

1916

Jan 6 **Advert** - Viewforth Garage - Motor Cars for hire - from 4d per mile. Ian Macdonald Proprietor 47a East Church Street.

Adverts Misses Rose, 39 West Church Street - Ladies and Children's Winter Millinery; Children's Coats and dresses; Maids and children's night-dresses.

Gray's Furniture Store , 33-37 West Church Street, High Class Cabinet Makers, Upholsterers and Funeral Undertakers, Joiners and Removal Contractors. W. R. Gordon, Manager.

Wedding presents from D. G. McGregor, High Street

Useful gifts for soldiers - A. W. Boyd, East Church Street.

Wm. Geddes, FBOA Master Mariner, Optologist and Compass Adjuster, Buckie GNSR Station

Gibson , Chemist, West Church Street.

R. Johnston, Painter, Low Street.

George McKenzie, Funeral Undertaker, Cluny Hotel, Glass-sided hearse.

Page five had the usual photographs of soldiers and sailors under the heading of ' Buckie and District Roll of Honour'. Among those listed was Sergeant W. H. Gresham, formerly a cooper of 7 Main Street.

The drifter ' Ladysmith' was lost in a gale off the Welsh coast with four Portknockie men losing their lives.

A further picture on page five showed a party of sailors after landing at Buckie in rough and ready costumes. It was obvious that they had come off a boat that had been sunk.

More 'Derby' recruits were called up - 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. Despite this Lord Derby said that he was against general compulsion this only involving single men.

A boy was wanted by Dickson, Butcher, Cluny Square, must be able to drive a pony.

The following drapers were holding sales -

Shearer's - Bargain Time'

Alex Hay - Special Notice For Ladies

Mackays - Winter Sale

Little Wonder - Annual Cheap Sale

Munro's - Great Clearance Sale

John Sandison - Cheap Sale

Adverts - Calder and Smith, Tailors, Seaview Place

Mitchell's Stores, Bridgend

John Simpson, Shoemaker etc , Bank Street, Clearance Sale

John S. Simpson, Boots and Shoes, 17 West Church Street

The Girls' Patriotic Club, part of the Buckie Branch of the League of Honour received thanks for comforts they had sent to the troops.

On page five there were some more photographs under the heading 'Buckie and District Roll of Honour'.

A new law was introduced in parliament - Compulsory Military Service . This provides that unattested single men between the ages of 18-41 shall be regarded as attested and would be called up in their groups. Some classes would, however, be exempted and all would have the right of appeal against the decision of the tribunal

A former Buckie boat, the Freuchny, then on service with the Admiralty in the Mediterranean was sunk after hitting a floating mine. Seven men lost their lives with only two survivors.

Jan 20 Page five this week carried photographs of victims of the Freuchny disaster. There was also the usual 'Roll of Honour'.

Mr Wilson of Inchgowan Distillery found a dead little auk while a boy found another of the same kind near to Arradoul. It was believed that the strong northerly winds had driven them south from the Arctic.

John Keir, Saddler, High Street, was giving notice that owing to him being unwell and being unable to get someone to help out his shop would be closed for some time until he was again fit.

Notice - Dyker Brothers were advising that they were prepared to do all kind of garden work including the trimming of all kinds of bushes and hedges. The Dykers had a market Garden where Turner Street is today in 2000.

Misses C. Brown and Co. took over the shop at 32 Seafield Street, Cullen, that had been previously occupied by R. Watson, Globe Stores, Buckie and Cullen.

Jan 27 Page five had the usual photographs of serving sailors and soldiers under the caption, 'Buckie and District Roll of Honour'.

A poem is found on page 5 titled - A Tribute to Provost Sutherland, Portsoy .

Miss Doris Milne was appointed teacher of English at Buckie Higher Grade School.

Feb 3 Alex Hay, Tailor and Clothier was advertising that he could make up uniforms for RNR skippers promptly and carefully executed.

The D. E. Shoe Shop at 10 West Church Street had a long advert extolling the worth of gaiters. Gaiters had a certain charm they could be provided in dainty shapes made of lovely material to give a final distinctive appearance. Every size available. Gaiters were now more fashionable than ever while they kept the feet warm and comfortable.

Page five had the usual photographs of men on active service. This week the photographs were all of seamen including one of Skipper Robert Souter, Cliff Street. He was the father of Dick Souter. The uniform of Robert Souter is in the Wick Maritime Museum.

Two poems are to be found on page five. One is titled 'The Lads That Ne'er Return' written by Pte. John Milton of the 1/6th G.H. of Buckie and at the time Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh. (John Milton, of the Yardie, was later to become a member of Buckie Town Council.)

The second is titled 'Sisters of The Red Cross' written by Sergeant Ogston R. E. while on board the Carisbooke Castle, Hospital Ship on 30/11/1915. Sergeant Ogston served his time as a blacksmith with Police Judge Davidson, in Buckie.

Four people were killed and 67 injured during a Zeppelin raid over East Anglia and towns in the Midlands of England.

A poem written by W.G. M., his first for some considerable time, is to be found on page 6, column 3, titled 'To The Evening Star'.

Feb 10 **W. R. Gordon, Auctioneer, was advertising that he was to be selling a large quantity of China and Earthenware belonging to Messrs George Baxter and Sons, Wholesale Merchants, Fochabers, who were giving up this side of the business.**

A poem is found on page 3 written by Pte. W. Cumming, Black Watch, of 40 Land Street, Buckie, titled 'My Comrade Jamie Sharp'.

Page five of this edition has photographs taken within the VAD Hospital at Portessie. One shows nurses and patients in the ward with another in the dining room, unfortunately both are very dark. The names of the nurses are given. An article on the hospital accompanies the photographs.

This week there was another set of photographs under the caption 'Buckie and District Roll of Honour'.

Ralph Kynoch, who was discharged from the forces after being badly wounded in the South African War later becoming a fish salesman in Buckie before joining the army again at the beginning of hostilities in 1914, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

An additional Treasury loan of £40,000 was given. This would enable the restricted extension of the Buckie Harbour to be completed.

Feb 17 **Page five has photographs of the three Portknockie men who lost their lives when the Ladysmith foundered. Also shown are the only survivors, two Buchan brothers, from the Freuchny which went down in the Mediterranean after hitting a mine.**

A new teacher of classics at Buckie H.G. School was appointed in place of James Hosie who had gone to Fraserburgh. The new appointee was James T. Wilson who came from Wishaw.

The B. A. carried a list of the type of goods that had been donated to the V.A.D. Hospital during the past week and also the names of the donors. There was also a similar list of comforts handed in at Drummuir for serving soldiers and sailors.. Once again the donor's names were given and where the comforts were to go, e.g. Red Cross, Navy, Men at the Front and Gordon Highlanders.

Dr Walford Bodie 'electric wizard' had been touring South Africa for three months along with a company of Scotch artistes was committed for trial at East London on a charge of pretending to be a physician. His entertainment consisted of hypnotism and electrical experiments which include 'miraculous cures' on the stage had been touring the U.K. for 20 years and a regular visitor to Buckie. His family's residence was at Manor House, Macduff.

Feb 24 **The front page of the B. A. carried a notice which read - Banffshire Control of Dogs Order 1915. Listed were the regulations governing the prevention of dogs straying abroad at night and the fines which could be imposed on their owners.**

*A further notice applies to the Military Service Act 1916. the Act applied to every male British subject who on 15 August 1915 was between 18-41 and was on 2nd November 1915 unmarried or a widower with no children dependent on him. (They were liable and likely to be called for service.)
The Act did not apply to men who had already voluntarily attested or were Ministers of Religion.*

On page five one found the regular photographs under the heading 'Buckie District Roll of Honour'. This week the photographs showed pictures of 6 brothers, Hendry, all of whom were in the forces. William, Alex, Fred, Robert, James and Charles. Their home address was at -

Two brothers, Williamson, John and Robert, from Aucheneath, Portgordon, were reported killed in action.

Lady Cathcart gave the sum of £20 to be distributed among the most needy widows on her estates of Buckie and Gollachy. A number of years before the sum had been £25.

Gordon Castle, Fochabers was being used as a hospital with Miss Burgess as Matron. Earlsmount in Keith was yet another temporary hospital.

Major Chaplain, John Greenlaw of Buckie Parish Church was appointed senior chaplain to the Highland division and had been mobilised to go abroad when they went

The printing of the letters James Mackay, Draper, etc, in the B. A. was now the same as they were to be for many years afterwards.

Mar 2 **Shearer's, Draper etc, of East Church Street, had his advert this week in rhyme. this referred to his making of military clothing for officers in both the navy and army.**

Among the soldiers and sailors whose pictures were shown on page of this edition was Pte. William Symon, 6th Gordon, son of John Symon, Carter, Broadley.

The first meeting of the Buckie Military Service Tribunal took place. At this a butcher was exempted, a shoemaker was allowed extra time, a joiner got an extension, a shoe trade assistant partial exemption a baker exempted, oil chauffeur ? exempted with a joiner refused. The grounds on which these decisions were made appeared to be subjective to a degree and as time went on consistency wasn't always the highest point.

A new threshing plant came into operation at Oathillock which was then tenanted by Mr and Miss Mackay. (Their brother was James Mackay, Draper, Buckie.) The mill was made by John Gordon, Berryhillock and was up to date in every way, the workings of the new mill being compared with the previous mill which had been installed in 1829.

Mar 9 Easter Gollachy on the Letterfourie, Buckpool estate was to let. The farm once stood at the far end of the road leading to the refuse depot at Buckpool.

On page there was the regular photographs under the heading Roll of Honour.

Page five also had photographs of 6 sons belonging to George Thomson, 13 Gordon Street, Portgordon who were all at that time serving either on H. M .D's or H.M.T's. their names were James, John, Wilfred, Robert, Richard and George.

Another showed the photographs of the six sons of Mr Russel of Towie Croft, Cullen. He was formerly of Buckie. They were William, George, Robert, Charles, Albert and John who were all either in the army or navy.

On Sunday Rev. Ernest Neville, Beresford Cook, late of Fraserburgh was inducted to the charge of All Saints Episcopal Church, in succession to Rev. A. Wild who went to Gatehouse.

William Mackay, Hotel Keeper, Cluny Hotel who had recently been up on a charge of selling drink out of hours went bankrupt. (He was fined in December for having an alien in the hotel without notifying the police.)

Mar 16 The chemists were to close earlier. The new closing hours were to be - Monday to Friday- 7.30 pm. Sunday 2-3 pm and 6.30 pm until 8.

Included in the pictures showing soldiers and sailors on active service in this edition were the three sons of R.M. Campbell, Gardener, 113 Main Street. Their names were Ronald, Robert and A. L.

One can read a poem written on page 5 column 2 called ' Findochty Stroup Well' written by John Smith.

The new Buckie Post Office was opened this week though owing to the war there was no ceremony. A sketch of the new building together with a description is given on page 6.

The contractors were - Sutherland and George, Architects, Buckie and Aberdeen; Mason- A. Milne and Son; Slater and Plumber - John Barclay and Son; Joiners -Messrs Geddes and Sons; Plasterers- Rodger and Baxter, Aberdeen; Painter and Glazier - J. Kintrae and son, Elgin.

Mar 22 A poem can be read on page 4 titled - 'Khaki Weddings' and written by A.J.

On page five the usual photographs of serving men include 12 pictures of the sons and grandsons of Alex Jappy, 47 Seatown.

Mar 30 Robert Gillan, Grocer, etc, of Baron Street was applying for a drink's licence for 9 East Church Street, the former Post Office. (For a long time after the war and up until the late 1990's this was a chemist's shop.)

Charles J. Munro was applying for an Inn and Hotel licence for 7 Cluny Square (Cluny Hotel) for the trustees of the sequestered estate of William Mackay.

The pictures of soldiers and sailors on page five this week came mostly from Deskford and Cullen

A poem may be read on page 5, column 5 titled ' Our Grand Artillery' written by Gnr, J. A. Thom whose home was at North Castle Street, Cullen.

A further photograph on page five showed some men who were wounded at the Dardanelles.

One may read a poem that is to be found on page 6 written by John Smith, Findochty, titled, 'My Gordon Laddie'.

The newly built Methodist Church at Findochty was opened on Friday of the previous week. The contractors were - Joiners - Herd and McKenzie, Findochty; Mason - A. Milne and Son, Buckie; Painter - Mr Wilson, Findochty; Plumber, J. Barclay and Son, Buckie; Plasterer - Mr McKenzie, Cullen; Slater - Mr Mitchell, Cullen.

Apr 6 **Advert** - Miss N. Denoon, Maternity Nurse (Certificated), 17 West Church Street.

Advert - Black bull calf, choice of two, McKenzie Farnaughty, (sic) Drybridge.

Advert - With the new lighting act now in force have your bicycle fitted with a rear red light and bracket at L. T. McGarth. Cluny Square.

Advert - Stable to let at McRae's Boarding House, Low Street.

For Sale - Brushwood (firewood branches) for sale at Cairnfield. Apply Burnett (Jones' foreman) Caravan, Drybridge.

A photograph is shown of the new Methodist Church in Findochty along with a group of people, named, in front of the building prior to it being opened.

A fife motor boat with a 55hp Garner engine was launched this week from the shipyard of herd and McKenzie, Findochty. No name was given.

Apr 13 **Advert** - Calders Annual Clearing Sale of Boots, Shoes and Slippers - John Calder, Cluny Terrace.

Mr Grant, 12 Wilson's Land, a retired shoemaker, died this week.

More photographs under a new caption 'Portraits of Local and District Patriots' are to be found on page 5. They were mostly from Portknockie with four of those shown being cousins.

An Enzie soldier died of wounds, received at Neuve Chapelle. He was Pte. Thomas McCall, 6th Gordon Highlanders, who was brought up at Roadside Cottage, Enzie. Prior to the war he was a farm servant at Arradoul.

Dr Walford Bodie was fined £50 in South Africa of three months hard labour for impersonating a physician.

Apr 20 Lt. Donald Geddes, 2 Bridge Place was killed in action on April 5th. His father was a Tailor.

Adam Robertson, Painter, Baron Street had the following piece of doggerel -
New Wallpaper - Latest designs

*For quality they're hard to beat
No home without them is complete
Come on good wives and toe the line
Adam Robertson every time.*

Up to date wrist watches from 7/6 upwards from A. W. Boyd, Watchmaker and Jeweller, 26 East church Street.

Donald Dinnie, probably Scotland's' premier athlete if not the world, died this week in London at the age of 79. he won 11,000 contests, 150 championship medals and other trophies. He threw the 16 LB hammer a record distance of 130 feet.

A long poem is found on page four titled 'The herring Drifter on Active Service'. this was written by a Portgordon skipper.

Page five again had a number of photographs under the caption 'Portraits of Local Patriots ' The men shown were from Buckie and Portknockie.

A second picture on the same page shows Buckie lads in the R.N.D.

This week the Enzie School board unanimously appointed Miss Isabella Paterson, Core, Farm, Portgordon, as teacher at Enzie Public School at a salary of £65.

Apr 27 *It was reported that Pte Charles Stuart, Scots Guards of 9 Cathcart Street, had been killed in action.*

Pte. James McIntosh, 1st Canadian Contingent who was killed in action in France on April 28 1915 was remembered by his mother of 1 Gibb's Lane.

A poem may be read on page 3 column 6 called 'A Wartime Prayer' written by W. Cumming, Buckie, of C. Company, Black Watch, Salonica.

The B. A. as it had done regularly gave a list of the donors together with the type of donations given this past week to the VAD Hospital at Portessie. The same applied with the comforts handed in at Drummuir.

On page 5 this week there was shown the photographs of the six sons of James Coull, 14 Richmond Terrace, Portgordon and also one of a son in law. They were all on maritime service. Their names were John, Nathan, Alex, James, George, Charles and George Reid.

A poem is to be found on page 6, column 2, titled 'Drink' written by a member of the Portgordon branch of the Good Templars.

May 4 The marriage took place in St Peter's R.C. Church on 3 May 1916 of Alex Simpson, McLean, Cuttlebrae, Clochan to Louie McWilliam, Eskdale, Buckie.
A report of the wedding is also given in the Local News column under the heading 'Pretty Wedding'

Two other local men killed in action. Alex Innes lost his life while aboard the HMD Clachnacuddin which blew up in the Mediterranean off Brindisi. His home was at 7 Sutherland Street. Also killed was Alex Cowie, 'Cornal' of New Street.

On page 5 a picture shows prisoners of war in Germany.

The men shown under Local Patriots caption were from Buckie, Portknockie and Cullen and included both soldiers and sailors.

'Tee'-name Wood - Wilkin

The north east and east of Scotland were paid a visit by a German zeppelin but although a number of bombs were dropped it did not say whether there had been any casualties.

May 11 The front page of the B. A. had a big notice advertising a great Y.M.C.A. Flag Day which was to take place throughout Scotland on May 20 to raise funds to provide huts for soldiers, sailors and munition workers both at home and abroad.

Cases of Diphtheria which had recently been reported and which it was believed had now all cleared up had broken out again and described as an epidemic.

On page five this week the crew of the HMD Favourite are shown with the caption being 'Patriotic Herring Drifters Crew'

Anderson, Carter, Buckie took over the farm of Auchinderran near Aultmore while Charles Stewart, Whitestripe, Enzie, took over Easter Gollachy. (He was later to have a butcher's shop in part of the Cluny Hotel building on High Street.)

John Reid, Baker, Buckie, took over the farm of Nethererton, Keith.

A poem titled 'Remember I'm Praying For Thee' is to be found on page 6 column 4. this was written by John Smith, Findochty.

May 18 **The front page of the Banffshire Advertiser carried a prominent notice under the main heading - Banffshire Constabulary -Defence of the Realm The 'Lights' Scotland Act 5 May 1916. The notice describes what, under this act concerning lights, constituted an offence whether this light be allowed to be shown from a home, works, trains or motor cars. The fines which could be awarded were also stated. (These were akin to the 'Black Out' measures brought in during World war II.)**

There were more 'Portraits of Local Patriots' on page five. These were of soldiers and sailors from Buckie, Portessie, Rathven and Findochty.

The death took place of Sir Reginald Cathcart, husband of Lady Cathcart of Cluny Castle, Aberdeenshire.

May 25 George A. Garden, Cleanhill Dairy had a notice in the B. A. stating that he had transferred his milk round to Alex Mair, 19 Main Street, Buckie.

Miss Innes, Ladies' Outfitter, moved from 25 A, West Church Street to 1 Cluny Terrace.

Robert Gillan, Grocer etc, Baron Street was giving notice that he was to move at the May term from his present premises to 9 East Church Street. This had been lately occupied by the Post Office. His present shop would then be closed.

Among the men shown in this edition on page five under the banner Portraits of Local Patriots were the four sons of William Donn, 8 Seatown, Cullen. They were David, James, John and William. They were all serving with the maritime services.

In recent weeks pictures had shown the work in progress at the Buckie Harbour which had been still progressing despite the war. Unfortunately the reproduction was not too good.

The Portgordon Wesleyan minister, Rev. Fred W. Wilson failed to appear to answer to a charge of cycling without lights and so a warrant was granted for his arrest.

Pte. John Milne 2nd Gordons, of 42 Land Street, Buckpool who had been missing since October 30, 1914 was now presumed to have died on that date. (He was a brother of Gordon and Eddy Milne and an uncle of Mrs Hazel Wilson, of 38 Land Street in 2000)

June 1 John Keir who carried on a saddler's business at the junction of High Street with West Cathcart Street and who had reported that he was ill had now disposed of his business and stock in trade to Robert Grigor, Saddler, Cullen. Mr Grigor, in turn, said that he had engaged Mr Wm. Flett, previously employed by Mr Keir, who would run the Buckie business.

The Misses Rose who came from Huntly to open a ladies' and children's outfitter's business on West Church Street moved to Bridge Place where they were to begin with a Great Opening Sale.

Included among the soldiers and sailors whose photographs appear on page five of this edition was that of Pte. Magnus Leask 2nd G. H. 23 Wilson's Land, who had died of wounds.

At Keith feeing market the war made things difficult for farmers who were unwilling to take on men who were likely to be called up while boys were asking more than their experience justified. First horsemen and men to take charge were being offered £34; Second horsemen- £30; third horsemen - £25 - £27. Boys - £18 - £24 and cattlemen- £36.

June 8 On page five once again one will find 'Portraits of Local and District Patriots'.

The Smiths of Baddockleys a croft which once stood near the 14th hole on Buckpool Golf Course were well represented in the Gordon Highlanders. The father and former salmon fisherman, was now a private in the 6th Gordons. His two sons, were also privates in the same battalion. Charles, and Adam who was only 16 but who had already served 18 months was placed on reserve.

A poem is found on page 5 column 4 titled 'The British Officer' written by Pte Stuart Simpson, 2nd Gordon Highlanders who was killed in France in 1915.

Lord Kitchener was lost at sea when HMS Hampshire on which he was a passenger was sunk by a mine or torpedo to the west of Orkney while the vessel was enroute for Russia.

Jun 15 Plans for a new house on **Marchmount Circus** for Mr Alex Garden were passed by the town council. (Perhaps this was a typing error since later in the year it was written as Crescent.)

On page five there is a good picture of the late Lord Kitchener also three Ingrams - two brothers and one nephew from Cullen and Drybridge.

Two poems are found on the same page written by Pte. Stuart Simpson, 2nd Gordon Highlanders, of Fraserburgh who was killed while on picket duty in 1915. he was a brother of George Simpson, 61 West Church Street who was himself serving on a patrol boat, with another brother with the Canadian forces. The title of the poems are 'Lest We Forget and 'Are We Downhearted?'

Two men who had been reservists were fined for not reporting for service as they should have done.

Three Buckie soldiers were reported to have been killed in action - Signaller James Rodger, Pte John McWilliam and Pte. George Donald. Fortunately James Rodger who had been missing presumed killed turned up safe.

Jne 22 Page 5 carried its usual pictures of soldiers and sailors. this week the men came from Portessie and Buckie. Among those named was John Campbell, who prior to the war had been a plumber with J. and T. Campbell. This was probably 'Cak' Campbell's father. There was also three Clarks from the Sloch - a father and two sons.

Another Military Tribunal took place with those sitting in judgement being the town councillors and the town clerk in his capacity as a Captain in the army. As usual there were those who were sent while others escaped.

Another poem written by Pte W. Cumming of the Black Watch meantime in Salonika is found on page 5, column 5. His poem for this week was titled - 'The Gallant Forty Twa'.

It was picnic time for the Sunday School bairns regardless of the war. The Parish Church bairns went to Drybridge where they were conveyed there and back by motor and lorry.

Jne 29 The death took place this week of Robert Ewen, gardener, of 1 Cross Lane.

Robert Gillan, Grocer etc, formerly of Baron Street, opened this week in his new shop at 9 East Church Street with his previous shop being closed.

On page three there is a good sketch of the front cover of the new magazine published by the High School.

The front cover was designed by Miss Harris, art mistress. Apart from the features shown the wording reads - Buckie Higher Grade Public School Chronicle June 1916. A report is also given of some of the articles written in the magazine. (Columns 2/3 and 4 top half only)

Page five has a picture of the Fighting Sixth (T/F) Pipe Band taken at their annual summer camp at Tain in 1914

On the same page are pictures of 'Two Patriotic Ladies' Bella Smith, Colonsay Place who was working as a tram conductor in Glasgow. She had six brothers on active service. The other lady was Jeannie Wilson from Portknockie who was engaged on war work at the Huntly mills. She said how she was sorry that she hadn't been born a boy, since she would have been in the forces.

The postmen and telegraph messengers belonging to the Buckie District which included Portgordon and Cullen collected 300 razors. these were to be sent first to the Quartermaster in Glasgow before being forwarded to Sheffield to be re-ground prior to being sent to the troops at various places.

A pillar box was erected this week on Cluny Square.

Stoker Alex Hay, 37 Harbour Head lost his life while on board H.M.S. Invincible. His photograph appeared the next week.

A sample of tatties were handed in the B. A. office by Wm. smith of Baddockleys . they were Midlothian Early variety. A further sample came from Charles G. Moir, Blacksmith, Cluny Place.

July 6 A further Military Tribunal took place with the same results.

Page five again had its 'Portraits of Local Patriots'

The first lady postwoman was seen in Buckie this week. she was Miss B. Cuthbert who had been working for some time on the country round but now had started duties in the town.

More Sunday School picnics - The West U.F. church went to Cullen by train and held their picnic in a field at the Home Farm. This was the same venue as those who went from the All Saints.

July 13 A further Military Tribunal took place with those sitting on judgement being all the local councillors.

Among those shown under the caption 'Portraits of Local Patriots' was that of Pte Wm. Cumming who had had a number of poems printed in the local paper.

William Murray, skipper of the HMD Frigate Bird of Buckie was killed on board the vessel in the Adriatic. He was 27. James Cowie, 'Carrot' a young lad from the Yardie, another crew member was also killed. In the same locality George Geddes, 19 Gordon Street, Portgordon was also killed. He was the skipper of the HMD Clavis of Portgordon and a brother of William 'Beel' Geddes, Shipbuilder.

It was reported that Pte. George Alexander McIntosh son of Mrs McIntosh of Newland's Lane had been killed in action. His brother Pte James McIntosh was killed the previous year while serving with the Canadian Forces.

Other soldiers killed at this time were - Pte James Duncan of Hillhead of Rannes, Pte. Joseph McIntosh, son of Mr John Green, Shoemaker, Cathedral Street, Buckpool and Pte Alex Lowdon, of Fraserburgh who had been working in Buckie with William Booth, Chimney Sweep, prior to the war.

Jly 20 George Reaich 21 Mid Street died of wounds he received while serving aboard the Frigate Bird as did William Cowie, Mate, of 8 New Street.

Another causality was Pte Royan DCM Seaforth Highlanders, husband of Maggie A. Bennett, 3 Cross Lane.

A poem is to be found on page 3, column 5 titled - 'The Red Red Road to Loos. This was written after the battle by Pte Joseph Dawson, 6th Gordon, White Gate, Drybridge.

Military tribunals were taking place everywhere with apparent anomalies at each session.

Page five carried the usual photographs of serving men, this time under a new caption - 'Fishermen Are Paying The Price'.

Another set of photographs were found under the heading - 'Local Men Killed and wounded'

The Frigate Bird, Clavis Ben Bui and Astrum Spei while on patrol duty in the Adriatic were attacked by the Austrian cruiser Novara. The Astrum Spei and Clavis were both sunk but the Frigate Bird and Ben Bui although damaged were able to return to port.

Killed on board the Clavis was Joseph Geddes, 12 Hope Street who was 18 years of age and a deckhand.

Jly 27 Buckie shopkeepers agreed to retain the Monday holidays that had become an accepted practice for some years. Unlike many shops in the south they didn't close for a whole week at a time. The shopkeepers were - **Bakers** - John McWilliam and Sons, James Mitchell, Reid Bros., J. Valentine, Chas. Forbes, Fowlers at Main Street, Gordon Street and Ianstown, SCWS, 36 East Church Street.

Butchers - James Mair, J. Dickson, George Stevenson, George McKenzie at St Peter's Place, Gordon Street and Low Street,

Grocers - A. Cruickshank and Sons, 2 Gordon Street, Wm. Wright and Co. 33 West Church Street, W. C. Flann, Licensed Grocer, Peter McLaren, The Cluny Dairy Co, George Geddes, John Dawson, James Paterson, A. Imlah, Globe Supply Stores, Alex Grant, Alex Dallas, Donald Grant and Co.

Drapers - John Green, John Sandison, James Mackay, Robert Grant, J. Leith Esson, T. M. Jack, Edward Hillocks at Main Street and Cluny Terrace, John S. Munro.

Tailors - P. Geddes and Son, Tailor and Clothier, Alex Esson, Clothier, Calder and Smith, Alexander Hay.

Cabinet Makers - Nicol Bros., Wm. Hendry, Gray's Furniture Store.

Ironmongers - L. T. McGarth, R. Tindall and Sons Ltd, Robert R. George.

Booksellers and Newsagents - James Pozzi, J. Gray.

Fishmongers - David Go, Ina Bain.

Chemists - John Webster, George P. Gibson, W. Robertson at Bank Street and Main Street, Mrs Innes.

Jewellers - F. F. Angler, D. McGregor, G.S. Paterson, A. W. Boyd.

Boot and Shoemakers - John Simpson, Bank Street, George Sutherland, A. Cuthbert and Son, John Calder, Dundee Equitable, John S. Simpson.

Hairdressers - James Menzies, William Stewart, J. Chisholm.

Motor and Cycle Agents - George Webster, A. Miller Junior.

Logie Bros. Sailmakers, Robert Gregor, Saddler.

I. L. McKenzie, Tobacconist

W. F. Johnston, Printers.

A poem is found on page 3 column 5 titled - 'A Letter Fae Hame' by C.G. Midlothian.

Page five shows photographs of three local soldiers who had either been killed or had died of wounds - Pte J. A. McKenzie, South Row, Fochabers; Captain J. A. C. Mackay, son of R. M. McKay, solicitor, Buckie and Pte David Robertson, Portgordon who was killed serving with the South African Forces.

Aug 3 Lance Corporal Alex Low, 6th Gordon, of 35 Land Street, Buckpool was reported killed in action.

The death took place of Alex James Marshall, Net Manufacturer.

Peter Fair - On the Friday the weather was fine for the fair and with a partial holiday being observed in the town there was a large attendance with thousands paying a visit during the day.

Despite restrictions there was a good supply of amusements and other stalls which all appeared to do well. With horses being scarce prices were high. probably the highest price ever was reached with one horse changing hands for £120. Other good class horses went for between £80 and £90; second class - £50-£60 with the poorest specimens making between £30 and £40.

Military service affected the number of engagements but there was a keen demand for labour.

The wages being offered for harvest hands was up by between £1 and 30/- from the previous year. Men able to build were being offered from £11 to £11.10; men to bind from £9 to £10 with boys from £5-£6.

Harvest in the area was expected to begin about mid September.

Miss Dallas' Tea Room, 27 East Church Street.

Page 5 carried pictures of 'Local Heroes Who Have Fallen' They were named as Enos Downie, John Milne, John Munro, Alex Innes, Robert Slater, Alex Findlay. the last three were seamen, one from Buckpool, one from Portknockie; the others were soldiers.

Aug 10 Page 5 had another number of photographs under another new heading - 'Local Heroes In the Strife'.

Aug 17 A fete was to be held at Gordon Castle to raise funds in aid of Seaforths and Gordon Highlanders. Another set of 'Heroes in the Strife' were given in this edition.

The military tribunals were still continuing in all the places in the district.

A poem is found on page 5 written by John Smith and titled - 'A Soldier's Dream'.

A short report spoke of Buckpool as a fishing port. A number of haddock boats were working from here and returning to land their catch. They landed first on Monday and Tuesday. Prices were very high at Buckie because of competition and some buyers went over to Buckpool to buy their supplies and carted them back to Buckie. The prices at Buckie this week had been double that for the previous week.

Aug 24 Corporal James Paterson, 3 Seaview Road was killed in action also reported killed was Corporal Stewart James Simpson, fourth son of John Simpson, JP, Boot and Shoe shop Bank Street. He was serving with the Australian Imperial Forces, in the field.

There were more photographs of 'Local Heroes in Strife' on page 5 this week.

A poem is found on this page, on columns 3/4 and titled 'Lines on the European War' by A. Wood. 424 Portknockie, skipper of the HMT 'Protect Me' Larne.

'Tee' -name Cowie 'Goolie'

Corporal James Allan 2nd Seaforths whose home was at 5 Cathedral Street was missing believed killed in action. He was a brother of Morris Allan who was killed the previous year.

The price of a 4lb loaf was increased in price from 9d to 10d.

Aug 31 Rumania (sic) entered the war on the side of the allies.

The B. A. had a love story on page 4 columns 3/4 called 'Nell's Hero - A Love Story From Cullen Cullen War Romance.

Page five had the photographs of the five Thomson brothers from Tynet, all of whom were then serving in the armed forces.

William (27), Adam (25), Robert (23, George and Joseph whose ages were not given.

The three oldest brothers had all been in Canada prior to the war.

The death took place of George Thomson, Shipbuilder of Seaview Place. He was 70 and had built a great many drifters in his time.

- Sept 7 There was the usual pictures of soldiers and sailors under the heading of 'Local Heroes in Strife'. Among them were three Watson brothers, sons of Alex Watson, Cuttlebrae, Clochan. Pte William Watson, Army Service Corps aged 24; Pte John Watson, 9th Gordons, aged 19; and Alex 44 Battalion Canadian forces, aged 22.
- There was to be an amalgamation of the Gordon Highlanders Reserve forces involving, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th battalions. This didn't please some of the officers.
- An article written by J. M. Bulloch titled 'The Gordon Highlanders and their Calf Country' is to be found on page 6.
- F. J. S. Paterson the former Buckie Higher Grade teacher and Buckie Thistle player who left to take over as headmaster at Grange before moving to Frioekhiem, Angus, was to move again to Burdie House, near Edinburgh.
- Lossiemouth Golf Club ejected Ramsay Macdonald, MP from membership owing to his unpopular war views this, it was said, was having affected the well-being of the club.**
- Sept 14 A poem is found on page 3 column 2 titled 'Who Bides His Time'.
- Work was still continuing at Buckie harbour with the construction of the south quay and roadway construction. This was reported to the town council at their recent meeting.
- On page 5 there was again a number of photographs under the caption - 'Local Heroes in Strife'. Among those pictured was Pte George Stronach, Clochan. The other men were from Cullen, Portgordon and Portknockie.
- The serial 'Perils of Pauline' was showing in the Palace Cinema this week as part of the programme.
- Sept 21 W. Robertson, Chemist, Bank Street and Main Street was also a dentist and held surgeries in Buckie at 15 Cluny Square, also Cullen, Portknockie, Findochty and Fochabers on different days of the week.
- Page five had the usual photographs of local serving men under the caption of Local Heroes in Strife. This week there were photographs of Enzie men including Inksters from the farm of the Smerick, Robert Shand, from Pathhead, Two Grieve brothers from Smirack Cottage and a further two brothers, McPherson from Leitcheston Cottages. The Grieves were members of one of the oldest Enzie families. the other Enzie soldier was Sergeant Wilson whose father was a Mr Wilson, Slater.**
- A girl of nine years old was drowned in a deep pool of water near to the workings at the Buckie Harbour. The town council admitted responsibility with her mother accepting the sum of £25 given plus £1 in expenses.
- Sept 28 Pte James Stewart, 16 Canadian Scottish, eldest son of William Stewart, Garden Lane, was reported killed in action.
- Included among the photographs under the caption Local Heroes in Strife was a picture of Pte William Stewart, Canadian Mounted Rifles, a native of Buckie, who was brought up by Mr Gordon, 2 Union Terrace.
- A poem is found on page 5 column 6 titled 'Comrade Of Ours' written by Pte Scorgie, 1/6 Gordons in memory of his friend Pte Francis Lyon, 6th Gordons, killed at Loos on 25 September, 1915.
- The Gordon Castle Fete organised to raise funds for both the Seaforth and Gordons raised the sum of £2,600.
- Milk was to go up in price by 2d per gallon making the new price now 1/6 per gallon. Cream was to cost 6/- per gallon.
- There was to be a change in shop closing hours, during the winter months, this being forced by the new lighting restrictions. Saturday - 9pm; Wednesday - 1pm; other week days - 7pm. Not all of the shopkeepers were in favour claiming that with people working to 6 and 6.30pm they had no time to look round the shops.
- Oct 5 Joseph Young, Spirit Merchant, 24 Low Street, was applying for a licence for an inn and hotel at 7 Cluny Square.
- Pte James Ingram, 45 years old was killed in action while serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. he was a stone mason to trade and had worked in Canada for some years. his wife, Maggie, lived at 23 Land Street. Their oldest son, also James had been killed the previous year.

The columnist 'Stray Shots' had been out a cycle run and had this to say - 'At Fochabers I observed that a jam factory had been erected but in view of the great scarcity of sugar I wondered if the jam business would be a success. After the war, if ever, however, we may find that a jam-making industry will boom in Fochabers. Indeed the village may rival Dundee in this respect and ultimately become busy centre on the Spey.

The churches, like the shops, were to change the times of their meetings. Morning services were to take place at 10am with the evening services put forward to 3.30pm.

Among those featured in the photographs under the caption 'Local Heroes in Strife' were brother Russels from Portknockie and Duffus from the Yardie.

John Williamson, a business man in Fraserburgh and a son of the late P. Williamson, China Merchant, Main Street, Buckpool, presented the Red Cross with an ambulance costing £200.

The poem - 'Fae France', written by Charles Murray is given in this edition.

Two skate, said to be the largest ever landed at Buckie, were put ashore by a Portgordon boat on Friday. The fish measured five feet wide and 7 feet long from snout to tip of the tail, weighing between 1 and 2 cwts. They were too large for the normal boxes.

Oct 12 W. F. Johnston- Banffshire Advertiser - was giving notice of their new closing times . Monday, Tuesday and Friday they would close at 6pm. On Wednesday closing time would be 9pm, Thursday 7pm and Saturday 1pm.

Another Buckie soldier was reported to have been killed in France. This was Sapper William Brown, Canadian Expeditionary Force, the fourth son of John Brown, 30 Land Street.

There were more photographs on page five under the heading 'Local Heroes in Strife'.

Lists were given of the donations and donors of this past week at both Portessie Auxiliary and Cullen Auxiliary Hospitals.

Oct 19 Among the men whose photographs appear on page five this week were four Leask brothers from Buckie. They were William, Alex, James, and John.

In this edition one will find an article written about J. K. Forbes, the former Rathven school teacher who shunned a commission and became instead a sniper sergeant. The article is headed A Hero of Loos, where he lost his life. The local library has a book written about this, quite remarkable man, called Student and Sniper Sergeant.

Another Buckie soldier was reported to have been killed in action in France. He was Pte Harry J. McBain who was serving with the Canadian Forces. He was a son of H. A. McBain, Cabinet Maker with whom he served his time as a joiner. His home was at Gordonsburgh.

Oct 26 It was said that that at the Military Tribunals there seemed to be an epidemic of Conscientious Objectors among fishermen who were coming up in front of the Board.

A big Flag Day was to be organised to raise funds to pay for a Christmas Plum Pudding for the troops.

Nov 2 Among the pictures of men serving in the forces and shown under the heading 'Local Heroes in Strife' the very first picture of anyone other than a seaman of some sort or a soldier was shown. this was a picture of James Geddes, Buckie, who was serving in the R.F.C. as an air mechanic. he had been a watchmaker with F. F. Angler pre-war.

The 23rd Psalm Written in Scotch (sic)

The Lord is my Shepherd, an nocht am I wantin',
In haughs o' green girse does he mak me lie doon;
While mony puir straglers are bleating an' pantin',
By saft flowing burnies he leads me at noon.

When aince I had strayed far awa' in the bracken,
 And daidled till gloamin' cam' ower a' the hills;
 Nae dribble o' water my sair drocht tae slacken,
 And dark grow'd the nicht wi' its haar and its chill.

Awa' frae the fauld, straying fit sair an' weary,
 I thoct I had naethin' tae do but tae dee;
 He socht me and found me in mountain- heights dreary ;
 He gangs by fell paths what he kens best for me.

An' noo, for His name's sake, I'm dune we a' fearin',
 Though clouds may aft gaither an' soughin' win's blaw,
 Hoo this? or Hoo that? O prevent me frae speerin'-
 His will is aye best, and I daurna say Na!

Nov 9 There was talk of setting up a Boy Scout troop in Buckie. C. W. Thomson, Headmaster of the High School was in agreement and said that the use could be given of the school hall for drill.

At the military tribunals one could read how a number of businesses were likely to close down as their owners were only given temporary exemptions. Among those mentioned were Chisholm and Stewart, Hairdressers, Alex Wood Boyd, Jeweller.

Pte James Philip, royal Marine Light Infantry whose home was at High Street, Buckie was reported killed in action.

The following also lost their lives - Skipper John Grant, 37 Seatown and Skipper William Bruce, 7 March Street, Gordonsburgh.

A parade was to take place of the National Volunteer Reserve and Volunteer Training Corps.

Bread was to go up a penny from 10d to 11d for a 4lb loaf.

A porpoise measuring 4 foot long was caught in the codling nets. It was sold to James Wood, Fishcurer.

Nov 16 Advert - *Kill That Insect Tommy* - Send your pals 'out yonder' some tins of Harrison's Nursery Pomade - they'll be very acceptable. when you haven't time to wash there's a big chance that you will have 'companions'. A little Harrison's Pomade kills every insect in hair or body. "Tins of Comfort" costing 41/2d and 9d can be had from all chemists.

Advert - "Tommies wallet" 6x4 will come in handy in France. It contains- writing paper and envelopes, pencil, and post cards, also useful English-French phrases and a calendar. 6d each.

An attempt was to be made to form a Banffshire Volunteer Regiment under the auspices of the Territorial Force with meetings taking place in Buckie and elsewhere. Any age with men with previous officer experience were sorely wanted.

On page five there was a photograph showing 'Gallant Seaforths At The Front'.

Another set of photographs showed four Slater brothers from Portknockie. they were sons of George Slater, 196, Portknockie.

William, George, Alex and James. the last was a soldier with the rest being seamen.

Alex Hay and the Little Wonder were advertising body shields for soldiers in the field. Their adverts showed different types at different prices. You could have a front only or back and front. The front ones cost 25/- to 27/6 with a back and front from 47/6 to 52/6. Unfortunately there would have been a great many people who could not have afforded to buy either plus the cost of sending them abroad.

Nov 23 Page 5 carries the photographs of three men who had already fallen in battle. Frank Reid, Portgordon, Alex Lowdon and Alex Stewart. (These men had been noted previously)

Pte Andrew Knowles, son of Mrs Cormack, 6 Land Street was killed in action.

A poem is found on page 5 column 3 titled 'A Blighty Trip' written by a Wounded Soldier.

- Nov 30 Reported killed in action was Petty Officer, Alex Davidson, R.N.D. of 51 Main Street. He was better known as 'Charlie' and played in goal for Buckie Thistle, pre-war. He left a widow and one child.
A Buckie confectioner was fined for not closing at 8pm under the new order. It was said that he still had customers in his shop after this time and was selling goods.
- On page five among the men listed under 'Local Heroes in Strife' was Seaman Albert Penwright, 9 Baron Street.
- A poem is to be found on page 6 titled 'A Patriotic Cullen Street' by J. F. Cullen
- Dec 7 The Little Wonder had a big Xmas Bazaar advert on the front page.
- The new R.W.M. of Lodge Gordons was John Winchester. D.L. Fowler was the P.M.
- Page five had its usual photographs under 'Local Heroes in Strife.'
- Killed in action - Pte G.W. Robertson, Hillpark, Drybridge. His mother, Mrs Robertson had already lost three nephews in the war, two being brothers.
- Dec 14 'Local Heroes in Strife' In this copy the three Stewart brothers of 9 Garden Lane are featured. Another brother had already been killed in action. The names of the surviving brothers to this time were - John, William and Robert.
- Dec 21 The B. A. had a memoriam insert for Pte James McIntosh No. 1204 of the 1/6 Gordons who was killed on Christmas Eve 1914. It was inserted by his mother of 107 Main Street.
- Work was still progressing at Buckie harbour with the cleaning up to harbour bed level in all four basins having been completed during the month. work was to start to re-open the mouth.
- Photographs of some 'Local Heroes' were given on page five as usual.
- An Enzie soldier, Sergeant G. L. Grieve, Smirack Cottage was awarded the D.C.M.
- Charles W. Thomson, Headmaster B.H.G. School secured the final B.A. degree (London) with first class honours in Modern Languages. he was a graduate of Glasgow University with 1st class honours in Classics.
- Dec 28 The SCWS were advertising Soldiers and Sailors' boxes packed ready for posting and priced from 3/-, 4/6 up to 6/-. Each one contained foodstuffs, chocolate, soap and cigarettes.
- There was a column headed, Portknockie Sidelights in this edition written by Bow Fiddle. this was the first for a long time.
- On page five there were the usual photographs of soldiers and sailors. there was also three photographs showing a steam drifter in war-time, the gun crew and ship's company.
- A poem is found on page 5, column 5 titled 'After The War' by Portessie.

