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| 6545 Sgt Patrick Condon Listed as L/Cpl in local newspapers at the time of his death. | Royal Irish Fusiliers
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No P Condon’s of the rank of Sgt on CWGC – Three on Service Returns but different age, name and rank. | A Patrick Condon is enumerated in the 1911 census in Uphall. **Addiewell Soldier’s Narrow Escape** – L/Cpl Patrick Condon, writing home to his parents at Addiewell, tells of a narrow escape he had recently. He was under shell fire at the time, and several pieces of shrapnel struck him. They went right through his clothes and perforated a letter he had in his pocket. Strange to say, he was uninjured. The letter was sent home, and we had a look at it. Parts of the letter are cut clean out where the pieces of shrapnel struck him, and it is a marvel how he escaped serious injury. L/Cpl Condon has been at the front since the early days of the war. He has so far escaped injury, except that during the winter months he suffered from frost-bite in the trenches. **Midlothian Advertiser 18th June, 1915.**  
**Addiewell Soldier Killed** – Mr and Mrs Patrick Condon have received official information from the Regimental Pay Master, Army Pay Office, Dublin, of the death in action of their son L/Cpl Patrick Condon, Royal Irish Rifles, while serving with the British Expeditionary Force in France. L/Cpl Condon was a special reservist, and was called to the colours along with the regular reserve at the outbreak of war. After receiving five months training in Dublin, he was dispatched along with a draft to the front on January 1st. It may be recalled that a few weeks ago his parents received a letter from him which we published stating that he had a narrow escape from injury from some splinters of shrapnel. The shrapnel pierced his coat, and also a letter which he had in his pocket, without injuring him in any way. L/Cpl Condon was a keen enthusiast of the Boy Scout Movement previous to the war, and did much to organise the local detachment. He was employed in the Retorts Dept of the Oilworks, where he was much respected among his fellow workers. Much sympathy is extended to his parents in their sad bereavement. **Midlothian Advertiser 16th July, 1915.**  
**The War Memorial records him under the rank of Sergeant and his regiment as Royal Irish Fusiliers – in fact he was a L/Cpl and in the Irish Rifles.**

| 8766 Cpl Bernard Curran | In Memory of Corporal Bernard Curran 8766, 2nd Bn. Royal Scots who died on 14 November 1916. Remembered with honour Varennes Military Cemetery – Somme, France  
Corporal Bernard Curran, 2nd Bn., Royal Scots, was the youngest son of Thomas Curran, a Joiner’s Labourer, and Mary (Gray) Curran, of 3 Cross Street, Addiewell, West Calder. He died on Tuesday, 14th November 1916. Siblings were William, Thomas, Jane and Patrick. His parents were married 1867 in Bathgate.  
He married Mary McKenna 1912 in West Calder and had 2 children Agnes, born 1913, and Thomas born 1914 both in West Calder. He joined the Royal Scots in 4th January 1904 and had 12 years 316 days service before his death.  
In a letter to his wife who resides at Byer’s Buildings, WC, Pte Bernard Curran of the Royal Scots states that he is well. Pte Curran has been in all the fighting from Mons to Ypres, so that he has had some trying experiences. Some time ago he discovered four Germans hiding in a haystack and promptly took them prisoner. At Ypres he was at one time 36 hours in the trenches at stretch. This was at a critical stage of the fight and the men were knee deep in water. He says the men are well fed, and they have got new clothing served out to them. Pte Curran has been given a stripe in recognition of some special service. **Midlothian Advertiser 25th December, 1914.**  
**Curran** – Died of wound received in action on 14th November 1916, Corporal Bernard Curran, 2nd Royal Scots – RIP  
*As dawn crept o’er the trenches, he fell midst shot and shell,*  
*Our only grief, we were not there, to bid a last farewell.*  
*Years may pass dear brother, but your face will never fade*  
*For we love you still as dearly, though you’re in a silent grave.***  
Inserted by his brothers and sisters, Addiewell  
**Curran** – Died of wounds received in action on the 14th November, 1916, Bernard Curran, 2nd Royal Scots, RIP  
*Although we fain would have kept him, we would not spoil his chance,*  
*To show his grit he did his bit, and fell somewhere in France.*  
Inserted by his brother and sister in law Mr & Mrs W Curran, 23 Learmonth Crescent, West Calder |}
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| 12 September 2014 | **Curran** – In loving memory of my dearly beloved husband, Corporal B Curran, 2nd Royal Scots, who died of wounds received in action on 14th November, 1916 – RIP. Forget him – No I never will, for in my heart I love him still, Hard, Hard was the blow, the shock severe, to part with one I loved so dear, I little dreamed when we did part, that sorrow so soon would come to my heart. Sleep on dear daddy and take thy rest, we miss you most that loved you best. Immaculate Heart of Mary Your prayers for him extol O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul. Inserted by his wife and children, Kirkgate, West Calder. *Midlothian Advertiser, 24th November, 1916.*

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| 24th November 1916 | **Curran** – In loving memory of my dearest husband, Corporal B Curran, Royal Scots, who died of wounds received in action on 14th November, 1916 – RIP. This day brings back to our memory fresh, a dear one who has gone to rest On earth he was loved in heaven he is blest, the miss him most who loved him best Inserted by his loving wife and children, Kirkgate, West Calder. *Curran* – In loving memory of Cpl B Curran, 2nd Royal Scots, who died on wounds received in action on 14th November, 1916. – RIP. Just when his hopes were brightest, Just when his thoughts were best He was taken from this world of sorrow, to the land of eternal rest, Gone and forgotten by some he may be, but dear in our memories he ever will be. Inserted by his brother and sister in law, Mr & Mrs W Curran, Society Place, West Calder. **Curran** – In loving memory of Cpl B Curran who died of wounds 14th November, 1916 – RIP. One year has passed, and once again, we see that loving face as plain, As when from this early our Lord Said, “come”, we bow our heads, “thy will be done” Inserted by his brothers and sisters Addiewell. *Midlothian Advertiser 16th November, 1917.*

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| 24th November 1916 | **9545 Cpl William I McArthur DCM** (Distinguished Conduct Medal) – In Memory of Corporal William I. MacArthur DCM, 9545, 13th Bn. Royal Scots who died age 39 on 24 July 1918. Son of Emily McArthur, of Brown’s Close, South Queensferry, West Lothian, and the late John McArthur; husband of Janet McArthur, of 22, Watt St., Addiewell, Midlothian. Remembered with Honour Soissons Memorial – Aisne, France. **Local Man Joins Sir George McCrae’s Battalion** – A local man named William McArthur, who has been chairman of the local Branch of the Scottish Oilworkers’ and Labourers’ Associate for the past three years, has joined Sir George McCrae’s new battalion. Mr McArthur, although originally hailing from Queensferry, has been for over 20 years resident in Addiewell. He comes of a most patriotic family, having four brothers serving with the regular army in the following regiments; The Black Watch, Seaforth’s, Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Scots Greys. One of Mr McArthur’s brothers is at present lying wounded in a hospital in Glasgow. *Midlothian Advertiser 11th December, 1914.*

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<td><strong>Local Soldier wins DCM</strong> – L/Cpl William McArthur, of McCrae’s Battalion, has been awarded the DCM for conspicuous bravery in the field. He joined the above Battalion when it was formed in Edinburgh last year, and after a period of training was dispatched to France. In a letter home to his wife some time ago, McArthur mentioned that he had been recommended for the DM but did not state what he had done to warrant the receiving of such an honour. It now transpires that during bombardment of the German trenches, McArthur and a comrade approached a dugout, the comrade guarded the exit, while he entered alone, and compelled the entire company of 40 unwounded and three wounded Germans to clear out, and after which...</td>
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they were taken prisoners. Such a deed as this seems unbelievable, but when one hears so much of the falling morale in the German army it is not be wondered at. Previous to enlistment the L/Cpl was employed in the Oilworks and was president of the Oilworkers organisation. He was well respected by his fellow workers all of whom expressed admiration for his plucky action.

_Midlothian Advertiser, 25th August, 1916._

**Local Soldier Decorated by the King** – Corporal William McArthur, Royal Scots, was one of the many heroes who were decorated by the King at the investiture held at Hyde Park on Saturday last. He received the DCM for showing exceptional bravery on the field. As is already well-known, Cpl McArthur entered a German dugout and captured a large number of prisoners single handed, marching them into the British lines. Previous to enlistment he was employed at the Oilworks and was highly respected among his fellow workers.

_Midlothian Advertiser, 8th June, 1917._


Inserted by his sorrowing wife and family, Watt Street, Addiewell.

_Midlothian Advertiser, 23rd August, 1918._

DCM Killed – Cpl William McArthur, Royal Scots, an Addiewell soldier who won the DCM was killed in action on 23rd July 1918.

_Midlothian Advertiser, 23rd August, 1918._

"**McARTHUR** - In loving memory of my dear husband, Corporal William McArthur, DCM, Royal Scots, killed in action on 23rd July, 1918, aged 39 years.

It's just one year ago today, I can remember well,

The sad news that came to me, Of how my husband fell.

We pictured his safe returning, we longed to clasp his hand,

But God postponed the meeting, till we met in a better land

Dear daddy, thou are not forgotten, nor ever wilt thou be

As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee.

Inserted by his wife and family, 22 Watt Street, Addiewell.

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carry him down to the dressing station, but evidently he must have gone to sleep there and never woke up again that same night. This, I am sorry is all the information I can give you at present, as I am trying to find out the exact spot where he is laid to rest. I am writing this as I am the only officer left in my company who knew anything about him. The whole company of men and NOCO’s join with me in tendering you our heartfelt sympathy and sincere regrets in this, your loss. He was always so cheery and willing, that his loss to us along will never be quite understood by others – Yours very sincerely, R Morrison 2nd Lieut."

Regan – In loving memory of Corporal Harry Regan 12th Royal Scots, who died of wounds May 5th 1917.

Dear son of my bosom you sleep with the brave,
where no tears of a mother can drop on your grave
Unknown to the world you stand by my side, and whisper dear mother, death cannot divide.

Inserted by his parents

In a lonely grave in a far off land, in a grave we may never see,
But as long as life and memory last, I will remember thee

Inserted by his sister Mrs Lidster.

Midlothian Advertiser 3rd May 1918

Regan – In loving memory of Cpl Harry Regan, 12th Royal Scots, who died on active service in France, 5th May 1917.

He fought, but nor for the love of strife, he struck but to defend,
He stood for liberty and truth, A soldier to the end
One of our Brave Heroes, One of our noble dead.

Inserted by his father and mother, and family

In loving memory of 26367 Cpl H Regan, 12 Bn Royal Scots, who died of wounds received in action on May 5th 1917

He is gone but not forgotten, and as dawns another year,
In my lonely hours of thinking, thoughts of him are ever near.

Inserted by his sister, Mrs J Lidster, Rose Bank, Greenburn, Fauldhouse

Oh son little did I think, when first I cradled thee,
That on the battle field you’d fall, so far away from me
We think we see his loving smile, although two years have passed,
And in our memory fresh he is, and will be to the last

Inserted by his mother, father, brothers and sisters 44 Loganlea, West Calder

Midlothian Advertiser 9th May, 1919

S/12179 L/Cpl 1 Ramsay Carden Vickers

Surname Vickers First name Ramsay
Service Number S/12179
Date Death 18/07/1916
Place of birth West Calder Midlothian
Other 10th Bn. SNWM roll The Argyll And Sutherland Highlanders
Rank L Cpl Theatre of death France & Flanders
In memory of Lance Corporal Ramsay Vickers, 10th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders died 18th July 1916. Remembered with honour Thiepval Memorial, France.
Born 1891, West Calder son of Ramsay Vickers, Shaleminer and Agnes Stevenson, who married in West Calder in 1890. He married Mary Ballantyne a Paper mill worker in Penicuik in 1913, Ramsay at this time was a Police Constable at Addiewell and his father was deceased. They had a son Ramsay Carden Vickers born 1915 in West Calder.

9811 L/Cpl John Watson

In Memory of 9811, Lance Corporal John Watson, 2nd Bn., Seaforth Highlanders who died on 25 April 1915. Remembered with honour - Seaforth Cemetery, Cheddar Villa
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Watson – Killed on Hill 60, on the 25th April, L/Cpl John Watson, of the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, beloved husband of Jane Watson, 1 Muirhall, West Calder, and son of Mr & Mrs George Watson, Dee Street, West Calder, aged 32 years
_Midlothian Advertiser 21st May, 1915._

Local Family with Five Sons in the Army – Mr and Mrs George Watson, Dee Street, West Calder, had five sons serving in the army up to within a few days ago. They have lost one of their sons at Hill 60, where L/Cpl John Watson fell a victim to the German gases. The other four sons are Pte Andrew Watson, Royal Scots, Pte Alexander Watson, Royal Scots, Pte Graham Watson, Highland Light Infantry and Pte William Watson, who is in the Canadian contingent. We congratulate the parents on this fine record of patriotism.
_Midlothian Advertiser 21st May, 1915._

Death of an Addiewell Soldier – We regret to announce the death of Cpl D Watson of the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, who belongs to Muirhall, Addiewell. Pte Lewis, Gavieside, West Calder in a letter home conveyed the first news of his death, and official notice has since been received by Mrs Watson. Cpl Watson is a son of Mr and Mrs Watson, Dee Street, West Calder. He served three years with the colours and nine years with the reserve. He then enlisted in the second reserve, and at the outbreak of the war he promptly answered the call to mobilisation. At that time he was employed in West Mains Coal Mine. Since going to the front he has been long stretches in the trenches, and took part in many of the big engagements. He met his death alongside Pte Reddington as a victim to the German gases at Hill 60. The gas approached the British trenches in a thick cloud and Watson and many a brave fellow with him died rather than leave the post of duty. He leaves a widow and three of a family for whom much sympathy will be felt.
_Midlothian Advertiser 21st May, 1915._

Joining the Reservists at the start of the War the only soldier who previously served with the Seaforth Highlanders from Muirhall was John Watson, the only D Watson’s in the village in the 1911 census were Duncan aged 11 and David aged 9, both too young to have served as long as 12 years previous to the War. I’m sure that this has been an error in the local paper – all of this confirmed by previous reports above – Meg 2013.

Watson – In loving memory of our dear son L/Cpl John Watson, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action in France on 25th April, 1915, aged 33 years. “Sadly Missed” – Inserted by his Father, Mother , Brothers and Sister, 35 Dee Street, West Calder
_Midlothian Advertiser 21st April 1916._

Mr and Mrs George Watson, Dee Street, West Calder, had 5 sons serving in the Army up to within a few days ago. They have lost one of their sons at Hill 60, where Lance-Corporal John Watson fell a victim of the German gases.

Watson – In loving memory of my dear husband John Watson, who was killed in France on the 25th April, 1915,
Inserted by his wife, Jane Reddington Watson, Muirhall, West Calder
_Midlothian Advertiser 27th April 1917._

Watson – In loving memory of my dear husband L/Cpl John Watson, Seaforth Highlanders who was killed in action on 25th April 1915.
Three years have passed since that sad day
When my dear husband was called away
We loved him then, we love him still
Forget him – no we never will!
Inserted by his wife Jane Reddington Watson
_Midlothian Advertiser 26th April 1918._

Watson – In loving memory of my dear husband, l/Cpl John Watson, who was killed in action on 25th April 1915. “To Memory Dear”.
Inserted by his wife and family
_Midlothian Advertiser 25th April 1919._

6405 Pte George Caldwell
6405 Pte 28th Bn Australian Infantry, Australian Imperial Force, died 4th October 1917 – remembered Buttes New British Cemetery, Polygon Wood, Belgium. Son of John & Jane Caldwell of Watt Street, Addiewell, West Calder – War Memorial has the 25th AIF as George’s Battalion, CWGC has 28th – 25th Bn was where Archie Dundas also on this memorial served. George aged 14 in the 1901 census was working as a Candle Packer at Addiewell Oil Works.
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Caldwell – Killed in action on the 4th October Pte George Caldwell of the Australian Imperial Forces, beloved son of John Caldwell 31 Watt Street, Addiewell aged 31 years. *Midlothian Advertiser 7th December, 1917.*

Local Soldier’s Death – Mr John Caldwell, Watt Street, Addiewell, has been officially notified that his son Pte George Caldwell of the Australian Imperial Forces, has been killed in action. Pte Caldwell, who was well known and highly respected in the district, left the village for Australia about 12 years ago. He was doing well when the Mother Country’s call for men came out and he promptly joined the Australian contingent at Brisbane and came across to Europe. After a period of training he was sent to France and took part in the heavy fighting at Messines, and Passchendau. At first he was posted missing, but official news of his death in action has now been received. Sincere sympathy is felt for the family circle in their sad bereavement.

Caldwell – In loving memory of my dear son Pte George Caldwell, AIF who was killed in action on the 4th October 1917.

Silent in the graveyard yonder, lies the one we loved so well,
But he has gone to better regions, happy there in Heaven to dwell
Gone from amongst us, oh how thy memory we’ll keep,
Never til death ends, shall we ever forget thee
Dear to our hearts is the place where you sleep,
It is just one year since he left us in sorrow,
and sad was the shock we received on that day
But soon we will meet and enjoy him for ever,
in the home of our Saviour who called him away

Inserted by his father, sisters and brother, 31 Watt Street, Addiewell
*Midlothian Advertiser 4th October, 1918.*

Caldwell – In loving memory of Pte George Caldwell, AIF, who was killed in action on 4th October, 1917.

Oh how we mourn our absent one, and yet we mourn in vain,
But let us hope beyond the grave, to meet him once again.

Inserted by his father, sister, and brother, Watt Street, Addiewell
*Midlothian Advertiser, 3rd October, 1919.*

West Calder Cemetery:

8924 Pte Andrew Campbell
8924 Pte 5th Btn Cameron Highlanders – died 12th October, 1917 aged 30, remembered Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Son of Mr & Mrs Andrew Campbell, Livingston Street, Addiewell, West Calder.

1838 Pte James Corrigan
1838 Pte 2nd Btn Royal Scots – died 22nd October, 1914 – remembered West Calder Cemetery – son of John Corrigan, brother of Patrick and Mary Joyce nee Corrigan – Section M Lair 16, West Calder Cemetery - CWGC Headstone

Local Soldiers Dead – Pte James Corrigan (Photo) of the 3rd Btn Royal Scots, who resided in the village previous to the war, has been fatally wounded at the fighting in France. Arriving in Edinburgh with a batch of others at the beginning of the week, he was immediately conveyed to the Royal Infirmary, where he died on Tuesday. He was wounded in the Battle of Lille, receiving two bullet wounds in the stomach. Pte Corrigan’s death has cast a district gloom over the village, where he had many friends and respected by all. Much sympathy is extended to his relatives in their sad loss. The body was brought home to Addiewell this week, and the funeral took pace to West Calder Cemetery on Thursday afternoon. Six altar boys attended the service and an impressive service was conducted by the Rev Father Kenny. The photograph which we give shows Pte Corrigan in sailor’s attire. The West Calder Musical Union Band accompanied the funeral, playing the “Dead March” from Saul en-route. At the graveside the band played the funeral hymn, days and “Moments swiftly flying” in a most impressive manner, and afterwards marched away playing the march “Our Fallen heroes”. The friends of the deceased soldier express their deep gratitude to the band for so promptly replying to their wish.

*Midlothian Advertiser 23rd October 1914.*

Corrigan – In loving memory of my dear brother Pte James Corrigan who died of wounds received

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in action on 22th October, 1914.

Oh how hard it was we had to part,
from loved ones we dearly loved,
But there’s a thought that charms our heart,
that we shall meet above
Then let our sorrows cease to flow,
God has recalled his own,
and let our hearts in every woe,
still say “thy will be done”.

Inserted by his sister, Mrs Patrick Joyce
Midlothian Advertiser 2nd November, 1917.

11792 Pte John Corrigan


Casualty List – Pte J Corrigan, Royal Scots, Addiewell
Midlothian Advertiser 22nd September, 1916.

Pte John Corrigan – the above (photo) is of Pte John Corrigan, Royal Scots who has been killed in action in France. Pte Corrigan enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war. Previous to enlisting he was employed at Loganlea Colliery.

Midlothian Advertiser 29th September, 1916.

3499 Pte Archibald Dundas

3499 Pte 25th Btn Australian Imperial Force - Details from Roll of Honour Circular
My son enlisted voluntary in 1915 he was three times rejected for bad teeth at his own expense he got teeth in and he was taken on the fourth time. Wounded severely at the first battle of the Somme 1916. He was a keen football player. (Father) (this is a handwritten form completed by my Gt Granddad after Archie’s death and I have a copy of this) Meg Stenhouse (2004)

AIF connections Brother: 1825 Pte William Dundas, 42nd Btn, returned to Australia, 19 April 1919. (Returned to the UK and spent the rest of his life in the Erskine Home for the War Wounded – had a metal plate covering his skull but always a twinkle in his eye) – Meg Stenhouse 2004.

Other details War service: Western Front - Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal Private 3499, 25th Bn. Australian infantry, A.I.F.

Local Soldier Killed - Mr and Mrs Robert Dundas, Muirhall, have received the sad news that their son, Private Archibald Dundas of the Australian Imperial Force, was killed in action on the 5th June. Pte Dundas was for a considerable time employed with the Caledonian Railway Company at West Calder Station.

In May of 1911 he immigrated to Australia, and set up in business there for himself his brother William followed soon after. In August 1915 he decided to come across and help the Mother Country in the struggle for liberty, and he came to Europe with a number of young men like himself who had gone to Australia to push their fortunes. After seven weeks in the trenches in France he was severely wounded in the Somme offensive of July 1916. After a good recovery he again returned to France and put in some good Service. During the winter however he suffered from frost-bite and was also laid aside with enteric fever. When he was restored to health he returned to France for the third time, and after nine months service in which he took part in much of the heavy fighting, he made the supreme sacrifice on the 5th of this month.

Another brother, Pte William Dundas, is serving and is at present wounded, and in a hospital in Surrey. NB. Wullie never recovered from his wounds – he had a metal plate inserted across his skull and spent the majority of the rest of his life in the Erskine Hospital for wounded ex-servicemen.

Midlothian Advertiser, 21st June 1918

The following letter has been received by Mr and Mrs Dundas from one of the officers:

Just a few lines to let you know some particulars of your noble son Archie, who was in my company. While going up the trenches on the night of the 5th June, Archie was with the Coy. Headquarters then doing Trench QM for me. They had just moved on from a spell when one
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| of the beastly Hun shells fell in amongst them, and Archie knew no more. I was very upset when I heard of it, for I considered he would have made a good NCO and I could always trust him. He was very much affected when his brother was lying in hospital out here, and when he got the good news of his recovery he was very cheerful. I am having a large cross erected on his grave, which will be looked after while I am in this sector. The inscription on the cross is as follows: In loving memory of Pte A Dundas, Killed in action on 5th June 1918 Erected by his comrades The Military Authorities will tell you the place of burial, which is away from the firing line. The Company all send their deepest sympathy to you both, and also to his brothers and sisters. (I have his service book with a photograph of the cross taken in 1918) Meg Stenhouse 2004. | Midlothian Advertiser 21st June 1918.
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| Local Lad Home from Australia – Mr Archie Dundas, son of Mr Robert Dundas, Muirhall answered the call of King and country in Australia and came to Egypt with the Australian Contingent. He was afterwards drafted to France and was wounded in the severe fighting at the Somme. He is now convalescent, and is home on short furlough. Like many other young men who had immigrated to the Colonies he considered it his duty to return to do his bit for the old country. | Midlothian Advertiser 3rd November, 1916.

| Dundas – Killed in action on the 5th June 1918 Pte Archibald Dundas, Australian Imperial Force, beloved son of Mr & Mrs Robert Dundas, Muirhall, West Calder, aged 29 years. The voice is now silent, the heart is now cold, whose smile and whose welcome oft met us of old, We miss thee and mourn thee in silence unseen, and dwell on the memory of joys that have been. Inserted by his father and mother, sisters and brothers | Midlothian Advertiser 28th June 1918.

| Dundas – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte A Dundas, AIF who was killed in France on 5th June 1918. It is just one year since he left us in sorrow, and sad was the shock we received on that day, But soon we will meet and enjoy him for ever, in the home of our Saviour who called him away. Inserted by his father and mother sisters and brothers. Muirhall, West Calder | Midlothian Advertiser 6th June, 1919.

| Addiewell and the War. — Information has been received by Mr R. Dundas, Murchison Buildings, that his youngest son, Archibald Dundas, Australian Imperial Force, was killed in action on 5th June. At the time of his death he was doing duty as assistant Q.M. was number of years in Australia, and enlisted on 30th August, 1915. He was badly wounded at the Battle of the Somme July, 1916, and was in hospital in England. He was 29 years of age. Before emigrating Australia was employed by the Caledonian Railway Company at West Calder Station. Hamilton Advertiser – 22nd June 1918. | Addiewell and the War. — Information has been received by Mr R. Dundas, Murchison Buildings, that his youngest son, Archibald Dundas, Australian Imperial Force, was killed in action on 5th June. At the time of his death he was doing duty as assistant Q.M. was number of years in Australia, and enlisted on 30th August, 1915. He was badly wounded at the Battle of the Somme July, 1916, and was in hospital in England. He was 29 years of age. Before emigrating Australia was employed by the Caledonian Railway Company at West Calder Station.  Hamilton Advertiser – 22nd June 1918. |
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97085 Gunner Jeremiah Greeney
(served under the name James Trainer)

Loganlea Soldier’s Death – Pte J Greeney of the RA whose home is at Loganlea has died from wounds received in action. He has been with the colours ever since the outbreak of war and in a former engagement was wounded at the Battle of Hill 60.

Midlothian Advertiser 17th August, 1917.

Greeney – Gunner Jeremiah Greeney, RFA beloved son of Jeremiah and Helen Greeney died of wounds on 4th August, 1917 aged 20 years.

Had we but seen him still in life, or held his drooping head,
Or watched the last hours of his life, beside his dying bed.
We think our hearts would not have felt, this bitterness of grief,
But God had ordered otherwise, and now he rests in peace

Inserted by his mother and father, 15 Loganlea (Australian and American papers please copy)

Midlothian Advertiser 24th August, 1917.

Gunner J Greeney – (Photo) Gunner J Greeney, RFA, son of Mr and Mrs Greeney, 15 Loganlea who died of wounds on the 4th August. The news was conveyed to his parents in a letter from the lieutenant of his section. He had been about three years with the colours, being a Territorial when war broke out. He was transferred to the Fusiliers and later to the RFA after which he was sent with a draft to France. Pte Greeney was wounded previously at the big engagement which took place at Hill 60. Previous to enlistment he was employed at Loganlea Colliery.

Midlothian Advertiser 24th August, 1917.

Loganlea Soldier Dies of Wounds – Mr and Mrs Greeney, Loganlea have received information to the effect that their son Pte J Greeney, RFA died of wounds at midnight on 4th August. The news was conveyed to them in a letter from the Lieutenant of Pte Greeney’s section. He had about three years with the colours, being a Territorial when war broke out. He was transferred to the fusiliers and later to the RFA after which he was sent with a draft to France. Pte Greeney was wounded previously at the big engagement which took place at Hill 60. Previous to enlistment he was employed at Loganlea Colliery.

Midlothian Advertiser 17th August, 1917.

CWGC
Greeney, J  Rank: Gunner
Service No: 97085  Date of Death: 05/08/1917
Regiment/Service: Royal Field Artillery "D" Bty. 187th Brigade.
Cemetery: Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord
Additional Information: (Served as TRAINER).

SNWM
Surname: Trainer First name: James
Service Number: 97058  Date Death: 05/08/1917
Place of birth: West Calder Midlothian
SNWM roll: Royal Horse Field Artillery
Rank: Gunner  Theatre of death: France & Flanders
Greeney - In loving memory of Gunner Jeremiah Greeney who died of wounds in France, August 4th 1917 – RIP
One year has passed, oh how we miss him, Loving him dearly his memory we’ll keep,
Never til life ends shall we forget him, Dear to our hearts is the place where he sleeps,
We little thought when he left home, that he would ne’er return,
But now he fills a hero’s grave, and we are left to mourn.
Inserted by his sorrowing parents, brothers and sisters, 15 Loganlea, West Calder
Midlothian Advertiser 9th August 1918

35678 Pte Frank Grimley

35678 Pte Frank Grimley, 13th Btn Royal Scots, died 27th August, 1918, commemorated Hersin Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.


A Patriotic Family – Mrs Grimley, 27 Dee Street, West Calder, who lost a son in the war last November has three sons serving in France since the outbreak of war. Her oldest son, Francis has given 17 years’ service, having also come through the South African War.

Midlothian Advertiser 3rd November 1916.

Local Soldiers Death – information has been received to indicate that Pte Francis Grimley has made the
supreme sacrifice in France. He was in the Regular Army when war broke out, and he had taken part in most of the heavy fighting. When home recently he looked very fit and well. He was behind the lines when a bomb from a German aeroplane burst near him. The family have suffered severely in the war and sympathy will be felt for them in this fresh bereavement.

Midlothian Advertiser 6th September, 1918.

West Calder Soldier Killed – Pte Francis Grimley, West Calder has fallen in the severe fighting on the Western front. He was in the Regular Army for many years and had been through nearly all the heavy fighting of the war. He had been home recently, when he assisted as a drummer in the pipe Band at a March Out and looked fit and well.

Midlothian Advertiser 6th September, 1918.

West Calder Parish Church – at the close of the service in the Parish Church on Sunday last the preacher for the day he had been asked by the Rev Dr Anderson, who was unavoidably from home to make the following statement regarding the three losses which had been reported from the front during the past week; Pte Francis Grimley, Royal Scots, Cpl James Archibald MA, HLI, and Pte Ernest Scott, Royal Scots Pte Frank Grimley crossed to France early in August 1914, and formed one of the “contemptible” little army that played so gallant a part in stemming the first German rush towards Paris. While we honour every man wearing the King’s uniform to day we surely owe a special debt of gratitude to these men – heroes all.

He passed through much fighting and hardships during the past four years and seemed to bear a charmed life, until caught in an enemy air raid on the 25th August and killed by a bomb almost instantaneously. We sympathise very deeply with the family today in their bereavement. This is the second son to fall at the front, Michael who served in the 2nd Black Watch being killed in action on the 5th November 1914. And, quite recently in the death of his mother and the tragic death of his sister they have had sorrow upon sorrow.

Midlothian Advertiser 13th September, 1918.

Grimley – In loving memory of my dear son, Drummer Francis Grimley, 13th Btn Royal Scots, who was killed in action in France, on the 27th August, 1918.

When last we saw his smiling face, he looked so strong and brave,
And little did we think so soon,, he would fill a soldier’s grave.
We think we see his smiling face, as he bade his last goodbye,
and left his home for evermore,
In a distant land to die.

He died in the midst of his duty, Young beautiful and brave,
Like Christ he though first of others, but himself he could not save.
We had no time to gather round him, and not a chance to say goodbye
For Jesus came in hast, and called him, to rest in his bright home on high

I hope to meet you all again, on a peaceful happy shore – RIP

Inserted by his father, brother and three sisters, 27 Dee Street West Calder

Midlothian Advertiser 22nd August, 1919.

268305 Pte John Kelly


Local Soldier’s Death - Mr and Mrs John Kelly have received the sad news that their son Pte John Kelly of the Royal Scots, attached to the Warwickshire Regiment was killed in action on the 3rd December 1917. After a period of training Pte Kelly was sent to France and has taken part in most of the heavy fighting during the past two years. Previous to enlisting he worked as a miner at Loganlea Colliery with the United Collieries Ltd. Sympathy will be felt for Mr & Mrs Kelly and the family circle in their sad bereavement.

Midlothian Advertiser 11th Jan 1918

Kelly - Killed in action on 3rd December 1917. Pte John Kelly beloved son of John and Rose Kelly aged 22 years.

It’s just one year he left us in sorrow,
and sad was the shock we received on that day
But soon we will meet and enjoy him for ever,
in the home of our Saviour, who called him away

Inserted by his father and mother sisters and brothers 18 Graham Street, Addiewell.

Midlothian Advertiser 12th December, 1918

Surname Kelly  First name John
Service Number 268305  Date Death 03/12/1917
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**Kelly** – In loving memory of Pte John Kelly, 2/13th Royal Scots, beloved son of Mr & Mrs John

Kelly, who was killed in action, 3rd December 1917 aged 22 years.

*Gone from amongst us, oh, how we miss thee, but loving thee John, thy memory we’ll keep,
Never till death ends shall we ever forget thee, dear to our hearts is the place where you sleep.
Inserted by his father and mother, sisters and brothers, 13 Graham Street, Addiewell
Midlothian Advertiser 5th December, 1919.*

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<th>202541 Pte James Kerr MM</th>
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| **Military Medal for Addiewell Soldier** – We are pleased to learn that Pte James Kerr, son of Mr James Kerr, Livingstone Street, Addiewell, has been awarded the Military medal for conspicuous bravery on the field. Pte Kerr was one of a party who made an important raid on the German trenches and secured valuable information and prisoners. He was in the local company of Territorials when war broke out and proceeded at once to his war station on the coast. At a later date he was attached to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and has been in France for fully eighteen months. In civil life he was a locomotive brakeman with Young’s Oil Company at their Addiewell works, and a feeling of lively satisfaction is felt at the manner in which he distinguished himself.

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**Kerr** - Of your charity pray for the soul of Pte James Kerr, 2/6 Royal Warwicks, second eldest son of James and Mary Ann Kerr, Livingstone Street, Addiewell, reported missing 12th April 1918, now presumed died. On whose soul, Sweet Jesus have mercy RIP.

**Kerr** – In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte James Kerr, 2/10th Royal Scots, attached 2/6th Royal Warwickshire Regiment, reported missing 12th April, 1918, now presumed killed on that date. On whose soul Sweet Jesus have mercy – RIP

*In the shelter of thy Sacred Heart, Dear Jesus let him rest,
We miss him much, but yet we know thy Holy Will is best.
Inserted by his sorrowing sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs Lennon, 133 Main Street, Shettleston, Glasgow
Midlothian Advertiser 25th July, 1919.*

**A Local Family’s Sacrifice – Two Sons Killed in Action** – Mr & Mrs James Kerr, 88 Livingstone Street, Addiewell, have now received official information that their two sons, reported missing are now presumed to have been killed in action. Pte James Kerr, 22 years of age enlisted in the Royal Scots early in the war, and was killed in action on the 12th April 1918. In civil life he was employed with Young’s Oil Company in connection with the locomotives. And was well known in the district.

*Midlothian Advertiser 22nd August, 1919.*

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Other 1st Bn.
SNWM roll Scottish Casualties extracted from Irish Regiments
Rank Pte Theatre of death France & Flanders
Kerr – Of your charity pray for the happy repose of the Soul of Pte Patrick Kerr, 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers, missing 24th March 1918, now officially reported dead – beloved eldest son of James and Mary Ann Kerr, 88 Livingstone Street, Addiewell, and brother of the late Pte James Kerr, also presumed killed in action on whose Souls Sweet Jesus have mercy – RIP
They bravely answered duty’s call, they gave their lives for one and all,
But their unknown grave is a bitterest blow, none but our sorrowing hearts can know.
Inserted by their father and mother.
Kerr – reported missing on the 24th March, 1918 now officially presumed killed on that date, Pte Patrick Kerr, 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers, brother of Pte James Kerr, also presumed killed in action beloved eldest son of Mr & Mrs James Kerr, 88 Livingstone Street, Addiewell, on whose Soul Sweet Jesus have mercy – RIP
They sleep beside their comrades, in a hallowed grave unknown,
But their name is written in letters of love, in the hearts they left at home.
Inserted by their sorrowing sister and brother in law, Mr & Mrs Lennon, 133 Main Street, Shettleston, Glasgow.
Midlothian Advertiser 22nd August, 1919.

A Local Family’s Sacrifice – Two Sons Killed in Action – Mr & Mrs James Kerr, 88 Livingstone Street, Addiewell, have now received official information that their two sons, reported missing are now presumed to have been killed in action Pte Patrick Kerr, 24 years of age, enlisted early in 1916, in the Royal Irish Fusiliers. He was reported missing on the 24th March 1918. No further information about him was received until the official notice that he was presumed to have been killed in action on that date. In civil life he worked as a clerk with Young’s Oil Co. Sincere sympathy will be felt for the aged couple and the family circle in their sad bereavement.
Midlothian Advertiser 22nd August, 1919.

S/25900 Pte John Lee
In Memory of John Lee S/25900 Pte 3rd Bn Cameron Highlanders, died aged 40, on 18th February, 1917 – son of Thomas and Maria Lee of 2 Campbell Street, Addiewell, West Calder – remembered West Calder Cemetery – West Calder War memorial states he served in the 1st Seaforth Highlanders.

1265 Pte William Martin Maxwell
Addiewell Soldier’s Death – Mr & Mrs James Maxwell, Beechwood Cottage, have received official confirmation through the medium of the Commonwealth of Australia Military Records, Branch 72, Victoria Street, Westminster, London, of the death of their son Pte William Maxwell, 5th Bn Australian Imperial Force, while fighting with the British Expeditionary Forces at the Dardanelles. In the letter which Mr Maxwell received, it stated that his son was either killed on the night of the 10th of August or the morning of the 11th, as it was on this morning he was found. Pte Maxwell of whom on the left is a photograph is only 25 years of age, and was well respected by all who knew him in the district. After leaving West Calder Secondary School he was at Heriot Watt College for some time. He also served a large part of his apprenticeship in Edinburgh, completing it at the local Oilworks. Having an inclination to see other parts of the world, Pte Maxwell sailed for South Australia about two years ago. He first settled at Adelaide, following up Government railway work. He was also at Victoria and New South Wales, and shortly after war broke out he travelled from Pan-Ban Station to Melbourne, where he enlisted with the Australian Expeditionary Force. Shortly afterwards he was dispatched with a contingent to the Dardanelles, where he experienced the hottest of the fighting at Gallipoli. Previous to going to Australia he was attached to the Territorial Force. Much sympathy is extended to Mr and Mrs Maxwell in their very sad bereavement. Mr Maxwell has a nephew fighting with the New Zealand Contingent at the Dardanelles.
Midlothian Advertiser 10th September, 1915.
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| **The Late Pte W Maxwell** | Mr James Maxwell, Beechwood Cottage, has received a letter from Lieut Colonel T W L Hastie, Commander of the 5th Battalion AIF from which the following is an extraction. “Your son No 1265, Pte W M Maxwell of the 5th Btn Australian Imperial Force, was killed in action on the night of the 10th August. He was killed instantaneously, and suffered no pain. His Company Commander gives a very good account of your son, stating that he was one of his best men, and his loss was greatly felt by his comrades. He was very keen in his work, and absolutely fearless. Please accept my sympathy with you in your loss.”  
*Midlothian Advertiser 29th October, 1915.* |
| **Maxwell** | In loving memory of Pte William M Maxwell, Australian Infantry, eldest surviving son of Mr and Mrs Maxwell, Beechwood Cottage, Addiewell, killed in action in Gallipoli 10th August, 1915.  
*Midlothian Advertiser 11th August, 1916.* |
| **Maxwell** | Killed in action at Gallipoli, on the 10th or 11th August. William Martin, aged 25 years, eldest surviving son of James Maxwell, Beechwood Cottage, Addiewell, West Calder.  
*Hamilton Advertiser 18th September, 1915* |
| **21167 Pte Alexander Meek** | 1911 Census for West Calder has Alexander Meek aged 18, boilermaker, Merchiston Buildings, West Calder son of James & Elizabeth Meek.  
**West Calder Soldier Wounded** – Pte Alexander Meek, of the 12th Royal Scots, son of Mr James Meek, 17 Tweed Street, West Calder, has been wounded in action in France. The nature of his wounds are not known as yet, as Mt Meek has only received the official notice. He is a young man of nearly 18 years. He enlisted in January last, and previous to doing so he worked in West Mains coal mine.  
*Midlothian Advertiser 29th October, 1915.*  
**West Calder Soldier dies with the Germans** – Mr James Meek, 17 Tweed Street, West Calder, has received the sad news that his son Pte Alexander Meek, of the 12th Royal Scots died of wounds on the 17th November last, while a prisoner in the hands of the Germans. He was buried at Hulloch. Pte Meek enlisted in in April 1915, and took part in the Battle of Loos in September. Previous to enlisting he worked as a coal miner with Young’s Oil Coy. Mr Meek’s family have always shown a splendid example of patriotism and sympathy will be felt for the parents in the sad loss they have sustained.  
*Midlothian Advertiser 18th February, 1916.*  
21167 Private Alexander Meek, 12th Btn Royal Scotland died 17th November 1915. Remembered with Honour Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.  
"Alexander Meek, 12th Royal Scots, son of Mr James Meek, West Calder, has died of wounds in Germany"  
SNWM  
Surname: Meek  
Firstname: Alexander  
Service No: 21167  
Date Death: 17/11/1915.  
Place of Birth: West Calder.  
Theatre of Death France & Flanders – Scottish War Memorials Project  
**Meek** – In loving memory of Alexander Meek, beloved son of James and Jane Meek, 17 Tweed Street, West Calder who died on 17th November 1915 from wounds received in action at the Battle of Loos aged 18 years.  
“He did his bit”  
Had we but seen him at his last, or watched his dying bed,  
Or heard the last sigh of his heart, or hold his drooping head  
Our hearts we think would not have felt, this bitterness of grief,  
But God has ordered otherwise, and now he rests in peace  
Sleep on, dear Alex, in a far off land, in a grave we shall never see,  
But as long as life and memory last, we will remember thee.  
Inserted by his brother James.  
*Midlothian Advertiser 10th March, 1916* |
| **Meek** | In loving memory of our dear sons Pte Alex Meek who died of wounds received in action 17th November, 1915 also James who was killed in action 12th April 1917.  
No loved ones stood around them to bid a fond farewell  
No words of comfort could they leave to those they loves so well |

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Inserted by their father and mother, Tweed Street, West Calder
Midlothian Advertiser 22nd November 1918.

Meek – In loving memory of my dear sons, Pte Alexander Meek, who died of wounds, on November 17th 1916. Also James, who was killed on 12th April 1917.

Sons of my bosom, you sleep with the brave
where no tears of our mother can drop on your grave
Unknown to the world, you stand by my side,
and whisper “Dear mother, death cannot divide”.

Inserted by their father and mother sisters and brothers, Tweed Street, West Calder.
Midlothian Advertiser 21st November, 1919.

39754 Pte Andrew Meikle
In Memory of Andrew Meikle, Pte 2nd Bn Royal Highland Fusiliers who died 1st December 1917 aged 19, son of Andrew & Maggie Meikle, 24 Livingston Street, Addiewell, Midlothian.
Remembers with Honour Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France
Midlothian Advertiser 4th Jan 1918

Mr & Mrs Meikle, 24 Livingstone Street, Addiewell have received official information that their son Pte Andrew Meikle of the Highland Light Infantry was killed in action on the 1st December 1917. Pte Meikle who was 19 years of age, enlisted on the 11th June 1917, and had been in France since the middle of August. In civil life he was employed as a boiler-fireman at Loganlea Colliery. Sincere sympathy is felt for the parents in their sad bereavement.

Meikle – Killed in action on the 1st December 1917, Pte Andrew Meikle HLI in his 19th year, beloved son of Mr and Mrs Meikle, 24 Livingstone Street, Addiewell.

Could I only have seen him once again, Though he only had come home to die
To kiss the face I loved so well, And whisper a last goodbye

Inserted by his father and mother.
Midlothian Advertiser December 1917.

Meikle – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte Andrew Meikle, 2nd HLI who fell in action at Cambrai on 1st December, 1917.

Not dead to us who loved him, not lost, but gone before
He lives with us in memory still, and will for ever more.

In our hearts your memory lingers, sweetly, tender fond and true
There’s not a day dear son, that we do not think of you.

Inserted by his father and mother sister and brothers, 24 Livingstone Street, Addiewell
Midlothian Advertiser 5th December, 1919.

16982 Pte William McGinty

West Calder Parish – Heavy Losses - It is reported that West Calder men have suffered heavily in the big engagement in France. Although we have not as yet been able to verify all the cases, it is reported that Pte W McGinty and Pte D Ferguson, Addiewell are killed
Midlothian Advertiser 1st October, 1915.

Soldier’s Death Confirmed – Information has just been received from Pte McGinty confirming the news of his brother’s death.
Midlothian Advertiser 8th October, 1915.

Addiewell Soldier Reported Killed – Information has been received by Mrs William McGinty of the death of her husband, Pte William McGinty, 13th Bn Royal scots, while fighting with the British Forces in France. The news was contained in a letter home from a comrade of Pte McGinty’s who stated he saw him killed on Tuesday. No official news has as yet been received from the War Office and much anxiety prevails with his wife and family. Pte McGinty enlisted in the new army shortly after war broke out and was dispatched some time ago to France. There are other three brothers at present also in the firing line, the eldest of whom experienced active service in the Boer War. Some anxiety is felt regarding his safety also, as word has not been received from him for over a fortnight.
Midlothian Advertiser 8th October, 1915.

McGinty – In loving memory of Pte William McGinty 10982, 13th Royal scots, 24 Westwood, West Calder, who was killed in action on September 27th 1915 at Hill 70.

Though buried in a distant grave, amidst the shot and shell,
For country’s sake his life he gave, he stood his trials well.
Who could have dealt that horrid blow, on one we loved so well
We never knew the pair he bore, no mortal tongue can tell
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Oh this world is full of sorrow, now his pains and trials are o’er,
But some day we hope to meet him, on that bright eternal shore.
   No matter how we think of him, his name we oft recall
   There is nothing left to answer, but the photo on the wall.
For country’s sake his life he gave, he died beloved by all.

Inserted by his Mother, Sisters, and Brothers

There’s a little grave in France, that mine eyes may never see,
   Though that little grave in France, is the dearest spot to me.
   For its where they laid by husband, once so winsome and so glad
   And my heart is torn and sad, that his face no more I’ll see
   There are many graves in France, dear to others as to me,
   As that little grave in France which mine eyes so long to see.
   Yes we mourn with sorrow deep, for the brave who sleep death’s sleep
   Yet we exult while we weep, for they died for us free.

Inserted by his wife, Mrs McGinty.
Midlothian Advertiser 5th November, 1915.

McGinty – In loving memory of Pte William McGinty, Royal Scots, who was killed in action on 26th September, 1915.

Days of sadness still come o’er us, tears of sorrow often flow,
   But memory keeps our loved one near us, though God claim him one year ago
Inserted by his sorrowing widow and family, Westwood.

Dear William, though you are one year gone, but to our memory dear,
   And many a time mother and sister weep when there is no one near.
Inserted by his sorrowing mother – Addiewell
Midlothian Advertiser 29th September, 1916.

McGinty - In loving memory of Pte William McGinty, 10982 Royal Scots, 24 Westwood, West Calder, who was killed in action on Sept 27th, 1915 at Hill 70. Inserted by his mother, brothers and sisters

Though buried in a distant grave, Amidst the shot and shell
   For country’s sake his life he gave, He stood his trials well.
Who could have dealt that horrid blow, On one we loved so well?
   We never knew the pain he bore, No mortal tongue can tell.
Oh! This world is full of sorrow, Now his pains and trials are o’er;
   But some day we hope to meet him, On that bright eternal shore.
   No matter how we think of him, His name we oft recall,
   There is nothing left to country’s sake his life he gave, He died beloved by all.
   Midlothian answer, But the photo on the wall.

For
Midlothian Advertiser 29th September, 1916

McGinty – In loving memory of my dear husband, 16982 Pte William McGinty, Royal Scots, who was killed at the Battle of Loos, on 26th September 1915.

When days are dark and friends are few, dear husband how I long for you.
Inserted by his loving wife, 23 Westwood, West Calder

McGinty – In loving memory of my dearly beloved son, Pte William McGinty, Royal Scots, who feel in action at Loos on the 26th September 1915, also dear Jim, 11th Btn Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, who died of wounds received in action in France on the 21st January 1918. Sadly Missed

Four lonely years have passed dear Willie, your grave we cannot see,
   We little thought how soon you would be laid in a soldier’s grave,
   Two of the unreturning heroes, Two of God’s honoured dead.

Inserted by their sorrowing mother, sisters and brothers.
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**Midlothian Advertiser 26th September, 1919.**

**McGinty** – In loving remembrance of our dear father, who was killed in action on January 21st 1918. Loved by all.

  Jesus called, he was ready, for the happy home so fair,
  He is singing with the angels, oh what, joy awaits us there.
  Inserted by his two little daughters, Isabella and Mary McGinty, Stanrig, Polmont.

_Midlothian Advertiser, 23rd January, 1920._

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**Pte William McGuigan**

**Casualty List** – Pte William McGuigan, Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, Addiewell – missing

_Midlothian Advertiser 29th December 1916.

Casualty List – Pte W McGuigan, Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, Addiewell – Missing

_Midlothian Advertiser 22nd June, 1917

In memory of 11103 Pte W McGuigan, 2nd Bn Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, who died 25th September, 1917. Remembered with honour Cologne Southern Cemetery, Germany. CWGC

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**1464 Pte John Reddington**

In Memory of John Reddington, 1464 Pte 2nd Bn Seaforth Highlanders who died 15th April 1915. Remembered with Honour Seaforth Cemetery, Cheddar Villa, Belgium.

Surname Reddington  First name John
Service Number 1464  Date Death 25/04/1915
Place of birth West Calder Midlothian
Other 2nd Bn. SNWM roll The Seaforth Highlanders
Rank Pte Theatre of death France & Flanders
Local Soldier Killed - Pte D Watson - since going to the front he has been long stretches in the trenches, and took part in many of the big engagements. He met his death alongside Pte Reddington as a victim to the German gases at Hill 60. The gas approached the British trenches in a thick cloud and Watson and many a brave fellow with him died rather than leave the post of duty. He leaves a widow and three of a family for who much sympathy will be felt

_Midlothian Advertiser 21st May, 1915.

Addiewell Soldier Victim of German Gases – Mr & Mrs Reddington, Muirhall Mains, Addiewell, have received official information from the War Office of the death of their son, Pte John Reddington of the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders. Pte Reddington enlisted soon after war broke out, and after several months training he was drafted to the Front. He took part in a terrible battle at Hill 60, and was with Corporal Watson, when the Germans began to use their gases. He stuck manfully to his post, but it cost him his life as he fell to a victim of the gases. Keen sympathy is felt for his parents in their sad bereavement.

_Midlothian Advertiser 21st May, 1915.

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**2279 Pte John Dunlop Simpson**

In Memory of 2279, Private John Dunlop Simpson 5th Bn., Royal Scots - (Queen's Edinburgh Rifles) who died age 17 on 16 May 1915. Son of Robert and Jessie Simpson, of 24, Stephenson St., Addiewell, West Calder, Midlothian. Remembered with honour – Helles Memorial, Turkey.

On the Saturday before war broke out it was Cauther games - The racing caused some excitement, attracting entries from as far afield as Edinburgh, although it was a local man from Addiewell, J Simpson who led the way in the half-mile and one-mile handicaps.

_Midlothian Advertiser 1914.

Addiewell Soldier Killed – (Photo) Mr Robert Simpson, Addiewell, has received information that his son Pte John D Simpson, of the 5th Royal Scots, has been killed in action at the Dardanelles. Pte Simpson was serving his apprenticeship as a cooper in the Addiewell Oil Works, when war broke out and when the call for recruits came he at once enlisted in the 5th Royal Scots. Although under the age for foreign service, he volunteered and the consent of his parents being secured he proceeded with the expedition to the Dardanelles. He came safely through the severed fighting in the earlier stages, but was killed on the 17th May. Deceased was a member of West Calder and District Pipe Band. Widespread sympathy is being shown for Mr & Mrs Simpson in the sad bereavement they have been called upon to bear.

_Midlothian Advertiser 28th May, 1915.

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EB Robert Simpson & Jessie Dunlop IMO their son John Dunlop Simpson who died of wounds received at the Dardenelles 16th May 1915 aged 17 years. Also their daughter Janet who died 9th March 1898 aged 6 years. The above Robert Simpson who died 11th July 1926 aged 80 years. On Plinth “His Country called and he answered”. Jessie Simpson died 17th Jan 1942 aged 86 years at Armadale. Son Robert signed her DC.

5673 Pte George Smith

Local Soldier Wounded – We regret to learn that news has been received of the illness of Pte George Smith of the 1st Bn Royal Scots, whose home is in Graham Street, Addiewell. His mother received a letter stating that he had been wounded in action and was dangerously ill. Pte Smith was a member of G Coy, 10th Royal Scots, and was well known in the district. He spent a considerable time on the East Coast, and when a draft was called for he volunteered for the front, where he did good work.

Midlothian Advertiser 23rd June, 1916.

Local Soldier’s Death – Mrs Smith, Graham Street, Addiewell, has now received the sad news that her son Pte George Smith, formerly of the 1/10th Bn Royal Scots, has died of wounds. He sustained a serious wound in the head and was reported be dangerously ill. The nurse has now sent home word that Pte Smith succumbed to his injuries. A telegram confirming the news has also been received. Sympathy will be felt for Mrs Smith in the sad bereavement she has been called upon to bear.

Midlothian Advertiser 7th July, 1916

Smith – In loving memory of Pte George Smith, 1/10th Bn Royal Scots, who died from wounds received in action in France on 25th June, 1916 aged 21 years – RIP

Had we been near his dying bed, to sooth his aching head,
Our hearts would not have felt so sore, the bitter tears we shed

Inserted by his sorrowing mother, brothers, and sisters – 7 Graham Street, Addiewell

Midlothian Advertiser 29th June, 1917

CWGC Smith, G
Rank: Private Service No: 5673
Date of Death: 25/06/1916 Regiment/Service: Royal Warwickshire Regiment 2nd/8th Bn.

SNWM
Surname: SMITH First name: George
Service Number: 5673 Date Death: 25/06/1916
Place of birth: Addiewell Midlothian
Other: 2/8th Bn., formerly 2304, R. Scots.
SNWM roll: Scottish Casualties Extracted From English Regiments
Rank: Pte Theatre of death: France & Flanders

40346 Pte Thomas James Steel

40346 Pte 2nd Bn Royal Scots Fusiliers, who died aged 19, on 23rd April 1917, son of Thomas & Christina Steel of Station House, Addiewell, remembered Bootham Cemetery Heninel, Pas De Calais, France.

Steel – Killed in action on the 23rd April. 1917 Thomas James Steel, beloved and only son of Thomas and Christina Steel, , Station House, Addiewell, aged 19 years

Midlothian Advertiser 11th May 1917.

Addiewell Soldier Killed – Mr and Mrs James Steel, Station House, Addiewell, have received official notice of the death in action on 23rd April of their only son, Pte Thomas James Steel of the Royal Scots Fusiliers. Pte Steel enlisted on September 4th 1914 and went to France in August of last year. He was scarcely 17 years of age when he enlisted so keen was he to do his bit. Previous to enlisting he was employed as a good clerk at the Lothian Road, Goods Station, Edinburgh. Keen sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Steel in their sad bereavement.

Midlothian Advertiser 11th May 1917.

Mr & Mrs Steel and daughters return sincere thanks to their many friends for the kind expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent sad bereavement – Station House, Addiewell

Midlothian Advertiser 18th May 1917.

Steel – In loving memory of Thomas James Steel, Royal Scots Fusiliers aged 19, who fell in France on 23rd April, 1917, only son of Mr and Mrs Steel, Station House, Addiewell.

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Local Soldier Killed – Mr Thompson, Stephenson Street, Addiewell, on Monday received the sad news that his son Pte Ernest Thompson of the HLI had been killed in action. Previous to enlisting Pte Thompson was a clerk at Foulshiels Colliery. He was well known in junior football circles in the district and was a clever and clean player. Sympathy will be felt for the family circle in their sad bereavement. A Comrade writing home says: “Pte Thompson did not require to go into the fight as the officer he attended to was not taking part. Another’s officer’s servant was not feeling quite up to the mark as he was suffering from shell shock and Pte Thompson pluckily offered to take his place. Many a man would have been glad to have been out of it as all knew it was to be a big affair.  

2nd Lieut. E Dobson of the 17th HLI writing home to Mr and Mrs Thomson says – “Please accept my sincere sympathy in your loss. Your son acted as my servant ever since I came to France and he was all I could desire. In the trenches he accompanied me on my rounds and his cheeriness and coolness always created confidence. I shall find it difficult to fill his place. In the platoon of the Company he was a great favourite and in the trenches at night he was warmly greeted by every sentry post. He was killed very early in the advance and you have the consolation of knowing that he suffered no pain, death being instantaneous. We have lost many good fellows, which makes us realise how terrible war is and hope that the end is not far off”.  

Midlothian Advertiser 14th July, 1916
Thompson – In ever loving remembrance of our dear boy Pte Ernest Thompson 17th HLI, Commercial Battalion who was killed in action, Somme Battle, France on Saturday 1st July 1916. Saviour in thy gracious keeping, leave we now our dear one sleeping Inserted by. his sorrowful parents, brothers and sister, a brother on active service.

Midlothian Advertiser 28th June 1918.
Thompson – In loving memory of my dear chum Pte Ernest Thompson HLI killed in action in France 1st July 1916. No matter how I think of him, his name I often call There is nothing left to answer but his photo on the wall Inserted by his chum W Aitken.

Midlothian Advertiser June 1918.
Thompson – In loving memory of our dear sons and brothers No 16178 Pte Ernesto Thompson, 17th Highland Light Infantry (Commercial Battalion), killed in action, France 1st July 1916 aged 20 years; also No 218243 Sig. Walter B Thompson, Royal Field Artillery, killed in action 29th September, 1918 aged 33 years, youngest and eldest sons of Mr & Mrs J C Thompson, 19 Stephenson Street, Addiewell. They died beloved by all, two of the unreturning heroes. Inserted by their parents, sister and brother.

Midlothian Advertiser 4th July, 1919.
West Calder Cemetery:
EB Helen Thompson IMO her beloved husband J C Thompson who died 4th April 1922. Also their sons Ernesto, killed in France 1st July 1916, Walter, Killed in France 20th Sep 1918, the above Helen Thompson died at Detroit 22nd June 1959 aged 102 years. Their Memory is my Greatest Gift.
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218243 Pte Walter Bain Thompson
In Memory of Gunner Walter Bain Thompson 218243, "B" Bty. 315th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery who died on 20 September 1918 aged 22. Remembered with honour Gouzeaucourt New British Cemetery - son of John & Helen Thompson, brother of Erneste who was also KIA.

Thompson – Killed in action on the 20th September 1918. Signaller Walter Bain Thompson RFA beloved husband of Mary Doig, Clydebank, and eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Thompson, 19 Stephenson Street, Addiewell, aged 33 years. Deeply Regretted

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13590 Pte Patrick Welsh
In Memory of P Welsh, 13590 Pte 12th Btn Royal Scots who died 20th October 1917 – Remembered with Honour Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No 3, Belgium
Surname Welsh First name Patrick
Service Number 13590 Date Death 20/10/1917
Place of birth West Calder Midlothian
Other 12th Bn. SNWM roll The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment)
Rank Pte Theatre of death France & Flanders

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43095 Pte Thomas Welsh
In Memory of Thomas Welsh 43095 Pte 8th Btn Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers who died aged 46, on 9th September 1916, Son of James and Bridget Welsh, husband of Mary Ann Welsh of 7 Graham Street, Addiewell. Remembered with Honour Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France
Surname Welsh First name Thomas
Service Number 43095 Date Death 09/09/1916
Place of birth Foxford Co Mayo
Other 8th Bn. formerly 5047 Connaught Rangers.
SNWM roll Scottish Casualties Extracted From Irish Regiments
Rank Pte Theatre of death France & Flanders.

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| ‘Sarah O’Keefe was his (Mr Girdwood) mother’s sister and came from Addiewell. In 1911, she The O’Keefe’s were Irish immigrants to Scotland from County Mayo, and they settled in Addiewell. There were eight children (six girls and two boys): Maggie, Mary, Annie, Jane, Marjory and Sarah; and the boys, Pat and John. In the 1911 census, you can find Sarah living with her parents and brothers and sisters at 18 Livingstone Street - 10 people in a two-roomed house. In August 1914, the First World War broke out. When the Women’s Royal Naval Service (popularly known as the Wrens) was formed in 1917, Sarah O’Keefe (by then aged 21) joined and became a stewardess. The Wrens were recruited for shore duties in order to ‘free a man for sea service’. According to her service record, Sarah enrolled on 16 September 1918. However, she was not killed as a result of enemy action, or an accident. Her death certificate shows that she fell victim to the terrible epidemic of Spanish influenza (flu) that spread over much of the world in 1919-20. More people died in the flu epidemic than in the Great War, and it was not the elderly that were worst affected, it was the young and fit, like Sarah O’Keefe. Sarah was serving on HMS Crescent at the time of her death, and according to one report, no fewer than 51 people on board that ship died of Spanish influenza. Sarah died on 18 February 1919, aged just 23. Since the treaty that officially ended the war was not
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signed until July 1919, her name was eligible for the war memorial. She is buried in West Calder Cemetery.”