

# DUDDINGSTON KIRK WAR MEMORIAL



**BUILT TO THE MEMORY OF THESE OUR  
SONS WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR  
1914 – 1919**

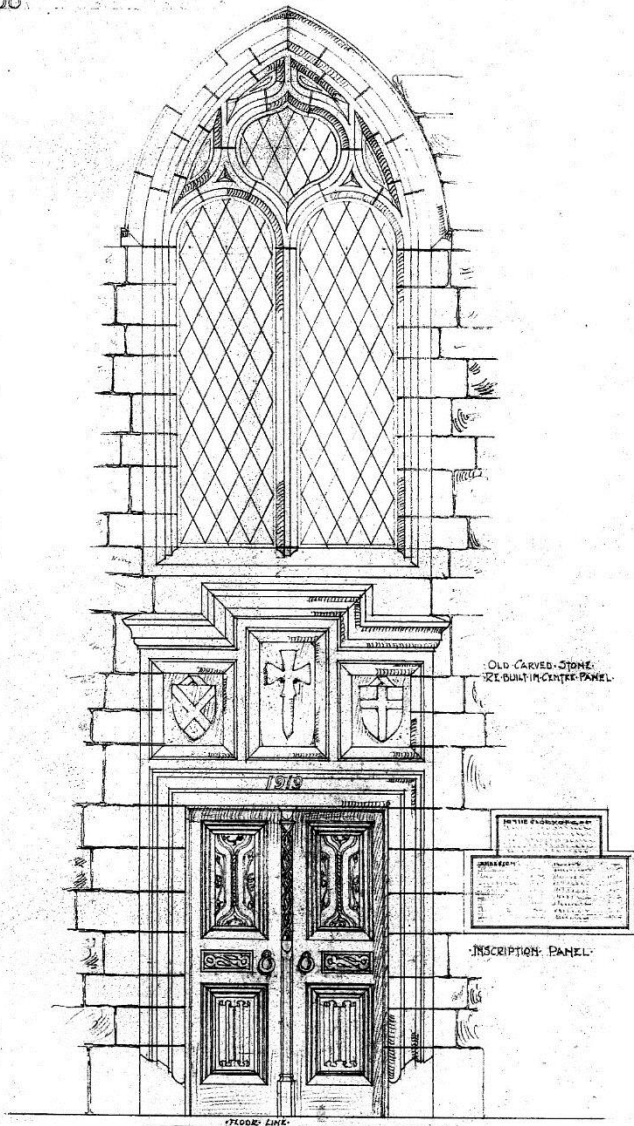
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## ***Foreword***

*As a church member I have always admired the entrance to the Kirk, which unusually is the local war memorial for the First World War. I decided I would like to produce a booklet about Duddingston Kirk War Memorial. I could not imagine the journey it would take me. With my husband I travelled all over France and Belgium. I was very moved by the sheer size of some of the cemeteries and also how immaculate they were kept. At all times we were shown nothing but politeness and kindness by the French people. At each cemetery there was a visitor's book. I wrote in every visitor's book who I visited and that he was a member of Duddingston Kirk. I now feel I really know all the people on the panel. It was also an emotional journey, but one I enjoyed making.*

***Jacqueline Lawrie***

DUDDINGSTON PARISH CHURCH.  
 PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL  
 NEW DOOR & WINDOW



Architect's drawing of the proposed memorial for the Main Door and Window at Duddingston Kirk 1919

## SYNOPSIS

A Public Meeting was held to discuss the erection of a suitable War Memorial. It was decided at that meeting that the memorial would take the form of a new and improved doorway to the church. A committee was appointed and they were instructed to seek professional advice about the doorway and to collect funds for the memorial. It turned out during the collection that the idea of a new doorway to the Church did not meet with full public approval!

A further Public Meeting was held where there was a breakaway of those people who wanted a memorial in the village, but detached from the church. The church then went ahead with their own plans and undertook the building of a new doorway with a tablet in the wall alongside with the names of the fallen engraved thereon. Due to economic difficulties after the War the building work was not put in hand until 1922.

The Duchess of Abercorn undertook to unveil the War Memorial, but called off at the last minute, so although her name appears on the unveiling programme, the War Memorial was actually unveiled by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh. Mrs. Hutchison, wife of the Lord Provost, was presented as a souvenir of the occasion, with a silver key which had a church communion token inserted in its head.

The whole scenario appears to have been fraught with difficulties and this was summed up very well in a letter from Mr Winning, Treasurer, to Mr. Lamb, Secretary of the Committee, which reads as follows, "I fancy this brings us to the end of a perfect day, and if so, thank Heaven!! I congratulate you on steering the bark to port, through rough weather at times, but apparently to a tranquil ending."

The first Public Meeting was held early in 1919, but it was 8<sup>th</sup> October 1922 before the unveiling ceremony took place. The Architect was J. S. Richardson of 4 Melville Street, Edinburgh. The oak for the door was grown on the Duddingston Estate. Mr. John Hay, Joiner & Undertaker of Duddingston Mills carried out the joiner work on the door.

The Bugler and Trumpeter were each paid 10/- for their services. The Roll of Honour was executed and gifted by Mr. Walter Scott.

**The Scotsman, Monday, October 9, 1922.**

**WAR MEMORIALS  
DUDDINGSTON'S TRIBUTE TO FALLEN**

**LORD PROVOST UNVEILS MEMORIAL**

With appropriate solemnity and in presence of a large gathering, the war memorial erected to the memory of 29 men belonging to Duddingston Kirk and Parish landward who fell in the war was unveiled yesterday. Lord Provost Hutchison performed the ceremony in the absence of Her Grace the Duchess of Abercorn, who wrote to Rev. William Serle, Minister of the parish, expressing keen regret at her inability to be present. The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn also sent a letter of apology.

The memorial takes the form of a new doorway, window, and tablet in stone bearing the names of the fallen, the whole being in 17<sup>th</sup> century style, and in harmony with the present features of the newest portion of the church, which stands on ground hallowed by centuries of Scottish history, and dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The door is made of oak grown on the Duddingston estate, and at the base of the window, which has been placed immediately above the door, the St Andrews Cross, the Lion Rampant, and Scottish Thistle have been carved out in stone.

The Lord Provost, in unveiling the memorial, recalled that 130 men belonging to the congregation and parish had served in various branches of the Forces, and said it was fitting that a parish like Duddingston, which was associated with momentous events in the history of Scotland, should honour the memory of her gallant sons. Within these walls were monuments of many illustrious soldiers, silent but eloquent witnesses of the stirring part played in the olden days by the natives of the district, and that day they sought to honour in similar fashion the men who in the recent war so nobly upheld the traditions of that parish.

The ceremony of opening the door was performed by Mrs Hutchison, who was presented with a silver key as a memento of the occasion.

## **SACRIFICES FOR GREAT IDEALS**

A memorial service was thereafter held in the church, and conducted by the Very Rev. Dr. John Smith, Glasgow, and Moderator of the Church of Scotland. The roll of honour, bearing the names of the fallen, including Lord John Hamilton, as well as those who served in the war, was unveiled by Dr J Hunter P Paton, St Andrews, a son of the former minister of the congregation.

Dr Smith preached from the text, Revelation 12:11 “They loved not their lives unto the death,” and in the course of his sermon said no standard could be found to measure the extent of the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in the war. Of all the questions that haunted the human mind, he proceeded, none had for most of them such absorbing interest as the question of reunion. Modern thought was full of it. All kinds of speculation were at the present moment noised abroad. They heard of communication with those who had passed to the other side, and they heard of the fond parent in touch with his brave son who fell in the war. They dared not deny the possibility. All things were possible to him who believed, but of this he was sure, that they would meet their dear ones again. The dead were not dead; they were living clothed in their spiritual body. Not a fibre of the lives of these brave souls was thrown away. That which was earthly in them had gone back whence it came, and sin had been washed away and the pure gold of their character left behind. They had left a work unfinished, which it was for those who remained to complete. They died for their country and for great ideals and noble ends, and they and he remained to live for those ideals and to seek those noble ends, to consolidate the work of the past and build up a new a brighter and better land from amidst those restless and troubled times. Those words, “Carry on,” spoken frequently during the war, concluded Dr Smith, came to them even four years after the Armistice with overwhelming significance. It was theirs to strive to live to carry out their work, to take up the mantle that had fallen from their shoulders, and to bear onwards the torch that had fallen from their hands.

A lament was then played by a piper of the Royal Scots, and the “Last Post” sounded by a trumpeter.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

*8<sup>th</sup> October 1922*

Psalm 23 “The Lord’s my shepherd” tune - Evan

Unveiling of War Memorial

Placing of Wreaths on entering church

Organ Voluntary “Adagio and Benedictus” (Mass in G.) Weber

Unveiling of Roll of Honour by Dr J. Hunter P. Paton

Hymn 513 “Lord, while for all mankind we pray”

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Hymn 339 “For all the saints, who from their labours rest”

Dedication and Sermon  
by the Moderator of the Kirk of Scotland

Collection for Edinburgh Royal Infirmary  
Voluntary – “Flowers o’ the Forest” Scottish.

Paraphrase 2 “O God of Bethel!” tune – Salzburg.

The Benediction

Lament by a Piper of the Royal Scots.

“Last Post” by a Trumpeter of the Royal Scots.

The National Anthem

Concluding Voluntary March “Silver Trumpet” Vivani.

*Greater love hath no man than this,  
That a man lay down his life for his friends* John 15:13

**LORD JOHN ARTHUR HAMILTON**  
**1883-1914**



**Rank: Captain**

**Regiment: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Irish Guards**

**Date of Death: 6<sup>th</sup> November 1914**

**Age: 30**

He was son of the late Duke of Abercorn, K.G., and of Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, of 115 Park Street, London. Deputy Master of the Household.

He was a Special Reserve and was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Irish Guards. He reached the rank of Captain when he was killed in action. He died Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1914.

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Reference Panel 11.



*Newspaper Epitaph*

**CAPTAIN LORD ARTHUR JOHN HAMILTON, ATTD, 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION IRISH GUARDS (SPECIAL RESERVE) DEPUTY MASTER OF HIS MAJESTY'S HOUSEHOLD** was included in the War Office monthly casualty list published in February 1915 as “unofficially reported killed,” no date being given. He had been officially reported as missing, but later in the same year it was heard from a German officer that he had been killed early in September 1914.

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

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



*War Graves at Menin Gate*

**ARCHIBALD JOHN CUNNINGHAM**  
**-1918**



*Photo: Edinburgh Evening Dispatch 10<sup>th</sup> April 1918 page 4*

**Rank: Lieutenant**

**Regiment: "A" Bty. 110<sup>th</sup> Bde., Royal Field Artillery**

**Date of Death: 24<sup>th</sup> March 1918**

He lived with his wife at Mayfield, Duddingston.

He was a Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery, and was killed in action on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1918.

Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Reference Bay 1

**JAMES DALL**  
*1892-1918*



*Photo of Gravestone at Inveresk Parish Churchyard, Midlothian.  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**

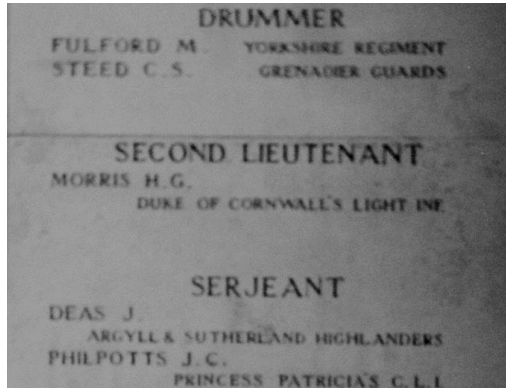
**Regiment: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Seaforth Highlanders**

**Date of Death: 31<sup>st</sup> October 1918**

**Age: 26**

He was the husband of Agnes Newbery Dall, of Abercorn Cottages, Duddingston, Midlothian. He was a Private No. S/7656 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. He died Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 1918, age 26 and was buried at Inveresk Parish Churchyard, Midlothian. Reference C. 1255.

**JAMES DEAS**  
**-1917**



*Photo of Menin Gate and panel showing his name.  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Sergeant**

**Regiment: 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders**

**Date of Death: 31<sup>st</sup> July 1917**

He was born in Alloa, Clackmannans and resided in Portobello. He enlisted in Edinburgh, Midlothian. His brother-in-law was James Wilson the church officer at St. James, Portobello.

He was a Sergeant No.S/3696 in the 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Princess Louise's (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders). He was killed in action.

Theatre of War: France & Flanders. He died Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1917.

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaaderen, Belgium.  
Reference: Addenda Panel 58.

## The Menin Gate British Memorial

Winston Churchill said of Ypres, ‘A more sacred place for the British race does not exist in the world’, and proposed that the town be left in ruins as an eternal memorial to the million men who fought in the Salient. The townspeople had other ideas and began to rebuild their homes, and it was agreed that on the site of an old Vauben gateway from Ypres on the road to Menen, the road taken by tens of thousands of British soldiers on their way to the trenches, a memorial arch should be constructed. The material used was French limestone. Carved over all the walls of the great gate, inside, up the stairs and around the top on each side over-looking the ramparts are the names of almost 55,000 soldiers who fell in the Salient between the beginning of the war and 15 August 1917. They simply disappeared. On a cold, dark winter’s night, listening to the Last Post played under the Gate, the visitor feels in the spine the apprehension of those men who passed this way to war. An anonymous poem tells their story in simple lines:-

‘What are you guarding Man-At-Arms?  
Why do you watch and wait?’  
‘I guard the graves’, said the Man-At-Arms,  
‘I guard the graves by Flanders Farms,  
Where the dead will rise at my call to arms,  
And march to the Menin Gate.

‘When do they march then, Man-At-Arms?  
Cold is the hour and late.’  
‘They march tonight,’ said the Man-At-Arms,  
‘With the moon on the Menin Gate.’  
They march when the midnight bids them to,  
With their rifles slung and their pipes aglow,  
Along the roads – the roads they know,  
The roads to the Menin Gate.’

What are they singing, Man-At-Arms,  
As they march to the Menin Gate?’  
‘The marching songs,’ said the Man-At-Arms,  
‘That let them laugh at Fate;  
No more will the night be cold for them,  
For the last tattoo has rolled for them;  
And their souls will sing as of old, for them,  
As they march to the Menin Gate.’

**JAMES DICKSON**  
*1891-1918*



*Basra Memorial photo obtained from CWGC*

**Rank: Gunner**

**Regiment: Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery**

**Date of Death: 26<sup>th</sup> October 1918**

**Age: 27**

He resided in Duddingston and enlisted in Edinburgh. He was a Gunner No. 175735 in the Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery. He died of wounds. Theatre of War: Mesopotamia. He died Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 1918. Basra Memorial, Iraq. Reference Panel 3 and 60.

**Duddingston Kirk Communion Roll C 125/8**

Dickson, Joseph, Front Street	1922
Mrs Joseph Dickson, Front Street	1922
James Dickson, Front Street	1918 Dead

On Service Returns age 27

**JAMES GAVIN**  
*1896-1916*



*Photo of Thiepval Memorial panel showing his name (top left).  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots**

**Date of Death: 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916**

**Age: 22**

He was the son of Elizabeth S. Gavin (nee Patterson) of 20 Parsons Green Terrace, Piershill, Edinburgh, and the late Robert Gavin. He was a Private No. 17089 in the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots. He died Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, age 22. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Reference: Pier and Face D and 7D.

**Duddingston Kirk Communion Roll C2 125/8**

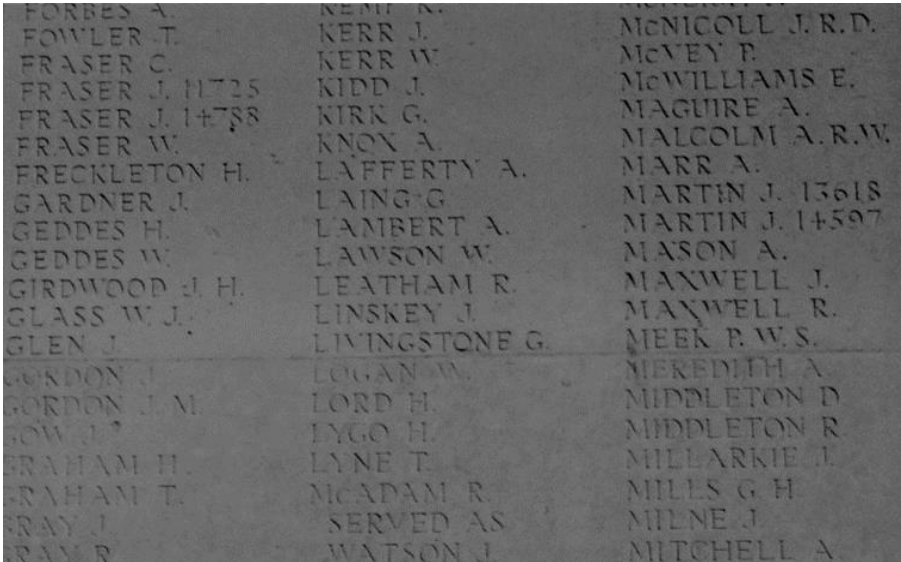
Mrs Gavin, 20 Parsons Green Terrace 1931

Robert Gavin, 20 Parsons Green Terrace 1931

**Thiepval Anglo-French Memorial.**

The structure is both a battle memorial and a memorial. As the former it commemorates the 1916 Anglo-French offensive on the Somme and as the latter it carries the names of over 73,000 Indians, Newfoundlanders and New Zealanders (who are commemorated on their own national memorials or elsewhere) who have no known grave and who fell on the Somme between July 1915 and 20<sup>th</sup> March 1918. The 73,000 names include musicians (like Lt. George Butterworth, MC, of the DLI) and poets (like Lt. T. M. Kettle of the Dublin Fusiliers).

**HERBERT GEDDES**  
**1896-1915**



*Photo of Loos Memorial panel showing his name.  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots**

**Date of Death: 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915**

**Age: 19**

He was the son of Alexander and Mary E H Geddes of 3 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar, Midlothian. He was a Private No. 14939 in the 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots. He died Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915, age 19. Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Reference Panel 10 to 13.

On Service Returns age 19 presumed dead.

**Duddingston Kirk Communion Roll C2 125/8**

Alexander Geddes, 3 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar 1915

Mrs Alexander Geddes, 3 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar 1916



## **Dud Corner CWGC Cemetery and Loos Memorial**

During the battle of Loos many British shells that were fired were duds and on finding much unexploded shot lying around here the troops nicknamed it 'Dud Corner'. The walls surrounding the cemetery record the names of almost 21,000 men with no known grave who fell in the battle of Loos 1915 and the later battles of the Lys, Estaires and Bethune. One of the names, now removed, was that of John Kipling, son of Rudyard Kipling. Of the more than 1,760 burials in the cemetery 90% are unknown, one of them reburied here in September 1919, was a lieutenant of the Irish Guards. In July 1922 the headstone marking his grave was changed to read 'Lt. John Kipling' when the CWGC believed that it had identified the body – on the grounds that Kipling was the only full lieutenant of the Irish Guards killed or missing in the Loos battle. This late identification was particularly ironic as his father, Rudyard Kipling, who sat on the committee of the Imperial War Graves Commission, spared no efforts to find his son's body, but in vain. Shortly before he died Rudyard Kipling left an endowment to fund the nightly sounding of the Last Post, and this continued until the Germans invaded France in 1940.

(In 1992 the CWGC named a previously unknown soldier buried in St. Mary's ADS cemetery in France as John Kipling). Another name is the 20-year-old, highly regarded war poet, Charles Hamilton Sorley, of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ban. The Suffolk Regiment.



***LOOS MEMORIAL***

**JAMES GEDDES**  
*1898-1918*



*Photo of gravestone at Mons Communal Cemetery, Belgium  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Cameron Highlanders**

**Date of Death: 9<sup>th</sup> April 1918**

**Age: 20**

He was the son of Alexander and May E H Geddes of 3 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar, Midlothian. He was a Private No.S/23157 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Cameron Highlanders.

He died Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1918 and was buried at Mons Communal Cemetery, Mon, Hainaut, Belgium. Reference: VIII. D. 11.

**Duddingston Kirk Communion Roll C2 125/8**

Alexander Geddes, 3 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar 1915

Mrs Alexander Geddes, 3 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar 1916

On Service Returns age 20 died of peritonitis.

**MONS COMMUNAL CEMETERY**



*Photo of gravestone at Mons Communal Cemetery. Belgium  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

Inside the War Museum at Mons there is a large oil painting depicting the legend of the ‘Angels of Mons’. During the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> August bowmen ‘angels’ allegedly appeared in the sky over Mons and prevented the Germans from annihilating the British. Although many sworn affidavits from highly respectable ‘witnesses’ were produced verifying the heavenly intervention, it was all an invention of Arthur Machen, a journalist with the Evening News, which published the story on 29 September 1914. He wrote it to relieve his despair at the retreat of the British Army. Later he admitted that the stories of the angels were ‘every one of ’em lies, sir’.

Mons Communal Cemetery. The War section is at the top of the cemetery and is kept in excellent condition by very friendly and helpful gardeners.

**J GRAHAM**  
*1892-1916*



*Photo of Thiepval Memorial panel showing his name (top left)  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment)**

**Date of Death: 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916**

**Age: 24**

He was the son of Mr & Mrs James Graham, 26 Milton Street, Edinburgh. He was born in Alloa, Clackmannanshire and enlisted in Edinburgh. He was Private No. 19486 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots.

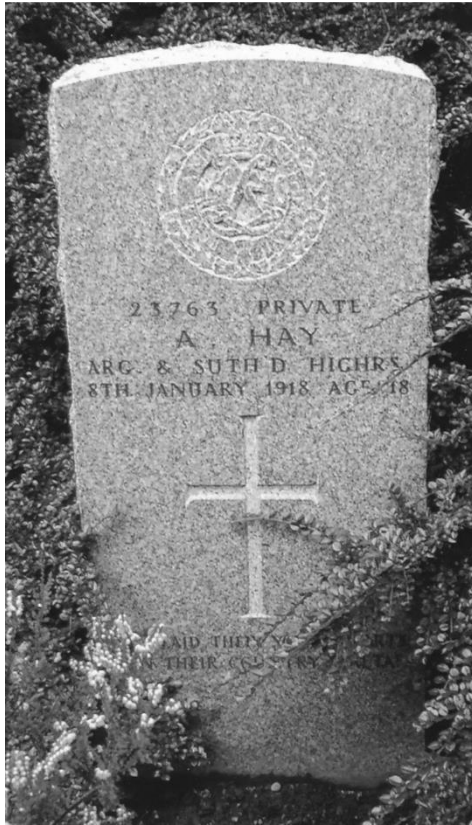
He was killed in action. Theatre of War: France & Flanders. He died Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, age 24. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and Face 6 D and 7 D.

**Duddingston Kirk Communion Roll C 2 125/8**

Mrs Graham, Northfield

1918 Dead

**ALEXANDER HAY**  
*1900-1918*



*Photo of gravestone at Duddingston Kirk, Edinburgh.  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders**

**Date of Death: 8<sup>th</sup> January 1918**

**Age: 18**

He was the son of John Hay D.L., J.P., and Jeanie Hay of "Mayfield" Duddingston. He was born in Duddingston and resided in Duddingston and enlisted in Edinburgh. His father was an elder of Duddingston Kirk 1910-1944. He was a Private No. 23763 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Princess Louise's Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. He died Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 1918, age 18. He was buried at Duddingston Parish church yard. Reference: north of west end of church.

**JOHN MACKIE HAY**  
*1889-1915*



*Photo of gravestone Chocques Military Cemetery, France.  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Sergeant**  
**Regiment: 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Cameron Highlanders**

**Date of Death: 28<sup>th</sup> September 1915**  
**Age: 25**

He was the son of John Hay D.L., J.P., and Jeanie Hay of “Mayfield” Duddingston. He was born in Duddingston and resided in Duddingston and enlisted in Edinburgh. His father was an elder of Duddingston Kirk 1910-1944. He was a Sergeant No.S/10135 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Cameron Highlanders. He died of wounds Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1915. Theatre of War: France & Flanders. On Service Returns age 25 born 17<sup>th</sup> November 1889.

He was buried Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Reference 1. E. 65.

**WILLIAM DOUGLAS HAY**  
*1893-1916*



**Rank: Company Sergeant Major**  
**Regiment: "C" Company 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Cameron Highlanders**

**Date of Death: 17<sup>th</sup> August 1916**  
**Age: 23**

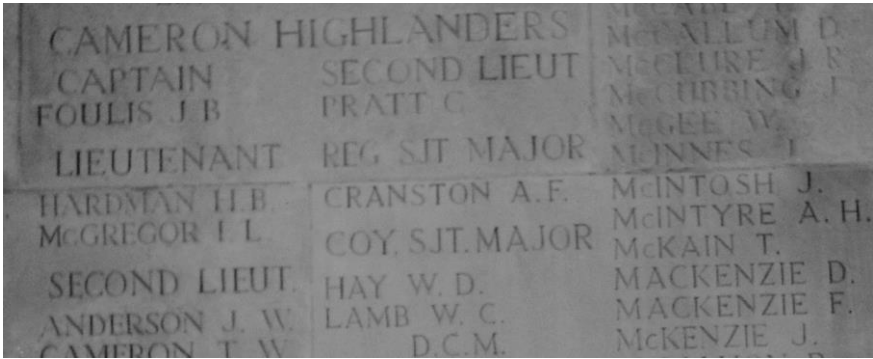
He was the son of John Hay D.L., J.P., and Jeannie Hay of "Mayfield", Duddingston. He was born in Duddingston and resided in Duddingston and enlisted in Edinburgh. His father was an elder of Duddingston Kirk 1910-1944.

He was a Company Sergeant Major No.S/12876 in "C" Company, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Cameron Highlanders. He died Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1916, age 23.

Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Reference Pier and Face 15 B.

## CAMERON HIGHLANDERS

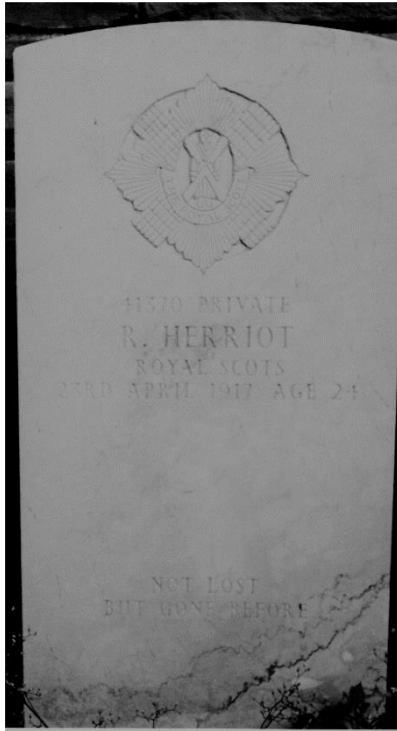
Intimation has been received by Mr & Mrs John Hay, Mayfield, Duddingston, that their third son, Coy. Sergt. Major Wm. Douglas Hay, Cameron Highlanders, has been killed. Coy. Sergt. Major Hay was offered a commission dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> of this month, but he wrote to the War Office requesting that he should be allowed to remain with his regiment during the present "push". He was a student of Broughton Higher Grade School, Edinburgh, and enlisted at the outbreak of war along with his brother, Sergt. J. M. Hay, who was killed at Loos. Coy. Sergt. Major Hay was 23 years of age. *Edinburgh Evening News* 30<sup>th</sup> September 1916.



*Photo of gravestone Duddingston Kirk & panel at Thiepval Memorial, France. Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*



**ROBERT HERRIOT**  
*1893-1917*



*Photo of gravestone Canadian Cemetery, France.  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**  
**Regiment: 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots**

**Date of Death: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1917**  
**Age: 24**

He was the son of James and Janet Herriot, of Duddingston Mills, Edinburgh. He was a Private No. 41370 in the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots.

He was killed in action France and Flanders on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1917 age 24. He was buried at the Canadian Cemetery No. 2 Neuville-St.Vaast, Pas de Calais, France. Reference 20. A. 7.

**Duddingston Kirk Communion Roll C2 125/8**

James Herriot, Mills  
Mrs J. Herriot Mills  
Robert Herriot Mills                    1917 Dead  
Elizabeth Herriot Mills  
Mary Herriot Mills                    1929

**Canadian National Vimy Memorial**

When the Canadians decided to erect a national memorial to replace the divisional memorials placed after the battle, they invited competitive designs and 160 were submitted. The winner, who said that the design came to him in a dream, was Walter Seymour Allward, a Toronto sculptor. The two tall pylons symbolize Canada and France and between them at the front, carved from a single 30-ton block of stone, is a figure of Canada mourning for her dead. Below the figure is a sarcophagus carrying a helmet and laurels and a Latin subscription commemorating the 60,000 Canadians who died during the Great War. The 15-ft high memorial stand on Point 145, the highest point of Vimy Ridge. Also in the ground are three CWGC cemeteries – Givenchy Road, Zouave Valley and Canadian No.2.



**WILLIAM KERR**  
*1892-1916*



*Photo obtained from CWGC*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots**

**Date of Death: 11<sup>th</sup> May 1916**

**Age: 24**

He was the son of Andrew M. and Mary Kerr, of Poplar Bank, Duddingston. He was a Private No. 8909 in 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders at France and Flanders. He died on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1916, age 24. He was buried at Guildford (Stoke) Old Cemetery, Surrey, UK. Reference G. 396.

*Edinburgh Evening News Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1916 KERR: At Guildford, Surrey on 11.03.1916. William Kerr age 22, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, only son of Mr & Mrs A M Kerr of Poplar Bank, Duddingston, Edinburgh. Accidentally drowned.*

## JOHN MIDDLEMASS

1892-1915



*Photo obtained from CWGC*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots**

**Date of Death: 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1915**

**Age: 23**

He was the son of Robert and Jane Middlemass, 18 Parsons Green Terrace, Edinburgh. He was a Private No. 1721 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots. He died on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1915 of enteric fever at University War Hospital, Southampton. He was buried at Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire. Reference C. E. 1749.

Middlemass, died on 31<sup>st</sup> October of enteric fever at University War Hospital, Southampton. Private John Middlemass, 1/7 Royal Scots, aged 23 years. Beloved son of Mr & Mrs R Middlemass, 18 Parsons Green Terrace. Sadly missed. *Edinburgh Evening News* 1<sup>st</sup> November 1915.

## **JAMES GORDON SCOTT**

*1894-1916*



**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Princess Louise's Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders**

**Date of Death: 29<sup>th</sup> August 1916**

**Age: 22**

He was the eldest son of Walter and Helen Elizabeth Scott, of 13 Queen's Park Avenue, Edinburgh. He was Private No. S/15091 in Princess Louise's (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders).

He was killed in action on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1916, age 22. He was buried at Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, Somme, France. Reference XXX.H.1.

## Heriots Roll of Honour

SCOTT, James Gordon (b.1894). 1907-09. Clerk, Goods Dept, North British Railway. 15<sup>th</sup> Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, Private. France: transferred to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. Killed in Action at Deville Wood on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1916. Eldest son of Mr & Mrs Walter Scott, 13 Queen's Park Avenue.



**DELVILLE WOOD CEMETERY, LONGUEVAL**

*Photo from George Heriot's School Roll of Honour*

**JOHN SHARP**  
*1890-1916*



**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 17<sup>th</sup> Battalion (3<sup>rd</sup> Glasgow) Highland Light Infantry**

**Date of Death: 20<sup>th</sup> December 1916**

**Age: 26**

He resided at Kirknewton, Midlothian, and enlisted in Edinburgh. He was married. He was Private No. 24921 in 17<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion (3<sup>rd</sup> Glasgow).

He died on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1916. Theatre of War: France & Flanders. On Service Returns age 26.

Porte-de-Paris Cemetery, Cambrai, Nord, France. Reference: II. B. 11

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John Sharp, Easter Duddingston (from Pencaitland) 1917 Dead

Mrs. J. Sharp

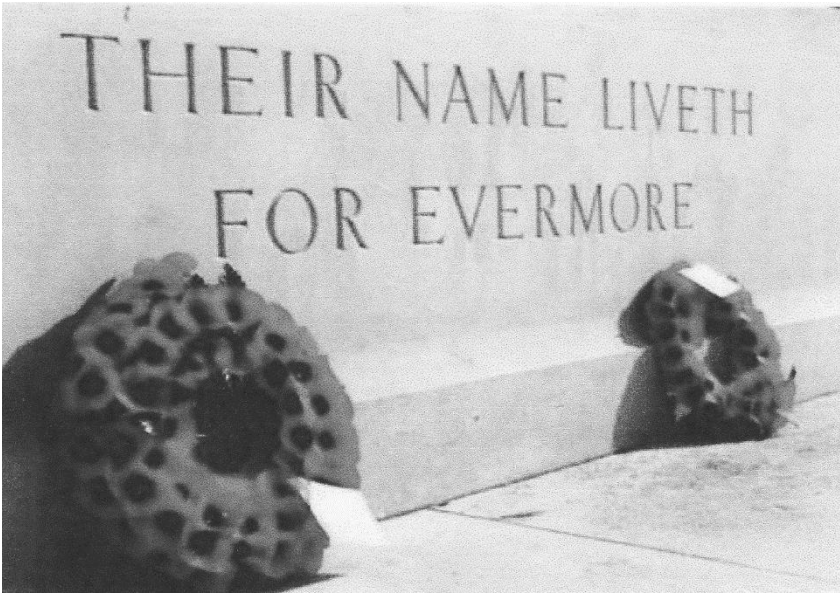
1917



*Photo obtained from CWGC*



**DAVID SIM**  
*1876-1916*



*Basra Memorial photo obtained from CWGC*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)**

**Date of Death: 21<sup>st</sup> January 1916**

**Age: 40**

He lived with his wife Susan in the village, Duddingston. He was born in St. Vigean, Forfarshire.

He was Private No. 3/3970 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Black Watch (Royal Highlanders). He was killed in action. Theatre of War: Persian Gulf. He died on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1916. On Service Returns age 40 died in the field.

Basra Memorial, Iraq. Reference Panel 25 and 63.

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David Sim Village (From Longformacus) 1916 Dead

Mrs. Sim Village 1916

**JAMES DINNIE SIMPSON**  
**-1918**



**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)**

**Date of Death: 21<sup>st</sup> September 1918**

He was born in Edinburgh and enlisted in Edinburgh. He was the son of Mr. Simpson, 1 Jane Terrace, Abbeyhill, Edinburgh.

He was Private No. 42636 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). He was killed in action on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1918. Theatre of War: France and Flanders. He was buried at Meath Cemetery, VILLERS-GUISLAIN, Nord. France. Reference II. C. 3.

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John Simpson, Mitchell Street, Craigmiller  
(cert. From London Road) 1910 KS

**GEORGE SMITH**  
**-1915**



*Helles Memorial photo obtained from CWGC*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots**

**Date of Death: 28<sup>th</sup> June 1915**

He was born in Edinburgh. He resided in Southfield and enlisted in Edinburgh. He was the son of Mr. James Smith, Southfield.

He was a Private No. 1455 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots. He was killed in action. Theatre of War: Gallipoli. He died 28<sup>th</sup> June 1915.

Memorial: Helles Memorial, Turkey. Panel 26 to 30.

**Duddingston Communion Roll C2 125/8**

James & Mrs. Smith    Duddingston Mill    1915

**EBENEZER STEELE**  
*1892-1918*



*Photo of gravestone Zantvoorde British Cemetery, Belgium.*

*Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion (4<sup>th</sup> Glasgow) Highland Light Infantry**

**Date of Death: 30<sup>th</sup> September 1918**

**Age: 26**

He was the son of Edward Steele of 27 Hazelbank Terrace, Edinburgh.

He was Corporal No. 40014 in the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion (4<sup>th</sup> Glasgow) Highland Light Infantry. He died of wounds Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1918, age 26. He was buried at Zantvoorde British Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Reference 2. D. 26.

**Watchtower Roll, by Mr. Walter Scott**

states Ebenezer Steele, as a Private in Royal Scots, (checked War Memorial Book for Royal Scots at Edinburgh Castle, no note of this). Is in Highland Light Infantry Book at Edinburgh Castle.

**Duddingston Kirk Communion Roll C2125/8**

Ebenezer Steele            27 Hazelbank Terrace 1916 from France



**DAVID SUTTIE**  
*1887-1915*



*Photo of Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)**

**Date of Death: 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915**

**Age: 28**

He was the son of Matthew Suttie, 5 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar, Edinburgh. He was born in Rutherglen, Lanarkshire, and enlisted at Glencorse, Midlothian. He was husband of Mary Suttie.

He was Private No. S/8122 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Black Watch (Royal Highlanders). He was killed in action on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915, age 28. Theatre of War: France & Flanders. Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Reference: Panel 78 to 83.

**Duddingston Kirk Communion Roll C2 125/8**

David Suttie 5 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar  
(from Glasgow)

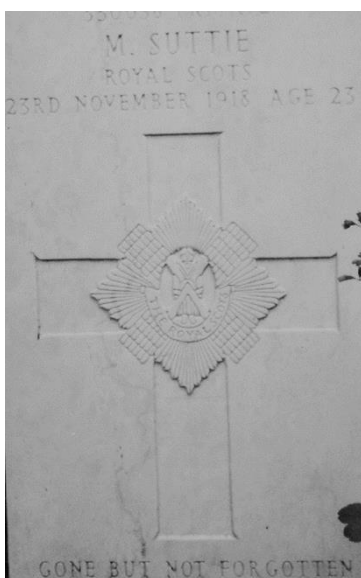
1916 Dead

Mrs Suttie 5 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar

1914 Dead

## MATTHEW SUTTIE

1895-1918



*Photo of gravestone St. Symphorien Military Cemetery, Mons, Belgium.  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment)**

**Date of Death: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1918**

**Age: 23**

He was the son of Matthew Suttie, 5 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar, Edinburgh. He was born in Maryhill, Lanarkshire, resided in Edinburgh and enlisted Gilmerton, Midlothian.

He was Private No. 330658 in 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment). He died 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1918, age 23. Theatre of War: Germany. He was buried at St. Symphorian Military Cemetery, Mons, Hainaut, Belgium. Reference: 1. B.6.

### **Duddingston Kirk Communion Roll C2 125/8**

Matthew Suttie 5 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar (from Glasgow) 1916

Mrs Suttie 5 Mitchell Street, Craigmillar



*St. Symphorian Military Cemetery, Mons, Hainaut, Belgium.*

St. Symphorian really is a most beautiful and peaceful cemetery. It was begun by the Germans immediately after the battle of Mons, in the remains of an old potash mine, and the layout of the cemetery follows the contours of the spoil heaps, with trees and bushes forming leafy glades connected by small paths. At the entrance there are both British and German Visitor's and registers, for men of both sides lie in this cemetery. Among the almost 400 British are some graves of particular note, e.g.:

*Lt. Maurice Dease VC, generally accepted as having won the first VC of the war, though 4 VCs were won on the first day of the battle.*

*Pte. J Parr, said to be the first British soldier killed in the war.*

*Pte J L Price, the last soldier to be killed in the Great War. He was shot by a German sniper at 1058 hours on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918 while holding flowers given to him by Belgian civilians grateful for their liberation. He was Canadian.*

*Pte G E Ellison, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Royal Irish Lancers, who was the last British soldier to be killed in the War, also on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918.*



**DAVID SWAN**  
*1896-1915*



*Photo Edinburgh Evening Dispatch 10<sup>th</sup> August 1915 page 4.*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Bandsman) Royal Scots (Lothian Regt)**

**Date of Death: 12<sup>th</sup> July 1915**

**Age: 19**

He was the son of William Swan, Peffermill Cottages, 13 Station Road, Craigmillar, Edinburgh. He was born in Portobello, lived with his parents and enlisted in Edinburgh. He was employed in the Royal Bank, Portobello.

He was Private No. 1478 in 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Bandsman) Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) and (Queen's Edinburgh Rifles). He was wounded in the Dardanelles. Theatre of War: Gallipoli. He died Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1915 age 19. He was buried at Skewbridge Cemetery, Turkey. Reference: II. F. 7.

**Edinburgh Evening News 5<sup>th</sup> August 1915**

Information has been received that Private D Swan 1/4<sup>th</sup> Royal Scots, has been wounded at the Dardanelles. Previous to the war he was employed in the Royal Bank, Portobello, and resided with his parents at 13 Station Road, Craigmillar.

## HERBERT PHILIP TURNBULL

1899-1918



*Photo George Heriot's School Roll of Honour page 181.*

**Rank: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant**

**Regiment: 42 Squadron Royal Air Force**

**Date of Death: 27<sup>th</sup> October 1918**

**Age: 19**

He was the youngest son of David Lowe Turnbull, M.A. of Denesyde, 7 Duddingston Crescent, Portobello. He was educated at George Heriot's School. He was a Lieutenant in 42 Squadron Royal Air Force. He was buried at ASCQ Communal Cemetery, Nord, France. Reference: A. 4.

### **George Heriot's Roll of Honour page 180**

Turnbull, Herbert Philip (b.1899) 19<sup>th</sup> November 1917 1<sup>st</sup> XV. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. First Prefect and School Captain, 1916-1917. O.T.C. Cadet, 1913-1917, Sergeant Major medallist in Germany. Flying Corps. Cadet 25<sup>th</sup> July 1917. R.A.F. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. April 1918 France; Attached 42<sup>nd</sup> Squadron May 1918. Killed in action near ARCQ on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1918. Youngest son of Mr D Lowe Turnbull, M.A., and Mrs Turnbull, Denesyde, Duddingston Crescent, Portobello.

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Turnbull, D Lowe      7 Duddingston Crescent, Portobello      1916

**GEORGE WESTON**  
*-1917*



*Photo of Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France  
Taken by Jacqueline Lawrie*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots**

**Date of Death: 9<sup>th</sup> April 1917**

He was born in Edinburgh and enlisted in Edinburgh. He was the son of Mr David Weston, formerly 5 Willowbrae Road, Edinburgh.

He was Private No. 43417 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Scots. He was killed in action. Theatre of War: France & Flanders. He died Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1917.

Arras Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France. Reference: Bay 1 and 2.

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David Weston, 5 Willowbrae Road.

Mrs Weston, 5 Willowbrae Road

Eliz. Weston, 5 Willowbrae Road

# JAMES PRINGLE WHITE

1880-1915



*Photo Edinburgh Evening Dispatch 4<sup>th</sup> October 1915 page 4*

**Rank: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant**

**Regiment: 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Territorial) King's Liverpool Regiment.**

**Date of Death: 16<sup>th</sup> June 1915**

**Age: 35**

He was the son of Mary Pringle White of 77 Great King Street, Edinburgh and the late Hugh White who previously resided at 10 Hamilton Terrace, Portobello. He was a grandson of the late Provost Pringle, Leith.

He was 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the King's (Liverpool Regiment), 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Liverpool Scottish) Territorial. He died Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1915, age 35. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Reference Panel 4 and 6.

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Hugh White,	10 Hamilton Terrace, Portobello
Mrs White,	10 Hamilton Terrace, Portobello
James Pringle White	10 Hamilton Terrace, Portobello – 1915 Dead.

**WILLIAM YOUNG**  
*1897-1916*



*Photo Edinburgh Evening Dispatch 16<sup>th</sup> October 1915 page 5*

**Rank: Private**

**Regiment: 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Seaforth Highlanders**

**Date of Death: 14<sup>th</sup> July 1916 Age: 19**

He was the son of George Allan Young and Christina Young of 3 Comely Green Crescent, Edinburgh, formerly 5 Mitchell Street, Edinburgh. He had a sister Christina, and a brother David.

He was Private No. 8346 in 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. He was killed in action. Theatre of War: France & Flanders. He died Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1916, age 19. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Reference: Pier and Face 15C.

**Duddingston Kirk Communion Roll C2 125/8**

Mr George Young, 3 Comely Green Crescent, formerly 5 Mitchell St.

## **Acknowledgements**

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The descriptions of the following cemeteries and memorials are taken from the book “Battlefields of the First World War, A traveller’s Guide” by Tonie and Valmai Holt.:-

Menin Gate British Memorial and Anonymous poem.  
Thiepval Anglo-French Memorial.  
Dud Corner CWGC Cemetery & Loos Memorial.  
War Museum Mons.  
Canadian National Memorial.  
St. Symphorian Cemetery.

Other sources of information:-

George IV Bridge Library and National Library of Scotland:- microfiche of “Evening News” and “Edinburgh Evening Dispatch, for photos and snippets.

The Royal Scots Club for newspaper cuttings from their Library.

Various Universities and Colleges - Rolls of Honour.

The Scottish Archives for Duddingston Communion Roll.

Watchtower Roll at Duddingston Kirk Gatehouse by Mr. Walter Scott

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

**Originated and compiled by Jacqueline Lawrie.**



Roll of Honour in the Watchtower at Duddingston Kirk