

1917

Jan 4 **Ye'll get rid o a' rodents** - William Robertson, Chemist, Bank Street and Main Street had an advertisement in the B. A. stating get **Extirmo** - the infallible premier destroyer of rats and mice.

'Local Heroes in Strife' see their photos on page 5

Killed in action - Pte James Young, Gordon Highlanders.

Dig For Victory - The Victoria Park on West Church Street was to be ploughed up and put under crops for the war effort. 'Stray Shots', the columnist, was somewhat critical saying how those serving King and country deserved to have something like this, a playing field, to return to at the end of hostilities.

Jan 11 **War or nae war we maun hae wir sales** - All the draper shops were holding their winter clearance sales as normal - Shearer's, The Little Wonder, James Mackay, John S. Munro, Charles Bonnyman, Portgordon, James Green, Robert Grant, Leith Esson, Edward Hillocks, John Sandison.

Died of wounds - Pte John McQueen, eldest son of John McQueen, Enzie Station died of wounds. He was 29 with his home at Newtonmore where he left a widow with five of a family.

Tidying up at Buckie harbour - They were still working at the Buckie Harbour, tidying up odds and ends like putting the coping stones on the jetties.

Can we put the park under the plow? The Town Council applied to the Cluny Estates, as superiors, to be allowed to cultivate the Public Park.

Jan. 18 **Buckie Amateur Dramatic Society** was to put on a production of 'Rob Roy' in the Fishermen's Hall, in aid of Local War Fund.

Are you like the lave, suffering fae a sair back? - The B. A. had carried a big advert for Doan's Backache Kidney Pills for many years along with stories told by satisfied local customers.

See page five under the caption -'Fallen in the Fight' photographs of the following - Skipper William Smith, 1455 Portessie, Pte John McQueen, Gordon Highlanders, Pte Alex Smith, 44 Batallion Canadians of 24 St Peter's Terrace. His brother had been killed earlier at the Dardanelles.

There was also a photograph of local girls on War Service, working at Cox's factory in Dundee. The girls, named, were from Buckie, Findochty and Portknockie.

25 Jan. **Are ye in the market for gaiters?** John S. Simpson, Boot and Shoemaker, 17 West Church Street, has 400 pairs of gaiters for sale with a splendid selection of colours.

Decorated twice -Sergeant G. L. Grieve, Smirack Cottage was awarded a second medal with being decorated with the Military Medal for Gallantry. He had already received the D.C.M.

On page 5 there is a photograph shown of Miss Nellie Stewart, 143 Main Street who was then a munitions worker in the south of Scotland.

Photographs of Buckie loons - Among the soldiers and sailors whose photographs appear under the heading 'Local Heroes in Strife' were two lads from Buckie serving with the Canadian Forces. From the high number of men who were serving with the Canadian Forces some idea of the emigration that must have taken place from this area in the years pre-war can be gathered; this must have been quite substantial.

Copied from a note - Pte Alex Clark, Gordon Highlanders, of Inchgower, Buckie was wounded and while lying in a field hospital another soldier, badly wounded was taken in. It was found necessary to amputate one of his legs, which was so badly smashed up. He was so weak from loss of blood that he was unable to undergo the operation. Pte Clark, in another ward, heard of this and volunteered to sacrifice some of his blood for him. Blood was transferred from Clark to the other soldier and thereby saved his life.

Killed in action - AB George Cowie, RNR, mate on the HMT Orsino was killed in action. He left a wife, Nellie Innes at 54 West Church Street.

Advert - What Shall We Send Him? Send him SMOKES - Cigarettes, tobacco, and cigars. The 'Club' 19 West Church Street.

Feb 1 **Photographs of 'Local Heroes in Strife' this week were** - Pte James Lyon, G. H. (18) son of Pte Francis Lyon, George Lyon (16) on Admiralty work at Cromarty, all of Bridgend, Buckpool. Another son was killed with the Gordon Highlanders earlier in the war.

Pte William 'Hainies' Henderson, Royal Scots. Prior to the war he was a mason with A. Milne and Son. He was a son of Wm. Henderson, also a mason, of 10 Cross Lane. Buckpool.

A poem is found on page 5 titled - 'The Broken Soldier' a short poem of only two verses that tells of the bleak future for a soldier who had been left bad wounded.

Another poem is found on the same page titled - 'HMD Cheery'. This was formerly the steam drifter Hearty of Buckie. The poem was written by Evan Edwards of Felixstowe.

***** Ye manna dee that** - In the Local News column one could read of how George Smith of 12 Grant Street, Ianstown was fined 40/- for 'treating'. It said that on 30 December 1916 while in the Marine Hotel he had paid for 3 schooners of beer, which was consumed by others than himself.

The new harbour works were nearing completion. On the previous Saturday a number of haddock boats were able to enter the new harbour for the first time. The first boat was the Grace Darling.

The coffer dam was in the process of being removed and it was expected that removal would be completed shortly with the harbour open to general traffic

An opening ceremony was likely to be arranged by the town council. The cost of the work on the harbour to date was close on £250,000.

Feb 8 **Killed in action** - John G. Flett, KOSB, who was formerly a shoemaker, living on Main Street was **killed in action**. His wife, C. Kelman lives at Alney Villa, Great Western Road.

'Local Heroes in Strife' The photographs this week show the following - Pte William Sutherland, who previously carried on a plasterer's business in Buckie before emigrating to Vancouver, was now in France serving with the Canadian Forces although he was over the normal age limit. Also shown was his son, Captain G. B. Sutherland, who was also in France with the Canadian Forces.

Another photograph is that of Sapper Robert Mair who was serving with the Australian armed Forces. He was a son of Mr Mair who carried on a mason's business in the Bauds of Findochty. He served his time as a mason with his father before emigrating to Australia. Previous to emigrating he was a very successful athlete at all the local Games.

A short poem titled 'Gas' is to be found on this page, column 4. This was written by, 'A Local Soldier'.

A change of farmer in the Enzie - The farm of Chapelford, Enzie, was let to John Shand, Pathhead. Mr John Weir, the present tenant was retiring. The father of John Shand, Robert, came to Pathhead from Alanbuie, near Keith. John Shand was followed as tenant of Chapelford by his brother, Alex and in the year 2000 by his son George. Mony's a time I've gathiered tatties at Chapplies an deen ither jobbies forbye as the faimily bade close by for a lang time fin my father was fee'd at Burnside of Enzie in the 40's and 50's.

The largest halibut ever landed at Buckie, up to that time, was caught by the sailboat, Caledonia. It measured 8 feet in length and weighed around 2 cwt. It was sold for 75/- at the auction to Mr W. L. Chalmers, Fishcurer.

The new Cluny Harbour, Buckie, was to be officially opened on Wednesday 14 February 1917,

Promotion for postmaster -Mr Clayton, Postmaster, at Buckie, who came here from Southern Ireland, was promoted to a new post at Market Drayton, Salop. He had been eight years in Buckie.

Killed in action - AB. John Cowie, son of John Clark, Carpenter of 27 Gordon Street. He was 25 years of age and pre-war worked as a clerk with a fish-selling firm.

Thomson Stores, Portgordon, was to hold a 'Clearance Sale' of Ladies and Children's apparel, but for three weeks only.

Feb 15 **Notice** - Major Buckie business to close - Gray's Furniture Store, West Church Street was to close during the duration of the war owing to the owner, J. W. Gray being now on military service and manager, W.R. Gordon about to be called up. The whole stock in trade, amounting to a big selection of all kinds of furniture was to be sold off over three days at a big sale held in the Fishermen's Hall. W. R. Gordon to be auctioneer.

Feb 22 **'Local Heroes in Strife'** **This** week a photograph showed the Dover Patrol football team. There were two Buckie men in the side, both serving on HMD Treasurer. They were - Skipper John Smith, Craigbo and Peter Cowie, engineer of 7 Titness Street.

Copied from a note - A new motor plough was acquired by Mr Davidson, York House, Cullen for the use of the Banffshire Food Production Committee. The working arrangements were under the hand of Mr Alex Forbes, Rettie Farm, Banff and has been kept steadily in employment as far as weather has allowed. Hard frost the previous week calling a stop to operations.

After finishing ploughing at Cullen House on old pastures there the plough and tractor was taken to Braes of Enzie, tenanted by Mr F. Thomson, where admirable work was done there on Monday in ploughing a field of an area of 40 acres. The plough was to go next to the home farm of Montblair in the early part of the week and there awaits it there a considerable acreage of old pasture.

Farm servant's wages - They were not over paid - At a meeting in Keith between members of different committees, including the Farm Servant's Union, wages of cottars for next year's hiring was to be £65, with the usual perquisites. Single men to receive between £36 and £40.

Killed in action - AB William Robert Milne, RND, youngest son of Alex Milne and Son, Builder and Mrs Milne, 22 Low Street. Prior to the war he was on the staff of the North of Scotland and Town and Country Bank (Harbour Branch), Buckie.

Mar 1 **On page five under the heading 'Fallen in Fight' were photographs of the following** - Pte John G. Flett, KOSB, Pte David Jack, Seaforths, of Douglashiel, Forgie and Lance Corporal John Findlay, RSF of Cullen.

He died of bronchitis - The parents of Driver Walter G. Pirie of 40 East Church Street, were to learn of the death of their son in France from bronchitis. Prior to the war he was a chemist.

Mar 8 **Former headmaster dies** - The death took place this week of William Hornby, Retired Headmaster of St Peter's R.C. School. His home was at 6 St Peter's Place. A native of Lancashire he was buried in the New Cemetery.

Mar 15 **Killed in action** - AB George Hay, RND, son of Mrs Hay, 4 Seaview Terrace, Buckpool.

Lost at sea - George Anderson, Skipper of the HMD Campania of 47 Main Street, Findochty.

'Local Heroes in Strife' The photographs this week showed - Pte Bert Nicol G. H., son of Robert Nicol, High Street. Prior to the war he worked with Nicol Bros. Cabinet Makers etc.

W. F. Johnston, Merchant Navy, only son of John Johnston of the Banffshire Advertiser. He failed to be accepted for the Royal Navy and later joined the M.N. Before the war he worked as a printer.

Lance Corporal Gilbert Green, 5 Land Street who before the war was a baker.

He was Bishop at Preshome - On page five is shown a picture of Rev James Kyle, Bishop of the Northern District who died in 1869. He served for a long time at Preshome. He was the uncle of the present Very Rev. Dr Kyle, Preshome.

The Boy Scouts were to hold a Flag Day on behalf of Buckie War Work on Saturday 24 March.

Mar 22 **Killed in action** - Pte. William Pirie, 6th Gordons, of 28 Portessie. He was the son of the late James Pirie, mason.

Killed in action in France - AB Robert Alex Gordon Scott, RND, whose home was on Land Street, Buckpool.

Notice - This was set up in big print - **A man who will not help his country is helping the enemy. Prove you are willing to help. Enrol now for National Service. Forms can be obtained from any Post Office, National Service Office or Employment Exchange.**

In his column 'Stray Shots' criticised Mr Barclay, Plumber, who as chairman of a meeting in the St Andrews Hall in connection with National Service said that anyone of the right age who was not now in uniform was the 'scum of the earth'. 'Stray Shots' said that in such a position, as Mr Barclay one had to be careful of words used.

'Stray Shots' went on to say in another passage – "Despite 'D' Company Buckie of the Banffshire volunteers being numerically strong there were still young men in town and district outside its ranks. These young fellows, granted exemption by the Military Tribunal and it beats me to know why, the said Tribunal or Military Representative are allowing them to run wild, and in some cases sneer at those who are doing their bit in the Volunteers. I hope this may be remedied by the proper authorities at once."

Mar 29 **The Boy Scouts were to provide entertainment in the Palace Cinema** on 19 April to raise further funds for Buckie's War Work.

On page 5 a picture is shown of the SS California which was sunk by German submarines while on a journey from New York to the Clyde. It sank in only ten minutes with a considerable loss of life.

The photographs in this week's edition on page five were of the family of Cowie, father, brothers and son of 32 Gordon Street.

Every Patriotic Citizen from 18-61 was asked to enrol for National Service.

A whole list of statements was given as was said to any doubts or questions that might be asked concerning National Service. This was signed by Neville Chamberlain.

One of the statements was - "The government has introduced the system of voluntary National Service in the hope of avoiding any necessity for a compulsory scheme".

People who were not in the armed forces etc. and who enrolled, were asked to continue with their everyday work but had declared themselves willing to undertake certain work if called upon for which they would be paid.

Apr 5 **Three killed in action** - - Page five carried photographs of three men who had been killed recently - AB Wm. R. Milne, son of A. Milne, Builder; AB J. W. Cowie and AB Robert Scot. They had all been mentioned previously.

You can get a last bonny hurl - Alex Miller, Motor Works, Cluny Square was advertising that he had acquired a motor driven, glass-sided hearse. This, it was said, was the only one of its kind between Inverness and Aberdeen.

Killed in action - Mrs Cormack, 6 Land Street, got confirmation that her son Pte Andrew Knowles, Machine Gun Corps, had been killed on November 16, 1916.

Apr 12 **Skippers are honoured** - Page five carries the photographs of four Buckie skippers who were honoured by the Serbian king for service in the Adriatic. They were - William Cowie, William Jappy, George Thain and William Murray.

In a group photograph showing senior NCO's one of their members was Sergeant Robert Morrison of 6 Yardie.

The day of the horse is near an end - George McKenzie, Cluny Stables, the last in a long line of people who had carried on a horse-hiring business from here, was selling off all his horses and plant and had taken over the farm of Bogierow, Fordyce. (The days of horse-drawn lorries etc was now well to being a thing of the past though there were horses pulling coal carts, baker's vans and milk carts into the 1950's, at least. Morny will remember, nae doot, Jim Reid wi his shelt fae Mill of Rathven and Tommy Reid deein the same for Arradoul Mains.)

The woollen mill at Gollachy is to let. It is thought that it might suit a carpenter's business. The house along side is also to let. (A big new house was built on the site of the mill in the 1990's. Around 2003 it was taken over by Louis Paterson who owned Cluny Fish on Low Street. He also owned about four or five acres of land around his house where he kept a pony or ponies and some sheep and lambs.)

Killed in action - Mr and Mrs Sim, Draper and Tailor of Viewbank, Clochan, received word that their son, Second Lt. John Moir Sim, 6th Gordons attached to the R.F.C as an observer, had been killed in action. He was 23 years of age and had been a student at Aberdeen University prior to the war. A photograph of Lt Sim was shown in the next week's paper.

Apr 19 **Page five had photographs of three Watson brothers** of 11 Yardie. Peter and William were private soldiers in the army while John was a Chief Engineer. They were all fishermen pre-war.

Apr 26 **Killed in action** - Page five carried photographs of men who had been killed in action recently, they were - Skipper George Anderson Findochty; Pte William Pirie, Portessie and Pte J. P. Smith of Lossiemouth. J. P. Smith had come from Lossiemouth to take over the draper's business on Cluny Terrace previously owned by Bailie Birnie. He had no need to join the army when he did, being 35 years old at the time, but volunteered to join Kitchener's Army at the start of the war.

Another photograph on the same page was that of Lt. Alex Black, late of 3 Marine Place, who was serving with the Canadian Army.

Died of wounds - Mr Geddes, 59 High Street, Buckie, received word that his son, Pte. Alex Geddes had died of wounds in a hospital in England. Prior to the war Alex Geddes had been a postman in Edinburgh.

May 3 **Advert** - The Misses Rose, 7 Bridge Place were advertising Children's Dresses.

A poem is found on page 4, column 5, titled - " The Soldier's Cry" written by Pte J. T. Fettes, Oran, Enzie. This was on Prohibition.

On the same page a second poem in the same vein is found. This is titled " Britains Choice" copied from the Temperance News.

A set of photographs on page five shows the 'Gallant Banffshire Skippers', namely David Slater, Portknockie, James Ritchie, Whitehills and Joseph Humphrey, Portgordon. They each received gold medals from the Serbian king for service in the Adriatic.

On page five there is another poem by Pte Fettes titled "The Photo On The Wall - A Mother's Lament"

Killed in action - William Paterson, Tailor, 3 Seaview Road received word that his son Sergeant William Paterson, HLI had been killed in action. William Paterson was 26 and prior to the war was a tailor. A second son, James, was killed in action, also with the HLI in July 1916.

Ye dinna need tae walk or bike - R. S. Taylor, Union Bar, on St Peter's Terrace, was advertising that he had a car for hire.

May 10 **Another string to his bow** - L. T. McGarth, Ironmonger etc was now an honorary recruiting sergeant.

A poem is found on page 3, column 6 titled - " Liberty" written by John Innes, senior, fisherman, Findochty.

Page five carries the photographs of a 'Patriotic Portknockie Family' The photographs show the widowed mother, Mrs Wood of 153 Portknockie and her sons - Alex, William, George, David, Joseph and Andrew. They were all on marine service.

Killed in action - it was reported that Pte John Burgess, 1 Cathcart Street, had been killed in action. He left a wife and three of a family. Prior to the war he was a lorryman with W & J Cruickshank, Lemonade Manufacturers.

Killed in action -Other two local men who had been killed in action were - Bombardier Robert Herd, RFA, Findochty and Pte. Sinclair, Gordon Highlanders, Portgordon.

A poem is found on page five titled " To The Gordon Highlanders" written by Meg Scott, Edinburgh.

Killed in action - Mr and Mrs John Hepburn, Elsley Place, Buckpool received word that a second son had fallen in battle. He was Pte Alex Hepburn, (22) Gordon Highlanders. Drummer Stuart Hepburn (20) also of the Gordon Highlanders was killed earlier in the war.

May 17 **A poem is found on page 3 titled** " Thoughts On War" written by John Innes, Junior, on HMD Trophy.

Killed in action - Lieutenant Marshall Merson, RSF, a brother of Councillor Merson, was killed in action

Page five carries a picture of a soldier football team, unfortunately the reproduction is poor. Among the players were three ex Thistle men, namely, George Reid, George Esslemont and Robert Nicol.

A second footballer is shown in a separate picture. This is of John Murray, Gordon Street, who was then engineer on board the HMD, Mill of Buckie, in the Adriatic.

Died of wounds - Pte Norman D. Allan, Tarrymount, Enzie.

May 24 **The British troopship, Cameronia**, was sunk by a German submarine leading to a loss of 140 lives. A Buckie youth was one of the crew who was saved. He was W. F. Johnston, Junior, only son of J. Johnston, Bellevue, Pringle Street. Buckie. Before the war he was working in the Banffshire Advertiser.

A total of 14 British drifters were sunk through enemy action in the Adriatic Sea. A number of them came from the Moray Firth area and Buckie District.

The boats were - the Admiral, Avondale, Coral Haven, Craigenroan, Felicitas, Girl Grace, Girl Rose, Helenora, Quarry Knowe, Selby, Serene, Tait's, Transit and Young Linnet.

The enemy fleet consisted of cruisers and light destroyers.

Killed in action - Mr Inkster, Plasterer, Portgordon received word that his son, Pte William Inkster, had been killed in action while serving with the South African Forces. He was nephew of Mr T. Inkster, Smirack Farm, Enzie and prior to the war was working as a clerk with Mr J. L. McNaughton.

. May 31 **Three killed in action** – photographs on page three - AB George Hay, 4 Seaview Terrace; Pte. Alex Geddes, Royal Scots, 59 High Street; AB Alex Gerrie, son of late Wm. Gerrie, Shoemaker, Buckpool. His brother was John Gerrie, M.A. who recently died.

A photograph of late Lt. Marshall Merson is to be found on page 5.

Killed in action - Word was received by Mrs R. S. Taylor, 12 St Peter's Terrace that her son, Pte Isaac Livingstone, Gordon Highlanders, had recently been killed in action. Prior to the war he was a tailor. He was 22.

A poem is found on page five titled 'Transport Tyndareus'

Killed in action - Pte Joseph Allan, Seaforth Highlanders, Findochty and Adam Gordon, Portgordon who was serving on board the HMD Admirable in the Adriatic.

June 7 **Opening announcement** - M. Silverman, Picture framing and Photo enlarging. He was advising that he had moved from Portknockie to Bridgend, Buckie.

A poem is found of page 3 column 6 'A Fallen Hero' In memory of Pte Robert Thomson, RAC, Tynet, Portgordon who was killed while dressing a wounded soldier on 2 April 1917. Written by Pte. G. Thomson - Seaforth Highlanders.

Talk about war memorials - The question of erecting a war memorial had been mentioned in the passing by Buckie Town Council, now Findochty were now giving the matter consideration.

More skippers honoured by the Serbian King for services in the Adriatic - William Gardiner, Skipper of the HMD Sunnyside; Wm. Innes, Skipper of the HMD Lovedale; James Addison, HMD Hollybank - all of Cullen.

The Memoirs of the late Sergeant J.K. Forbes, former teacher at Rathven School who became a sniper sergeant in the Gordons, were published by Hodder and Stoughton. (A copy of the book is to be found in the local library in the Local Section.)

A poem is found on page 4 column 5 titled 'Motherland' by W. Cumming 5772 Black Watch, Buckpool.

Killed in action - Pte William Jamieson, Gordon Highlanders, second son of George Jamieson, Loanhead, Keith and formerly of Newton, Drybridge was killed on 23 April. He was 26 and was formerly foreman with his father at Newton before going to America for a few years.

Killed in action - Pte. Andrew Mitchell A. S.H. son of Mrs and Mrs Mitchell, Auchiefow. Clochan. He was 23.

June 14 War memorials, style and cost - At the meeting of the town council the town clerk was instructed to find out about designs for war memorials and also the cost of erecting it.

Killed in action - The following men were known to have been killed in action. Pte. Alex B. Calder, G.H. Findochty; Pte William Anderson, Seaforths also of Findochty. Both were killed on 9th April.

Pte Calder had a brother, Seaman John Calder serving with the RNR.

'Water, water everywhere' ... , 'tis said, but nae in Buckie - The problem of scarcity of water in Buckie was again being spoken of. People had to be very careful in its use with great efforts to be made to prevent water entirely.

Died of wounds - Sub. Lt. William McCurrach, grandson of Mr and Mrs McCurrach, Woodhead, Muir of Holmie, Clochan.

A big sale of contractors plant was to take place at Buckie harbour, belonging to Wm. Brand who had completed the big contract started some years before. Included in the sale was the big shed where the big concrete blocks were made and situated where the present shipyard (previously Herd and McKenzie) was in 2000.

June 21 Scotland's Red Cross Week received front page billing - An appeal was being made to raise £100, 000 to provide medical and surgical treatment for Discharged and Disabled soldiers.

'Local Heroes in the Fight' – Photographs of the following are found on page 5: Peter Reid, J. W. Pirie, and J. Reid.

Killed in action - Pte Alex Garden. third son of Wm. Garden, Burnside, Drybridge. He was serving with the Canadian Infantry. Also Skipper Alex Geddes, RNR, Portgordon.

Died of wounds - Sapper George Geddes, Canadians, second son of William Geddes, Drybridge.

Portgordon draper dies - The death took place this week of Charles Bonnyman, Draper, Portgordon. He was a native of the Enzie.

June 28 **Killed in action** - Pte. F. R. McNaughton, a nephew of Mr J. L. McNaughton, town clerk. He was serving with the Australian Forces having been there with his parents for a number of years.

A poem is found on page 5 column 1 titled - " Farewell to Bermuda" by Grenadier William Thomson, Tynet.

Buckpool tragedy - A little boy, four year's old John Innes of 11 James Street fell from the bridge over the railway at Seaview Road and died of his injuries without regaining consciousness.

July 5 **The slip constructed in the west basin of the Buckie (Cluny) Harbour was to let** as was offices in the Fishmarket.

On page five there are more photographs of local patriots - Alex Cowie and John Cowie , brothers, of 75 Seatown. The Cowie brothers were both in the Navy. The other photograph being of Lt D. McKenzie, who was headmaster of Cullen School pre-war He had recently been awarded the MC and already held the Croix de Guerre.

Catherine Bruce, 68 Main Street, Buckpool had 9 year's perfect attendance at St Peter's R.C. School.

Killed in action - on board the HMD Transit was John Cowie, Findochty.

July 12 **Kills lice and other vermin** - The Soldier's Friend "Ideal" Trench Belt - wear it next to the skin and it will not only destroy lice and body vermin lodging either on the person or his underclothing.

Where the fallen would come from - The town council agreed that a war memorial should include the names of all the fallen from the burgh and landward part of the parish west of Findochty road and of the boundaries of Findochty. It was also agreed it should be sited in Cluny Square at the junction of East and West Church Streets and High Street.

Another sign that the day of the horse was past - The town council passed plans by Mr Barclay, Plumber. to convert the stable at Craigard, East Church Street into a garage by adding a big door.

Killed in action - Lance Corporal John G. Smith, Machine Gun Corps of Castle Street, Fochabers. His parents were previously at Cairnfield. He was a nephew of Robert Grant, Draper, Buckie and a cousin of Dicky Grant, Fochabers (2000). Prior to the war, like his father, he was also a gardener.

Also **killed in action** was Pte Ian Pozzi, Gordon Highlanders, son of Mr Pozzi, bookseller, High Street. He was 20 and pre-war worked in the Bank of Scotland.

A poem is found on page five titled 'To The Northland' written by Seamus Macgaradh.

Missing- It was reported that Pte. James Bruce, Gordon Highlanders of Great Western Road, Buckpool had been missing since 23 April. He was 19.

Killed in action - A brother of the above, Peter Bruce, lost his life aboard the HMD Quarry Knowe in the Adriatic. He was 29.

Drowned at sea - George K. Bowie, 5 James Street, Buckpool was reported to have been drowned off the HMD Morning Star.

July 19 **Three more men who fell** – Their photographs are on page 5.- Private Isaac Livingstone, 6th Gordons, of St Peter's Terrace. He was 22.

Pte. Frank Devine, 6th Gordons, 30, of Rathven. he was a mason with A. Milne and Son, pre-war.

Pte John Burgess, 1 Cathcart Street. Both Livingstone and Burgess had been noted previously.

A poem is found on page five column 3 titled – 'Austrian Raid on Drifters in the Adriatic 15 May 1917' by H. Sutherland, Findochty.

Note that my beef prices are doon - George McKenzie, Butcher, Low Street, Gordon Street and St Peter's Place was advertising that he had lowered his beef prices by 2d per lb.

Badly wounded - Pte George 'Dod' Benzie, 6th Gordons, son of James Benzie, 16 West Street was in hospital in England after suffering serious wounds. He had been in France for 2½years and come through a lot of heavy fighting in that time.

Killed in action - Pte John Robertson, Gordon Highlanders, was reported killed in action. Pre-war he was a plumber with John Barclay and son.

Sale of tatties - A sale of tatties was to take place on a field on Sutherland Street, belonging to Gordon Milne. 16 drills of Duke of Yorks; 7 drills of Forty Folds; 2 drills of British Queens. Each drill 105 yards long. Terms cash - R. Nicol auctioneer.

July 26 **Sales dinna stop for the war** - The following drapers were having their annual sales regardless of the war with their adverts on the front page of the B. A. James Mackay, John Munro, The Little Wonder, C. I. Shearer's, John Green, George Robertson, Cullen, Charles Bonnyman, Portgordon and Leith Esson.

Bostock and Wombell's Menagerie were to be in Buckie on August 1st with Gigantic Combined Shows.

Page 5 shows photographs of the four sons and two son in laws of George K. Bowie, 5 James Street, Buckpool, who were all in the services.

John, James, George, and William also Peter Reid and Peter Cowie. Reid was a 1st mechanic in the RFC while Cowie was the skipper of the HMD Arndilly Castle. John Smith, of Lossiemouth, yet another son in law whose photograph was not shown was also on government service.

Died of wounds - William Smith, RNR, Chief Engineer on the HMD Quarry Knowe. His home was at 1 Gordonsburgh.

Aug 2 **The Military Tribunals were still continuing** with the same difficult decisions to be made.

On page five a picture showed almost the whole crew of the HMD Coulard Bank. Among those shown were - Skipper, George Murray, 8 Pringle Street; James Cowie, Mate, 12 Pringle Street and James Murray, Deckhand, also of 8 Pringle Street. Other locals were - John Raffan, William Gardiner and Alex Donn, all of Cullen.

A poem is found on page five titled 'A Machine Gunner's Life In The Army'

Peter Fair - Unlike World War II when Peter Fair didn't take place from 1940 until 1945 one took place as usual in 1917. The day was fine. During the morning when as usual the business part of the day took place, harvest hands were being offered as high as £2 per week while the highest figure given for a horse was £112.

There were a smaller number of refreshment tents this year with only a dozen being present. There also seemed to be a falling off in the number of sweetie and other stands.

There were, however, various amusements, including, swings, merry-go-rounds, etc. The biggest attraction was Pinders Ord Circus, which gave several performances during the day. there was an outside attraction in the shape of an imitation of the famous film actor, Charlie Chaplin.

In Buckie, during the afternoon it was practically a holiday with most businesses shutting up shop at noon allowing the workers to visit the fair.

The lack of a train service was again felt but motors, brakes etc conveyed people to the market while hundreds more made the journey on foot and by bicycle.

The country lads and lasses seemed to be fascinated by the dancing board, which they largely patronised in spite of the heat. All other amusements did good business while the proprietors of the refreshment tents had no reason to complain.

Owing to the government requirements as to the closing of shops the sale of sweets etc was suspended at 8pm , an occurrence which was resented by several of those who dispensed the toothsome delicacies.

This was seen as a major crime, it seems - A man was fined 7/6 for allowing his dog to roam loose at night. The option was five days in jail.

A fine of 20.- or ten days was awarded to a man for hitting a policeman while on duty. He said that he was drunk at the time.

Moving from Clochan to Portgordon - The headmaster at Enzie Public School, Mr Nathan Nichol received a presentation on the day that the school closed for the summer holidays. he was moving to Portgordon. Miss Jessie Grant, Tynet, one of the senior pupils in the school presented Mr Nichol with a dressing case and Mrs Nichol with a massive silver bulb bowl on behalf of pupils and staff. (Miss Grant was a daughter of Willie Grant, Miller, at the

Tynet Mill, who I knew well as a loon, and who showed me how to sew up the bags of meal produced there. Jessie went on to become a teacher herself. The mill building was bought in the 1980's by Christie's of Fochabers who converted it into a hotel with considerable extensions made. They sold it in 1989 when it was taken over by Phil Silver from Kent.)

Aug 9 **Business announcement** - R. Lobban, Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer was advising that he was setting up on his own account on Blairdaff where he hoped to receive a share of custom.

George Smith to lease the slip - Both Herd and Mackenzie and George Smith Jun. had in offers to lease the slip in the west basin of the Cluny Harbour but Smith's offer was accepted by the town council

Page five carried photographs of three men, two of whom had been killed in action.

Killed in action - Alex Geddes, 49, RNR, Portgordon was a brother of Mrs David Reid, Oran House.

Also **killed in action** was John Cowie, deckhand on board the HMD Transit, sunk in the Adriatic on May 15. is home was at 9 Yardie.

The other photograph was of Sergeant James Esslemont, Royal Scots, a baker in peace- time who lived at 12 Mid Street, Buckie. He had recently been awarded the MM.

Soldier dies of meningitis - Pte William A. Gill, A. S.H. died of a fatal disease in a hospital in England. His home was at 15 Cathcart Street.

Aug 16 **A poem is found on page 2** titled 'Test', with another on page three . This was re-printed from the 'Blighty' magazine and titled 'Grouzers', written by Lance Corporal S. F. Stanting.

'Those Who Have Fallen' - photographs on page 5 of the following

Sergeant William Paterson, HLI of 3 Seaview Road, **killed in action.**

William Smith who **died of wounds** of Gordonsburgh

Pte Alex Farquhar, Canadians, **killed in action.** He was a brother of Mr Farquhar, Hillhead Cemetery.

A second photograph shows Piper Clark of the 3/6th Gordons. His home was at Marine Place.

Two more killed in action - Pte. James Grant, Gordon Highlanders of 34 Portessie. He was 20 years of age.

Pte. William Burgess, Gordon Highlanders, 4th son of Mr and Mrs Burgess, Burnside Croft, Drybridge. He was 24.

Aug 23 **'Local and District Patriots'** photographs on page 5

Pte. William Jamieson, Gordon Highlanders, late of Newton, Drybridge.

Pte John Jamieson, Gordon Highlanders, brother of the above. He was 20 years of age and prior to the war worked as a farm servant.

Pte. David Buchan, Canadians, a son of Robert F. Buchan, U.S.A. who formerly had a baker's business on Main Street, Buckpool. Another son was also serving in France.

Another picture on page five shows the Gordon Highlanders gymnastic team. One of those in the picture is Pte Alex Masson, Signallers Section, of Portessie. Prior to the war he worked in the Banffshire Advertiser.

Killed in action - Pte George McIntosh, Gordon Highlanders of 188 Craigview, Portessie. He was a

fisherman pre-war. .

Corporal Alex Morgan, Gordon Highlanders of 181, Portessie, husband of Bella

Gifford.

Aug 30 **Three dentists were now seeing to the care of patient's teeth in Buckie** Miss Eleanor Brodie, Claypots, Banff was in Buckie every Wednesday at Mrs Johnston's , Parkview, South Pringle Street. - from 1-6pm

W. A. Cormack, Elgin held a surgery every Tuesday at 41 West Church Street from 3 until 6 pm.

D. Dunlop LDS, Elgin had a surgery at Mr Bunyan's , 43 West Church Street on Wednesdays from 11 until 6pm.

What is the chance of a tunnel under the English Channel? In the editorial column of the B. A. the writer was speaking of a tunnel under the English Channel. This, he said, had been spoken of forty years before when there was visions of constructing a submarine railway between England and France. In 1874 a shaft had been sunk on the Calais side of the Channel with a gallery then cut one and a half miles below the sea. Some years later 2026 yards of tunnel had been dug on the Dover side. He said that after the war it would prove a good memorial to build a tunnel to link France to England. Viva La Entente.

On page five there are photographs of the following men -

Pte William Burgess, Gordon Highlanders, of Burnside Croft, Drybridge who had been **killed in action**. He had only been a month in France and was a farm worker before the war.

Robert Lobban, Canadian Forces, **died of wounds**. His home had been at Denside Farm, Portknockie. He served his time as a joiner before emigrating to Canada. he was 28.

Decorated - James Stronach, Gordon Highlanders, of 51 Portessie was awarded the DCM. He had been in France for two and a half years. Prior to the war he had been a farm servant. He had two brothers also in the army.

A photograph of Sec. Lt. Ralph Kynoch is found on page five. He had recently been awarded the M.C.

Jones' Shipyard launch - A motor boat was launched during the week from Jones Slip and Shipyard. This was the forty foot long boat called the Torwood. She was built for the firm but it was understood that she could be for sale.

We wir aye telt tae be thankfu o sma mercies - The price of bread was reduced it now being 10d for a 4lb loaf.

Gospel Meetings were taking place every evening from 8pm and all day on Sunday in the Good Templars Hall on West Church Street. Other similar meetings were taking place in the Church of Christ., also on West Church Street.

Enzie Public School has a new headmaster - Mr Johnston took up his duties on Monday when the school opened after the summer recess.

Wounded- left badly crippled - Corporal James Mair, West Bauds, son of Mr Mair, Mason had to have both a leg and an arm amputated.

A magnificent gesture -The Elite Entertainment Syndicate, the owners of the Palace Cinema were to give a two house benefit on Thursday in honour of the Buckie V.C. Pte. George McIntosh. they were the first organisation to honour the soldier.

Findochty Street Names - The Provost explained the choice of names. This followed on a poem about the names that had been written in an earlier edition of the B. A.

***** Page three, column 3 carries a report - V.C. For Buckie Hero**

Patriotic Buckie family - Four sons of fisherman, Mr James Reid, 33 Bridgend were all in the navy. James, Alex, Walter and William. (Walter was a painter pre-war and returned from the war to live for a long time on Sutherland Street, where he and his wife had a large family.)

We need this man tae work oor lan' - At a Military Tribunal W & J Cruickshank, Aerated Waters Manufacturers tried to get a man exempted from the army claiming that he was needed to work 20 acres of lotted lands that they cultivated, plus another twenty of feud land.

First it wis flush lavvies noo its bathrooms - At this weeks meeting of Buckie Town Council one could read for the first time of anyone presenting plans for a bathroom. This was to be for Mrs Farquhar at 61 High Street.

The Town Council to give the VC an official welcome - The Town Council agreed that when Pte McIntosh, V.C. came home that he would be met by a deputation of councillors and others at the station. A collection would also be made for him.

Sept 20 Notice - James Brander, Grocer and Provision Merchant, Broadley, Clochan was advising that he was to start carrying drapery. He sold groceries, potted meats and black and white puddings.

The Buckie drifter 'William Reaich' was sold in Peterhead to a Mr Donald Mclean for the sum of £3,350.

****** Pte. George Imlach McIntosh was decorated with the Victoria Cross at Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow on Tuesday by King George V. There were thousands present to see the ceremony, which among the military decorations the King presented were other two VC's apart from that of McIntosh. A photograph taken as he was presented with the medal was hung in the local library in the year 2000.**

Lorry be here! - another reduction fa says we're nae weel aff - The price of bread was decreased by a penny to 9d for a 4lb loaf.

The herring season was good - At the end of the herring season it was known that local boats had done well. Sailboats made between £700- £800 going as high as £1035 in one case. Motor boats averaged between £1500 and £1600 . Steam drifters on average made £1800 with one boat making the high figure of £2500.

He caught them napping - On page three one can read how Pte McIntosh V.C. came home unexpectedly catching all out including the Town Council who had arranged for a formal meeting

A handsome gift – Pte McIntosh VC was invited down to Jones Shipyard at stopping time on Saturday where he was met by one of the directors, and in the presence of his former he was presented with a purse containing 50 gold sovereigns. He had worked for Jones prior to being called up.

Lossiemouth's own V.C. Sergeant Alex Edwards, Seaforth Highlanders, son of Mr Alex Edwards, 'Fleming', Lilac Cottage, Lossiemouth was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry in the field. He was thirty two years old and had been a cooper before the war. A short report is given on page three.

A benefit show - Page four carried a notice to the effect that in the Palace Cinema on Thursday 20 there was to be a benefit show in honour of George McIntosh, VC. New songs were to be sung and special pictures shown. The artistes appearing were Miss B. Cowie and Miss M. Legge also Mr D. Brunton. Cost of admission - 4d, 7d and 11d.

Sept 27 Notice - A presentation to George McIntosh VC is to take place on Cluny Square on Friday evening 28 September or if the weather should be inclement, in the Fishermen's Hall.

Miss Alice B. King was appointed Principal Teacher of French at Buckie Higher Grade School.

A poem is found on page 2 titled - Pte. McIntosh, VC.

Among the photographs on page three of this edition in one of Pte McIntosh being decorated by King George V.

Other photographs show three soldiers who had been killed in action - -
James Bremner , 6th Gordons of 106 Portessie. He was 19 and pre-war worked as a mason's labourer.

Another Pte George McIntosh, Gordons, son of John McIntosh, 188 Craigview, Portessie. He was 24 years of age and had been a fisherman before the war.

Pte James Grant, Gordon Highlanders. He was 20 years of age and was previously a labourer with Mr Mair, Mason, Bauds.

Page three gave a report on the welcome given to Pte McIntosh, VC at the railway station by the Provost and all the other council dignitaries.

Oct 4 On page three, column 2, there is a photograph of Sergeant Alex Edwards V.C. Lossiemouth, and also the story relating his actions that led to him being nominated for the award of the V.C.

On page four there is a report of the ceremony that took place in Cluny Square when Pte George McIntosh was presented with gifts by the town council and people of the town. Among the gifts he received was a gold watch. He was later entertained to tea in the Cluny Hotel by the members of the town council.

Oct 11 **Killed in action** - Driver John A. Shearer, Canadian Troops, whose home address was 32 High Street. he had been in Canada for some years.

Memorial to 'Fallen Heroes' - A meeting was to be called in the Fishermen's Hall to discuss the erection of a memorial to fallen heroes. C. I. Shearer, provost, presided.

Streets in Findochty - Some correspondence was found in the B. A. concerning the naming of the streets in Findochty. One person hadn't been too happy about the name of the street on which he lived. The provost answered him by saying that some of the names, on the older part of the town, such as Mid Street, were shown on the estate maps and for reasons had to be retained.

Three more who have paid the supreme sacrifice – photographs on page three -

Gunner John B. Taylor, R.G.A. who **died of wounds**. His home originally was Banff Street. He was 28.

Killed in action - Corporal Alex Morgan , Gordon Highlanders who had been in business as a master painter in Portessie pre-war. He was 31 and lived at 181 Portessie. He left a wife but no children.

Killed in action - Pte Joseph Anderson, Liverpool Scottish. He was 21 and a native of Findochty.

Oct 18 **Killed in action** - Pte A. A. Flett, Royal Scots. He was 20 years of age and belonged to Findochty.

Killed in action - Corporal Douglas M. Gill 1/6 Gordons. He was 24 years of age with his home address being 15 Cathcart Street, Buckie.

The HMD Active went down in English water with all 11 men losing their lives .

There were a number of photographs on page 4. Three of those showed men who had been **killed in action** - Pte Joseph Allan, Findochty. He was 19 years of age.

Pte Andrew Mitchell, Seaforth Highlanders of Auchiefow, Croft, Clochan and Pte John Erskine, Gordon Highlanders.

Decorated - Lance Corporal Neil McLean, 1 Hay Street, Buckpool, was awarded the M.M. He was 21 and formerly a fisherman.

Oct 25 **Killed in action** - Lt R.W. Davidson, aged 23 and son of Mr Davidson, Fishcurer, Buckie. Lost with the sinking of HMD Active was John Slater, fireman, of 60 Portessie.

Opening announcement - James Mustard, Bootmaker and Repairer, 63 ½ Seatown, Cullen.

A poem is found on page 2 column 6 titled the 'Banffshire Advertiser' written by 'A Sailor'.

Page three carried photographs of three more who had paid the supreme sacrifice -

Pte. Alex. Smith, Gordons of 191 Portessie. He was 25.

William Mair, RNR, Portknockie, lost off the Ladysmith. He was 19.

Adam Gordon, RNR, Portgordon, Mate of the HMD Admirable.

Nov 1 **Died in France** - AB John Gordon, RND.

Killed in action - James Smith, 18 off HMD Active of 177 Craigview, Portessie.

The Buckie sailboat - William Hands went down off Yarmouth with 8 men losing their lives. The men came from Main Street and Harbourhead. Among them was a Reid 'tee-name' 'Hankie'.

On page three the photographs were of -

Sapper Robert Mair, Australian Forces who was **killed in action**. He was a son of Mr Mair, Mason, Bauds, Findochty.

Skipper William Bruce of the Quarry Knowe who was known to be in enemy hands.

Second Engineer Peter Bruce, of the Quarry Knowe, and Great Western Road, Buckpool was reported to have been **killed in action**.

Nov 8 **Lost off the HMD Jean**, William Campbell, 29 Main Street, Findochty.

Note Buckie's population - Buckie's population at this time, with so many people on active service or working away from home, was 7444. This figure

was known from those registered for the sugar ration. At the last census the population of Buckie had been 8977.

Findochty boat, Deliverer, lost with all hands. One of the crew, Alex Thain left a widow with 8 of a family. He lived at 66 Findochty.

The photographs on page three this week were of the following men -

Joseph Sutherland, 12 St Peter's Road. He was a Lt. Commander.

Pte. Wm. Smith, Canadians, whose wife was a Reaich from Hall Street. The family lived in Canada.

Skipper George Mair, RNR DSC of Portknockie.

Nov 15 **Notice** - Wanted recruits for 'D' company 1st Banffshire Volunteer Regiment . John L. McNaughton, Captain.

Lost off the 'Willing Boys' -The death was announced of Alex Geddes, 137 Main Street who was lost off the boat 'Willing Boys'.

Also announced the death of William Sutherland, 29, of Main Street, Findochty. He left a wife, Jess Campbell.

The new priest at Preshome to succeed Canon Kyle was to be Rev. Donald Mackay who came from Inverness.

The photographs on page three of this edition were those of the three sons of Mr John Hepburn, postman of Elsley Place, Buckpool.

Two of them had already been **killed in action**. Pte Alex Hepburn, Gordons, who was 22 years of age and a joiner with Messrs Gray and McBain pre-war and Drummer Stuart Hepburn, also of the Gordons. He was 20 and had been a grocer with P. McLaren, 74 East Church Street before the war.

The other son was Pte Charles Hepburn, Lovat Scouts, who was then in training with a cycle regiment in England. Before the war he was a postman. It is good to know that he survived the war to return to his peacetime occupation.

Someone had sympathy for them - A letter was written to the B. A. on behalf of two discharged soldiers, one suffering badly from shell-shock ,the other the use of one of his arms. They had been arrested and charged with stealing. **The letter writer said at a time when they were speaking of memorials for those that had fallen there was also a great need to care for those who had been maimed in action.**

'Help Your Country Buy Today' - People were being urged to buy national War Bonds at 15/6 which with 5% interest paid out £1. 'Help Your Country Buy Today'

Nov 22 **Lost off the boat Willing Boys** - Charles Mackay, 94 Main Street. He left his wife Ellen.

You must be stout - shargers werena winted – An advertisement read - A **stout** lad was wanted to work the orra beast by Forbes at Maryhill. Another **stout** lad was wanted to look after the cattle at Wilson, Walkerdale.

Greater need for the lines - The permanent way materials on the Buckie to Keith railway were required for urgent national purposes. The track was to be lifted at once. The B. A. understood that the government had given an undertaking that they would reinstate the railway at the cessation of hostilities. 'There is no intention to keep the line closed permanently'. (Brave words but no trains were ever to run the whole length of the line again although, it is true the line was cleared of vegetation and the line relaid by 1926)

The photographs on page three this week showed pictures of the following -

Pte David Don, Gordons of 51 Seafield Street, Cullen who was **killed in action**.

Bombardier William Wilson R.G.A. of 22 South Castle Street, Cullen. he had been a grocer before the war. He had written a poem on the same page and sent this home to his mother.

Pte. A. West, Gordons, of 3 Seaview Terrace, Buckpool who had been awarded the M.M. He was a baker with McWilliam pre-war.

A photograph was also shown of a former Enzie man, Lance Corporal Alex R. Grant, formerly of Broadley who was **killed in action** while serving with the Canadian Forces.

The poem written by Bombardier Wilson of Cullen and found on page three is titled 'The Lads of Cullen'.

There had been a number of letters written about war memorials but one significant one was from a serving soldier who said why wasn't the matter left until the men all returned when they might be given a say - when the 'battle was o'er' .

Nov 29 **Lost at sea off the boat, 'Willing Boys'**- William Hay, 3 Gibb's Lane. He left three daughters , Maggie, Mary and Nellie.

You'll only get milk eence a day - A notice said that the milk carts of Arradoul and Greenraig would only be coming to Buckie once per day because of shortage of manpower. A further notice said that if there was a shortage of milk for adults to try to ensure that children got this.

Page 3 had photographs of the following men-

Skipper George Geddes, RNR, of Tarwathie, South Pringle Street who **was lost off HMD Speedwell**. He was 45 and was formerly skipper of the Buckie drifter, Felicitas.

Also lost was his son, George Geddes, Junior, a lad of 18.

The other photograph was of James Murray a deckhand on board HMD Coulard Bank of 8 Pringle Street. He was at the time on service , patrolling in northern waters.

Another photograph on page three showed women tending the graves of men who had been killed in France. The women belonged to the Women's Auxiliary Corps who were now doing many of the jobs previously

done by men releasing them for more active service. Among the jobs being done were as cooks, domestic workers, clerks, drivers, mechanics etc. They wear uniform and receive good wages and quarters while rations are also found. Many more thousands of women are urgently required.

The burgh surveyor reported that tar spraying was now taking place on some of the streets of the town.

Dec 6 **Died of wounds** in a hospital in England - Lance Corporal Robert Stewart, Gordons, 56 Main Street, Findochty. he was 19.

The Strype Burn in Findochty overflowed its banks and flooded many parts of the village.

The photographs on page three of this edition showed pictures of the following - Pte. Robert Stronach, Gordons, Clochan, who was **killed in action**. He was 19 and was working as a postman in the Enzie before the war.

Lost at sea Thomas A. Bruce, RNR, a deckhand on board HMD Active. His home was at 82 Portknockie. He was 20 years of age.

Pte Edward Iannetta, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, serving in France, eldest son of Mr Antonio Iannetta, High Street, Buckie. He was 19 before the war he worked in the shop with his father.

Dec 13 **Killed in action** - Lance Corporal Thomas Gordon, 6th Gordons of 10 Cross Lane.

Died of wounds - Pte John Winchester Taylor, HLI son of Mr Taylor, Shoemaker, Bridgend.

The newly installed RWM of Lodge Gordons 589 was John Winchester.

The photographs on page three of this edition were of the following -

The Smith family of 34 Commercial Street, Findochty, five of whom had been in the services. Alex, engineer on HMT William Beattie, Corporal William Smith who **was killed in action at the Somme** while fighting with the Canadian Forces. He was 29 years of age and before emigrating to Canada had served his time as a cooper.

Sydney, was serving as an engineer on board HMD Sixteen. He was 26 and like Alex was a fisherman before the war.

Corporal Arthur Smith HLI was a tailor pre-war and was aged 25. The youngest of the family, George who was 18 was then serving as cook on board HMD Easter Morn. He too had been a fisherman.

Dec 20 **A notice on the front page spoke of the Penny War Funds** being run under the patronage of the provost and other members of the town council

Buckie War Work Party and Queen Mary Needlework Guild made an application for funds to provide comforts for men on service and in war hospitals.

A Hogmanay Dance was to take place in the Good Templar's Hall on 31 December.

Peter Cormack said that although he had been unable to pursue his dancing classes of late he was to hold a **dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Hogmanay**. Tickets for both men and women to be 2/6.

Page three carried photographs of another three local men who would not return They were - Alex Smith, 4 March Street, Ianstown, skipper of HMD Active. He was 35.

Signalman James Smith, nephew of the above, who was also lost off HMD Active. He was only 18 with his home address at 177 Craigview, Portessie.

John Slater, 60 Portessie.

******* The town council were of a mind to plant trees on both East and West Church Street to beautify the place. This was despite more than 22% of the population being opposed to the idea and 32% giving no opinion. Perhaps, rightly, they felt that there was more things of importance to concern them at the time.**

Meeting about the land on Queen Street - Cluny Estates agreed to meet with representatives of the town council to enter into negotiations regarding making Queen Street park available for recreation.

Dec 27 **Serviceman dies of consumption** - George Coull RNR (T) a man of 22 died at his home at 129 Main Street after a long illness contracted first while serving near Orkney. He died of consumption earlier suffering from a severe cold.

Died of wounds - Lance Corporal Thomas Pickford, Gordon Highlanders, though his home was then in Drumoak, he had previously lived in Buckie with a brother still in the town at 52 East Church Street.

The first meeting of Enzie War Workers Committee took place in the school at Clochan on Wednesday. it was reported that collectors had canvassed the district to collect £18.6.10. Work **was** given out to those present and 10/- raised from the sale of several small articles. It was agreed to hold meetings every alternative Tuesday in the future.

The photographs on page three this week were of the following -

John Reid, 25 of 23 Gordon Street, Portgordon, a deckhand on board HMD Jean who **lost his life** after the vessel had struck a mine.

Killed in action - Pte William R.C. Scott, Cameron Highlanders. He was a nephew of Mrs Smith, 4 Blantyre Terrace, Ianstown and pre-war had been a chemist.

Signalman George Reid, 18 Harbourhead who was 33 and serving as a member of the crew of a minesweeper.

Decorated - A separate photograph was that of Sergeant Robert Newlands, Machine Gun Corps, of 12 Yardie who had recently been awarded the M.M.

