

## The Club and the War.

### MILITARY SERVICES OF MEMBERS.

Subjoined is a complete list of the members of the Club who were engaged on military service in one form or another during the War, along with details of individual services, the engagements taken part in, promotions in rank, awards conferred, etc.

The record is one of which the Club has every reason to be proud. No fewer than 41 members responded to the call of patriotism; and this, as was remarked in our last issue, is a highly creditable proportion out of a Club of 140 members, many of whom, moreover, are now far past the military age. The particulars which follow show that a considerable number of those who came forward served in the fighting line, while such as were retained at home or were not engaged in active military operations in the field performed duties none the less useful and important, if not so pre-eminently warlike and personally dangerous.

Of the former section—those engaged in the fighting forces—nine were killed in action or died from wounds received in action. We deplore their loss, more especially as, being nearly all young men, they were most active members of the Club, on whom ultimately, to a large extent, the prosecution of the special work of the Club would have devolved. We must ever cherish their memories for the loyalty and devotion they displayed, the gallant services they rendered, and the heroic sacrifice they finally made. Our grateful thanks are also due to all the other members of the Club who, whether serving at home or abroad, were equally inspired by a sense of duty to King and Country, and who willingly and cheerfully “did their bit” for the great cause for which Britain and the Allied Powers went to war.

The nine members who fell were the following :—

**Dunn, Robert James Armstrong.**—(Aged 33).

Son of the late Mr. John A. Dunn, boot and shoe maker, Aberdeen, and manager of the west-end branch of the business founded by his father. Rejoined the 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.) shortly after the outbreak of war. Was commissioned as Second Lieutenant. Promoted Lieutenant. Went to France in the autumn of 1915, and participated in much heavy fighting with his battalion, notably in the attacks on High Wood and Beaumont-Hamel. Was wounded in the battle of Arras, 23rd April 1917. He went on with his men, however, and was killed in action by a machine-gun bullet in front of the German wire entanglements. After his death, it was notified that he had been MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES and promoted from Lieutenant (Acting Captain) to Captain. (See In Memoriam notice in present vol., pp. 37-38).

**Ellis, James.**—(Aged 25). Son of Mr. John Ellis, coal merchant, Aberdeen; engaged in his father's business (Messrs. Ellis & McHardy). Was gazetted Second Lieutenant, 7th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.) (Deeside Battalion), Sep. 1914, and went to France, Apl. 1915. Promoted Lieutenant, July; Lieutenant (Temporary Captain), Nov.; Captain, Sep. 1916. In hospital in England, suffering from trench fever, Oct. 1916—Mar. 1917. Rejoined his battalion. Was wounded in the fighting on the Scarpe, and died at a Casualty Clearing Station two days later, 24th April 1917. Was buried in the cemetery at Agnez-les-Duisans. (See In Memoriam notice in present vol., p. 39).

**Fyfe, Austin James Claud,** F.F.A.—(Aged 39).

Son of the late Mr. James S. Fyfe, Manila, and a nephew of ex-Lord Provost Sir David Stewart. Was on the staff of the Northern Assurance Company at their head office in Aberdeen; author of several papers on actuarial subjects. Commissioned as Lieutenant, 255th (1st Highland) Brigade, R.F.A. (T.F.), 1915. He went out to France, and was detailed for trench mortar work. Was killed in action, 23rd March 1917. (See In Memoriam notice in present vol., pp. 36-7).

**Gillies, James Brown.**—(Aged 30). Advocate in Aberdeen. Secretary and Treasurer of the Club and Editor of the Club's *Journal*, 1912-16. Captain, 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.), retired. Re-commissioned, Aug. 1914. He served as Adjutant and latterly as Major in the 2/4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders. Accompanied the 1/4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders to France, Mar. 1916, and acted for a considerable time as temporary

Major. Saw a deal of active service in the neighbourhood of Arras and Armentieres and in the Somme battle area, being with his battalion in the High Wood fight and in the advance on Beaumont-Hamel. Was killed in action, 13th November 1916, shortly before the capture of Beaumont-Hamel, when in charge of a detachment clearing out a German trench. (See In Memoriam notice, Vol. VIII., pp. 229-31).

**Lyon Robert**, M.A., LL.B.—(Aged 24). Son of ex-Lord Provost Sir Alexander Lyon, one of the oldest members of the Club. He was studying for the Scottish Bar in Edinburgh when war broke out. Had been a member of U Coy., 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.) and rose to the rank of Sergeant; and with the training then received he speedily received a commission. Was gazetted Second Lieutenant, 5th Batt. Gordon Highlanders, Aug. 1914. Promoted Lieutenant (Temporary Captain), Jan. 1916. Killed in action, 30th July 1916, in an attack on the German trenches in the course of the battle of the Somme, while advancing at the head of his company in face of a withering fire. (See In Memoriam notice, Vol. VIII., pp. 234-5).

**McLaren, Jan Malcolm**.—(Aged 33.) Engaged in mercantile business in Aberdeen until 1911, when he went to California and commenced banking and fruit farming near Los Angeles. He was an enthusiastic mountaineer; established a record by climbing (with four others) the six highest Cairngorm peaks on one day; contributed an article on the feat to Vol. VI. of the *C.C.J.* (pp. 49-51). Joined the 14th (County of London) London Regiment (London Scottish) as a private, Mar. 1916. Went out to France after a few months' training, and took part in the advance on the Somme. Was killed in action, 7th October 1916, while charging with his regiment on the Somme battlefield. Was buried in a valley between the hills around Les Bœufs. (See In Memoriam notice, Vol. VIII., pp. 232-3).

**Meff, William B**.—(Aged 28). Son of Mr. William Meff, fish salesman, Aberdeen, and Dean of Guild of the city, and engaged in his father's business. Was commissioned Second Lieutenant, 7th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.) (Deeside battalion), Feb. 1915. He went to France three months later. Was promoted Lieutenant, and acted for some time as Brigade Bombing Officer. Was in all the important engagements on the Somme. Died of wounds in hospital, 14th November 1916, having been hit by shrapnel on the previous day, in the battle of Beaumont-Hamel. Brigadier-General Douglas Campbell, in a letter to the Dean of Guild, said :—

Your gallant son was wounded at my side, and I feel I must write to tell you, in the midst of your sorrow, how deeply I feel his loss, and sympathise with you in it. I got to know and admire him very greatly while he has been on my staff as Brigade Bombing Officer. There was no more capable officer in the Brigade than he, and I had the greatest confidence in him. He was a fine organiser, so cool and level-headed, and quite devoted to his work. He will be hard to replace in his responsible position, and his loss to the army is great.

(See In Memoriam notice, Vol. VIII., pp. 235-6).

**Smith, George Alexander,** D.S.O.—(Aged 44). Advocate in Aberdeen. Major, 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.) Was mobilised at the outbreak of war. Was with his battalion in France, Feb.—Dec. 1915, and took part in many engagements. Thereafter, was for almost a year Lieutenant-Colonel in command of the 8th King's Own (Royal Lancaster) Regiment, and when he left it was presented by the officers with a silver tray "as a token of their affection and devotion, and to mark their appreciation of his leadership and gallantry." Was at General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon, Oct. 1916—Oct. 1917. Though more than once offered a Staff appointment, he preferred to serve as an active combatant, and he was placed second in command of the 5th Batt. Gordon Highlanders, and in that capacity took part in the big retreat at St. Quentin. From that time onward he was in command of the battalion. Wounded twice. Killed in action by a shell at Buzancy, 28th July 1918, while directing an operation by his men. AWARDED D.S.O. THrice MENTIONED IN DESPACHES. In addition, his Brigadier testified that he was twice recommended for the Victoria Cross. The engagements he took part in included The Bluff, St. Eloi, Delville Wood, and Guillemont. (See In Memoriam notice in present vol., p. 202).

**Smith, George Buchanan,** M.A., LL.B.—(Aged 24). Eldest son of Sir George Adam Smith, Principal of Aberdeen University. He was studying law, intending to proceed to the Scottish Bar. Was gazetted Second Lieutenant, 1st Batt. Gordon Highlanders, Aug. 1914, and served at Stoneywood Wireless Station for four months. Proceeded to Flanders in command of a large draft of men, and on 14th Dec., while leading his platoon in a charge on the German trenches between Kemmel and Wytzaechte, was severely wounded, being invalided for several months. Returned to France, Aug. 1915, and was attached 2nd Batt. Gordon Highlanders. Killed in action, 25th September 1915, while leading his platoon in the first charge of the advance on Loos. An account of a six days' walk from Glasgow to Braemar from his pen appeared in the first number of the present vol., pp. 20-6, along with a poem, p. 35.

The following is a record of the services of other members:—

BARCLAY, WILLIAM, L.D.S.—Joined up (on his return from South Africa) as a gunner, R.G.A., Nov. 1916. Served for three months at Fort Carlisle, outside Queenstown Harbour; then was transferred to the 370th Siege Battery. Was appointed Dental Officer with rank of Lieutenant, June 1917; sent to Parkhall Camp, Oswestry. Shortly after, was posted to Barrow-in-Furness in charge of the Dental Centre of that garrison. Promoted Captain, and remained there until demobilised, Mar. 1919.

BRANDER, ERIC WILLIAM HARCOURT, M.A., LL B.—Lieutenant, 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.) at outbreak of war. Was mobilised with his battalion, Aug. 1914. Promoted Captain, Nov. 1914. He served with the 51st Division at home, Aug. 1914-Feb. 1915; with the 3rd Div., B.E.F., Feb. 1915-Feb. 1916; with the 51st (Highland) Div., B.E.F., Feb-May 1916; and was present at most of the engagements in which these divisions took part. Was Brigade-Major in charge of Infantry Training School, Calais, May 1916-May 1917. Member of Commission to 2nd French Army at Verdun to investigate and report on French system of infantry training, Dec. 1916-Jan. 1917. Staff Captain, Headquarters, Calais, May 1917-Mar. 1919. Promoted Brevet-Major, June 1918. THrice MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

BUTCHART, HENRY JACKSON, D.S.O., B.L.—Captain, 2nd Scottish Horse; mobilised, Aug. 1914. He was Officer commanding dépôt, 2nd Scottish Horse, till Dec. 1915, when he was attached to 2nd Reserve Regt. of Cavalry. Accompanied Scottish Horse to Egypt, May 1916. Was promoted Major, June; Acting D.A.A. and Q.M.G., No. 3 Section, Canal Defences, Egyptian Expeditionary Force. Divisional Intelligence Officer, 52nd (Lowland) Division, E.E.F., July-Oct. D.A.A.G., Australian and New Zealand Training Centre, E.E.F., Nov. 1916-Jan. 1917. D.A.A. and Q.M.G., Imperial Mounted Division, E.E.F., Feb. 1917. D.A.A. and Q.M.G. and D.A.A.G., 74th Yeomanry Division, Mar. He was present at the following:—Battle of Romani and advance to Mazar (Egypt); 2nd Battle of Gaza, capture of Beersheba, battle of Sheria, capture of Jerusalem, capture of Ram Allah and Sinjle positions on Nablus road (Palestine); Advance on and capture of positions in advance of Hindenburg outpost line, Somme (France); Advance from Bethune to Lille and Tournai (France and Belgium). AWARDED D.S.O. TWICE MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

COOK, WILLIAM LITTLEJOHN.—Gazetted Second Lieutenant, 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.), Sep. 1914. Promoted Lieutenant, Dec. Wounded near Ypres, June 1915. Was attached Admiralty Transport Department, Nov. Appointed to Staff of Principal Naval Officer, White Sea (stationed at Archangel), May 1916. Promoted Captain, Nov. Was on special service in Norway, two months during Spring, 1917; at Archangel, June to Nov.; and again in Norway, Nov.-Dec. Unable to return to Russia owing to revolution, and proceeded to London. Then appointed on Staff of Naval Vice-Consul at Bergen, and engaged in running convoys between Scandinavian countries and Britain, France, &c. Sent as

Commercial Adviser to Principal Naval Transport Officer, Eastern Mediterranean, May 1918. He returned Nov., and was freed from service, Dec. DECORATED with the ORDER OF ST. ANNE (third class) by the late Tsar of Russia, 1916. THANKED FOR SERVICES by the Director of Transports and Shipping, these services being recognised as "greatly instrumental in enabling the Ministry of Shipping to supply the armies in France with the large quantities of Russian timber which were so essential."

CORNER, EDRED MOSS, C.M., F.R.C.S.—Joined R.A.M.C. (T.F.), 5th London General Hospital, as Captain, Aug. 1914. Was promoted Major, 1917. Served also at the King George Hospital and Queen Mary's Auxiliary Hospital for the Limbless, Roehampton. MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

ROLL, WILLIAM FLETT, M.A., M.D.—Called up on mobilisation as a member of the R.A.M.C., Home Hospital Reserve, to take duty at the Aberdeen Military Hospital, with the rank of Captain. Appointed Officer in charge of the hospital early in 1915, and continued in that post until demobilised, Jan. 1919.

CROMBIE, JAMES, M.B., L.D.S.—Captain, R.A.M.C. (T.F.), attached 1st Scottish General Hospital. Was mobilised at the beginning of the war, and served throughout its duration with the 1st Scottish G.H., Aberdeen. Was appointed Officer in command of the Centre for the treatment of jaw injuries, 1st S.G.H., and Officer in command of the Aberdeen Military Dental Centre, July 1915; and held these posts until demobilised, Mar. 1919.

DICKSON, JOHN.—On the reserve of officers (6th Batt. Gordon Highlanders) at the outbreak of the war and was called up at mobilisation. Joined at Keith and went to Perth and Bedford for training, with rank of Captain (although senior to most of the officers, had to rejoin at the foot of his rank, and was therefore junior Captain). Commanded a company in the battles of Neuve Chapelle, Fromelles (9th May 1915), and Festubert (16th May 1915). Commanded the attack at Givenchy (June 1915). Was wounded there and invalided home. Was subsequently appointed second in command of the 3/6th Batt. Gordon Highlanders, and the amalgamated unit, 4th Reserve Batt. Gordon Highlanders. Promoted Major, Jan., 1916. He left 4th Res. Batt. in Aug. 1917, and was placed in command of 1st Training Batt. R.A.M.C. at Blackpool. Was demobilised, Jan. 1919.

DUFFUS, JAMES CATTO, M.C., M.A., LL.B.—Lieutenant, 255th (1st Highland) Brigade, R.F.A. (T.F.). Was mobilised on outbreak of war. Proceeded to France, May 1915. Served with the 51st (Highland) Division throughout the war, and was present at all the engagements in which it took part. (These included Festubert, High Wood, Beaumont-Hamel, Vimy Ridge, Scarpe Valley, Cambrai, Bapaume, &c.) Was promoted Captain, June 1916; Acting Major, Aug. 1917. AWARDED M.C. and FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE (gold star). Demobilised, Feb. 1919.

EDWARDS, JAMES HASTINGS, M.A., LL.B.—Captain in the Aberdeen Volunteer Artillery. Was mobilised with the 1st Highland

Brigade, R.F.A. (T.F.) [afterwards called the 255th (1st Highland) Brigade, R.F.A.], Aug. 1914. Proceeded to France with the brigade, May 1915, and served with it throughout the war, being present at the engagements in which it took part. Was promoted Major, June 1916. Demobilised, April 1919.

GALLOWAY, ALEXANDER RUDOLF, M.A., M.B.—Major, R.A.M.C. (T.F.); attached 1st Scottish General Hospital. Mobilised, Aug. 1916. Acted as Ophthalmic specialist to the Medical Recruiting Board and Ministry of Pensions, Aberdeen.

JOHNSTON, ALEXANDER MACKENZIE.—Lieutenant, 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.). Was mobilised while in camp at Tain, July 1914. He had been for some time in charge of the Signal Section of the 4th Gordons, and when at Bedford his section was attached to the R.E. He went to France with the 51st Division, May 1915, and was wounded on 3rd June, and sent to England. He returned to France, with the rank of Captain, Nov. 1916, and acted for some months as area officer in charge of the lines behind Bapaume. He was afterwards attached to the Signal Section of the 46th Division. During the big fighting in Mar. and Apl. 1918, this Division helped to hold the mining district near Loos, but did not have to repel any direct attack. In Sept. 1918, Captain Johnston was transferred to Corps Signals.

LEVACK, DAVID PROUDFOOT.—Joined up voluntarily as a pioneer in the Wireless Division of the Signals, Feb. 1917 (before he was 18). Was promoted Corporal, Dec. 1917 and Sergeant, April 1918. Acted as Sergeant Instructor in wireless at Haynes Park till demobilised, Jan. 1919.

LEVACK, JOHN REID, M.B.—Captain, R.A.M.C. (T.F.). Mobilised on war being declared, and attached to the 1st Scottish General Hospital in Aberdeen as Medical Officer in charge of the X-rays and electrical departments; held this post till demobilised, Mar. 1919. Promoted Major, Nov. 1915.

LORIMER, JAMES VASS, O.B.E.—Lieutenant, Royal Army Service Corps (T.F.) Was mobilised on outbreak of war. Proceeded to France, May 1915. Served with the 51st (Highland) Division throughout the war, and was present at all the engagements in which it took part (previously enumerated). Was promoted Captain and Adjutant, Aug. 1914. Wounded in the fighting at Ypres, Sep. 1916. MADE O.B.E. (Military). MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES. Demobilised, Mar. 1919.

MCCONNOCHIE, ALEXANDER INKSON.—In Army Service Corps Office, Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow, as transport clerk of war stores (railway and steamer traffic), Dec. 1914-Mar. 1917. Thereafter, assistant cashier to William Beardmore & Co., Limited, ordnance manufacturers, etc., Parkhead, Glasgow (on Government work only), to 31 Dec. 1918.

MCCOSS, JAMES—Joined North Scottish R.G.A., June 1916. Was promoted Bombardier and then Corporal, and was Acting Sergeant, 1 Sep.-31 Oct. 1918. Went to France, Mar. 1917, and was in the battle of Messines and the artillery fighting on the Messines Ridge; also in the fighting on Hill 60 in front of Ypres. Was at Vimy Ridge, 1918; and when the advance was begun was in front of Amiens. Was in the St.

Quentin Canal crossing, and when the Armistice was signed was at Avesnes, on the Franco-Belgian frontier. Served subsequently in the Army of Occupation.

MACDIARMID, JOHN DUNCAN.—Rejoined as Captain, Royal Army Service Corps (T.F.), Nov. 1914, and was in command of a company of the 2nd Line Territorial from that date till Dec. 1916; the company was chiefly engaged in supply transport work in Perthshire and in Norfolk. Went to Salonika, Jan. 1917, as Officer Commanding 19th Auxiliary Horse Transport Company, which was never completely formed as it was decided that no advance should be made and all available personnel were sent as drafts to Palestine. Went to Palestine with the 53rd Welsh Division as Advance Railhead Supply Officer, Nov. 1917. After the defeat of the Turks, the Division returned to Alexandria, Nov. 1918; and Captain MacDiarmid subsequently served there as Divisional Troop Supply Officer, and, latterly, as Acting Senior Supply Officer. He was demobilised, May 1919.

MACDONALD, D. RONALD—Joined 35th Field Coy., R.E., as Despatch Rider, June 1915. Landed at Rouen, Oct. Afterwards joined 4th Divisional Signal Coy. Was promoted Corporal. Took part in following engagements:—Somme offensive, 1916-17; Battle of Arras, Passchendale Ridge, Battle for Cambrai, Sep. 1918. Was transferred to 1st Army Signal Coy., Feb. 1919.

McGREGOR, JOHN—Major, 6th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.) prior to the war; and mobilised with his battalion, Aug. 1914. Placed on the reserve, Nov. 1914; deemed too old for active service.

MACKIE, JAMES CECIL DAVIDSON.—From the 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders, was gazetted Second Lieutenant, 255th (1st Highland) Brigade, R.F.A. (T.F.), and left Aberdeen with the brigade, Aug. 1914. Promoted Lieutenant, Sep. Proceeded overseas with the Brigade as part of the Highland [later 51st (Highland)] Division, May 1915. Was promoted Captain (substantive), June 1916. Saw all the engagements in which the Division was employed in 1915-16-17-18 (previously enumerated); and "in at the finish" in Belgium, 11th Nov. 1918. Wounded Mar. 1918.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

MILLER, JAMES BRUCE, M.C.—Called up from Territorial Force Reserve, Oct. 1914, for service with the 552nd (City of Aberdeen) (Fortress) Coy., R.E. (T.F.) as Captain. Took the company out to France, Apl. 1915, and continued in command of it during the war. Was D.O.R.E., Peuplingues, under S.W.O., Calais, Aug.-Nov. 1915; Acting S.W.O. Forests, Nov. 1915-Feb. 1916; D.O.R.E. machinery, under C.R.E. Forests, Aug. 1916-Feb. 1917. Proceeded with the company, Feb. 1917, to the First Army, 11th and 15th Corps, where, apart from defence work, the company was engaged on a variety of other R.E. works falling to an A.T. company. The company took its part in the Lys battle, being chiefly employed on the hasty demolition of bridges; and subsequently took part in the advance by Merville, Aubers Ridge, and Lille to Tournai, in Belgium. During this period the company was engaged on bridge construction, the last to be erected being two steel bridges for the heaviest class



of army traffic over the Scheldt at Tournai. AWARDED M.C. MENTIONED IN DESPACHES.

MILNE, ARTHUR PLEDGE.—Retired from 1st Aberdeenshire R.E. (Volunteer) with the rank of Captain, 1900. Rejoined 4/2nd Highland Field Coy., R.E. (T.), as Lieutenant, Aug. 1915. Was promoted Captain, Mar. 1916, on taking command of 2/3rd Highland Field Company, R.E. (T.) Was engaged in construction of School of Aerial Gunnery, Loch Doon, Ayrshire, acting as Camp Commandant.

MURRAY, JOHN.—Gazetted Second Lieutenant, North Scottish R.G.A., Oct. 1914; promoted Temporary Captain, Nov. Employed on Coast Defence (Scottish Command), Oct. 1914-Aug. 1917; and on Siege Artillery Courses, Sep.-Dec. 1917. Joined 268th Siege Batt., R.G.A. as Lieutenant, Jan. 1918, and employed on active warfare at the Ypres Salient until the Armistice.

NICOL, JOHN ALEXANDER, D.C.M., M.A., B.L.—Enlisted as a private in the Scots Guards, Nov. 1915; was promoted Lance-Corporal, Corporal, Lance-Sergeant, and Sergeant. Participated in engagements in the Ypres sector, June-Oct. 1917; Fontaine and Gouzeaucourt, Nov.; Arras, Jan.-Mar. 1918; Bayelles, etc., Mar.-July; Ayette, Hammelin-court, Lagnicourt, Canal du Nord, Maubeuge, etc. (British offensive), Aug.-Nov. AWARDED D.C.M. Wounded (slightly) twice and gassed once.

PIRIE, DUNCAN VERNON, O.B.E.—Captain, 3rd Hussars (retired); M.P. for North Aberdeen. Rejoined army at outbreak of war. Staff Captain, Sep.-Dec. 1914. Served in France as a Railway Transport Officer, Dec. 1914-Jan. 1916. Promoted Major, and attached to 2/5th Batt. Durham Light Infantry, Oct. 1916; served in the Struma region, Macedonia. Acted as Administrative Commandant, No. 5 Area, Likovan, April-Oct. 1917. Lieutenant-Colonel commanding British garrison, Corfu, Nov. 1917-Aug. 1918; commanding lines of communication, Bralo Tlea, Greece, Aug.-Oct. 1918. MADE O.B.E. (Military). MENTIONED IN DESPACHES. AWARDED the GREEK ORDER OF THE REDEEMER and the SERBIAN DECORATION OF THE WHITE EAGLE.

REID, CHARLES, D.S.O., M.A.—Captain, 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.), at the outbreak of war. A week before, he was "rushed" from Tain to the Torry Battery, Aberdeen, in charge of a party of his battalion, who erected wire entanglements at the Battery and dug trenches, in feverish haste. Left for France with the battalion, Feb. 15, and took part in all engagements in which the battalion co-operated, until badly wounded at Ypres, Sep. 1915, while leading C Coy. in the holding attack made by the 3rd Division. Rejoined the battalion at Arras, Mar. 1916. Again wounded at High Wood during the Somme offensive. Attended the Senior Officers' Course at Aldershot in the spring of 1917, and was posted as second in command (Temporary Major) of the 8/10th Batt. Gordon Highlanders, July 1917. Took over the command of the battalion during the Passchendale offensive, and was gazetted Acting Lieutenant-Colonel, Aug. Was with the battalion when it moved to the Arras sector, where it helped to stop the big German offensive, Mar.-Apl. 1918. Wounded by a

machine-gun bullet through the jaw, Apl. AWARDED D.S.O. THrice MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

SMITH, ALEXANDER EMSLIE, JUN., M.A.—Gazetted Lieutenant, Territorial Force Reserve, for duty as a Recruiting Officer in Aberdeen, Feb. 1916; and served in that capacity till recruiting was taken over under the Ministry of National Service, 1918, when it became a civil department.

THOMSON, ARTHUR LANDBOROUGH, O.B.E., M.A., B.Sc.—Gazetted Second Lieutenant, 13th Batt. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (attached 4th Batt.) Served in France and Belgium as a subaltern with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and at the Headquarters of the 9th Division, 1915-18. Transferred to the Staff as Deputy Assistant Controller of Salvage, May, 1918, and promoted Assistant Controller with the acting rank of Major, Nov. Thereafter appointed an Assistant Quartermaster-General at the General Headquarters in France, with the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. MADE O.B.E. (Military). MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

WATT, EDWARD WILLIAM, M.A.—Captain, 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.). Mobilised, Aug. 1914. Adjutant 2/4th Batt., Sep. 1914-Mar. 1915. Promoted Temporary Major, Dec. 1914. Appointed to command 3/4th Batt. (as Major), Apl. 1915; promoted Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel, Nov. Appointed to command the amalgamated Reserve Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.) [comprising the four former Reserve Batts.] Sep. 1916, and continued in this command till Aug. 1918, when he relinquished the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on joining the 1/4th Gordon Highlanders in France as Major. Served with that unit in the B.E.F. and the Army of Occupation; stationed at Buir, Germany. Was appointed to the temporary command of this battalion, Mar. 1919; but was demobilised before taking up the appointment. MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES (for service at home).

WELSH, WILLIAM C.—Sergeant in the old 1st Volunteer Batt. Gordon Highlanders. Offered his services on two separate occasions, but was rejected by the Medical Board. Thereupon placed his services at the disposal of the Volunteer authorities, and was put in command of the Grange platoon of Volunteers—1st Banffshire Volunteer Regiment (now 4th V.B. Gordon Highlanders). When the Volunteers were placed on a proper military footing, the War Office refused him a commission, but still retained him as Platoon Commander with the rank of Sergeant, and recognised him as a Military Instructor.

WILSON, ALEXANDER MORICE, M.B.E., M.A., LL.B.—Lieut., 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders (T.F.) Was mobilised at outbreak of war, Aug. 1914. Gazetted Captain, Sep. Served with battalion in France and Belgium, and participated in various engagements. Was wounded, Spring 1915. Joined Royal Flying Corps, Aug.; was gazetted Flying Officer and appointed Instructor, Nov. Served for about a year as Flight Commander. Thereafter, was in charge of the technical work of aerodrome construction and selection of aerodromes, gun ranges, etc. Promoted Wing Adjutant, Sep. 1917; Staff Officer, Apl. 1918; Major, Royal

Air Force, June. Appointed R.A.F. representative at Paris, June; Independent Air Force representative at Paris, Sep. Now Officer Commanding R.A.F., Paris. MADE M.B.E. (Military).

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Members on service	-	-	-	-	-	41
Killed in action or died of wounds	-	-	-	-	-	9
Wounded	-	-	-	-	-	8
Awarded D.S.O.	-	-	-	-	-	3
„ M.C.	-	-	-	-	-	2
„ D.C.M.	-	-	-	-	-	1
Made O.B.E.	-	-	-	-	-	3
„ M.B.E.	-	-	-	-	-	1
Awarded Foreign Orders	-	-	-	-	-	3
Mentioned in despatches	-	-	-	-	-	11
Thanked for services	-	-	-	-	-	1