

RWSABC



Some of the members of RWSABC fallen in the 1914-18 war

November 2019

Alexander Nicol

Son of late John S. Nicol (Coal Merchant) and Agnes Berwick 85 Brisbane St, Greenock.
Member of Glenpark Cricket Team. Brother in RNVR. Chartered Accountant with Kidson,
Goff and Findlay - Glasgow

Name appears on Glasgow University Roll of Honour

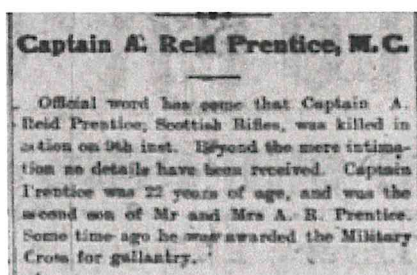
- Born In: [Greenock](#), Died: 12th July, 1915, Age: 21, Rank: Second Lieutenant
Regiment: Highlanders, Unit: 1st/5th Battalion, Cemetery: [Helles Memorial](#),
Memorials: [Greenock Academy War Memorial](#) [Greenock Cemetery](#)



Alexander Reid Prentice, M.C.

SON OF ALEXANDER REID PRENTICE AND ADA NORRISH PRENTICE, OF 28, NEWARK ST., GREENOCK.

- Died: 9th November 1917
- Age: 22
- Rank: Captain
- Regiment: [Cameronians \(Scottish Rifles\)](#)
- Unit: 12th Battalion attd. 10th Bn.



Cemetery: [Faubourg-d'amiens Cemetery, Arras, France](#)

Alexander Reid Prentice

Transcription of newspaper cuttings.

Captain A. Reid Prentice M.C.

Scottish rifles. Killed in action. About five months ago he was awarded the military cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party.

Captain A. Reid Prentice M.C.

Official word has come that Captain A. Reid Prentice, Scottish Rifles, was killed in action on 9th inst. Beyond the mere intimation no details have been received. Captain Prentice was 22 years of age and was the second son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Prentice. Some time ago he was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry.

Robert Orkney

Son of later Robert Orkney (Writer). Apprentice in Neil, Clark and Murray Solicitors

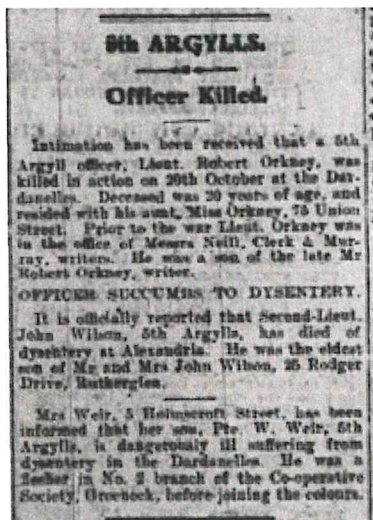
Name appears on Glasgow University Roll of Honour. Killed near Krithia Nullah by Argyll St. Trench

Lieut. Robert Orkney, 1-5th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, killed in action at the Dardanelles on 20th October, was 29 years of age and a son of the late Mr Robert Orkney, writer. He resided with his aunt, Miss Orkney, at 75 Union Street, Greenock. Before the war he was in the office of Messrs Neill, Clark & Murray, writers, Greenock, a firm with which his father was associated.

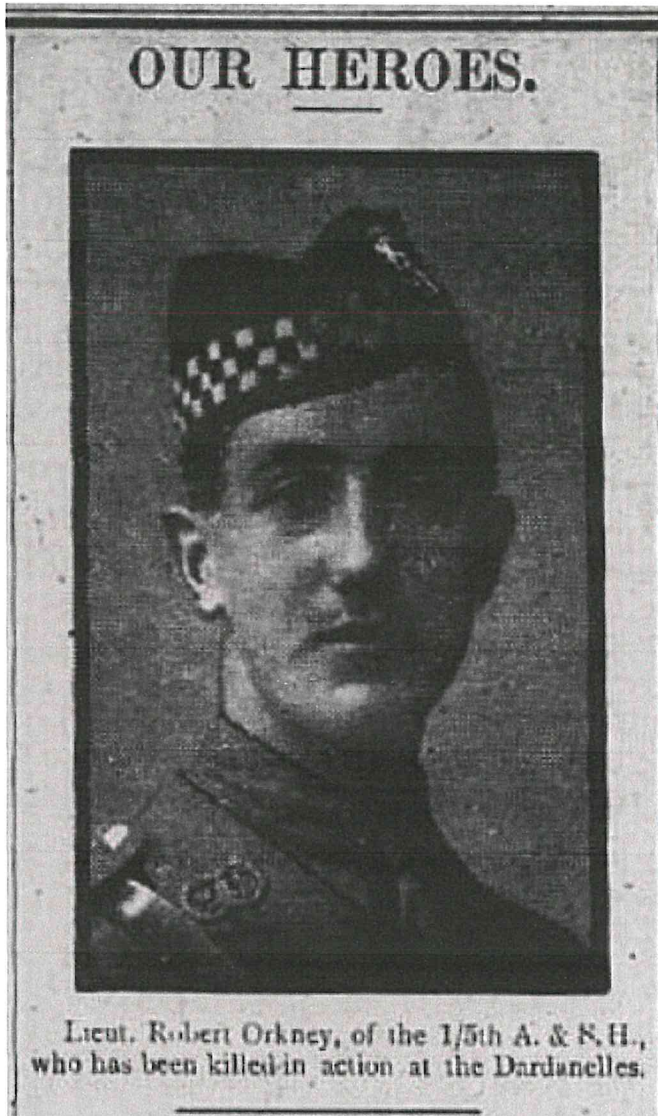
Robert Orkney



Robert Orkney



- Died: 20th October, 1915
- Age: 20
- Rank: Lieutenant
- Regiment: [5th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders](#)
- Unit: 1st/5th Battalion
- Cemetery: [Redoubt Cemetery, Helles, Turkey](#)
- Memorials: [Finnart St Paul's Greenock Academy War Memorial](#)



Robert Orkney

Transcription of newspaper cuttings.

Lieut. Robert Orkney, 1-5th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, killed in action at the Dardanelles on the 20th October, was 20 years of age and son of the late Mr Robert Orkney, writer. He resided with his aunt Miss Orkney at 75 Union Street, Greenock. Before the war he was in the office of Messrs Neill, Clark and Murray, writers, Greenock, a firm with which his father was associated.

GREENOCK WAR HEROES.

THE LATE LIEUT. ORKNEY

Killed in action on the 20th October at the Dardanelles. Deceased was 20 years of age and resided with his aunt Miss Orkney, 75 Union Street. Prior to the war Lieut. Orkney was in the office of Messrs Neill, Clark and Murray, writers. He was the son of the late Mr Robert Orkney, writer.

Officer Killed

Intimation has been received that a 5th Argyll officer was killed in action on the 20th October at the Dardanelles. Deceased was 20 years of age and resided with his aunt Miss Orkney, 75 Union St. Prior to the war Lieut. Orkney was in the office of Messrs Neill, Clark and Murray, writers. He was the son of the late Mr Robert Orkney, writer.

OFFICER SUCCUMS TO DYSENTERY.

It is officially reported that second Lieut. John Wilson 5th Argylls, has died of dysentery in Alexandria. He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Wilson of Rutherglen.

Mrs Weir, 5 Holmscroft Street has been informed that her son, Pte. W. Weir, 5th Argylls is dangerously ill, suffering from dysentery in the Dardanelles. He was a flesher in No. 2 branch Co-operative Society, Greenock, before joining the colours.

Thomas McLaren Hutchison

SON OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN B. HUTCHISON, OF 65 ELDON Street, GREENOCK.

Thomas McLaren Hutchison was the son of a shipyard manager from Greenock. At the age of 18 he enrolled at the University of Glasgow in 1912 to study Engineering, taking classes in Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Maths, Naval Architecture, and Drawing.

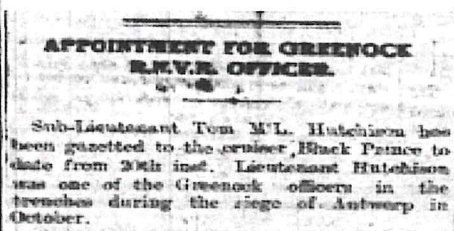
At the end of his second year he left University and was commissioned in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve as a Sub-Lieutenant on 6 May 1914. He served with the Nelson Battalion at the Siege of Antwerp in autumn of 1914 and in December was posted to HMS *Excellent*. He then joined the Armoured Cruiser *Black Prince* on 20 January 1915.

The *Black Prince* was part of the forward screen of ships at the Battle of Jutland and was damaged by a heavy shell. Though having to withdraw from action, she followed in line with Admiral Jellicoe's Grand Fleet, lagging behind where she became an easy target for five German battleships.

German Vice-Admiral Scheer described her destruction as 'a grand but terrible sight'. The *Black Prince* was sunk sometime around midnight on 1 June 1916. Hutchison and the rest of the *Black Prince*'s crew were lost. Their names appear on the Naval Memorial in Portsmouth.

Remembered at [Bellahouston Academy](#)

Commissioned Sub Lieutenant 6/5/14. With Nelson Battalion at Antwerp 1914-24/12/14 to HMS *Excellent*.



Died: 31st May 1916, Age: 22, Rank: Sub Lieutenant

Regiment: [Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve](#), Unit: H.M.S. *Black Prince*,

Cemetery: [Portsmouth Naval Memorial](#)

Memorials: [Greenock Academy War Memorial](#)

Thomas McLaren Hutchinson

Transcription of newspaper cuttings.

APPOINTMENT FOR GREENOCK RNVR OFFICER

Sub Lieutenant Tom McL. Hutchinson has been gazetted to the cruiser Black Prince to date from the 20th inst. Lieutenant Hutchinson was one of the Greenock officers in the trenches during the siege of Antwerp in October.

FATE OF A GREENOCK OFFICER

On Saturday intimation came to hand of the first local casualty in the naval battle. Sub-Lieut. Tom McL. Hutchinson, who was a member of the Royal company of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, was killed while serving onboard the Black Prince.

Lieut. Hutchinson was the elder son of Mr John D. Hutchinson (Scotts' company), 95 Eldon Street, and the news of his death will be received with much regret among his friends in Greenock. He was 22 years of Age.

Lieut. Hutchinson was gazetted to the Black Prince in January 1915 and had previously been in the trenches with the Naval Brigade at Antwerp.

DEATHS

ON SERVICE

Hutchinson - a naval battle, near Jutland on 31st May or 1st June

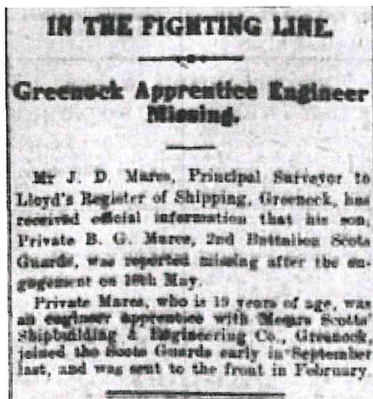
Tom McL Hutchinson, RNVR, in his 22nd year. Elder son of Mr and Mrs John B. Hutchinson,
65 Eldon Street, Greenock

Bertram Mares

Born Stockton on Tees. His father was a Lloyds Surveyor in Greenock. Bertram was an apprentice engineer with Scotts

Enlisted in Greenock.

Newspaper Clippings relating to Bertram Mares



Bertram Mares

- Died: 18th May 1915
- Rank: Guardsman
- Service No: 10175
- Regiment: [Scots Guards](#)
- Unit: 2nd Battalion
- Cemetery: [LE TOURET MEMORIAL, France](#)



Bertram Mares

Transcript of newspaper cuttings

IN THE FIGHTING LINE

Greenock Apprentice Engineer Missing.

Mr J.D. Mares, Principal Surveyor to Lloyd's register of shipping, Greenock, has received official information that his son, Private B.G. Mares, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, was reported missing after the engagement on the 18th of May.

Private Mares, who is 19 years of age, was an engineer apprentice with Messer Scotts' Shipbuilding & Engineering Co., Greenock, joined the Scots Guards early in September last, and was sent to the front in February.

Peter McKay McKirdy

Officer Commanding A Co Anson Bn. Born Sept 1st 1888, son of Rbt McKirdy sugar broker. Died of wounds at 11.30 am on board Hospital Ship GSW Abdomen. SON OF THE LATE ROBERT AND ELIZABETH B. MACKAY MCKIRDY, OF GREENOCK. Next of kin aunt Miss Katherine McKay, 47 Esplanade. Twin brother Robert killed at Gallipoli with 5th Argylls

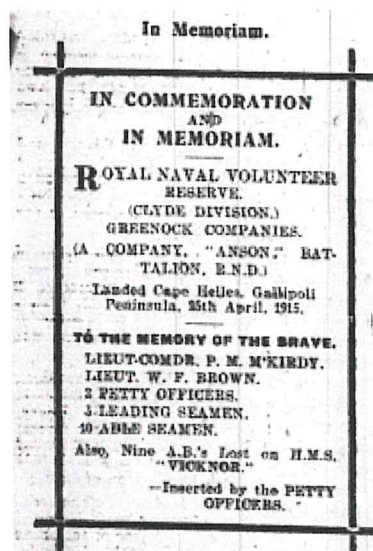
Commissioned Lieutenant Clyde Division RNVR 10/4/1913. Temp Lieutenant Commander 17/2/15; Anson Bn at Antwerp MEF Dardanelles 28/2/15-25/5/15 DD

Images relating to Peter McKay McKirdy



Memorial to the McKirdy brothers on the beach at Colintrive

Newspaper Clippings relating to Peter McKay McKirdy



Peter McKirdy

MACKAY, PETER MACKAY, Lieut. Commander, R.N.V.R., Anson Battalion Royal Naval Division, 2nd Lt. of Marine Battalion, of Greenock and Glasgow, Scotland; born 1st Sept. 1888; son of Robert Mackay of Greenock; 5 years in R.N.V.R., 17 July 1911; Lieut., 16 April 1912, and Lieut. Colonel, 19 April 1913; died of wounds received in action at the Dunkirk, 25 May 1915; age 26. His brother, Capt. R. F. Mackay, was killed in action there, 12 July following previous action.

MACKAY, ROBERT PINGELAND, Capt. R.N. Anson and other Battalion Headquarters (R.N.V.R.) of Robert Mackay, of Greenock and Glasgow, born 18th Feb. 1888; son of Robert Mackay of Greenock; 10 years in R.N.V.R., 17 July 1911; Lieut., 16 April 1912, and Lieut. Colonel, 19 April 1913; died of wounds received in action at the Dunkirk, 25 May 1915; age 26. His brother, Capt. R. F. Mackay, was killed in action there, 12 July following previous action.

- Born: 1st September 1888
- Born In: [Greenock](#)
- Died: 25th May 1915
- Age: 26
- Rank: Lieutenant Commander
- Regiment: [Royal Naval Division](#)
- Unit: Anson Battalion R.N. Div.
- Cemetery: [Portsmouth Naval Memorial](#)
- Memorials: [Westburn Church War Memorial](#)



Peter McKay McKirdy

Transcript of newspaper cuttings.

In Memoriam
IN COMMEMORATION
AND
IN MEMORIAM
ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER
RESERVE
(CLYDE DIVISION)
GREENOCK COMPANIES
(A COMPANY, "ANSON" BATTALION R.N.D.)
Landed Cape Helles, Gallipoli Peninsula, 25th April 1915

TO THE MEMORY OF THE BRAVE

LIEUT-COMDR. P. M. MCKIRDY

LIEUT. W. F. BROWN

2 PETTY OFFICERS

3 LEADING SEAMEN

10 ABLE SEAMEN

Also, Nine A.B.'s Lost on H.M.S. "Vicknor"

- Inserted by the PETTY OFFICERS

Robert Fingland McKirdy

Twin Brother Peter McKirdy killed at Dardanelles with Anson's RND. Son of Robert McKirdy (Sugar Broker)

There is a memorial to the McKirdy brothers on the beach at Colintrave

Images relating to Robert Fingland McKirdy

McKirdy

Newspaper Clippings relating to Robert Fingland McKirdy

MCKIRDY, PETER MACKAY, Lieut-Commander, R.N.V.R., ANNO 1888. Royal Naval Division, 2nd Lt. of Robert McKirdy, of Greenock and Glasgow. Married Miss F. McEwen, daughter of Robert McKirdy, of Greenock; b. Greenock, 1 Sept. 1888; edu. Edinburgh School, Greenock; was an Engineer; National, R.N.V.R., 17 July, 1909; Lieut., 18 Nov., 1914; and Lieut-Commander, 18 June, 1915; held of wounds awarded in action at the Gallipoli, 22 May, 1915; was, the twin brother, Capt. R. F. McKirdy, was killed in action there, 12 Feb., 1915; was.

MCKIRDY, ROBERT FINGLAND, Capt., 5th Batta. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (F.F.), twin of Robert McKirdy, of Greenock and Glasgow. Was a Broker, 23 Ave. W., Glasgow; son of Robert McKirdy, of Greenock; b. Greenock, 1 Sept. 1888; edu. Edinburgh School, Greenock; and was a Comd. Officer Agent; joined the 5th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (F.F.), 22 March, 1907; became 2nd Lt. on 23 March, 1909; Lieut., 20 Jan. 1910; was Capt., 1 Nov. 1912; volunteered for hospital service on the outbreak of war; left for Southampton, went to the Dardanelles, 2 Jan., 1915; and was killed in action there, 12 Feb., 1915; was.

- Born: 1st September 1888
- Died: 12th July 1915
- Rank: Captain
- Regiment: [5th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders](#)
- Unit: 1st/5th Battalion D Company
- Cemetery: [Helles Memorial](#)
- Memorials: [St Andrew's Church War Memorial](#)



Samuel Forbes (RND)

CWGC = age 26 ; An Iron Dresser with J & R Houston & Kerr ; b.27/9/1892 ; Next-of-Kin & home address: Parents, David & Jane, 82 Drumfrocher Rd., Greenock, later of: 2 Cotton Mill Row, Greenock.

Enlisted 5/1/15; Draft for Mediterranean Expeditionary Force (MEF) Daedanelles 1/8/15. Joined Howe Bn. 20/8/15-17/9/15 Diarrhoea, rejoined Howe Bn. 12/10/15-13/11/16 Shrapnel Wound right leg, Back & Axilla (Armpit area), Invalided to UK 17/12/16 ; Draft for British Expeditionary Force (BEF) 29/4/17, joined D

Died of wounds in 19th CCS (BW Head).

Newspaper Clippings relating to Samuel Forbes (RND)

Mr and Mrs David Forbes, 2 Cotton Mill Row, have been notified by the War Office that their eldest son, Samuel Forbes, A.B., was killed in action on 3rd August. He was attached to the Royal Naval Division. He was home last January suffering from wounds in the shoulder and leg. Before going on service deceased was in the employ of J. & R. Houston & Kerr, where he was held in esteem by his fellow-workmen.

GREENOCK WAR CASUALTIES.

Seaman Dies of Wounds.

Mr Johnston, 116 Drumfrocher Road, has received official intimation that his son, Acting Leading Seaman Samuel Johnston, R.N.D., has died of wounds received in action. Before joining the Navy Seaman Johnston was employed as a baker.

HOSPITAL CASES.

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Mrs Gormley, 10 East Shaw Street, Greenock, has been officially notified that her son, Private W. Gormley, H.L.I., has been admitted to hospital suffering from gunshot wound in right thigh.

In Memoriam.

FORBES.—In loving memory of our dear son, A.B. Samuel Forbes, R.N.D., who was killed in action in France on 3rd August, 1917, aged 26 years.

'Tis just one year ago to-day;
We never shall forget
The sad news that came to us
Of how our dear son fell.

We little thought when he left home
That he would ne'er return,
But thousands more will join him yet
From a land that will have to mourn.

—Inserted by his Father, Mother and Family,
No. 2 Cotton Mill Row, Greenock.

- Born: 27th September 1892
- Died: 3rd August 1917
- Age: 26
- Rank: Able Seaman
- Service No: Clyde Z/2949
- Regiment: [Royal Naval Division](#)
- Unit: Drake Battalion R.N. Div.
- Cemetery: [Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun](#)
- Memorials: [Broomhill War Memorial](#)

LOCAL WAR HERO.

SAMUEL ROBBS, A.B.,



Royal Naval Division. Killed in action.

Samuel Forbes (RND)

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-inserted by his Father, Mother and family. 2 Cotton Mill Row, Greenock.

William Fraser Brown

Born 13/9/1892.

Mother (NEE GRANT), OF "DUNGOURNEY," 13, NEWARK ST., GREENOCK.

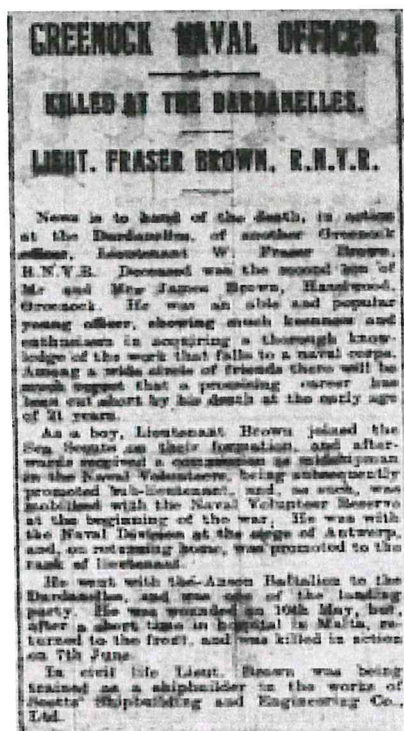
Killed in action at Dardanelles.

Enlisted Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve 22/8/1912. Served at Antwerp

Anson Battalion A/52 22/8/14 and A/41 1/1/15-4/6/15

Remembered Helles Memorial, panel 8-15.

Newspaper Clippings relating to William Fraser Brown



- Born: 13th September 1892
- Died: 4th June 1915
- Age: 21
- Rank: Lieutenant
- Service No: Clyde 1/2167
- Regiment: [Royal Naval Division](#)
- Unit: Anson Battalion R.N. Div.
- Cemetery: [Helles Memorial](#)

William Fraser Brown

GREENOCK NAVAL OFFICER

KILLED AT THE DARDANELLES

LIEUT. FRASER BROWN, R.N.V.R.

News is to hand of the death in action at the Dardanelles, of another Greenock officer, Lieutenant W. Fraser Brown, R.N.V.R. Deceased was the second son of Mr and Mrs James Brown, Hazelwood, Greenock. He was an able and popular young officer, showing much keenness and enthusiasm in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the work that falls to a naval corp. Among a wide circle of friends there will be much regret that a promising career has been cut short by his death at the early age of 21 years.

As a boy, Lieutenant Brown joined the sea scouts on their formation, and afterwards received a commission in the Naval Volunteer, being subsequently being promoted sub-lieutenant, and as such was mobilised with the Naval Volunteer Reserve at the beginning of the war. He was with the Naval Division at the siege of Antwerp and on returning home was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

He went with the Anson Battalion to the Dardanelles and was one of the landing party. He was wounded on the 10th May, but after a short time in hospital in Malta, returned to the front, and was killed in action on the 4th June.

In civil life Lieut. Brown was being trained as a shipbuilder in the work of Scotts' Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. Ltd.

Hugh MacPherson

Son of Robert and Mary Jane MacPherson of Mondode, Greenock. He died alongside his best friend George Allan. A bed was funded in their name at Greenock Royal Infirmary.

Glasgow Highlanders

Newspaper Clippings relating to Hugh MacPherson

Mr Hugh MacPherson, who has laid down his life on the battlefield, was a member of Ardgowan Tennis Club. When the news of his death came to hand on Monday the flag was displayed at half-mast, and play was suspended on the course for the day.

COMMISSION for GREENOCK SOLDIER.
From Glasgow Highlanders to 5th Argylls.

Private George W. Erskine, of the machine gun section of Glasgow Highlanders, has been gazetted Second Lieutenant in the local battalion of Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. Mr Erskine has had more than the average training in military matters, having served about five years in the 1st Lanark R.V., now known as the 5th Scottish Rifles, and afterwards four years in our Highland Howitzer Brigade, R.F.A., when he retired. During this period of service he specialised in signalling, and obtained the assistant instructor's certificate of proficiency.

On the outbreak of war Mr Erskine enlisted in the Glasgow Highlanders, and was one of four Greenock boys of that gallant corps who were despatched to the front on 1st November, 1914. He is now the only one left of that quartette. The others, George W. Allan, Hugh MacPherson, and more recently John Buchanan, having made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom are among the unreturning brave.

Hugh MacPherson

Killed in Action.
ALLAN.—Killed in action at Richebourg, France, on Monday, 17th May, 1915, in his 21st year. Private George Waldo Allan, 1st Battalion Glasgow Highlanders, elder son of Rev. Charles Allan and Mrs Allan, Greenock.
MACPHERSON.—Killed in action at Richebourg, France, on Monday, 17th May, 1915. Private Hugh MacPherson, 1st Battalion Glasgow Highlanders, in his 23rd year, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert MacPherson, Mondode, Greenock.

IN MEMORIAM.

THE RICHEBOURG BED

To the cherished memory of
HUGH MACPHERSON, aged 22 years,
Traveller at Glasgow Institute of Accountants and Actuaries,
 AND
GEORGE WALDO ALLAN, aged 20 years,
Student of Medicine at Glasgow University,
Privates in 1st Battalion Highland Light Infantry (Glasgow Highlanders) who fell together in action at Richebourg, France, on 17th May, 1915.

For such companions from boyhood they promptly volunteered together for service in this great crisis, and counting their lives dear to themselves, that they might serve their Country in the cause of Right and Liberty.

The above is a reproduction of the original inscription in black. The stone, which is a fine specimen of the best and most beautiful granite of the country, bears the inscription in white. The bed was prepared by James, Ltd., Glasgow, and is now on its way to the church of St. James, Leith, in the care of Mr. James Lockhart, of the Glasgow Workmen, the son of Mr. P. H. H. MacPherson.

MacPherson/Allan/Erskine

- Died: 17th May 1915
- Age: 22
- Rank: Private
- Service No: 2932
- Regiment: [Highland Light Infantry](#)
- Unit: 9th (Glasgow Highlanders) Battalion
- Cemetery: [LE TOURET MEMORIAL, France](#)



Hugh MacPherson

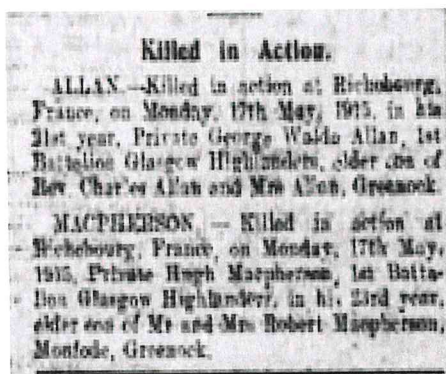
George Waldo Allan

SON OF THE REV. CHARLES ALLAN, M.A., AND MARGARET ALLAN, OF DUNEIRA, GREENOCK. 93 Newton St., Greenock. A MEDICAL STUDENT. Enlisted Glasgow resided in Greenock

Attested 12/11/14 Killed in action at Richebourg. Mentioned in Despatches for going to the help of wounded comrades and said by his own comrades to have earned the VC half a dozen times over.

Remembered at Le Touret Memorial, Panel 37-38.

Newspaper Clippings relating to George Waldo Allan



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George Waldo Allan

- Died: 17th May 1915
- Age: 20
- Rank: Private
- Service No: 3310
- Regiment: [Highland Light Infantry](#)
- Unit: 9th (Glasgow Highlanders) Battalion
- Cemetery: [Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-l'avoue](#)
- Memorials: [Greenock Academy War Memorial](#)



John Leck Rowan

Son of Isabel and John Rowan, The Croft, Kilmacolm. In 1918 they were living in 'Dardene'. Engineer with P&O.

Brother of [Hugh Rowan](#).

Crossed the parapet with a searchlight to find a sniper on the night of the 11th July 1915. Death witnessed by Private Ferns.



John L. Rowan.

"and his comrades bravely attempted to take the Turks prisoner. It was one of those heroic acts that failed through want of proper support. He truly did his best for his King and Empire."

ROWAN, JOHN LECK, Lieut., 5th Batta. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (T.F.), eldest son of John Rowan, of Invergowrie, Kilmacolm, co. Dundee, by his wife, Isabella Gordon, dau. of James Gordon, B. Sc., M.A., co. Dundee, 21 Jan. 1889, ed. Glasgow Collegiate School and Academy, and Glasgow Technical College; was an Engineer in the service of the P. & O. Co.; promoted 2nd Lieut. in the 5th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (T.F.), 10 May, 1911, and promoted Lieut. 1 July, 1914; volunteered for Imperial service on the outbreak of war in Aug. 1914, went to the Gallipoli, 21 May, 1915, and was killed in action at Saba Tepe, 11 July following, while

Mr Hugh Rowan has been promoted to the rank of Major, although only 26 years of age. He joined the ranks at the outbreak of war. He is a son of Mr Hugh Rowan of The Croft, whose second son, Lieut. J. L. Rowan, A. and S. H., was killed at the Dardanelles.

Hugh Rowan Promoted

LATE LIEUT. J. L. ROWAN.

The following intimation was read out from the pulpit of St James' Church, Kilmacolin, on Sunday, by Rev. Mr Jardine, who is occupying the pulpit during the absence of Rev. J. B. Paterson.

Mr Paterson wishes me to make reference to the death of Lieut. John L. Rowan, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles on the 12th inst., son of Mr and Mrs John Rowan, Dardennie, whose other son, 2nd-Lieutenant Hugh S. Rowan, is also on active service. Jack Rowan joined this church a few years ago and was a most lovable fellow, a great favourite among his companions, and inherited from his mother and father a most generous disposition. The last time Mr Paterson spoke to him he was longing to take his share in breaking up the scientific savagery which has been for so many years plotting against all we hold dear in the very centre of civilisation, and he has given his young life to redeem us from that terrible scourge. We deeply mourn the loss of such brave lives, but we honour him and all those fine lads, who are in reality not so much soldiers as martyrs in the Christian cause. Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy toward his mother and father and sisters who have lost a worthy son and a faithful brother. May we prove worthy of these lives laid down on our behalf and win with them God's "Well done."

JL Rowan

- Died: 12th July 1915
- Age: 26
- Rank: Lieutenant
- Regiment: [5th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders](#)
- Unit: 1st/5th Battalion
- Cemetery: [Helles Memorial](#)
- Memorials: [Greenock Academy War Memorial](#)



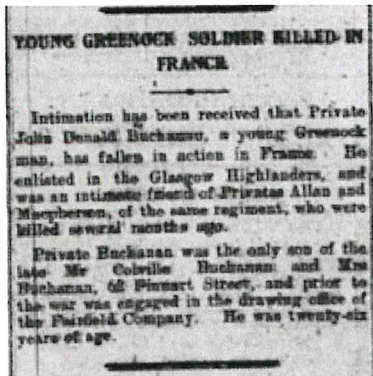
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John Daniel Buchanan

Only son of Mrs William Colville Buchanan, of 62 Finnart Street, Greenock, and the late William C Buchanan. Friend of McPherson and Allan. Apprenticed at Cairds. Worked in the Drawing Office of the Fairfield Coy. Was in Greenock Wanderers 1st team and in West of Scotland

Killed in Action in France.

Buried at GUARDS Cemetery, WINDY CORNER, CUINCHY, France. Grave Reference III. G. 1.



JD Buchanan

BUCHANAN, JOHN DANIEL. Private, No. 2514, C Coy., 9th Batta., Highland Light Infantry, The Highland Light Infantry, only son of the late William Colville Buchanan, Engineer, by his wife, Mary Campbell (née, Finnart Street, Greenock), dau. of Daniel Krebs, E. Greenock, 18 1/2 No. 1888; edu. Catholic school, Greenock, and the Royal Technical College, Glasgow; served his apprenticeship with Messrs. J. & G. Greenock, and was afterwards a Mechanical Instructor with the Fairfield Ship-building & Engineering Co., Greenock, volunteered on the outbreak of war, and enlisted 2 Sept. 1914; went to France 2 Nov. following, and after six months there was put in the Machine Gun Section, and about Sept. transferred to a Trench Mortar Battery; killed in action, 25 Sept. 1915, at Givenchy-sur-La-Scaude, Flandre, in Divisionary Trenchery (Plot III, Row II, Trench II). His Captain wrote that he always carried out his duties to the entire satisfaction of himself and the other officers, and showed at all times a splendid example of courage and tenacity in the face of danger, and had he lived was no doubt to have received a commission. He was a keen sportsman and thorough athlete. He was a member of the Royal West of Scotland Bowling Club, and held with some others the championship of Scotland for some years, and also a member of the First N.B. Greenock Wanderers Rugby Team; com.



John Daniel Buchanan.

John Daniel Buchanan

- Born: 16th December 1888
- Died: 25th September 1915
- Age: 26
- Rank: Private
- Service No: 2514
- Regiment: [Highland Light Infantry](#)
- Unit: 9th (Glasgow Highlanders) Battalion
- Cemetery: [Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy](#)

- Memorials: [Westburn Church War Memorial](#) [Greenock Academy War Memorial](#)

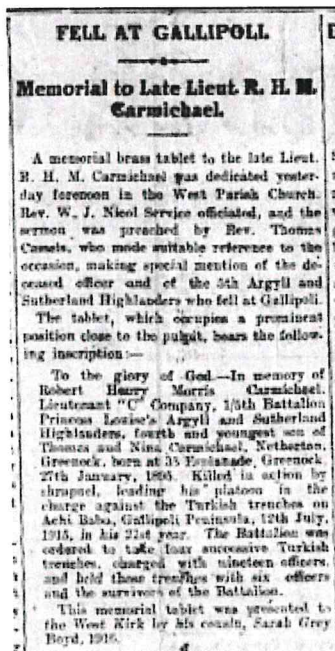
Robert Henry Morris Carmichael

4th SON OF THOMAS AND NINA ARTHUR CARMICHAEL. Lived at 'Netherton' Ardgowan Street with parents. 3 Brothers Serving. Employed Messrs Hardy and Rowan. Brother David Arthur was killed 17/4/1918

Commissioned 11th March 1913. Killed by shrapnel on charge of 12th July.



RHM Carmichael



RHM Carmichael

- Died: 12th July 1915
- Age: 20
- Rank: Lieutenant
- Regiment: [Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders](#)
- Unit: 1st/5th Battalion
- Cemetery: [Helles Memorial](#)

• Walter Washington Buchanan Rodger

Youngest son of late Provost Walter W B Rodgers and Emma Rodgers. Attended Glenalmond School was a member of the rifle team. Brother-in-Law of Reid Kerr.

Killed when ordered to front line with 29th Division. Men buried him on field

Newspaper Clippings relating to Walter Washington Buchanan Rodger

THE FIFTH A. & S. H.
IN ACTION AT THE DARDANELLES
GREENOCK OFFICER KILLED.

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The sympathy of the community will go out to Mrs. Rodger in her bereavement.

FURTHER CASUALTIES.

Benfrewshire Territorial Association has published the following casualties:—(1479) Pte J. O'Donoghue, admitted to hospital at Alexandria; (1696) Pte. J. M. Caffery, admitted to hospital, at Alexandria.

Considerable anxiety prevailed in Gourick on Thursday when it became known that the 5th Argylls had been in touch with the enemy, but so far no details are to hand so far as a general engagement is concerned.

5th ARGYLLS.
In the Dardanelles.

The news that the 5th A. and S. Highlanders had been in touch with the enemy at the Dardanelles created considerable anxiety in town yesterday. It is generally thought that there has been nothing in the nature of a general action so far as the local battalion is concerned. No details are yet to hand as to how Lieut. Rodger met his death, but it is thought that his company may have been out reconnoitring or on patrol duty, and that he was the victim of a Turkish sniper.

Rodger, WWB

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Walter W. B. Rodger.

There is to be issued in Dunfermline, and it is very hard that he should have been killed before he could see the sights on the Germans. His own great loss to his personality, and all the officers and his comrades.

RODGER, WALTER WASHINGTON BUCHANAN, Lieut. 5th Battalion and 29th Division Highlanders (T.F.), son of the late Walter Washington Buchanan Rodger, Esq., Provost of Dunfermline, O.E. J.P., of his wife, Emma Anna Buchanan, Greenock, daughter of William Clark Rodger, of New York; Greenock, 13 May, 1915; aged 20 years; Family College, Greenock; qualified 2nd Lieut., Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 20 Dec. 1901, and promoted Lieut. 1 Sept. 1914; went to the Dardanelles, 1 June, 1915, and was killed in action near Krizia, 8 July following; none buried there. He was a member of Glenalmond G.F.C. for four years, and one of the fifty from two years.

Rodger, WWB 3



Rodger, WWB 4

- Died: 8th July 1915
- Age: 20
- Rank: Lieutenant
- Regiment: [5th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders](#)
- Unit: 1st/5th Battalion
- Cemetery: [Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey](#)
- Memorials: [Greenock Cemetery Finnart St Paul's](#)



Charles McNicol

- Rank: Captain
- Regiment: [Royal Army Medical Corps](#)

Hamish A Macintyre

- Rank: Lance Corporal
- Regiment: [Cameron Highlanders](#)
- Unit: 4th battalion
- Memorials: [Greenock Academy War Memorial](#)

Robert Miller Denholm

SON OF JOHN DENHOLM, SHIPOWNER, OF "LAWTHORN,' 13 OCTAVIA TERRACE, GREENOCK. BORN AT GREENOCK on 23rd May 1899.

Entered Air Service 10th June 1917. Appointed Temp Flight Officer 10/6/1917 at Crystal Palace. Moved to Chingford. Killed there 28/7/1917. Accident to MF5733 M/C crashing to earth in a spinning nose-dive, this Officer being killed.

July 27, 1917 At about 1000hrs on Friday July 27 (or July 28) a trainee pilot operating from RNAS air station Chingford took off for a solo flight in a Maurice Farman 57 Longhorn pusher N5733. During this flight, whilst still close to the airfield, the aircraft was seen to break up in the air and crash 600 to 700 feet to the ground. The pilot, 18 year old probationary pilot Robert Miller Denholm died. It was subsequently adjudged that one of the wing struts had failed.

Images relating to Robert Miller Denholm



Wemyss Bay Church

DENHOLM, ROBERT MILLER, Flight Officer, Royal Naval Air Service, and s. of John Denholm, of Lawthorn, Greenock, Shipowner, by his wife, Jane, dau. of Robert Miller, of Greenock; b. Greenock, 23 May 1899; educ. at Greenock Academy; was stationed in the Glasgow office of Messrs. Harland, Glasgow; obtained a commission in June, 1917, and was killed in an airplane accident at the Royal Naval Air Station, Chingford, 28 July following. Buried at Greenock; see.



Robert Miller Denholm.

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FUNERAL OF GREENOCK AIRMAN.

The body of Robert Miller Denholm, probationary flight officer, was brought to Greenock for interment, and the funeral took place yesterday afternoon. Several intimates of the deceased and friends of the family were present. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack. Rev. W. J. Nichol Service was the officiating minister.

Robert Miller Denholm

- Born: 23rd May, 1899
- Born In: [Greenock](#)
- Died: 28th July, 1917
- Age: 18
- Rank: --
- Regiment: [Royal Naval Air Service](#)
- Unit: (Chingford)
- Cemetery: [Greenock Cemetery, Scotland](#)
- Memorials: [St Andrew's Church War Memorial](#) [Greenock Academy War Memorial](#) [Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church](#)



Robert Miller Denholm.