QUEEN'S PARK AND THE GREAT WAR 1914 TO 1918

THE QUEEN'S PARK MEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES

AS AT APRIL 2017

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From the list of 226 Queen's Park members and players who served in the forces during the Great War.
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FOREWORD TO APPENDIX 3 – APRIL 2017

It is the aim of Queen's Park to raise awareness and understanding of the impact of the Great War on the club and the 226 members, players and former players now known to have enlisted for military service, at least 33 of whom died.

My initial paper in August 2015 provided opening statements on 10 Queen's Park members then known to have died. This Appendix 3 (April 2017) summarises the research undertaken on 33 Queen's Park men now known to have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Club records and photographs have been examined; newspapers of the time and genealogy and military history websites have been accessed and, in some cases, descendants of the men concerned have come forward with information. Emerging findings include:

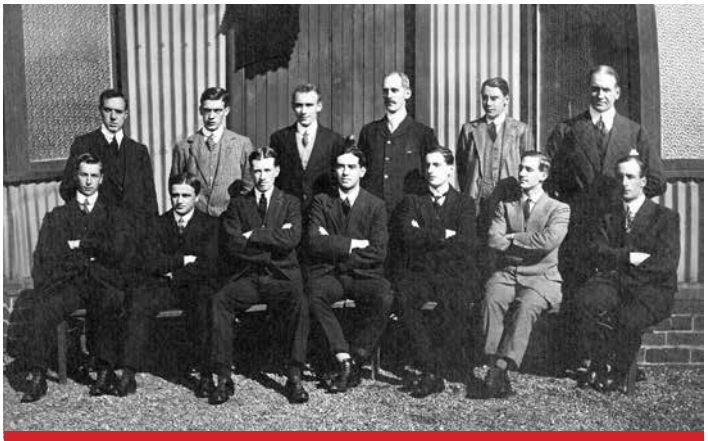
- At least 20 of the 33 Queen's Park men who lost their lives are believed to have played for the club's first eleven in competitive league and cup fixtures before 1914. Those still playing around the time of enlistment included George Legge (103), Eddie Garvie (104), Andrew McCrae (105), John Barbour (106), Walter Coulter (112), James Wilson (119), George Ramsay (124) and Tom Haydock (125).

- One of the men who had retired from playing football, and lost his life, was Scottish internationalist Robert Christie (122) – the only Scot to score a goal for a Scottish side in a FA Cup Final when Queen's Park lost 2-1 to Blackburn Rovers in 1884.

- Former players such as John Clarkson (114) appear in suits in club and portrait photographs. Queen's Park only supplied players with kit from 1911. Prior to that, they appeared in suits or strips of "similar" design.

- Five of the Queen's Park men who died are known to have been married – John Clarkson (114), Robert Mann (116), James Dunachie (121), John Monteith (127) and George Baillie (128). With the exception of John Monteith, all are known to have left a widow and children.

- Three of the men who died had emigrated to Canada by 1914 and had enlisted in Canadian forces. They were William Eadie (97), Edwin Freeland (109) and John Ormiston (111). Robert Lusk (99) had emigrated to New Zealand and died with the Anzacs at Gallipoli.



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Back Row: Bob Young, Fred Porter, William McKenna, Robert Smellie (President), George S Ramsay, Charles B Miller (Secretary)

Front Row: James Laughland, Dan Drummond, John Barbour, Arthur Murray, R C McKenzie, J Anderson, H McD Paul

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Back Row: J Hudson, Peter Purcell, Maurice Wilson, William Walker, J S Strang (Secretary)

Middle Row: Andrew McCrae, Colin Buchan, Thomas Miller, Gordon Kerr, Robert Rhind, Robert M Young, Thomas Robertson (President)

Front Row: Elijah Cresswell, John Roberts, Eddie Garvie, Alex Todd, Robert Morton, Gordon Hoare, Alan Morton

1st January 1914, QP 1st XI vs The Wanderers

Back Row: J Strang (joint Secretary), M Wilson, T Robertson (President), T Robertson (Referee)

Middle Row: H M Fletcher, J Roberts , R M Young, G Kerr, E S Garvie, R M Morton, A Todd, J Nutt

Front Row: E Cresswell, H McKenzie, C L Buchan, A L Morton

- Of the Queen's Park members and players who were resident in Scotland at the time of the Great War, many lived in the south side of Glasgow. Three young men under the age of 25 – John Barbour (106), George Baillie (128) and Walter Frier (110) – were brought up in the same neighbourhood of Shawlands.

- It is known that three of the men who died received bravery awards - Walter Coulter (112) - Military Cross; Herbert Murray (123) – Military Cross; and George Baillie (128) – Military Medal (awarded posthumously).

- Of the 33 men who died, 13 have no known graves.

Their bodies either could not be found or could not be identified. They are William Eadie (97), William Anderson (100), Robin Ferguson (101), Ebenezer Hamilton (102), George Legge (103), John Barbour (106), James Bryce (108), James Alexander (117), Macdonald Cameron (118), James Wilson (119), James Dunachie (121), George Ramsay (124) and John Wilkinson (126).
These men are commemorated on memorials in Belgium, France and Greece. The last Queen's Park player to lose his life was George Baillie (128) who died on 30 October 1918 at the age of 24. He died of pneumonia in hospital in Kent and is buried in Gravesend Cemetery.

The footballing background and some biographical details of the men who lost their lives are provided in this appendix. The 33 men have been numbered for ease of reference and are listed in chronological order in terms of date of death. From these details it can be seen that four Queen's Park men died on 25th September 1915 at the Battle of Loos. They were William Anderson (100), Robin Ferguson (101), Ebenezer Hamilton (102) and George Legge (103). Two Queen's Park men in the Highland Light Infantry (HLI) died on 2nd December 1917 - James Alexander (117) and Macdonald Cameron (118).

Lists on the front cover and in a schedule attached to this paper also detail the men alphabetically.

QP 1st XI TOUR TO DENMARK & SWEDEN

Identifying 10 of the 11 players who enlisted.
Tom Haydock is missing from this photo.

Names represented in red faces left to right.

Back Row:
Ralph Risk (29)

Middle Row:
George Cunningham (51),
Maurice Wilson (90), James Walker (35)

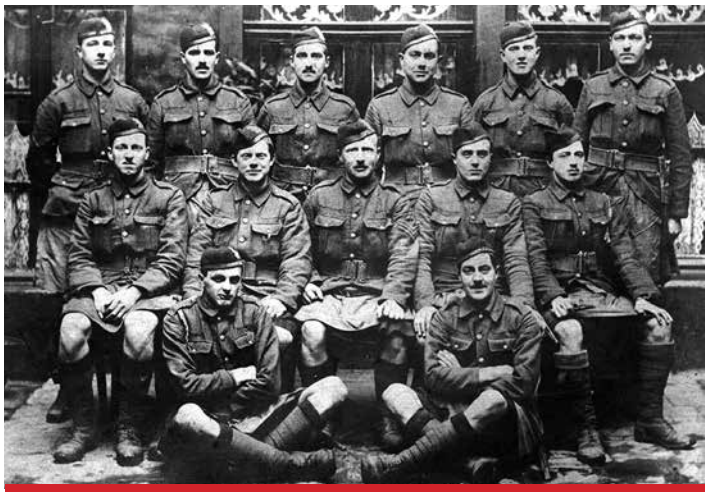
Front Row:
Eddie Garvie, Elijah Cresswell (11), John Roberts (30),
James West (38), Andrew McCrae, Robert M Young (39)

THE EVENING TIMES, SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1914.

QUEEN'S PARK FOOTBALL CLUB.

Names left to right—Back Row—Thos. Robertson (President), James L. West, Robert M. Morton, John Roberts, J. M. Fullarton (Match Committee), John Kerr, C. B. Miller (Secretary).
Middle Row—A. F. Niven, Gordon Kerr, James G. Wilson, Thos. Haydock.
Front Row—E. J. Cresswell, E. S. Garvie, James Walker, Allan Morton.

Queen's Park 1st XI, 29th August 1914 (Garvie, Haydock and Wilson)



6 Queen's Park Players in the 1915 HLI (Glasgow Highlanders) Regimental Team

Walter Coulter, back row, 3rd from right.
MacDonald Cameron, back row, furthest right.

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97 – 105
THE NINE QUEEN'S PARK MEN WHO DIED IN 1915

97 William Eadie (died 23/04/1915)

William Eadie was born in Dunblane on 14 June 1882, the son of a cotton dyer. He joined his brother James at Queen's Park in 1902 when he moved to Glasgow for work reasons. He made 21 appearances in goal for the Spiders between 1902 and 1905. He made his debut against Hibernian on 8 November 1902 and played his final game at Falkirk on 26 August 1905. After leaving Hampden, William played for St Mirren and Partick Thistle as well as his hometown team Dunblane.

On 20 March 1914, William emigrated to Canada. A month after the outbreak of war, he joined the 10th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. For reasons unknown, he enlisted under the name of William Prince. He was killed in action near Saint-Julien in Belgium on 23 April 1915. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate and Saint-Julien Memorials.

98 William Paton (died 22/05/1915)

William Fisher Paton was an Assistant Paymaster with Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Hawke Battalion, based at the Royal Navy Depot in London's Crystal Palace. William lived at either 44 Queen's Drive in Crosshill or 67 Fotheringay Road in Pollokshields (there are conflicting reports).

It is not known if William had been a player with Queen's Park but it seems likely that he will have played for one of the club's minor elevens.

William died in the great rail disaster at Quintinshill, near Gretna Green, on 22 May 1915. He was rescued from the wreckage but died of his injuries on the way to hospital. He was 33 years of age and is buried in Cathcart Cemetery in Glasgow.

99 Robert Lusk (died 06/08/1915)

Robert Lusk was born at 69 Hyndland Street in Partick on 8 April 1887, the son of a mercantile clerk. In 1891, he was living at his grandfather's house in Dunoon. By 1901, his home was "Rosebank" in the Renfrewshire village of Langbank. His father William was by now managing director of Mitchell Brothers, distillers and wine merchants.

Robert was a member of Queen's Park but his footballing background is not known.
Robert Lusk emigrated to New Zealand and lived at Hawarden, north of Christchurch. He became a Trooper with the Canterbury Mounted Rifles and embarked for Suez on 16 October 1914. His regiment was sent to Gallipoli and, on the night of 6 August 1915, he was killed during a bayonet attack on the Turkish trenches at Bauchop's Hill. His body was found on the following morning with his wire cutters in his hand.

Bob was 28 years of age when he died and he is buried in the 7th Field Ambulance Cemetery in Gallipoli. His next of kin was his mother Mary who was living at Maidavale Road, Roseneath, Wellington on New Zealand's North Island.

100 William Anderson (died 25/09/1915)

William Anderson was born in Caledonia Road in Saltcoats on 22 February 1894, the son of a warehouseman. In 1911, he was living with his mother, father and four older brothers and sisters at 131 Mount Annan Drive in Mount Florida – a stone's throw from Hampden Park. By this time, his father George was a clothing manufacturer. William was educated at the High School of Glasgow.

Nothing is known about William's football activities but it seems certain that he will have played for one of Queen's Park's minor elevens before joining the forces.

William joined the Glasgow Highlanders as a Private at the outbreak of war and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the 10th Battalion of the Scottish Rifles (Cameronians) a month later. He lost his life at the Battle of Loos on 25 September 1915 and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in France.

101 Robin Ferguson (died 25/09/1915)

Robin Adair Ferguson, known as Dair, was born in the Hillhead district of Glasgow on 10 April 1892 but moved with his family to England in early childhood. He was a Corporal in the 14th Battalion London Regiment (London Scottish) in the war and was killed in action on 25 September 1915 at the age of 23. At the time of his death, his home was in Surbiton, near London. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in France.

Dair was a cinematographer who had undertaken several significant assignments, including a spell as a war photographer in Belgium in October 1914 while in the employment of Olympic Kine. Although the vast majority of Queen's Park members at the time of the Great War were either players or former players, there were some non-playing members. Clearly, Dair Ferguson fell into this category. It appears that he maintained close links with Glasgow and his Queen's Park membership must presumably have arisen from that connection.

102 Ebenezer Hamilton (died 25/09/1915)

Ebenezer Hamilton was born at 176 Dumbarton Road in Anderston on 5 July 1871, the son of a master brickbuilder. In 1911, he was living as a boarder at 25 Caird Drive in Partick.

Before enlisting in the army, Ebenezer worked as a Post Office sorting clerk and telegraphist and lived at 26 Havelock Street in Partick. It has to be assumed that he played for one or more of Queen's Park's minor elevens in his younger days but nothing definite is known.

Ebenezer was a Private in the 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders and was killed in action at Pas de Calais on 25 September 1915 at the age of 44. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in France.

103 George Legge (died 25/09/1915)

George Legge was born in The Green House in Shettleston on 12 July 1886, the son of John Legge who was a commercial traveller. In 1911, George was living in Ledard Road in Battlefield, with his mother Amelia, two brothers and a sister. At that time, he was 24 years of age and a teacher at Skerry's Commercial College. By 1914, George was living at 256 Darnley Street in Pollokshields.

George made two competitive appearances for the Queen's Park first eleven in 1911. He played at centre forward against Kilmarnock on 25 February 1911 and at outside left against Rangers at Ibrox on 18 March 1911. George was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player from season 1910/11 to season 1913/14 so it is very likely that he played a considerable number of matches for the club's minor elevens.

George was a Private in the 5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders and died on 25 September 1915, aged 29. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in France.

104 Eddie Garvie (died 15/10/1915)

Edwin Stanley Garvie, known as Eddie, was born on 14 September 1892 in the Calton district of Glasgow, the son of a wine and spirit merchant. Eddie made his debut for Queen's Park on 23 August 1911 and played his final game on 16 December 1914. He made a total of 97 competitive appearances, scoring eight goals. He was a versatile player, generally featuring at wing half or inside forward, but also occasionally appearing at centre half, on the wing and at centre forward.

Eddie lived at "Invergower" in Maxwell Park and was employed by Messrs J B Shanks and Co, foreign merchants, 46 Gordon Street, Glasgow.

Eddie Garvie was a Lance Corporal in the 5th Battalion (Lochiel's) Cameron Highlanders. He was wounded at the Battle of Loos and taken prisoner. He died of his wounds in a prison hospital in Jülich on 15 October 1915 aged 23. He is buried in Cologne Southern Cemetery.

On Friday 5 November 1915, the Southern Press reported "Great regret will be felt all over Scotland by the news of the death of Lance Corporal E. S. Garvie, Stock Exchange Co., 5th Battalion (Lochiel's) Camerons, who died in Germany from wounds received in France. Best all-round player Queen's Park has known for many years. Usually left-back but could adapt himself to any place in defence or attack. Scrupulously fair and wonderfully clever in all he attempted, source of delight to the Hampden following and the envy of several clubs which had vainly attempted to induce him to sign a professional form. Would almost certainly have been capped this season".

The Garvie family suffered a double tragedy. Eddie's brother Ernest was killed towards the end of the war and was awarded the Military Cross posthumously.

EDDIE GARVIE
On tour, Summer 1914

EDDIE GARVIE
in QP 1st XI 1911-14

105 Andrew McCrae (died 17/11/1915)

Andrew Bowie McCrae was born in Dundee on 15 December 1886, the son of a gas manager. He was educated at Dundee High School and St Andrew's and Edinburgh Universities. He graduated from Edinburgh with a law degree in 1911. In the meantime, the family had moved to "Rosemount" in the Fife burgh of Crail.

After gaining his degree, Andrew worked as a law agent for Gair & Gibson, solicitors, in Falkirk. He played for Falkirk FC as an amateur when the club won the Scottish Cup in season 1912/13. However, he did not appear in the Cup Final.

Andrew joined Queen's Park from Falkirk at the start of season 1913/14 and made 15 appearances at outside right. His last first team game was at Aberdeen on 22 November 1913. He was, however, registered by Queen's Park for season 1914/15. He took part in Queen's Park's tour to Denmark and Sweden in June 1914 and scored one of the goals in a 2-0 victory over Orgryte in Gothenburg.

Andrew McCrae was a corporal with the Lovat Scouts, 2nd Battalion and died of wounds at Suvla Bay on the Gallipoli peninsula on 17 November 1915 at the age of 28. He is buried in Lala Baba Cemetery in Turkey.

ANDREW McCRAE
On tour, Summer 1913-14

ANDREW McCRAE & RALPH RISK,
on board the ship to Gothenburg, June 1914

106 – 110
THE FIVE QUEEN'S PARK MEN WHO DIED IN 1916

106 John Barbour (died 15/07/1916)

John Barbour was born at 22 North Coburg Street in the Gorbals district of Glasgow on 1 September 1890, the son of a spirit salesman. He was a schoolboy international and scored in a Scotland win over England at Hampden Park. He played junior football for Glasgow Perthshire before joining Queen's Park in season 1910/11. He made his debut, aged 20, in a 3-0 defeat to Clyde at Shawfield on 26 November 1910.

John, nicknamed "Doddie", made 10 competitive appearances for the Spiders in season 1910/11 and 23 appearances in season 1911/12, all at inside-left. He took part in Queen's tour to Belgium and the Netherlands at the end of season 1911/12. After playing the first three games of season 1912/13 for Queen's Park, he disappeared from view. John signed for Dundee as a professional at the beginning of season 1913/14 and spent the remainder of the season at Dens Park. Preston North End were aware of John's ability and signed him for season 1914/15. He played 12 games in the Deepdale club's promotion winning team.

In August 1915, John enlisted in the 9th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry and left for France in April 1916. John, then a Lance Corporal, was killed in action at High Wood in the Battle of the Somme on 15 July 1916 at the age of 25. John is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme.

This obituary appeared in the 'Lancashire Daily Post' – "Though he more recently played for Dundee and Preston North End, his name will be most closely linked with the Queen's Park Club. Whatever the motive that took him from Hampden, there can be no doubt his heart lay there always. A thorough young sportsman, he played the game as a sportsman should and never made an enemy on the football field. John Barbour met his death charging the enemy. George Dickson, the ex-Rangers reserve forward.... was at his side in the charge when he fell, and he says the ex-Queen's Park boy died like a true and gallant soldier."

JOHN BARBOUR
QP 1st XI - 1910-11

JOHN BARBOUR
In HLI uniform

107 Harry Robertson (died 09/08/1916)

Henry Nairn Robertson, known as Harry, was born in the Old Silk Mill Buildings in Govan on 25 April 1893. His father William was a silk warehouse clerk. In 1911, Harry was living in the family home at 101 Firpark Street in Dennistoun and was employed as a stationer's clerk.

Harry was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player in season 1914/15 but did not make a first team appearance. Almost certainly, he will have played for Queen's second eleven – the Strollers.

Harry was a Private in the 17th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry. He was killed at the Somme on 9 August 1916, aged 23, and is buried in Cambrin Churchyard Extension in France. His address at the time of death was still 101 Firpark Street in Dennistoun.

108 James Bryce (died 30/08/1916)

JAMES BRUCE
QP 1st XI - 1909-10

James Bryce was born on 24 January 1884 in Ratho, Midlothian, the son of a coal merchant. In 1901, James was an apprentice law clerk. His father Robert had become a publican and was landlord of the Bridge Inn in Ratho. Before he enlisted, James was employed with the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company.

James made 26 appearances at wing half for Queen's Park between 1907 and 1911. He made his debut against Hearts at Tynecastle on 31 August 1907 and made a few further appearances in that season and in each of the following three seasons. His final competitive first team game was against Raith Rovers in Kirkcaldy on 8 April 1911.

James was a Private in the 9th Battalion of the Royal Scots. He died on 30 August 1916 and is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium.

109 Edwin Freeland (died 08/10/1916)

Edwin Freeland was born on 3 June 1870 at 25 Dunn Street in Glasgow's Bridgeton district. His father, William, was a sub-editor with the Glasgow Herald. In 1891, he lived with his family at 34 Garturk Street in Govanhill and was employed as a fire insurance clerk.

Edwin was a full-back who made four competitive appearances for Queen's Park between 1892 and 1894. He made his debut against Rangers at Ibrox Park on 28 May 1892 and his final game was again against Rangers at Hampden Park on 10 February 1894. He was a small player at only 4 ft 4½ in tall.

Edwin emigrated to Alberta, Canada in the 1890s and was employed as a book-keeper in Medicine Hat. He enlisted as a Private in the Royal Canadian Regiment on 12 April 1916. He would have been too old to enlist but he misrepresented his age by giving his date of birth as 3 June 1878.
Edwin went on to become a Trooper in the 13th Regiment of the Canadian Mounted Rifles and was killed at the Regina Trench system near Grandcourt at the age of 46 on 8 October 1916. He is buried at Regina Trench Cemetery in France.

110 Walter Frier (died 01/11/1916)

Walter William Frier was born on 27 August 1893 at 190 Butterbiggins Road in Glasgow, the son of a deceased foreman engine fitter. He was educated at Shawlands Academy and lived at 73 Waverley Gardens in Crossmyloof. Walter was an employee of the Refuge Assurance Company and his name appears on the company's war memorial in Cheshire.

Walter played for the Queen's Park's fourth team, the Victoria XI. There are no records of the Victoria Eleven's matches so it is not known which position Walter played or how often he featured.

Walter enlisted in the 9th (Glasgow Highlanders) Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry and lost his life at the age of 23 on 1 November 1916. He is buried at Caterpillar Valley Cemetery in Longueval, France.

111 – 120
THE TEN QUEEN'S PARK MEN WHO DIED IN 1917

111 John Ormiston (died 01/03/1917)

JOHN ORMISTON
QP 1st XI - 1902-03

John Ormiston was born at 10 Henderson Street in Glasgow on 9 November 1880, the son of an ironmonger's salesman. The family moved to Mount Florida and John was educated at Queen's Park Secondary School and the Royal Technical College (now part of Strathclyde University). In 1901, he was living at 17 Stanmore Road in Mount Florida with his parents, John and Jane, and eight brothers and sisters. He was an analytical chemist.

John made 34 competitive appearances at wing half for Queen's Park between 1900 and 1903. He made his debut away to Celtic on 20 January 1900 and played intermittently thereafter. His final first eleven match was at Dundee on 22 August 1903. However, he was registered with the Scottish Football Association as a Queen's Park player until season 1907/08 and is likely to have played regularly for the club's minor elevens.

John emigrated to Vancouver sometime after he finished playing with Queen's Park. He does not appear in the 1911 Scottish census so it seems likely he left for Canada before then.

John Ormiston was a Private in the 75th Battalion of the Central Ontario Regiment in the Great War. For some reason, he enlisted under the assumed name of John Armstrong. He was killed in action at Vimy Ridge at the age of 36 on 1 March 1917 and is buried at Villers Station Cemetery in Villers-au-Bois, France.

112 Walter Coulter MC (died 20/05/1917)

WALTER COULTER
HLI Regimental Team 1915

Walter M'Farlane Coulter was born in the Danish West Indies (now the US Virgin Islands) in 1891. He was educated at the High School of Glasgow and the Royal Technical College (now Strathclyde University). In 1901, he was living at his grandfather's home in Erskine. At the time of his death, his address was "Sunnyside" in the Glasgow suburb of Mansewood.

Walter enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry. In March 1917, he was awarded the Military Cross. The citation read "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his men with great dash and the success of the raid was largely due to his personal coolness and initiative. He has on many occasions done fine work."

On 1 June 1917, the Southern Press reported "Captain Coulter killed. Provisionally reported missing, now officially reported killed. Captain Coulter was a grandson of Mrs. Walter M'Farlane, Mansewood, Pollokshaws. He was educated at Thornliebank School and Glasgow High School and served his apprenticeship with Messrs. John Dalgliesh and Sons, Pollokshaws. When he enlisted he was employed in the drawing office of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Govan. Captain Coulter, who was 27 years of age, was well-known in football circles, having played for Queen's Park. He was also a playing member of Poloc Cricket Club. In March, he was awarded the Military Cross".

Walter was a Second Lieutenant, acting Captain, in the 6th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry. He was killed on 20 May 1917 and is buried in St Sever Cemetery in Rouen in France.

Walter played only one competitive first team match for Queen's Park but was registered as a player in seasons 1912/13, 1913/14 and 1914/15. His sole first team appearance was at right half against Rangers at Ibrox on 29 September 1913.

113 Harry Fletcher (died 07/06/1917)

Harry Middleton Fletcher was born in Beith in Ayrshire on 11 May 1878, the son of a spirit dealer. Harry was a geography teacher and lived at Caledonian Mansions in the west end of Glasgow.

Harry Fletcher was registered as a player with Queen's Park from season 1902/03 to season 1909/10. He made his debut against Rangers on 15 November 1902 and played his final first eleven match, also against Rangers, on 20 November 1909. He was never really a first team regular but played in a number of games over the years.

On Friday 6 August 1916, the Southern Press reported "Intimation has been received that Second Lieutenant H. M. Fletcher, Royal Field Artillery, has been wounded in action. Joining the ranks as a private at the start of the war, he was promoted to sergeant, and shortly afterwards received his commission. Mr. Fletcher is a member of the Queen's Park F.C. Committee, and formerly played for the club. He is an M.A. of Glasgow University, and schoolmaster by profession".

The Southern Press of 22 June 1917 reported Harry Fletcher's death – "QUEEN'S PARK FOOTBALL PLAYER KILLED – Probably no other football club has given as many members to His Majesty's Forces as Queen's Park. It is with regret that we announce the death of another member, Second Lieut. Harry M. Fletcher, R.F.A. Second Lieut. Fletcher, who was a member of the teaching profession, being on the staff of North Kelvinside Higher Grade School, enlisted in the autumn of 1914 as a private in the R.F.A. He was promoted sergeant, and subsequently attained his commission. A son of the late Bailie Nicol Fletcher and Mrs. Nicol Fletcher, Irvine, he was well-known in athletic circles. Association football was his favourite pastime, and he figured with distinction at back for Queen's Park".

Harry died on 7 June 1917. He was killed near Ypres and is buried at the Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm) Cemetery in Belgium. The Evening Times reported that "... at the time of his death he was a member of the Match Committee of the club (Queen's Park), having been re-elected at the annual meeting of the club two months ago".

HARRY FLETCHER
QP Liseman, 1st January 1914

HARRY FLETCHER
QP 1st XI, 1909-10

114 John Clarkson (died 05/08/1917)

John Clarkson was a Sapper in the Prince of Wales North Staffordshire Regiment. John died of wounds on 5 August 1917 at the age of 39. He lived at "Woodbank" in Cathcart and left a widow, Margaret, and an unknown number of children. At the time he played for Queen's Park, John was employed as an engineer (mercantile).

John was a centre half who made his competitive debut for Queen's Park in a Glasgow Cup tie against Partick Thistle on 17 September 1898. Although he was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player until season 1902/03, his last competitive appearance for the Spiders' first eleven was against Celtic in the Charity Cup on 9 May 1900.

JOHN CLARKSON,
with R.S. McColl in foreground
QP 1st XI, 1899-1900

115 Alex MacLean (died 29/10/1917)

On Friday 9 November 1917, the Southern Press reported "Private Alex. M'Lean, hon. joint treasurer of Queen's Park Football Club, died in hospital last week of illness contracted on service. Mr. M'Lean when a youth made his mark as a player for Strathclyde. Later he joined Queen's Park, and played outside right for the first team for some seasons. When he retired from the playing field he was for many years hon. joint treasurer. Pte. M'Lean joined the colours a few months ago, and after a short training broke down. Mr. M'Lean, who was 38 years of age, was of a genial disposition and not only at Hampden Park but all over the football community he will be missed."

Alexander, known as Alex, MacLean played ten games for Queen's Park's first eleven at the turn of the century without becoming a fixture in the side. He featured primarily in the second eleven – the

Strollers. Alex made his competitive first team debut against Celtic on 8 September 1900 and made his final appearance against Rangers on 2 November 1902.

Alex MacLean was an unmarried commercial clerk employed by Messrs Mitchell Bros (Ltd), whisky and wine merchants, in Glasgow's Waterloo Street. He enlisted in the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) on 9 December 1915 and was discharged due to illness on 12 September 1917. He died of tuberculosis in Glasgow's Ruchill Hospital on 29 October 1917, having been transferred from a military hospital in Cromarty. He was 38 years of age and is described as an "army pensioner' on his death certificate.

116 Robert Mann (died 20/11/1917)

Robert Mathers Mann was born at Fairfield House in Bothwell on 14 March 1869. His father James was a merchant. In 1901, Robert was a drapery warehouseman residing at 3 Montgomerie Crescent in Kelvinside. By 1911, he was living at "Rhubeg" in Busby in the parish of East Kilbride. He was, at that point, an inspector and agent for an insurance company.

Nothing is known of the basis of Robert's involvement with Queen's Park, other than that he was a member of the club. It is unclear if he was a former player or a non-playing member. Robert is included in the Busby Bowling Club and Troon Golf Club war memorials so it can be assumed that he was a member of both clubs.

Robert Mann served for 20 years in the 1st Lanark Rifle Volunteers and retired with the rank of Major. When war broke out, he offered his services and was appointed Chief Recruiting Officer at Stirling Castle, with the rank of Acting Lieutenant Colonel. Robert asked regularly to be sent to the Front but the War Office, having a high opinion of his organisational skills, refused his requests. In recognition of his contribution to the war effort, he was awarded the Volunteer Reserve Decoration. Robert suffered from heart problems. On Tuesday 20 November 1917, he attended to his duties as usual but, when he returned home, he took ill and passed away. His dying words were "I am sorry not to have seen it (the war) through."

As Robert's funeral cortege left his house in Stirling to begin the trip to East Kilbride Cemetery for his burial, both sides of Albert Place were lined with soldiers and townspeople. Robert was survived by his wife Margaret and a married daughter Mary. His only other child was a son who died at the age of three in 1910.

117 James Alexander (died 02/12/1917)

James Alexander was a Queen's Park committee member who had been a player with the club's minor elevens in his younger years. He served as a Captain in the 16th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry. On 4 August 1916, the Southern Press reported "Captain James Alexander, H.L.I., is wounded, and in a hospital in England. He was treasurer (of Queen's Park) for many years, and is now on the committee. Captain Alexander is a partner in the firm of Alexander and Martin, writers".

Then, on Friday 21 December 1917, the Southern Press reported his death – "Captain James Alexander, H.L.I., is reported missing, believed killed, on December 1. He joined on the outbreak of war, and saw considerable service. He took a very active interest in the affairs of Queen's Park Football Club, first as a player and then as an official, acting as treasurer for many years. He was prominent on the running track."

James was 37 years of age and lived at 17 Queen Square in Strathbungo. His official service record gives his date of death as 2 December 1917. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium.

JAMES ALEXANDER
QP Committee, 1908

118 Macdonald Cameron (died 02/12/1917)

MACDONALD CAMERON
HLI Regimental Team, 1915

Macdonald Cameron was born on 18 March 1893 in Crow Road in Partick, the son of William and Margaret Macdonald Cameron. William was a police superintendent and later Chief Constable of the Burgh of Partick. In 1911, Macdonald was living at Pekin Cottage in Partick and was a sanitary clerk.

Macdonald was registered as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1913/14 and 1914/15 and was described by the Evening Times as an understudy to the first team goalkeeper Gordon Kerr.

Macdonald Cameron served in the 6th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry and was 24 years of age when he died on 2 December 1917. He is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium. His home address at that time was 4 Clydeview in Partick.

In reporting the death of Macdonald Cameron on Wednesday 12 December 1917, the Evening Times reported – "He kept goal for the Strollers XI of Queen's Park, and since going on active service has represented Scotland in some of the international matches in France which have been arranged by the Army."

The Southern Press reported on Friday 21 December 1917 – "Lieut. Macdonald Cameron, H.L.I., killed in action on December 2, was a son of ex-Chief Constable Cameron, Partick. When he enlisted he was in the service of the Corporation. Lieut. Cameron was a young man with a magnificent physique. He kept goal for the Strollers XI of Queen's Park Football Club."

119 James Wilson (died 15/12/1917)

JAMES G WILSON
QP 1st XI, 20th August 1914

James Gilmour Wilson was born in Kilwinning in Ayrshire on 19 November 1890 and was educated at Irvine Academy. He played for Kilwinning Rangers before joining Queen's Park at the beginning of season 1914/15. The Evening Times commented in its preview of the season "much expected of this youth". James was an employee of the accountancy firm Carstairs based at Charing Cross in Glasgow.

James made his Queen's Park debut against St Mirren on 15 August 1914 and played in most of that season's matches. He then played the first eleven matches of season 1915/16. On 1 November 1915, the Evening Times reported "J. G. Wilson will not be available, as he goes into training with the 14th A. & S. H". He made one further appearance for Queen's Park at Kilmarnock on 27 November 1916 and was described in press reports as "Private J. G. Wilson". In that final match, he played at centre half. All his previous appearances had been at left back.

James enlisted in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders soon after the outbreak of war before transferring to the Black Watch, with whom he served at the Somme. He returned home to train for a commission in the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He went back to Flanders as a Second Lieutenant and three months later, on 15 December 1917, was killed in action by a sniper. He is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

120 Andrew Caldwell (died 21/12/1917)

Andrew Arthur Caldwell was born at 90 Abbotsford Place in Gorbals on 7 September 1886, the son of a drapery warehouseman. In 1911, Andrew was living with his mother, father and three younger brothers at 22 Second Avenue in King's Park. Like his father, he was a drapery warehouseman.

Andrew's football history is not known but it is very likely that he played for one of Queen's Park's minor elevens.

Andrew served as a Private in the King's Liverpool Regiment. He died at the age of 31 on 21 December 1917 and is buried in Bedford House Cemetery in Belgium.

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THE EIGHT QUEEN'S PARK MEN WHO DIED IN 1918

121 James Dunachie (died 28/03/1918)

James Dickson Dunachie was born on 20 November 1881 at 187 Mordaunt Street in the Bridgeton district of Glasgow, the son of a weaving factory tenter.

James married Mary Browning in 1911 and they had two children. Prior to the outbreak of war he was a drapery warehouseman. Nothing is known of James' football history but it seems very likely that he will have played for one of Queen's Park's minor elevens at some stage.

James enlisted as a Private in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders before transferring to the 6th Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders. He was killed in action on 28 March 1918 and is commemorated on the Arras memorial in France. At the time of his death, James lived at 8 Cumming Drive in Mount Florida.

122 Robert Christie (died 15/05/1918)

Robert Christie was born in Dunblane on 15 November 1865, the son of a schoolmaster. He played for Dunblane and Edinburgh University before joining Queen's Park in September 1883, when he moved to Glasgow to train as an architect. He was a first team regular in seasons 1883/84, 1884/85 and 1885/86.

ROBERT M CHRISTIE
QP 1st XI, 1883

Robert had a huge impact in his first season with Queen's Park. He made his Queen's Park debut on 8 September 1883, scoring the final goal in an 8-0 win over Partick FC. He was selected for the Glasgow sides that met Sheffield and London and, at the age of only eighteen, was a member of the Scotland side that defeated England at Cathkin Park in March 1884. He was on the scoresheet in the 1884 Charity Cup Final win over 3rd Lanark Rifle Volunteers and scored Queen's Park's goal in the controversial 2-1 defeat to Blackburn Rovers in the 1884 FA Cup Final.

In their reports of the Scotland v England game in 1884, the Glasgow Herald described Robert Christie as the best of the front rank, while The Scotsman said that he "shone" in the match.

Robert carried his good form into season 1884/85 but a knee injury brought his season to an abrupt halt and caused him to miss two Internationals and Queen's Park's second FA Cup Final. He did, however, return for the Glasgow Merchants' Charity Cup Final win over Dumbarton in May 1885. He was prominent again in season 1885/86 and played in the Scottish Cup Final victory over Renton. Unfortunately, he suffered a repetition of his knee injury in that match and that effectively put an end to his career in the top flight.

ROBERT M CHRISTIE
Military Uniform circa 1902

Robert returned to his football roots in Dunblane and eventually was elected to represent Perthshire in the Scottish Football Association. In 1903, he became President of the SFA. During all this time, he remained a member of Queen's Park. Robert was also an international curler.

Robert was a Captain in the Black Watch in the Boer War and enlisted in the Royal Scots Fusiliers when the Great War broke out. He was then seconded to the Labour Corps with the rank of Acting Lieutenant Colonel.

Andy Mitchell described Robert Christie's death in an article in The Scotsman newspaper on 24 April 2014 – "On the night of 11 May 1918 he was commanding the 101st Labour Company, laying cables at Foncquevillers in the Somme valley, when they were pounded by German high-explosive shells spiked with mustard gas. There was nowhere to hide and, in the resulting carnage, three officers and 136 men were killed, with Christie enduring four agonising days before succumbing in a Red Cross hospital in Rouen. He was 52."

Robert Christie died on 15 May 1918 and is buried at St Sever Cemetery in Rouen.

123 Herbert Murray MC (died 20/07/1918)

Herbert Murray was born in Aberdeen on 11 December 1886, the son of a builder. He was educated at Robert Gordon's College and Aberdeen University and became a schoolmaster.

Herbert joined Queen's Park from Aberdeen at the start of season 1910/11. He made his debut against Hearts on 27 August 1910 and made a total of 12 appearances in a variety of forward positions. His final first team game was against Hamilton Academical on 7 January 1911. As well as playing for Queen's Park and Aberdeen, Herbert also turned out for Clyde, East Stirlingshire, Motherwell and St Johnstone during his time in football.

Herbert's brother Arthur also played for Queen's Park around the same time. Arthur made 159 competitive appearances at centre half for the Spiders and eventually became President of the club.

Early in 1915, Herbert enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders and received his commission on 9 August 1915. He was then seriously wounded and taken to England where he served as a musketry instructor. He returned to the Front in April 1917 and was awarded the Military Cross for bravery in the field in March 1918. Herbert, now a Captain, was then killed on 20 July 1918 in the Bois de Courton during the Second Battle of the Marne. He is buried in Marfaux British Cemetery in France.

124 George Ramsay (died 08/08/1918)

George Strachan Ramsay was born in Clydebank on 18 October 1892. His father Peter was a foreman engineer. George was educated at Allan Glen's School in Glasgow and, in 1911, was an apprentice marine engineer living with his mother, father and three older siblings at 72 Norse Road in the Scotstoun area of Glasgow.

George made 49 competitive appearances for Queen's Park at inside forward in 1911 and 1912 and scored nine goals. He made a scoring debut against St Mirren at Hampden on 4 February 1911 and became a first team regular. His final game was against Hamilton Academical on 11 August 1912. He then went on to play for Rangers, Ayr United and Partick Thistle before joining the forces.

George was a Flight Lieutenant in the 49th Squadron of the Royal Air Force and by then was living at "Elmbank" in Scotstoun. He died on 8 August 1918, aged 25, and is commemorated on the Arras Flying Services Memorial in France.

GEORGE RAMSAY
QP 1st XI, 1910 - 1911

125 Tom Haydock (died 02/09/1918)

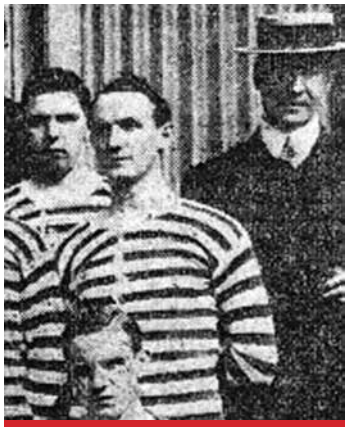
Tom Haydock was born in Arthur Street (now Cotton Street) in Glasgow's Bridgeton district on 24 July 1890. His father Joseph was a cotton factory manager. In 1911 his father was the manager of a cotton-spinning mill in Bridgeton and the family lived at River Bank, River Street, Dalmarnock.

Tom Haydock was registered as a player with Queen's Park from season 1912/13 to season 1915/16. He made his first team debut at centre half against Partick Thistle on 28 April 1914. Tom appeared fairly regularly at centre half throughout season 1914/15 and in the early games in season 1915/16. His final game was against Hamilton Academical on 23 October 1915.

His death was reported in the Evening Times on Saturday 7 September 1918 – "ANOTHER QUEEN'S PARK PLAYER KILLED – As we announced in yesterday's issue, Lieut. Tom Haydock, S.R., died on September 2 in France of wounds received in action. He was a prominent Queen's Park player and enlisted as a private in September 1914. He was through Gallipoli and was severely wounded at Gaza. Before the war he was a traveller with the Clydevale Oil and Colour Co., Bridgeton. His engagement to Miss Moore, of Carmyle, was announced six weeks ago. He was a son of Joseph Haydock, cotton spinner, Bridgeton".

Tom Haydock enlisted in the Scottish Rifles in September 1914 and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in January 1915. He was seriously wounded in Gaza but returned to his battalion in August 1918. He was then wounded in an attack on the Hindenberg Line and died on 2 September 1918 at the age of 28. He is buried in Bac-du-Sud British Cemetery in Bailleulval, France. He is included in the Glasgow University Roll of Honour.

On 13 September 1918, the match report in the Southern Press of the previous Saturday's Queen's Park v Third Lanark match contained this paragraph – "Queen's Park players wore black bands on their arms to show respect for the late Lieut. Tom Haydock, who died from wounds received in action. Tom was a regular playing member in the Hampden club, and was most popular with all followers of the game. He enlisted early in the war, shortly afterwards receiving his commission in the Scottish Rifles."



TOM HAYDOCK
QP 1st XI, 29th August 1914

TOM HAYDOCK WITH RALPH RISK, BOB YOUNG AND OTHERS
On board the ship to Gothenburg, June 1914

126 John Wilkinson (died 19/09/1918)

John Wilkinson was born in Glasgow's West Graham Street on 24 January 1886, the son of a railway clerk. In 1911, John was living with his father and four brothers and sisters at 65 Gardner Street in Partick. He was a coal salesman. As war approached, John was still a coal salesman but was now living at 68 Lauderdale Gardens in Glasgow's Hyndland district.
John made four appearances in goal for Queen's Park in season 1908/09. He made three appearances at the start of the season and then played in the final league game of the campaign, unfortunately losing five goals at Celtic Park. He was registered as a Queen's Park player in the following three seasons also and featured in goal for the club's second eleven – the Strollers.
John Wilkinson was a Second Lieutenant in the 12th Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He was killed north west of Salonica on 19 September 1918, aged 32, and is commemorated at Doiran Military Cemetery in Greece. At the time of his death, John's home address was still 68 Lauderdale Gardens in Hyndland.

127 John Monteith (died 27/09/1918)

John Buchanan Monteith was born at 179 Reidvale Street in Dennistoun on 5 December 1883, the son of an engineer's patternmaker. In 1911, John was living at 48 Clincart Road in Mount Florida with his wife Maggie. That was still his address at the time of his death.

John Monteith's football history is unclear. A player called "Monteith" played one game in goal for Queen's Park at Dundee on 13 April 1903. Then a "J Monteith" featured in three games at right back against Airdieonians, Partick Thistle and Third Lanark between 16 December 1911 and 6 January 1912. The latter, however, is likely to be John Buchanan Monteith who was born in Bridgeton on 3 August 1890.

John served as a Gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery and died on 27 September 1918 at the aged of 34. He is buried in the Queant Communal Cemetery, British Extension in France.

128 George Baillie MM (died 30/10/1918)

George Robert Baillie was born on 12 August 1894 at 458 Cathcart Road in Glasgow, the son of a commission agent. He was educated at Shawlands Academy. In 1911, George was living with his mother and father and older sister and brother at 145 Peveril Avenue in Shawlands. He was employed as a stockbroker's clerk. George married his wife Helen in 1915 and they lived at 42 Prince Albert Street (now Torrisdale Street) in Queen's Park.

There is no record of George's playing career but it is very probable that he turned out for one of Queen's Park's minor elevens before joining the forces.

George was a Sergeant in the Royal Field Artillery. He was seriously wounded and repatriated to Britain. On 30 October 1918, at the age of 24, he died of pneumonia in hospital in Gravesend in Kent and is buried in Gravesend Cemetery. George was awarded the Military Medal posthumously in June 1919.

129 John Stevenson
THE ONE QUEEN'S PARK PLAYER WHO DIED ; BUT DATE OF DEATH STILL NOT CONFIRMED. RESEARCH ONGOING AND FURTHER INFORMATION BEING SOUGHT AND REQUESTED.

129 John Stevenson (date of death not known)

John Stevenson was registered as a player with Queen's Park from season 1907/08 to season 1910/11 but only featured in the first eleven in the first two of those seasons. He made his debut at inside right against Airdrie on 17 August 1907 and went on to make 11 first team appearances, scoring two goals. His last outing for the first team was against Clyde at Hampden on 22 April 1909.

John Stevenson served as a Private in the Highland Light Infantry in the Great War. However, there were a number of HLI soldiers called John Stevenson who lost their lives in the war and it has been impossible as yet to confirm which one was the Queen's Park member. In 1911, there was a 25-year-old railway clerk called John Stevenson living at 45 Viewpark Drive in Rutherglen. Was he the Queen's Park player?

A Queen's Park project to compile a more complete picture will progress from April, 2016, until the centenary of the Armistice in November 1918.
An exhibition and displays on "Football and the Great War" will be on show in the Scottish Football Museum until November, 2018. The medals on loan to the museum by the families of Ralph Risk, Peter Moodie, Peter Grant and Bob Young are on display. Queen's Park encourage you to visit and hope you find both the exhibition and our papers interesting, inspiring and challenging.

Queen's Park continue to invite general comment as well as information from the families of members and players who served.

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The 226 Queen's Park Members and Players known to have enlisted

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