

St. Cyprian's (Episcopal) Church

Beech Road, Lenzie

WW1 & WW2 War Memorials



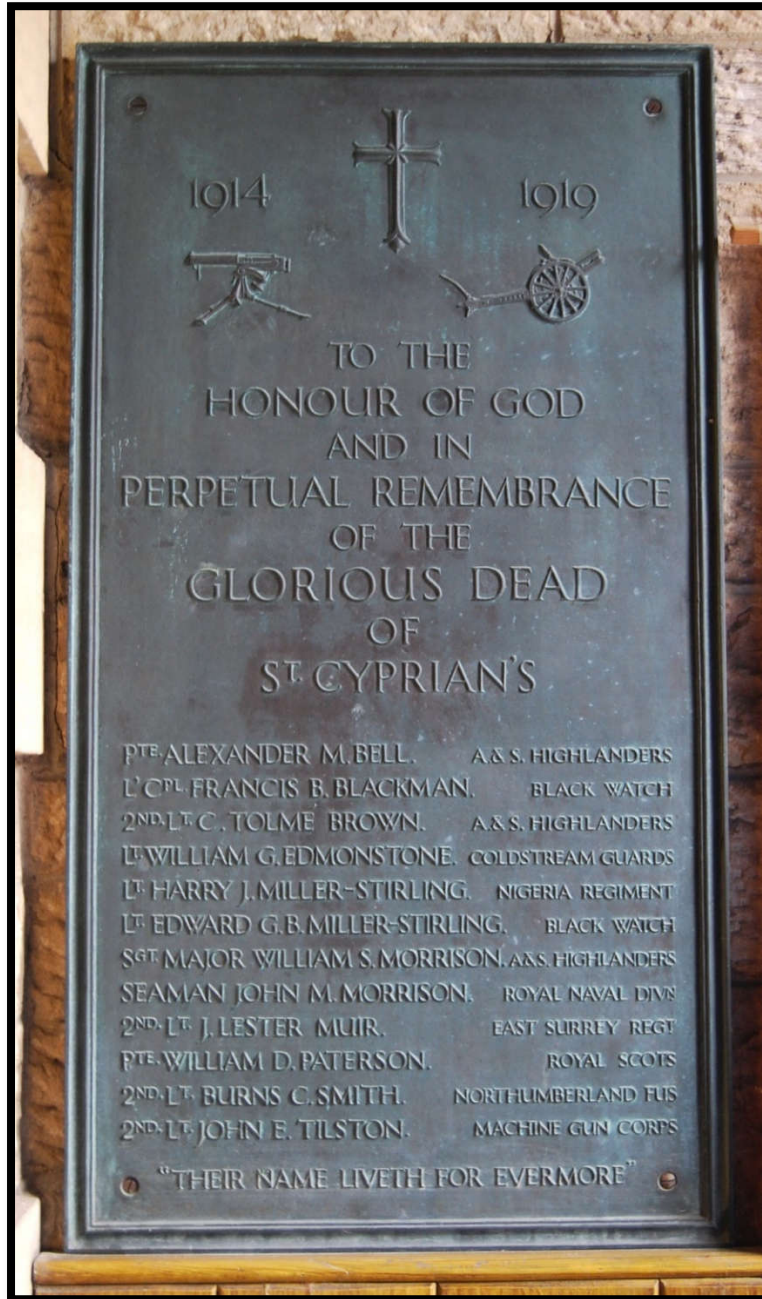
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World War I

Kirkintilloch Herald, 24th September, 1919. 'Lenzie – War Memorial'

Plans for a lychgate at St. Cyprian's Church to form a War memorial have been approved by the Church Vestry and the work is being proceeded with. A large bronze commemorative plate will be attached.



1914 - 1919

To the Honour of God
And in Perpetual Remembrance
Of the Glorious Dead
Of St. Cyprian's

Private Alexander Bell,
Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

Lance Corporal Francis B. Blackman,
Black Watch

2nd Lieutenant C. Tolme Brown,
Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

Lieutenant William G. Edmonstone,
Coldstream Guards

Lieutenant J. Miller-Stirling,
Nigeria Regiment

Lieutenant Edward G. B. Miller-Stirling,
Black Watch

Sergeant Major William S. Morrison,
Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

Seaman John M. Morrison,
Royal Naval Division

2nd Lieutenant J. Lester Muir,
East Surrey Regiment

Private William D. Paterson,
Royal Scots

2nd Lieutenant Burns C. Smith,
Northumberland Fusiliers

2nd Lieutenant John E. Tilston,
Machine Gun Corps

"Their Name Liveth For Evermore"

Kirkintilloch Herald, 5th May 1920. 'War Memorial'

The War Memorial erected by the congregation of St. Cyprian's Church in the form of a Lych gate and bronze memorial tablet is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Glasgow on Sabbath first. The memorial has been erected at a cost of £360. In addition, the church grounds have been greatly improved, being laid out with ornamental shrubs and flowering plants, while gifts have been made to the church in the form of a brass eagle lectern, and a carved oak Litany desk. Special services are being held throughout the day on Sunday.

The following pages mainly contain details of the above men transcribed from The Commonwealth War Graves (CWGC), The Scottish National War Memorial (SNWM) and Soldiers' Died in the Great War (SDGW) Databases, however, some additional sources (e.g. The Kirkintilloch Herald) have also been included to verify identities.

Alexander Montgomery Bell

CWGC:

Rank: Private

Regiment: Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 2nd Battalion

No. 22994

Date of Death: 21st September 1918

Age: 19

Buried: Five Points Cemetery, Lechelle

Additional Information: Son of Andrew M. & Helen Bell, Middlefield, Lenzie

SNWM:

Rank: Private

Regiment: Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 2nd Battalion

No. 22994

Place of Birth: Lenzie

Date of Death: 21st September 1918

Theatre of Death: France & Flanders

Cause of Death: Died of Wounds

SDGW:

Rank: Private

Regiment: Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 2nd Battalion

No. 22994

Place of Birth: Lenzie

Place of Residence: Lenzie

Place of Enlistment: Stirling

Date of Death: 21st September 1918

Theatre of Death: France & Flanders

Cause of Death: Died of Wounds

Medal Index Card:

Alex. Bell, Private, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, No. S/22994

Medal Entitlement: British War & Victory Medal

Service Records:

Alexander M. Bell, Hillend Cottage, Lenzie

Attested at Stirling, 27th November 1917, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, No. S/22994

Age 18 years 4 months. Height 5 feet 9¼ ins. Civil Engineer

N.O.K: Parents Andrew & Helen Bell and Sister Mary Bell, Hillend Cottage, Lenzie

Examined for Royal Flying Corps, Cadet section August 1917, but refused on account of eyesight

Died of wounds (gunshot wound to abdomen) 21st September 1918

Buried at Five Points British Cemetery, 7 miles South East of Bapaume

Soldiers' Effects:

Alexander Bell, Private, 2nd Battalion, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, No, 22994

Killed in Action France or Belgium, 21st September 1918

N.O.K: Father Alexander

Commemorated: Lenzie Academy Memorial

1901 Census, Living at 7 Thistle Street, Kirkintilloch

Father Andrew Bell, age 26, Iron Moulder, born Quarter, Lanarkshire

Mother Nellie Bell, age 25, born Bo'ness

Children: Alexander Bell, age 1, born Dunbartonshire

Francis Bush Blackman

CWGC:

Rank: Lance Corporal

Regiment: Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 'D' Company, 1st/7th Battalion

No. S/41034

Date of Death: 20th July 1918

Age: 27

Buried: La Neuville-Aux-Larris Military Cemetery

Additional Information: Son of Bush Blackman and Beatrice C. Blackman, Wellpark Terrace, Kirkintilloch

SNWM:

Rank: Lance Corporal

Regiment: Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 'D' Company, 1st/7th Battalion

No. S/41034

Formerly: Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 7th Battalion, No. 4869

Place of Birth: Edinburgh

Date of Death: 24th July 1918

Theatre of Death: France & Flanders

Cause of Death: Killed in Action

SDGW:

Rank: Lance Corporal

Regiment: Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 7th (Fife) Battalion (Territorial)

Formerly: Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 7th Battalion, No. 4869

No. S/41034

Place of Birth: St. Cuthberts, Edinburgh

Place of Enlistment: Edinburgh

Date of Death: 24th July 1918

Theatre of Death: France & Flanders

Cause of Death: Killed in Action

Medal Index Card:

Francis B. Blackman, Private, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, No, 276802. Royal Highlanders, No. S/41034

Medal Entitlement: British War & Victory Medals

Soldiers' Effects:

Francis Bush Blackman, Lance Corporal, 1/7th Battalion Royal Highlanders, No. 41034.

Death presumed between 20th – 24th July 1918.

N.O.K.: Mother/Executrix Nominant, Beatrice C.

1901 Census, Living at 7 Springvalley Gardens, Morningside, Edinburgh

Father Bush Blackman, age 42, Music Seller, born England

Mother Beatrice Blackman, age 52, born England

Children: Eleanor Blackman, age 13, Scholar, born England

Francis B. Blackman, age 10, Scholar, born England

Kirkintilloch Gazette, 6th September 1918. 'War Notes'

Much anxiety is felt regarding Private F. Blackman, well known in musical circles in Kirkintilloch, who is known to have been wounded, but news from him is awaiting.

Kirkintilloch Gazette, 18th October 1918. 'Official Casualty List'

Blackman, Lance Corporal F. B., (41034), Black Watch, Kirkintilloch – Missing

Charles Tolme Brown

Brother of Private George Frederick Tolme Brown, Royal Army Medical Corps, No. 1772



CWGC:

Rank: Second Lieutenant
Regiment: Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion
Date of Death: 17th March 1917
Age: 19
Buried: Highland Cemetery, Roclincourt
Additional Information: Son of Charles Tolme Brown and Emma Haydon Brown, Glasgow

SNWM:

Rank: Second Lieutenant
Regiment: Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion (Territorial)
Date of Death: 17th March 1917
Theatre of Death: Unknown
Cause of Death: Killed in Action

SDGW:

Rank: Second Lieutenant
Regiment: Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 5th (Renfrewshire) Battalion (Territorial)
Date of Death: 17th March 1917
Cause of Death: Killed in Action

Soldiers' Effects:

C. T. Brown, 2nd Lieutenant, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. Killed in action 17th March 1917
N.O.K: Father, Charles Tolme Brown Esq.

1901 Census, Living at Carrington Lodge, Herroit Road, Cadder

Father Charles T. Brown, age 42, Merchant (Brazil), born Glasgow

Mother Emma H. Brown, age 28, born England

Children, George F. S. Brown, age 4, born Glasgow

Charles T. Brown, age 3, born Glasgow

Grandmother Margaret M. Boston, Head of Household, age 56, born England

Aunt Margaret E. Boston, age 32, born England

Visitor Muriel Brown, age 19, born Brazil (British Subject)

De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour (Volume 3)

Brown, Charles Tolme, 2nd Lieutenant, 5th (Renfrewshire), attached 8th (The Argyllshire), Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) [Territorial], younger son of Charles Tolme Brown of 23 Annfield Road, Partickhill, Glasgow, Brazilian Merchant, by his wife Emma Haydon, daughter of Frederick Robert Boston, of Woodford, County Essex and grandson of the late Provost George Brown of Irvine, County Ayrshire; born Kelvinside, Glasgow, 25th February 1898; educated Hillhead High School, Glasgow, where he was a member of the Cadet Corps; subsequently entered the employ of Messrs. Arthur & Co. Ltd., Warehousemen, Glasgow and London; joined the 5th Scottish Rifles in March 1914; was mobilized on the outbreak of war in the following August; obtained a commission in the 5th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders 26th November 1915; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from October 1916, being attached to the 8th Battalion and was killed in action 17th March 1917, while leading his men in an attack against the enemy. Buried between Rochlincourt and Thelus. Lieutenant Colonel R. Campbell wrote: "He was leading his men in a gallant and splendid way. He was a most promising officer," and a brother officer: "On that morning our battalion made a successful raid on the enemy's trenches, and Charlie was seen to drop at the enemy's wire. Some of his men tried to make for him, but were prevented, as they were being severely engaged by the enemy. At this point the fighting was of a very severe nature, as we found the wire uncut, but later we got through and annihilated the enemy. Your son set his men a fine example and led them gallantly up to the enemy's first line. It was here he fell while standing on a parapet with his revolver on

the enemy, and cheering his men. He was a brave young officer, a gallant leader and beloved by his men ... Charlie was a good soldier, a real friend with all. He possessed many qualities and was a great asset to the mess." Unmarried.

Commemorated:

Hillhead High School Roll of Honour/Memorial & City of Glasgow Roll of Honour

William George Edmonstone

Brother of Archibald C. Edmonstone. 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers

Brother of Edward St. John Edmonstone, Royal Navy

CWGC:

Rank: Lieutenant

Regiment: Coldstream Guards, 2nd Battalion

Date of Death: 15th September 1916

Buried: Guards' Cemetery, Lesboefs

Additional Information: Eldest son of Sir Archibald Edmonstone, 5th Baronet, C.V.O., and Lady Edmonstone, Duntreath Castle, Stirlingshire

SNWM: Not Listed



SDGW:

Regiment: Coldstream Guards, 2nd Battalion

Date of Death: 16th September 1916

Cause of Death: Killed in Action

Medal Index Card (1):

William George Edmonstone, 2nd Lieutenant/Lieutenant, Coldstream Guards. Killed in Action 15th September 1916.

Medal Entitlement: 1914 – 15 Star, British War & Victory Medals.

Address: 6 Lancaster Terrace, London, W.2.

Medal Index Card (2):

Lieutenant W. G. Edmonstone, Coldstream Guards. Mentioned in Despatches.

Soldiers' Effects:

W. G. Edmonstone, Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards.

Killed in Action between 14th – 16th September 1916

1901 Census, Living at Hanover Square, Knightsbridge, London

Father Archibald Edmonstone, age 33, Living on Own Means, born Woolwich (*5th Baronet of Duntreath*)

Mother I.A.E. Edmonstone, age 30, born London (*Ida Agnes Eleanor Forbes*)

Children: William G. Edmonstone, age 4, born Edinburgh, Midlothian

Archibald C. Edmonstone. age 2, born Strathblane, Stirlingshire

Commemorated:

Killearn Civic Memorial, Strathblane Civic Memorial, Kilsyth Civic Memorial and Eton College Memorial.

Eton Memorial reads:

“To the Glory of God and in Grateful remembrance of the Happy School Days of William George Edmonstone, Lieutenant, Coldstream Guards. Born 20th October 1896, came to Eton 1909, left Eton March 1915, Killed in action in France 15th September 1916.”

Kirkintilloch Herald, 27th September 1916. ‘Lieutenant William George Edmonstone, Killed in Action’

When the news of the death of Lieutenant William George Edmonstone reached the Blane Valley, quite a gloom was cast over the district. The gallant young gentleman, who was the eldest son of Sir Archibald Edmonstone, Baronet of Kilsyth & Duntreath, was killed in action in the terrible fighting on the Somme. He was greatly beloved by the tenantry and all with whom he came in contact, by reason of his frank, loveable disposition. Standing over six feet in height, he was the living embodiment of true British manhood, and the deepest sorrow is felt because a promising career has come to such an untimely end. Yet has he not played his part nobly in the greatest war for liberty that the world has ever experienced, and will not his memory be loved and venerated in the years yet to come? Lieutenant Edmonstone, who was about twenty years of age, was at Eton College when war was declared, and the call on behalf of his beloved land found him ready, and he left his studies to face the grim realities of war. He received a commission in the Coldstream Guards and after some months' training embarked with his regiment for France. Two of his brothers are also serving their country, the youngest being a naval cadet. In Kilsyth and district the news of his death was received with feelings of the deepest sorrow by a large number of people, who have nothing but the warmest feelings of attachment for the Edmonstone family, to whom they extend their heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Kirkintilloch Gazette, 29th September 1916. ‘The Late Lieutenant Edmonstone’

Particulars received regarding Lieutenant William George Edmonstone, eldest son of Sir Archibald Edmonstone, Baronet of Duntreath and Kilsyth, show that he was killed on 15th September and his parents now know that he deemed it a great privilege to have the honour of leading his company on the occasion. The attack began early on the morning of the 15th and Lieutenant Edmonstone was killed late in the afternoon after the Guards had attained their objective in spite of great loss. A German shell came across and Lieutenant Edmonstone was killed instantly.

Kirkintilloch Herald, 4th October 1916. ‘Memorial Service at Strathblane’

The little ivy-clad church of Strathblane has in its time opened its portals to congregations of striking variety. Its red letter day was that on which our late King Edward the Peacemaker worshipped with the simple village folk amid the peace of an effulgent summer day. It has witnessed the nuptials of the neighbouring gentry amid flowers, and joy, and benediction, and its bell had tolled for the departed souls of its distinguished sons, amid sympathy and consolation. Such a scene was that to which it gave setting on Tuesday last, when surrounded by the memorials of the Edmonstone family a large congregation assembled to pay a tribute to the memory of the heir to the House of Edmonstone, whose ashes may not rest beside his fathers. William George Edmonstone, eldest son of Sir Archibald Edmonstone, of Duntreath and Kilsyth, a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, left behind him his school days at Eton to serve his country, as so many of his forebears had done. A gallant officer, he was in the forefront of the Guards' charge on 15th September, when he made the supreme sacrifice for his country. The close bond of sympathy that unites a country 'laird' and his people found fitting expression in the memorial service. The church was well filled and the service was carried through with a dignity and spontaneity that testified how the countryside reflected the bereavement that had come to the castle. Sir Archibald and Lady Edmonstone were present in the family pew, together with their son, Lieutenant Edward Edmonstone, 9th lancers, now heir to the broad domains. Another son serving in the Navy, keeping watch and ward to render inviolate these island shires, could only be present in spirit. Other members of the Edmonstone family present were: The Hon. Mrs George Keppel, the Hon Miss Graham Murray, Sir Reginald Hope, Lieutenant Douglas Hope, and Edward and Miss Hope, Belmont. Friends and neighbours present included the Duke and Duchess of Montrose; Captain Sir George Stirling of Glorat and Miss Stirling; Commander Miller-Stirling of Craigbarnet, and Captain Miller-Stirling; Mrs King, Antermoney, and Lieutenant Robert King; Mrs Campbell Douglas

of mains; Mr John Coubrough, Blanefield; Mr and Mrs Horsbrugh, Blairquosh; and Mr. George Dunlop, W.S., Edinburgh. The general public of Strathblane and district, and the tenants on the Duntreath estate were out in large numbers. The interior of the church in front of the pulpit was magnificent with flowers and plants, the graceful palms lifting their heads amid a wealth of blossom. The communion table was similarly decorated, while a cross of exquisite white flowers was place prominently in front. The church bell tolled a funeral knell and when it ceased, the organ broke out into Chopin's 'Funeral March'. Mr Thorpe was at the organ and had a specially augmented choir for the occasion. Rev. W. B. Moyes, minister of the church and parish, was the residing clergyman and was accompanied by Rev. Dr. Gordon Mitchell, Killearn and rev Duncan Cameron, Kilsyth.....

Kirkintilloch Gazette, 13th October 1916

A memorial service for the gallant Coldstream Guardsman who fell in Picardy was held at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, London, on Saturday. Amongst the congregation was the Hon. George Keppel, uncle of the late Lieutenant William George Edmonstone, Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Sir Archibald Edmonstone, Baronet of Duntreath and Kilsyth.

Harry James Graham Stirling Miller-Stirling

*Brother of 2nd Lieutenant Arthur Eustace Miller-Stirling, Indian Army, attached Gordon Highlanders, 1st Battalion
Brother of Lieutenant Edward George Bradshaw Miller Stirling, Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)*



CWGC:

Rank: Lieutenant

Regiment: General List, attached 1st Nigeria Regiment, W.A.F.F.

Date of Death: 16th October 1917

Age: 31

Commemorated: Dar Es Salaam British and Indian Memorial

Additional Information: Son of Commander G. H. Miller-Stirling (Royal Navy) and Mrs. Miller-Stirling, Craigharnet, Campsie Glen.

SNWM: Not Listed

WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls:

Henry James Miller-Stirling

British War & Victory Medals

Commemorated:

Lennoxton (Campsie Parish) Memorial, Campsie Parish Church Hall Memorial, Oxford University (Keble College) Roll of Honour & Nairobi British & Indian Memorial.

1891 Census, Living at 3 Clifton Terrace, Portsea, Portsmouth

Father George H. Miller, age 37, Lieutenant, Royal Navy, born Natal

Mother Caroline F. Miller, age 32, born Scotland

Children: Elizabeth G.C. Miller, age 7, born Scotland

Harry J.G.S. Miller, age 4, born Canada

Edward G.B. Miller, age 11 months, born Scotland

Kirkintilloch Gazette, 2nd November 1917. 'Death in Action of the heir to Craigharnet'

Commander G. H. Miller-Stirling, Royal Navy, and Mrs Miller-Stirling, Craigharnet, Campsie Glen, received intimation of the death in action of their eldest son, Lieutenant Harry James Graham Stirling Miller-Stirling, younger of Craigharnet, attached to the 1st Nigerian Regiment. The deceased officer was born 2nd August 1886 at Halifax, Nova Scotia and was educated at Rossall School and Keble College, Oxford. While at Oxford he was stroke of his college boat during his last year. In January 1910, he was appointed Assistant Commissioner in the Northern Nigerian Political Service and served in the Rand and Sopoto districts. In April 1915, he was gazetted Lieutenant in the West African Field Forces and attached to the 1st Nigerian regiment, with which he served in 1917 in operation French East Africa, proceeding last July to East Africa with his regiment and was killed in action on 16th October in the heavy fighting recently reported in that area. A melancholy interest is attached to the death of this young officer owing to the fact of his younger brother, Lieutenant E.G.B. Miller Stirling having been killed in action at Mushaidieh, Mesopotamia on 14th March last, and his only surviving brother being a prisoner of war in Germany since the end of October 1914. Thus another Campsie officer has made the great sacrifice and sadness has been brought to another home.



Strathblane Churchyard (Family Enclosure):

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Harry James Graham Stirling Miller Stirling, Lieutenant, 1st Battalion, Nigeria Regiment
Born 2nd August 1886, Killed in action 16th October 1917 at Mahiwa, East Africa

Also

Edward George Bradshaw Miller Stirling, Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch
Born 8th April 1890, Killed in action 14th March 1917 near Mushaidieh, Mesopotamia

"Their name liveth for evermore."

Edward George Bradshaw Miller Stirling

Brother of 2nd Lieutenant Arthur Eustace Miller-Stirling, Indian Army, attached Gordon Highlanders, 1st Battalion
Brother of Lieut. Harry James Graham Stirling Miller-Stirling, General List, att'd 1st Nigeria Regiment, W.A.F.F.



CWGC:

Rank: Lieutenant

Regiment: Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 2nd Bn.

Date of Death: 14th March 1917

Age: 26

Commemorated: Basra Memorial.

Additional Information: Son of Caroline Miller-Stirling of Craigharnet, Campsie Glen and the late Commander G. H. Miller-Stirling (Royal Navy).

SNWM:

Rank: Lieutenant

Regiment: The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 2nd Battalion

Date of Death: 14th March 1917

Cause of Death: Died of Wounds

SDGW:

Rank: Lieutenant

Regiment: Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 2nd Battalion

Cause of Death: Died of Wounds

WWI Service Medal & Award Rolls:

E.G.B. Miller-Stirling. British War & Victory Medals

Soldiers' Effects:

E.G.B. Miller-Stirling, Lieutenant, Black Watch. Died of Wounds 14th March 1917

1891 Census, Living at 3 Clifton Terrace, Portsea, Portsmouth

Father George H. Miller, age 37, Lieutenant, Royal Navy, born Natal

Mother Caroline F. Miller, age 32, born Scotland

Children: Elizabeth G.C. Miller, age 7, born Scotland

Harry J.G.S. Miller, age 4, born Canada

Edward G.B. Miller, age 11 months, born Scotland

Commemorated: Lennoxton (Campsie Parish) Memorial & Campsie Parish Church Hall Memorial

De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour (Volume 3):

Miller-Stirling, Edward George Bradshaw, Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion (73rd Foot) The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 2nd son of Commander George Harry Miller-Stirling of Craigharnet, Campsie Glen, Stirlingshire, D.L., J.P., R.N., by his wife Caroline Frances, daughter of the late Major Charles Campbell Graham Stirling, 1st Battalion (42nd Foot) Royal Highlanders; born South Queensferry, 8th April 1890; educated Eastman's Royal Naval Academy, Southsea and Eastbourne College; went to Ceylon in March 1913, and settled at the High Forest Estate, Maturata, as a Tea Planter; volunteered for Imperial Service and joined the Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps in August 1914, after the outbreak of war; left for Egypt in October; was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant Indian Reserve of Officers 18th January 1915, being attached to the 69th Punjabis; took part in the repulse of the attack of the Turks on the Suez Canal in February; served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in Gallipoli from 2nd May following; proceeded to France in June, when his regiment joined the Indian Army Corps, and for as time he was attached to the bomb gun section of his brigade; took part in the Battle of Loos in September; returned to Egypt in December; served with Defence Force at Aden until June 1916, when he was gazetted Lieutenant, Royal Highlanders, joining the 2nd Battalion in Mesopotamia the following month; took part in the capture of Kut-el-Amara; the advance on, and capture of Bagdad and was killed near there 14th March 1917. Buried where he fell. His Colonel wrote: "He was a most brave officer, much liked by officers and men. He had done some good patrol work for the regiment in the summer, in which he proved both his courage and resource. His loss is a great one to the regiment which he loved so well and which he always served to the very best of his powers. He fell as a brave soldier, leading his men in battle," and his former

Commanding Officer wrote that he had shown his courage and resource on many occasions and obtained a reputation for gallantry while in France. Unmarried.

Kirkintilloch Gazette, 30th March 1917. 'Campsie Officer Succumbs'

We regret to record the death of Lieutenant Edward George Bradshaw Miller Stirling, 2nd battalion Royal Highlanders (Black Watch), second son of Captain G. H. Miller Stirling, R.N., and Mrs Miller Stirling, Craigharnet, Campsie Glen, who died on 14th March from wounds received at the Tigris front. The deceased officer was born 2nd April 1890 and was educated at Eastman's R.N. Academy, Southsea and Eastbourne College. In 1913 he went to Ceylon as a tea planter and at the outbreak of war was enlisted in the Ceylon Planters' Rifle Corps, and with a service contingent proceeded to Egypt, where he received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant, Indian reserve of Officers, being appointed to the 69th Punjabis in January 1915. He took part in the fighting on the Suez Canal in February 1915 and at the end of April proceeded with his regiment to Gallipoli. Landing there early in May, he took part in the operations until the end of May when his regiment was ordered to France, where he landed early in June. Proceeding to the Front, his regiment joined the Indian Army Corps. He was in the attack on the German defences on 25th to 28th September, on the left of the line and his regiment suffered heavily. Lieutenant Miller Stirling being one of three British who came out unwounded. In November 1915, he left the French front and proceeded with his regiment to Egypt, subsequently to Aden, where it was operating against the Turks protecting that place. In June 1916, at his own request, he was transferred to the 2nd Black Watch as Lieutenant. He joined his new regiment at the Tigris front where he met his death. Lieutenant Miller Stirling was a noted athlete and Rugby football player; he carried his love for sports into his spare time in helping his men to keep in training by arranging football and hockey matches down to the last when in Mesopotamia. His actions, as narrated above, show him to have been a born fighter. Happiness he had none unless when engaged in the thick of the fray. Thus one of our noblest and best young men has been removed from our midst and the sympathy of the community goes out to the Craigharnet family in their sad bereavement.



Strathblane Churchyard (Family Enclosure):

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Born 2nd August 1886, Killed in action 16th October 1917 at Mahiwa, East Africa

Also

Edward George Bradshaw Miller Stirling, Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch

Born 8th April 1890, Killed in action 14th March 1917 near Mushaidieh, Mesopotamia

"Their name liveth for evermore."

William Sydney Morrison

Sergeant Major, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

No Military Records located.

1901 Census (transcription), Living at Drill Hall, Bonhill, Dunbartonshire:

William Morrison, age 37, Sergeant Instructor Volunteers, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, born Midlothian

Wife: Mary Morrison, age 32, born England

Children: Winifred Morrison, age 14, Milliner, born Ireland

William Morrison, age 8, Scholar, born England

John M. Morrison, age 5, Scholar, born England

Margaret Morrison, age 11 months, born Jamestown, Dunbartonshire

Kirkintilloch Herald, 28th February 1917.

Morrison – On 22nd February, William Morrison, aged 52, late 93rd Highlanders

Kirkintilloch Herald, 28th February 1917. 'Death of Col. Sergt. Morrison'

The death took place on Thursday of Col. Sergeant Morrison, who for the past eight years has acted as Sergeant Instructor of the Kirkintilloch Company of Dunbartonshire Territorials. Mr. Morrison belonged to Sauchie, near Alloa, where he was born fifty-two years ago, and learned the moulding trade. He was working as a moulder in Bonnybridge when he joined the late 93rd Highlanders in 1881, and had thus been over thirty-five years in the army, spending a period of his serve in India. Fourteen years ago he was detached as Instructor with the 9th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, and previous to coming to Kirkintilloch he was instructor to the Jamestown Company, then the crack Company of the county. At the outbreak of the present war he mobilised with the 9th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders and was for a time in Dumbarton before his health gave way. He was a great favourite with the men, being if an exceedingly frank and obliging disposition and a very capable instructor. His wife died about a year ago, and much sympathy is expressed for his orphaned family of two sons and two daughters. Both sons are in the army. The eldest son, Sergeant Sidney Morrison, was in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders at the outbreak of war and took part in the retreat from Mons, when his regiment was decimated. Since then he has been in the Royal Engineers. The other son, Private John Maxwell Morrison is in the Royal Marines. Col. Sergeant Morrison's remains were interred in the Auld Aisle Cemetery on Monday.

Kirkintilloch Herald, 30th October 1918. 'In Memoriam'

In loving memory of our mother, Mary Hayes Morrison, who died 6th July 1915; also our father, William Morrison, late Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, who died 22nd February 1917. (Inserted by Misses W. and M. Morrison, Leagrave and Sergeant Major Morrison, France.)

Father of

John Maxwell Morrison

CWGC:

Rank: Able Seaman

Service: Royal naval Volunteer Reserve, Hood Battalion, Royal Naval Division

No: Clyde Z/3169

Date of Death: 27th October 1917

Commemorated: Tyne Cot Memorial

SNWM:

Rank: Able Seaman

Service: Royal Navy

No: Clyde Z/3169

Date of Death: 27th October 1917

Theatre of Death: Royal naval Volunteer Reserve, Hood Battalion, Royal Naval Division

Naval Record:

Ordinary Seaman/Able Seaman. No. Clyde Z/3169

Date of Entry: 19th January 1915. Date of Birth: 15th February 1895

Address: Drill Hall, Kirkintilloch

Civil Employment: Postman

Height 6 feet 4 ins. Hair Dark Brown. Eyes Greyish Blue

N.O.K: Father, William Morrison, Drill Hall, Kirkintilloch, amended to Wife, Mrs E. M. Morrison, 14 Orchard Street, Blandford.

Killed in action 27th October 1917

Kirkintilloch Herald, 14th November 1917. 'Deaths on Service'

Morrison – Killed in action on 29th October, John Maxwell Morrison, Royal Naval Division, in his twenty-first year, beloved brother of Winnifred and Margaret Morrison, 25 Lennox Street, Possilpark.

Kirkintilloch Herald: 14th November 1917. 'Kirkintilloch Postman Killed'

Official intimation has been received that Able Seaman John Maxwell Morrison of the Royal Naval Division, younger son of the late Col. Sergt. Morrison, Kirkintilloch, was killed in action in France on 29th October. 'Mac' was a member of the local Coy. Of Territorials (of which his father was Instructor) when war broke out, and he mobilised with them. After a period of service, he was discharged, but almost immediately joined up with the R.N.R., with whom he saw some service before taking part in operations. Prior to the war he was engaged as a postman in Kirkintilloch and was reckoned the tallest postman in Great Britain being over 6 feet 3ins. He was in the 21st year of his age. His two sisters are presently engaged in munition work in London, while a brother, Sergeant Sidney Morrison has been on active service with the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders since the outbreak of war.

James Lester Muir



CWGC:

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Regiment: East Surrey Regiment, formerly 19th Battalion Royal Fusiliers

Date of Death: 11th August 1916

Age: 19

Buried: Kirkintilloch (Auld Aisle) Cemetery

Additional Information: Son of James Ernest and Rita M. Muir, 'Las Santarita', Lenzie

SNWM:

Rank: Second Lieutenant (Training)

Regiment: East Surrey Regiment, formerly 19th Battalion Royal Fusiliers

Date of Death: 11th August 1916

Cause of Death: Died

Auld Aisle Cemetery, Kirkintilloch:

James Lester Muir, 2nd Lieutenant, East Surrey Regiment

Died 11th August 1916 aged 19 years

Also his beloved mother Rita Matilda Muir

Born in Buenos Aires 30th November 1875

Died in London 10th December 1947

James Ernest Wilkinson Muir

Born at sea 12th November 1865, died in London 17th October 1956

Medal Index Card:

James Lester Muir, Private. 19th Royal Fusiliers, No. 7040. Second Lieutenant, East Surrey Regiment
Died 11th August 1916.

Medal Entitlement: 1914 – 15 Star, British War & Victory Medals.

Address: (Father) Lt. Colonel J. E. Muir, La Santarita, Lenzi

Commemorated: Lenzie Academy Memorial

1901 Census, Living at 22 Derby Crescent, Maryhill, Glasgow

Father James E. Muir, age 35, Consulting Marine Engineer, born at Sea

Mother Rita M. Muir, age 25, born Argentina, South America

Children: Irene M. Muir, age 6, Scholar, born England

James L. Muir, age 3, born Glasgow

Marjorie Muir, age 8 days, born Glasgow

Grandmother (Maternal) Emily H. Cobby, age 59, born Brighton, England

1911 (English) Census, Living at Preparatory School, The Hazard, Cliff Road, Sheringham, Norfolk

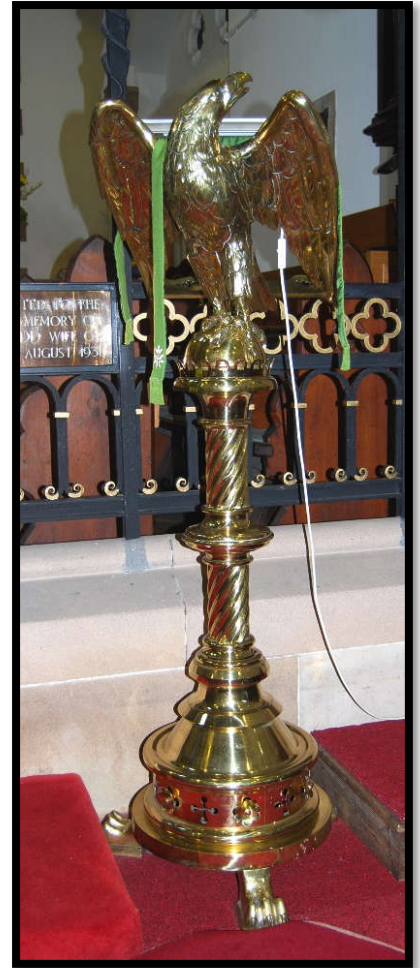
James Lester Muir, age 13, Boarder, born Glasgow

Kirkintilloch Herald, 16th August 1916. 'Lenzie Officer Dead'

The death is announced as having taken place in a nursing home of Second-Lieutenant James Lester Muir of the East Surrey regiment. Lieutenant Muir was only 19 years of age and was he eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Ernest Muir, residing at Santarita, Lenzie and the grandson of the late Captain James Muir of Liverpool. The death took place somewhat suddenly and on Monday the deceased officer's remains were interred in the Old Aisle Cemetery.

Kirkintilloch Herald, 24th September 1919. 'In Memoriam'

A brass eagle lectern has been placed in St. Cyprian's Church, Lenzie, by his parents to the memory of James Lester Muir, Private, 19th Royal Fusiliers and Second Lieutenant, 10th East Surrey Regiment, who died on service 11th August 1916 aged 19 years. The lectern is a very beautiful one and is a most valuable addition to the ornaments of the church.



Death Certificate:

James Lester Muir, Marine Engineer Apprentice (Second Lieutenant, 10th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment)

Age 18 years. Died 11th August 1916 at Nursing Home, 121 Hill Street, Glasgow.

Usual Residence: La Santarita, Lenzie

Son of James Ernest Muir, Consulting Marine Engineer and Rita Matilda Muir nee Cobby

Cause of Death: Operation for Septal Deflectim Esthmoiditis* & Nirbinal (?) Hypertrophy, 5 years. Death under Chloroform Anaesthesia due to Syncope.

Informant: Father, James Ernest Muir, La Santarita, Lenzie

* *A nasal septal abscess (de ned as a collection of pus between the cartilage or bony septum)*

R.C.E. (Attached to Death Certificate):

Cause of Death: Cardiac failure during the administration of Chloroform

William Dryden Paterson

CWGC:

Rank: Private

Regiment: Royal Scots, 13th Battalion

No. 38608

Date of Death: 23rd April 1917

Age: 19

Commemorated: Arras Memorial

Additional Information: Son of Mr and Mrs James Paterson, 12 Burnbank Terrace, Lenzie

SNWM:

Rank: Private

Regiment: Royal Scots, 13th Battalion

No. 38608

Place of Birth: Edinburgh

Date of Death: 23rd April 1917

Theatre of Death: France & Flanders

Cause of Death: Killed in Action

SDGW:

Rank: Private

Regiment: Royal Scots, 13th Battalion

No. 38608

Place of Birth: Edinburgh

Place of Residence: Lenzie

Place of Enlistment: Kirkintilloch

Date of Death: 23rd April 1917

Theatre of Death: France & Flanders

Cause of Death: Killed in Action

Medal Index Card:

William Paterson, Private, Royal Scots, No. 38608

Medal Entitlement: British War & Victory Medals

Soldiers' Effects:

William Paterson, Private, 13th Battalion, Royal Scots, No. 38608. Killed in Action in France 23rd April 1917.

N.O.K: Mother/Sole Legatee, Jessie

Kirkintilloch Herald, 23rd May 1917. 'Lenzie Soldier Killed'

Mr. James Paterson, railwayman, residing at Burnbnak Terrace, has received word that his son, private William Paterson, Royal Scots, has been killed. Deceased was for a time an apprentice joiner with Mr. Turnbull, but later entered the railway service and was employed at Lenzie. He was 19 years of age and had only been five or six months in the Army.

Kirkintilloch Gazette, 25th May 1917.

Private William Paterson, son of Mr. James Paterson, Burnbank Terrace, Lenzie, has been killed in France. Private Paterson joined the Royal Scots about six months ago and as previously in the railway service at Lenzie Station. He was 19 years of age.

Burns Crawford Smith



CWGC:

Rank: Second Lieutenant
Regiment: Northumberland Fusiliers, 4th Battalion
Date of Death: 31st October 1917
Buried: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
Additional Information: Husband of Alice Gertrude Smith,
Sherwood, Lenzie

SNWM: Not Listed

SDGW:

Rank: Second Lieutenant
Regiment: Northumberland Fusiliers, 4th Battalion (Territorial)
Date of Death: 31st October 1917
Cause of Death: Killed in Action

Soldiers' Effects:

B.C. Smith, 2nd Lieutenant, 4th Battalion Northumberland
Fusiliers
Died of Wounds 31st October 1917

Commemorated: Lenzie Academy Memorial

National Probate Calendar Index, Scotland, 1918 (Calendar of Confirmations and Inventories)

Smith, Burns Crawford, King Craig, Bishopton, 2nd Lieutenant, Northumberland Fusiliers, was killed 31st October 1917 in France, testate. Confirmation granted at Paisley, 9th February, to Alice Gertrude Radford or Smith, King Craig, aforesaid, his widow, Executrix nominated in Will or deed, dates 30th March 1916, and recorded in the Court Books of Commissariat of Renfrew, 5th February 1918. Value of Estate, &1671. 3s 5d.

1891 Census, Living at Hazelwood Cadder Western District

Father William Smith, age 51, Commercial Furniture Agent, born England
Mother Esther Smith, age 39, born England
Children: Burns Crawford Smith age 12, Scholar, born Glasgow
Mary Smith, age 10, Scholar, born Glasgow
James Samuel Smith, age 2, born Cadder

1901 Census, Living at Thornwood, Grove Park, Cadder Western District (Lenzie)

Father William Smith, age 51, Commercial Furniture Agent, born England
Children: Burns C. Smith age 22, Commercial Furniture Agent, born Glasgow
James S. Smith, age 12, Scholar, born Lenzie

Kirkintilloch Herald, 7th November 1917. 'Lenzie Officer Killed'

All who knew him are shocked to hear of the death of Lieutenant Burns C. Smith of the Northumberland Fusiliers, which occurred in France four days after he had landed there. So far, no particulars of the sad event, which has cast a gloom over the Lenzie district are to hand. Burns Smith was one of the best known young men of Lenzie, where he was brought up. Possessed of a rare open nature, he was always moist courteous and gentlemanly and his death will be mourned by a large circle of friends. He was the eldest son of Mr William Smith of Burnside and a nephew of the late ex-Bailie Robert Crawford. By marriage also he was connected with a well-known Lenzie family, his wife being a daughter of Mr Thomas H. Radford, Warwick Croft. He was a member of the firm of Smith, Clatworthy & Duff, manufacturer's agents, St. Vincent Place, Glasgow and for some time had resided at King-Craig, Bishopton. While in Lenzie, he was a prominent member of the Golf Club and also took an interest in tennis. It was our privilege to meet

him a few days before he went to France, when he was looking forward with enthusiasm to his service of King and country, to which he has now given his life.



To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Second Lieutenant Burns Crawford Smith
4th Northumberland Fusiliers, aged 38 years
Killed in Flanders on 31st October 1917
Buried in Lyssenthoeck Military Cemetery, Poperinghe

John Edward Tilston

CWGC:

Rank: Second Lieutenant

Regiment: Machine Gun Corps, 154th Company

Date of Death: 23rd April 1917

Commemorated: Arras Memorial

SNWM: Not Listed

SDGW:

Rank: Second Lieutenant (Training)

Regiment: Machine Gun Corps, 154th Company

Date of Death: 23rd April 1917

Cause of Death: Killed in Action

Medal Index Card:

John Edward Tilston, Private, 19th Royal Fusiliers, No. 6134, Second Lieutenant, Machine Gun Corps

Medal Entitlement: 1914 – 15 Star, British War & Victory Medals

Commissioned Machine Gun Corps 4th September 1916

Address: (Father) H. E. Tilston, Esq., c/o Mrs Tilston, Raymond, Queens Road, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex

Soldiers' Effects:

Tilston, J.E., 2nd Lieutenant, Machine Gun Corps. Killed in Action 23rd April 1917

National Probate Calendar Index, England, 1917 (Calendar of Confirmations and Inventories)

Tilston, John Edward of Enfield Frisham, Cheshire, Second Lieutenant Machine Gun Corps, died 23rd April 1917 in France. Administration limited London, 1st November to Cecil Plumbe Smith, solicitor attorney of Henry Edward Tilston. Effects £379 17s 2d.

Kirkintilloch Gazette, 14th November 1919

Bishop Campbell of Glasgow and Galloway has formerly approved the design of St. Cyprian's war memorial, 'The Lych Gate' and the inscription on the bronze plate. Great care has been taken to get the list of names of the fallen and it is believed that the following particulars are complete and that no name has been omitted. It is particularly requested that any error or omission discovered by any reader be immediately made known to the Rector, as the plate is now being designed and alterations will be impossible after it is cast.

Private Alexander Montgomery Bell, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

2nd Lieut. Charles Tolme Brown, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

Lieut. William George Edmonstone, Coldstream Guards

Sergt.-Major William Sydney Morrison, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

Seaman John Maxwell Morrison, Royal Naval Division

2nd Lieut. James Lester Muir, 10th East Surrey regiment

Lieut. Harry James Graham Stirling Miller-Stirling, 1st Nigeria regiment

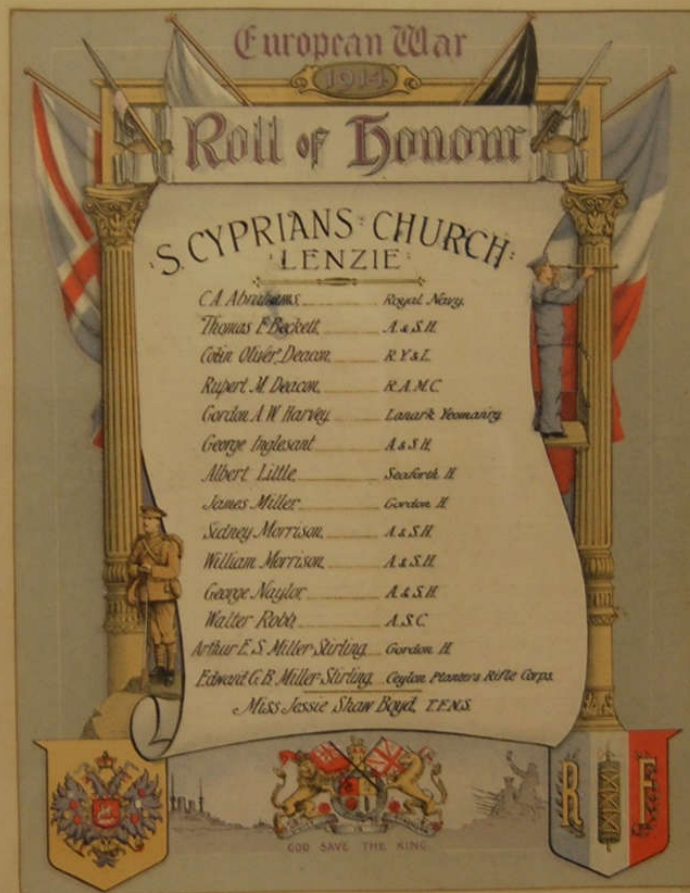
Lieut. Edward Shaw Bradshaw Miller-Stirling, 2nd Batt. Black Watch

Private William Dryden Paterson, 3th Batt., Royal Scots

2nd Lieut. Burns Crawford Smith, Northumberland Fusiliers

2nd Lieut. John Edward Tilston, Machine Gun Corps, 51st Division

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Roll of Honour
St. Cyprian's Church
Lenzie



W.J. Miller-Stirling, West African Frontier Force
R. McConnell, 9 A.A.S.H.
J. Lester Muir, 19th Royal Fusiliers
William Powell, 5th Scottish Rifles
Edmund Oakley Deacon, Black Watch

Sr George Murray Irvine-Stirling-Burt, 25th Essex Regiment
W.M.P. Kincaid-Lennae, A.A.S.H.
Samuel Ricket, A.A.S.H.
H. Evelyn Wood, 13th A.A.S.H.
Maxwell Morrison, Royal Navy Div.
Allen Stanley Deacon, 1st Battalion Buffs, Devon
George Frederick Irvine Brown, A.A.S.H.
Charles Irvine Brown, 5th A.A.S.H. (transferred to 1st)
Burns Christy Smith, 1st Northamptonshire Regt
J. Ernest Muir, Royal Engineers
K.M.E. Ashworth, Royal Engineers
Dennis Owen Deacon, Canadian Signaller Regt.
Nurse Adelaide Jessie Elizabeth Spence
Mr Burns C. Smith, S.C. Halls, France
Colin L. Evelyn Wood, Y.M.C.A. Halls, France

W.J. Woodcock, Royal Fleet Auxiliary
A.M. Craig, 9th H.L.L.
John E. Yalston, 19th Royal Fusiliers
Alexander Montgomery Bell, 3rd Bat. A.A.S.H.
William Bryden Anderson, 13th Bat. Royal Scots

C. A. Abrahams, Royal Navy
Thomas F. Beckett, A. & S.H.
Colin Oliver Deacon, R.Y. & L.
Rupert M. Deacon, R.A.M.C.
Gordon A. W. Harvey, Lanark Yeomanry
George Inglesant, A. & S.H.
Albert Little, Seaforth H.
James Miller, Gordon H.
Sidney Morrison, A. & S.H.
William Morrison, A. & S.H.
George Naylor, A. & S.H.
Walter Robb, A.S.C.
Arthur E. S. Miller-Stirling, Gordon H.
Edward G. B. Miller-Stirling, Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps*
Miss Jessie Shaw Boyd, T F.N.S.

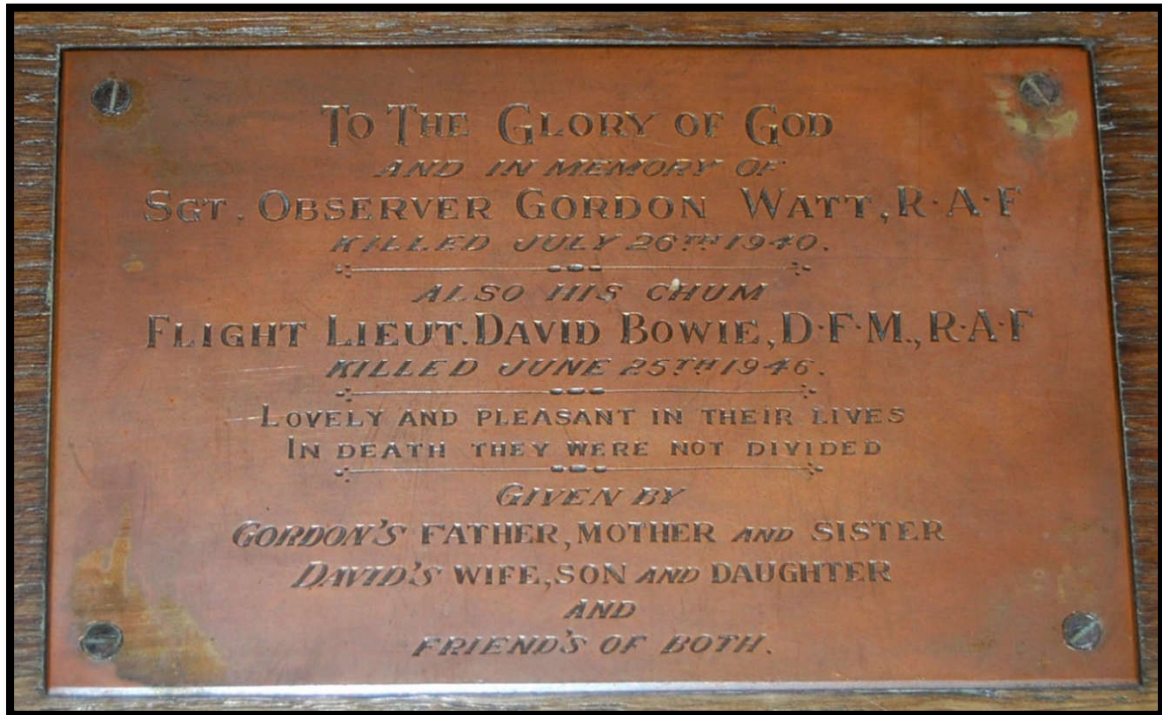
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Sir George Murray Horne Stirling-Bart., D.S.O., Essex Regiment
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Samuel Kidd, A. & S.H.
H. Evelyn Wood, 13th A. & S.H.
(John) Maxwell Morrison, Royal Navy Div.*
Allen Stanley Deacon, Australian Imperial Force
George Frederick Tolmi Brown, R.A.M.C.
Charles Tolmi Brown, 5th A. & S.H. attached to 8th*
Burns Crawford Smith, 4th Northumberland Fusiliers*
J. Ernest Muir, Royal Engineers
R. M. E. Ashworth, Royal Engineers
Denis Owen Deacon, Canadian Signallers Bat.
Nurse Adeline Jessie Elizabeth Sprot
Mrs. Burns C. Smith, S.C. Huts, France
Colin L. Evelyn Wood, Y.M.C.A. Huts, France

W. J. Windsor, Royal Fleet Auxiliary
A. M. Craig, 9th H.L.I.
John E. Tilston, 19th Royal Fusiliers*
Alexander Montgomery Bell, 3rd Bat. A. & S.H.
William Dryden Paterson, 13th Bat. Royal Scots*

**Indicates those who are listed on the 1914 – 1919 Memorial*

World War 2



To The Glory of God and in Memory of
Sgt. Observer Gordon Watt, R.A.F.
Killed July 26th 1940
Also his Chum
Flight Lieut. David Bowie, D.F.M., R.A.F.
Killed June 25th 1946
Lovely and pleasant in their lives, in death they were not divided
Given by Gordon's Father, Mother and Sister
David's Wife, Son and Daughter
And friends of both.



David Bowie

CWGC:

Rank: Flight Lieutenant/Navigator

Regiment: Royal Air Force

No. 50225

Date of Death: 25th June 1946

Awards: Distinguished Flying Medal

Buried: Eaglesham Cemetery

SNWM: Not Listed.

Kirkintilloch Herald, 31st July 1940. 'Birth'

Bowie, At 6 Townhead, Kirkintilloch, on 30th July 1940, to Sergeant and Mrs David Bowie (Jessie Buchanan), a daughter.

London Gazette, 28th October 1941, Supplement 35329, Page 6314

Air Ministry, 31st October 1941. Royal Air Force.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve the following award: Distinguished Flying Medal.

Sergeant David Bowie, No. 522270, 252 Squadron



London Gazette, 15th December 1942, Supplement 35827, Page 5506

Air Ministry, 15th December 1942. Royal Air Force.

Temporary Warrant Officer, 11th September 1942, David Bowie, D.F.M., No. 522270, (50224)

Kirkintilloch Herald, 3rd July 1946. 'Fatal Flying Accident'

News was received last week of the death, as the result of a flying accident on June 25th, of Flight Lieutenant David Bowie, D.F.M., who was well known in Auchinloch and district. Flight Lieutenant Bowie, who had long and distinguished service with the R.A.F., served in various theatres of operations during the war. Deceased was a son of the late Mr William Bowie and of Mrs Bowie, Chryston and son-in-law of Mrs Buchanan, 10 Townhead, Kirkintilloch. He is survived by Mrs Bowie (Jessie Buchanan) and a young son and daughter. Appropriate reference to the passing of the young airman was made by Rev. Canon Collins in St. Cyprian's, Lenzie, on Sunday.

Eaglesham Cemetery:

Sacred to the memory of my beloved husband and our father

William Bowie, died 4th November 1943 aged 72 years

And our dear son David Bowie, D.F.M., Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F.

Beloved husband of Jessie Buchanan

Who lost his life in an air accident 25th June 1946 aged 32 years

Per – Ardua – Ad – Astra

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Peak District Air Accident Research:

Vickers Wellington Mk.XIII, NC661 from R.A.F. Shawbury, No. 25 Group, Flying Training Command, crashed at Trusley near derby on 25th June 1946 whilst on a cross country training flight from R.A.F. Shawbury.

At 13.30 on the 25th June 1946, NC661 took off on a cross country flight. After only 40 minutes in the air, the aircraft suffered failure of the starboard engine and was unable to maintain height or airspeed on the port engine alone. The pilot attempted to make wheels down forced landing in a corn field but had to overshoot, however he did not have sufficient power to recover the airspeed lost in the attempted landing. While attempting to overshoot, the aircraft struck a large tree and crashed into the field beyond bursting into flames. The aircraft came to rest in a pit which at the time was surrounded by trees. The aircraft navigator, Flight Lieutenant David Bowie, D.F.M., had been in the R.A.F., for some time, having been awarded the D.F.M., on the 31st October 1941 while with 252 Squadron, a Beaufighter unit operating from Edku in Egypt.

Gordon Reeves Watt

CWGC:

Rank: Sergeant Observer

Regiment: Royal Air Force, 50 Squadron

No. 522273

Date of Death: 26th June 1940

Age: 25

Buried: Romford Cemetery

Additional Information: Son of James Yeats Watt and Constance May Watt of Romford, Essex

England & Wales Birth Index:

Gordon R. Watt, born Watford, Herfordshire, July/Aug/Sept. Quarter, 1915. Mother's Maiden Name: Reeves.

England & Wales Death Index:

Gordon R. Watt, born c1915. Age 25. Death Registered September 1940 at North Walsham, Norfolk



Romford Cemetery

Left: 522273, Sergeant G. R. Watt, Observer, Royal Air Force, 26th July 1940, Age 25

Below:

To the dear memory of our beloved son
Gordon Reeves Watt, R.A.F., Killed in action
26th July 1940, aged 25 years
In loving memory of Catherine Constance Watt 23.7.75



Kirkintilloch Herald, 18th June 1947. 'St. Cyprian's Scottish Episcopal Church'

The Most Reverend, The Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church and Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway will preach at 11. a.m. on Sunday 22nd June 1947 and will dedicate a Carved Oak Prayer desk in memory of Sergeant-Observer Gordon Watt, R.A.F., and Flight Lieutenant David Bowie, D.F.M., who gave their lives for their country.

Kirkintilloch Herald, 25th June 1947. 'Episcopal Primus at Lenzie – Dedication of Oak Prayer Desk'

The beautiful little church of St. Cyprian's, Lenzie, was the setting for a very impressive ceremony on Sunday forenoon, when the Very Rev. Dr. Howe, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church and Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, dedicated a carved oak prayer desk in memory of Sergeant-Observer Gordon Watt, R.A.F., and Flight Lieutenant David Bowie, D.F.M., two St. Cyprian's choristers, who gave their lives for King and Country. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Collins, who called upon the Bishop to perform the ceremony of dedication.