and who have yet to receive their honours Medal and War Scrip, the Committee are faced with the difficulty of being unable to carry out their scheme unless subscriptions are forthcoming and as it was felt that it would be a distinct hardship on these heroes if though this want of funds they were denied receiving public recognition, it was decided to make an appeal to the public for subscriptions at an early date.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 22nd February 1918 Broxburn Jottings Honours & Memorial Committee – Tomorrow the public of Broxburn will have another opportunity of displaying their generous nature generosity which we may say has never yet been found wanting when any appeal was made to them for a worthy object and we feel sure tomorrows collection will be no exception.</p> <p>The collection is being taken by the Broxburn Honours and Memorial Committee, to enable them to continue their scheme of presenting any of our local soldiers or sailors who have gained the DCM, MM or other decorations, with the Honours Medal and War Savings Certificate as a recognition from the public of their native place that their brave actions are appreciated by them. A large number our local lads have already been presented with these public gifts but many more have yet to be recognised and as the fund for this purpose is early exhausted, it is hoped tomorrow's efforts to raise sufficient to allow of all being treated alike. We feel assured we have only to mention this to our readers to make the collection "one big success" and at that we confidently leave it.</p> <p>West Lothian Courier 8th March 1918 Broxburn People and Soldiers Awarded Honours – Egypt 10-2-18 Sir, Will you grant me a short space in your most esteemed and valuable paper, re Broxburn at the presentation of a War Certificate and Honours Medal, presented to soldiers who gain distinction on the battlefield.</p> <p>I read with great interest the account in your issue dated 21-12-17 regarding the presentation of the Carnegie award to Mr James McMullen, in recognition of his bravery shown by saving two young fellows from drowning. I was pleased to read about the good audience that turned out to welcome and show their appreciation of the hero.</p> <p>But I was ashamed to read the chairman's remarks where he referred to the poor attendance of the public when a Distinguished Conduct Medalist or Military Medalist was receiving a presentation from the Broxburn people.</p> <p>I wonder if the people of Broxburn really understand the conditions, bravery and self-sacrifice that have to be shown to gain such awards?</p> <p>Now then, Broxburn, wake up and play the game, with your military heroes and turn out to welcome and give all the honour that is due to them – I am - A Local Soldier on Service.</p>
Broxburn POW's	<p>Midlothian Advertiser 15th December 1916 Broxburn Local Men in Germany – Broxburn has now twelve local men prisoners of war in Germany, and parcels have been forwarded to them so as to brighten up their Christmas. From all accounts which reach home they will need it badly.</p>
Broxburn Volunteers	<p>West Lothian Courier 24th November 1916 The Broxburn Volunteers The following was found in the Public Hall, Broxburn.</p>

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	<p>T'was here they met, that gallant band of brothers, Who came to join the Local Volunteers Their beards distinguished them from others Denoting their advancing years.</p> <p>They listened with breathless interest to the Chairman, As he stated in terms sure and plain That the country called on them this moment And he felt sure it didn't call in vain.</p> <p>Not an old man in that vast assembly (There must have been at least quite thirty-four) But swore that he would put his name down Meanwhile, casting anxious glances to the door.</p> <p>The Chairman pointed out, with deep emotion, What these men could do if ably led And perchance his thought strayed for a moment to the slacker in the "show" or safe in bed,</p> <p>Tic said strange sights were witnessed in the village Of old men "falling in" and "forming fours," Of "actions" "too deep" for explanation Of "dugouts" formed upon the cellar floors.</p> <p>When at night you're looking out for Zeppelins, Or invasion should mingle with your fears Just get into bed, and make yourself quite comfy, Remembering the Broxburn Volunteers. Sand Bag</p>
<p>Letter from Broxburn Soldier – Our Brave Dead</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 15th December 1916 Letters from a Broxburn Soldier – Our Brave Dead – I have visited a cemetery where a few hundreds of our brave lads lie buried. I can assure you as one goes in and out amongst the graves, reading the names and regiments, one feels a lump rise in the throat. There were two funerals of British soldiers which I attended. The dead heroes were carried shoulder high to their last resting place. A firing party lined up and fired over the graves. After the Chaplain had conducted an impressive service, the bugles sounded the sad notes of the "Last Post." Then the bodies were lowered reverently into their respective graves. How sad it all was.</p> <p>In a Hospital – I visited a hospital where a large number of our wounded lay. Most of them will be nursed back to health and strength, but alas, man will never be able to take up the active life they left to fight their country's battles. As you looked into the white pinched faces of the men you felt it was nothing short of sacrilege for anyone to talk of sacrifice with regard to anything done by others than our soldiers and sailors. These men, bruised and broken in the fight have made terrible sacrifices. What cheap sacrifices have the men home-made, giving eight hours work for a handsome wage and always crying for more. I think the saddest sight of all was to see some of the most seriously wounded men brought from the front in some of the barges. As you watched the men of the Red Cross Society lifting these cases from the barges to the waiting ambulance vans, your heart went out to these brave lads in profound sympathy.</p>

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Our Soldier Optimism – But there is a cheerful side to ambulance work out here also. Our soldiers are real optimists. There is a splendid spirit among the troops. They feel that the dark clouds are breaking and that we are on the eve of the dawn of a new day. They begin to see that the end of the war is in sight, and that ere long peace will once more be established amongst the nations. You meet with a few pessimists out here. The men cheerfully adapt themselves to circumstances as they find them. I was watching a number of men doing a bit of hard work the other day. One lad in particular was digging for all he was worth. He was, ere joining, a University student, so I said to him, “You’ll find it a big change working with a shovel instead of a pen.” He answered cheerily – “It’s all right. Somebody must do it, and why not me as well as another, eh?” With men made of that stuff we have a right to look forward to speedy victory. You meet at every turn fine intelligent fellows who can discuss social political and economic questions from every standpoint. It makes one feel that with the return of peace there will follow great revolutionary changes. These are the men who are taking careful note of what the stay at homes are doing, and they condemn with no uncertain voice the very idea of industrial strife at a time when we are fighting for our very existence as a nation.

What the Soldiers Enjoy – While the men enjoy anything in the nature of a concert or secular entertainment, yet they do appreciate and take advantage of religious services. The YMCA Huts are well filled during religious services, services being held nightly. In one hut the preacher is fearless in his denunciations of the temptations that lie in the path of the soldier and he denounces as traitors and cowards men who by any wilful act of their own do anything which destroys them from taking their part in the conflict. Great numbers have become members of the The Alliance of Honour in which they promise to abstain from everything that will affect them adversely physically or morally.

A Church of England Minister was here recently delivering a special address to the men on our place I wish you had heard his address. It was really splendid. He had been with the troops since the early days of the war, and he knew what he talked about. He warned the men as to the consequences if they diverged from the paths of rectitude and righteousness.

I was reminded of a story. A young Scottish minister of the new school of theology who did not believe in eternal punishment received a call to a large congregation. After a time, the congregation began to dwindle away. When asked his opinion, the beadle said, a religion without a devil is in it is no worth a dam. The young minister perceived the point and returned with a chastened spirit to preach the gospel of punishment for sin. (T.McM)

West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916

Letters from Broxburn Man in France – Presentations to Heroes – I was privileged in being present one day at an interesting ceremony. A Number of officers and men were being presented with VC, Military Cross, DCM etc. The ceremony was held in a field with a background of beautiful trees, The men were lined up and the band playing capital music. It as fine afternoon with the sun shining upon the rifles and bayonets of the men standing at attention. As the heroes stepped out, one after another to receive the warm congratulations of the General Commanding, have the distinguished ribbon pinned upon their breast and hearty hand clasp accompanied with ringing cheers from the men in their Company the spectacle was a most heart moving one. The memory of that day will I am sure live in the memory of every one then present, as long as memory lasts.

A Balloon Set on Fire – I witnessed another scene, which I find it rather difficult to describe. No mere words could convey the splendour of it. A German observation balloon had broken away from an important part of the line.

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So soon as it was sighted the gun's fire was directed to it, while the shells were busting around it, all at once you saw a number of aeroplanes, which appeared to drop from the clouds, dash on the scene. The aeroplanes flow around the balloon like birds on the wing. Then the balloon evidently vitally wounded commenced to descend. After the balloon had dropped a considerable distance one of the aeroplanes commenced circling around it. Then like a hawk pouncing on his prey the aeroplane descended on the top of the balloon and in a moment the huge silk envelope burst into a great flame of fire and the balloon was no more, it's career was ended. Watching the episode, series of episodes rather, one had the feeling that there was a supernatural touch about the whole thing, it certain was a great triumph for science.

God's Hand In It – The most remarkable experience I have had so far was with regard to the meeting of a brother, I was offered by my superior the use of a motor car, in order that I might get an opportunity of meeting him. It was while getting conveyed about in the car that I got some conception of what war really meant. What destruction shell fire causes. My first try to get my brother provided disappointing, I could get no trace of his Company. Another day I was taken to a certain place where he was supposed to be but again was disappointed. My superior is a great believer in the efficacy of prayer and so he asked the Lord to guide him. He suggested going in the opposite direction to which we had been travelling as he had got the impression that at a certain place he had in his mind we would get information of my brother, I said I was in his hands. After a long drive we reached the place previously spoken of and the first man we met was a kilted lad from my brother's Company. With his aid my brother was apprised of my presence and our meeting was sincerely a happy one. All were cheerful though they had come through some severe fighting and were preparing to again enter the thick of the fray. I believe that there was no luck in that meeting but that god had so willed it.

Our Kilted Laddies – While standing holding converse with my brother, a company of Highlanders marched past, with full kit, the pipers at their head, playing that grand music that makes the head to dirl, the men, the music, the surroundings – how the blood coursed quickly through the veins. And among that crowd of gallant men my brother pointed out, among others, Cpl Anderson, formerly a school teacher in Broxburn. And this reminds me that there are near me a son of Mr Findlay Stuarts, and D Smellie, late of Philpstoun. The former I have not yet met, though he has promised to come along and see me. The latter I have met and he is looking well.

The Old Wife's Faith – A story is told out here of a pious old Welsh woman, which will bear re-telling. A neighbour and her had been discussing the war news, and the neighbour had praised enthusiastically the work of the Navy and the Infantry. Aw weel, said the Welsh woman, I have no faith in the Navy or the Infantry but I have every confidence in the blessed "Calvary," for she was certain that as they had upheld the Cross, the Lord would bless them. We all hope that trust that the end of this fearful carnage will come earlier than at the moment one feels justified in calculating. We hope that the Lord will bless our men and if that old Welsh woman gets her prayer answered and our cavalry get through, we have all the feeling that the end will not be far off.

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Letters from A Broxburn Man in France No 4

Association of Ideas – Thanks for useful gifts received. The knitted vest is a comfort indeed, as it is so fearfully cold here, meaning (November 23rd). Many a time when daylight breaks, I think of the hymn, "Let the blessed sun shine in" for there is plenty of room for it, getting through into the little shanty, there are so many seams. Unfortunately, the blessed frost gets in also and I can assure you that it makes you sigh if you happen to shift your position in bed.

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	<p>The Tommies Honesty – Many soldiers who have received tea or coffee and cake gratis, come back whenever they get their pay and offer to square their bill. It is really wonderful how absolutely honest they are. It is a very easy matter, especially if you are a stranger and dealing with the French money, when there is a crush on at a hut to make a mistake in giving change. Many a time I have seen the lads coming back with a franc which they had received in excess. Another thing – you could leave the counter, although the place was filled to over flowing and not a single man would ever think of touching anything during your absence. The longer you are privileged to work among the soldiers, the more you like them, for there is no getting away from the fact that Kitchener’s Army is made up from the best of Britain’s manhood.</p> <p>No Unsatisfactory Peace Wanted – We have a stove erected in the centre of a tent for the purpose of the men getting heat these cold days. I only wish you were present to listen to them relating some of their experiences at the time when the enemy were pressing them so hard. It is really marvellous to see them so cheery when you take into consideration the many narrow escapes they have had the hardships and privations they have endured. I said to a soldier, who prior to the war was a schoolmaster in Wales, and who is a martyr to rheumatism – “Why don’t you apply for your discharge? You will be able to do useful work at home, and you suffer a lot from your rheumatism”. He replied – “At one time I thought of doing so, but not now. I have made up my mind to “Stick” I as long as I can; some days I feel that I am not much good for anything yet there are times when I am able to go up to the trenches and do my “bit” with the rest. It is better that I should carry on than that there should be any unsatisfactory peace made with the Huns. Yes – better for me and all concerned that we should all go on now, than have the thought of our little boys who are left behind in Blighty should, when they arrive in the years of manhood be called upon to pass thorough the same trying experiences as were are passing through.</p> <p>A Company of Kilty lads left here this morning to support their comrades in the front line, each man prior to leaving came up and shook hands, after shaking hands with the last one and keeping a smiling face, I was jolly glad to go out into the darkness of the night and have a good cry to myself. Unless one has gone through the ordeal it is not easy to understand how hard it is to bid farewell to the fine manly young fellows with whom you have joked and taken part in their amusements.</p> <p>A Night’s Fun – We had a singing competition the other night. The prize was to go to the one who sang best the chorus of “A Little bit of Heaven” or “Mother Machree.” There were eight competitors and the audience adjudicated. There was genuine interest shown on every hand, an ere the finish the choruses were being sun with great gusto by everyone present. But the greatest fun was in connection with a treacle scone competition. It was on the old lines - A scone suspended by a string, scone covered with treacle and prize went to one who ate his scone first. It was a tremendous success. It may seem a small thing to you folks, at home, these entertainments, but I can assure you that it is of vital importance to men going to and coming from the trenches, as it helps to lift their minds from the sad spectacle of war.</p> <p>T McM.</p>
<p>Broxburn Roll of Honour December 1916</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 22nd December 1916 Broxburn Roll of Honour – One of the neatest Rolls of Honour we have yet seen is on view in the window of Mr William Smith’s “Excelsior” Warehouse. The roll, which is Mr Smith’s s idea, consists of a handsome photo frame containing the photos with names and regiments of several of our local men who have made the supreme sacrifice. At the top is the inscription “Roll of Honour.” “Greater</p>

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	<p>Love hath no man than this,” and “In Memorium,” and at the foot is the equally true saying, “They Died that we might Live.”</p> <p>The photo spaces contain the photographs of the following gallant lads, who will ever live in our memory:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pte A Millar, 2nd Royal Scots, LCpl D Dryden, 5th Seaforths, Pte Gordon Taylor, 2nd Gordons, Pte T McCutty, 1 Scots Guards, Pte E McLauchlin, Black Watch, Pte James Dempster, Seaforth Highlanders, Pte William Clarke, Royal Scots Pte Pat Donnelly, 2nd Inniskillen Fusiliers, Pte John Davie, Royal Scots, Pte J Farrell, Durham Light Infantry, Pte D Fisher 1st KOSB, Pte Thomas Creelman, 2nd Royal Scots, Cpl Alex Hay, Machine gun Corps, Pte J Stein, Royal Scots, Pte J Webster Royal Scots.</p> <p>Relatives or friends of our fallen heroes who may have information might hand same in to Mr Smith so that a complete roll may be made.</p>
<p>Broxburn/ Uphall Soldier's & Sailors Comforts Fund Christmas 1916</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 2nd February 1917</p> <p>Uphall Soldier's & Sailors' Comforts Fund – Appreciative Letters from Our Brave Lads – through the kindness of Mr James Muir, Hon secretary of the Uphall S & S Comforts Fund we have had the pleasure of perusing the large number of letters which this Committee have received from the recipients of their splendid Christmas box. Every letter conveys the writer's sincere thanks for the kindness of the Committee and subscribers, to the former for the enthusiastic manner in which they organised the scheme and successfully carried it through, and to the subscribers whose generous help it would have been impossible to send this excellent reminder of home.</p> <p>The expressions of thanks contained in the various letters will we feel sure amply reward everyone who in any way helped to make the scheme the great success it has proved. Over 200 parcels were dispatched to Uphall lads in any branch of the service and the following are interesting extracts from some of the letters received by the secretary, viz.,</p> <p>“We had just come out of the trenches, which made the parcel doubly welcome I cannot really say what was most appreciated, as everything the parcel contained seemed to be what was wanted most.”</p> <p>Cpl R----- BEF</p> <p>“My appreciation of your kindness us unlimited as such gifts besides being invaluable to the conditions out here, go a long way to show that although we are far away we are still in the thoughts of the people at home. We are experiencing a great change to what we were having on the other part of the front, prior to coming here, What with combating the rigours of winter an Fritz's shells our work is cut out for us. Nevertheless, we are still in the best of spirits, but I for one am hoping for the day when I shall be amongst you all again. All we ask for in the Artillery is a plentiful supply of shells and you have our word for it. They will be passed on.”</p> <p>Pte P-----, somewhere in France.</p>

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“Being a long absentee from Uphall, I never dreamt of such good fortune as receiving such a splendid box from my native village. It is nice to know that the good people of Uphall are doing all in their power to make us happy and comfortable with all the kindness of the generous Scottish heart.”

Pte G----- in France.

“it arrived in the nick of time, as the cold weather has set in and we have already had some snowstorms. What with the snow, and up to the waist in mud, it’s not very nice, but we come through it all smiling for we know it is all for a good cause, and we go into it heart and soul, as we don’t intend to let the Germans dig themselves in this winter. No more to say just now, as Johnny German is sending us some fast messages through his guns so it is as little as we can do to send back twenty replies to every message he sends over to us.”

Pte P – BEF

“Accept of my warmest thanks for the splendid Christmas box. The same arrived safely and in good condition. The cakes satisfied the inner man the cigs soothed the mind, while the sox will make a pretty good comfort for the feet. I can assure you your kindness is greatly appreciated and serves to bind the lines of friendship with those at home a little closer especially at this season when our thought are naturally apt to stray from our present occupation back to those we have left behind.”

LCpl T – England

“It was a very welcome parcel indeed. I received it after coming out of the front line, and I was just looking for something as I was feeling a bit hungry. The trenches are in a bad state just now with mud and water – it takes you up over the knees, but of course somebody has to do it.”

LCpl H – BEF

“It is hard to find words of thanks for your kindness but I assure you I do thank you with all my heart. Although in hospital and fairly well looked after a parcel is always welcome more specially when it comes from kind friends at home. How the boys at the front will enjoy their parcels at Christmas. It will be almost a Godsend to them, and what a change from the bully beef and biscuits they very often get and sometime lucky to get as many a ration party never reaches its destination.”

Sgt N – Netley Hospital, England

“Really word fail me as I try to sing it’s praises. There are so many delightful edibles that in my opinion “Eloge” is very mild and quite unnecessary. You folks at home can’t realise exactly how much appreciated are these gifts from home at this time. Tommy’s efforts have been great but they will be greater still, and these Christmas reminders of home send him on towards his goal with a new vitality. Already “Billy” the Kaiser has come to his knees and it is only a matter of time until his hands go up, and his whining cry heard “Mercy Kamerad.” I may mention your box arrived at a most inopportune moment, just as we were about to move. Was it left behind? NO – Not likely. However, heavy the pack was the “rations had to come, and even now they are by my side and some of the contents “going west.” The most prominent feature here is Mud. The weather conditions are not too congenial yet they might be worse, but never, never could there be more of the stuff that begins with capital M.”

Pte R – BEF

“I thank the people of Uphall for their great kindness in sending such a splendid parcel, I’ll never forget their kindness if I was back beside you all and the world at peace. This is a terrible war and no end in sight yet, but I hope and trust in God to see the finish of it. It will be a glorious day for most of us and yet it will be a sad one for those wives and mothers who have a vacant chair. We have jolly officers who do all they can for us, and we spent a pleasant Christmas. It’s

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a bit rough in the trenches, sometimes rain the next time frosty, but we try to do our duty with the stout heart of a "British soldier."

Pte M – France

"Allow me to congratulate the Committee on a great success of their efforts, the box is a splendid one indeed, and came to me as a most delightful surprise for which I am very grateful. I am in rather a hot position now with the prospect of plenty of work."

Gunner F – BEF.

"It is pleasant for us who are out here to know that whilst we are in the thick of the battle we are not forgotten by those at home."

Pte B – France

"Please convey to the Committee and subscribers my most sincere thanks. The contents are very acceptable and show that the selectors now the necessities of the soldier and also show the generousities of the Uphall community, which has never been doubted since the beginning of the war. Let us hope the war will soon be a memory only, and all of us back in our own homes."

Pte Y – somewhere in England

"The socks in themselves would constitute a handsome gift, being hand knitted and so comfortable and as for the other contents of your splendid box so varied and useful are they that I could not help remarking that all the genius of the district must have been at the selecting. The choice of articles to say the least showed considerable forethought on the part of the committee and will be very much appreciated by all who in the fortunate position of receiving one of these Christmas Boxes."

Seaman D – HMS –

"All the company I came out with are scattered to the four winds as our unit was broken up and all were put into different brigades. This was hard lines after being so long together but we have just to make new friends where we are. It's an English Brigade I am in now, and it's a vast difference between them and one's own countrymen."

Pte Mc – BEF

"All one can do in the meantime is to thank the Committee for their kind gift. It is the second one I have got, although when I received the one in 1915, I little thought I would still be in France this Christmas. It's over a year now since I saw the "auld" place, and I sometimes fit to see my wife and little ones and some of the dear old faces, but I may not be long now, as I don't think the war will last much longer. Mr Kaiser is beginning to come to his senses now."

Pte M - BEF

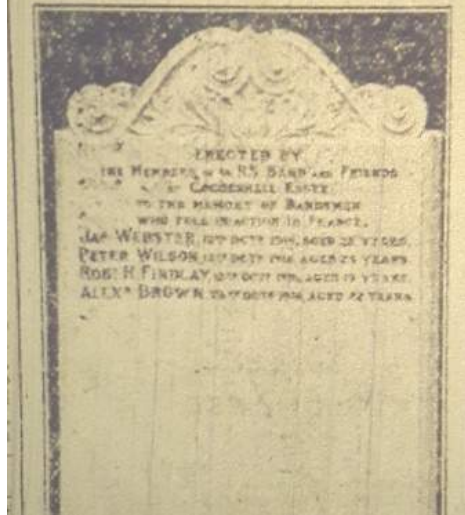
West Lothian Courier 22nd February 1918

Soldiers & Sailors Committee Tea Room – It is to be regretted that the Broxburn Soldiers and Sailors Comforts Committee will be unable to continue supplying our wounded heroes with "the cup that cheers" in the Tea Room, after tomorrow. For some-time past, there has been a considerable amount of difficulty in obtaining the necessary supply of food for this purpose and now with the Rationing Scheme being put in operation, they are faced with no other alternative than to close up the premises, which will take place tomorrow. Our wounded "Tommies" will miss it very much, it has proved a boon to them, and the lady conveners and their assistants will also miss the pleasure they had in "waiting" on these men who had been wounded in our country's service. He thanks of all is due the ladies, who never believing in coming empty handed, had always in their turn a generous supply of home baked scones and other dainties to tempt the appetites of the guests. It is interesting to note that over 7000 wounded men have been supplied with tea since the Rooms were opened (in June 1916) and is surely sufficient evidence of the popularity of this branch of the Broxburn Soldiers and Sailors Comforts fund.

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<p>Unveiling Broxburn Public Band Memorial</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 13th April 1917 Unveiling of Broxburn Public Band Memorial – A public meeting for the purpose of unveiling the Memorial Tablet erected to the memory of those members of the Public band who have made the supreme sacrifice was held in the Band Hall on Saturday afternoon last. Mr Archibald Fairlie, President of the Band Committee occupied the chair and presided over a large and representative gathering of the public including amongst others, the relatives of the brave heroes to whose memory the memorial was erected.</p> <p>After a few appropriate remarks by the Chairman and the singing of the 23rd psalm, prayer was offered up by the Rev Charles Dunn, Uphall Parish Church. The Rev Gentleman in addressing the meeting said his first duty was to read a letter that the secretary Mr Colligan had received from Colonel Archibald Young, who was unfortunately unable to be present. The letter was as follows viz.,</p> <p>Meggetland, Edinburgh, 5.4.17</p> <p>Dear Mr Colligan, I have this evening received your kind note of the 3rd inst, inviting me to be present on Saturday on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial to those members of the Broxburn Band who have fallen in the fray. If it is possible for me to attend I shall certainly do so, but as we cannot foresee from day to day what may be the work in hand, the chances are against me. Every day is a busy day these times and the more so the nearer we approach to the crisis of the struggle. You will, therefore not misunderstand me if I have to remain at my post. Will you please convey to your Committee my sincere thanks for the invitation with which they have honoured me. It is nearly 21 months since on leaving for Gallipoli in July 1915, I listened to the farewell strains of the Band of the 2/4th Royal Scots. During that time they have been often in my thoughts and their favourites marches have haunted my ears. I fear some other Bands have suffered by comparison with Sgt Pegg and his faithful bandsmen. It just happens that in reply to some question I recently asked about the Band, I have this week had a letter from one of the Officers in which he writes – “Our Band is a source of great pleasure to us and to the inhabitants of ----- generally, in fact our sole source of amusement and pleasure.” You will be glad to have this testimony that the band maintains its reputation. Alas, that there should be occasion for memorials. It is meet that tribute should be paid, not to the memory, you need no reminder of, but to the patriotism and devotion of those who have given their lives for our sake. I am sure the memorial now being unveiled will fittingly express your feelings and that in time to come, it will be an object of reverent pride to all associated with the band. There is another and a greater memorial we will have to erect to those dear dead heroes of ours – Victory and Peace - a peace which will ensure peace to our children’s children and shall render certain that these sacrifices have not been made in vain. Let us all press toward that mark. The harder we press now, the sooner will the victory be obtained and the more precious lives will be saved and the sooner shall we reach that great day, when our lads will come marching home again, and when even the Broxburn Band will be silenced by your cheers.</p>
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Unveiling of Broxburn Public Band Memorial.



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God grant that it be not long delayed – believe me Dear Mr Colligan – Yours very sincerely – Archibald Young (Colonel).



(Pte Robert H Findlay – from the only available photo).

The Rev Mr Dunn, in the course of a spirited address, said he was proud to associate himself with the people of Broxburn in paying this tribute to the memory of those members of the Band, who had fallen in action. Before the war, Broxburn was justly proud of their Band for the many prizes they had brought to their town and for their achievements against other bands. He had often had the opportunity of enjoying the music of the Band and he can well remember the first time he heard them play and the surprise he felt in hearing such classic music. He was sure the Public must have been educated to a high standard of music by having such a Band amongst them and when one considered it was no uncommon thing to see the public standing for an hour or two listening to those tuneful strains it would surely seem a great testimony to the enjoyment they had given to the people. When war broke out Recruiting Sgts began to get busy on the outlook for men. Later on there was a perfect rush of recruits, and amongst others he heard to his amazement that Broxburn Public Band had with a true sense of patriotism enlisted in defence of King and country. Some us in a sense felt sorry when we heard our Band was going out from amongst us but we knew, what would be our loss would be some others gain, and that the Band by its example of patriotism and by its music, might be the means of getting men to answer the call in the righteous and just cause we were engaged in. We had hopes the Band would remain in this country but after a time the men found themselves in France going up the line, and latterly in the trenches amidst the terrible shot and shell and the howling and booming of all sorts of infernal machinery for the destruction of life. Life others they did their duty nobly and well, and proved worthy followers of that great band of heroes the first 100,000 who went from this country. He could never get it out of his mind the first Force were sent like sheep the slaughter a sacrifice to the peoples negligence and indifference in not being prepared. Perhaps the greatest soldiers in the present war were those dour determined Scotch lads, who notwithstanding the inventive savagery and brutality of the Hun had come through the worst and succeeded in keeping the enemy back. The Scotch soldiers' one idea was to keep "sticking at it," and the Huns had found this often to their cost, when a Scotch regiment like the Royal Scots for instance, had put up a barrier that nothing the enemy could ever do could push aside them. He thanked them for the privilege of being present at this unveiling ceremony in memory of those brave bandsmen whose souls had left this scene of conflict for another world of peace and joy.

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Mr William Cuthbertson in unveiling the Memorial, thanked the committee for the honour they had done him in asking him to unveil this Memorial to those members of the Band who had made the supreme sacrifice. We are, he said, living in the midst of a world-wide war, which was being conducted by our enemies with a savagery a brutality never before dreamt of. It was only by the utmost determination and sacrifice that we can hope to conquer these enemies and they were met that day for the sad purpose of unveiling a memorial the four brave Broxburn Bandsmen who had given their lives for this cause. In January 1915, nineteen members of the Band voluntarily enlisted in the Army and after being trained at various Military Depots at home, twelve of their number joined the fighting units and were sent across to France. Of that number four had fallen in action, viz., A Brown R Findlay, J Webster and P Wilson. The remaining members of the Band felt it their duty to erect a Memorial to their late fellow bandsmen and as a result of a concert held at Boggleshall, Essex where they were stationed the necessary funds have been raised and the outcome was the Memorial tablet which I have the honour of being asked to unveil. The fortunes of war are many. To some it brings honour and distinction to some permanent disablement others are cut off in the flower of their youth, like the members of the Band whose memory we are honouring here today. I hope that steps will be taken in Broxburn to erect some permanent memorial in memory of all our sons who have sacrificed their lives for their country. I am certain that the sincere sympathy of all present here as well as that of the public of Broxburn will go out to the relatives of those whom we today honour. Before unveiling the Memorial, I would just like to quote to you the Burns couplet, viz.,

For Gold, the Merchant ploughs the main,
The farmer ploughs the manor
But Glory is the soldier's prize
The soldier's gain is honour.

(Pte Alex Brown).

Mr Cuthbertson thereafter unveiled the Memorial, the audience remaining standing.

Th Rev A W Bain in the course of an impressive speech said that coming as he did a comparative stranger amongst them, the names of these brave bandsmen were mere names to him. He didn't know who they were, or what they were, but one thing he did know and felt proud of, they were members of a great and glorious Band who had nobly answered their country's call and gone forth to use their efforts to save their country from the tyranny that Germany would have imposed on us. I join with you, the townspeople of Broxburn in honouring the memory of those brave young lads who had laid down their lives for us. We never wanted war, as surely our unpreparedness could prove but the stand we had made, and our entry into the war would stand to our everlasting credit as a nation. We were in the war today for no selfish purpose but for Liberty and Humanity and to see that Europe was rid for once and all of the tyranny of German Militarism. In after years he believed the German working classes who didn't know all the facts and who had been ground down by Militarism would thank us that Prussian Tyranny and Militarism had gone never to return. Before coming to Broxburn he had often read in the lists the names of Broxburn men and those who had done so could come to no other conclusion but that Broxburn



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had given and given freely of her best in the great cause. He recalled the great scene enacted in Berlin on the expiration of Britain's ultimatum, and in answer to the query if Britain had counted the terrible consequence of entering the war, the British

(Pte James Webster)

Ambassador had replied that where duty called, and where Britain's honour was at stake, in the respecting of her treaties then Britain would not count the cost. The same scenes had been enacted in the hearths and homes of Broxburn. They knew the consequences but duty came before everything and they had spared no effort in giving of their best in their country's hour of need and had given their services for the help and protection of the small nations on the side of Liberty of Justice and of Humanity. He was glad the Bandsmen who were left had erected this memorial in memory of their brave companions who in the past had so often stirred their hearts with music. Let the memory of their many brave lads who had fallen stir their hearts to be better citizens and better men and women. If this was not the outcome of all their many sacrifices then these heroes had laid down their lives in vain, it was for us to see that we made ourselves worthy of these sacrifices. He concluded by the words of the Rev Walter J Matham's poem:

For Our Gallant Dead

We thank thee Father for our valiant dead
Who rose alert to greet the swift demand
When Britain's bugles spoke the watchword dread,
"Save ye the honour of your Motherland."

Once more as in the mighty days of old
Strong manhood stood our living shield from shame
Once more, glad youth, with soul serenely bold
Brought forth its best to set us free from blame

We than the for the valiant who could face
A frowning future with undaunted eyes
then march breast forward till their feet could pace
The fields of service and of sacrifice.


We thank thee for the strength which could endure
The fiery battle blast on shore and sea
and at the worst strive on and still be sure
that right would reign in final victory.

Now are they gone, nor shall we e'er forget
The road they took to reach life's noblest dream
With silent awe, we bless the that they met
their crowning duty with the gift supreme

We praise the, Father and most humbly pray
That ever in our nation's time of need
Souls brave as theirs may rise and serve their day
With firmest faith, calm strength and gallant deed.
Amen



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	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Pte Peter Wilson)</i></p>  <p>Mr William Cuthbertson in moving a vote of thanks to the President Fairlie and the Band Committee for their work in the erection of the memorial, and to Messrs Kerr Bros, sculptors for this splendid example of their work said that they would agree with him that the facts of the meeting should be sent from the people of Broxburn along with their thanks to Sgt Pegg, and the members of the band for the kindly thought that had prompted the raising of the funds for such a Memorial. Votes of thanks having been also heartily accorded to the Revs Charles Dunn and A W Bain, proposed by Mr Fairlie and to Mr Cuthbertson by Mr Colligan the meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.</p>
<p>Reporter Harry Watson, Casualty Lists</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Broxburn Men in Casualty Lists – We regret this week to have again to record the death in action of several Broxburn soldiers, and also others who have been wounded in the country’s fight for liberty and justice. Rumours are current regarding other Broxburn lads who have been killed or wounded, but in several cases on enquiry, we discover no official information has been received. We would be obliged to any of our readers in Broxburn or Uphall who may receive information regarding any of their relatives, if they will kindly inform our reporter, Mr Harry Watson who will attend to same or hand same in at our office in Station Road.</p>
<p>Edinburgh War Hospital Bangour</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 19th January 1917 Letters to the Editor – Grateful Tommies (to the Editor, West Lothian Courier) Ward 10, Edinburgh War Hospital Bangour Sir, Would you allow me through the medium of your columns to thank the inhabitants of Broxburn for their great kindness in subscribing together to give the patients of this Ward a very happy day, one which they will not easily forget. We would also like to thank Mrs Peden and Miss Young the organisers and the ladies who so kindly came to entertain us. From all quarters during the past festive season, we have received expressions of goodwill and a hearty welcome to Scotland. It is so much more than ever we expected that we are unable to thank the people sufficiently for their kindness, but we from more Southern parts will ever have a very warm corner of our hearts for Bonnie Scotland. Such thoughts remind us more than ever of the great cause we are fighting for and which we are going to win! I am Sir, yours faithfully – Sgt P C Edwards, Royal Warwicks Rgt. West Lothian Courier 26th January 1917 Bangour – Arrival of Wounded at Bangour – On Tuesday morning an ambulance train with 110 wounded and invalided soldiers arrived at Edinburgh War Hospital, Bangour. Of this party 60 belonged to Scottish regiments. West Lothian Courier 23rd March 1917 Honours of War – Honour for Bangour Nurse – Nurse Cavell, of Dunbar and District Nursing association, who for some time has been doing duty at Bangour Military Hospital has been awarded the Red Cross decoration in recognition of the valued and untiring services rendered there by her. West Lothian Courier 27th April 1917 Wounded at Bangour – On Sunday morning an ambulance train with two hundred wounded and invalided soldiers arrived at Edinburgh War Hospital</p>

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	<p>Bangour. The party included 35 men belonging to Scottish Regiments and 26 Canadians. There was another ambulance train arrived on Monday evening. West Lothian Courier 18th May 1917 Wounded at Bangour – An ambulance train containing 290 wounded soldiers arrived at Edinburgh War Hospital on Saturday. Included in this contingent were 70 Canadians and 14 men belonging to Scottish Regiments. West Lothian Courier 1st June 1917 Bangour Matron Honoured – The Matron of Edinburgh War Hospital, Bangour, Miss Davidson was recently awarded the Royal Red Cross decoration and was presented with same at Buckingham Palace by the King. To mark the honour to the Matron, this week the Sisters of Bangour Hospital presented Miss Davidson with a silver rose bowl awhile the medical staff presented her with a lovely bouquet. West Lothian Courier 16th August 1918 Scottish Nurses “Mentioned” – The names of the undermentioned ladies, among others have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable nursing services rendered in connection with the war; - Miss B Anderson, Night Superintendent, Edinburgh War Hospital Bangour, Miss E Hendry, Sister, Miss J M Lamont, Assistant Nurse, Miss A McDonald, Nurse, Miss J McLean, Sister, all of Bangour. Miss M Anderson, Dalmeny House Hospital Edinburgh, Miss M Murray, Carriden Auxiliary Hospital Bo’ness</p>
<p>Military Absentees Kenneth McLeod Charles McAleese Argyll’s James Taylor Gordon’s Hugh Harkins Argyll’s</p>	<p>West Lothian Courier 9th February 1917 Military Absentees – Before Mr Montgomerie in the J Court at Linlithgow on Saturday Kenneth McLeod, 18, and Charles McAleese, 19, both private soldiers in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, were charged with having absented themselves from their battalion, which is stationed near Edinburgh, without leave. The police information showed that the men were seen passing through Broxburn on Friday. On being asked by a constable where they were going they said to Bangour. On being asked to show their passes they said they did not require a pass. They were taken to the Police Office and on the police communicating with the Commanding Officer of the Battalion they were asked by him to apprehend the men, as they were absent without leave. In reply to the Magistrate, the two young soldiers admitted they were absent without leave. They said they had asked for leave but were refused and they took leave on their own account, they were going home to Port Glasgow and intended to return to their battalion. The magistrate – How long have you been in the Army? Soldiers – three weeks. The magistrates – You have not had long experience as soldiers. You will be taken back by an escort and I have no doubt that you will be leniently dealt with. As the same court on Monday, James Taylor a private in the Gordon Highlanders was also brought before Mr Montgomerie on a charge of being absent from his battalion without leave. He stated that he and a number of men were going back to France and had been promised four day’s leave of absence which had been cancelled and he had taken leave on his own account. The magistrate said he would be taken in charge by an escort and take back to his depot. The man was apprehended in Broxburn. West Lothian Courier 16th March 1917 Military Absentee – Before Mr Montgomerie at Linlithgow JP Court on Saturday, Pte Hugh Harkins Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders was charged with having absented himself from his battalion without leave. Harkins who pleaded guilty had been taken into custody the previous night at Broxburn. The young soldier, it appeared desired to have a holiday with his friends in Paisley before going to the front. The magistrate told him that he would be handed over to an escort and taken back to his regiment.</p>

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Broxburn & District POW's	<p>West Lothian Courier 23rd March 1917 British Prisoner of War – to the Editor West Lothian Courier – Sir, it would be vain on my part to try and convey an idea of the condition of our Prisoner of War in Germany, but it is not too much to say that if the food conditions of the Germans are bad they will be heedless of our brave lads they have in their grips. From time to time scant news is received from them, and are always more or less cheerful but one can well imagine their longings and privation. The Broxburn Soldier and Sailors Comforts Committee have from time to time taken advantage of means to assist those lads in the way of parcels and supplies through Switzerland. Now that there is only one method left, they have arranged to adopt prisoners of war and send them each a parcel once a fortnight through their respective associations. This, of course means expenditure but who would grudge to assist our heroes in exile and tomorrow there will be exposed for sale the remainder of the art calendars at a very nominal figure and be sure and keep your number for pair of blankets awaits some lucky individual. The Boy Scouts will be on the rounds in aid of this object and every man is this day expected to do his duty. G D Duncan, Hon Secy Main Street, Broxburn.</p>
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Casualty Lists

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Gordon Highlanders Wounded – The following names of soldiers wounded, Gordon Highlanders are taken from the official report; -

Pte D Blaney	6265		Broxburn	
Cpl J McKeirnan	669		Uphall	

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Men Killed & Wounded and Prisoners Official List

Pte T Inglis	1784	Royal Scots	Uphall	Died of Wounds
Pte J Campbell	25833	Royal Scots	Uphall	Died of Wounds
Pte W Webster	14197	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte R Richardson	3055	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
L/Cpl Morrison	17163	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte T Harkins	8949	KOSB	Uphall	Killed in Action
Pte T McGrath	6203	KOSB	Uphall	Wounded
Pte J W White	12661	Scots Guards	Uphall	Wounded
Pte J O'Brien	18772	Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers	Broxburn	Wounded

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Men Killed & Wounded and Prisoners Official List

Pte A Erskine	21079	Royal Scots	Ecclesmachan	Wounded
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West Lothian Casualties Official List

Pte J Johnston	24124	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte W Murray		Royal Scots	Uphall	Wounded
Pte J Taylor	10438	Gordon Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded

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Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – (Photos of Soldier killed in action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.)

West Lothian Casualties, Killed Wounded, Missing – Official List.

Pte H Brennan	12562	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
LCpl S Lynch	20992	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte J Thomson	20217	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte W Kelly	1912	A & S Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte D McGill	2411	Gordon Highlanders	Drumshoreland	Wounded
LCpl T McCabe	10182	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Killed
Pte W Millar	5761	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
LCpl A Steven	15474	Cameron Highlanders	Uphall	Wounded
Pte J A Robertson	29161	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Missing
Pte A Paris	3487	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte W Young	4118	Seaforth Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte T Hall	6771	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Killed
Pte J McKay	6759	Seaforth Highlanders	Broxburn	Died of Wounds

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Men Killed, Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers killed in action, can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.

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Act Cpl J Lightbody	14757	Royal Scots	Uphall	Killed
Pte R Stein	23296	Royal Scots	Uphall	Killed
LCpl W Wilson	19962	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
LCpl T Martin	133996	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded

West Lothian Courier 15th September 1916

Men Killed Wounded & Missing – Photos of Soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the News Columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with photo.

West Lothian Casualties Official List

Pte F Thorburn	17754	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Missing
Pte E Foley	5154	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte A Miller	1422	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Died of Wounds
Pte W Greenshields	5568	Royal Scots	Uphall	Wounded
Pte H McDonald	12698	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Killed
Pte R Burns	25543	HLI att's Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Missing
Pte R Linton	20951	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Missing

West Lothian Courier 22nd September 1916

Men Killed, Wounded & Missing- Photos of soldiers Killed in Action can only be inserted in the news columns of the Courier on payment of a fee of 2s 6d. Postal order should be sent with Photo

West Lothian Casualties Official List

Sapper J Denholm	154770	Royal Engineers	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte T Hendry	11382	Black Watch	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte J Barclay	11257	KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte J McVicar	2195	Black Watch	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte J Gibson	7181	Seaforth Highlanders	Uphall	Wounded
Pte J Elliot	15284	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte G Paris	2283	RS att'd KOSB	Broxburn	Died of Wounds
Pte A Splatt	2621	RS att'd KOSB	Uphall	Wounded
Pte J Kane	9682	Black Watch	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte W Heggie	13354	A & S Highlanders	Broxburn	Killed

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Men Killed & Wounded West Lothian Casualties Official List

Pte W Laing	25275	Royal Scots	Uphall	Shell Shock
Pte J Murray	1017	Royal Scots att'd KOSB	Uphall	Killed
Cpl M MacKay	6759	Seaforth Highlanders	Broxburn	Died of Wounds
Pte A Vickers	2993	RS att'd KOSB	Uphall	Wounded
Driver F Feeney	23187	Royal Field Artillery	Uphall	Wounded
Pte D Moore	2504	RS att'd KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte R Stark	2937	RS att'd KOSB	Uphall	Wounded
Pte W Ball	8092	Gordon Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte T Galloway	2496		Broxburn	Missing
Pte J Stein	2713	RS att'd Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte J Barclay	11257	KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded

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Pte J Creelman	2664	Royal Scots att'd KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded
LCpl J M Heriot	794	RS att'd RSF	Broxburn	Wounded

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Men Killed, Wounded Prisoners of War - West Lothian Casualty List

Pte P Innes	16806	Scots Guards	Uphall	Wounded
Pte J Kilpatrick	1484	RAMC	Uphall	Wounded
Pte R Gordon	11769	Scots Guards	Broxburn	Missing
Pte R Wilkinson	9757	Scots Guards	Broxburn	Missing
Sgt R Anderson	2117	Gordon Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded

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Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty Lists

Pte F Thorburn	17754	Royal Scots	Broxburn	POW
Pte W Clark	40223	Scottish Rifles	Broxburn	Died of Wounds
Pte W Mackie	3342	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Cpl J Davidson	1451	Engineers	Uphall	Died of Wound
LCpl H Mitchell	109990	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded

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Men Killed & Wounded – We would be greatly indebted to the relatives of any soldier, killed or wounded if they would kindly send us for publication in our news columns and a short account of his career in the Army and in civilian life before enlisting. Friends of soldiers in the casualty list should communicate with our Head Office Whitburn Road, Bathgate or any of our reporters or correspondents.

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Pte R Linton	20851	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	POW
Pte J Johnston	25124	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte G Robertson	5725	Warwickshires	Uphall	POW
Pte J Barclay	11257	KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte J Caulfield	23081	Cameron Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded

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Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties, Office List

Pte R Wilkinson	9758	Scots Guards	Broxburn	Killed
Pte A Erskine	21079	Royal Scots	Ecclesmachan	Killed

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Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties – Official List

Pte P Wilson	40349	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Uphall	Killed
LCpl H Hume	12587	Seaforths	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte N Martin	40278	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Uphall	Shell Shock

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Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties Official List

Pte W Fairbairn	22377	Cameron Highlanders	Uphall	Killed
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Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualty List

Pte A Shade	25035	Royal Scots	Uphall	Wounded
Pte G Bennett	43006	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Uphall	Wounded
Pte J Barr	21209	Highland Light Infantry	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte J Coleman	6180	Gordon Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
Sgt J Nicol	43077	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Missing
Act Sgt J Corstorphine	4044	Machine Gun Section	Broxburn	Wounded
LCpl J Creelman	43080	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Missing

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Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties Official List

Pte J Coulter	25132	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Shell Shock
Pte W Paris	43275	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte W Webster	14197	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte J Farrell	18541	Royal Irish Fusiliers	Broxburn	Wounded & Missing
LCpl J Jenkinson	43036	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte H Mushet	43043	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Broxburn	Wounded

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Men Killed & Wounded – West Lothian Casualties

Pte A Brown	40456	Cameronians	Broxburn	Killed
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Men Killed & wounded – West Lothian Casualty List

Pte J Fairlie	3139	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
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Men Killed and Wounded – Official List

Pte C Watson	4005	A & SH	Broxburn	Wounded
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District Casualty Lists – Official List

Pte W Burns	22839	KOSB	Broxburn	Wounded
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District Casualty Lists – Official List

Pte D McGill	2411	Gordon Highlanders	Drumshoreland	Wounded
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Men Killed & Wounded – Casualty Lists

Pte Thomas McAlonan	2069	Cameronians	Broxburn	Died
Pte L Murray	30047	Royal Scots	Pumpherston	Wounded
Pte P McGinn	3112	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded
Pte A F Robertson	4302	Royal Scots	Broxburn	Wounded

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Men Killed & Wounded – Casualty List

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Pte W Fleming	13186	Seaforth Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
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Men Killed & wounded – casualty List

Cpl R Denholm	157810	Royal Engineers	Broxburn	Wounded
LCpl J McKelvie	12177	HLI	Broxburn	Wounded

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Driver R Wyper	60621	Royal Engineers	Broxburn	Wounded
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Pte T Reilly	8089	Gordon Highlanders	Broxburn	Wounded
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Anderson	David B	Black Watch	Pte		Served	261
Anderson	James	8/10th Gordon Highlanders	Sgt		South Church	3
Anderson	James	8/10th Gordon Highlanders	Sgt		Public School	155
Anderson	Joseph	2nd Btn Northamptonshire Rgt	Pte		Parish Church	71
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Appleby	David	8th Btn Black Watch	Cpl		South Church	17
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Ballantyne	Robert	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Served	265
Baptie	Thomas	2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	266
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Clarke	William	10th Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Catholic Church	134
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Colquhoun	John	11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers	Sgt		South Church	4
Colquhoun	John	11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers	Sgt		UF Church	83
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Creelman	John	1st Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	164
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Creelman	Thomas	2nd Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	165
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Cunningham	David	Canadian Forces	Pte		Served	300
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Devine	Thomas	2nd Royal Scots	Pte		Served	302
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Dryden	David	8th Btn Seaforth Highlanders	LCpl		Parish Church	73
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Herriot	John	1st Btn KOSB	Pte		Public School	184
Herriot	William	Remounts prev Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	341
Himsworth	William	1st Life Guards	Trooper		Served	342
Hope	David	18th Btn HLI	Pte		UF Church	113
Hope	David	18th Btn HLI	Pte		Lodge	245
Horner	Timothy	9th Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)	LCpl		South Church	12
Horner	Timothy	9th Cameronians Scottish Rifles	LCpl		Catholic Church	144
Houston	Patrick	No info			Catholic Church	145
Houston	Peter	1st KOSB	Pte		Catholic Church	145
Howieson	Thomas	2nd Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		UF Church	113
Howieson	Thomas	2n Btn Royal Scots Fusilier	Pte		Public School	187
Hudson	George	1st Btn Canterbury Rgt New Zealand	Sgt		UF Church	113
Hudson	George	1st Btn Canterbury Rgt NZEF	Sgt		Public School	187
Hudson	George	1st Btn Canterbury Rgt NZEF	Pte		Lodge	246
Hughes	Peter	3rd Btn A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	342
Hume	H	Seaforth Highlanders	LCpl		Served	342
Hume	J	Royal Field Artillery	Gunner		Served	342
Hume	William	Scottish Signal Service RE	Sapper		Served	343
Hunter	Henry	10/11 Btn HLI	Pte		Served	345
Hunter	John	8th Btn Machine Gun Corps	LCpl		Parish Church	77
Hunter	John	8th Btn Machine Gun Corps	LCpl		UF Church	114
Hunter	John	8th Btn Machine Gun Corps	LCpl		Public School	188
Hunter	William	1s Btn Argyll & Sutherland Hldrs	Pte		UF Church	115
Hunter	William	Royal Scots (no info)	Pte		UF Church	115
Hunter	William	1st Btn A & S Highlanders	Pte		Public School	188
Hutton	David	10th HLI	Sgt		Served	346
Hutton	William	9th Btn Black Watch	LCpl		Served	346
Inglis	Thomas	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	347
Innes	J	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	346
Innes	J	Scots Guards	Pte		Served	347

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Innes	P	Scots Guards	Pte		Served	347
Innes	Peter	2nd Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	31
Jamieson	George	South Africans	Pte		Served	347
Jenkinson	J	Royal Scots Fusiliers	LCpl		Served	347
Jeromeson	J S	82 RFA	Bombardier	MM	Served	347
Johnston	Harry	No 1 Tunnelling Coy Canadian Engineers	Sgt	DCM MiD	Catholic Church	146
Johnston	J	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	348
Johnston	W	1st Btn Royal Irish Rifles	Rifleman		Catholic Church	147
Johnstone	William	HLI POW	Pte		Served	349
Jordon	John	ASC MT	Driver		Served	349
Kane	John	Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)	Pte		Served	349
Keenan	John	Royal Scots Cyclists	Pte		Served	351
Kelly	John	Princess Patricia's Own Canadians	Pte		Served	350
Kelly	John	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	350
Kelly	Thomas	A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	350
Kelly	W	A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	351
Kerr	Andrew	Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	351
Kerr	George T	Royal Field Artillery	Sgt		Served	351
Kilday	Michael	Royal Field Artillery	Signaller	MM	Served	352
Kilpatrick	John	RAMC	Pte	MM	Served	352
King	Spence	HLI - POW	Pte		Served	352
King	Thomas W	7th Btn Royal Scots (Gretna)	Pte		Ecclesmachan	251
King	Tom	7th Btn Royal Scots (Gretna)	Pte		South Church	53
Kinloch	Archibald	9th Btn Black Watch	Pte		Public School	189
Knowles	W	RE	Sapper		Served	353
Laing	W	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	353
Lamont	Moses	2nd Btn Otago Rgt NZEF	Pte		Served	353
Lawrie	William	Canadian Light Horse	Pte		Served	354
Lawrie	William J	8th Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		South Church	35
Leacock	George	15th Btn Canadian Highlanders	Pte		Served	354
Lees	James	12th Btn Royal Scots	Coy Sgt Ma	MM	Ecclesmachan	252
Leishman	Andrew	Seaforth Highlanders prev A & SH	Pte		Served	356
Leishman	William	2nd Dublin Fusiliers	Pte		South Church	33
Liddell	Charles	RN HMS Hawke	AB		South Church	7
Liddell	Charles	RN HMS Hawke	AB		Public School	189
Liddell	Thomas	11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers	Sgt		South Church	5
Liddell	Thomas	11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers	Sgt		Public School	190
Liddell	William	12th Btn Royal Scots prev Black Wa	Pte		Served	356
Lightbody	James	12th Royal Scots	LCpl		South Church	8
Lind	Robert	1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		South Church	33
Lindsay	David P	RAMC	Captain		South Church	1
Linton	Robert	Royal Scots Fusiliers POW	Pte		Served	357
Logan	John	12th Btn Royal Scots	Sgt		UF Church	115
Logan	Thomas	9th Btn Royal Scots	LCpl		UF Church	115
Logan			Pte		Served	357
Lowler	John	Royal Scots	Cpl	MM	Served	257
Lumsden	Alex		Pte		Served	357
Lundy	Peter	7/8th Btn Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers	Pte		Catholic Church	147
Lyall	James	Scots Guards	Cpl		Served	358
Lynch	J	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	358
Lynch	Stewart	Royal Scots	LCpl	MM	Served	359
MacDonald	Hector	6th Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte		UF Church	120
MacDonald	Hector	6th Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Public School	202
Mack	Hugh	16th Btn HLI	Sgt		South Church	33
MacKay	James	7th Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	369
MacKay	John	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Lieut		Served	369
MacKay	M	Seaforth Highlanders	Cpl		Served	370
Mackie	W	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	370
Madden	Michael	MG Section 15 Royal Scots	Pte		Served	383
Main	John	Canadians	Pte		Served	384
Main	John J	5th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Served	360

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Main	Stewart	18th Btn Lancashire Fusiliers	Pte		UF Church	98
Main	Stewart	18th Btn Lancashire Fusiliers	Pte		Public School	191
Malcolm	George	1st Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Public School	192
Mallon	Joseph	2nd Btn Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers	Cpl		Catholic Church	147
Marshall	George	2nd Btn Scots Guards	Pte		Public School	192
Marshalsay	James	1st Btn Scots Guards	Pte		South Church	40
Marshalsay	James	1st Btn Scots Guards	Pte		Public School	193
Martin	J	2nd Royal Scots	Pte		Served	384
Martin	Thomas	11th Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	385
Martin	Nicholas	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Served	384
Matthews	William	Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	385
McAlister	James	1st Scots Guards	Pte		Served	361
McAlonon	Thomas	5th Cameronians	Pte		Served	361
McArthur	Lachlan	RAMC prev A & SH	Pte		Served	362
McBeath	Duncan	Scots Guards	Guardsman		UF Church	116
McBeath	Duncan	Scots Guards	Guardsman		Public School	199
McCabe	Thomas	Cameron Highlanders	LCpl		Public School	200
McCafferty	James	7th Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		South Church	36
McCafferty	Thomas	Royal Inniskillens	Pte		Served	363
McCallum	Malcolm	Royal Scots POW	Pte		Served	363
McCloy	John	Royal Artillery	Gunner	MM	Served	363
McColl	John	Royal Field Artillery	Gunner		Served	363
McCourt	William	1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		UF Church	116
McCourt	William	1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Public School	200
McCully	Thomas	2nd Btn Scots Guards	Pte		UF Church	117
McDermott	Matthew	Royal Irish Fusiliers	Pte		Catholic Church	149
McDonald	Alexander	4th Btn Australian Infantry	Pte		Served	364
McDonald	Charles	Cameron Highlanders POW	Pte		Served	364
McDonald	J	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	364
McDonald	Patrick	Royal Field Artillery	Gunner		Served	364
McDonald	Peter	13th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	35
McEwan	John				Served	365
McGill	D	Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	365
McGovern	Thomas	Royal Navy HMS Lion	Stoker		Served	365
McGowan	Adam J S	1 Tunnelling Coy, AIF	Sapper		Served	367
McGrath	Frank	12th Btn Gloucestershire Rgt	Pte		Catholic Church	149
McGrath	J	KOSB	Pte		Served	368
McGrath	T	KOSB	Pte		Served	368
McGuigan	Robert	7th KOSB	Pte		Catholic Church	149
McIntosh	John	9th Btn Australian Infantry	Pte		UF Church	118
McIntyre	J	Royal Garrison Artillery	Gunner		Served	368
McKay	John	2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	369
McKee	W	9th Btn Royal Scots	Cpl		Served	370
Mckelvie	John		LCpl		Served	372
McKendrick	C	Royal Engineers	Driver		Served	373
McKenzie	Donald	1st Scots Guards POW	Pte		Served	373
McKenzie	Kenneth		Pte		Served	373
McKiernon	J	Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	371
McKinney	Henry	1/8th A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	373
McKinnon	John	KOSB	Pte		Public School	203
McLaren	David	4th Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Public School	203
McLaren	James	Royal Scots POW	Pte		Served	374
McLaren	Robert		Pte		Served	374
McLauchlin	George	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	374
McLaughlin	Edward	4th Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Catholic Church	149
McLaughlin	Edward	4h Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Public School	204
McLean	Thomas	14th Btn Black Watch	Pte		UF Church	119
McLean	Thomas	14th Black Watch	Pte		Public School	205
McLean	William	5th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	375
McLean	Wilson	1st Btn Scots Guards attd RE	Guardsman		UF Church	119
McLean	Wilson	1st Btn Scots Guards	Guardsman		Lodge	249
McLeary	Alex	3/5 Royal Scots	Pte		Served	375

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McLeod	E	4th Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	374
McMartin	Peter	2nd Btn KOSB	Pte		Served	375
McMillan	Edward	A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	376
McMillan	J	Royal Garrison Artillery	Gunner		Served	376
McMinn	H M	7th Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	376
McNally	James	Scottish Horse	Pte		Served	377
McNee	John	179th Runelling Coy RE	Sapper		South Church	17
McNee	John	179 Tunnelling Coy Royal Engineers	Sapper		UF Church	97
McNee	John	179th Tunnelling Coy RE	Sapper		Public School	205
McNeil	Duncan	7th Btn Cameron Highlanders	Piper		South Church	37
McNeil	John A	Royal Garrison Artillery	Gunner		Served	377
McNeil	Robert		Pte		Served	377
McNeill	Duncan	7th Btn Cameron Highlanders	Piper		Public School	206
McQueen	David	Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte	MM	Served	378
McQueen	John	Royal Dublin Fusiliers	Pte	MM	Served	379
McVey	Alex	9th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	39
McVey	Alexander	9th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	97
McVey	Alexander	9th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	209
McVicker	Robert	A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	381
McVicker	George	Middlesex Rgt	Pte		Served	381
McVickers	Adam	Royal Scots POW	Pte		Served	380
McVickers	John	Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) P	Pte		Served	380
McWilliams	John	Royal Garrison Artillery	Gunner	MM	Served	381
Meek	George	HLI POW	Pte		Served	385
Melrose	Alex	2/10th Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	42
Melville	George	1st Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	386
Menzies	Adam	1st Btn Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte		UF Church	133
Menzies	Adam	1st Btn Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte		Public School	195
Michell	John	4th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	389
Millar	Robert C	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	388
Millar (Family)	Alex	RFA	Gunner		Served	386
Millar (Family)	Alex	16th Btn 1st Canadians	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	Archibald	1st Canadian KIA	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	John	3rd Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	Joseph	10th Btn 1st Canadians	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	Samual	3rd Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	William	3rd Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	386
Miller	Andrew	Durham Light Infantry	Pte		Served	387
Miller	Archibald	2nd Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	99
Miller	Archibald	2nd Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	195
Miller	Harry	Machine Gun Corps	Pte		Served	387
Miller	Hugh	AS 150th Infantry Brigade	Driver		UF Church	99
Miller	Hugh	ASC att'd HQ 159th Infantry Brigad	Driver		Public School	196
Miller	J	Royal Engineers	Sapper		Served	387
Miller	Robert	9th Prince of Wales North Staffs	LCpl		Served	388
Miller	Robert C	Royal Scots KIA	Pte		Served	386
Miller	Samuel	5/6th Royal Scots	LCpl		UF Church	98
Miller	Samuel	5/6th Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	196
Miller	W	Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	388
Miller	William	Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	388
Miller	John	Irish Guards	Pte		Served	387
Mitchell	Harry	Cameron Highlanders	LCpl		Served	389
Mitchell	James	31st Canadian Infantry	Cpl	MM	Served	389
Moffat	A	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	390
Moffat		2nd Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	390
Monaghan	James	Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers	Pte		Catholic Church	148
Montgomerie	Robert	RAMC	Captain		South Church	1
Moore	D	Royal Scots att'd KOSB	Pte		Served	390
Moore	John	2nd Btn Scots Guards	Pte		UF Church	100
Moore	John	2nd Btn Scots Guards	Pte		Public School	197
Morris	J	Royal Scots	Cpl		Served	390

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Morrison	Alexander	15th Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	391
Muir	James	1st Lowland RFA	Cpl	MM	Served	391
Mulvenna	James	1st Royal Scots	Pte		Served	391
Munnoch	John	5th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	43
Munnoch	John	5th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	101
Munnoch	John	5th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	198
Munro	Alex	2nd Btn HLI	Pte		South Church	45
Murdoch	Isaac	Black Watch POW	Pte		Served	392
Murdoch	John	1/10 Royal Scots	Cpl		Served	392
Murray	J	KOSB	Pte		Served	392
Murray	Lawrence	15th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	45
Murray	W	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	393
Murray	W H				Served	393
Murray	William	16th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	46
Mushet	H	Royals Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Served	393
Mutter	Andrew	5th Btn Cameron Highlanders	LCpl		South Church	12-13
Mutter	Thomas	245 Tunnelling Coy RE	Sapper		Ecclesmachan	252
Nathaniel	John	Australian Imperial Force	Pte		Served	393
Neil	Samuel	7th Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	394
Neilson	Hugh	26th Middlesex Rgt	Sgt	MM	Served	395
Neilson	John	Machine Gun Corps	Pte		Served	397
Nelson	James	1st Btn Black Watch	Pte		UF Church	101
Nicol	Charles	2nd Btn Scots Guards	Pte		Public School	209
Nicol	David	RN Canada HMS Seagull	Petty Officer		South Church	7
Nicol	David	8th Btn Yorkshire LI prev RS	Pte		South Church	47
Nicol	David	8th Btn King's Own Yorkshire LI	Pte		UF Church	102
Nicol	J Lauder	8th Royal Scots	Lieut		Served	397
Nicol	James	1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Sgt		Public School	211
Nicol	James H	1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Sgt		South Church	6
Nicol	John	21st Infantry Brigade AIF	Pte		Public School	212
Nicol	John	21st Infantry Bigade AIF	Pte		Lodge	249
Nicol	John	14th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	398
Nicol	Peter	No info			South Church	9
Nicol	Robert	Royal Scots att'd Royal Warwicks	Pte		Served	398
Nicol	Samuel	86th Bde Royal Field Artillery	Pte		UF Church	103
Nicol	Samuel	86th Bde RFA	Driver		Public School	213
Nicol	Thomas	Canadian Engineers	Sapper		Served	399
Nicol	William	Army Cyclist Corps	Sgt		Served	399
Nisbet	James	6th KOSB	Cpl		Served	400
Nisbet	Samuel F	2nd KOSB	Cpl		Served	399
O'Brien	John	Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers	Pte		Served	400
O'Donnell	James		Pte		Served	400
O'Donnell	Peter	2nd Btn Irish Guards	Pte		South Church	47
O'Donnell	Peter	2nd Btn Irish Guards	Pte		Catholic Church	150
O'Hara		Royal Warwicks prev RS	LCpl	Mid	Served	400
Oliver	William	10/11th HLI	Pte		South Church	48
Oliver	H	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	401
Paris	Andrew	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	402
Paris	Charles	Durham Light Infantry	LCpl		UF Church	103
Paris	David	5/6th Cameron Highlanders	Pte		South Church	70
Paris	George	2/10th Royal Scots att'd KOSB	Pte		Public School	214
Paris	Peter	6th Royal Scots Fusiliers	LCpl		Served	402
Paris	William	2nd Btn Royal Scots	Cpl		UF Church	103
Paris	William	2nd Btn Royal Scots	Cpl		Public School	215
Paterson	D	A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	403
Paterson	Frank	Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)	LCpl		Served	403
Paterson	George	1st KOSB	Pte		Ecclesmachan	255
Paterson	James	8th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	404
Paterson	John M	1/7th Black Watch	Pte		Served	405
Paterson		Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	402
Payne	E	Royal Engineers	LCpl		Served	405
Petrie	E	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte	MM	Served	406

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Petrie	Lawrence	1 Scottish Horse	Cpl		Served	406
Petrie	W J	Prev Sgt Maj 14th Royal Scots	Sg Maj		Served	407
Plunkett	Joseph	9th Btn HLI	Pte		South Church	48
Porteous	Fred	2nd Btn Royal Scots	Sgt		South Church	7
Porteous	Fred	2nd Btn Royal Scots	Sgt		Public School	216
Potter	Alexander	Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	408
Potter	James	8th Btn Black Watch	LCpl		South Church	13
Potter	Tom	8/10th Btn Gordon Highlanders	Pte		South Church	49
Potter	William	11th Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte		Parish Church	77
Potter	William	11th Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte		Public School	216
Purvis	William	9th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	408
Rae	Bruce	1/7th Essex Btn	Pte		South Church	50
Rafferty	James	51st Heavy Trench Mortar Bty RFA	Gunner		South Church	20
Rafferty	James	51st Heavy Trench Mortar bty RFA	Gunner		Catholic Church	151
Rafferty	John	No info			Catholic Church	152
Rankin	David	Black Watch Machine Gun Section	Pte		Served	409
Rankin	George	Black Watch Machine Gun Section	Pte		Served	409
Redmond	William	RAMC	Pte		Served	409
Reid	Alexander	2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Public School	217
Reid	George	Royal Navy	AB		Served	409
Reid	William	No info	Pte		Public School	218
Rennie	P	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	410
Richardson	R	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	411
Robertson	Alex	11th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	50
Robertson	Arthur	KOSB	Pte		Served	411
Robertson	G	Royal Warwickshire Rgt	Pte		Served	411
Robertson	James A	15th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	68
Robertson	James A	15th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Parish Church	78
Robertson	James A	15th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	218
Robertson	Peter	No info	Pte		Public School	218
Robertson	Robert	8th Black Watch	Pte		Served	411
Robertson	James	15th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	104
Roche	Joseph	16th Bt Royal Scots	Pte		Served	411
Roche		ASC	Driver		Served	411
Rodden	Hugh	1st Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	412
Rodger	George	3rd Btn Canadian Infantry	Coy Sgt Maj		Public School	218
Rodgers	George	3rd Btn Canadian Infantry	Coy Sgt Ma	MM +Bar	UF Church	104
Rodgers	John	Royal Scots	Pioneer	MiD	Served	412
Roe	D	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	412
Ronald	John G	6th Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Cpl		Public School	220
Ross	Daniel	119th Battery Royal Field Artillery	Cpl		South Church	9
Ross	Daniel	119 th Bty RFA	Cpl		Ecclesmachan	253
Ross	James	9th Btn Royal Scots MGC	Pte		Parish Church	78
Ross	James	9th Btn Royal Scots MGC	Pte		Public School	220
Ross	John	2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Cpl		South Church	11
Ross	John	Cameronians prev Royal Scots	Pte	MiD	Served	409
Ross	Peter	150th Bty RFA	Gunner		Served	413
Ross	Philip	8th Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		South Church	51
Ross	Robert	12th Bty RFA	Gunner		Served	414
Ross	W	RFA	Sgt	MiD	Served	414
Russell	John		Pte		Served	415
Russo		Italian Army	Pte		Served	415
Sampson	Charles	207th Coy Machine Gun Corps	Pte		South Church	51
Samuel	John	9th Btn Gordon Highlanders	Pte		South Church	51
Samuel	John	9th Btn Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Public School	221
Scott	G		Gunner		Served	416
Scott			Pte		Served	416
Scoular	David	RAMC	Pte	MM	Served	416
Shade	A	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	416
Shairp	Norman	Ayrshire Yeomanry	Captain	MC	South Church	1
Shanks	James	170th Tunelling Co RE	Sapper		UF Church	121
Sharp	John	Royal Scots POW	Pte		Served	417

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Sharp	Robert	8th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	417
Shaw	Hugh	2nd Scots Guards	Pte		Served	417
Sheal	Angus	2nd Btn KOSB	Pte		UF Church	106
Shearer	William	Seaforth Highlanders	Pte	MM	Served	418
Shields	John	1/8th Btn Argyll & Sutherland Hldrs	Pte		South Church	68
Shields	John	1/8th Argyll & Sutherland Hldrs	Pte		Ecclesmachan	254
Sibbald	George	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	419
Simpson	Alexander	Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Public School	221
Simpson	D	Lancashire Fusiliers POW	Pte		Served	420
Simpson	Elizabeth	QMIMNS	Nurse		South Church	52
Simpson	Thomas				Served	420
Skene	Alexander	13th HLI	2nd Lieut		Served	420
Smith	Alexander	11th Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte		Served	420
Smith	Arthur	3/1 Lowland Field Artillery	Pte		Served	421
Smith	George	42st Bde RFA	Sgt		South Church	52
Smith	George	13th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Served	421
Smith	James	9th Btn Royal Sussex Rgt	Pte		South Church	55
Smith	James	9th btn Sussex Rgt	Pte		Lodge	245
Smith	James	9th Gordon Highlanders	Sgt	MM	Served	421
Smith	John	11th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers	Bomber		South Church	55
Smith	John	42nd Btn Canadian Black Watch	Pte		Served	423
Smith	Thomas	Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte		Served	424
Smith	William	2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders	Sgt		Parish Church	79
Smith	William	2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders	Sgt		Public School	222
Sneddon	Henry	1st Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte	MM+MiD	Served	424
Sneddon	William	6th resrve Btn Royal Field Artillery	Sgt	MM	South Church	2
Sneddon	William	RFA	Sgt	MM	UF Church	122
Sneddon	William	RFA	Sgt	MM	Public School	223
Spiers	John	Highland Cyclist Btn prev RS	Pte		South Church	55
Spiers	Richard	1st Btn Cameron Highlanders	LCpl		South Church	14
Spiers	Robert	No info	LCpl		Public School	223
Splatt	A	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	425
Splatt	William	13th Btn Royal Hldrs of Canada	LCpl		South Church	15
Stark	R	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	425
Stein	James	10th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	106
Stein	James	10th Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	223
Stein	Robert	12th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	56
Stenhouse	J F	11th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	425
Steuart	James W H	9th Btn Royal Scots	2nd Lieut		Served	428
Steven	Alexander	HLI	LCpl		Served	426
Steven	J	Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	427
Steven	John	5th Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte		South Church	57
Steven	John	5th Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte		UF Church	108
Steven	John	5th Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Public School	225
Stevenson	J	7th Coy Machine Gun Corps	Pte		Served	427
Stewart	G	2nd Bt Royal London Fusiliers	Pte		Served	428
Stewart	George	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	428
Stewart	James	RNH HMS Amphion	Chief Stoker		South Church	58
Stewart	James	RN HMS Amphion	Chief Stoker		Public School	225
Stewart	James		Pte		Served	429
Stewart	W J	2th Btn Argyll & Sutherladn Hldrs	Pte		Catholic Church	152
Strain	Denis	8th Black Watch	Pte		Served	429
Strathie	J	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	430
Swanney	William	1st Scots Guards	Pte		Served	430
Taggart	John	8th Btn Black Watch	Pte		South Church	57-56
Tait	Robert	2/10 Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	431
Tait	William	11th Btn A & S Highlanders	Pte		Public School	226
Taylor	Alexander	1st Btn Gordon Highlanders	Sgt Maj	DCM	Served	431
Taylor	Gordon	1st Btn Gordon Highlanders	Pte		UF Church	96
Taylor	Gordon	1st Btn Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Public School	226
Taylor	James	2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders	LCpl		Served	436

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Taylor	William	ASC	Pte		Served	437
Taylor	William	10th Btn HLI	Pte		Served	438
Tennant	James	15th Btn Royal Scots	LCpl		UF Church	123
Tennant	James	15th Btn Royal Scots	LCpl		Public School	227
Thomson	Alexander	Scots Guards	Pte		South Church	59
Thomson	Alexander	Scots Guards	Pte		Public School	228
Thomson	D	Artillery	Gunner		Served	438
Thomson	George	2nd Btn Canadian Infantry	Pte		South Church	60
Thomson	George	2nd Btn Canadian Infantry	Pte		Public School	229
Thomson	J	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	439
Thomson	Samuel	No info			South Church	61
Thomson		Royal Field Artillery	Driver		Served	438
Thorburn	Frank	Royal Scots att's RS Fusiliers POW	Pte		Served	439
Todd	Adam	2nd Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	124
Todd	Henry	9th Btn Australian Imperial Force	WO	DCM	Served	439
Tulloch	William	53rd Infantry Bde MGC	2nd Lieut		Public School	230
Turnbull	John	18th HLI	Pte		Served	440
Turtle	Samuel	15th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	62
Tyghe	Joseph	6th Btn KOSB	Pte		UF Church	124
Tyghe	Joseph	6th Btn KOSB	Pte		Catholic Church	152
Vickers	A	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	440
Vickers	Robert	6/7th Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		UF Church	124
Vickers	Robert	6/7th Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Public School	230
Walker	John	17th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	125
Walker	John B B	17th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	231
Walker	William	2nd Btn HLI	Pte		UF Church	127
Walker	William	2nd Btn HLI	Pte		Public School	232
Wallace	R	Cameronians Scottish Rifles POW	Pte		Served	440
Walsh	Edward	6th Btn RFA	Gunner		South Church	22
Watson	James	5/6th Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	233
Watson	James McC	5/6th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Parish Church	79
Watson	James S	Tank Corps prev Royal Scots	Sgt		Served	441
Watters	James	2nd Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	441
Waugh	Richard	3/10th Royal Scots	2nd Lieut		Served	442
Webster	Archibald	12th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	63
Webster	Archibald	12th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	127
Webster	Archibald	12th Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	233
Webster	Archibald	12th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Band	243
Webster	James	11th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	63
Webster	James	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		UF Church	128
Webster	James	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Public School	234
Webster	James	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Band	239
Webster	James	Scots Guards	Gdsm		Served	442
Webster	James G	11th Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	128
Webster	Robert	12th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	64
Webster	Robert	12th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	129
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West	David	3rd Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	130
West	David	3rd Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	234
West	Joseph	22nd Infantry Btn AIF	Pte		Ecclesmachan	255
West	Robert	Royal Scots POW	Pte		Served	443
Whigham	John	1st Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		South Church	64
White	J W	1st Scots Guards	Pte		Served	443
Wilkinson	Robert	Scots Guards	Pte		Served	444
Williamson	Alex	13th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	65
Williamson	Alexander	13th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	130
Williamson	Alexander	13th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	235
Wilson	D	1st KOSB	Pte		Served	444

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Wilson	Peter	2nd Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		South Church	66
Wilson	Peter	2nd Btn Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Band	240
Wilson	R G	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Gunner		Served	445
Wilson	Robert	1st Btn Black Watch	LCpl		South Church	16
Wilson	Robert	1st Btn Black Watch	LCpl		Public School	236
Wilson	Robert	21st Trench Bty RFA	Gunner		Served	445
Wilson	William	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Cpl	MM	Served	445
Wishart	J	HLI	LCpl		Served	446
Wood	James	Royal Scots Grays	Pte		Served	446
Wood	John	No info			Catholic Church	154
Woodrow	James	RN HMS Black Prince	Artificer Eng		Public School	237
Wright	Alex	7th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	67
Wright	Alex	7th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		UF Church	131
Wright	Alexander	7th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Public School	238
Wright	John	61st Trench Mortar Bty RFA	Gunner		Catholic Church	154
Yates	Robert	17th Btn HLI	Pte		Served	446
Young	Andrew	2/7th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		South Church	69
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Bell	Oliver	York & Lancaster Rgt	Captain	MC	Served	269
Beveridge	Robert	12th Btn Royal Scots	Cpl	MM	South Church	70
Campbell	H B	Lovat Scouts att'd Cameron Hldrs	LCpl	DCM	Served	281
Corstorphine	John	Machine Gun Corps	Sgt	MM+Bar MiD	Served	292
Craig	John	10th Bgde Machine Gun Corps	Pte	MM	Served	295
Crane	J	Royal Engineers	Pioneer	MM	Served	297
Crichton	John	2nd Australian Pioneers AIF	Pte	MiD	Public School	167
Dempster	John	58th Btn Machine Gun Corps	Pte	MM	UF Church	93
Dickson	W T M	Seaforth Highlanders	Rgt Qtr Mst Sgt	MM	Served	303
Eardley	Thomas	Durham Light Infantry	Sgt	DCM	Served	308
Fallon	William	1st Black Watch	Cpl	DCM	Served	310
Feeney	Fred	Royal Field Artillery	Driver	MM	Served	312
Gardner	Daniel	Princess Patricia's Own Canadians	LCpl	VC	Served	318
Geddes	W	12th Btn Royal Scots	Sgt Maj	DCM	Served	320
Hammond	George	Royal Field Artillery	Cpl	MM	Served	331
Hanlon	John	Royal Scots	Pte	MM	Served	332
Hendry	Robert	Cameron Highlanders then RE	Sapper	MM	Served	337
Jeromeson	J S	82 RFA	Bombardier	MM	Served	347
Johnston	Harry	No 1 Tunnelling Coy Canadian Engineers	Sgt	DCM MiD	Catholic Church	146
Kilday	Michael	Royal Field Artillery	Signaller	MM	Served	352
Kilpatrick	John	RAMC	Pte	MM	Served	352
Lees	James	12th Btn Royal Scots	Coy Sgt Maj	MM	Ecclesmachan	252
Lowler	John	Royal Scots	Cpl	MM	Served	257
Lynch	Stewart	Royal Scots	LCpl	MM	Served	359
McCloy	John	Royal Artillery	Gunner	MM	Served	363
McQueen	David	Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte	MM	Served	378
McQueen	John	Royal Dublin Fusiliers	Pte	MM	Served	379
McWilliams	John	Royal Garrison Artillery	Gunner	MM	Served	381
Mitchell	James	31st Canadian Infantry	Cpl	MM	Served	389
Muir	James	1st Lowland RFA	Cpl	MM	Served	391
Neilson	Hugh	26th Middlesex Rgt	Sgt	MM	Served	395
O'Hara		Royal Warwicks prev RS	LCpl	MiD	Served	400
Petrie	E	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte	MM	Served	406
Rodgers	George	3rd Btn Canadian Infantry	Coy Sgt Maj	MM +Bar	UF Church	104
Rodgers	John	Royal Scots	Pioneer	MiD	Served	412
Ross	John	Cameronians prev Royal Scots	Pte	MiD	Served	409
Ross	W	RFA	Sgt	MiD	Served	414
Scoular	David	RAMC	Pte	MM	Served	416
Shairp	Norman	Ayrshire Yeomanry	Captain	MC	South Church	1
Shearer	William	Seaforth Highlanders	Pte	MM	Served	418
Smith	James	9th Gordon Highlanders	Sgt	MM	Served	421
Sneddon	Henry	1st Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte	MM+MiD	Served	424
Sneddon	William	6th resrve Btn Royal Field Artillery	Sgt	MM	South Church	2
Taylor	Alexander	1st Btn Gordon Highlanders	Sgt Maj	DCM	Served	431
Todd	Henry	9th Btn Australian Imperial Force	WO	DCM	Served	439
Wilson	William	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Cpl	MM	Served	445

VC	Victoria Cross	1		
DCM + MiD	Distinguished Conduct Medal & Mentioned in Dispatches	1	DCM	7
MC	Military Cross	2		
MM + Bar	Military Medal & Bar	2	MM	30
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Armit	James	4th Royal Scots att'd RAMC	Pte		Served	261
Armstrong	A	MGC 2nd Black Watch	Sgt	DCM	Served	262
Archibald	Harry	10th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	264
Ball	William	10th Gordon Highlanders	Pte	MM	Served	264
Ballantyne	Robert	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Served	265
Baptie	Thomas	3rd Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	266
Barclay	T	HLI	Pte		Served	266
Barr	John	6th Dragoon Guards	Pte		Served	267
Beattie	George	Royal Flying Corps	3rd Lieut		Served	267
Begg	Lewis	Black Watch	Coy Sgt Maj	MM	Served	267
Bell	Alexander	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Cpl		Served	269
Bell	Oliver	York & Lancaster Rgt	Captain	MC	Served	269
Benassi	A	Italian Army			Served	270
Bennett	George	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Served	271
Benson	William	11th Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	271
Beveridge	J	Australians	Pte		Served	272
Binnie	A	Machine Gun Corps	Sgt		Served	272
Birnie	James A	Merchant Navy SS Portloe	Sailor		Served	272
Blair	John		Pte		Served	272
Blair	Samuel	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	273
Blair	Thomas	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	273
Blaney	Daniel	3rd Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	273
Blyth			Pte		Served	273
Boag	William		Pte		Served	274
Borthwick		Royal Scots	Sgt		Served	274
Brennan	Henry	12th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	274
Brennan	Robert	RAMC	Pte		Served	275
Brown	J	Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	276
Brown	William	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Served	276
Brownlee	Gavin	Black Watch	Pte		Served	276
Burns	R	HLI att'd Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Served	276
Burns	Thomas W	16th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Served	277
Burns	William	KOSB	Ppte		Served	277
Calder	James C S	10th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Served	277
Calder	John	Home Guard Btn Royal Scots Derby	Pte		Served	278
Calder	William	2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	280
Cameron	A	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	280
Cameron	Robert		Pte		Served	280
Campbell	H B	Lovat Scouts att'd Cameron Hldrs	LCpl	DCM	Served	281
Campbell	John	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	281
Campbell	R D	Gordon Highlanders	Signaller		Served	281
Campbell		Northumberland Fusiliers	LCpl		Served	282
Carle	William A	Sots Guards	Guardsman		Served	282
Carr	James	2nd Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Served	282
Cathie	Archibald	Scottish Horse	Pte		Served	283
Caulfield	John	Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	283
Chambers	Thomas	Canadian Forces	Pte		Served	283
Chapman	James	Att'd RAMC	Pte		Served	284
Chattam	Thomas	12th Royal Scots	Cpl		Served	286
Cherry	G	6th Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	287
Clarke	William	3rd Btn HLI	Pte		Served	287
Cole	Ritchie	Lovat Scouts	Pte		Served	287
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Convey	John	KOSB	Pte		Served	291
Conway	Edward	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	291
Corstorphine	John	Machine Gun Corps	Sgt	MM+Bar MiD	Served	292
Corstorphine	John K	Royal Artillery	Gunner		Served	293
Cossins	Alfrd Edward	Royal Engineers	Sapper		Served	294
Coulter	J	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	294
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Coyle	John	Royal Field Artillery	Driver		Served	295
Craig	John	11th Bgde Machine Gun Corps	Pte	MM	Served	295
Craigie	John T	18th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Served	296
Crane	J	Royal Engineers	Pioneer	MM	Served	297
Crichton	William	Royal Scots POW	Sgt		Served	297
Crooks	William	22nd Canadian Infantry	Sgt		Served	297
Cumming	Alfred L	Royal Flying Corps	3rd Lieut		Served	298
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Cunningham	Angus Scott	Machine Gun Corps	Pte		Served	299
Cunningham	David	Canadian Forces	Pte		Served	300
Cunningham	William	12th Royal Scots POW	Sgt		Served	300
Currie	Sammy				Served	300
Denholm	John	Royal Engineers	Sapper		Served	301
Davis	H	Royal Horse Artillery	Bombardier		Served	301
Davidson	J	Royal Engineers	Cpl		Served	302
Dempster	William	Machine Gun Corps	LCpl		Served	302
Devine	Thomas	3rd Royal Scots	Pte		Served	302
Dickie		Royal Field Artillery	Pte		Served	303
Dickson	W T M	Seaforth Highlanders	Rgt Qtr Mst Sgt	MM	Served	303
Dignan	John	Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	303
Donald	George	HLI	Pte		Served	304
Dooley	John	Black Watch	Pte		Served	304
Dornam	Thomas	10th Cameronians Scottish Rifles	LCpl		Served	305
Drummond	James Bryce	5th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	305
Duncan	James	3rd Royal Scots	Pte		Served	305
Dunlop	James	10th Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	305
Dunn	Charles		Rev		Served	306
Dunn	George	2nd Btn Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	306
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Dunnachie	John	2nd Scots Guards	Pte		Served	307
Dutton	John	11th Royal Scots Cyclists	Pte		Served	307
Eardley	Thomas	Durham Light Infantry	Sgt	DCM	Served	308
Edgar	John	6th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	308
Edwards	T	A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	309
Elliot	J	Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	309
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Fairlie	John	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	310
Falconer	Albert	91st Rifles 1st Canadians	Pte		Served	310
Fallon	William	2nd Black Watch	Cpl	DCM	Served	310
Feeney	Fred	Royal Field Artillery	Driver	MM	Served	312
Ferguson	John	RAMC	Pte		Served	314
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Finnigan	Peter	Scots Guards KIA	Pte		Served	315
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Flockhart	W	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	317
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Geddes	W	18th Btn Royal Scots	Sgt Maj	DCM	Served	320
Gentles	Robert	11th Btn Canadian Infantry	Pte		Served	321
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Gibson	J	Royal Engineers	LCpl		Served	321
Gibson	John W	RAMC KIA (WW2)	Captain		Served	319
Gibson	William	1/2nd Scottish Horse KIA	QM Sgt		Served	322
Gilchrist	A	Royal Garrison Artillery	Gunner		Served	322
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Gilhooly	James	Cameron Highlanders KIA	Pte		Served	323
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Graham	J	Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	324
Graham	Robert	4th Canadians	Pte		Served	324
Grant	James	2nd Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	324
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Gray	H	2nd Royal Scots	Pte		Served	325
Gray	Robert	10th Black Watch	LCpl		Served	326
Gray	Robert	King's Royal Rifles	Rifleman		Served	326
Gray	William	Seaforth Highlanders	Sgt		Served	326
Greenshields	W	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	329
Grimson	A	Royal Engineers	Sapper		Served	329
Hall	George	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Served	329
Hamilton	James	3rd Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Sgt		Served	330
Hammond	George	Royal Field Artillery	Cpl	MM	Served	331
Hanlon	John	Royal Scots	Pte	MM	Served	332
Hannah		MT ASC	Driver		Served	332
Hardie	John	11th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	332
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Hargedon	James		Pte		Served	333
Harkins	T	7th KOSB	Pte		Served	334
Hay	Alex	Machine Gun Corps	Cpl		Served	334
Hay	John McC	15th Btn HLI	Pte		Served	335
Hay	R E	RAMC	Captain		Served	336
Hendry	John	RAMC	Pte		Served	336
Hendry	Robert	Cameron Highlanders then RE	Sapper	MM	Served	337
Hendry	Thomas	Royal Engineers	Driver		Served	338
Hendry	T	Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)	Pte		Served	339
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Herriot	David	10th Btn KOCS	Pte		Served	340
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Herriot	William	Remounts prev Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	341
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Hughes	Peter	4th Btn A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	342
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Hume	J	Royal Field Artillery	Gunner		Served	342
Hume	William	Scottish Signal Service RE	Sapper		Served	343
Hunter	Henry	10/11 Btn HLI	Pte		Served	345
Hutton	David	11th HLI	Sgt		Served	346
Hutton	William	10th Btn Black Watch	LCpl		Served	346
Innes	J	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	346
Innes	P	Scots Guards	Pte		Served	347
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Jamieson	George	South Africans	Pte		Served	347
Jenkinson	J	Royal Scots Fusiliers	LCpl		Served	347
Jeromeson	J S	83 RFA	Bombardier	MM	Served	347
Johnston	J	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	348
Johnstone	William	HLI POW	Pte		Served	349
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Kerr	George T	Royal Field Artillery	Sgt		Served	351
King	Spence	HLI - POW	Pte		Served	352
Kilpatrick	John	RAMC	Pte	MM	Served	352
Kilday	Michael	Royal Field Artillery	Signaller	MM	Served	352
Knowles	W	RE	Sapper		Served	353
Laing	W	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	353
Lamont	Moses	3rd Btn Otago Rgt NZEF	Pte		Served	353
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Leishman	Andrew	Seaforth Highlanders prev A & SH	Pte		Served	356
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Linton	Robert	Royal Scots Fusiliers POW	Pte		Served	357
Logan			Pte		Served	357
Lowler	John	Royal Scots	Cpl	MM	Served	257
Lumsden	Alex		Pte		Served	357
Lyall	James	Scots Guards	Cpl		Served	358
Lynch	J	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	358
Lynch	Stewart	Royal Scots	LCpl	MM	Served	359
Main	John J	6th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Served	360
McAlonon	Thomas	6th Cameronians	Pte		Served	361
McAlister	James	2nd Scots Guards	Pte		Served	361
McArthur	Lachlan	RAMC prev A & SH	Pte		Served	362
McCafferty	Thomas	Royal Inniskillens	Pte		Served	363
McCallum	Malcolm	Royal Scots POW	Pte		Served	363
McCloy	John	Royal Artillery	Gunner	MM	Served	363
McColl	John	Royal Field Artillery	Gunner		Served	363
McDonald	Alexander	5th Btn Australian Infantry	Pte		Served	364
McDonald	Charles	Cameron Highlanders POW	Pte		Served	364
McDonald	J	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	364
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McEwan	John				Served	365
McGill	D	Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	365
McGovern	Thomas	Royal Navy HMS Lion	Stoker		Served	365
McGowan	Adam J S	2 Tunnelling Coy, AIF	Sapper		Served	367
McGrath	J	KOSB	Pte		Served	368
McGrath	T	KOSB	Pte		Served	368
McIntyre	J	Royal Garrison Artillery	Gunner		Served	368
MacKay	John	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Lieut		Served	369
MacKay	James	8th Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	369
McKay	John	3rd Btn Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	369
MacKay	M	Seaforth Highlanders	Cpl		Served	370
Mackie	W	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	370
McKee	W	10th Btn Royal Scots	Cpl		Served	370
McKiernon	J	Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	371
Mckelvie	John		LCpl		Served	372
McKendrick	C	Royal Engineers	Driver		Served	373
McKenzie	Donald	2nd Scots Guards POW	Pte		Served	373
McKenzie	Kenneth		Pte		Served	373
McKinney	Henry	1/8th A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	373
McLaren	James	Royal Scots POW	Pte		Served	374
McLaren	Robert		Pte		Served	374
McLauchlin	George	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	374
McLeod	E	5th Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	374
McLean	William	6th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	375
McLeary	Alex	3/5 Royal Scots	Pte		Served	375
McMartin	Peter	3rd Btn KOSB	Pte		Served	375
McMillan	Edward	A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	376
McMillan	J	Royal Garrison Artillery	Gunner		Served	376

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McNally	James	Scottish Horse	Pte		Served	377
McNeil	John A	Royal Garrison Artillery	Gunner		Served	377
McNeil	Robert		Pte		Served	377
McQueen	David	Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte	MM	Served	378
McQueen	John	Royal Dublin Fusiliers	Pte	MM	Served	379
McVickers	Adam	Royal Scots POW	Pte		Served	380
McVickers	John	Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) POW	Pte		Served	380
McVicker	George	Middlesex Rgt	Pte		Served	381
McVicker	Robert	A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	381
McWilliams	John	Royal Garrison Artillery	Gunner	MM	Served	381
Madden	Michael	MG Section 15 Royal Scots	Pte		Served	383
Main	John	Canadians	Pte		Served	384
Martin	J	3rd Royal Scots	Pte		Served	384
Martin	Nicholas	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Served	384
Martin	Thomas	12th Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	385
Matthews	William	Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	385
Meek	George	HLI POW	Pte		Served	385
Melville	George	2nd Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	John	4th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	Alex	RFA	Gunner		Served	386
Millar (Family)	William	4th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	Archibald	2nd Canadian KIA	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	Samual	4th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	Joseph	22nd Btn 1st Canadians	Pte		Served	386
Millar (Family)	Alex	28th Btn 1st Canadians	Pte		Served	386
Miller	Robert C	Royal Scots KIA	Pte		Served	386
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Miller	J	Royal Engineers	Sapper		Served	387
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Millar	Robert C	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	388
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Miller	W	Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	388
Miller	William	Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	388
Mitchell	Harry	Cameron Highlanders	LCpl		Served	389
Michell	John	5th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	389
Mitchell	James	32nd Canadian Infantry	Cpl	MM	Served	389
Moffat	A	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	390
Moffat		3rd Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	390
Moore	D	Royal Scots att'd KOSB	Pte		Served	390
Morris	J	Royal Scots	Cpl		Served	390
Morrison	Alexander	16th Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	391
Muir	James	2nd Lowland RFA	Cpl	MM	Served	391
Mulvenna	James	2nd Royal Scots	Pte		Served	391
Murdoch	Isaac	Black Watch POW	Pte		Served	392
Murdoch	John	1/10 Royal Scots	Cpl		Served	392
Murray	J	KOSB	Pte		Served	392
Murray	W	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	393
Murray	W H				Served	393
Mushet	H	Royals Scots Fusiliers	Pte		Served	393
Nathaniel	John	Australian Imperial Force	Pte		Served	393
Neil	Samuel	8th Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	394
Neilson	Hugh	27th Middlesex Rgt	Sgt	MM	Served	395
Neilson	John	Machine Gun Corps	Pte		Served	397
Nicol	J Lauder	20th Royal Scots	Lieut		Served	397
Nicol	John	26th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	398
Nicol	Robert	Royal Scots att'd Royal Warwicks	Pte		Served	398
Nicol	Thomas	Canadian Engineers	Sapper		Served	399
Nicol	William	Army Cyclist Corps	Sgt		Served	399
Nisbet	Samuel F	10th KOSB	Cpl		Served	399
Nisbet	James	14th KOSB	Cpl		Served	400
O'Brien	John	Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers	Pte		Served	400

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O'Hara		Royal Warwicks prev RS	LCpl	MiD	Served	400
Oliver	H	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	401
Paris	Andrew	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	402
Paris	Peter	7th Royal Scots Fusiliers	LCpl		Served	402
Paterson		Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	402
Paterson	D	A & S Highlanders	Pte		Served	403
Paterson	Frank	Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)	LCpl		Served	403
Paterson	James	9th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	404
Paterson	John M	1/7th Black Watch	Pte		Served	405
Payne	E	Royal Engineers	LCpl		Served	405
Petrie	E	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Pte	MM	Served	406
Petrie	Lawrence	2 Scottish Horse	Cpl		Served	406
Petrie	W J	Prev Sgt Maj 14th Royal Scots	Sg Maj		Served	407
Potter	Alexander	Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	408
Purvis	William	10th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	408
Rankin	George	Black Watch Machine Gun Section	Pte		Served	409
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Redmond	William	RAMC	Pte		Served	409
Reid	George	Royal Navy	AB		Served	409
Rennie	P	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	410
Richardson	R	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	411
Robertson	Arthur	KOSB	Pte		Served	411
Robertson	G	Royal Warwickshire Rgt	Pte		Served	411
Robertson	Robert	9th Black Watch	Pte		Served	411
Roche	Joseph	17th Bt Royal Scots	Pte		Served	411
Roche		ASC	Driver		Served	411
Rodden	Hugh	2nd Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	412
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Roe	D	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	412
Ross	John	Cameronians prev Royal Scots	Pte	MiD	Served	409
Ross	Peter	126th Bty RFA	Gunner		Served	413
Ross	Robert	264th Bty RFA	Gunner		Served	414
Ross	W	RFA	Sgt	MiD	Served	414
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Scott	G		Gunner		Served	416
Scott			Pte		Served	416
Scoular	David	RAMC	Pte	MM	Served	416
Shade	A	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	416
Sharp	John	Royal Scots POW	Pte		Served	417
Sharp	Robert	9th Gordon Highlanders	Pte		Served	417
Shaw	Hugh	3rd Scots Guards	Pte		Served	417
Shearer	William	Seaforth Highlanders	Pte	MM	Served	418
Sibbald	George	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	419
Simpson	D	Lancashire Fusiliers POW	Pte		Served	420
Simpson	Thomas				Served	420
Skene	Alexander	14th HLI	3rd Lieut		Served	420
Smith	Alexander	12th Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte		Served	420
Smith	Arthur	3/1 Lowland Field Artillery	Pte		Served	421
Smith	George	14th Btn Royal Scots	Pte		Served	421
Smith	James	10th Gordon Highlanders	Sgt	MM	Served	421
Smith	John	43rd Btn Canadian Black Watch	Pte		Served	423
Smith	Thomas	Northumberland Fusiliers	Pte		Served	424
Sneddon	Henry	2nd Btn Cameron Highlanders	Pte	MM+MiD	Served	424
Splatt	A	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	425
Stark	R	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	425
Stenhouse	J F	12th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	425
Steven	Alexander	HLI	LCpl		Served	426
Steven	J	Cameron Highlanders	Pte		Served	427
Stevenson	J	8th Coy Machine Gun Corps	Pte		Served	427
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Stewart	James		Pte		Served	429
Strain	Denis	9th Black Watch	Pte		Served	429
Strathie	J	Cameronians Scottish Rifles	Pte		Served	430
Swanney	William	2nd Scots Guards	Pte		Served	430
Tait	Robert	2/10 Royal Scots	LCpl		Served	431
Taylor	Alexander	3rd Btn Gordon Highlanders	Sgt Maj	DCM	Served	431
Taylor	James	4th Btn Gordon Highlanders	LCpl		Served	436
Taylor	John McM	Royal Engineers	Sapper		Served	437
Taylor	William	ASC	Pte		Served	437
Taylor	William	11th Btn HLI	Pte		Served	438
Thomson		Royal Field Artillery	Driver		Served	438
Thomson	D	Artillery	Gunner		Served	438
Thomson	J	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	439
Thorburn	Frank	Royal Scots att's RS Fusiliers POW	Pte		Served	439
Todd	Henry	10th Btn Australian Imperial Force	WO	DCM	Served	439
Turnbull	John	19th HLI	Pte		Served	440
Vickers	A	Royal Scots	Pte		Served	440
Wallace	R	Cameronians Scottish Rifles POW	Pte		Served	440
Watson	James S	Tank Corps prev Royal Scots	Sgt		Served	441
Watters	James	3rd Seaforth Highlanders	Pte		Served	441
Waugh	Richard	3/10th Royal Scots	3rd Lieut		Served	442
Webster	James	Scots Guards	Gdsm		Served	442
Webster	William	12th Royal Scots	Pte		Served	442
West	Robert	Royal Scots POW	Pte		Served	443
White	J W	2nd Scots Guards	Pte		Served	443
Wilkinson	Robert	Scots Guards	Pte		Served	444
Wilson	D	2nd KOSB	Pte		Served	444
Wilson	R G	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Gunner		Served	445
Wilson	Robert	22nd Trench Bty RFA	Gunner		Served	445
Wilson	William	Royal Scots Fusiliers	Cpl	MM	Served	445
Wishart	J	HLI	LCpl		Served	446
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