

1914

- Jan 1** R. Watson proprietor of the Globe Stores on High Street, Buckie now had a branch at Cullen
An article tells of the Rathven Parish Church Settlements from 1690 until 1720.

In the editor's report for the past year he spoke of the excellent fishing which had taken place , especially so off East Anglia. This in turn, he predicted, he would lead to a revival in drifter building which had been slack for several years.

Spec house building was more or less at a standstill, despite the great need for more housing, due to the high cost of feus and taxes. Any housing that was being built had increased in price due to a rise in wages and materials over the past 12 months.

A number of men had found employment at the harbour where work was proceeding with the construction of the north break-water.

The owner of the shipbuilding yard in Portgordon, Mr Geddes, reported that he had a programme of work which would see them busy into 1915.

Both Cullen and Portknockie had had busy trading years. It was reported that Portknockie had never experienced a year when so much money came into the village. Tailors, coopers and especially plumbers were very busy. The building trade workers were also very busy with two new houses, larger than the normal being built.

Nineteen thirteen would go down as being a busy and prosperous one for Findochty, too. Two new drifters had been launched with three second hand ones being bought and added to the fleet.

Two new houses were built near to the Stripe Burn also three large ones to the east of the new infant school. A further three were added at Netherton Terrace.

The old smithy had been rebuilt and changed into a net and store factory employing a number of workers.

At Cullen large scale modern developments taken place at Cullen House with heating by radiators being installed also electric lighting throughout.

- Jan 8** The six month's statistics for the Rathven parish up until 31 December were as follows - Births - 214; Deaths - 64; Marriages - 56.

In the Enzie there were - 23 births; 14 Deaths and 9 marriages.

The Royal Mail reported that there had been a record parcel mail, up 25% on the previous year.

A ball took place at Berrybauds farm on Friday past (on the foothills of the Aultmore Hill nearly two miles south of Clochan) with a party of thirty couples being present. Music for the dancers was provided by John Paterson Preshome, A. Innes and J. Dyker, Minduff.

The barn was decorated in elaborate style the work of James Paterson, William Paterson and John Adam. The MC's were Messrs Paterson.

Tea and refreshments were served throughout the evening with the dance continuing through until 4am.

Thanks were extended to Mr Paterson for providing the use of his mill. Before departing all sang a 'Good New Year'.

John S. Munro, Peterhead, bought over the stock of T.D. Yule at 30 West Church Street. (It had been said previously that a brother of T.D. Yule was to take over the shop.) He was to clear everything out with a big Clearance Sale. Munro was described as a Draper, Hosier and Milliner. (A number of years later he was to join forces with his brother-in law, James Mackay , Draper on East Church Street

A note in the B.A. later told of how the Yule Brothers, Bakers of Tobermory had won prizes at a Bakers' Exhibition. T.D. Yule was mentioned as being one of the partners.

- Jan 15** Enzie School Treat - Through the kindness of Mr Davidson, York House, Cullen the children of Enzie Public School enjoyed a New Year treat. They were entertained by Mr Smith, Leitcheston who played selections on the gramophone, Adam Robertson, who kept them all

highly amused in his own inimitable style while Mr Dawson gave a number of recitations. The pupils too gave a performance of their own. Others who helped were - Mrs Nichol, Miss McEwan, Miss Brander, Miss Watt, Miss Smith, Miss Gregor, Miss Sim, Miss M. Paterson, Miss N. Gray and Mr J. Bonnyman. Each child received an apple, orange and a bag of sweets. Year by year Mr Davidson has proved a liberal friend to the school. Seeing that the scholars contributed so credibly to the programme it was said it was expected that they would soon give a public performance.

The town council again stated their intention to make the speed limit along the coast road, 10 mph.

Councillor Shearer was appointed the first ever Police Judge of Buckie.

Charles Bonnyman, Portgordon, took a full page in the B.A. with his advert of a Winter Sale.

Jan 22 The Ploughing Match arranged by the Rathven and Enzie Association to take place at Leitcheston was postponed because of frost. It was to take place on the first suitable Wednesday.

Postie's thanks - This year, 1914, instead of Mr Russell it was Mrs Johnston, postwoman, Drybridge and Kingscairn who had the notice in the B.A.

The house at 4 Shore Street, Portgordon, was bought for £215 by William Geddes, Jun. Duke Street.

The Portgordon Children's' Christmas Treat took place in the 'New Hall' where 100 were entertained through the munificence of Mr and Mrs Geddes, Post Office.

Tea, dancing, games and other amusements were enjoyed. Mr Adam Robertson, Buckie, came in his new role as an entertainer of children with great success. A pretty exhibition of step-dancing was given by children.

The Buckie and district drapers were again holding their Winter Sales - mentioned being - James Mackay, John Sandison, Edward Hillocks Cluny Terrace, Robert Grant, Baron Street. Little Wonder, East Church Street, Charles Innes Shearer, Leith Esson, High Street and John Green also on High Street.

NEW CINEMA FOR BUCKIE - The Good Templars let their hall on West Church Street to the Elite Entertainment Syndicate of Buckie who intended to fit up the hall as a first class cinema.

At a meeting of the Enzie Branch of the Scottish Rural Workers Approved Society held in the Clochan School last week, Mr Dawson, Gollachy Woollen Mill tendered his resignation as secretary. This was accepted with regret by all present. On the motion of John Paterson, Preshome, Mr Nichol, Headmaster was appointed in his place. It was through Mr Dawson that the Enzie Branch of the S.R.W.F. S. was formed in connection with the National Insurance Act. And his appointment to the management of the Scottish Legal Life Assurance Society for the Buckie District in succession to W. F. Johnston led him to sever his connection with the Enzie branch which he had left in a flourishing condition.

The Annual General Meeting of Buckie Boat Club was held in the Masonic Institute with William Logie in the chair.

Jan 29 Joseph Sutherland, who gave his name to the street in Buckpool, of 1 Sutherland Street died at the age of 73. He was a retired rope and sailmaker.

'D' Company 6th Gordon Highlanders T.F. were to hold their annual Recruiting Meeting and Smoking Concert in the Drill Hall on 6 February. Admission free. All Territorials to be present in uniform.

The B.A. carried a photograph of the new Atlantic Liner TSS Alsation

A report is given on page 2 column 4 of the death of Lord Strathcona. His name was Donald Alexander Smith, his father being Alexander Smith, Saddler, Archiestown, Knockando. His greatest service to Canada, his adopted home country, was the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Tee name - Wood 'Reid' Portknockie.

Lady Cathcart gave the sum of £20 to be shared among the widows on her estates of Gollachy and Buckie. (The sum had been 325 some years before.)

The contractors engaged to build a house for George Reid, Portgordon were - Mason - Alex Milne and Son; Carpenter- Messrs Hendry Bros., Portgordon; Slaters- Messrs Andrew Davidson and Son, Elgin; Plumber - J & T Campbell; Plasterer- R. Logie, Fochabers; Painters and Glaziers - R. Duncan and Son.

Contractors engaged to do work on the Gordon Richmond Estate in the Enzie included - Carpenters - J. Slorach, Tynet; G. Glass, Dallachy and C.R. Mitchell. Broadley. Masons - O. Dawson, Buckie; Morrison, Buckie; William Legge and Son, Fochabers. Slaters - J. Barclay and Son, Buckie; Mitchell, Elgin and A. Davidson and Son, Elgin'

The contractor employed to put a new water supply to Burnside House, was H. Douglas, Elgin.

The annual curling contest at Fochabers for the Muirhead Cup and silver medal for points game synchronised with the cup competition took place on the natural ice pond within the grounds of Gordon Castle. The ice was most beautiful being of the keenest. Alexander Robertson, ground officer was the fortunate winner with a substantial score of 30 points thus both trophies fell to him. He was the holder of the Muirhead Trophy from the previous year and also gained it on a former occasion, three times in all. The R/U was Charles Webster with 18 points, next was Charles Gray Bank Agent with 17 points and James Marshall, The Neuk with 16.

The postponed ploughing match at Leitcheston took place last week. Alex Farquhar, Braes, came first in the Champions section while Alex Archibald, Aucheneath, came first to win the medal in the ordinary section. Second was James Brander, Smerick and 3rd William Murdoch, Blackhill. Archibald was also first in feering and finish, also the levellest rig and straightest furrows.

Feb 5 Bloomfields, Fish Salesmen and Auctioneers Great Yarmouth and Buckie etc, continued to have a large advert in the B.A.

Opening announcement - William Forbes, 28 Land Street, was advising that he was now making boxes of all kinds. He also had for sale fine dry firewood in 7" lengths at 1/4 per bag delivered in town.

The property on East Church Street consisting of two houses and garden belonging to John Anderson, Carter, was sold to Messrs Mair and Gray. It was understood that it was intended to build a Post Office on the site.

Feb 12 George Farquhar, Crofter, Darbuckie, died at the age of 93. He was unmarried.

Tee name - Cowie 'Dougal'

A new drifter named the 'Comely Bank' was launched this week from the shipyard of William Geddes in Portgordon for Aberdeen owners.

Page 7 column 2 carries the first instalment of an article written by Bullock called 'The Making of the West Indies' - The Gordons as Colonists.

The new cinema in the Good Templars' Hall, named the Palace was to open on Wednesday February 18. There was to be two performances nightly at 7 and 9. Admission charges were - 3d, 6d and 9d. Seats could be booked in advance.

Feb 19 Estimates were being invited for the construction of a villa on Queen Street for Mr Alex Wood Boyd, Watchmaker, East Church Street.
He had an advert on the same page reading - For the latest in Jewellery A. W. Boyd Watchmaker and Jeweller, 26 East Church Street.

George Sutherland, Boot and Show Warehouse, 21 West Church Street, was advertising his annual clearing sale starting on 26 February.

The annual general meeting of the **Buckie Quoiting Club** took place.

Tee name - Reid 'Rodger' Buckpool

Mr Cole, manager of the newly opened Palace in the Good Templars; Hall gave an assurance that his was only temporary accommodation with the plans for larger accommodation to go as had been first stated.

The Palace was proving a big attraction with large crowds in attendance to watch the films presented. The pictures were described as clear, flickerless, absolutely rock steady. A forthcoming attraction was "In the Midst of the Jungle" a powerful animal production in three parts .

The older cinema the Lyceum, in Mackays buildings on East Church Street was still popular continually showing a splendid programme of films etc.

The parents with children at the Rathven School were still on strike with their offspring being kept at home till improvements were made to the school building.

Further instalment of J. W. Bullock's story on the 'Gordons as Colonists.'

Feb 26 The town council were debating whether to purchase the house at 19 Seaview Road at £300 for the superintendent of the slaughterhouse. It was suggested that this might be let at £12 per annum

Buckie Thistle lost to Elgin City by the only goal of the game in a H/L match.

The Thistle team was - Davidson, McGregor and Reid; Boyne, McKenzie and Ross; Clark, Shand, Mann, Stewart and Johnston.

Bullock's 'Gordon' story in on page 6.

Mar 5 J. C. Johnston M. A. teacher at Buckie Higher Grade School and also Thistle player was given a presentation before for Dalry, Ayrshire.

James Green, Farrier, Blinkbonny, Letterfourie, was given the gift of a beautiful pony , contributed to by 150 farmers and others.

The event was organised by a committee consisting of Wm. Hay, Woodside, Lewis Milne, Rannas, George Garden, Cleanhill, William Ross, Williamstown, Michel McIvor, Hillfolds, William Robertson, Hillhead, George Legge, Bogside, Alex Smith, Darbreich, Alex Garden, Rannachy, James Dickson, Flesher, Buckie, Robert Winchester, Chemist, Buckie, George Barclay, Commercial Hotel, Thomas Forbes, Maryhill and William Kelman, Puttingbrae (secretary to the committee.)

In the speeches made it was said how Mr Green didn't only operate on animals but also acted as dentist on humans too. Through circumstances did not allow him to attend university he nevertheless had a great knowledge in all ailments pertaining to animals having been self taught.

A cartoon in the B.A. was still critical of the ruling class calling on all who labour to unite against capitalism. The landlords were making money hand over fist in every way with the workers being cruelly exploited.

C. W. Thomson, rector of the Secondary School was awarded a rise of £12 per annum to take his salary up to £302 per annum.

Mar 12 Millers Motor and Cycle works, Cluny Square had a big advert on the front page of the Advertiser and also a sketch of a motor car.

George Webster also had an advert which spoke of the BSA as being the most reliable motor cycle which had won many awards during 1913 with great improvements made in the 1914 model. A three and a half hp engine could be bought for £48.10 while a model with a four hp engine (chain driven, specially built for side-car work) with 3 speed counter shaft gear cost £60 guineas.

At a Highland Sports Meeting in Sydney, New south Wales, Australia, Mr Mair late of the Bauds, who left for Australia over a year before had a first and two seconds in the events. He was a regular winner at the Games at Enzie and Drybridge before he left.

In the advert for the Palace Cinema in the Good Templars' Hall it spoke of the perfection achieved in showing all films. That night (March 12, 1913) they were to be showing scenes shot at Buckie

harbour taken by their own operator. People were invited to come and see themselves as others see them etc, etc. In addition other films were to be shown with a change of programme on Friday and Saturday. A children's matinee took place on Saturday afternoon with cost of admission being, 1d, 2d and 3d.

A further instalment of Bullock's 'Gordons as Colonists' is found in this edition .

The new street running at right angles from the March Road on the lands of Cunninghamholes Farm was to be known as Marchmount Terrace and not Freuchny Terrace as had been suggested. House plans were passed by the town council for Edward Smith 'Bo',

Buckie Town Council were talking about putting the Buckie Burn in a culvert and filling it in with rubbish between the two bridges. A culvert instead of a bridge with arches had been suggested by Baillie Davidson before they built the Victoria Bridge. (Buckie Community Council through the 1990's had also suggested putting the burn in a culvert and partially filling it in to make it a pleasant walk. Two important things lay behind their proposals, a) the burn was constantly being used as a dumping place and b) the banks were being eroded on the bowling green side.) This was tossed aside by Moray Council as not being feasible.

- Mar 19 Cartoon - 'They - the landowners grow richer as it were in their sleep without working, risking or economising - "Who toil not neither do they spin".

The steam drifter 'Border Lads' was launched from Geddes's yard in Portgordon for Eyemouth owners.

Two drifters were sold this week the 'Good Design II of Portgordon and the Cluny, Buckie. The first making £2,560 and the second £2,000, both well above the reserve price.

Elders appointed at the Pringle Kirk, Fochabers, Robert Logie, Fochabers, D. J. Cunningham, Factor, William McKenzie, Newstack Farm, Robert Dawson, manager, Gordon Castle, Home Farm. Other members of the congregation received large number of votes but declined to accept office.

The death took place of George Garden, Rannachie Farm on the Seafield estate (formerly Rannas) His father was John Garden of the firm of Garden and McIntosh, Fishcurers who also had the farm of Rannachie.

A further instalment of the 'Gordons as Colonists'.

A poem is found on page 7 column 4 "A Summer Soliloquay" by J.A. J.

- Mar 26 The Buckie provost suggested harnessing the River Spey to provide power to light up all the towns in the area. His idea was pooh- poohed by a writer in the *Northern Scot*. He couldn't foresee that they would one day take water from the Spey to supply Buckie with a dependent water supply.

A photograph is found on page 5 showing the Good Templar's Hall on West Church Street with the sign Palace Cinema in big bold letters.

Mr Chisholm, Gordon Arms, Fochabers, was to take the hotel posting into his own hands at the term. William Hay, mail driver, who had posting duties sub-let from Mr Chisholm hitherto was to take over Burnside property belonging to George Garden, Coachbuilder, who intended to emigrate to America. Hay would have a garage etc ready at hand. Mr Garden succeeded his late father in the business 12 years before the property prior to that having been in his mother's family since the building of the present town.

Millers Cycles and Motor Cars had sketches of three different cars on the front page of the B. A. Pic. 1 showed a Studebaker six at £320. This was open. Pic 2 showed a Studebaker 4, also open again with electric self starter, dynamo lighting, at £245. Pic 3 showed a Studebaker 4 Cabriolet with hood and the same refinements at £285. It also had a 4 cylinder engine, touring body, hood, screen, 6 electric lamps, detachable rims, spare rim and tyre carrier, speedometer, electric horn, 810x90 continental tyres, jack, pump, tools . Immediate delivery on all three motors. Between 100 and 120 Studebaker cars were being sold in the U.K each week at this time.

- Apr 2 **Buckie Thistle 4 Elgin City 1 Banffshire Cup Final played at Keith. There were 600 passengers on the train from Buckie to Keith on the day of the match. Some supporters had a huge banner**

In Thistle colours with the words ‘ Play Up – Buckie.

The two teams were to meet again on 25 April at Victoria Park in the Elgin District Cup. Elgin didn’t like the idea of the match being played outwith Moray Shire and in the end scratched from the competition, thus Buckie had a walk-over.

Apr 9 The property on West Church Street owned by Newton Bros. (Photographers) Banff, and presently used as a photographic studio by an other company was sold to John Campbell, Tailor, Buckpool.

Contractors were invited to tender for the construction of a villa on Queen Street for George Smith Jun.

There were a number of letter in the B. A. urging the powers that be that Gaelic be taught in schools. It was said by one that it wasn’t so long before that Gaelic was commonly spoken in Upper Banffshire with every hollow and knoll having a Gaelic name.

Tee name – Murray ‘Con’

The death took place of George Barclay Senr. Commercial Hotel. He came from Keith with his father and served his time as a blacksmith before entering the licensed trade in a building that once stood on the opposite side of the street from the Commercial Hotel.

Plans were passed by the town council for a house and stable at the junction of Duguid Street and Cluny Lane for George McKenzie, Flesher.

Also passed were the plans for a villa for George Smith at the junction of Cathcart Street and Queen Street.

A horse shoe pattern of streets was planned for Cunningholes (off March Road) the word Circus was suggested for both . Marchmount Crescent was a further suggestion for that facing north and Hillview Terrace, facing south. Hillview Terrace, however, never came into being.

Buckie Thistle won the first leg of the Aberdeen Charity Cup when they beat Fraserburgh at Buckie by one goal to nil

The team was – Davidson, Boyne and G. Reid; Coutts, MacKay and smith; J. P. Clark, Mann, McKenzie, Stewart and J. C. Johnston.

Apr 23 William Black, Portgordon was rousing out. He had a bit of trouble with the local bobby and another person over a scaffold sometime before.

A displenish sale was to take place at Westerside – farmer, Mr Brown. Among the things for sale were – four horses and a pony. 27 head of cattle of all kinds. A spring cart and gig, a reaper and two sets of harness. Conveyances were to be laid on to transport prospective buyers from the forenoon trains.

The death took place of Alex Smith, farmer at Leitcheston, Enzie.

J. W. Gray (formerly of the firm McBain and Gray) was now advertising in addition to his business in furniture was to undertake the work of an auctioneer and valuator.

Buckie Thistle lost in the final of the Aberdeen Charity Cup, played on a home and home , when the Broch beat them by the same score as they had lost in Buckie but led by one corner.

The Elite Syndicate who at the time were showing films in the Good Templar’s Hall on West Church Street had invited contractors for the construction of a new Picture Palace. The firms to do the work were - A. Milne and Son, Mason; A. Hendry and Sons, Joiners; John Barclay and Son, Slater; J & T Campbell, Plumbers; John Hume, Plasters; Adam Robertson, Painter.

All the games in the Sunlight Cup were to be played at Victoria Park. Admission charges – 2d and 1d.

The following two firms were advertising prams and go-carts, the first time this had been seen. Geddes and Sons, Joinery Works, Portessie and Gray’s Furniture Showrooms, West Church Street.

Apr 30 **Opening announcement -** The Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society were to open a branch shop at 36 East Church Street, selling High Class provisions. ‘We have come to stay’ said their advert and in 1999 they were still in operation.

Four new drifters were launched from local yards during the past week. (After a considerable time when things were very slack in the boat-building line an impetus had been gained from the past year’s good fishing.)

In Portgordon William Geddes launched the ‘Coral Brand’ for an Aberdeen owner. Gardiner, Cullen Launched the ‘Hawthorn’ for a Portknockie man, Pirie; W. R. McIntosh and son launched the ‘En Avant’ for James and John Slater, Buckie; George Thomson, launched the ‘Exchequer’ for G & J. Garden & John Reid, Buckie.

Warships were seen to be on manoeuvres in the Moray Firth.

A poem is to be found on page 5 column 4 titled “A Departed Day” by John Smith, Findochty.

A second poem in this edition of the B. A. is found on page 7 column 2 titled “The Song of the Gael” by J. B. Malcolm, Dundee.

May 7 **Notice -** Johnstone’s Woodyard at the Highland Railway Station was to close on Wednesday at 2 pm instead of Saturdays.

The name of a local owned drifter was to be changed from “Twenty III’ 096 to ‘Elevate’ of Buckie.

At Preshome Church on Sunday afternoon, the Rt. Rev Bishop Chisholm, Aberdeen administered the sacrament of confirmation to 40 members of the congregation, young and old.

The annual letting of grass parks on the farm of Burnside of Enzie and the Glebe lands belonging to the Church of Scotland took place this week with a large attendance of prospective buyers in attendance. Among them was Mr Allan, farmer, Bush, Keith.

May 14 Plans were submitted for a house on Marchmount Crescent **for Mr Smith ‘Jeam’.**

The property at 17 High Street consisting of a dwelling house, joiner’s workshop and smithy was sold for £612 to James Stephen Smith .

The mason’s rate was now 8d per hour after they got 1/2d of a rise.

Provost Archibald wrote a song called ‘Strathlene’ and reported that he had received the sum of £1 sent from British Columbia, Canada for a copy. It was said how it was intended the song to be sung at a Scottish Gathering in New Westminster.

The B. A. carried a letter written by D. Kedward, Wesleyan minister in Portgordon who was speaking of the amount of drunkenness he had found in the village since coming there, comparing it with other places he had been. He spoke of a man who had been drowned in the harbour while under the influence of drink.

May 21 Bostock and Wombell's Menagerie was to pay a visit to Buckie, setting up their large number of cages in the Commercial Park on 29 May. They had tigers, elephants, hippos, baboons, zebra, chimps, snow leopards, Tasmanian Devils, hyena, wolves, jaguars and foreign birds of many different kinds. They had two steam engines which produced the power to light up all the cages.

A poem is found on page 6 column 5 titled "The Emigrant's Farewell" by Wm. Murdoch of Arbroath. This is good and tells of the loss of land and language to the Saxon.

May 28 R.R. George, Ironmonger, was to move at the term into new premises at 13 East Church Street.. he was advertising, like others, prams and go-carts.

Cynicus, who wrote a column in the B. A. was long before his time when he spoke of the selflessness of smokers and the retrograde step of allowing smoking to take place in the Fishermen's Hall. This was a newly began practice.

Rev. Wm. Gibson, Baptist Church, was to move to Greenock, leaving after 21st June. He was the first minister in the Baptist Church in Buckie.

A poem is found on page 8 column 1 "A Mountaineering Adventure" by O.S.

The B. A. received a letter praising the qualities of the Dallachy man who was drowned in the Portgordon harbour, supposedly being under the influence of drink. This letter followed one written by the local Wesleyan minister.

The first flight across the Atlantic was to be attempted.

June 4 Biddal's Grand Circus "The Event of The Season" was to be in Buckie on Monday 8 June. In combination with Bronco Bill's Wild West Exhibition.

An advert on the front page of the B. A. spoke of calves being for sale at 40/- each by Hamilton and Co., Birkenhead.

A sale was to take place at the Hairdressing Salon belonging to Mr Menzies, at Cluny Place. Included was the portable hairdressing shop, measuring 30 feet by 10 feet with a corrugated iron roof. Among the goods and fittings for sale were two chairs with foot rests. (This building was a fish shop, owned first by Ina Bain in 1914, later by Sandy 'Sunny Mair prior to World War II and much later helped by his 'girl-friend' Peggy Grant.)

A poem is found on page 8 column 1 titled "The Jolly Twelve" The 1913 Fishing by a Fish Worker.

Thursday past, term day, saw a large number of flittings taking place from a very early hour lorries were much in evidence conveying families and furniture to new abodes. The weather was fine providing favourable circumstances.

Farm servants from the local district were seen in town also two wandering pipers who discoursed music in the vicinity of the Square and did their best to charm a few coppers from the pockets of our country cousins.

The SS St Ninian left on Thursday afternoon for Stronsay and Lerwick with a large number of fishworkers on board.

June 11 **Advert -** Household Bazaar Co. Major Sale in the Fishermen's Hall of Household Goods of every kind, every article to be sold at the one price of 6pence ha'penny. Delivered free to any part of the town.

Opening announcement - John McLean advised all concerned that he had commenced in business at the Drybridge Smithy. (Taking over from Mr Newlands who had retired.)

The town council passed the plans submitted for additions and alterations to the Lyceum on East Church Street.

The plans for the Post Office were, however, deferred meantime.

Tenders were invited for the construction of the road to Cunninghamholes where feus had been opened.

The Victoria Tea Rooms were now open on West Church Street, (opposite the Public School) with every attention bestowed on customers.

The B. A. carried a photograph of the new Cunard liner, Aquatania, second largest in the world. It left on its maiden voyage on May 30 bound for New York, a distance of 3181 miles where it reached five day, 17 hours and 43 minutes later. It made a detour of 80 miles to avoid icebergs.

June 18 Sangers Circus was to pay a visit on the 6th July. This was only one of a number of circuses which had already paid a visit Ord's Circus being in Buckie in May.

The town council were offering **free of charge** the whole of the town's dung from the Easter Buckie and Buckpool depots.

The town council was advertising for a carter for the Commissioners' Cart at a wage of 24/- per week.

The 'Terriers' were to be under canvas at Tain this year. A party of 50 from Buckie left under the command of Colour/Sergeant Johnston and led by pipers.

The tailors in the town were asking for a rise of 1/2d per hour. If this were to be granted it would add 2/- on to the price of a man's suit.

The six year old son of Arthur Campbell, Bridgend, was rescued from drowning at Buckpool Harbour by George Stewart, (15). This was the second such rescue he had made.

The B. A. received a 'bilin' of new tatties from Mr Smith of Badrockleys (now in the middle of the 14th hole on the Buckpool golf Course) The tatties were a new variety called 'Midlothian Early'

They also received a sample of tatties grown in the Seafield Hospital garden by Mr Raffan, The variety, Duke of Yorks were of a good size, ripe and uniform.

The Peterhead boat, 'Boy Willie' PD 87 collided with the Portknockie sailboat, Uganda BF1841 and was sunk. The skipper, William Falconer and the six other crew members were all saved.

An Enzie couple, Mr and Mrs James Smith, Mains of Cowfurrich, celebrated their Diamond Wedding.

June 25 R. R. George, Ironmonger, was now at 15 East Church Street, having moved from number 13.

The Portknockie Picnic and Games were to take place at Woodhead, Bauds, the usual venue, on Wednesday 1st July.

The Enzie Annual Picnic and Games were to take place on Saturday 4 July. J. Johnston, secretary.

A party, 500 strong, belonging to Buckie Parish Church took the train to Fochabers (Spey-Bay) and then marched to a picnic stance at Bogmoor. They came back by train to reach home about 8 pm.

The Baptist Church went to their usual picnic stance at Rannas. A change this year was that the party were uplifted from the church and not the top of High Street as previously.

On Wednesday, 24 June, the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn flags were flown at the High School including, the Lion Rampart, St Andrew's Cross and Union Jack.

New Headmistress - Miss Sangster was appointed headmistress of Lady Cathcart School in succession to Miss Cocker.

Poems from the Fordyce Academy Magazine are to be found on page 6 column 3.

Amended plans for the Post Office on East Church Street were passed by the town council.

Jly 2 **Opening announcement -** Miss McKenzie was to open a first class tobacconist shop at 19 West Church Street . (This was to be known as The Club.)

Lord John Sanger's Royal Circus and Menagerie was to visit Buckie on Monday 6 July. Admission charges were - 1/-, 1/6, 2/6 and 3/6. They claimed that the circus was patronised by Royalty.

Frank H. Smith of the Asbestos Stores was now advising that he had a Pneumatic Plant for chipping and scraping of iron vessels.

Advert - Bruce, Sailmaker, Ianstown.

A branch of the Commercial Bank was to be opened in Buckie; the agent to be Malcolm Gray, Solicitor.

A meeting was to take place to gauge interest in re-starting a Motor Cycle Club. There was to be a run from Buckie to Elgin, return.

The Rathven and Enzie Hoeing Association were to hold a competition at Birkenbush Fair on Wednesday 8 July. There was to be a handsome cup for the winners plus a number of other prizes. The match to begin at 6.30pm with plants being left 8" apart. There was a Boy's Section.

The Enzie Annual Picnic and Games were to take place at Cuttlebrae, on Saturday 4 July. Morrison's Band, Portgordon was to be in attendance. J. Johnston secretary.

Galloways (Candy) 26 East Church Street were advertising for a girl for the confectionery shop.

T.D. Yule, Tobermorey Bakers, had an advert in the B.A. stating that they were requiring a baker. T.D. Yule who had a draper's business at 30 West Church Street left Buckie for Tobermorey the previous year.

(Campbell's) Victoria Tea Rooms, 52 West Church Street had the following advert - Tea room - up to date with Ladies' Room. Confectionery, Finest Selection , Highest class in town. Ices, tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Fancy tobacco. Fruit of all kinds in season. Aerated waters.

The usual picnics were all on the go - South U.F. Church went by special train to Spey Bay then walked to a stance at Bogmoor. Alex Esson's (Draper) employees went by five horse brakies to Gordon Castle. The South U.F. Church choir went on their annual drive as far as Dundurcas Farm, Rothes, where they held a picnic. Portgordon Methodist Church went by train to Elgin where they held a picnic in the Cooper Park. Enzie Parish Church Sunday School held their picnic at Cairnfield.

James Mackay's (Draper) employees went by train to Dufftown via Cairnie and Keith . the West U.F. Church choir went by 4 horse brakies to Delfur near Rothes. The Portessie Methodist Sunday School went by train to Cornhill while the Portessie Mission Sunday School went by train to Mains of Glassaugh. West U.F. Church Sunday School went by carts from top of High Street to Rannes. The carts were kindly given by Mrs Hector, Mill of Buckie. The Salvation Army Sunday School bairns held their picnic near Rathven Railway Station.

The Portknockie Picnic and Games were held on Wednesday at the Bauds by kind permission of Mr Farquhar. There was a good turnout. The day started fine but by late afternoon there were some heavy showers. There was a selection of events including - Dancing, Piping, Heavy and Light events, Tug of War, Quoits and Five-a-Side football.

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James Mackay, Draper, East Church Street was advertising his annual End of Season Sale to start on 10 July.

A branch of the Clydesdale Bank was to open in Buckie on Wednesday 15 July under John Love McNaughton, Solicitor as agent.

Buckie Museum were gifted a flail that belonged to the late Mr George Farquhar, DarBuckie. It was given by his nephew, Alex Farquhar, Engineer, Renfrew.

In the days before the threshing mills of around 1787, the bulk of the grain crop was threshed by flail.

A flail consisted of a hand staff and the 'supple' of wood, joined together by the mid shackle generally made of straw. The flail was applied on a wooden threshing floor although on occasion an earthen floor. In olden days the master and servants had to be up before daylight during winter and before 6am when the days straw would be threshed out. An extra amount had to be threshed out for Sunday and a week's 'fordee' for Yule called 'Sunday Strae' and 'Yule Strae'.

The expression 'threshing out his Sunday strae' was irreverently used of the minister preparing his sermon and sometimes this was threshed out on a Saturday. In addition to the regular farm hands a good many men found employment as 'flailmen' doing work over a considerable distance. Unless someone had experience in using a flail they had every chance of getting a severe rap on the head with the 'supple' the work of using a flail properly being not so easy as it looked.

A letter dated 1749 spoke of the wages that were then being paid for a flailman. This was 6d per day plus a bottle of ale and pig of bread- 7d in all. It was described as nothing but slavery.

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The death took place of John Allan, Tailor and Clothier. He was killed in a motor-cycle accident the previous week. He had only recently joined the ranks of motor cyclists and had a side car only just fitted . He went on a trip to Banff with Alex Miller, who had supplied the machine etc in the side car. Coming home a tyre on the side car burst at the Bog of Rannes causing the machine to wobble and strike the wall where Mr Allan was killed almost instantaneously. Mr Miller escaped uninjured.

John Allan was 35 years of age and had taken over the business of James Calder 10 years before when he was killed on the Tulloch Brae after going over the bars of his bicycle. Mr Allan was accompanying him at the time. The business was being advertised for sale.

The death also took place of James Mair Senr. Flesher and Farmer of Mains of Gollachy. He was also a cattle dealer.

A postcard sent by Dr Cramond, Cullen, to Banff, reached there 22 years after it had been posted.

A Hoeing Match took place at the farm of Broom, Cairnfield, farmer, Mr Allan. 1st- Robert McIvor, 2nd George Reidford, 3rd A. Paterson.

Boys - 1st and medal - Peter Murdoch, 2nd James Mitchell, **Aleck Shand, 4th George Packman.**
Youngest hoer - George Shand.

Another Hoeing Match took place at Muir of Holmie. First and winner of the medal was Alex Johnston, West Park, 2nd James Paterson, Preshome, 3rd John Paterson, Preshome.

Boys - 1st and medal - Peter Murdoch, 2nd **George Packman, Forklandstripe,** 3rd James Mitchell, 4th **Aleck Shand, Pathhead.**

Still another Hoeing Match took place at Newton. The winners were - 1st and medal, George Stewart, Buckie, 2nd Robert McIvor, Letterfourie, 3rd Robert McIvor, Farnaughty.

Boys 1st and medal - James Mitchell, 2nd William Grant, 3rd **Aleck Shand, 4th George Packman.**

The town council were discussing electric lighting with an engineer having experience in electricity being present.

The town council passed plans for the construction of five houses at Craigbo.

Jly 23

The Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society who recently set up shop in Buckie were advertising that they were to have a marquee tent at Peter Fair.

A notice in the B.A. said how the Salvation Army were looking forward to a coming visit of the famous Dundee II Band which was to give a presentation in the Fishermen's Hall. A welcome was extended to all.

The extensions at Buckie Harbour that had been going on now for several years had now reached an interesting stage with the last block in the breakwater being put in place. Work started at the west end in September 1910 with a distance of 690 feet being completed in the first contract that lasted for two years. In the second contract a further distance of 910 feet was completed, working from both ends. The total length of the breakwater is 1600 feet, forming a dam across the foreshore enclosing an area of eleven acres. The breakwater cost £33 per running foot amounting in total to £53,000. 4,100 concrete blocks were made on site and laid, weighing from 8-15 tons with an average of 12 tons.

The foundation (for the breakwater) was levelled by divers and concrete in bags was put down for the blocks to sit on and the bags levelling out inequalities in the foundation. For a distance of 14000 the breakwater is built on solid rock foundation and a length of about 200 feet is laid on gravel. The gravel was dug down to 13 feet below low water and some trouble was experienced in keeping the foundations clear and this delayed the work somewhat.

The pier consists of two heavy walls of concrete blocks with cross walls at intervals with mass concrete .

The intention of the contractors is now to erect a pump inside the enclosed area so that work can be done in the dry and with two steam navvies at work good progress should be made. It is hoped that the complete harbour extension will be finished by January 1916.

The labourers working on the extensions to Buckie Harbour went on strike. The men had been engaged at 3/- per shift of five hours - the work being done according to the tides and last week the men were only paid 2/6 a shift, a reduction of 1/- per day. No notice had been given of this reduction, with the men claiming that they had been unfairly treated. The men refused to work pending a visit to the site of the contractor. About 30 men were affected.

Jly 30

A. Grant, Carter, Baron Street, had the following notice in the paper - Railway Carting - Commencing on Saturday first a light lorry will deliver and collect all parcels and light perishable goods, also luggage to and from the station. A postcard or note to any GNSR carter will have prompt attention.

Another firm were into motor lorries - The second notice on the front page of the B. A. read - Messrs W & J Macdonald, Buckie, are open to undertake transport work by motor lorry. W. Macdonald, Viewforth, Buckie.

In the local news we were told that the lorry, a new Armstrong Whitworth, had arrived in Buckie drive by a chauffeur. One task that it was planned to be used for was to carry the nets

of fishermen to and from the boats and also to the fences in the neighbourhood where they were hung to dry.

The farmer at Connage was advertising for sale a second hand BINDER, make a Deering Ideal. (It is hardly believable that this was a binder in the sense that we came to know them since reapers were still the main means of cutting the grain crop.)

Two brothers, one aged 26 the other 20, the sons of Mr and Mrs Brown, Drakemyres, Farm, Forgie, died in Turner Memorial Hospital, Keith, during the week from typhoid.

Sir Robert Fossett's circus was to pay a visit to Buckie on Saturday first. The 'big top' being set up in the Commercial Park.

Mr J. L. McNaughton, Solicitor, was appointed a director of a new cinema firm whose headquarters were in Buckie. They aimed to take over all the cinemas now in operation in Elgin, Forres, Buckie and Banff.

The Dundee Salvation Band which paid a visit to Buckie drew a large attendance when it played in the Fishermen's Hall. The band of 28 performers were on a motor tour of the north.

Both the Palace still operating from the Good Templar's Hall on West Church Street and the Lyceum on East Church Street were drawing good crowds and showing good films. The programme at the Lyceum for tonight, Thursday was 'Sentence of Death' while on Friday and Saturday the film being shown was Rodger and The Poacher.

The new harbour at Fraserburgh was opened this week by Lady Saltoun.

There was trouble in the Balkans with the first act of hostility between Austria/Hungary and Serbia took place on Monday of this week.

Peter Fair - 1914 - The disagreeable weather of heavy rain and strong winds that persisted throughout Friday meant that the age-old fair was less patronised than it had been in recent years. As had now become the practice a number of stalls were open on Thursday evening when there was a fair sprinkling of people present, though the weather was not very good though much better than the following day.

On Friday motors and horse brakes, also a special train carried people to and from the fair to Buckie many not staying very long because of the weather.

Harvest hands were being offered better wages than the previous year. Men able to build stacks being offered £8-£9 for the harvest; binders £7-£8 for the same time with boys- £4-£6.

There was only a meagre supply of horses. The best making from £50 to £65, second class - £20-£30 and third class from £12 down.

There was also a few head of cattle forward selling for £5-£6 for yearlings and £8-£15 for 2 year olds.

There were the usual number of refreshment tents, sweetie and toy stalls, the indispensable merry-go-rounds, shooting galleries and other amusements.

Peter Cormack had a large dancing board but the poor weather militated against success. Whites switch-back was the centre of attraction also the Morrison family variety show. The Gypsy fortune tellers did not appear to be doing much trade due to the natural shyness of the local boys and girls. The games of skill were much in evidence though the man with his 'penny on the square' appeared to be paying out as much as he was taking in.

Those with refreshment tents, both Temperance and otherwise were - A. Mather, Anchor Bar, A. Gorton, Portgordon, The Co-op, Buckie, Mrs Milne, Buckie, Mrs Davidson, Keith, A. T. Milton, Buckpool, Donald Grant, Grocer, Buckie, Globe Stores, Buckie, McIntosh, Forgue, Buckie Lodge Good Templars, John Hendry, Findochty, C. Taylor, Buckpool, R. Taylor, Buckpool, John Lindsay, Portknockie, Rathven Parish Church, A. Urquhart, Buckpool, Mrs Wilson, Buckpool.

Aug 6 Cullen Golf Club - Tournament cancelled - On account of the war the annual tournament fixed for 11, 12 and 13 inst., has been cancelled. R. Turner, Tournament Secretary.

On Tuesday 4 August 1914 Britain sent an ultimatum to Germany asking that country to guarantee the neutrality of Belgium with until midnight to agree to the terms, no such agreement was received. On Wednesday morning August 5 Britain therefore declared war on Germany with the Territorial Army and other reservists asked to report to their quarters.

Some of the headlines in the B. A.

Trawler chased by German gunboat.
MP's called to arms. Germans invade Belgium.
Germans repulsed by Belgians.
Mr Asquith, PM announced a vote of credit of £100, 000,000 for the war.
German liner captured in the Bristol Channel had come in to be re-fuelled.
French capture German cruiser.
British and German ships in action. British Naval Reserve called out.
Germany declares war on Russia.

Aug 13 Poem is found on page 2 column 3 - titled in Gaelic - Tog Ort Duisg Alba (Rouse Ye Scotland). By Iain B Maol Cholum - 25 Cleghorn Street, Dundee.

A number of Dreadnaught warships were being built in England for foreign powers . it was thought likely that with the war now that a number would be rendered for the British Navy .

Four large warships were seen steaming north through the Moray Firth enroute for Cromarty.

A former pupil of Enzie Public School and Aberdeen Training college, Miss Kelman, Cowfurrich, received an appointment at Helmsdale Higher Grade School at a salary of £70 per annum.

A number of army officers arrived in Buckie by motor car with the intention of commandeering horses for the army. They called on all those in town with horses who had perforce to part with their animals one or two being unwilling to do so. The officers also called on local farms where a selection of horses was made, The horses were paid for. (One might ask whether the price given compared with what each horse was worth since this commandeering found little favour wherever it was practised

A notice was pinned up at the gate into Sergeant George Scott's yard (Monumental mason) on Baron Street. It read - Called for Service - Closed till further notice.

Mr Morgan, Painter, Portessie was also called up as was all of his staff.

Assistance for Reservists' families- A branch of the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association was set up in Buckie with a register made of all such families living in the district with a view to giving assistance, as required, during the great European struggle. Names were to be sent to Mrs Symington, Manse, Rathven.

About 50 navvies were paid off at the Cluny Harbour extension. A number of them had formerly been soldiers and immediately re-enlisted proceeding on Tuesday to Aberdeen to join the colours.

On Saturday and Sunday a number of Buckie people journeyed to Keith to see the men of the Buckie company of Territorial who had moved there from Buckie on the Thursday . They left Keith on Tuesday.

Aug 20 Those firms with adverts on the front page of the B. A. were - I.L. McKenzie, Tobacconist, 19 West Church Street. C.I. Shearar, Emporium, 8 East Church Street. James Mackay, Tailor etc, also Tea Room. L. T. McGarth, Shipping Agent and Ironmonger, Cluny Square. George Webster, Cycle and Motor Works, 18 High Street. Leith Esson, Outfitter, 16 High Street. John S. Munro, Draper etc. 30 West Church Street. W. Geddes and Sons, Seafield Joinery Works, Portessie. Calder and Smith, Tailors and Clothiers, Seaview Place. John Green, Draper, High Street. The Globe Stores, Buckie and Cullen, John Simpson, Boot and Shoemaker, Bank Street. The Little Wonder, Drapery and Millinery, 37 East Church Street. Charles McHardy, Organ and Piano Tuning, 38 West Church Street. George McKenzie, Butcher, 1 St Andrew's Square. A. W. Boyd, Watchmaker, 26 East Church Street. Paterson, Watchmaker, 29 East Church Street. John Simpson, Jun. Boots and Shoes, 17 West Church Street. Fowler's Bakers, Main Street and Gordon Street.

With the scarcity of paper the B. A. had found it necessary to regrettfully reduce the size of the paper.

Four women and two men, German aliens living in Buckie had registered their whereabouts.

Aug 27 -----

- Sept 3 **The Buckie drifter, Barley Rig, was blown up after striking a German mine 35 miles off Blyth, Northumberland, five men lost their lives with four others being saved.**
Those who died were - Wm. Smith 'Jeam', 35 of 9 Seafield Street, Portessie, William Smith 'Jeam' his son of 15 of the same address, Samuel Smith 'Bodie' 37, 2 King Street, Ianstown, Charles Urquhart, Engineer, 13 Braeheads, Fraserburgh and James Gray, Stoker, Aberdeen. Those saved were Alex Clark , 28, John Clark, 23 and the only married man, Peter Clark, 21 and David Clark, 19.

Miss Jeannie Watt a teacher at Enzie Public School left for a post at Portsoy Public School.

- Sept 10 The annual 'Woollies' sale of Household Goods all costing the same price of 6 pence ha'penny was to take place in the Fishermen's Hall.

A major collection , with elected collectors, took place throughout Buckie for the HRH Prince of Wales National Relief Fund for Soldiers and Sailors Families Association . A list of all those who gave money was given on the front page of the B.A.

The collection made in connection with the above on Sunday in Enzie Parish Church amounted to £16.

The collection in the Portgordon Wesleyan Church for the same raised - £10.18.5.

Antonio who had an ice cream shop on High Street had had a cartoon advertising his wares in the B.A. for some weeks past.

Buckie Thistle beat Elgin in the Scottish Qualifying Cup 1st round. By three goals to two.

Different people were setting themselves up calling for volunteers to join the army. Among them was Captain John W. Gordon of the 6th Gordons T.F. of 51 High Street. He was calling for 100 to sign up.

The B.A. had a list of those men who had already answered 'Kitchener's Call'

The farm of Whitefield, Farm, Drybridge, tenanted by Mr George Garden, Cleanhill, Rathven, was badly damaged by fire. The damage amounting to £800. The farm was almost new having only been built five years before.

- Sept 17 A public meeting addressed with a number of notables was to take place in the St Andrew's Hall. This was to help encourage still more recruits to join up.

A new column which had been running for some time in the B.A. was called - 'War Notes' with different little snippets of information given concerning towns taken and lost or shipping sank etc.

The Buckie thistle team to meet Inverness Clachnacuddin in the 2nd round of the S.Q. Cup was to be chosen from the following - Davidson, G. Reid, Watson, McGowan, Ross, McKenzie, W. Smith, Mann, Anderson, McIntosh, J. Stewart, W. Stewart, Newlands, Neilson.

On Tuesday Captain J. W. Gordon dispatched 29 recruits to the headquarters of the 6th Battalion Gordon Highlanders (T.F.) at Keith for enlistment for foreign service - seven were fishermen . Among the recruits was George McIntosh, 24 Seaview Road who later was to earn fame when he won the Victoria Cross.

- Sept 24 The congregation of the R.C. Church at Preshome contributed £7.18 towards the Belgian Relief Fund. The newspaper said how the world had universal admiration for the gallant stand made by the Belgian people though they were suffering badly for it.
The S.S. F.A. Fund was then standing at £366.19.1

The B. A. received a letter from someone who asked whether anyone had any information they could add to what the writer had on the Scotch scholar, philosopher and theologian, Alexander Geddesl born at Pathead Enzie in 1737. He was a R.C. priest at Tynet but for his liberal opinions and particularly for attending the Parish Church in Cullen he was suspended by Bishop Hay in 1779. He wrote several volumes and died in 1802.

A part Gaelic poem is found on page 5 column 6 written by the Dundee poet who had a number in similar vein printed previously.

The B. A. spoke of Great Recruiting Meeting that took place in the St Andrews Hall where a 'Rousing Speech' was given by Rev Dr Miller. A great number of the nobility were on the platform including the Countess of Seafield who sat knitting socks during the speeches. At the end 32 men were sufficiently wound up to step forward and offer their services.

A similar meeting took place at Clochan with the similar appeals being made by those on the platform. Those who volunteered were seen as being men those that lagged behind as 'wimps' or the 1914 equivalent. Twelve men from the area were persuaded to sign on.

- Oct 1 The National Reserve Number 4 company was to parade at the Territorial Drill Hall on Sunday at 3 o'clock under Captain J. L. McNaughton.

A notice on the front page carried yet another appeal for recruits. Wanted Recruits for 6th Battallion the Gordon Highlanders. Men of good character aged between 17-35, at least 5'2" in height with a certain chest measurement. A free railway ticket was being offered to take them to the headquarters at Keith.

Over 100 men had already enlisted from the Buckie area since the 15 September among them being Charles Gordon.

- Oct 8 Still another recruitment notice - FISHERMEN - YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU – Volunteers urgently needed for the Royal Naval Brigade.

The Buckie Harbour - On Friday a start was made by contractors to close the inner basin of the harbour so that deepening operations could commence. Booms were put across the middle pier prior to a coffer dam being put in.

Miss Marian Watt, Coldhome Farm, Keith, was appointed to fill the vacancy for a teacher at Enzie Public School with the leaving of Miss Jeannie Watt for Fordyce.

A number of the unemployed, principally fishermen were employed at road making on Cathcart Street. This was considered as a form of relief work with many applicants for the work.

The death took place of Alexander Fraser, Stationer and Tobacconist, 65 West Church Street. He came originally to Buckie to work on the railway.

A total number of 121 men from Buckie and area joined the Naval Brigade. They weren't all fishermen by any means with among them being, clerks, masons, painters, plumbers and so on.

Sergeant George Scott, a Territorial soldier and who prior to the war carried on a sculptor's business on Baron Street was given the honour of undergoing a month's course of instruction with the Grenadier Guards.

The Buckie Thistle team to play Inverness Citadel was Hector, Reid and McGowan; Thomson, G.Clark and W.Smith; Main, Newlands, J. Stewart, W. Stewart and Murray.

Mrs McNaughton, Rosemount, High Street, dispatched to Mrs Gordon Duff, Drumuir Castle, for the 6th Gordons at Bedford, a consignment of comforts comprising 366 pairs of socks each pair containing a piece of soap, packet of boraccic acid and either a handkerchief and a box of cigarettes or pair of bootlaces; 144 bath towels, 24 helmets. 12 scarves, 42 body belts, 93 shirts, 17 sleeveless vests, 1 cardigan jacket, 171 pieces of soap, five housewives, 18 pairs of mittens and 12 pairs of cuffs. In addition a number of blankets, and quilts for 'D'company were also sent.

'Tee- name ' Jappy – "Jeffray"

- Oct 22 The collection in Cullen and District for the Belgian Widows and Children Fund raised £23.7.5

The cruiser HMS Hawke was sunk through enemy action in the North Sea. The survivors were landed at Aberdeen.

The B. A. carried a number of photographs showing the new members of the Royal Naval Brigade from Buckie. The photographs were taken at Cluny Square and at the railway station. Among those

The local paper carried a picture of Leading Stoker James Badenoch, a man of 23 who was one of, if not the first, Buckie men to be killed in action.

Oct 29 Still more recruits were wanted. The Royal Naval Brigade were wanting 250 urgently also Territorials for the 6th Reserve Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders.

The B. A. of this date carried an article title 'What The Enzie Did Against Napoleon' The Volunteer Corps of 1797 by J. M. Bulloch this is found on page 5.

No less than four companies were put in the field with no other part of Banffshire doing better in this respect. The area was very patriotic through the whole war from 1759.

The names of the men involved, totalling close on 300 were all taken from the first pay rolls for the period from December 1 1797 to July 24 1798 and found in the Public record Office London WO13 . 4183.

Work was still progressing at Buckie Harbour with the inner basin nearly all excavated. Work was about to begin deepening the old inner basin.

L.T. McGarth had a poem printed and is found on page 6 column 4. This is titled Lines To A Recruit "Victory At Last".

Three Buckie soldiers had been taken prisoner and held at Sennelager. They were L/cpl Raffan, Braemuir Cemetery Lodge, Pte. Alex Reid, 6 Land Street and Pte. J. Leith, 3 Cross Lane.

Nov 5 There were 50 vacancies for selected recruits in the Scottish Horse but these had to have special skills such as having been grooms or blacksmiths etc

George Scott, Sculptor, had a notice in the B. A. which stated that while on service with his regiment all orders should be directed to his wife Mrs Scott, 6 Blantyre Terrace, Ianstown.

A number of wounded Belgian soldiers were being cared for at Spey Bay hotel. Some of them took part in a concert to raise funds for the Belgian Charity.

Captain Lachlan Gordon Duff, eldest son of the laird of Drummuir was killed in action this week.

Mr J. G. Cole who came to Buckie as the first manager of the Lyceum picture house on East Church Street and who later took over as general manager of the Elite Entertainments Syndicate was accidentally killed on the rifle range at Keith. He was only 28 and had although he had volunteered for the services had been turned down on the grounds of ill health. He had then offered his services to train some men at home.

Nov 12 **Opening announcement -** Ina Bain who had previously been employed by D.Gow, Fishmerchant, High Street, and who had moved to Glasgow, was giving noticed that she was to open a shop shortly on Cluny Place formerly a hairdressing salon owned by Mr Menzies. (This occupied the vacant space seen between the car park and Ross House across from the local library.) She was to sell fish and poultry and hoped for a share of public patronage.

Nov 12 Miss McEwan, a teacher at Enzie Public School was to move to take charge of Aberarder Public School, near Balmoral, under the Braemar and Crathes School Board.

A Good Templars Lodge was formed in Portgordon this week.

The 6th Battalion Gordon Highlanders (T. F) left Bedford for foreign service. A number of Buckie Territorials were in the Battalion.

Though the Lyceum appeared to have closed down the Palace was still showing some splendid films, we were told, and drawing large crowds.

Some local men who had recently emigrated to Canada and who had been recruited into the Canadian forces paid a visit back home after the Canadian troops had arrived in Britain.

Nov 19 A second death took place among the local aristocracy when the youngest son of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Major Lord Bernard Charles Gordon Lennox, Grenadier Guards was reported killed in action.

The B. A. was now carrying photographs of Buckie men serving with the forces. Two brother Blacks from Garden Lane and John and Francis Lyon from Bridgend were shown this week.

Nov 26 Ina Bain's Fish Shop on Cluny Lane was now open.

With men beginning to be killed both on land and at sea a new mood was starting to creep in when the recruitment team came visiting. This was blamed on the women of the area when not one recruit came forward in an area from Portsoy to Portessie. Some of the women told the recruiters that they should go themselves if they wanted to be shot. Like the days of the 'press gangs' some men were being hidden away until the recruiting team went past.

There was a photograph of three brother Reachs of Hysker Holme, Gordon Street, all serving with the Navy shown this week.

A boat came in on Monday morning to land a shot of haddock and codlings which were caught on Sunday. This was a new departure for this area but, as it was said, the war had upset many things.

A dance took place in the barn at Upper Dallachy, given by Mr Geddes, to help raise funds for the Belgian Families' Appeal.

The SSFA subscriptions had now reached £428.16.9 with the Royal Naval Brigade Comforts reaching £31.1.3

Dec 3 ex Bailie Hendry who only recently resigned from the town council was appointed Burgh Surveyor. This was a new appointment separate from the Sanitary Inspector.

A photograph showed the Buckie Thistle goalkeeper, Alexander 'Charlie' Davidson who was no in the royal Navy. The Thistle though still completing all their fixtures had lost ten players to the services.

Dec 10 **Mr Barclay, Muir of Holmie, gave a turkey to be sold in aid of the Belgian Relief fund . It was sold to the highest bidder for £1.**
Mrs Dawson, Backstripe, gave a 12 lb goose to be sold for the same charity. Offers were to be handed in to Mr J. W. Gordon, High Street.

Photographs on page 5 of the B. A. shows the Buckie Terriers leaving Bedford enroute for France. Several of those in the picture are named as is a woman who went to Bedford to see her brother leave.

The War Office issued instructions to the Territorial Association for the calling up of class 1 and Class II of the National Reserve. It was expected that this would affect 30 to 40 men in Buckie.

Dec 17 A Hogmanay Dance was to take place in the St Andrews Hall. Dances were not a common feature at this time, or at least they weren't being advertised. Cost of admission was 1/6 for men with ladies 6d. the dance to start at 9 pm.

More soldier pictures showed Buckie Sergeants and also L/Cpl J.C. Knowles and Pte. A. Milne.

Dec 24 Estimates were being invited for the construction of a Methodist Church in Findochty.

A poem is found on page 5 column 3 'A Celt' (the Celt is Eternal) by Seamus Margaradh.

James Burgess, the postman now at Drybridge and Kempcairn had a thank you note in the paper.

William Peace, a joiner and cabinet maker with William Geddes and Sons, Portessie was presented with a marble clock to mark his forth-coming marriage. The clock was handed over by John Munro. (Willie Peace later had his own business in Gordonsburgh.)