

**Short Biographical Notices of the Old Boys that
fell in the Great War.**

“THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE.”

DRIVER THOMAS WILSON ANTHONY, R.F.A., was the younger son of Mr. James Anthony, formerly superintendent of the G.B.& K. Joint Railway. Originally recommended for a commission, but turned down on account of defective eyesight, he was afterwards accepted for the R.F.A., and received his training at Maryhill, where he qualified as a signaller. In France he went through much of the heavy fighting on the Somme. Towards the close of the war his battery was attached to the Canadians, and in the final advance he was wounded a few miles north of Cambrai, on 15th October, 1918, and died the following day. He left school in 1908. Amongst his schoolmates were Willie Picken and Andrew Bryson, both of whom were killed. Tom Anthony was interested in every form of sport—football, cricket, and golf in all of which he excelled. In the Town v. Country match he played his part, and he also gained his place in the Cricket XI. In civil life he was on the head office staff of the Clyde Navigation Trust in Glasgow.

PRIVATE ALEXANDER ARMOUR, Gordons, of 4 Stevenson Street, Kilmarnock, before coming to the Academy as a Paterson and Wilson bursar, was a pupil at the Hamilton School. He joined the Gordon Highlanders (Kitchener's Army) in November, 1914, and was trained at Salisbury. Crossing to France in July, 1915, he was posted missing at Loos. Alex. behaved with great gallantry in this his first engagement. His captain wrote highly of him and said he would have been promoted on the field had he been there to answer the roll call. He was only twenty-two years of age when he died, and before he offered himself for service was on the staff of Kilmarnock Co-operative Society.

CORPORAL GEORGE B. ARMSTRONG, Canadians, commenced his education in the old Academy, and finished in the new. He was fifteen years of age when he left school to learn the trade of joiner and builder. After serving his apprenticeship the lure of Canada produced the wanderlust, which has affected so many of the old boys of the Academy, and he eventually found himself in the land of the Maple Leaf. The will to make better carried him on. Full of rare experience he established a good business connection in which he was respected and esteemed by all who came in contact with him. Early in 1915 he enlisted, and after the preliminary training was drafted to France, where he saw and shared in some of the hardest fighting from that time onwards. Midst all the varying fortunes of war he came through unscathed, and arrived home to Kilmarnock on leave on October, 1918. The strong constitution with which he was endowed broke down under the severe strain of his hardships, and he contracted a severe cold, which later developed complications, and he died on 8th November at his parents' house in Wallace Street. It was a tragic end to a life full of promise. On Armistice Day, when the nation was rejoicing with a deep, inexpressible thankfulness that war was no more, George Armstrong was laid to rest in the Kilmarnock New Cemetery.

LIEUTENANT JOHN D. BAIRD, M.C., R.A.F., was the elder son of Lieutenant James Donald Baird, senior partner of the firm of Messrs. James Donald & Co., Portland Street, Kilmarnock, who served with the Royal Scots during the war. He entered Kilmarnock Academy in 1904, and left in 1912 to enter upon his training as an engineer. When war broke out he was a territorial in the Royal Field Artillery, and was mobilised with the Territorial Forces. Later on he was transferred to the Royal Naval Division, in which he obtained his commission and was placed in the Hood Battalion. He saw considerable service in France and was twice wounded. On recovering from his second wound he was transferred at his own request to the Royal Naval Air Service, where he did good work and became an experienced flyer. He was killed in an aeroplane accident in his twenty-first year. Jack, as he was familiarly called, was a singularly bright and cheerful lad of a warm-hearted disposition and a great favourite with all his companions. In the army he was very popular both with his fellow-officers and the men, and had not only received

letters of thanks from his brigadier-general for conspicuous acts of bravery, but had been presented with the Hood Battalion flag, which is regarded as a mark of great honour.

2ND LIEUTENANT JAMES BARNETT, 1/4th R.S.F., was the only child of Colonel Barnett, V.P., T.D., Kilmarnock, who commanded the battalion at the outbreak of war. Born at Kilmarnock, 7th March, 1895, he was educated at Kilmarnock Academy, Irvine Royal Academy, and Glasgow University, where he distinguished himself as a prizeman in Logic, Latin, English and Political Economy, and was secretary of the University Dialectic Society. He was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant 4th R.S.F. on 14th August, 1913. Prior to joining his battalion he acted as Lieutenant and afterwards as Captain of the Irvine Royal Academy Cadet Corps. He was also the first Boy Scout to be enrolled in Ayrshire, and was the Patrol Leader of the 1st Ayrshire Troop. On the outbreak of war the entire battalion volunteered for foreign service, and proceeded to the Dardanelles on 20th May, 1915. Lieutenant Barnett fell while leading the charge in the battle of 12th July, 1915, at the head of his men and just as they reached the Turkish trenches. By his death the regiment lost a most valuable young officer, one who on many occasions had shown himself full of bravery and determination. All who knew him were unanimous in their praise of his fearlessness and devotion to duty.

PRIVATE WALTER ERIC BARRETT, H.L.I., son of Mr. George Barrett, was the youngest of four brothers all educated at Kilmarnock Academy. Eric, as he was known to his intimates, was one of a merry band of comrades who ever strove to uphold the honour of the school. He left the Academy in 1914 to enter upon his studies for the dental profession. When the clear call came Eric joined the 9th H.L.I. in November, 1915, and after a period of training at Ripon and Catterick was drafted to France in July, 1916. Here he was killed in action at the age of nineteen, during a night attack, 25th and 26th August, 1916, at High Wood, Languéal, Somme battlefield. Eric was a youth of fine physique, of singularly amiable disposition, of frank and engaging personality. Passionately fond of music, he was no mean performer on the pianoforte, while in the realm of sport his natural aptitude for cricket was early evidenced. Many an excellent game did he play for his school and his club, while later he proved himself a tower of strength to his

regimental team. It is hard to connect bright-eyed Eric Barrett with the idea of death. Even yet one cannot think of him and his merry classmates—Inglis Wyllie, Graeme Lang, John M'Nay, Archie M'Lelland without a pang of pain.

“Yet, O stricken heart, remember! O remember
How of human days they lived the better part.
April came to bloom, but never dim December
Breathed its killing chills upon the head or heart.”

SERGEANT ALEX. BAXTER, Canadians, was an earnest supporter of all forms of sport. He was the leading light of the young men of Mauchline who instituted a school of physical culture, which later developed into the present Harriers' Club. After passing through a course at the Academy he completed his apprenticeship as a bank clerk in the local bank, and later emigrated to Canada to take up an appointment there. He afterwards forsook this profession and became a real estate agent. On the outbreak of war he joined the Canadians, was drafted to France, and was soon promoted, but his promising career came to an abrupt close at Vimy Ridge on 9th April, 1917.

PRIVATE ARCHIE BAXTER, R.N.D., a Mauchline boy, was a pupil of the Academy from 1910. He was well known among his schoolfellows for his keen interest in sport. Like M'Curdie, Lambie, and Stewart, his companions, he was a member of the Harriers' Club at home, and was always a willing supporter and an earnest player of football in the school playground or the Rugby Park. On August, 1914, he enlisted in the R.S.F., but afterwards entered the R.N.D., and was on active service as an A.B., Drake Battalion, R.N.V.R. His career was cut short at the early age of twenty, as he died of wounds in France on 24th April, 1917, fifteen days after the death of his brother Alec.

PRIVATE GEORGE A. BEGG, Camerons, was a son of Mr. Begg, Thomson Street, and brother of Mr. John Begg, science master, Irvine Academy, and of Dr. Alexander Begg, Glengarnock. He was a pupil at the Academy from 1904 to 1909, leaving to begin his apprenticeship as an engineer at the Railway Works, Kilmarnock, where he remained for five years. Then, as he intended going to sea, he sought experience with Messrs.

Beardmore & Co., Dalmuir, where he assisted in the trials of H.M.S. "Conqueror." Next in 1912 we find George an engineer on board the "City of Lahore," which in August, 1914, had just left Bombay bound for Liverpool. The voyage was interrupted by danger from submarines. No sooner did George Begg reach England than he signed off his ship and joined up in the Camerons, as handsome a young soldier as wore the kilt. He was drafted to France in August, 1915, and was only six weeks in France when he was killed at the battle of Loos, 26th September, 1915, in the twenty-fourth year of his age.

PRIVATE GEORGE BLAIR, Seaforths, son of Mr. W. F. Blair, Mauchline, was only twenty-four years of age when he was killed in Mesopotamia on 22nd February, 1917. He left school in 1908 to begin work as an engineer in the Glenfield, and was within a fortnight of completing his apprenticeship when he enlisted in the Seaforths. He received, his training at Cromarty, and without ever once getting home he was sent to France in March, 1915. After participating in the almost continuous fighting at that time—and through which he passed unscathed—he was transported to Mesopotamia, landing at Basrah on Christmas day, 1915. There he was in much of the fighting prior to the capture of Kut, and was killed in the advance to Bagdad. George was a lad of most likeable personality, and—a keen "health and strength" student—he had a physique very much above the normal. He was loved by all who knew him, and was especially admired by his associates in the Glenfield.

PRIVATE R. GORDON BOYD, Gordons, was a son of Mr Robert Boyd, headmaster in succession of Glencairn, High Street, Grammar, and Bentinck Schools, Kilmarnock. After taking the Intermediate Certificate at the Academy in a class from which four pupils made the supreme sacrifice, he commenced his apprenticeship at the Glenfield, where he remained two years, at the same time attending evening classes in the Engineering Course at the Technical School. The insistent call of his country he could not withstand, and, himself a Gordon, in May, 1915, joined the 1st Gordon Highlanders of Kitchener's Army. Five months later he crossed to France. At Loos the Gordons held the Ypres salient from October till January, and during this time he saw much hard fighting. The battalion held St. Omar for week, and, at the "Bluff," Gordon was one of the 250

killed, while 700 emerged from this inferno scarred and wounded. Fainting at the sight of blood at bone, he was for three and a half months never out of sight of it. Of a singularly unselfish disposition, he was a great favourite among his fellow-pupils, and many little episodes of his school career are affectionately remembered by his classmates. He was in his twentieth year when he fell. It is worthy of note that James Cameron Boyd, MC., MA., LL.B., Lieutenant R.F.A., the elder brother of Private Gordon Boyd, while he did not die on service, nevertheless met his death as the direct consequence of wounds received in action. Cameron Boyd was one of the Academy's best known and most distinguished pupils. His intellectual gifts made him a conspicuous figure throughout his school life, particularly in his work for the Literary Society, and his buoyant spirits and bright nature endeared him to all his fellows. After finishing an excellent career at Kilmarnock Academy, he went to Glasgow University, where he studied modern languages and graduated in arts with honours. He then entered the faculty of law, and took the LL.B. degree. During that time war broke out and he joined the University O.T.C., but was rejected for a commission in infantry on medical grounds. Nothing daunted he joined the R.F.A. at Piershill Barracks as a driver. He trained as a signaller and showed such aptitude that he was selected for a commission in the artillery, and on being gazetted he proceeded overseas. After some very hard service he was wounded whilst acting as F.O.O. for his battery, and this wound cost him the sight of one eye. Shortly before this he was granted the Military Cross for his gallant conduct while his battery was in action. After a long convalescence he returned to his private work, and had so far succeeded as to have started in a law practice on his own account, when the results of the wound made a dangerous, operation necessary. This treatment was at first successful, but complications set in and Cameron passed to his rest in June, 1920.

2ND LIEUTENANT JOHN BOYD, R.S.F., youngest son of Mr. Robert Boyd, of Glencairn Cottage, Kilmaurs, attended the Academy for six years, from 1910 to 1916. He was for some years a member of the Cadet Corps, where he showed much keenness as quartermaster-sergeant. His excellent marksmanship at the shooting range enabled him to win the cap and badge offered by Bailie Munro. He also took an active part in the Scout movement at Kilmaurs, acting as assistant scoutmaster and treasurer. He had intended

entering the teaching profession, but the war claimed him in 1916, when he joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. After four months' training at Ripon he was advised to study for a commission, and went to Newmarket for that purpose. He received his commission in March, 1917, and proceeded in May to France, where he took part in the great offensive of July. He returned home in September for his last visit as it proved. In the following January he proceeded to a school of signalling for special instruction, and was congratulated by his examining officers on making a record when he passed his final examinations. Instead of entering the Royal Engineers he preferred to return to his own battalion as signalling officer. He was killed by a shell on the 12th of April, while his company, after some severe fighting, were on their way to a rest billet. " Strong, capable, and reliable, John Boyd was a lad of exceptional promise; and his transparent honesty of purpose, his kindness of heart, and his unfailing good nature made him deservedly one of the most popular boys of his year.

PRIVATE JOHN BOYD, Camerons, of 33 Portland Street, Kilmarnock, entered the infant class of the present Academy in 1898, the first year it was opened, and therefore had Miss Margaret Cochrane as his first teacher. As he passed up through the school he showed an increasing fondness for art, and gave considerable promise on the mathematical side. He was of a singularly happy and cheerful disposition, and at the same time was thoughtful beyond his years. About the time he left school in 1909 he became greatly interested in work among the deaf and dumb, and they continued to attract a large share of his time and energy up till the time he entered the army. He was a fine swimmer and was a conspicuous prizeman for several years in the gala at the Academy baths. On leaving school he began work with Messrs. Ingram & Brown, architects, but after eighteen months in their office he became associated with his father, Mr. W. C. Boyd, and was working with him in 1914 when the war broke out. In November of that year he enlisted in the Cameron Highlanders, and early the following year was sent to France. On the 8th of May, 1915, he was shot through the head by a German sniper on the front at Ypres. He was twenty-two years of age when he fell.

PRIVATE ANDREW BOWER, Cameronians, died at Rustchuk, a month after the armistice was signed. The name recalls a quiet, studious boy who came to the Academy from Stewarton about 1901, taking from the first a good place in all his classes, and by steadfastness in friendship winning a popularity not usually accorded to one so reserved. After serving as a pupil teacher at Stewarton and training at Glasgow University and Training College, Andrew Bower taught for two years in Prestwick, after which he received an appointment in Broomloan School, Govan. Though he offered himself for the army at Christmas, 1914, he was not accepted till the spring of 1917. He saw service in the R.A.M.C. at Salonika, and was afterwards transferred to the Scottish Rifles. After the surrender of the Bulgarians he had a long march through Bulgaria. The severity of the climate and the privations of the march brought on pneumonia, to which he succumbed on 9th December, 1918, at the age of thirty-one.

PRIVATE ANDREW BROWN, R.S.F., came to Kilmarnock as a Fenwick pupil in 1910. At this time his parents removed from the farm of Hillhousehill to Grassmillees, Mauchline. A diligent scholar he obtained his Intermediate Certificate at the end of three years, and thereafter took up farming with his father at Grassmillees. At school he always played his part in the daily games as well in the boys' friendly town and country matches, and won prizes at the school sports. He was always a thorough sportsman, and his quiet, frank nature won for him many good friends. Several of these, like himself, were not spared to hear the bells of victory, for just while the Armistice was bringing its messages of relief and joy to many, sad news reached Brown's home. After a very short training at Fort Matilda he had been drafted to France, and on 25th October, 1918, was killed on his first morning over the top at Hailete.

PRIVATE JOHN BROWN, H.L.L., was a pupil at the Academy from 1906 till 1911. He then became a law apprentice with Messrs. Hugh Barnett & Co., and passed from there to Messrs. M'Callum & Fleming, writers, West George Street, Glasgow. He took third place in the final law examination in Edinburgh in March, 1915, and joined 9th H.L.I. next day. He was drafted to France in October, 1915, and was on active service in France till he

was reported “missing,” when acting as a bomber at High Wood, on 15th July, 1916. He was twenty- three years of age.

2ND LIEUTENANT JOHN DUNLOP BROWN, 17th H.L.I., received all his education at the Academy, leaving about 1896. When he left school he went into business with his brother as a jeweller, and continued in that business until he joined the army. He enlisted as a private in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, but afterwards received a commission as second lieutenant He died at Passchendaele on 4th December, 1917, at the age of thirty-seven.

GUNNER JOHN BROWN, R.G.A., came from Netherton School to the Academy in 1905, and remained there for two years in the Higher Grade Department. He joined the army some time after the outbreak of war, and after a short period of training was transferred to the Western Front. He was killed at Lijasentoch, in Belgium, on the 8th of October, 1917, at the age of twenty-five, leaving a widow to mourn his loss. [The name of this Old Boy was not received till the War Memorial was completed, so that, unfortunately, it does not occur in the list on the bronze tablets.]

PRIVATE ROBERT BROWN, Camerons, was the son of Mr. Fullarton Brown, Briarhill Road, Prestwick. He was two years at the Academy, from 1906 to 1908, and was apprenticed as a grocer. On 30th May, 1915, he became a soldier, but after only about six months’ service he was killed on the 1st of December, 1915, in his twenty-first year.

2ND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. Brow ,R.S.F., was one of the 1913 Class VI. which suffered very severely in the war. He came to us from Galston 1910, and completed his Junior Student course in 1913. During these three years he commended himself to all by a quiet and likeable disposition and fitted easily and spontaneously into all the activities of the school. His share in the midday football tussles in the playground will not be forgotten. Proceeding to Glasgow University he studied there for the teaching profession till 1916. Joining the army he went to France in June, 1917, and died of wounds on

September 30, 1917, at the age of twenty-two. He had the honour of being mentioned in despatches by Sir Douglas Haig for gallantry on the field.

2ND LIEUTENANT ANDREW BRYSON, H.L.I., son of Mrs. Bryson, Howard Street, was a pupil of the Academy for ten years. He took a very keen and active interest in the Cadet Corps, of which he was N.C.O. Regarded as a good shot, he was chosen with a few others by Captain Yuille to shoot at Darnley, where they distinguished themselves by winning second highest place in the competition open to all schools. Continuing his education at Skerry's College, he was later employed in the Inland Revenue Office, Motherwell. He enlisted in the 9th H.L.I., was soon promoted as N.C.O., and on his recovery from a wound received his commission, he earned distinction by helping to relieve a corporal and seven men at Mouvres, but was killed while acting as liaison officer between H.L.I. and R.S.F.

2ND LIEUTENANT J. A. C. CAIRNS, K.O.S.B., was the only son of Rev. John Cairns, formerly minister of Glencairn U.F. Church, Kilmarnock, now of New Road Presbyterian Church, Woolwich, and Senior Chaplain to the Forces of the Presbyterian Church of England. He was born at Kilmarnock on 18th September, 1894. He attended Kilmarnock Academy from 1902 till 1904, when he went to Woolwich with his father. He continued his school education successively at Foxhill School, Bloomfield Road School, and the City of London School, and then became a law apprentice and student at Edinburgh. In October, 1914, he received a commission in the 4th K.O.S.B., in which his father had served thirty years before. He was stationed in turn at Galashiels, Dunfermline, Rumbling Bridge, and Inverkeithing. Thereafter he was sent to Gallipoli in charge of a part of the junior officers to take the place of those who had fallen. In a comparatively short time, such were the dangers and hardships to which they were exposed, three only were left to carry on the work of ten. While the peninsula was being evacuated, Lieutenant Cairns was sent in charge of a party to lay out wire in front. The task was nearly completed when he was struck by a bullet and died almost immediately. He is buried there in the cemetery of the 52nd Division. Lieutenant Cairns was of a lovable disposition, quiet and

considerate, keen and eager in everything he undertook, and was a great favourite with the men.

GUNNER THOMAS CALDERWOOD, R.G.A., attended the Academy in North Hamilton Street under Dr. Dickie, and left in 1893 to enter his father's business as tailor, clothier, and livery outfitter, and later on became a partner in the firm. He was a prominent supporter of the Kilmarnock Cricket Club both as a player and as a member of committee, and in recognition of his services to the club was elected an honorary life member. He joined the army in March, 1917, was drafted to Palestine in August of that year, and served with the R.G.A. there till the Armistice was signed. He was retained in Palestine as one of the army of occupation, and died there of typhus fever in March, 1919.

PRIVATE JOHN CALDWELL, R.S.F., son of Mr. David Caldwell, South Hamilton Street, was a pupil in the Intermediate Department about the year 1907. Joining the 13th Battalion H.L.I., he trained for some time in Yorkshire and Fifeshire, was drafted to France in July, 1916, and there transferred to the 2nd R.S.F. Three weeks after his arrival in France he was reported missing. It is presumed that he was killed on 30th July, 1916, near Guillemont, on the Somme. Quiet even to shyness, John was not given to expressing his views, but nevertheless would at times pronounce shrewd judgment on what passed around him.

TROOPER ROBERT CALDWELL, Ayrshire Yeomanry, was the fourth son of Mr. John Caldwell, Corsehill, Dreghorn. He received his education at Kilmarnock Academy, where he spent nine years. He left school in 1909, and for the next few years assisted his father at the farm. After war broke out he joined the Ayrshire Yeomanry as a trooper, and in January, 1917, was drafted to Egypt and thence to Palestine. Unfortunately he was not many months there till he made the supreme sacrifice. At Gaza, on 30th August, he was killed when crossing a ridge swept by machine gun fire. He was of a quiet and unassuming disposition, but always bright and cheery, and a great favourite with all who knew him.

A. B. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, R.N.D., elder son of Mrs. J. Campbell, 22 Thomson Street, received most of his education in the Academy. Leaving school in 1908, he became a clerk in the local branch of the Clydesdale Bank, and on the completion of his apprenticeship was promoted to the Newmilns office. Enlisting in October, 1914, he was trained at the Crystal Palace, London, and at the end of six months sailed for Gallipoli, fought in several engagements, and was killed in action on 8th July, 1915.

CORPORAL A. IAN CAMPBELL, R.S.F., younger brother of the above, was for several years an Academy pupil. When he left school in 1913 he became an apprentice engineer, but after only a few months he joined H.M. Forces at the early age of 15- years. Being too young to go overseas he was retained in the United Kingdom as Sergeant-Instructor of Signalling till 1918. During the great offensive in March of that year, when he was only nineteen years old, he was drafted across to France with a company of other young recruits. Ten days after landing in that country he, with the whole company, was posted as missing, and finally notified as killed.

PRIVATE BENJAMIN CARRUTHERS, K.O.S.B., son of the late William Carruthers, High Fenwick, received his early education at the village school, and thereafter took the day Commercial Course at the Academy. Leaving school in 1915 he entered the office of the Town Clerk, Kilmarnock. On his eighteenth birthday he joined the army, and was attached to the R.S.F. After a year's training at Fort Matilda he was drafted to France and there transferred to the K.O.S.B. He was not fated to see much active service. Going into action for the first time on 29th July, 1918, he was seriously wounded and died three days later at the early age of nineteen. His elder brother was also on service, and it seemed a strange coincidence that the two should meet, quite accidentally, just before Ben went into action. He was of a reserved and retiring disposition, but had made many friends both at school and in the army.

SERGEANT ROBERT C. CARSWELL, R.F.A., came with his parents to Kilmarnock from Dumfries, and attended Kilmarnock Academy till about the year 1903. He was

employed as an engine fitter in the Glasgow and South-Western Railway Works until war broke out, when he enlisted in the 2nd R.F.A. He died at Stenhouse, Larbert, on the 24th March, 1915.

LANCE-CORPORAL JAMES W. B. CHALMERS, H.L.I.—James Chalmers was enrolled as an intermediate pupil at the Academy in the autumn of 1910, where he made many good friends, some of whom he was afterwards to meet again while under canvas. On leaving school he entered the service of the G. & S.-W. Railway, and was booking clerk at Annbank in 1916, when his country's call bade him leave the line. He joined the Ayrshire Yeomanry, then training as an infantry regiment at Scone and Hawick. Near the end of 1916 he was drafted to France, where he was in the thick of the fighting round St. Quentin, till by a shrapnel wound in the head he was disabled and sent home to England. In a Bristol hospital he was privileged to enjoy but one week of rest from the din of war though not from the pain of wounds, and when at last his injuries were attended to they proved too serious. He passed away on May 5th, 1917, only eleven months after enlisting.

PRIVATE WILLIAM CLELAND, R.F.A., of Ronaldcoup Road, Darvel, was reported missing shortly after he entered the fighting line on the western front. Some months later information was received through the Red Cross from a prisoner in Germany that he had been killed in action.

CAPTAIN ALEXANDER FINDLAY COOK, R.A.M.C., was a pupil of the Academy for four years, 1904 till 1908. When he left school he went to a shipping office for about two years. He then entered the medical course at Glasgow University in 1911, and graduated in April, 1916. In the summer of 1915 he was appointed Resident House Physician in the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, for a period of six months, at the end of which time he was appointed Casualty Surgeon. He was a member of the University O.T.C., and in August, 1916, received his commission as lieutenant in the Special Reserve of Officers. Immediately afterwards he was sent to Egypt, being attached to the 1/1st Lowland Field Ambulance, 52nd Division, Egyptian Expeditionary Force. In February, 1917, he

received his captaincy, and was transferred to German East Africa, where he was appointed Officer Commanding the Carrier's Hospital, Morogora. Towards the end of 1917 he was transferred to Dodoma where, under his instructions and to his plans, a hospital was built for the accommodation of 500 native carriers. He remained in charge of this hospital until it was disbanded on the conclusion of the war. Returning home in May, 1919, he was sent to Edinburgh as medical officer to the troops stationed at the castle and the islands in the Forth. Thereafter he was transferred to Fort Matilda in the same capacity. While in Africa he had contracted malaria, and when suffering from a renewed attack died at home, 28th July, 1920, aged twenty-eight years.

TROOPER GEORGE C. W. CORSON, Scottish Horse, was born in Queensland, Australia, in 1895. When a child he was sent to the Mother Country to stay with his aunts in Mauchline. After he had completed his elementary education in the local school he was sent to Kilmarnock Academy. He passed through the school with great credit, winning golden opinions from those competent to judge. Of a bright disposition and possessed of a keen sense of humour, he was a great favourite with his classmates. After his school career he decided to make use of his naturally keen love of animals and follow the profession of veterinary surgeon. While engaged on his professional training war broke out. Joining the Scottish Horse he completed his military training and proceeded with his regiment overseas. Through the ordeals and stress of hard campaigning his buoyant spirit carried him safely till on 10th November, 1918, just one day before the Armistice brought a cessation of hostilities, the sun of this promising young life set for ever. He was in his twenty-third year.

LIEUTENANT JOHN COWAN, Canadians, was the youngest son of the late John Cowan, works manager at the G. & S.-W. Railway Works, Kilmarnock. He left the Academy in 1904 and served his apprenticeship with Hugh Lauder & Co., King Street. With the rest of the family he went to Canada, and when war broke out was among the first to join the colours. He was killed in action at Vimy Ridge in April, 1917.

JOHN C. CURRIE, Canadian, who met his death when on outpost duty at St. Olle, near Cambrai, on 27th September, 1918, had come over with the Canadians in 1916. He was a pupil of the Kilmarnock Academy from 1885-1894. Before going abroad Mr. Currie was in the office of Messrs. P. & W. MacLellan, Glasgow. He had spent some years in Canada, where he married, and finally took up a real estate agency in Regina. He was in the Canadian Office in London for some months before being sent to France, where he was killed only a few weeks later. His widow and two little sons returned to Canada to make their home in Nelson, B.C. John Currie was a member of the Rugby Athletic Club in his Kilmarnock days, and had great love of open-air country life. Some of his farmer friends can still picture his tall figure striding across the winter stubble with a Ne'erday shooting party, or driving the reaper through the sunny cornfields. Genial laughter and an ever present kindness are associated with the name of John Currie, one of the many men who quietly and without ostentation left all and gave their life. He was thirty-eight years of age when he fell.

PRIVATE WILLIAM CHARLES DAVIDSON, 1/4th R.S.F., youngest son of the late Alexander Davidson, chemist, Kilmarnock, received all his education at the Academy, being dux of his class in various years. Though he left school at the age of fourteen he continued year after year to take evening classes, in which his success bore out the promise of his schooldays. At the outbreak of war he was a watchmaker with Messrs. J. Cameron & Son. Joining the 4th R.S.F. in September, 1914, he accompanied the battalion to Gallipoli. He was one of a party, numbering nearly a hundred of the R.S.F., who were reported missing on 12th July, 1915. He was twenty-five years of age at the time of his death.

PRIVATE CHARLES F. DICKSON, H.L.I, youngest son of the late William Dickson, George Hotel, Kilmarnock, was educated at Kilmarnock Academy and Prestwick High School. When war broke out he was with the firm of Church & Co., stockbrokers, and was a member of the Glasgow University O.T.C. Aged nineteen, he was killed near La Bassée on 15th February, 1915, being one of the first Glasgow Highlanders to fall.

SERGEANT DAVID A. F. DICKSON, Canadian, brother of the preceding, was at the Academy for nine years, leaving in 1902. After two years at Glasgow High School he joined the staff of the Union Bank, Kilmarnock. Thence he was appointed accountant in the Dalbeattie branch and later received an appointment in the Union Bank of Canada at Winnipeg. He afterwards became a solicitor and notary public in Manitoba. On receiving news of his younger brother's death he abandoned a promising career to join the fighting line. He was killed on the 9th April, 1917, in the attack on the Vimy Ridge by the Canadians. He was twenty-nine years of age.

2ND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM DUFF, H.L.I., only son of Mr. T. Duff, 37 Park Circus, Ayr, received most of his education at Kilmarnock Academy. Leaving in Class IV., he proceeded to Hutcheson's Grammar School, where he was recognised from the first as an earnest and successful student, and in his last year was school captain. He had just enrolled as a medical student at Glasgow University when he joined the army. On 18th November, 1916, he was reported wounded and missing, and it was presumed that he was killed on that date at Beaumont Hamel. He was last seen encouraging his men to keep together in an attack which he had been ordered to make on the German lines, he was at that time only twenty years of age. As a schoolboy Willie Duff was distinguished by a singular kindness of disposition, combined with a power of concentration and a quiet sense of humour which made him a noticeable member of a class of boys remarkable for their capacity for work and enjoyment alike. The same thoughtful outlook on life made him as an officer take a high view of his responsibilities towards his men.

TROOPER WILLIAM GEORGE DUGUID, 8th Light Horse, AIF., was the third son of Mr. C. Duguid, MA., of Saltcoats, where he was born on the 23rd of August, 1895. He was a pupil at Kilmarnock Academy from 1909 till 1912, and the following year went out to Australia, where his eldest brother Charlie had settled down as a medical practitioner. He had begun work as an agricultural student at Uhill, Victoria, when the war broke out, and he volunteered for imperial service on his nineteenth birthday. He served with distinction in Gallipoli, in Egypt, and in Palestine, and died on the 19th of April, 1917,

from wounds received in action at the second battle of Gaza. As a schoolboy he held a high position in the affections of his classmates; while his courage and fortitude in the presence of danger, and his brightness and cheerfulness in camp, especially when things were going wrong, made him a general favourite with his regiment.

PRIVATE JOHN A. DUNLOP, Royal Scots, was associated in business with his father, Mr. James H. Dunlop, mill engineer and colliery furnisher. The whole of his school career was spent at the Academy, which he left in 1903. After service in France with the Royal Scots, he was invalided home and died at the age of twenty-nine. John was one of the best known golfers in the Kilmarnock district, and was the chosen of Kilmarnock (Barassie) Golf Club in the “ Evening Times ” tournament. No man was more respected for his kindly good nature, and no player more honoured for the possession of all the virtues of a true sportsman.

SAPPER T. EMERY, R.G.A., son of Mr. Thomas Emery, 24 Thomson Street, was killed on the 25th September, 1918, at St. Quentin, when twenty-two years of age. In 1911 he left the Academy to engage in business with his uncle, Andrew Kyle, Ltd., mineral borers, Galston. He joined up as a gunner in the R.G.A. and, attached to the 90th Heavy Battery, saw much service in France. Transferred to the RE's., his training as a borer led to his being engaged in water boring operations behind the lines. It was while he was engaged in this duty that a large calibre shell exploded in the midst of the party with whom he was working, and killed all.

SERGEANT JAMES W. EWING, R.S.F., came to the Academy in 1910, and, finding interest in the engineering classes, took up engineering as his occupation at his home in Catrine. Having joined the local company of Territorials in 1913, he was called out in 1914, and went to Gallipoli with the 5th R.S.F. in 1915. There he was wounded and invalided home. On recovery Sergeant Ewing went out to France with the 4th R.S.F., and on 23rd April, 1917, met his death near Arras. Many of his companions are among the unreturning brave, and on the school roll of honour are inscribed names of those he knew well—John Harvey, Alexander M'Curdie, Archie Baxter, Andrew Brown, and James

Chalmers. Strange to say, he chanced to meet the last-mentioned on the Western Front shortly before his death. They were Kilmarnock Academy classmates as well as companions in earlier days, and their deaths were recorded in the same issue of the "Glasgow Herald."

ENGINEER JOHN FAIRWEATHER, R.N.V.R., a brother of Mr. Charles Fairweather, gas engineer, left Kilmarnock Academy in 1903, and served his apprenticeship as an engineer with Messrs. A. Barclay, Sons & Co., Ltd. He gained further experience, especially of marine engines, in several of the Clyde engineering establishments, and took his marine company's certificate in 1914. He was in the Blue Star Company's service when the Germans attacked Antwerp, and his ship was one of the last to leave the docks of that city after the Germans had begun their bombardment. After undergoing a naval training he was transferred to H.M.S. "Clan M'Naughton" about Christmas, 1914. In February, 1915, the vessel was lost, not one of the naval crew of three hundred surviving.

SERGEANT WILLIAM G. FERGUSON, Ayrshire Yeomanry, was first assistant master in Hamilton School—the old Academy—where he himself was educated. He was, before going to Glasgow University, a pupil teacher in Grammar School under the late Mr. Murray. A graduate in arts, he came back to Kilmarnock as an assistant in Hamilton School, was later transferred to Glencairn School, and after being there three years returned as first assistant to Hamilton School. The motive which inspired William G. Ferguson's life was the sense of duty. All that he did was done in scrupulous fashion, careless of approval or danger, and we believe that his courage, his uprightness, and his love for the true and worthy are inspiring many who were taught by him. Only his intimate friends appreciated him fully, and to these he stood for all that was staunch and true. His natural manner was reserved and unassuming, but his quiet, pawky humour always illuminated his conversation. He was killed at Bapaume, France, on the 22nd August, 1918. His sister, Mrs. Law, resides at Argyle Terrace, Woodstock Street.

PRIVATE JAMES G. FINLAY, F.S.A.A., 17th H.L.I., was killed in action at the battle of the Somme on the 1st of July, 1916.

CORPORAL JAMES FISHER, R.S.F., son of Mr. Thomas Fisher, 44 Glebe Road, on completing his course at the Academy, became an assistant with Mr. Hay, architect, and proved an exceptionally accurate and artistic draughtsman. In his evening school career especially he distinguished himself, and was carrying on his professional studies at the Royal Technical College when he was mobilised with the 1/4 Battalion of the R.S.F. He was killed at the Dardanelles in June, 1915.

2ND LIEUTENANT JAMES F. FULTON, Camerons, was the son of Mr. Hugh Fulton, 2 Scott Road, Kilmarnock. His elementary education was obtained at Bentink School. After being two years at the Academy he began work in Messrs. T. Stewart & Sons, ironmongers, and then found employment in the engineer's office, N.B. Railway Co., Glasgow. He joined the Camerons in August, 1914, and left for France in July, 1915, his first engagement being at Loos. Lieutenant Joseph Wilson was his platoon commander. He received his commission in his own regiment, and after training at St. Omer was almost continuously in the firing line till he fell in the battle of the Somme on 12th October, 1916, at Warlincourt, near Bapaume. He was twenty-two years of age.

PRIVATE ANDREW R. GIBB, of the Glasgow Commercial Battalion—the 17th H.L.I.—was the son of Mr. Hugh Gibb, B.A. (Loud.), a former assistant in Kilmarnock Academy, who till recently was headmaster of Dundonald Public School. His early education was obtained at Dundonald and at Kilmarnock Academy. With the intention of taking up a commercial career he entered the employment of Messrs. William Graham & Co., exporters, Glasgow, and at the same time attended commercial and industrial classes in the Athenæum and the Royal Technical College. He was an exceptionally bright and cheery lad, full of happy jests and vigorous life, and both in school and in business left many happy memories behind. He was an energetic member of the Kilmarnock Golf Club, Barassie, where he enjoyed and made others enjoy many a pleasant afternoon. Among his classmates were Andrew Y. Young, Robert Pettigrew, and T. Morton Steven.

When the war broke out he joined the 17th HLI. After a period of training he was dispatched to France, where in the battle of the Somme on the 1st of July, 1916, he was reported missing after his regiment had reached its objective. As he was never heard of again it was assumed that he had been killed during the advance.

PRIVATE GEORGE GILCHRIST, Royal Warwicks, was killed in action in October, 1917, at the age of twenty-one. He was a son of Mr. George Gilchrist, 29 West Netherton Street, Kilmarnock. He was a lad of fine character, possessed of intelligence and perseverance much above the average. Receiving his early education at the Grammar School, he entered the Academy in 1907, where his ability was evidenced by his gaining a bursary and several prizes. He was a favourite with teachers and scholars alike. He left in December, 1911, and after a few months in the office of Messrs. Waugh, Broadfoot, & Reid, house factors, Kilmarnock, he entered the service of the National Bank of Scotland, Ltd., at their branch in Kilmarnock, where his ability and aptitude for his duties speedily gained for him the esteem and confidence of his superiors. He was transferred to the Glasgow office of the bank in November, 1915, with the prospect of a successful career. In the following January he enlisted in the Royal Engineers. Although of slender build, he had a heroic spirit, and was indignant when it was hinted that he was not strong enough for combatant service. After training he was drafted to France, where he served with the Royal Warwicks from January till 4th October, 1917, when he made the supreme sacrifice.

PRIVATE HUGH GILCHRIST, A. & S.H., was a son of Mr. Archibald Gilchrist, South Hamilton Street. Coming to the Academy as a boy of eleven he was associated with Charlie Davidson and his friends, and in his four years there was a very promising but modest pupil. This same modest bearing, a generous heart, and an alacrity in carrying out any duties assigned to him seemed to be characteristic of him as apprentice, manager, or soldier. When war broke out he was manager of the Glasgow branches of Messrs. A. & H. Gilchrist, painters and decorators. Accepted first for the R.A.M.C. he was soon transferred to the A. & S.H. Twice he was invalided home. He was killed near Cambrai on the 6th December, 1917, at the age of twenty-six.

PRIVATE FRED GREEN, Scots Guards, a son of the late Mr. Fred Green, hosiery merchant, King Street, was a pupil of the Academy for two years. On leaving school he entered his father's business, where he remained for two years. Golf was his pastime and he was often to be seen on the links at Barassie. With a liking for electricity and its application, he joined the National Telephone Company, which was afterward taken over by the G.P.O. He had almost completed his apprenticeship with this company when he joined the Scots Guards in October, 1914, and was drafted to France about six months later. He had been in France only three weeks when his company went into action, and at the Battle of Festubert, on 16th May, 1915, the Guards were surrounded and completely wiped out.

LANCE-CORPORAL OLIVER GEMMELL, Gordons, born at 12 Portland Road, Kilmarnock, was a pupil at the Academy until his parents removed to Glasgow. When war was declared he was with Messrs. Donald & Murray, chartered accountants, and was preparing for his final examination. Immediately on passing he enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, and was soon in the thick of the fighting. After coming through many severe engagements he was killed on 16th August, 1916, while on outpost duty on the Somme, a shell having buried the wooden shed which served as shelter.

GUNNER P. SCOTT GEMMELL, M.M., M.M.G., being much older than his brother Oliver, received all his education at the Academy. After serving his apprenticeship with Messrs. Hugh Lauder & Co., and gaining further experience in London and Birmingham, he settled in Glasgow, where he was in 1914. As a gunner in the Motor Machine Gun Section he saw service over a wide area. He was awarded the Military Medal for destroying a German salient, the guns of which were causing great havoc in our lines. Seeing that the enemy were beyond the range of the Lewis gun nearest them, Gunner Gemmell suggested to the officer in charge that with two bombers and other two men he and his mate might try to wipe out the salient. Two of the men were killed and two wounded, but they achieved their purpose. After serving through the greater part of the war and narrowly escaping death many times, Gunner Gemmell was killed on the Menin

Road on 29th September, 1918, when walking towards his gun. The news reached his wife when she was awaiting the date of his leave then due.

LANCE-CORPORAL THOMAS C. GOLD, A. & S.H., brother of Mr. W. Gold, auctioneer, was a pupil of Kilmarnock Academy for ten years. He left school in 1907, and went to Messrs. Glenfield & Kennedy, Ltd., to serve his apprenticeship as an engineer. He was afterwards transferred to the drawing office, and at that time attended the evening school, where he won many prizes for mathematics and engineering. In August, 1914, he received an appointment as draughtsman with Messrs. Palmer & Co., shipbuilders, Jarrow, and in May, 1915, he joined the A. & S. Highlanders. He soon became a lance-corporal, and was drafted to France in early October, 1915. He fell a few days later at St. Eloi, at the early age of twenty-four. Tom Gold was a favourite with his classmates, many of whom, among them Colin Stevenson, Willie Kerr, John Dalglish, Jim Brockie, saw service by land and sea, and four of them, R. Highet, Duncan Muir, W. M'Innes, W. Picken, like Tom himself, gave their lives for their country.

2ND LIEUTENANT AUBREY P. HAGGO, Royal Warwicks, son of Mr. John Haggo, Town Chamberlain, Kilmarnock, was educated at the Academy during the years 1898-1910. He received his early business training in the Commercial Bank, Kilmarnock, and afterwards was employed by the firm of Messrs. Steel Bros., export and import merchants, London. Had the war not intervened he would have proceeded to Rangoon to take up duties for the firm in their offices there. Joining the London Scottish he was with them during the annual period of training in July, 1914, and shortly afterwards was mobilised on the outbreak of the war. The London Scottish was the first of the Territorials to go into the fighting line, and he was with his regiment when it made that famous bayonet charge at Messines in October, 1914. He came through the charge scatheless, but later was invalided home. On his recovery he took a course of training at Ripon and Catterick, and got a commission in the 3/4th R.S.F., but in response to a request for officers for English regiments he volunteered for service. He was then, in May, 1916, attached to the Royal Warwicks as bombing officer. In August, after being only five weeks at the front, he was killed while leading his men in an attack on the

enemy trenches. He was in his twenty-fourth year. His was a most attractive personality, bright, happy, and quick at repartee; but underneath it all there was a strong sense of duty interpreted by him in service and sacrifice.

PRIVATE JOHN HARVEY, Royal Fusiliers, of Shiel Farm, Sorn. Between 1909 and 1912 John Harvey was a pupil at Kilmarnock Academy, and will be remembered by his contemporaries for the energy and enthusiasm with which he entered every game and the determination which he always displayed. He will also be known to some in banking circles, for before joining up he was for three years in the Union Bank of Scotland, Kilmarnock. With the Bankers' Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, attached to 12th Middlesex Regiment, he went to France, where he was killed in action on the 24th of October, 1916.

COMPANY-SERGEANT ROBERT HIGHET, R.S., born in Kilmarnock, 1891, was a pupil of the Academy from 1896 till 1905. being dux boy in his class every year. After three years in the Town Chamberlain's office he was associated with his father as assistant to the Secretary of the Ayrshire District of the Independent Order of Rechabites. In 1913 he was appointed examiner of accounts in Uganda British East Africa Protectorate, and in August, 1914, he was invalided home with malarial fever. Arriving in Manchester on 14th September, within a week he joined the 16th Royal Scots with the rank of sergeant, and was sent with recruits to Edinburgh Castle. Several times he declined a commission, preferring to win it on the field of battle. He was recommended for a commission when the push began on 1st July, 1916. In leading his men he was shot through the head forty minutes after the beginning of the attack. His good memory and his exceptional smartness at figures were regarded as valuable assets not only in civil life but also in training camp and in the trenches, and his bright disposition won him many friends.

LANCE-SERGEANT WILLIAM WALLACE HIGHET, Manchesters, attended the Academy from 1902 till 1911. On his parents' removal to Manchester in 1912 he entered the firm of Messrs. Norbury, Natzio & Co., printers, where he soon established himself as

a plodding and painstaking apprentice, and was a promising manager's assistant in the letterpress department. He joined up in 1916, and was attached to the 2/6th Manchester Regiment. After about a year in Colchester he proceeded to France. He was coming home from the front on 18th March, 1918, but on arrival at the post of embarkation he found that all leave was cancelled. On returning he was drafted up the line, but never rejoined his regiment. It was reported that in an encounter with the Germans on 25th March, 1918, he was shot through the head. He was only in his twenty-first year. Of a quiet and unassuming nature, but possessed of Scottish perseverance and pluck, he was well liked and was steadily gaining a position by faithfulness to duty.

2ND LIEUTENANT JAMES HYSLOP, R.E., a pupil of the Academy about the years 1898-1900, became a naval architect with Messrs. William Denny & Bros., Dumbarton. Enlisting as a private in the Royal Engineers in May, 1915, he was one of the original members of 217 A.T. Coy. (Glasgow), RE. Active service began early in March, 1916, and on his promotion to sergeant he was entrusted with many important works in France and Belgium. He returned to England in December, 1917, to train for a commission in the RE., which he obtained in 1918. Just before being posted to a new company he underwent a serious operation. His recovery was slow, and while yet convalescent he took influenza, to which he succumbed in February, 1919.

CAPTAIN THOMAS CAMERON HOUSTON, R.A.M.C., was born at Lugar in 1889. After his early education at the village school he continued his studies at Kilmarnock Academy. The chemical laboratory was his favourite resort, and from the beginning he showed a natural aptitude for practical science. Leaving school he trained as a chemist in Glasgow, and later he entered Glasgow University as a medical student. With his fellow-students his company was always in demand. Much of the popularity enjoyed by Tom was attributed to his extensive repertoire of witty stories and humorous recitations. The characteristic tilt of the head, the merry twinkle of the eyes behind his eyeglasses, can never be forgotten by his friends. In 1915, after a successful career at the University, he obtained his medical degree. While at the University he was an enthusiastic member of the O.T.C. On receiving a commission in the R.A.M.C., he was attached to a field

ambulance, and after completing his military training in this country Captain Houston proceeded with his regiment to France. Arriving there he was drafted direct to the field of battle in the district of High Wood where, on the 25th August, 1916, after three weeks' active service, and while dressing the wounds and comforting his dying comrades on the field, this gallant young officer fell fatally wounded by shell fire, in his twenty-seventh year.

PRIVATE JAMES HOWIE, R.S.F., was the son of Mr. James Howie, 14 Howard Park Drive, Kilmarnock. He entered Kilmarnock Academy in the autumn of 1907, and left there two years later to begin his apprenticeship as an engineer with Messrs. Glenfield & Kennedy. He was in the local Territorial Battalion which mobilised at the beginning of the war, and after a few months' training was despatched to Gallipoli. He was one of the many who were reported missing after the disastrous 12th July, 1915. At the time of his death he was twenty years of age.

PRIVATE HUBERT C. HUTTON, South African Scottish, was an old Academy boy. Many of the old school will remember Jamie, Dick, Fred, and Hubert Hutton, all sons of Mrs. Hutton, Manse Street. Hubert left school to begin his career as a banker in the Union Bank, transferred to the African Banking Corporation, London, and later went to the head office at Johannesburg in that service. He came home with the first contingent of the South African Scottish, and was seriously wounded at Delville Wood in July, 1916. He was taken to South Africa and died on 3rd September, 1916, in Johannesburg. When he joined up he was on the way to a most successful career, for his work with the banking corporation was highly valued.

PRIVATE WILLIAM JOHNSTON, Royal Scots, attended Hurlford Academy, and afterwards spent three years at Kilmarnock Academy, where he gained the Intermediate Certificate, was a Speir's prizeman in mathematics each year, and also distinguished himself in Science and Latin. He would have filled almost any position successfully, but elected to follow in the path of his country's need and, as he said, "Go and do his bit." He joined the Ayrshire Yeomanry two months after the declaration of war, and in less than a

month, with very little training, he found himself in France. After coming through much hard fighting he was transferred to the 11th Battalion Royal Scots as Lewis gunner. Emerging from many critical situations with extraordinary good luck, he fell at the third battle of Ypres, 16th September, 1917, and was interred in Hooze Crater Cemetery.

2ND LIEUTENANT JAMES R. KEAN, R.S.F., son of Mr. John Kean, of Kilmarnock Post Office, was a pupil in the Higher Grade Department of the Academy for five years, leaving at the age of sixteen. He was mobilised with the local territorial battalion in August, 1914. He had some training at Stirling, and then went with the battalion to Gallipoli. From there he was invalided home, but rejoined his battalion in Palestine. After training at Cairo he gained his commission there in June, 1918. He was mortally wounded in France on 19th September, and died in hospital, 1st October, 1918. James Kean had already given promise of making his mark in the world. A particularly skilful penman he began work in the office of Smith & Wallace, chartered accountants, but left there to go into the G. & S.-W. Railway's service (stores department), where he was certain to have attained to a high position.

CHAPLAIN THE REVEREND JOHN KELLIE, M.A., B.D., Ph.D. 6th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, only son of the late R. M. Kellie, J P., was one of the most distinguished sons of the Academy. Leaving as dux in classics in 1900 he proceeded to Edinburgh University where in 1904 he graduated M.A. with honours in mental philosophy. In his divinity course in the following three years he took first prize in divinity in each successive class, and among numerous other distinctions won the Aitken scholarship. In compliance with its conditions he continued his studies at the universities of Marburg, Heidelberg, and Berlin, and in 1909 took the degree of doctor of philosophy at Erlangen. After a short time as assistant in Cathcart Parish Church, he was ordained minister of Kirkmichael, Ayrshire, in 1910. A lover of the open air, he was well known as a golfer, and his strength in swimming enabled him to save the lives of two of his people at the village picnic to the Croy shore in 1910. For this action he was awarded the medal of the Royal Humane Society. During the war he served for two years in France as chaplain to the 6th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, taking part in nearly every

engagement during that period. His absolute unselfishness and disregard for his own personal comfort and safety, the consuming desire to be an inspiration and help to his men, led him at all times to share their hardships and dangers. On three separate occasions his name was put forward for the military cross. He was killed at Ypres on 31st July, 1917, when going over the top with his men. He was thirty-three years of age, and is survived by his wife and one daughter.

PRIVATE JAMES KERR, 9th H.L.I., son of Mr. John Kerr, J.P., Muirkirk, was three years in the Higher Grade Department, leaving in 1912. After taking his Intermediate Certificate he entered the Trongate branch of the Clydesdale Bank. He joined the army on 14th September, 1914, and after seven weeks' training left for France. During the next nine months he took part in much fighting. On 9th July, 1915, he was killed at the age of nineteen, when about to receive a commission. His short training took place at a time when army material was scarce, and his despatch to the front was so hurried that, as a correspondent writes, "None of his friends even saw him in uniform."

PRIVATE WILLIAM KERR, H.L.I., son of Robert Kerr, 37 M'Lelland Drive, attended the Academy during the session 1905-6. On leaving school he was employed for two and a half years in the engineering office of Messrs. Glenfield & Kennedy, Ltd. From there he went to the Glasgow office of the Linen Thread Co., and later to the London office of the same company. He then returned to Kilmarnock as traveller for Robert Wilson, wool merchant, Clerk's Lane. He enlisted in the H.L.I. in September, 1914, and crossed to France in January, 1915, after less than five months' training. He was wounded in February, 1915, and treated in hospital at St. Omer. He was again wounded, this time with fatal results, at Festubert. He died on 31st May, 1915, at the age of twenty-two, and is buried at Rouen.

CORPORAL JAMES KING, 1/4th R.S.F., eldest son of Mr. John King, Dunlop Street, Stewarton, attended the Academy during the years 1910-12, after which he entered the business of Messrs. Copestake, Crampton & Co., Glasgow. In 1914 he was called up with

the Territorials. On 11th July he was killed by a sniper at Gallipoli, and was buried in the Atcha Baba Nullah Cemetery.

PRIVATE ROBERT KING, R.S., third son of Mr. John King, was a pupil at the Academy when war was declared. After leaving school he was employed in the Stewarton branch of the Royal Bank. On attaining the age of 18 in March, 1917, he was called up and detailed to the 9th Royal Scots. In March, 40 1918, he went to France, and in 1 April his battalion took part in the fierce fighting around La Bassée. For a long time thereafter he was reported missing, but he must have fallen on that fiercely contested piece of ground.

PRIVATE JAMES H. KIRKLAND, Seaforths, was the elder brother of Private John A. Kirkland. After leaving the Academy he continued his studies for five years at the Technical School, with distinction. He was an excellent student and gained many prizes awarded by employers and School Board, and gave promise of filling an outstanding position in the profession he had adopted. He had been awarded a bursary at the Technical School, tenable at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow, when war broke out, and he gave up all idea of continuing his studies for the time. He joined the 7th Seaforths, and was in the fighting line shortly after his arrival in France. Wounded at the battle of Loos, he was invalided home for six months. When sufficiently recovered and able to return to the fighting line, he took part in the heavy conflicts around the Somme and there he was fatally wounded. His brother and he were the only sons of their widowed mother.

PRIVATE JOHN A. KIRKLAND, Black Watch, was the younger son of the late Mr. John Kirkland, Craigie Road, patternmaker in the Glenfield, and later secretary of the I.O.R. After three years at the Academy he entered the office of Messrs. Howie, fireclay manufacturers, Hurlford. In this position, by diligence and proved efficiency, he rose to be assistant cashier to the firm. In 1915 he joined the 3rd Black Watch in Kitchener's Army, and was soon drafted to Mesopotamia. In the army he took part in the rifle competitions organised amongst the different sections, and proved himself the best shot in the battalion. However he never made use of this prowess with the rifle since he was

not once in action, for he fell a victim to the deadly malaria which was raging in the East when he happened to be there. He was twenty-one years of age.

2ND LIEUTENANT GEORGE LAMBERT, MA., Cameron Highlanders, one of the Academy's most gifted sons, was the elder son of the Rev. John C. Lambert of Braeheads, Fenwick. He commenced his career in the higher grade department of the school in 1904. From the outset he was a pupil of brilliant promise, showing special aptitude in literary and classical pursuits. Of a quiet, reserved disposition he early won the esteem of his teachers and the affection of his fellows, which he retained throughout his life. In the activities of the Literary Society he took a very keen interest, in its administration he did yeoman service on committee; and having a facile pen he delighted the members of the Society with many contributions on most varied subjects. Possessed of a ready wit and a quiet but convincing manner in debate, he was a capable speaker and a tower of strength to the side which he championed. In 1909 he was dux in classics, and that distinction, together with his manner, which was that of a "very parfit gentil knight," made him a popular figure in his remaining year at school. In 1910 he matriculated at Glasgow University where he followed an arts course, which he completed successfully by taking an honours degree in classics in 1914. It was his intention to enter the Church, and he was arranging to take up the divinity studies when war broke out. Like many others of similar disposition who gloried in striking a blow for the cause of right, he laid aside his scholar's gown and donned the soldier's uniform, exchanging the peace and quiet of the divinity classroom for the roar and bustle of a training camp. Through the University Officers' Training Corps he obtained a commission, and was gazetted to the 7th Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders. In 1916 he proceeded overseas to France, and after nine months' active service, in the memorable fighting which followed the historic struggle for Vimy Ridge and the neighbouring district in the second attack of the battle of Arras, on the 23rd April, 1917, he fell as he had lived, a gallant soldier and a perfect gentleman, a noble example of all that is best in Britain's young manhood and of the profession which he had adopted.

2ND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM FAIRLIE LAMBERT, Cameronians, was one of the outstanding figures of his time at the Academy. During his five years with us he added lustre to a name which his brother George had already made distinguished for very high scholarly ability, especially on the classical side. His name inscribed on the walls of the school as winner of the Walker medal for classics shows how finely he rounded off a career of consistent excellence. He took a live and active interest in the work of the Literary Society, where his clear-cut and effective speeches always commanded the attention of the house. Willie Lambert in the chair meant a well conducted and interesting meeting. His quiet and winsome personality was also reflected in the pages of the "Gold Berry," and there were few spheres of academic life to which he was a stranger. On entering Glasgow University in 1914 he took second place in the open bursary competition, and when he immediately joined the O.T.C., and afterwards received a commission in the Cameronians, he laid down a career of the very highest promise. He went to France in 1915. Nine months after he was severely wounded while on night duty between the trenches near Armentieres. He was taken into the German trenches and died the same night of his wounds in a German camp on 22nd March, 1916.

PRIVATE HUGH LAMBIE, K.O.S.B.—Hugh Lambie, a Mauchline boy, was at Kilmarnock Academy for two years. He had no chance to settle down from the time he left school to the date of his enlistment in the K.O.S.B. He was on active service in France, but was killed on 31st October, 1918, at the early age of eighteen.

PRIVATE ANDREW ALLAN LAMBIE, Canadians, was for two years a pupil in the Higher Grade Department of Kilmarnock Academy about 1899. He left to enter the Royal Bank at Newmilns, where he remained for five years, and then went out to Canada to take up farming. He had been there seven years when the war broke out, and he enlisted in the 48th Canadian Highlanders on 9th August, 1914, and came over to England with the first Canadian contingent of 32,000 men in October of that Same year. He was drafted to France in February, 1915, and was in the first gas attack at the second battle of Ypres in April, 1915, after which he was reported missing.

GIJNNER MATHEW LAMONT, R.F.A., was born on the 29th June, 1898, entered Kilmarnock Academy in September, 1909, and left at the close of his third year. He formed many classmate friendships there, the most outstanding being with R. H. Smith. On leaving school he went to his home at Low Wardneuk, Craigie, where he spent five years working on the farm. He was called up in April, 1917, underwent military training with the R.F.A. at Maryhill, and in November of the same year was sent to France to join the 79th Brigade R.F.A. where he speedily made many friends. He was killed in the village of Mailly Mallet by a shell on the 30th May, 1918, and is interred in Englebelheiner Cemetery, near Albert.

PRIVATE WALTER LANDSBOROUGH, Canadians, a son of the Rev. Dr. Landsborough, left Kilmarnock for New Zealand in 1894. On the occasion of his departure a complimentary dinner was arranged among his old school friends. The chairman was Mr. David Lang, and among those present were Colonel John Smellie, D.S.O. ; Dr. John Muir, London; Dr. Dickie, Morpeth; Mr. Tom M'Culloch, Mr. J. Findlay Robertson, and Mr. Thomson Millar. On arriving in New Zealand Mr. Landsborough spent four years learning sheep farming. The sheep farm was on the very borders of the cultivated ground, and much work was spent in the rough work of clearing the scrub. The work was heavy and monotonous, but it was not the arduous nature of the task that made him give it up. He was of the type of which our pioneers are made, and could not remain long in one place. Accordingly he left New Zealand for Australia, where he toured the country and visited the principal cities. Ultimately he crossed the Pacific to California, where he spent some six months. Later he wandered north to Oregon, and again engaged himself to a sheep farmer. He returned home to this country on the occasion of his father's jubilee, and he and his brother James arranged to go to the Argentine to start farming on their own. Unfortunately disease attacked their stock, and Mr. Landsborough's entire capital was lost. He, however, found his way to Rio de Janeiro and, to show the independence of the man, although there were many Kilmarnock people in the city who would gladly have advanced him money, rather than beg assistance he took a post as stoker on a German liner bound for Hamburg. For his trip across he obtained sufficient money to pay for his passage back to America there he rejoined his

brother. A legacy left to himself and James at this time enabled the brothers to start farming in British Columbia, where both were engaged at the outbreak of the war. James immediately joined up, and Walter too offered himself. He was, however, turned down by the army authorities on three occasions, and the medical officer, in reply to his protestations, told him that only an operation would fit him for acceptance in the army. The operation was duly performed, and Walter joined up. After the short training he crossed to England for the few weeks' intensive preparation before being sent to the front. He crossed to France in the spring of 1916, and was killed by a shell while operating a machine gun at Courcelette on the 14th September, that same year.

2ND LIEUTENANT GRAEME G. LANG, K.O.S.B. The tall, genial form of Graeme Lang lives green in the Academy, for not only was he a boy of most attractive disposition but after leaving school he visited his favourite classrooms regularly till the day he embarked on his last journey to France. As a pupil Graeme was very happy in his class, but his innate love of freedom did not find its most congenial atmosphere amid the demands of school exercises. Thus in ordinary workaday lessons he did not aspire to excel, but when the critical moment came for concentration and close reasoning he rose to the occasion. In his Intermediate Examination year on H.M.I.'s visit he bore the brunt of the examiner's attack in geometry, and rose to great heights. The war interrupted his newly begun course in medicine at Glasgow. He joined the University Officers' Training Corps in November, 1915, and was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant to the K.O.S.B. in June, 1915. His war visits to the Academy are vividly recalled—the handsome young officer, yet still the boy, pawky, straightforward, carefree, wholly unafraid of the fate which met him at Monchy-le-Preux, near Arras, on 11th April, 1917. His classmates studying these little biographies will find a proud and sacred interest in counting their own little band of absentees—Eric Barrett, Archie Baxter, Gordon Boyd, Andrew Brown, James Kerr, Graeme Lang, Archie M'Lelland, Inglis Wyllie.

PRIVATE ALEXANDER LEARMONT, A. I. F., was born in 1887 in Mauchline, where the village dominie guided his early studies. He entered Kilmarnock Academy in 1900, where he soon made friends as only boys can. His constant chum was Joe Wilson of

Howard Street. On the completion of his third year he decided on a commercial career, and accepted an appointment as a clerk in the Clydesdale Bank, Kilmarnock. While at the bank his energy and devotion to duty with his courteous bearing found much favour with his employers, and promotion was rapid. He was soon appointed to the National Bank of India in London, but while there his health failed, and he left the confinement and sedentary occupation in the bank for a life in the open. Looking for "pastures new" he made Australia the land of his adoption, and settled as a farmer in New South Wales, where his health improved, and prosperity was smiling upon his labours when the European war broke out, and answering the call to arms he turned aside from his plough to wield the sword. Joining the 56th Battalion A.I.F. he came to England, where he finished his military training. He was then drafted to France, and there with several of his schoolfellows took part in the historic battle of the Somme on 1st November, 1916, where, after two months in France he was killed in his twenty-ninth year.

LANCE-CORPORAL WILLIAM C. LIGAT, R.S.F., son of Hugh L. Ligat, Mansefield, Newmilns, was a pupil at Kilmarnock Academy for seven or eight years, one of his classmates being James Barnett. He left school in 1912, and was apprenticed in the engineering shop of the G. & S.-W. Railway Works at Kilmarnock. Much of his spare time was occupied with the Boy Scout movement, in which he took an enthusiastic interest, he himself holding the King's Scout badge. He joined the 1/4 R.S.F., and went with the battalion from Stirling to the Dardanelles and Egypt. He was killed at Gaza on 19th April, 1917.

CORPORAL ALEXANDER M. LYON, Canadians, was at Kilmarnock Academy from 1896 till 1906. His attendance was much broken owing to his delicate health, but his progress suffered less than might have been expected owing to the devoted assistance of his younger brother Gavin. On leaving school he entered the Kilmarnock branch of the Clydesdale Bank, and in 1912 went to Vancouver, British Columbia, in the service of the Royal Bank of Canada. Rejected by the military authorities seven times on medical grounds he was successful in his eighth attempt to enlist, and with the 72nd Seaforths (Canadians) he arrived in France in August, 1916, and was in much fierce fighting during

the following year. Aged twenty-eight years, he was killed in action at Passchendale on 28th October, 1917, while in charge of a Lewis gun. His brother, Lieutenant Gavin W. Lyon, Tank Corps, died in 1920, soon after being demobilised.

PRIVATE JAMES LYON, Royal Scots, son of Mr. John D. Lyon, schoolmaster, Glen of Luce, Glenluce, Wigtownshire, was born at Glenisla Forfarshire, on 25th October, 1898. Before coming to Kilmarnock he had attended Wallacehall Academy, Closeburn, for two years. He entered the services of the National Bank in Kilmarnock in 1913, attested in October, 1916, and was called up in March, 1917. He joined the Lothian and Border Horse and trained at Haddington. For some weeks near the end of 1917 he attended the Castle School, Edinburgh, and went through special training in tactics and kindred subjects. In the last days of February, 1918, he was drafted to France where he was joined up with the 13th Royal Scots and hurried to the front. He reached the fighting trenches on the 26th of March, and was reported missing on the 28th, presumably in the Arras district. It was ascertained later on that he had never been a prisoner in Germany, and that so far as is known he had not been buried by German soldiers. Nothing more has been discovered as to his fate.

SERGEANT GEORGE M'CRONE, Seaforths, a son of Mr. George M'Crone, M'Kinlay Place, a well known builder in town. At Bentinck School under Mr. Walker, George won the dux medal of the school in 1906. After spending two years at the Academy he joined his father in the building trade, and had just completed five years' apprenticeship when the war broke out. Happening to be at work at a place where he could see the Territorials marching past to entrain at Riccarton, he downed tools, and before war had been declared three weeks he was in training at Fort George. Early in 1915 he embarked for France. As bombing corporal he was wounded at Loos and invalided to England. After a period of convalescence extending over six months he was again sent to France as company-sergeant. After some service he was mortally wounded at Martinpuich on the Somme on 10th September, 1916, and died at the age of twenty-two.

SERGEANT ALEX. M'CURDIE, A. & S. H., Burngrange, Mauchline, was of the Class VI. whose school course finished in 1914. He will be best remembered as a member of the football team. His play having attracted the attention of the secretary of the Kilmarnock F.C. he was persuaded to join their reserve eleven as centre forward, and even played many games for the "A" team. After continuing his studies for a short time at Glasgow University he joined the 14th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, where his reliability and fearlessness made him a favourite with both officers and men. He was killed in France in April, 1917, at the age of twenty. Shortly before his death he had been recommended for the D.C.M.

PRIVATE JAMES MACFARLANE, D.C.M., Scottish Highlanders, of 62 York Place, Kilmarnock, entered the Academy in 1903, and left at the age of fourteen to enter the Post Office as telegraph messenger and later on became postman. Immediately on the outbreak of war he joined Kitchener's Army, enlisting in the Black Watch. Wounded at the battle of Loos he was invalided home, but rejoined his regiment in May, 1916. He was awarded the D.C.M. for good work done at Langueval at the start of the big advance, and was killed there on the 24th of March, 1918, at the age of twenty-eight.

PRIVATE ADAM M'GREGOR, Liverpool Scottish, son of Mr. A.M'Gregor, photographer, Ellis Street, spent ten years at the Academy, and left school in 1907. He was a woollen importer in Denver, Colorado, U.S.A., when war broke out, but came home by the "Lusitania" in December, 1914, to enlist with two friends in the Liverpool Scottish. At school he was a very enthusiastic cadet, a good shot, and one of the team that won Colonel Grove's Cup at the Scottish Command Naval and Military Tournament, 1905. The news of Adam's death at Hooze in Flanders meant sad hearts for many.

PRIVATE ALEXANDER TAYLOR MACGREGOR, Seaforths, an old pupil of the Academy, was on holiday when war was declared in August, 1914. Anxious to serve his king and country he came home and joined the Seaforth Highlanders on the 1st of September. After hard training at Cromarty his company was drafted to France on the 23rd of January, 1915. So great was the need for men in the fighting line that neither he

nor any of his companions were allowed home leave before going abroad. At the battle of St. Julian on 25th April his company suffered very severely, and he was one of the many who fell on that stricken field.

CAPTAIN DAVID M'GREGOR, A. & S.H., was an Academy pupil in the North Hamilton Street days, and previous to enlisting was a clerk with Messrs. D. Law & Sons, brass founders, Sturrock Street. He served nearly eighteen years in the army, and was engaged in the South African War and in India, where he spent twelve years and was present at the great Durbar held at Delhi. In September, 1914, he went to France with Indian troops, and was Staff-Sergeant at the Adjutant-General's office at the base. Latterly he volunteered to go up the line, was accepted, and soon promoted Captain. He was four years in France and had seen hard fighting, but escaped scatheless, till the end came through a sniper's bullet. He was about thirty-three years of age.

PRIVATE WILLIAM B. M'HOUL, Camerons, son of Mr. Robert M'Houl, Kilmaurs, was a pupil in Grammar School under the late Mr. David Murray, and entered the Academy about the same time as his headmaster. When he left school he entered the service of Mr. John Sturrock, C.E., and later transferred to the firm of Messrs. Arrol, bridge and roof builders. When he joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in September, 1914, he was in the employment of Sir William Arrol & Co. as a structural draughtsman. Just a year later he was killed at Loos.

2ND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM M. M'INNES, MA., Wiltshire Regiment, son of Mr. John M'Innes, formerly of Grange Terrace, Kilmarnock. came to the Academy in 1903. During his six years there he took a leading part in all school activities. His energy and initiative made him a prominent member of the Literary Society, of which he was treasurer in 1907-8. As a Junior Student he showed marked aptitude and capability. In 1909 he proceeded to Glasgow University, where he graduated M.A. with honours in Latin and French in 1914. His university course was interrupted for a session which he spent in the Lycée at Douai. Throughout his whole course his attention was turned specially to French, and for a time he acted as secretary to the University French club. On

leaving the university he received an appointment as principal French master in the County Boys' School, Cambridge. Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities he enrolled in the University O.T.C., from which he was gazetted to the Wiltshire Regiment. He left for the East about the middle of 1916, and was in action in Mesopotamia only a short time when he met his death in the attack on Kut on 25th January, 1917. It is difficult to realise that one who was so full of the joy of life was called upon to lay it down at the early age of twenty-six.

CAPTAIN S. F. H. MACKAY, M.A. (Glasg.), B.A. (Oxon.), Ph.D. (Jena), East Lancs., for some time head of the Classical Department in Kilmarnock Academy, was the youngest son of the late Mr. Martin Mackay, writer, Glasgow. He received his earlier education at Glasgow Academy, where he took the dux medal in classics. He entered Glasgow University in his sixteenth year, and obtained the first place in the University Bursary Competition. He was Blackstone medallist in Greek and Latin and was elected Snell exhibitioner at the age of eighteen. The following year he graduated with first class honours in classics and passed on to Oxford University, where he took first class honours in classical moderations, was awarded the George A. Clark fellowship, and graduated in 1902. After studying abroad for some time he was appointed head of the Classical Department in Kilmarnock Academy on the 5th of September, 1905, and shortly after that completed the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Jena. Towards the close of the following year he accepted a nomination as junior inspector of schools, and left Kilmarnock Academy on the 9th of November, 1906, to enter upon his new duties at Aberdeen, under Mr. Jamieson, H.M.I. A few years later he was transferred to the Glasgow district. Early in 1915 he was gazetted 2nd lieutenant, 2/5 East Lancs., and was promoted to the rank of acting captain in 1916. He was reported missing on the 13th of June, 1917, near Givenchy, having gone out in the early morning to seek for a wounded brother officer. Later on it was reported that he had died of wounds in Germany. He is survived by his wife and one child.

GUNNER DONALD HUGH M'KENZIE, R.F.A., one of the four sons of Mr. James M'Kenzie, Bank Street, who fought in the great war, after attending the Academy for

several years left in 1905, and for some years was his father's "right hand man." "Dan," as he was familiarly called, had a wide circle of friends by whom he was greatly esteemed and admired, alike for his big burly form, his breezy unconventional manner, and his genial wit and humour. He had a kindly word and a cheery salutation for everybody. Always bright and happy his presence radiated sunshine wherever he went, and his coming into any company was the signal for the brightening up of everyone there. He enlisted on the 3rd of February, 1917, and received his training at Maryhill and Dalkeith, afterwards undergoing a special course in signalling at Swanage, Dorset. He was sent out to the fighting line as signaller and gunner in January, 1918, and was killed near Lillers by a shell on 22nd April of that year when going up to the guns with munition waggons, and was buried behind the lines in the cemetery at Gonnehem. He was twenty-nine years of age when he fell. Of his three brothers Archie was twice wounded and got his MC. at Zonnebeke James was wounded at Loos, and Forbes went through the campaign in Mesopotamia and Persia.

PRIVATE MALCOLM MACKINTOSH, R.S.F., son of Mr. J. D. Mackintosh, solicitor, Kilmarnock, was a pupil at Kilmarnock Academy, Irvine Royal Academy, and Glasgow High School, and later on a student of law at the University of Glasgow. He was an enthusiastic cricketer, a fine golfer, and a keen student of English literature, with a scholarly knowledge of the English and French essayists. He enlisted in 1915 as a private in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and passed over into the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He was killed in action in the Passchendaele sector at Ypres on 26th September, 1917. One of his last acts was to dress the wounds received by 2nd Lieutenant M. A. M'Kenzie, of Kilmarnock, whose platoon he had joined that morning after having been separated from his own in the mist and smoke of battle. Sensitive, big-hearted, and absolutely fearless, he did not advertise. Yet without effort the charm of his personality strongly gripped all who knew him. The manner of his death was as he had lived. He died "playing the game."

CAPTAIN SAMUEL M'KNIGHT, Royal Scots, entered Kilmarnock Academy in 1906 as the dux of Hamilton School. He left school in 1908 to enter his apprenticeship in the Royal Bank, Kilmarnock, and was subsequently promoted to the inspector's department

of the head office in Edinburgh. He enlisted in March, 1915, in the Cameron Highlanders, and three months later received a commission in the Royal Scots. Wounded in November, 1916, he was mentioned in despatches, and in 1917 was promoted captain. He was killed in action in France in September, 1918, only five weeks after his marriage. He was twenty-five years of age. Those who knew his work in the Royal Bank regarded him as a most promising young man. He had initiative and ability, and was a natural leader of men, while his cheerful, energetic disposition carried him happily through all that he undertook in work and play.

PRIVATE DUNCAN M'K. MACLARTY, H.L.I., was born on the 24th December, 1893, and left Kilmarnock Academy in 1910 to enter the office of Messrs. Mitchell & Findlay, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow. He passed his intermediate C.A. examination in 1913, and in company with many of his old classmates joined the army in 1914 with the first rush of young recruits after Mons. He entered the 9th H.L.I., and in January, 1915, was drafted to France. Wounded in July of 1915 he returned to France in January, 1916. He took part in the action at High Wood (Somme front) on the 14th July, 1916, was reported missing, and is presumed to have been killed in battle. "Kinnon," as his friends called him, was a zealous supporter of his school in all its social activities. One remembers his enthusiasm in the cricket club and his criticism and many drolleries in the literary society. After leaving school his love of sport drew him to the local Rugby club, where he gained his place among the 1st XV. forwards. Kinnon's good footwork made him a valuable asset to his side, and his chums delighted in his characteristic breakaway from the scrum with the ball at his feet and a scowl of concentration on his face. Outspoken honesty, keen sense of humour, and strong commonsense were to many the outstanding features of Kinnon Maclarty.

PRIVATE ARCHIE M'LELLAND, Gordons, was at Kilmarnock Academy for about six years, and left in 1911. He joined the Lovat Scouts in 1915 when seventeen years of age, his height and general physique giving him an older appearance. Thereafter he was attached to the Cameron Highlanders, and finally, after training in Lincolnshire, was sent to France with the Gordons. He fell at Anzin on 10th April, 1917. Among his class

friends were Inglis Wyllie, John Rogerson, and Graham Lang, all of whom were among the “unreturning brave.”

PRIVATE JOHN M'NAY, H.L.I., was the only son of Mr. David M'Nay, chemist. He spent ten years at Kilmarnock Academy. On leaving school he entered a shipbroker's office, and on 30th May, 1915, joined the 9th H.L.I. with his friend, Andrew Alexander. After a period of training in Glasgow he was sent to France in March, 1916. Here he met his death at High Wood between the 14th and 15th July, at the early age of nineteen. While at school John was a member of the Cadet Corps. He was a keen golfer. His chief hobby was photography, in which he was most successful. He had the unassuming courage and quiet determination of the best type of Scot, qualities which won for him the respect of his comrades in the firing line. But it was his affectionate and unselfish nature which endeared him to those who knew him intimately, and appreciated him as a staunch and devoted friend.

PRIVATE ALEX. M'MURRAY, Northamptonshires, eldest son of Mr. G. M'Murray, draper, Portland Street, first came to the Academy in 1899, but later went to Prestwick School. From 1908 he worked with his father for a number of years, but afterwards went to London to gain further experience, and he was there when war broke out. Immediately he offered himself for service in one of the Northamptonshire battalions. He was twenty-two years of age, and had been a soldier twenty-three months when he was killed in France on the 11th of July, 1916.

2ND LIEUTENANT GEORGE WILSON M'QUAKER, R.S.F., was mobilised with the Territorial Force in which he was a colour-sergeant at the outbreak of the war. He came safely through the Gallipoli campaign, and was promoted to quarter-master-sergeant and then to sergeant-major, and held the rank of 2nd lieutenant for about a month. He was killed in action in Palestine on the 13th November, 1917, in the 27th year of his age. Lieutenant M'Quaker enlisted in the Territorial Force in 1908, when he was seventeen years of age, and soon made a reputation for himself as a clever marksman. In 1909 as a junior he won two spoons in the spoon shoots, and was a member of the company's team,

taking part 'in all the competitions with success. In 1910 he was one of the Ayrshire team that took part in the Queen Mary competition at Bisley, and in 1911 he won several prizes at the Ayrshire Rifle Association meeting at Irvine, besides taking fifth place in the county championship. In season 1911-12 he won the Scottish Twenty Club championship. He also competed at Darnley with success, and was a member of the Ayrshire team which took part in the international match at Irvine, when Ayrshire came out on top and the London Scottish took second place. In 1913 he won the Walker medal, finished top scorer in the Lanfine cup competition, headed the merchants' prize list, and was fourth in the Ayrshire championship. He was the youngest colour-sergeant in the brigade, having been appointed to that rank when only twenty-two years of age. He took very enthusiastically to soldiering and had made up his mind, if spared, to remain in the army after the war was finished. Before going on service he was prominently identified with the Boys' Brigade, and acted as drill instructor to the Laigh Kirk corps. Lieutenant M'Quaker was the third son of Mr. Robert M'Quaker, 18 Charles Street. He attended the Academy from 1903-1906 before serving his apprenticeship as an ironmoulder with his father in the Holm Foundry. He is survived by his wife and two little girls.

PRIVATE JAMES MAIR, Gordons, son of Mrs. Mair, Waterside, was educated at the village school, and later at Kilmarnock Academy. Prior to his enlistment he was engaged as a milk tester in the Central Ayrshire Division of the Scottish Milk Record Association, and in the discharge of his duties came into close contact with the farmers of the Kilmarnock and Fenwick districts. He was killed on 20th September, 1915, on the eve of his twentieth birthday.

PRIVATE THOMAS MAXWELL, Royal Fusiliers, was the son of Mrs. Maxwell, Titchfield Street. He was among the pupils of Kilmarnock Academy who came over from the old building in North Hamilton Street to the new in 1898. A young man of versatile accomplishments he was a well known football player in the district, an excellent violinist, and a member of the Society of Musicians. Some years later he was appointed secretary to the Orient Bonded Warehouse, Mincing Lane, London, and in his leisure hours took an active interest in the London Caledonian F.C. Joining the Royal Fusiliers

during the war, he was reported missing at Aveley Wood, Albert, 27th March, 1918, and since that date nothing further has been heard of him.

CORPORAL H. MILLER, Scots Guards, the son of Mr. Hugh Miller, Trinidad, West Indies (formerly of Mauchline), came to Mauchline as a child, and was educated at Mauchline Public School and Kilmarnock Academy. He left the Academy in 1910, and when war broke out was learning farming. He enlisted in the Scots Guards in January, 1915, and went with the battalion to France in October of the same year. On 1st May, 1916, when the battalion was stationed at Ypres, Corporal Miller, with two comrades, was surprised by the Germans and killed in a listening post. He had been in the same post on previous nights, and did not require to go on 1st May, but had volunteered to do so.

LANCE-CORPORAL WILLIAM MILLER, Cameron Highlanders, entered the Academy from Hurlford in 1910. During his Junior Student course he entered enthusiastically into the life of the school. In the Literary Society he often intervened in the debates with an effective speech or a well timed and often humorous question. His cheery greeting in the corridors as we passed from one class to another is one of those wistful bits of himself which he left lying in the memory of those who knew him. In 1913 he entered Glasgow University to complete his training as a teacher. In 1914 he joined the O.T.C., and in April, 1915, he volunteered for active service. After training at Tain joined the Signal Section and was drafted to Richmond, where, after distinguishing himself in an examination in signalling, he acted as Signal Instructor for some time. Going to France on 1st April, 1916, he took part in several heavy engagements, and on July 28th, 1917, while retiring from the trenches, he was so severely wounded that he died the following day, at the age of twenty-two.

2ND LIEUTENANT JOHN SYDNEY MORTON, 2nd Battalion Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment), was the second son of John Morton, J.P., Blackhall, Midlothian. Born at St. Hilliers, Kilmarnock, 24th November, 1895, he was for three years a pupil at Kilmarnock Academy, afterwards attending the Edinburgh College of Arts. He was an architect's apprentice and one of the most brilliant students of his year at college. Enlisting on 7th

September, 1914, in the 9th Battalion Royal Scots, he obtained a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in March, 1916. From February, 1915, he served in France and Flanders, taking part in the second battle of Ypres, the fighting at St. Eloi, and other engagements. He was killed by a shell on 25th April, 1917, at Monchy-le-Preux during the second battle of Arras. By officers and men alike he was esteemed a capable and fearless officer, ever foremost to face danger, one who always played the game.

SERGEANT DUNCAN M'NICOL MUIR, Canadians, son of the late James L. Muir and of Mrs. Muir, Bank Street, Kilmarnock, attended the Academy, 1896-1906. Early attracted to the Cadets he continued throughout school life to show the greatest enthusiasm in all pertaining to the corps. His soldierly bearing bore eloquent testimony to the ardent spirit with which he received his training. It was quite a natural result that in 1906 he should win the cadet cup and the gold medal. His success in the classroom, too, was such as would have made easy his entrance into any profession, but having set his mind on a banking career he entered the Bank of Scotland. Pressing on with his customary singleness of purpose he became in due course an Associate of the Institute of Scottish Bankers, while in his spare moments he kept in close touch with the R.S.F., attaining to the rank of sergeant. Eager for a wider field he accepted a colonial appointment in Vancouver, where he soon became well known as a fine shot in the 77th Canadian Rifles. Here in 1914 Duncan heard the call of the Motherland. For him, disciplined to a degree by his lifelong admiration of soldierly attention to duty and detail, to hear was to obey at once. Leaving his post as teller in the head office of the Royal Bank, Vancouver, he sailed to Britain with the 1st Canadian Contingent, and trained on Salisbury Plain. Within six months of the beginning of the war Sergeant Duncan Muir was standing a strong unit in the great defence wall at the second battle of Ypres, and fell at St. Julien on 24th April, 1915, aged twenty-four years. "Sic itur ad astra."

LANCE-CORPORAL WILFRED MUIR, Seaforths, was killed in action on 10th December, 1916, aged twenty-two. His early education was obtained at Galston, and after two years at the Academy he left in 1908. At the age of eighteen he went to Toronto, but after only a year there he returned home to take up an appointment as junior reporter on

the staff of “Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald.” He was afterwards reporter to the “Annandale Times,” Lockerbie, and had received a good appointment on the staff of the “Kirkintilloch Herald,” which he gave up to become a soldier in the 7th Seaforths. He saw much hard fighting in France, both he and his younger brother James taking part in the battle of Loos, and as a result both were out of action for a time. Wilfred was home on leave at the beginning of December, 1916, and on the first day of his return to the trenches he was shot through the head by a German sniper. His youngest brother Joseph, Tank Corps, was killed in France a fortnight before the Armistice.

GUNNER ROBERT M. C. MUNN, Canadians, had for his chum at the Academy Stewart Thomson, whose name also appears in this Roll of Honour. When he left school he had made up his mind for a career as a farmer, and after spending some time as a student of agriculture went to Canada, where he intended to settle when he had acquired more knowledge of Canadian methods. He was in Canada two years when war broke out, and joining up he came to this country with the 1st Canadians. Crossing to France in February, he died of wounds received at the second battle of Ypres on the 26th of April, 1915—just two weeks before his twenty-first birthday—and is buried at Hazibrouck. Bertie—his friends will remember him best as Bertie Munn—was the eldest son of Mr Robert Munn, Dumfries Arms hotel, Cumnock.

PRIVATE WILLIAM MURDOCH, H.L.I., Fairhill Road, was in the Intermediate Department from 1910 to 1913. He then entered the engineering offices of Messrs. Glenfield & Kennedy, Ltd., which he left to join the 6th H.L.I. in November, 1914. Going out with the 52nd Lowland Division to the Dardanelles the following May, he was killed in the heavy engagement of the 12th July, at the early age of seventeen and a half. While at school his bright, cheerful disposition made him a favourite with his classmates, whose applause he also won for his prowess in swimming under water.

PRIVATE JAMES NAIRN, R.S.F., son of Mr. Andrew Nairn, tailor and clothier, formerly of Rennie Street, came to the Academy as a small boy, and after nine years' attendance left in 1910 to join his father in business. He enlisted in the 1/5 R.S.F. in

October, 1914, and went with the battalion to Gallipoli in May of the following year. He came through all the fighting in the peninsula until the very last encounter with the Turks in which the Ayrshire battalions covered preparations for evacuation by making a furious attack on some advanced Turkish trenches. This final action began on the night of the 29th December, 1915. The 5th R.S.F. captured a trench, but they were heavily shelled during the next two days, and Private Nairn was killed on the 31st. His commanding officer writes, "He was at all times cheerful, even when we were surrounded by difficulties." He was only nineteen at the time of his death.

GUNNER WILLIAM M'KAY NEIL, R.M.L.I., of 54 South Hamilton Street, was three years in attendance at the Academy, and left in 1912 to become a bank apprentice. Two years later he volunteered for service in the R.M.L.I., which was stationed first at Deal and then at Chatham. Transferred afterwards to H.M.S. "Queen Mary," he conscientiously discharged his duties and was recognised as a clever and energetic gun trainer. His career was cut short at the battle of Jutland by the sinking of the above warship on 31st May, 1916.

PRIVATE GEORGE PATON A. & S.H., a son of Mr. Paton, gardener at The Mount, Kilmarnock, entered the Higher Grade Department of the Academy in 1911, and left to join the army five years later. He was a very modest and unassuming lad all through his school career. In the classroom things seemed to come easily to him, and he was an outstanding figure in the field of sport. The quality however by which he is most likely to be remembered was his cheerfulness. As one of his friends said a few weeks ago, "Geordie was never without his smile." He enlisted in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in June, 1916, and after a hasty training was sent over to the western front where he was reported missing in March, 1917.

PRIVATE HUGH PATON, R.S.F., son of Mr. Alexander Paton, of Craigie, received his elementary education at Craigie School, and was the first boy there to win a county bursary. He entered the Higher Grade Department of Kilmarnock Academy in 1911, and left school in 1914 to take up work in the Post Office. In May, 1916, he joined the 1st

R.S.F., and underwent special training as a signaller. During the big retreat in the early spring of 1918 Private Paton was on duty at the company's headquarters near Arras. On the 27th of March his brother and he, overcome by the fatigue of the ceaseless fighting, lay down for a few minutes' sleep before "stand to." An enemy shell burst over them while they were lying on the ground, and both were killed. Hugh was twenty years of 'ge at the time of his death.

LANCE-CORPORAL WILLIAM PICKEN, H.L.I., elder son of Mr. Daniel Picken, Glebe Avenue, was of that band who, a month after the outbreak of war, joined the Glasgow Highlanders. His previous training as a member of the Academy Cadets, as well as his abilities as a crack shot, caused him to be sent to France with an early draft, and six weeks after enlisting he took his place in the firing line. On the 15th of July, 1916, he was shot by a sniper while engaged in attending to a wounded comrade. He was twenty-three years of age when he fell. Before the war Willie was employed in the Glenfield Works.

GUNNER JAMES S. RENNIE, M.M.G.B., head of the Art Department in Kilmarnock Academy, was the son of Mr. Thomas Rennie, acting superintendent of Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove. He was a student in the Glasgow School of Art for about six years, and took the diploma in design and decorative art in June, 1907. In the same year he was awarded the "Haldane" travelling scholarship, and was the only student in design who ever achieved that distinction. When acting as a temporary assistant at Dumfries he was appointed assistant art master in Kilmarnock Academy, and began his duties there on the 4th of October, 1909. When Mr. C. B. Millar retired on superannuation on the 31st of July, 1913, Mr. Rennie was appointed head of the Art Department. His work as a teacher was remarkably successful, and on more than one occasion at Kilmarnock every intermediate student presented passed the examination in art. In 1915 he volunteered for service in the Motor Machine Gun Battery, and after spending some time in France was sent to India, where he died of meningeal hæmorrhage at Quetta, on the 6th of August, 1918. Mr. Rennie was married shortly before he went abroad on service, and is survived by his wife and a baby girl.

LIEUTENANT J. H. ROBERTSON, Black Watch, the second son of Mr. Matthew Robertson, was born at Beansburn, 1886, so that he was in his thirtieth year when he fell in the battle of Longueval, 18th July, 1916. His early education was received at the Old Academy which he left in 1897 to go to the High School, Kirkcaldy, where he was for three years. His last school days were spent at Irvine Royal Academy. In civil life he was an engineer. He received his training in the works of Messrs. J. Brown & Co., Clydebank, and in the works and drawing office of Messrs. J. Dickinson & Sons, Sunderland. When he left the latter firm he went to sea in a vessel owned by Messrs. Milburn of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and trading to and from the Colonies. He paid several visits to Australia and to various South American ports up to July, 1914, when he came home to sit for his final examination. He was attending the Marine Engineering College with that objective in view when war was declared on 4th August, 1914. Four days later Jim handed his books to his mother "for keeping," and left in the afternoon with his brother Andrew for Edinburgh to enlist. Enrolled as private in the Gordons, Jim was soon transferred to the Black Watch and sent to Aberdeen for training. Later he was passed on to Nigg, where he was promoted 2nd lieutenant, and then to Salisbury Plain where he was made full lieutenant. Under Colonel M'Crae Gilstrap, at Catterick, he was assistant adjutant, and in 1915 was sent to France as a specially trained signalling officer, and attached to the headquarter's staff. It was when on this duty that he fell in July, 1916. James Robertson's classmates will remember him as a fair-haired blue-eyed boy; those who were privileged to know him later in life will remember the big stalwart soldier—a man and a gentleman. It was decided that ten of the bravest and most popular Black Watch officers from among the glorious band of five or six hundred that had passed during the war should have their photographs hung upon the walls in the rooms of the Black Watch Memorial Halls, Broughty Ferry, and on the recommendation of his commanding officer, Colonel M'Crae Gilstrap, Lieutenant J. H. Robertson was selected as one to be thus honoured.

LANCE-CORPORAL JAMES MUIR ROGERSON, H.L.I., and PRIVATE JOHN ELLIOT ROGERSON, H.L.I., were sons of Mr. Robert Rogerson, provision merchant, King Street. It is impossible to think of them apart. They were both in the Commercial Battalion of the H.L.I. They joined up in September, 1914, and trained at Gales and in

England. Quiet and reserved boys, they were always fast friends, and in death they were not divided. They were both killed on the 1st of July, 1916. James and John Rogerson were general favourites wherever they went. They were of those who find their happiness in their homes and, though fond of most sports, did not take a very active part in any. James was his father's right hand man in business to which he devoted himself wholeheartedly. John's energies in his father's business were directed to the outside work—goods delivery by motor to which he gave his vigorous activity. James was twenty-six years of age, while John was twenty-one.

2ND LIEUTENANT JAMES ROME, 5th H.L.I., was killed in action near Beaumont Hamel on 18th November, 1916, in his thirtieth year. His whole school life was spent at the Academy. After leaving school he was articled to Mr. W. B. Whitie, architect, Glasgow, where he was employed till he joined the army. During his career he assisted at the carrying out of many important buildings in Glasgow, the principal of which was the Mitchell Library in Bath Street. He joined the Glasgow University Officers' Training Corps in 1915, and was afterwards transferred to the Cambridge University Officers' Cadet School. After being stationed for a time in England he was drafted overseas and attached to the 15th H.L.I. He met his death after being six weeks in France and only two days in action. A quiet, reliable boy at school, he showed the same characteristics in business and in service.

PRIVATE WILLIAM ROXBURGH, A. & S.H., Howard Park Drive, for nine years attended the Academy, and was in the same class with Archie M'Lelland, Inglis Wyllie, Mathew Lamont, and William Murdoch, all of whom made the supreme sacrifice. William Roxburgh was a member of the Cadet Corps and also of the Kilmarnock Rifle Club. He was very fond of athletics, and as a member of the Academy Swimming Club took a distinguished place, especially in the diving competitions. After leaving school he entered the office of Mr. A. Cairns Smith, solicitor, where he remained for a year. His inclination, however, being towards engineering, he commenced more congenial work at the "Glenfield." When war broke out he could not bear to see so many of his comrades volunteering to fight in their country's cause without doing his share. So while still a boy

in his teens he enlisted in the A. & S.H. In due course he passed over to France. Temporarily drafted to the Gordons he took part in the battle of Arras, near Fampoux, but after the battle was not there to answer the roll call. He was in his twentieth year.

2ND LIEUTENANT ARCHIBALD SCOTT, Gordon Highlanders, was killed in France when only twenty-two. He spent six years at the Academy, and from the first he won a warm place in our hearts by certain delightful little mannerisms which are often associated with an attractive personality. Even a wave of the hand from Archie was distinctively characteristic, and very seldom indeed was his eye without a twinkle. This genial presence he gave generously to the service of the Literary Society, which he often addressed, and he contributed to the pages of the "Gold Berry" articles and verses of outstanding merit. In class he displayed an English style which was the envy and despair of us all. At Glasgow University he joined the Officers' Training Corps, and in April, 1916, he volunteered for active service, and later gained his commission in the Gordons. He fell in action on 25th April, 1917, at Calvary Farm near Guemappe.

PRIVATE GEORGE RUSSELL SCOTT, Cameronians, came to the Academy from Galston in August, 1914. During his school career he evinced a strong artistic bias, and for a time thought of adopting art as his profession. Later he determined that art must be reserved as a pastime, and on obtaining the Leaving Certificate in 1916 was eager to begin at once the study of medicine. At that time, however, men were urgently demanded for the army, and in August, 1916, he joined the Cameronians. Stationed in Ireland amid uncongenial surroundings he found solace in his painting and carving, and when more suitable material failed he would fall back upon the rationed biscuit which possessed decided advantages when thus utilised. In May, 1917, he crossed to France, where he was in the thick of the fighting till his death on 31st July, 1917, at the early age of nineteen. In all his classes George Scott was noticeable for the heartiness with which he devoted himself to his work, but he was in his true element in the art room.

LANCE-CORPORAL ROBERT W. SHANKLAND, Cameronians, was a younger brother of Mr. William Shankland, of the firm of Dunlop & Murray, C.A., Glasgow. lie

was an Academy pupil for three years, leaving on completion of the Intermediate Course. He was then sixteen years of age, and commenced his business career by joining the clerical staff of the G. & S.-W. Railway Co. at Kilmarnock. The city seemed to him to hold out greater attractions from a business point of view than the country, and "Bob" a few months later was fortunate enough to gain admission to the well known firm of Arthur & Co., warehousemen, Glasgow. After ten years with this firm of world-wide repute he joined the army, and was sent to France a few months later. On the continent he was often in action. Three times he was wounded, and three times he was sent back to the fighting line. He seemed to bear a charmed life, but on the 20th May, 1917, when acting as a Lewis gunner, and after his company had successfully repelled the charge of the enemy, he was hit by a stray shot on his way to rest camp.

SERGEANT JOHN SHIELDS, R.F.A., of 25 M'Kinlay Place, was a pupil of the Academy from 1910 to 1912. After leaving school he became apprenticed to Mr. John D. Wyllie, solicitor. He joined the R.F.A. in September, 1914, at the age of sixteen, was retained in the army office till May, 1917, and was on active service from then till September, 1917, when he died of wounds received in action in Flanders.

CORPORAL GEORGE P. SMILLIE, M.G. Corps, was a pupil at the Academy for three years, leaving there in 1910. He was goods clerk at Gatehead Station for some time, but gave this up to start farming at Newfield Mains, Dundonald, where he remained until 1916, when he joined the colours. He was gassed and invalided home in 1917, but returned to France early in 1918, and died of wounds in October of that year. He was twenty-three years of age. One of his officers in a letter said:—"He was one of the best, and for his good work I recommended him for the Military Medal."

2ND LIEUTENANT JOHN SOMMERVILL, R.S.F., was a son of Mr. Sommervill, of Messrs. Cameron & Sons, jewellers, King Street. He received all his education in Kilmarnock, for the first eleven years at the Academy, and later for two years at the evening classes in the Technical School. Quiet and retiring in disposition, his inclinations lay towards mechanics, and he spent most of his leisure time in making boats and sailing

them on the Kay Park Lake in the summer. On leaving school he was apprenticed to the watchmaking trade under his father, and at the same time, as a help to greater proficiency in his calling, he attended the proper classes at the Technical School. In 1915 he enlisted in the A.O.C. at Devonport, and in due course passed through training as a cadet at Rhyl. On receiving his commission he was transferred to the R.S.F., and was sent to France about the middle of 1918. He was all through the fighting which took place when the Germans were being driven out of East Flanders. At Courtrai he was billeted in the schoolhouse, and so delighted was the schoolmaster to see English officers that he unearthed a bottle of wine and other articles which he had hidden away in his garden against the probable advent of the Germans. On his way from Courtrai to Oudenarde he was shot by machine gun fire after the village near Vichte had been almost taken. He was in his twenty-third year.

PRIVATE JOHN LOUDON STEVENS, A.S.C., was the younger son of Mr. David Stevens, Reay, Thurso, so long associated with the Laigh Kirk. Beginning his education at the Academy in North Hamilton Street he remained there a short time after the change in 1898, but, soon rejoined his old friends, James Rome and Joe Wilson, on the hill. As boys of twelve, fired by the South African victories, he and his classmates were ardent recruits of the Cadet Corps when it was raised in 1900, and in time John Stevens attained to the rank of sergeant. On leaving school he trained as a solicitor, and for two years conducted the business of Messrs. Donaldson & Blair, Glasgow, while one partner via, ill and the other on military service. He himself had been rejected by the military authorities and his second application bringing only the offer of clerical work in the army he preferred to carry on his civil occupation. On his third, application he was offered and accepted service in the motor transport, and after training was attached the Australians in France. He was killed on the 11th October, 1917, when entering Ypres on his return from the front with walking wounded, a service for which he had volunteered. Many of his old schoolfellows will remember his nimble wit which found food for jest at every turn.

SERGEANT GEORGE STRATHDEE, Seaforths, son of Mrs. Strathdee, 32 Craigie Road, Riccarton, attended the Academy for several years. Having served his

apprenticeship as an engineer with Messrs. Glenfield & Kennedy, he enlisted shortly after the declaration of war. After a brief training he was sent forward to the fighting line, and was wounded at the battle of Loos. After his recovery he was sent over to France a second time. He was wounded in the Somme offensive on 12th October, 1916, and later on posted as missing.

2ND LIEUTENANT ANDREW STURROCK, R.S.F., son of Mr. David Sturrock, Mossmark, New Cumnock, entered the Academy in 1907. With the dux medal of New Cumnock School and the Arthur Trust Bursary he had laid the foundations of a career which did not belie its early promise during the six years he was with us. Unassuming by nature, he took a lively unofficial interest in the Literary Society, and his fine musical intuition was invaluable to the Junior Student music class. Proceeding to Glasgow University he joined the O.T.C., and received a commission in the R.S.F. in June, 1915. April, 1916, saw him with his battalion in France, and after having been slightly wounded he fell on July 14th, 1916, as he led his men toward the German lines. He was only twenty-one years of age.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE STURROCK, R.S.F., born 6th May, 1886, a son of the late John Sturrock, writer, spent about ten years at the Academy, leaving in 1902 to take up the study of law at Edinburgh University. On passing his final law examination he served for a number of years with Messrs. M'Grigor, Donald & Co., solicitors, Glasgow, and thereafter started business in Kilmarnock in partnership with Mr. James Robertson. Prompt, methodical, and courteous in all his relations at school, he showed most zeal in games and in the Cadet Corps, of which he was one of the first recruits. Later he was one of the keenest players in the Kilmarnock Rugby Club. When war broke out in 1914 as an officer in the 4th Battalion R.S.F. he volunteered for active service, and proceeded to Gallipoli in 1915. He was one of four officers and nearly one hundred men of the battalion who were reported missing in an attack on the Turkish positions on 12th July, 1915. None of these officers or men ever returned, and they were later reported killed in action. An early maturity of character and a quiet thoughtfulness for others marked

George Sturrock even as a boy, and the self-devotion which led him to his death was in harmony with the unassuming manliness of his life.

PRIVATE QUINTIN JAMES TANNOCK, K.O.S.B., was a pupil in the Academy for two sessions, from 1908 to 1910. He was the son of Mr. Hugh Tannock, Kirklands, Kilmaurs, and after leaving school was engaged in work on the farm. He enlisted in June, 1915, and after three months' training was drafted to the Dardanelles. There he remained until the evacuation of Gallipoli in January, 1916, when his regiment formed the rearguard and was the last to leave. After two months in Egypt he re-entered the fighting line, this time in France. He was posted missing on 26th October, 1916, and after the lapse of six months was presumed killed.

CAPTAIN ADRIAN C. TAYLOR, M.A., 15th H.L.I., youngest son of Mr. Arch. Taylor, Myrtlebank, Kilmarnock, became pupil at the Academy in 1898, and remained there till 1911, when he went to Glasgow University. Before leaving school he was awarded the Craig medal for excelling in all class subjects and the Fortune medal for the best essay on Alexander Smith. Many of the pupils of that day will remember the visit of "George Umber" to present the prize and the unstinted praise he bestowed on the winner for his literary appreciation and style. To most of his contemporaries, however, the name of Adrian Taylor will be chiefly associated with the Literary Society and the "Gold Berry," which were his chief hobbies. He was secretary of the Society in 1909-10 and editor of the "Gold Berry" 1910-11, and during his term of office the magazine reached a high level of literary excellence. The Christmas number was unique, and contained articles from many distinguished former pupils. He strove unceasingly to make the Society and the magazine live forces in the school. When the war broke out he had finished his arts course, and had entered on the study of medicine. At the graduation ceremony in October he was one of the first two students to be capped in khaki. He died of wounds at Zuydcoote, France, on 24th September, 1917, at the age of twenty-five. In the Alexander Smith competition he chose as his nom-de-plume the line "In the armour of a pure intent." The complete verse, which remained his favourite quotation, seems to epitomize his life and his death.

“I will go forth ’mong men, not mailed in scorn,
But in the armour of a pure intent;
Great duties are before me and great songs,
And whether crowned or crownless when I fall
It matters not, so that God’s work is done.”

PRIVATE ARTHUR A. THOMSON, A.S.C., was the only son of Mr Thomson, Glebe Road, Kilmarnock. For many years he was an Academy pupil, and finished his education at a boarding school in England. On leaving, school he entered the law office of Messrs. J. & J. D. Wyllie, Bank Street, and later the office of the Clan Line Shipping Company, Glasgow. As soon as war was declared he applied to the War Office for enlistment, but owing to a weakness of the right arm his application was turned down. Nothing daunted he applied again and again, till the nation’s need was his opportunity. In 1915 he was accepted and joined the R.A., being transferred later to the A.S.C. under the Derby scheme. In September of the same year he was sent out to Sierra Leone in the “Galway Castle.” When only two days out the vessel was torpedoed by the Germans, and so Arthur Thomson, on his twenty-first birthday, was posted “missing, believed drowned.” One of his fellow-pupils writes, “We have many pleasant memories of Arthur. He was a plucky, helpful classmate, and a happy companion.”

PRIVATE MATTHEW S. THOMSON, Cameronians, was the son of Hugh Thomson, Esq., J.P., Newhouse Farm. He received his first schooling at Crookedholm. He was a game, sporting fighter in the schools’ football competition, and was one of the best players in the Crookedholm team. When he left the Academy in 1911 he began to assist in the farm work, and was an expert in the dairy department. In May, 1916, he joined up in the R.F.A., and was afterwards transferred to the Cameronians, with which regiment, after training at Kinghorn and Nigg, he went to France. The very bad winter of 1916-1917 he spent in the trenches. Near Ypres on a Sabbath morning, 27th May, 1917, he took part in a sortie and was never seen again. “One of the missing “—saddest of tidings to parents in the dark days—was the only report ever received.

LIEUTENANT STEWART ARMOUR THOMSON, South Notts Hussars, died of wounds on 24th September, 1918, in France, and was buried at Doingt, near Peronne. He was twenty- four years old. A son of Mr. W. F. Thomson, King Street, he had been nine years at the Academy when his family went to London. He entered the service of Morton Bros., stockbrokers, Bartholomew Lane. For two years prior to the war he was in the City of London Yeomanry Rough Riders. On the outbreak of hostilities he volunteered for foreign service, and was soon drafted to Egypt, taking part in the fighting on the Suez Canal and in the desert. On the Yeomanry being dismounted he was transferred to the Dardanelles. Landing at Suvla Bay he took part in the charge across Salt Lake and was wounded on Chocolate Hill. On his recovery he received his commission and proceeded through France to Salonika, where he was engaged in some of the battles in the Shuma Valley. Again in Egypt he assisted in the trek across the desert which brought our forces up to the main Turkish camp at Beersheba and the outskirts of Jerusalem. Later, when so many troops were drawn from Palestine, his regiment embarked at Alexandria for France. The transport was torpedoed, but Lieutenant Thomson was among those who were picked up and taken back to Alexandria. When he eventually arrived in France he was sent to hospital with malaria. On recovering he was attached to the Machine Gun Corps. He met his death while giving covering fire for an infantry attack.

BOMBARDIER ROBERT THOMSON, R.F.A., son of Mr. R. L. Thomson, fish merchant, left the Academy in 1906 to assist his father in the business. Early in 1917 he enlisted in the R.F.A., and after a brief training was drafted to France. He was immediately sent to the Passchendaele sector, but after only a few days in the firing line was killed by a German shell. His cheerful disposition made him a great favourite among his happy band of associates in Kilmarnock.

PRIVATE PETER TRAVERS, Gordons, was a son of Mr. Edward Travers, 29 Hood Street, Kilmarnock. At school he was of that kind that call out the best in their fellows. In his work at the Academy he gave great promise, and earned the affection of his class fellows by his independent spirit, and of his teachers by his manly attitude to his work and his duty. He was three years at the Academy, leaving in the year 1913. Thereafter, as

an apprentice in the Commercial Bank under Mr. Balfour, he was diligent in the pursuit of his business, and was elected an Associate of the Institute of Bankers. He joined the army on the 9th of July, 1916, and was only for months in France when he was killed at Ypres on the 31st of July, 1917.

2ND LIEUTENANT ELLIOT D. TURNER, H.L.I., was at Kilmarnock Academy in 1903-04, and was a classmate of Robin Brockie, D. Cameron, J. V. Smellie, and James Wyllie. He finished his education at Sedbergh School in 1910, and was articled to the late Mr. W. Middlemas, solicitor. When war broke out he enlisted in the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce Battalion (17th Service Battalion H.L.I.) in September, 1914, and soon became corporal. He went to France in 1915, and was wounded in the Somme Battle in July, 1916. In 1917 he received a commission and was sent to Egypt in January, 1918. Returning to France in April, he was at the front until he was killed in action at Henin Hill on August 24th, 1918. He was twenty-four years of age. One who knew Elliot Turner intimately speaks with affection of his modest and lovable nature, and in these simple words describes his faithfulness and reliability, " Elliot was a boy you could trust absolutely to the very end."

CAPTAIN JOSEPH WILSON, M.C., B.SC., 6th Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, was killed in action at Pelves, near Arras, 30th November, 1917. The eldest son of Mr. Joseph Wilson, formerly organist in the Laigh Kirk, he received all his early education at the Academy, gaining the science medal in his final year. Thereafter he followed the engineering course at Glasgow University. After some time with Messrs. Grant, Ritchie & Co., he became inspector of agents for Skepko Ball-bearing Company, Luton, until he joined the army in September, 1914. An old member of the first Cadet Corps and of the 4th R.S.F., he had gained many medals for shooting, and in 1911 had been in the King's Hundred at Bisley. He captained the 15th Division team in shooting for Kitchener's Army at Aldershot, and was top scorer of his team. His training in England as private, corporal, sergeant lasted till July, 1915. At Loos, September, 1915, he was awarded the Military Cross for "collecting and rallying stragglers and leading them through troops of another division who were returning. With these men he remained in the most advanced

position during the night.” He was twice mentioned in despatches, and was acting G.S.O. on the 15th Division Staff when he was killed. He was thirty years old at his death, and is survived by a widow and one daughter. Though his school days were long past he was no stranger at the Academy, where his geniality and ready wit always ensured him a welcome among his old teachers and school-fellows.

CAPTAIN A. INGLIS WYLLIE, R.S.F., was the youngest son of Mr. Andrew Wylie, Enrick, London Road. He left Kilmarnock Academy in 1913, where he had received all his education, and went to Messrs. Arthur & Co., Ltd., Glasgow, to gain experience before joining his father in business. Having joined the army and undergone training in Ireland and elsewhere, he received a commission in the 4th R.S. F. He was later transferred to the tanks and went to France in January, 1918. In March, 1918, he was gazetted captain, but fell in the “great battle” of 2nd September, 1918, near Vaux Vraicourt, at the age of twenty-one. A keen footballer at school Inglis represented his battalion—2/4 R.S.F.—in the regimental football team. He flung himself into the army life with a sort of boyish glee, and the very day before his death spoke happily of the idea of “going over the top” as a new and stirring adventure.

“Here, a boy, he dwelt through all the singing season,
And ere the day of sorrow, departed as he came.”

LIEUTENANT ANDREW YATES YOXJNG, R.S.F., the youngest son of Mr. Alexander Young, Muirhouse, Crosshouse, attended Crosshouse Public School for three years before entering the Academy. While there he had as class-fellows Andre Gibb, Dundonald, his lifelong friend, Bertie Innes, and Robert, now Dr. Lindsay. Fond of athletics, he was a successful competitor at the annual school sports. After his apprenticeship in the “Glenfield,” he took the course in engineering at the Glasgow Technical College, and secured the diploma of A.G.T.C. On completion of his training he was employed by the British Electric Plant Company at Alloa, and at the same time did excellent work as a lecturer on electrical engineering in the evening classes of Alloa Academy. He enlisted in the RE. towards the end of 1914, and received a commission shortly afterwards. Training in military schools at Norwich and Fort Matilda on the Clyde

followed in quick succession. He saw much active service and was less than three months in France when word came of his death. In an appreciation written soon after, the OC. said :—“ Lieutenant Young was in command of a company at the time, and had been doing extraordinarily well and I have recommended him to H.Q. for his gallant conduct.”

PRIVATE ROBERT YOUNG, Seaforths, was the youngest son of the late Mr. Robert Young, of the Glenfield; the eldest member of the family being Miss Kate—afterwards Mrs. James Barr—at one time teacher in the infant department of the Academy. He was a pupil of the Academy for six years, but not being “fond of books” he left at the age of fifteen, and entered the office of Messrs. James Finlay & Son, where he remained about a year. Deciding to follow the trade of his father he was apprenticed at the “Glenfield,” where he worked till the beginning of the war. He joined the Seaforths, and was sent for training to Cromarty. After spending the winter there he was despatched to France early in 1915. As soon as he arrived in France he was sent into the firing line, and was wounded at La Bassée. “Blighted” in May, on arrival at Boulogne the first news he received was of the sinking of the “Lusitania” by the Germans, on board of which were Mr. and Mrs. James Barr, whom he expected to see when he reached home. After spending three months in hospital at Beckenham he was again in action in France, and a chest wound sent him back to Cromarty for convalescence. This “beautiful wound “ kept him eight months in Scotland, after which he was again in France and again in the fighting line. “Wounded” was the first word which reached his mother after details of the battle of the Somme came through, but “missing” was all she ever knew of her son.

R.S.M. JAMES YOUNG, D.C.M., R.S.F., was an old Academy boy, leaving the school in North Hamilton Street about the year 1887. He was by profession a soldier, and joined the R.S.F. when little more than sixteen years of age. At the time of his death he had served his country in different parts of the world for the long period of 32 years. He was in India for several years, went through the South African campaign, and was engaged at the headquarters of the 4th R.S.F. at Kilmarnock when war broke out. With the regiment he went through the arduous campaign in the Gallipoli Peninsula, and with it passed on to service in Egypt and Palestine. He earned the D.C.M. “for conspicuous gallantry and

devotion to duty during a lengthy period of operations; he performed particularly distinguished service upon one special occasion in maintaining the supply of ammunition until he was wounded; he has continuously set a splendid example to all.” Sergeant-Major Young died at sea on board an hospital ship on the 29th of January, 1917. Smartness and exactness characterised all his work. He was loyal and faithful in his friendships, while his geniality and kindness won him favours with all ranks.