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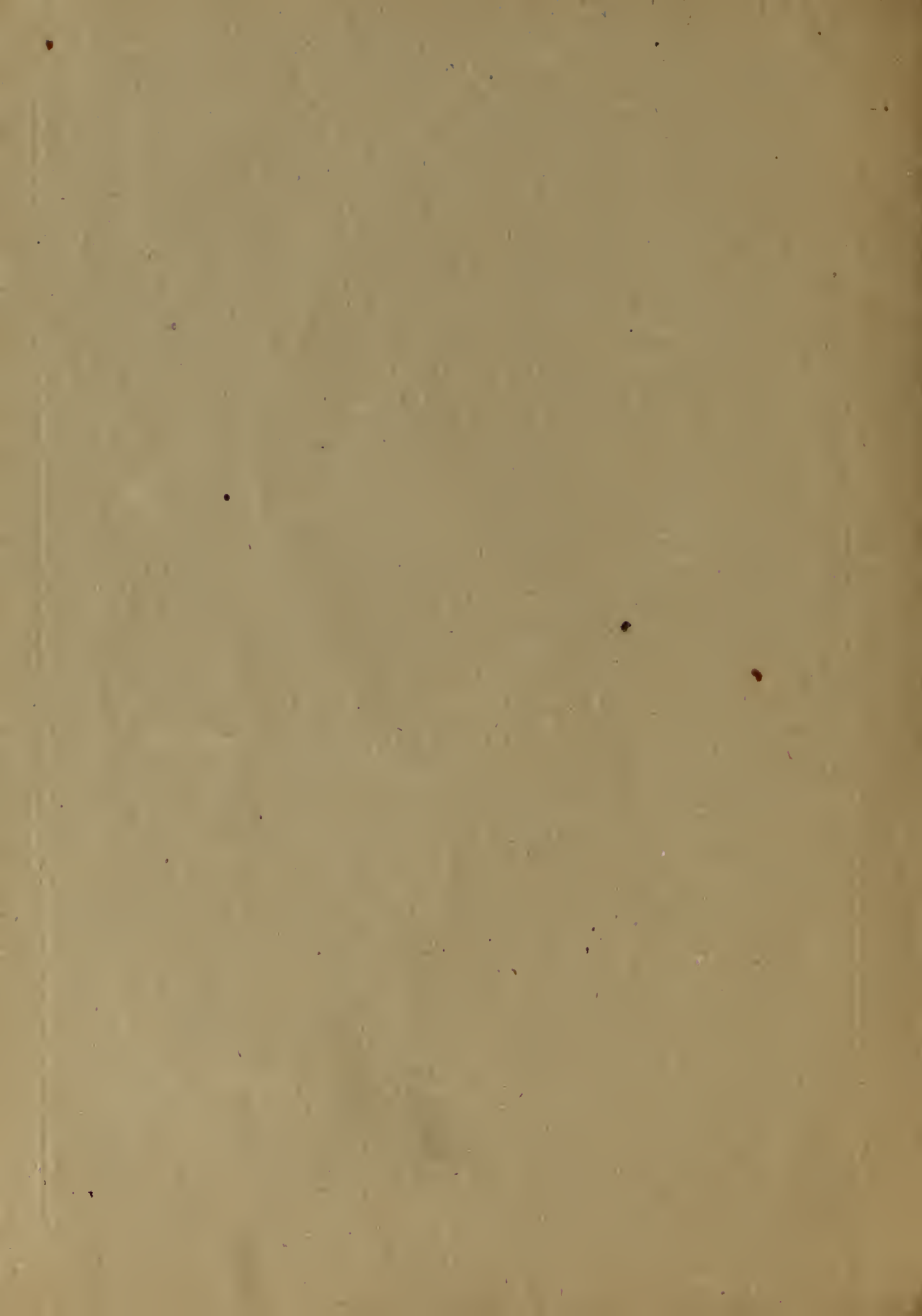
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KIRKWALL



## THE GREAT WAR

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CONGREGATIONAL ROLL OF HONOUR . . . .

ADDRESS DELIVERED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE

*"So nigh is grandeur to our dust,  
So near is God to man,  
When Duty whispers low: 'Thou must,'  
The youth replies: 'I can.'"*



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# ROLL OF HONOUR

## A List of those who have Served in the War in the British Navy or Army

The List contains 205 names. Among them are included a number who, while they did not join H.M. Forces from the congregation, were brought up in it and are still represented in it by their fathers and mothers. Those who, while they were brought up in the congregation, have made homes for themselves elsewhere, are not included.

NAME AND RANK.	HOME ADDRESS.	REGIMENT.	PARTICULARS.
Private James Allan	59 Albert Street	Scottish Rifles	
Corporal William Allan	54 Victoria Street	Lanarkshire Yeomanry	
Corporal James D. Bews	8 Queen Street	Scottish Rifles	Wounded
Private John W. S. Bews	Old Scapa Road	Gordon Highlanders	
Sapper John T. Bews	Scapa Pier	Canadian Forces	
Private Samuel Bews	8 Queen Street	Gordon Highlanders	
Private William Bews	12 Victoria Road	Black Watch (Labour Corps)	
Private James Borwick	34 Victoria Street	Australian Forces	Killed in action, 11th Aug. 1918
Private James Borwick	2 Union Str. et	Seaforth Highlanders	Twice wounded
Private James Brass	26 Clay Loan	Canadian Forces	
Corporal William Brass	26 Clay Loan	New Zealand Forces	Killed in action, 26th April 1915
Matr. John Bremner	21 Victoria Street	R.N.R.	
Engineer Robert Brough	1 Cromwell Road	Royal Navy	
Seaman Richard Caithness	7 Long Close	M.M.R.	
Seaman Edgar Cooke	10 Bridge Street Wynd	R.N.R.	
Private James Cooper	13 School Place	Royal Scots	Killed in action, 30th Sept. 1916
Private Leslie Cooper	13 School Place	Bufs	Twice wounded
Bombr. Robert P. Cooper	Highbury, East Road	R.G.A.	
Seaman William C. Cooper	13 School Place	R.N.R.	
Captain John S. Cormack	17 Palace Road	R.G.A.	
Sapper John Costie	8 Main Street	Royal Engineers	
Corporal William Costie	12 Main Street	R.G.A.	
Private James Craigie	Widford Mains	Cameron Highlanders	
Private John Craigie	11 St Catherine's Place	Royal Scots	Twice wounded. Lost leg
Saddler T. S. Craigie	11 St Catherine's Place	M.G.C.	
Seaman Jack Crisp	8 Wellington Street	R.N.R.	
Private John C. Croy	51 Victoria Street	Seaforth Highlanders	Wounded
Chief Signaller G. H. Cumming	Broad Street	R.N.R.	
Bombr.-Sig. Robert S. Cumming	Broad Street	R.F.A.	
Major Wm. H. B. Davidson	Viewforth	R.G.A.	
Private A. J. Dearnass	St Catherine's Place	R.A.M.C.	
Engineer John Delday	Upperfield	Royal Navy	
Corporal David Donaldson	Watergate	Scottish Borderers	Died of wounds, 6th Aug. 1918
Driver William E. Donaldson	Easthouse	A.S.C	
Private William Donaldson, jr.	Easthouse	Seaforth Highlanders	Wounded
Private John G. Drever	Junction Road	Royal Scots	Wounded
C.P.O. John Drever	9 Bridge Street	M.M.R.	
Private John Drever	6 Warren's Walk	Seaforth Highlanders	Killed in action, 10th Dec. 1916
Private George Drever	6 Warren's Walk	Scots Guards	Killed in action, 27th Dec. 1914
Private Thomas Drever	21 Victoria Street	Seaforth Highlanders	Killed in action, 14th Oct. 1918
Sapper P. B. Drummond	54 Victoria Street	Royal Engineers	
L/Bombr. Charles M. Flett	18 Garden Street	R.G.A.	Gas burned
2nd Lieut. David A. Flett	36 Albert Street	H.L.I.	[1918
2nd Lieut. Fred Flett	36 Albert Street	Seaforth Highlanders	Accidentally killed, 9th March
Lieut. George Flett	36 Albert Street	Seaforth Highlanders	Military Cross. Thrice wounded
2nd Lieut. James Flett	50 Albert Street	R.A.F.	
Lieut. James Flett	Anchor Cottage	R.G.A.	
Private William Flett	Chapel House	Royal Scots	
Gunner George Foubister	24 Wellington Street	R.G.A.	Died of wounds, 22nd Sept. 1918
Stoker James Foubister	Nether Scapa	R.N.R.	
Seaman John Foubister	Nether Scapa	R.N.R.	
Private Thomas Foubister	Nether Scapa	Seaforth Highlanders	Wounded
Lieut. Andrew Frisken	Bendigo	R.N.R.	
Gunner R. F. Garrioch	Gallowhall	R.G.A.	Wounded
Gunner Thomas Garrioch	47 Victoria Street	R.G.A.	
Private Samuel Gorn	Willow Road	Seaforth Highlanders	
Private Ernest Greig	8 Nicolson Street	Lovat Scouts	

NAME AND RANK.	HOME ADDRESS.	REGIMENT.	PARTICULARS.
Bombr. James Greig	8 Nicolson Street	R.G.A.	
Corporal Alexr. Groundwater	20 Harbour Street	R.G.A.	
L/Corpl. Richard Groundwater	Junction Road	Labour Corps	
Sergeant Robert B. Gunn	22 Clay Loan	Canadian Forces	
C.P.O. Morrison G. Gunn	53 Victoria Street	Royal Navy	
Private William Gunn	Blinkbonny Cottage	Seaforth Highlanders	Wounded
Private Robert Halcrow	81 Victoria Street	H.L.I.	
Gunner William Halcrow	81 Victoria Street	R.G.A.	
Private Gillies Hareus	16 Main Street	Seaforth Highlanders	
Private James Hareus	Bridge Street Wynd	Seaforth Highlanders	Killed in action, 27th July 1918
Seaman Robert Hareus	22 Shore Street	R.N.R.	Died at sea, 13th Sept. 1917
Private Robert Hareus	Berstone Road	New Zealand Forces	[dispatches
Major Malcolm Heddle	Palace Road	R.G.A.	D.S.O., M.C. Mentioned in
Private Thomas Heddle	Mill Street	Seaforth Highlanders	Wounded. Gassed
Private Alex F. Henderson	1 East Road	Machine Gun Corps	
Private John Hareus	Blinkbonny	Seaforth Highlanders	Wounded
Private Robert Holland	18 East Road	H.L.I.	Wounded
Driver Andrew Hourston	Hall of Yenstay	Canadian Forces	
Bombr. John Hourston	Hall of Yenstay	R.G.A.	
Sergeant Alfred Hourston	Quoyberstane	Canadian Forces	Wounded. D.C.M. Medaille
Sergeant Alexr. Hourston	Quoyberstane	Royal Engineers	Killed in action, 4th Sept. 1916
Private Archd. Hourston	Quoyberstane	New Zealand Forces	Killed in action, 4th Oct. 1917
Mechanic Edwin Hourston	Quoyberstane	R.A.F.	
Gunner Robert Hourston	Quoyberstane	R.G.A.	
Private Wm. B. Hourston	75 Victoria Street	R.A.M.C.	
Gunner Hugh Inkster	24 Clay Loan	R.G.A.	Mentioned in dispatches
Gunner James Irvine	67 Victoria Street	R.G.A.	
Private Wm. P. Johnston	34 Victoria Street	Royal Scots	
Corporal John Kennedy	Garden Street	R.G.A.	Missing, 27th Sept. 1915. Pre-
Gunner David Kirkness	Fernlea	R.F.A.	[sumed killed
2nd Lieut. Thomas R. Kirkness	Fernlea	R.A.F.	Gassed. Wounded
Private William Kirkness	Fernlea	Royal Scots	Missing, 18th Aug. 1917. Pre-
Private Alfred E. Laird	Junction Road	Wounded	Wounded [sumed killed
Private James Laird	7 Fraser's Close	Cameron Highlanders	Wounded
Signaller Wm J. Laird	Junetion Road	Seaforth Highlanders	Wounded
Gunner Alexander Lamb	Junction Road	R.G.A.	
Private William Laughton	5 Bridge Street Wynd	R.N.R.	
Alexander Learmonth	42 Garden Street	Seaforth Highlanders	Gassed
Signaller Alfred Learmonth	42 Garden Street	American Army	
Seaman Andrew Leitch	42 Garden Street	Royal Navy	Accidentally drowned, 9th Nov.
Private Robert A. Leitch	Ivylea, Willow Road	R.N.R.	[1918
Private William Lennie	Ivylea, Willow Road	Gordon Highlanders	Twice wounded
Mate George Leslie	42 Victoria Street	Labour Corps	
Signaller Robert E. Leslie	21 Victoria Street	M.M.R.	[sumed killed
Private William Leslie	Tankerness Lane	Seaforth Highlanders	Missing, 21st March 1918. Pre-
Private William Leslie	Tankerness Lane	Seaforth Highlanders	Twice wounded
Private George W. Logie	6 Bridge Street Wynd	Royal Scots	Killed in action, 7th Oct. 1917
Mate John MacGillivray	13 East Road	Dragon Guards	
Private Edwin MacKay	39 Victoria Street	M.M.R.	
Sapper William MacKay	7 Clay Loan	Seaforth Highlanders	Killed in action, 9th Sept. 1916
Private William Mainland	7 Clay Loan	Royal Engineers	
Private Robert Marr	Carness	Seaforth Highlanders	
Private John J. Marwick	1 Bridge Street	Royal Scots	[1917
Sapper John Meason	78 Victoria Street	Royal Scots	Accidentally killed, 28th Oct.
Captain Rev. George Millar, C.F.	9 East Road	Royal Engineers	
Private John Miller	Paterson Manse	R.G.A.	Died on service, 26th Aug. 1917
Private George Moodie	Ayre Road	R.G.A.	
Mechanic Alexr. Morgan	Bridge Street Lane	Canadian Forces	Wounded
Drummer Donald Morgan	52 Albert Street	R.A.F.	
Gunner David Mowat	52 Albert Street	Canadian Forces	Accidentally killed, 4th Dec.
Gunner George Mowat	41 Albert Street	R.G.A.	[1917
Sergeant James Mowat	41 Albert Street	R.G.A.	
Private John Mowat	41 Albert Street	R.G.A.	
Gunner William Mowat	41 Albert Street	Canadian Forces	
Private Alfred Mowat	41 Albert Street	R.G.A.	
Sergeant William Mowat	47 Victoria Street	Royal Scots	Wounded [Medal
Private Robert Mowat	47 Victoria Street	Canadian Forces	Twice wounded. Military
Lieut. Andrew Muir	21 Victoria Street	Seaforth Highlanders	Died on service, 20th May 1917
Signaller George Muir	22 Ayre Road	R.N.R.	
Private George Muir	22 Ayre Road	R.F.A.	
Private James W. Muir	25 St Catherine's Place	R.G.A.	
Bombr. James S. Muir	25 St Catherine's Place	R.G.A.	
Fireman John Muir	1 East Road	R.G.A.	
Private John Wm. Muir	Junction Road	M.M.R.	
	6 Albert Street	Australian Forces	Died of wounds, 6th June 1917

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P.O. William Muir	6 Albert Street	Royal Navy	
Gunner John Muir	38 St Catherine's Place	R.G.A.	Gassed
Private William Muir	38 St Catherine's Place	A. & S. Highlanders	
Bombr. William Norquoy	Willow Road	R.G.A.	
Private Alexr. Peace	Westbank	Seaforth Highlanders	
L/Corpl. David Peace	Willow Road	Seaforth Highlanders	Gassed. Wounded
Private John H. Peace	28 Clay Loan	Seaforth Highlanders	Gassed
Major Thomas S. Peace	Inganess Cottage	R.G.A.	
Private Alex. Rendall	18 Clay Loan	Seaforth Highlanders	
Private Gordon Rendall	18 Clay Loan	Canadian Forces	
Private Wm. C. Robertson	4 Main Street	Seaforth Highlanders	Killed in action, 23rd April 1918
Private George W. Scarth	10 Nicolson Street	Labour Corps	
2nd Lieut. George W. Scarth	22 East Road	R.G.A.	
Private James Scarth	22 East Road	Seaforth Highlanders	Wounded
Gunner John Scarth	22 East Road	R.G.A.	Died of wounds, 15th Dec. 1917
Gunner Thomas Selater	Myrtle Villa	R.F.A.	
Rifleman Thomas S. Selater	Quoybank	New Zealand Forces	Killed in action, 12th Oct. 1917
Bombr. James Scott	81 Victoria Street	R.G.A.	
Private George Shearer	12 St Catherine's Place	Royal Scottish Fusiliers	Killed in action, 13th Nov. 1917
Private James Shearer	Junction Road	Seaforth Highlanders	Killed in action, 22nd July 1918
Lieut. James Shearer	73 Victoria Street	R.G.A. and R.M.A.	
Captain John Shearer	Old Scapa Road	R.G.A.	
Private John Shearer	43 Albert Street	Ayrshire Yeomanry	
C.S.M. Robert Shearer	22 High Street	R.G.A.	
C.Q.M.S. William Shearer	Garden Street	R.G.A.	
Lieut. George H. Sinclair	Union Bank House	Scottish Rifles	Gassed. Twice wounded.
Private John Sinclair	Claremont, Willow Road	A.O.C.	[Mentioned in dispatches]
Private John D. Sinclair	83 Victoria Street	R.A.M.C.	
Gunner John Sinclair	16 Shore Street	R.N.R.	
Gunner Robert Sinclair	16 Shore Street	R.N.R.	Drowned, 14th Feb. 1918
Private Thomas Sinclair	16 Shore Street	Royal Scots	Killed in action, 23rd Aug. 1918
Private Robert Sinclair	Ayre Road.	Seaforth Highlanders	
Private William Sinclair	22 Garden Street	Royal Scots	
Lieut. William A. Sinclair	Queen Street	Seaforth Highlanders	
Private David J. Smith	20 Garden Street	A.S.C.	Died on service, 4th Sept. 1916
Private Thomas Smith	20 Garden Street	K.O.S.B.	Wounded
Private James Smith	1 East Road	Seaforth Highlanders	
Private John Smith	4 Warren's Walk	Gordon Highlanders	Twice wounded
Corporal Henry Smith	8 Bridge Street Lane	R.G.A.	
Sergeant John N. Spence	New Pitten	R.A.F.	
Major Sidney G. Spence	New Pitten	R.F.A.	Mentioned in dispatches
Sergeant John G. Spence	19 East Road	H.L.I.	Killed in action, 25th Mar. 1918
Sergeant Robert S. Spence	6 Albert Street	R.G.A.	
Private Charles Spinks	High Street	Gloucesters	Died of wounds, 23rd Mar. 1918
Corporal James Stevenson	New England	R.G.A.	
Private Robert Stevenson	New England	Canadian Forces	Wounded
Lieut. William Stevenson	New England	Canadian Forces	Wounded
Private James Sutherland	12 Albert Street	Cameron Highlanders	Killed in action, 15th Sept. 1916
Sergeant Wm. H. B. Sutherland	Lyness Cottage	R.A.M.C.	
Captain Charles E. Swanney	Cedarlea	R.G.A. and R.M.A.	
Gunner John Swanney	33 Victoria Street	R.G.A.	
Private David Taylor	8 Gunn's Close	Labour Corps	
Gunner John Taylor	8 Gunn's Close	R.G.A.	
Private Peter Turfus	Blackhall	Seaforth Highlanders	
Private Alfred D. Twatt	4 Wellington Street	A. & S. Highlanders	
Private Thomas Twatt	4 Wellington Street	Royal Scottish Fusiliers	
Gunner John Voy	Inganess	R.G.A.	Gassed
Private James Voy	Inganess	Canadian Forces	Killed in action, 7th March 1918
Seaman Peter Watt	Old Scapa Road	American Navy	
Major John White	Dundas Crescent	R.G.A. and R.M.A.	
Private T. T. W. Williamson	6 King Street	Indian Defence Force	
Private Andrew Wilson	33 Victoria Street	South African Forces	
Gunner George Wilson	Victoria Street	R.G.A.	
Private Jeremiah Wilson	Rowan Cottage, Willow Rd.	Canadian Forces	
Private Stewart Wilson	Rowan Cottage, Willow Rd.	Royal Scottish Fusiliers	Killed in action, 20th July 1915
Sergeant Thomas Wilson	Willow Road	R.G.A.	
Private James Wishart	8 Nicolson Street	Labour Corps	
Corporal David Wooldrage	Rowan Cottage, Willow Rd.	R.G.A.	
Private George Wooldrage	Rowan Cottage, Willow Rd.	Seaforth Highlanders	
Wagoner James Wooldrage	Rowan Cottage, Willow Rd.	American Army	
Gunner Thomas Work	Victoria Street Hall	R.G.A.	
Corporal Robert H. Wright	Burnside	Australian Forces	
Seaman John W. Wylie	Off School Place	R.N.R.	
Private David Yorston	6 Frazer's Close	Gordon Highlanders	Twice wounded

**"THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE."**



**"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN."**

Private JAMES BORWICK, Australian Forces, killed in action, 11th August 1918.  
Corporal WILLIAM BRASS, New Zealand Forces, killed in action, 26th April 1915.  
Private JAMES COOPER, Royal Scots, killed in action, 30th September 1916.  
Corporal DAVID DONALDSON, Scottish Borderers, died of wounds, 6th August 1918.  
Private JOHN DREVER, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action, 10th December 1916.  
Private GEORGE DREVER, Scots Guards, killed in action, 27th December 1914.  
Private THOMAS DREVER, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action, 14th October 1918.  
2nd Lieutenant FRED. FLETT, Seaforth Highlanders, accidentally killed, 9th March 1918.  
Gunner GEORGE FOUBISTER, R.G.A., died of wounds, 22nd September 1918.  
Private JAMES HARCUS, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action, 27th July 1918.  
Seaman ROBERT HARCUS, R.N.R., died on service, 13th September 1917.  
Sergeant ALEXANDER V. HOURSTON, Royal Engineers, killed in action, 4th September 1916.  
Private ARCHIBALD HOURSTON, New Zealand Forces, killed in action, 4th October 1917.  
Private WILLIAM P. JOHNSTON, Royal Scots, missing, 27th September 1915; presumed killed.  
2nd Lieutenant THOMAS R. KIRKNESS, R.A.F., missing, 18th August 1917; presumed killed.  
Signaller ALFRED LEARMONTH, Royal Navy, accidentally drowned, 9th November 1918.  
Signaller ROBERT E. LESLIE, Seaforth Highlanders, missing 21st March 1918; presumed killed.  
Private WILLIAM LESLIE, Royal Scots, killed in action, 7th October 1917.  
Private EDWIN MACKAY, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action, 9th September 1916.  
Private JOHN J. MARWICK, Royal Scots, accidentally killed, 28th October 1917.  
Captain Rev. GEORGE MILLAR, C.F., R.G.A., died on service, 26th August 1917.  
Drummer DONALD MORGAN, Canadian Forces, accidentally killed, 4th December 1917.  
Private ROBERT MOWAT, Seaforth Highlanders, died on service, 20th May 1917.  
Private JOHN WM. MUIR, Australian Forces, died of wounds, 6th June 1917.  
Private WILLIAM C. ROBERTSON, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action, 23rd April 1918.  
Gunner JOHN SCARTH, R.G.A., died of wounds, 15th December 1917.  
Rifleman THOMAS S. SCLATER, New Zealand Forces, killed in action, 12th October 1917.  
Private GEORGE SHEARER, Royal Scottish Fusiliers, killed in action, 13th November 1917.  
Private JAMES SHEARER, Seaforth Highlanders, killed in action, 22nd July 1918.  
Gunner ROBERT SINCLAIR, R.N.R., drowned, 14th February 1918.  
Private THOMAS SINCLAIR, Royal Scots, killed in action, 23rd August 1918.  
Private DAVID J. SMITH, A.S.C., died on service, 4th September 1916.  
Sergeant JOHN G. SPENCE, H.L.I., killed in action, 25th March 1918.  
Private CHARLES SPINKS, Gloucesters, died of wounds, 23rd March 1918.  
Private JAMES SUTHERLAND, Cameron Highlanders, killed in action, 15th September 1916.  
Private JAMES VOY, Canadian Forces, killed in action, 7th March 1918.  
Private STEWART WILSON, Royal Scottish Fusiliers, killed in action, 26th July 1915.

**The following, who were in the Merchant Service, have been lost at sea —**

Seaman GEORGE FLETT, s.s. Era, lost 1st May 1918.  
Fireman GEORGE LESLIE, s.s. Express, lost 9th February 1918.  
Fireman JAMES MARWICK, s.s. Ruby, lost 29th March 1917.  
Engineer CHARLES PEACE, s.s. Express, lost 9th February 1918.



# ADDRESS

Delivered at the Memorial Service, 30th March 1919.

REV. A. B. TAYLOR, M.A.

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In unforgettable words our Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed the law of sacrifice as the law of life. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone ; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." " Whosoever will save his life shall lose it ; but whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it." It is one of the laws that God built into the mechanism of the universe. It belongs to the eternal order. The sacrifice of life for life—that is the law, and it operates everywhere. It is the law of nature, the law of human life, the law that sent the Son of God to Calvary. So essential and beneficent is this law of sacrifice that without it there is no progress. To it we owe all our best possessions. There is not a right or privilege or liberty that is ours to-day that has not been purchased at a great price.

" Yea, all through life I see a cross,  
Where sons of God yield up the breath ;  
There is no gain except by loss,  
There is no life except by death."

It is a law that has been lifted into a new prominence by the terrible war through which we have just passed. The war came to us as a direct practical challenge. Truth and justice and liberty, public honour and law, were all at stake. The significance and magnitude of the issues were such as to make the need for sacrifice urgent and imperative. And when volunteers were called for, many of the young men of this congregation were the first to respond. The list of those connected with us who have served during the war contains 205 names. We honour them all, and we thank them for the noble service they have rendered to the cause of righteousness and freedom. We gratefully remember also our indebtedness to the loyal hearts at home. There was sore anxiety when loved ones were out amid the perils of the battle-field or on the high seas. There was the heavier burden of bereavement as tidings came from time to time that another of our gallant sons had fallen. But the dark days were faced with faith and patience and hope. We can never forget the fathers and mothers and wives who sent forth to the war's grim work those who were dearer to them than life itself. Theirs was ever the keener pain, the greater sacrifice, and the finer courage. What they suffered is part of the price of our freedom, and we thank them for their brave endurance.

But it is the men who have laid down their lives in the mighty conflict, 41 in number, that we specially think of to-day. We are met here, in this place of hallowed memories, to acknowledge before God the great debt we owe to our unreturning brave. It is only right that we should thus recall the services of our fallen heroes, and that we should reverently do them honour. Their blood has been shed in defence of our most sacred and cherished possessions. These men had no love for war. But they knew that justice and liberty must be upheld at all costs. They had a vision of the righteousness and kingdom of God and of the duty of serving these to the uttermost. So calmly and



deliberately they made their choice, knowing what their action meant, and they have paid the price of victory and peace in the spirit of Him who said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." For our sake, for Britain's sake, and for the world's sake they have given their lives. Some have fallen on historic battle-fields ; others have perished in distant seas, or

"Sunk beneath the wave,  
Fast by their native shore."

They fought and suffered for the noblest of causes ; they died for truth and faithfulness, for righteousness and freedom, for the moral conditions that make possible a permanent peace.

These brave young knights have made the supreme sacrifice. And perhaps the hardest thing to understand and bear is that death has taken them from us while they were still in life's morning. But we dare not say that they were taken before their time. We dare not say that they would have accomplished more if they had been permitted to come back to us. "We live in deeds, not years." Only God can tell whether life or death is of greater use in the working out of His purposes.

"One gave long years with heart and brain,  
One, youth's brief fiery blow,  
For freedom ; whence the greater gain  
Only the high gods know "

It is not the length of one's life here that matters, but what is done with the life. It may be completed at twenty as well as at seventy. Did not the Christ die in the flower of His manhood ? Yet there was nothing untimely about His death. He died only when His hour was come, so that He was able to say : "It is finished." He had accomplished the work that His Father had given Him to do. What seems to us the incompleteness of life is in reality one of the signs of its continuance. "On the earth the broken arc ; in the heaven the perfect round."

In laying their all upon the altar our young heroes have done a far, far better thing than ever they had done before ; and as we think of the great sacrifice, one question forces itself upon us—Are we worthy of it ? Are we seeking to make ourselves worthy ? What they were willing to die for, we should be willing to live for. A living faith, a daily sacrifice, is what loyalty to our glorious dead demands of us. We shall most certainly be without excuse if we do not hear in their sacrifice a call to rededicate ourselves to the service of God and His kingdom. By the good fight they have fought they have opened up the way for a true and durable peace, so that the time through which we are now living is full of promise. We have been travelling through a long dark night, and because these men have suffered and bled and died we are now standing with our faces toward the dawn. The hope is in our hearts that

"There shall come from out this noise of strife and groaning  
A broader and a juster brotherhood."

The fulfilment of the hope depends on the use we make of our dearly-bought heritage. So let us keep faith with the men who return to us no more. Let us use our freedom for the high ends of the Kingdom of God. Let us rejoice that we are privileged to live and play our part in these great times ; and in the after days, when our children and our children's children see "the light high in the heavens," we shall be able to say to them :

"I saw the powers of darkness put to flight !  
I saw the morning break !"



