QUEEN'S PARK AND THE GREAT WAR 1914 TO 1918

THE NINE QUEEN'S PARK MEN WHO DIED IN 1918

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The 9 Queen's Park men now known to have died in 1918 are listed in this paper in order of date of death. Alphabetically, they are;

George Baillie M M
Robert Christie
James Dunachie
Thomas Haydock
George Leckie
John Monteith
Herbert Murray M C
George Ramsay
John Wilkinson

More details on 33 of the 34 Queen's Park men now known to have lost their lives are contained in Frank McCrossan's Appendix 3 . This Appendix is accessible in the Great War section of the club website www.queensparkfc.co.uk

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From the list of 227 Queen's Park members and players who served in the forces during the Great War.

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In 2015, Queen's Park FC embarked on a project to learn more about the club's players and members who served in the forces in the Great War and to examine the impact of the war on the club. To date, a paper, with four appendices, and a DVD have been produced and these can be viewed in the official Queen's Park website. The project will continue until the 100th anniversary of the armistice in November 1918.

My papers of April 2017 set out some initial findings on the impact of the war on Queen's Park. These include: -

- The suspension of Internationals and Scottish Cup fixtures between 1914 and 1918.
- The prohibition of full-time professional football in Scotland and a cap on players' wages of £1 per week.
- The gradual improvement in the Queen's Park first eleven's Scottish League First Division results between 1914/15 and 1917/18.
- The impact on team selection and membership resulting from the large number of members and players who enlisted, including the club's first paid Secretary.

As the horrors of war and the deaths and casualties became recognised from 1915, competitive football, finance and stadium administration became of secondary importance to everyone at Queen's Park. The events surrounding the club were many and varied but they were of little importance in the context of the sacrifices being made by members, players and former players far from Hampden between 1914 and 1918. Football did, however, provide some light relief for those employed in the shipyards and munitions factories and for service personnel home on leave or recovering from injury.

The Queen's Park and the Great War Project has so far identified 227 players and members who served in the forces, 34 of whom lost their lives. Of the 34 men who perished, 9 died in 1918. They were: -

George Baillie MM	-	died 30/10/1918 aged 24
Robert Christie	-	died 15/05/1918 aged 52
James Dunachie	-	died 28/03/1918 aged 36
Thomas Haydock	-	died 02/09/1918 aged 28
George Leckie	-	died 27/08/1918 aged 39
John Monteith	-	died 27/09/1918 aged 34
Herbert Murray MC	-	died 20/07/1918 aged 31
George Ramsay	-	died 08/08/1918 aged 25
John Wilkinson	-	died 19/09/1918 aged 32

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)

The changes at Hampden 1914-1918

A: The 'Old' Lesser Hampden - returned to grazing

The Twin Turret Pavillion - opened in 1914

Seven of the men served in Army infantry battalions and one man, George Ramsay, served in the RAF. The ninth man, Robert Christie, was an Acting Lieutenant Colonel in the Labour Corps, laying cables behind the front line at the time of his death. The Labour Corps was manned by officers and men who were either too old or not fit enough for front line service.

George Baillie, Robert Christie, James Dunachie, George Leckie and John Monteith were all married men. Tom Haydock was engaged to Miss Moore of Carmyle.

Seven of the men had played for Queen's Park's first eleven prior to 1914. They were Tom Haydock, George Leckie, John Monteith, Herbert Murray, George Ramsay, John Wilkinson and, of course, Robert Christie.

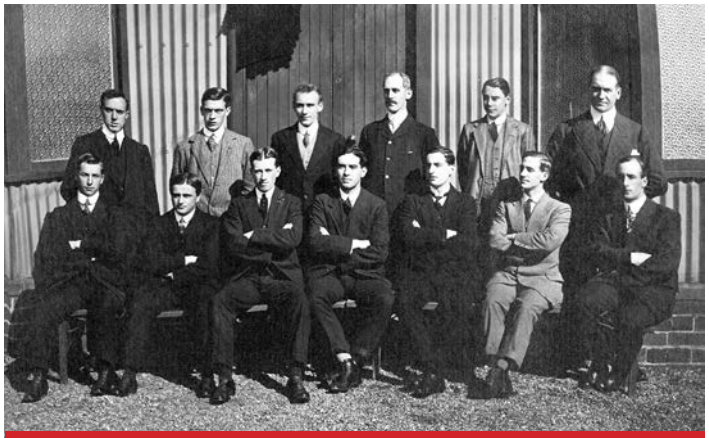
Robert Christie's short-lived playing career in the 1880's had many highlights. He became a 'full' Scotland Internationalist at the age of 18 in the 1884 victory over England at the second Hampden Park. Also, he was a member of the Queen's Park side of 1883/84 that won the Scottish Cup and Glasgow Merchants' Charity and reached the FA Cup Final. He scored Queen's Park's goal in the 2-1 FA Cup Final defeat to Blackburn Rovers. The 1883/84 team was inducted into the Scottish Football Hall of Fame in 2017.

James Dunachie has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial in France. It is not known what became of George Leckie after he was killed. The other men were buried in cemeteries in France, with the exception of George Baillie who was laid to rest in Gravesend Cemetery in Kent.

The names of two of the nine who died in 1918 – George Leckie and Herbert Murray – do not appear on the Queen's Park World War One plaque on the Roll of Honour in the Scottish Football Museum at Hampden Park. This is because they were not members of the club during the war.

Proposals are being developed for a permanent memorial to the Queen's Park men who fell in the Great War, perhaps in the form of a Garden of Remembrance. This could be located at the club's Youth and Community facility at Lesser Hampden, which, with the JB McAlpine Pavilion, is a real lasting legacy of the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Further details of the nine Queen's Park men who died in 1918, listed in order of date of death, are provided on the following pages.



QP 1st XI - 1910 - 11

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

1ST XI 1883-84
SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS
GLASGOW MERCHANT CHARITY CUP WINNERS
F.A. CUP FINALISTS

Back Row: H. Miller, A. Rowan, R.M. Christie, W. Arnott, W. Sellar, C. Campbell, Dr.J. Smith, A.H. Holm, A. Geake, G. Gillespie

Seated: W.W. Watt, Dr. McDonald, J.J. Gow, W. Anderson, W. Harrower, D.S. Allan, P. McCallum

WW1 PLAQUE ON THE QUEEN'S PARK ROLL OF HONOUR

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THE NINE 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 M CHRISTIE
Military Uniform circa 1902

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 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.

HERBERT MURRAY MC.
QP 1st XI 1910-11

The Military Cross

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
QP 1st XI, 29th August 1914

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.

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

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."

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.

130 George Henry Gibson Leckie (died 27/08/1918)

George Henry Gibson Leckie was born in the burgh of Kinning Park on 11 April 1879. George attended Bellahouston Academy and is named in the school's roll of honour. In 1901, George was living at 2 Brighton Place in Govan. In 1911, he still resided at that address along with his father John, a tea merchant, his mother and seven brothers and sisters. George was a commercial traveller dealing in curtains.

George was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1900/01, 1901/02 and 1902/03 but made only one competitive first team appearance. That came on 11 May 1901 when he featured at left back against Hearts at Tynecastle.

George married Elizabeth Smith, a school teacher from Paisley, on 18 August 1916. He was not a serving soldier at that point.

George became a Private in the 9th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry and was killed in action in France on 27 August 1918. He was 39 years of age.

George Leckie's younger brother John was a Queen's Park member who served in the forces in the Great War. He also had a brother James. There is a James Leckie on the Queen's Park roll of honour, but it is not known if it is the same person.

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.

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The 227 Queen's Park Members and Players known to have enlisted

34 Now Known To Lost Their Lives

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