

# 1918

Jan 3 **Posties thanks** - James Burgess, Postman, Drybridge, had a notice in the B. A. recording his thanks for the gifts received at Christmas.

**Are ye makkin broth?** - Joe Dawson, Drybridge was advertising an acre of neeps for sale.

**In the enemy's hands** - Page three had photographs of the following men, members of HMD, Quarry Knowe, who were now P.O.W's - Skipper William Bruce, 102 Main Street, Buckpool; his nephew, William Alexander Bruce, mate of 32 Seaview Road; Joseph Bowie, brother in law, deckhand of Eastdale, St Peter's Road also, George Bowie, 255 Netherton, Findochty and John Alex Geddes, 72 Main Street.

**Weemin sodjers** - A second picture on the same page showed members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps serving up food to some soldiers.

**Move up for Portgordon quine** - In the Local News one could read that Margaret Reid, MA, MD, 29 Gordon Street, Portgordon had been appointed House Surgeon at Bristol Hospital.

Jan 10 **Photos of local soldiers** - Page three of the local paper carried photographs of the following men – Sergeant Robert Dow, South African Scottish who was **killed in action**. He was the son of the late James Dow, Carpenter, Slackhead, Enzie. Pte. Albert Corbett, Great Western Road, who had recently been awarded the MM. He was formerly a baker with Fowlers's. Trooper Gavin Corbett, brother of the above, of the Lovat Scouts. Pre-war he was a butcher with Dickson's Pte. James Duncan, Canadians, only son of Mrs A. Duncan, 13A East Church Street.

**It's oor land** - - The crofters on Barra seize land on the estate of Gordon of Cluny.

Jan 17 **Died of wounds** - Pte William Lovie Guthrie, Muir of Clochan who had previously been reported as being badly wounded had now died in a hospital in Surrey. Pte Guthrie who had been serving with the Gordons, was 21 and before the war had served his time as a joiner with A. Hendry and Sons, Buckie. He was buried in the New Cemetery, Buckie.

**Killed in action** - Lance Corporal William Moore. Before the war he worked as a postman in Portgordon and Buckie. He was 30. A photograph of this soldier was given in the next week's paper.

**Advertisement** - A Boon to Buckie - From Monday 21st January, Mr R. Milne, Cliff Terrace, Dairy Products Merchant was to be delivering Warm Milk per cart daily also at house while addresses of shops to be opened were to be advertised later. Supplies of milk etc to come from the finest farms. Orders per post card for any form of dairy produce will be esteemed.

**Medal for Buckpool soldier** - - Sergeant Oglivie Simpson, Gordons, 4 Wilson's Land, Buckpool was awarded the D.C.M.

**Flett's of Findochty** - The photographs on page three of this edition was of the following - A Flett family, consisting of four sons and a son in law, previously of Findochty but whose parents had recently moved to Aberdeen. They were -

Seaman Arthur Flett, 28, RNR who was a steward in the M.N. pre-war; Sergeant William Flett, D.C.M. R.F.A. 25, who had done a number of years in the Territorial pre-war. He was a tailor in civilian life.

Seaman George Flett, RNR. He was a stoker at this time and had been a fisherman before the war as was the youngest son, David who was also a member of the R.N.R. He was serving as a cook. The son in law was Sergeant John Sutherland, Royal Scots.

**We're tae hae a flush lavvy-** In the minutes of the town council one can read that plans were passed for w/c's for James Jappy at 39 New Street and also for Alex Coull at 13 New Street.

Jan 24 **Lost at sea off the SS Ungeni-** Alex Bisset Smith, boson.

**Native of the Enzie** - The death took place of Bishop Smith, Bishop of Argyle and the Isles. He was born at the farm of Cuttlebrae in 1840. He was a member of a family who had provided many priests for the R. C. church.

Jan 31 **Killed in action** - Pte Alexander George Sutherland, Sniper Section, Gordon Highlanders, son of George Sutherland, 23 West Church Street. He was 31.

**Business – the Cluny Park** - The annual meeting of ratepayers to discuss the Cluny Park was to take place on Tuesday 5 February.

**A droll name** - Do you know where the Jellyfurry Cutting was? It was between the Cullen and Tochineal stations. A big landslide took place this week, which closed the line.

**A new 'Heidie'** - Miss Helen Hendry MA was appointed headmistress of Lady Cathcart School.

**Two of the photographs** on page three of this edition were of Whitehills men - Seaman William Lovie, who was **lost off** the HMD Protect of Cullen. the boat was mined and sunk in the English Channel. He was 24 and had previously been a fisherman.

Also **lost** off the Protect was Seaman James Watson, 31. Like Lovie they were both members of the RNR.

Also shown was a photograph of Lance Corporal George Geddes, Gordons, 18 Main Street, Buckpool. He was 21 and pre-war he worked as a baker with Charles Forbes.

**Decorated** - Lance Corporal C. Dyker, Gordons, who's home been at Minduff, Drybridge, was awarded the M.M.

**Tank Week Collection** - There was no special collection made in Buckie for this but in Portgordon the sum of £2,500 was collected, in Portknockie this was £1,500, in Fochabers, £1,448 while Keith surpassed all with the large sum of £13,538 being gathered.

**They paid the supreme sacrifice** -Page three this week carried photographs of men who had given of their lives

William Campbell, **lost off HMD Jean in the Adriatic**. He was the engineer. Aged 25 he came from 29 Main Street and was a fisherman before the war.

His younger brother, Peter, 18, a deckhand on board the Jean was **also killed**. He was also a former fisherman.

**Killed in action** - Pte Alex A. Flett, Royal Scots, 210 Netherton, Findochty. He was a student at Aberdeen University, pre-war. He was 20 and had been in France for 18 months.

**Factor dies** - The death took place of Ranald R. Macdonald, factor of the Cluny Estates.

Feb 14 **Lost at sea** - Peter C. Sinclair, Skipper, 15 North Blantryre Street, Findochty. His wife was Catherine Farquhar.

**Move for minister** - The Baptist Church minister, Rev. W. J. Batters received a 'call' from the church in Elgin and was to be moving soon.

**Would you credit that?**- The town council was to evict Mrs Swanson from her house on Blantryre Terrace, Ianstown, although her husband and three sons were all then engaged on government service. The house, it was said, was required for a key worker.

Feb 21 **Killed in action** – in the English Channel - John A. Cowie, 19 Yardie, mate on the HMD Jeannie Murray . His widow was Catherine Sinclair. He was 31. There was also a photograph of the above man.

**Forces need more women** - A meeting was to be held in the Fishermen's Hall to encourage women of Buckie and District to join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Thousands of women were needed for a variety of tasks. The principal speaker was to be Miss Beale, Administrator, WAAC. Other speakers - Rev D. Miller, Rev Canon McIntosh, Rev, D. Campbell and others. (It was interesting to note all the ministers and wonder what they all would have to say.)

**Wifies were posties noo** - Page three had a photograph of two local ladies who had recently become a postwoman. Bella Cuthbert whose father was a shoemaker and Maggie Smith of 219

Craigview, Portessie. Bessie Hepburn, daughter of John Hepburn, Elsley Place, had also become a 'postie' but had not yet received her uniform.

**Three killed in action** There was also photographs of three men who had recently been killed in action.

Pte James McKenzie, Canadians. He was 24 and had emigrated to Canada from Findochty.

John Mair, RNR, who was killed in action in the Mediterranean. he was the only son of Thomas Mair, 33 Portknockie. He was 23 and pre-war was engineer on a local drifter.

Pte Angus Brown or McKenzie, brother of the soldier named above. He was also serving with the Canadian Forces and recently had been severely wounded. Pre-war he had been involved in the lumber trade.

**Gordons in India** - Page three carried a photograph of a group of Gordon Highlanders taken in India. the reproduction is poor, however, and it is difficult to make out the one local man named, viz. - Pte. William G. Mair, Portknockie.

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**Announcement of death** - Killed in action in the English Channel, John G. Coull, and son of Mrs Coull, 12 Gordon Street, and Portgordon. He was a signaller on board the HMD Cloverbank. He was 19.

**Wanted** - Horseman to work burgh horse, apply burgh surveyor, Buckie. This advert continued for a number of weeks until the town council decided to ask if the army could release a suitable man for the post.

**Apprentice** - Like the above there appeared to be no takers for a job serving one's time in the Motor and Cycle trade. Miller's had had an advert in the B. A. for some time.

**Killed in action** - Lance Corporal John Smith, M.M. Gordons, the third son of Mrs and Mrs Smith, Arndilly, Cliff Terrace. Prior to the war he had worked with Messrs Tindall Scott, Ironmongers.

**War Memorials** - Both Portknockie and Findochty decided that they would erect their own war memorials rather than have a joint one with Buckie as had been proposed.

**Among the ideas that were being put forward, in Buckie, as a memorial to those that had fallen was a Cottage Hospital, costing £20,000; Swimming Baths at £2000 with an annual maintenance fee of around £180 or a purely ornamental structure costing between £2-£3000. The town council agreed to recommend to the townspeople at a public meeting that the memorial should take the form of an ornamental structure.**

**Force photographs** - The people whose photographs appeared on page three of this edition were - Pte James Boyle, Seaforths; Pte Sydney Boyle, Gordons. They were the sons of James R. Boyle, a former fishcurer in Buckie who had moved to Dundee.

Alex B. Smith, was bosun on the SS Uangani. He was 49. All of the above were natives of Portessie.

**Meat rationing was to be introduced.**

Mar 7

**'Tee-name Smith 'Laird'.**

**War Memorial meeting** - A public meeting was to take place to listen to the report back from the committee on what action ought to be taken concerning the 'Fallen Heroes Memorial'

**They were married** - Report on the wedding of Mr Alex Mclean, Cuttlebrae and Miss Louie McWilliam. Eskdale, Cathcart Street. May 4 1916.

**Tattie seed o mony kinds** - Seed tatties were being offered for sale with the following varieties - Earliest of All, Sharp's Express, Golden Wonder, Kepplestone Kidney, Challenger and Arran Chiefs.

**They died for the cause** - - The photographs on page three this week showed pictures of men who had 'Fallen in the Fight'.

Pte Alex George Sutherland, MA BA , Gordons, who had been **killed in action**. He was a son of George Sutherland, Boot Warehouse, 21 West Church Street. He was a graduate of both Aberdeen and Cambridge Universities.

Lance Corporal Robert Stewart, Gordons, 56 Main Street who had **died of wounds**. In civilian life he had been a mason with Dawson, Builder, Buckie.

Pte. George Peter Peace, M.M. who was **killed in action**. He was a native of Orkney but prior to the war had worked in Buckie as a joiner with Geddes and Sons, Portessie.

Alex Geddes 137 Main Street who was **lost off** the 'Willing Boys'.

Mar 14 **Notices -**

1) Butter and margarine rationing scheme 2) Meat rationing

This was to come into operation on Sunday April 7. J.L. McNaughton.

**Lost at sea** - A number of local; men were lost off the sailboat, 'Sweet Hope'. They were - James Cowie, of 47 New Street; George Coull, 32 New Street, both married, and Alex Jappy, 12 West Street.

**The trial trip** took place of the motor boat **Strathlene, BF954** and owned by William Geddes, Portgordon. She was fitted with a 75 Gardner engine.

**Fochabers were early on the go** - Before they had electric power in Fochabers they had gas. This was told when the former gas man, who had moved to Fochabers from Buckie, Mr John Mann died at the age of 80. He left a number of children.

**Front-page news** - The Banffshire Advertiser carried a big notice on the front-page advertising **Scottish Week** from April 8- 13. A special effort was called for to increase the sale of war bonds and war savings certificates. Each parish, village, town and city in Scotland was being asked to provide an instrument of war - machine gun, aeroplane, tank or battleship.

**Trees on Queen Street** - The town council had trees planted on the west side of Queen Street and on the banks of the Buckie Burn. The Parish Council had given these.

**We cwid be deecin' wi this bit o grun** -The town council agreed to put it to Mr Hosie, factor with Cluny Estates, that the ground to the west of Queen Street might be let to the town council at a reasonable rent on a yearly basis and to be used as a public park for the benefit of inhabitants. Mr Hosie, on being approached, agreed to put the idea to Lady Gordon Cathcart.

**The photographs on page three were of the following -**

Sub Lt. William McCurrach, RND, **died of wounds**. He was the only son of Mr and Mrs George McCurrach, Boness and grandson of Mrs McCurrach, Woodhead, Muir of Clochan. He left a widow with two children.

Pte. John Winchester Taylor, HLI, youngest son of Mr Alex Taylor, Shoemaker, 20 Bridgend. He died of wounds in France.

His brother William Taylor, RNR, was discharged through injuries sustained on board HMT King Herring. His wife was living on Duguid Street while he was now on government service in Norway.

**A poem is found on page 3** column 4 titled the 'Hielan Division' and written by a 'Buckie Loon' in France.

Mar 21 **For sale** - The fishing boat Lily, BCK 218, presently on Admiralty service was for sale. At present the boat's income was £732.

**Lost off the 'Sweet Hope'**- The following men were lost off the fishing boat - Sweet Hope -..

Alex Cowie, 45 Yardie. He was 62 and married.

George Coull, 6 James Street, married and aged 47.

George Coull, 6 James Street, an only son, aged 16.

Their photographs are shown on page three

**Major John Greenlaw** was home on furlough and occupied the pulpit of the Parish Church on Sunday.

The house at 121 Main Street, was sold to Mr Charles Mackay of Bowies Lane.

**Hall for the Salvation Army** - The property known as the old Good Templars Hall on Baron Street (near the Coastguard Station) was sold by William Hendry, Cabinetmaker, to the Salvation Army.

**Buckie Harbour in print** - An article that had been previously written in the Christmas Magazine of the B. A. on the Buckie Harbour extension had been copied into the Building Industries Magazine for March.

**Killed in action** - Pte John Gauld, MM 6th Gordons, youngest son of Mrs Gauld, Geddes Buildings, Newlands Lane was reported killed in action. he was 22 and formerly was a clerk with Herd and McKenzie, Shipyard, Findochty.

**The photographs on page three of this edition showed the following -**

Pte Peter Cowie, 6th Gordons, 50 Gordon Street. He was previously a fisherman. He had been wounded four times the last due to fragments from an aeroplane bomb.

Pte James Thain, Gordons, second son of Mr Thain, Inkerman, Drybridge. He was 33 and had recently been wounded. He was a farm servant at Cuttlebrae, Clochan before the war.

Pte. Peter Mitchell, Seaforths, son of Mr and Mrs Mitchell, Auchiefow, Clochan, He was a brother in law of Pte Thain. He had recently also been wounded and was meantime in hospital in England. His brother, Andrew was killed in action earlier in the war. Peter Mitchell was a farm servant in the Forres area before the war. He was 29.

**David Reaich RNR, died from the effects of injuries** received whilst on board a burning ship. He was 23 and married with a young child. He lived with his wife at Cathcart Street with his family home being Hysker Holme, Gordon Street.

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**Missing presumed killed in action** Pte Alfred Carrington Royal Scots, husband of Minnie Horne.

**The Richmond Arms Hotel**, Portgordon was for sale. The owner was Mrs Anderson.

**The first list of subscribers** for the Scottish Week were given on page one of the B.A.

**Wanted to purchase** a house in Easter Buckie, Gordonsburgh or Ianstown.

**George McKenzie, Butcher**, was giving notice that all intending customers would oblige if they would hand in their meat cards to any of his three shops.

**A poem is found on page 3** titled 'To The Conscientious Objector' written by Pte William Cumming, 3rd Bat. Black Watch, and 44 Land Street, Buckie.

**Scottish War Weapons Week** - The B.A. carried a big advert. The Buckie target was £20,000

**Poem 'The Gordons at Loos'**. Suggested by the description of Lieutenant Wood's great skill and gallantry in leading his men . Lt. Wood 8/10 Gordons was the fifth son of James Wood, Fishcurer, Mayfield, Cullen. By Max Philpot

**The photographs on page three of this edition were of** - Pte. James Duncan, Canadians who was **killed in action**. He was the only son of Mrs Brown 13 A East Church Street and was a baker with James Mitchell before being called up. He was 28.

Corporal William Cowie, Gordons, 87 Seatown had been reported missing since September, 1917. He was 23 and was previously a fisherman.

His father, Skipper James Cowie, of the same address, was stationed at Larne, Ireland with HMD Maryland.

**Banffshire's Third V. C.** Sergeant Colin Barron, Boyndie, Banff, serving with the Canadian forces was presented with the V. C. medal at Whitehills by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. On behalf of friends and the people of Boyndie, his native parish, Sergeant Barron was presented with a gold watch and a wallet of Treasury notes. Sergeant Barron had hopes of winning a prize of 11,000 dollars and a free house offered by the city of Toronto, his adopted home, to the first V. C. who came home alive.

**£3000 to erect a memorial** - The sum it was proposed to gather in Buckie to pay for the erection of a memorial to Fallen Heroes' was £3,000.

Apr 4 **Killed in France** - Corporal John Garden, 1/6 Gordons, 3rd son of Mr and Mrs James Garden, 26 St Peter's Terrace. Prior to the war he was a joiner with Murray, Buckie. He had been three years in France and had been wounded at Loos.

**The HMD Frigate Bird was sunk by collision in the Adriatic.** It was feared that all of the crew had been lost. with the exception of James Cowie, deckhand, son of Mr Cowie, 12 Titness Street and James Geddes, Chief Engineer of Aultmore.

The second engineer was Alex Cowie, 15 Gordon Street. A brother was drowned at Scapa Flow some time before. The rest of the crew on board HMD Frigate Bird were English.

**The Portknockie Town Council** was applying for a burgh surveyor, a burgh workman for full time work and a horse, cart and man to uplift the town's refuse. Apply to James Archibald, Town Clerk, Bank of Scotland, Buckie.

**The photographs on page three this week were of** - Lance Corporal James Bowie, Gordons, son of James Bowie, Painter, 5 Bridgend. He had recently been seriously wounded and discharged and was then working at Invergordon. he was 26 and prior to the war had been a sawyer with Jones Shipyard.

Pte William Newlands, Yorkshire Regiment, second son of Mrs and Mrs Newlands, Towie Croft, Cullen. He was a former chauffeur and recently had been wounded.

Pte. George Smith, Black Watch, 3rd son of Alex Smith, 191 Craigview, Portessie. He was 18 and formerly was a fisherman. A brother was killed the previous year.

Apr 11 **Killed by exploding mine** - Charles Gordon Burnett, RNR, 34 of 36 Gordon Street lost his life when the vessel he was serving on hit a mine in the English Channel.

**Killed in action** - David Alex Burnett, 1st Gordons, brother of the above and also of James Burnett, 36 Gordon Street was killed in action on the 26 March.

**Killed in action** - John Malcolm Geddes, R.E. the 4th son of William Geddes Seafield Joinery Works, Portessie.

**R. Lobban, auctioneer, Blairdaff Street** was advertising an important sale of the stock etc belonging to Mr James Gray, Cabinetmaker, Fochabers.

**Killed in action** - Lance Corporal John Smith M.M. Gordons, Arndilly, Cliff Terrace, Buckie was killed in action. He had previously been reported missing.

**Killed in action** -Pte. Thomas McPherson, B. Coy. 7th Platoon, 6th Gordons, was killed in action on 21 March. He had been three years in France and prior to the war had been serving his time as a miller at Earlsmill, Keith. His parents stayed at Leitcheston Cottages.

**The page three photographs showed** -

George Mair Scottish Rifles, whose local home had been at 46 Portknockie. He was 35 and had been a tailor in Glasgow where his wife lived.

James Mair, RNR, brother of the above, was a deckhand on board HMT St Elma. He was a fisherman prior to the war.

Pte. George Findlay, MGC, son of a merchant in Portknockie was 18 and prior to the war was a chemist with his brother in Portknockie.

Apr 18 **Killed in action** - Corporal John S. Gardiner. Gordon Highlanders, the only surviving son of Mr and Mrs William Gardiner, 42 Blantyre Street, Cullen.

**Killed in action** - Acting Major J. McD. Henderson, MC 4th Gordons, attached to A. S.H. He was a son in law of Captain John L. McNaughton.

**Killed in action** - Pte. George Stephen, Pulteney Street, Portknockie. He was 21.

**Displenish sales were to take place** at Blaemuir, (Mr Wilson) Hillocks and Stripeside, Rathven (Mr Kerr)

**Sale of nets and other fishing gear was to take place in the fishmarket.**

The previous week 500 nets had been sold plus a large gathering of spring ropes and buoys.

The newest nets went for £7 each, middle class nets, £6 to £6.10 with older nets making £3.

Spring ropes - 16 to 20/- with buoys 7/6 to 8/-. A Zulu boat's foresail realised £9.5 and a job £5.

**Killed in action** - Pte. A. Watt, Gordons, a former farm servant in the Enzie. His wife and three children are living in Keith.

**The page three photographs this week showed -**

Captain J. L. McNaughton, V.D. an old officer in the 6th Gordons and presently Captain of the local volunteers. He also acted as military representative, now National Service Representative for five tribunals in the coast district.

Lt. W.R.D. McNaughton, second son of Captain McNaughton and grandson of late Dr Duguid. Lt McNaughton originally joined the Gordons as a private. He was then in France.

Major J.M. Henderson, MC and Bar, a son in law of Copt McNaughton who was also serving in France. He too joined as a private.

Lt. John Hector, MC only son of Mrs Hector, 46 High Street and grandson of the late Dr Duguid. Like the other two above he was also formerly a private.

Pte. Bert McNaughton, Australians, a nephew of Captain McNaughton was killed in action in 1917.

**The total money collected** in Buckie, Portgordon and landward area during War Weapons Week amounted to £86, 281.

**Sums by village** - Portknockie - £40,000; Findochty - £31,002; Portgordon - £13, 825  
Cullen - £26,127.

Apr 25 **Killed in action** - Lance Corporal John Calder, Gordons, 4 St Peters Road. He was 30, unmarried and was a stevedore before the war. He was wounded five times.

**Killed in action** - Pte. William McKenzie, Seaforths, a son in law of Hugh Ross, 12 Marine Place. He was only 19 and had been married the short time of 7 months. He had only been in France for three weeks. In civilian life he was a crane driver.

**The page three photographs were of** - Sergeant Oglivie Simpson DCM of 4 Wilson's Land, Buckpool He was previously a plumber with John Barclay.

**Killed in action** - Corporal John Garden, Gordons, a son of James Garden, 26 St Peter's Terrace. He was 20 and previously a joiner with A. Murray.

**Died of wounds** - Sergeant John Robb, Seaforths, was a native of Thurso but had been a teacher at Buckie Higher Grade School pre-war. He was 27.

May 2 **Killed in action** - Two former Buckie Sea Scouts, Lt. Joseph McVeigh, Black Watch and Pte Ballantine, Gordons. They served in Buckie for about a year.

**There appeared to be a scarcity of men**, not surprisingly, since the advert for a horseman by the town council had appeared week after week without being filled. Other vacancies for younger people, however, were also difficult to fill, such as an apprentice for the Motor and Cycle trade wanted by Miller's. Both Green's and Mackay also wanted dressmakers. Valentine the baker was also looking for an apprentice baker but without success.

**The King at an investiture at Buckingham Palace decorated the sister in charge of Portessie Auxiliary Hospital, Miss Alice Isabel Hunter, a native of Ellon.** She had been at Portessie since the hospital opened in January 1915. She received one of only three Red Cross honours that came north of the Grampians.

**A number of soldiers were reported missing after the latest major battle**, those mentioned being - Sergeant Oglivie Simpson, Gordons, DCM. His wife was living in Keith.

Pte William Innes, Gordons, 6 Yardie. He was 31 and formerly a joiner.

Pte Campbell Mclean, Gordons, an old soldier who rejoined at the outset of the war. A married man whose wife lived on Main Street.

Pte. William Grant, Gordons, Rathven,

Pte Alex George Cowie, Gordons, Elibank, Cliff Terrace. He was 20 and prior to the war he was a clerk and salesman with his father's fishselling firm.

Pte. Ernest Stewart, Gordons, of 3 Newlands Lane. He was wounded and discharged before being called up again. He was 25 and was formerly a hairdresser with his brother William on High Street.

Pte John Stronach, Gordons, 51 Portessie who had served in France for three years.

**I am resigning** - William 'Beel Geddes, Shipbuilder, Portgordon, who had previously sat on the Military Tribunal tendered his resignation. He said that he felt that he could not continue after the new ruling that meant that every man under 51 years was now liable to be called up. He could not, he said, be a party to sending other men away when he was of the same age himself. He believed that he had been fair in his judgement and if he had any regrets it was that so many young men were sent away, many of whom would never return. However he had the satisfaction that he did not do to others what he did not do to his own.

May 9 **My hand cart is off the road** - James Valentine, Baker had a notice on the front page that stated that he would have to suspend the handcart after next week because of labour difficulties.

**I feel the line should be relaid**- At a meeting of Banff County Council the County Clerk said how he thought that the Buckie to Keith railway line should be relaid.

**A poem is found on page three** called – ‘The Battle of Shack Said 7 January 1916’ by Pte W. Cumming Black watch and 44 Land Street.

**Photographs this week on page four.**

Shown were - Pte. John Packman, Gordons, Kingscairn, Drybridge. He was 24 and formerly a farm servant. He had recently been wounded.

Pte James Scott, Seaforths, (brother of Mrs Packman) was reported missing. He was 43 and was formerly an asylum warder in Glasgow, where his wife stayed.

Pte T.D. Yule, Gordons, had been recently wounded. He was several years in Buckie as a Draper before leaving for Tobermorey where he carried on a bakery business.

**Killed in action** - Pte Robert Currie, A.S. H., Inverurie, a grandson of Mr R. Currie, Broadley.

**Killed in action** - Pte. Peter Bruce Flett, Gordons, New Street, Findochty

May 16 **Died of wounds** - Pte. A.D. Slessor, KOSB, husband of Christian Wallace, 98½ Main Street.

**Opening announcement** - Greenbank Dairy, Drybridge, was to supply a new supply of milk from their shop next to Wm. Wright's Central Stores on West Church Street. Two pence off per gallon than off the carts. Customers should register at the shop to ensure a regular supply.

**Tae mak a new café** - Antonio Iannetta, High Street bought numbers 2 and 3 Marine Place.

**The photographs on page four this week were of the following -**

W. G. Falconer, a native of Portknockie who was serving with the American Forces in the YMCA in France. He was a shoemaker in the States prior to the war.

Alex Cowie, RNR who was **lost off** the HMD Frigate Bird in the Adriatic. His home was at 20 Gordon Street.

Pte Edward Strachan, M.G.C.. He was a chemist pre-war and had been over 2 years in France. His father was serving with the RNR while his sister, Mabel, was serving as a nurse at Pilton Naval Hospital near Edinburgh where she had been since 1917

May 23 **Killed in action** - Lance Corporal William Beveridge 2nd 14 Battalion London Scottish, second son of Mr Beveridge, Plumber, Cullen.

**Far's a' the men geen?** Buckie Town Council still had not got a horse with a cart and man to lift the town rubbish, Millers were still looking for an apprentice to the Motor and Cycle trade.

**Decorated** - Corporal William Milne, Seaforths, son of Charles Milne, 5 Newlands Lane was awarded the DCM. He was 22 and a very keen footballer winning a BEF medal for recreational training.

**A gallant rescue** - Roddy Johnston, 14 year old son of Mr Roderick Johnston, Master Painter, Low Street rescued a sailor from drowning in Buckie Harbour after he had slipped between a boat and jetty when coming ashore. Roddy had been 10 minutes in the water before he was able to get the floundering sailor under control and others came to help. Described as being a very plucky rescue.

**Killed in action** - Pte James Logie, Seaforth, Cowfurrich, was reported as being missing. He was later declared to have been killed in action. In civilian life he was a tailor with Mr Paterson, Cowfurrich. His father had moved to Garden Lane, Buckie, before official word of his death was known.

**Killed in action** - Lance Corporal Andrew Geddes, Scottish Rifles, who had been reported missing was now known to have been killed in action. He was a son of Mrs Reidford, Burnside of Tynet.

**The photographs on page 4 were of the crew of the sailboat 'Sweet Hope' BF1498.**

George Coull, Skipper, 12 James Street; James Coull, Owner, 32 New Street; George Coull, 6 James Street brother of the owner; George Coull, Junior, 6 James Street. he was 16. John Coull 18 of 5 Seatown; Alex Cowie 'Gullie', 45 Yardie; James Cowie 'Spiri', 47 New Street and Alex Jappy 12 West Street.

**A second photograph showed James Coull, 131 Main Street**, mate of the drifter Rig lost off the sailboat Willing Boys. He was a brother of George Coull, Skipper of the 'Sweet Hope'.

May 30

**Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps** were requiring 5000 cooks and 2000 waitresses Every women joining the ranks would release a soldier for the Front.  
Forewoman cooks - £45 p.a. Forewoman waitresses - £40 p.a.  
Assistants £26. Board, lodgings and uniforms provided.

**Pit awa the bools it's dookin' time** - - It was reported that the bathing season had begun with a number of youngsters seen disporting themselves in the water

**The Salvation Army Hall on Baron Street** was to be opened on Friday at 3 p.m. A warm welcome was extended to all

**He'd hain a sair back** - A boy from the Seatown was sentenced to received the birch rod for breaking five panes of glass at the Highland Railway Station, costing 2/- each. He was to receive 6 strokes for stone throwing. Anton who was on the bench hoped that this would prove to be a deterrent.

May 30

**Local soldiers now prisoners** - The Germans as was mentioned in the B. A had taken a considerable number of local men prisoner.

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**Yer local paper is tae cost mair** - Important notice from the proprietors of the Banffshire Advertiser.

Owing to the greatly increased cost of paper and other materials necessary to the production of the Banffshire Advertiser we are reluctantly compelled to increase the price of the Advertiser from 1d to 1½d from 6th June.

**Village suffers a big blow** - - The greatest calamity that has fallen to Findochty through the war was the loss of the HMD Deliverer off the coast of Ireland on November 2 1917 with the loss of all hands, six of whom came from the village (Page 4)

Skipper William Sutherland, 30, RNR, of 2 Blantyre Street, known as 'Clyde'. He was a promising footballer. He left a wife and two children.

Engineer John Legge, son of David Legge, 12 Netherton. he was 27.

Second engineer, Alex Campbell, 21, of 7 Blantyre Terrace. His brother was at then interned in Holland while a brother in law, one of the crew of the Quarry Knowe was a prisoner in Austria.

Deckhand, Alex Thain, 49, left a wife and 7 of a family.

Deckhand Samuel Anderson, 9 Sterlochey Street, was 25 and had been serving for three years.

Signalman George Flett, second son of William Flett, Postman, 32 Main Street. He was 19.

A second photograph on page four showed members of the crew of the Deliverer.

June 6

**The B.A. now cost three halfpence. It had cost 1d since 1881.**

**Ca canny wi the water !** With summer now here the scarcity of water in Buckie was again a problem. A notice said do not waste water - prevent waste entirely.

**The photographs on page four this week showed the following -**

Lance Corporal John Calder, Gordons, who was **killed in action**. He was the third son of Mrs Calder, 4 St Peter's Road, Buckpool.

Lance Corporal William Garden, M.G.C. who **died of wounds** in France. His home was at 42 Blantyre Street, Cullen. He was 20 and formerly worked in the Union Bank.

Corporal John Slater Gardiner, Gordons, only brother of the above who was **killed in action**. He was 19 and was serving his time as a shipwright before the war.

**A second photograph on page four showed a Buckie girl**, Miss Nellie Murray, 19 Yardie, Buckie, who was then serving with the 'WAACS' now known as Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps. She was attached to the R.F.C. In the photograph with her was a Welsh friend.

June 13 **A notice in the B.A. under the heading Food Control** spoke of people in the Cullen, Rathven and District areas having to uplift their new ration books.

**Grand Sports** - These were to take place on Saturday 29 June in a field adjoining Portessie Railway Station. Admission to the field was to be 1/- with juveniles 3d. the 2.50pm train from Buckie was to stop at Portessie on the day.

There was to be all manner of events, heavy and light also a football match between Soldiers and civilians, also five-a-side 'open' and also for schools.

Entry monies - football 5/- tug-of-war - 8/- per team. Juvenile events 3d per entry.

Dancing board, Modder River. Side shows. Refreshment tents and amusement of all kinds for young and old.

**For sale** - 48 shares in the steam drifter, **Prime, BCK 185**.

**Wanted** - superintendent for the Buckie Slaughterhouse (practical butcher preferred), wages 36/8 per week .

**Died of wounds** - Pte James Henderson, Scots Guards, 4th son of Mr and Mrs John Henderson, Hillhead.

**Killed in action** - Pioneer John Malcolm Geddes, R.E. 4th son of William Geddes, Seafield Joinery Works, Portessie. He was 32 years of age and left a wife and two children.

**Killed in action** - Pte William McKenzie, Seaforths, son in law of Hugh Ross, 12 Marine Place. He was only 19 and had been married for a short 7 months

**Killed in action**- Driver Harry Rumbles, R.H.A., son of Harry Rumbles, 32 Deskford Street, Cullen. Before the war he had worked as a butcher.

**On page four there was a photograph of the crew of HMD Conie** on which the following local men were serving - - G. Herd, Findochty; G.A. Herd, Buckpool; A. Herd, Findochty, G. Legge, Findochty, Skipper, G. Cowie, Buckie.

June 20 **Strong winds that had created a sandstorm** affected Buckie and district this week, both having an adverse effect on local crops.

**Improvements were taking place on the pavements at Cluny Square.** The corners were being rounded off to make it easier for traffic to turn .

**Ye canna whack em** -Mr Smith, Badrockleys, handed in to the B.A. office, a 'bilin' of early tatties.

**A nice story** - It had become quite common for boats while on patrol in the North Sea to hail a passing fishing boat in order to get a 'fry' but far less common for an aircraft to do the same. Last week, however, an airship hovered over a local fishing boat with a bag being dropped for some fish before this was pulled up and the 'plane went on its way.

**The photographs on page four of this edition were of the following sons of Mr Smith, Gardener, Fochabers and late of Cairnfield**

Pte Robert Smith, eldest, 2nd Gordon, who was then serving in Italy.

Second son, Pte. Alex Smith, also of the 2nd Gordons was also serving in the same area.

Lance Corporal, John Gordon Smith, third son, was **killed at Arras in 1917** while serving with the M.G.S.

The fourth son, Pte George Smith, 2 Camerons, was serving at Salonica.

Pte. James Grant, 1/2 brother was in France with the M.G.S.

**On this page there was a photograph of the Portessie sister in charge of the hospital there.** Miss Alice Isabel Hunter and also another of Miss Mabel Strachan, who was then a nurse at the Pilton Naval Hospital, Edinburgh. She was formerly a milliner.

June 27

**To set up a new Moss Group** - - A meeting took place in the in the Fishermen's Hall to inaugurate a Buckie Moss Cleaning Party. A committee was formed with it being arranged that meetings would take place every Tuesday and Thursday with a cordial invitation extended to all who would care to assist.

**Notice** - Would relatives of Prisoners of War belonging to Buckie and District kindly send their names and addresses to Miss M. A. Reid, West Bank, Portgordon.

**For sale** - Two weaned calves, apply Maver, Moss-side Letterfourie.

**Forty-five bags of cleaned sphagnum moss** was dispatched to Edinburgh War Dressings Supply from Buckie GNSR by special van. Mrs Wilson, Inchgower, sent these.

Received at Inchgower were bags of moss from all different organisations and by individuals.

Mentioned were- Shielburn School, Inchgower Junior War Work, Boy Scouts, Enzie Moss party, Portessie Moss Party, Girls guides, League of Honour, Rathven Moss Party, Red Cross

A Buckie Moss Party was formed and registered under the Red Cross.

**The photographs on page 4 were of the following** -

Joseph Reaich, RNR of 4 West Street. He was the skipper of the minesweeper, Cairo. Pre-war he was a fisherman.

Pte Robert S. Sinclair, 6th Gordon, son of Mrs Joseph Reaich, 4 West Street. He was 22 and had been a cook before the war. He had then served for two years .

Gunner William Chisholm, R.F.A. second son of James Chisholm, Colonsay Place. He was a prisoner in Germany and prior to the war had been a tailor with Alex Hay.

**A poor reproduction of a group photograph showing P.O.W's in Germany.** Two local men were named in the group. Pte. James Leith a regular soldier in the 1st Gordons. A son of Mrs Bennett, Cross Lane and Pte. A. Reid, 1<sup>st</sup> Gordons, whose wife lived at 6 Land Street. He went through the Boer War and being a reservist was called up in 1914.

July 4

**Picnic time** - It was that time when the Sunday School bairns were once again on their annual picnics. Those of the Parish Church went to Letterfourie, the older ones walking there with the smaller ones getting a carry by lorry.

**A poem is found on page three** titled 'Mesopotamia'. Pte. William Watson whose home was at Newlands Lane sent the poem home..

**On the same page is found a second poem** titled - 'Cullen Links - A Lament' written by H.G.D.

**Died of wounds** - It had been reported that Pte. George Gifford, Portgordon, had died of wounds.

**The photographs on page four were of the four sons of Charles Garden, Insurance Agent.**

Pte. Charles Garden, ASC, eldest son who went to Canada ten years before and was now serving with the Canadian Forces. He was a teller in a bank.

Sapper William Garden, R.E. second son. He was 24 and had moved to Canada 8 years before with the family. He was a teller in the Imperial Bank. he had been six months in France and had made a couple of visits to Buckie. He was a skilled conjurer.

Pte. Robertson Garden, 3rd son was 21. He was then serving with the Canadian Highlanders. He was a clerk in the Bank of Commerce in Toronto. He had been two years in France where he had been gassed and wounded twice.

Pte Joseph Garden, ASC, youngest son, came to Buckie when his father returned two years before and worked for a spell in the Banffshire Advertiser. He returned to Canada where he was called up and was then undergoing training.

July 11

**Killed in action** - Pte. Frank Forbes, MG.C. was reported killed in action in Italy. He was 24 and a son of William Forbes, 4 Cross Lane

**Killed in action** - Pte. George Gifford, 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlanders.. He was 20 years of age and youngest son of James and Jane.

**A Variety Concert was billed to take place in the Good Templars' Hall.** Those appearing were the V.A.D. Concordat Party from the Portessie Hospital. People should enjoy the return visit of Pte. Jones the famous ventriloquist and female impersonator. ably supported by other artistes. Admission by silver collection.

**Notice - Waste of Water** - The Public are requested to be Careful In The Use of Water at this season and to Prevent Waste Entirely. by order of Wm. Hendry Burgh Surveyor.

**Moss Gathering** -Owing to the present urgent need for sphagnum moss dressings, a camping party was organised last weekend by representatives of Inchgower and Rathven War Workers and Buckie Girl Guides for the purpose of gathering moss. The site chosen was on Kingscairn moor where there is excellent moss and owing to distance from roads has been practically inaccessible to moss gatherers. All together 87 sacks of sphagnum moss were obtained and through the kindness of the neighbouring crofters have already been conveyed to Inchgower. The moss gatherers wish to express great appreciation of the kindness they received from the hill-folk which makes their camping party a most pleasant memory.

**To lay a pavement** - The town council had debated and were recommending that a foot-path be constructed on the south side of the road between Ianstown and Portessie. (It didn't come to pass though.)

**No ye canna hae a dancin' board there** - It was learnt that Peter Cormack, former Master House Painter, and noted dancer had been serving in the forces but had been discharged through becoming unfit and was now unable to return to his trade. Mr Cormack of 2a Land Street had approached the Town Council for a licence to set up an dancing platform on Wilson's land for open air dancing. The magistrates although sympathising with Mr Cormack unanimously turned his request down saying how they could not grant the licence he sought. They suggested that he should approach the Pension Board since if he was unable to return to his old job through injuries sustained they should provide him with some form of alternative training.

**Can we hae more please ?** The burgh workmen had put in for a rise in wages to meet the increase in price of all manner of goods. The town council agreed that roadmen would get 42/- per week, scavengers 40/- with horsemen also getting a proportional rise. This was for a 58 hour week.

**An increase in the rate** - It was also agreed to increase the hourly rate of men working at the harbour. The hourly rate would rise 7d per hour to 9d per hour but the 5/- war bonus would be taken away.

**Killed in action** - It had now been confirmed that Pte. Frank Forbes, M.G.C., who had been previously reported missing had been **killed in action**. He was 24 and the youngest son of Mr William Forbes, burgh foreman of 4 Cross Lane. Before the war he was an apprentice joiner with A. Hendry and Son, Land Street and enlisted in September 1914.

**The photographs on page four of this edition were of three Falconer brothers from Portknockie.**

Sergeant Joseph Falconer, DCM, Canadians, who had held an important business appointment in B. C. before the war.

Skipper John Falconer, RNR was on board the HMD Consort.

William Falconer was a medical student at Aberdeen University prior to the war but served some time in the army before being released to continue his studies. Their late father had been a fisherman.

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**Notice** - Customers will please note that Orders received from today's date cannot be executed before September. J. Bone, Tailor and Clothier, Enzie, Portgordon.

**Naebidy wis wintin the job** - It was noticed that Portknockie still hadn't been able to appoint a burgh surveyor, who had to be ready to start immediately.

**Grocer sells his last pun o tae** - The death took place of Alex Imlah, Grocer, High Street. he was a native of New Deer but came to Buckie 36 years before from Inverness. He had a family of two

sons and two daughters. The sons, both serving with the Gordons, were Lt. Walter Imlah and Corporal Alex Imlah. One daughter was a nurse while the other looked after her father.

**The photographs on page four this week were of -**

Corporal William Milne, DCM, Seaforths, the youngest son of Mr Charles Milne, 5 Newlands Lane. he was 22 and was formerly a tailor in Lossiemouth.

Stoker Joseph Young who was on board HMS Queen Mary and **lost at the battle of Jutland** 31 May 1916. he was a son of Mrs Macdonald 16 Main Street, Findochty. He was 29 and before the war worked as a cooper with Flett, Fishcurer.

Gunner John Macdonald was a step brother of Joseph Young whose home also was at 16 Main Street. He was 21, a former joiner with Herd and Mckenzie, Boatbuilders, Findochty and presently serving in the R.G.A.

**Died at the Plymouth Hospital following an accident at sea.-** John Coull RNR ( He was the oldest son of William Coull, 28 Main Street.

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**Died of effects of gas and wounds** - Corporal Robert Henderson R.G.A. second son of Mr John Henderson Hillhead, died at his home from the effects of gas and wounds. He was 27 and before the war was a policeman in Glasgow.

**Adverts** - Peter Cormack' will have a dancing platform at Peter Fair, opening at 7pm on Thursday and all day on Friday.

**The Good Templars** will have a refreshment tent at Peter Fair.

**Notice** - The butchers in Buckie were to be closed from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August. (No reason was given.)

**The new minister of Buckie Baptist Church** was to be Rev Matthew Cook, Keiss. He was to be inducted on Sunday 18 August.

**Large quantities of fish continued to be dispatched from Buckie.** On the Saturday afternoon 13 trucks of fresh fish left Buckie for the English markets. All together 20 trucks were sent away. On Monday seven full trucks of kippers, consisting of 3000 boxes were sent.

**New teachers** – Miss Violet C.Davie M.A. Banff was to become P.T. Classics at Buckie Higher Grade School at a salary of £170.

**Killed in action** - Corporal William Cowie , 4 Gordons, only son of James Cowie, 87 Seatown who had previously been reported missing was now presumed to have been **killed in action**. He was 23 and was formerly a fisherman on the local boat, 'Pride'.

**Lost at sea** - James George Sinclair, Signaller on HMD Orion was **lost overboard** in the English Channel when the mast struck him. His home was at South Pringle Street and he had been in the RNR for three years. His father was also in the RNR for three years but was discharged on account of ill health Mr and Mrs Sinclair had lost two son in laws with the war.

**On active service** - Lt. Stuart Henderson, son of Mr John Henderson, Hillhead, was serving in Italy.

**The photographs on page four were of the sons and son in laws of Mr William Reaich, Hysker Holme, Gordon Street.**

The oldest, George was skipper, pre-war, of the drifter Emily Reaich, was a skipper of an HMD. He stayed at 7 East Carlton Terrace

Skipper Joe Humphrey, son in law, was also a skipper of a trawler in the RNR. His wife stayed at 48 West Church Street.

Engineer David Reaich, the youngest son, served for two years in the RNR as an engineer on the HMD Emily Reaich. He was discharged through illness and died in March 1918. He left a widow and one child.

Skipper James Reaich, third son, was skipper of HMD, Emily Reaich was discharged through ill health and was now back at the fishing. His home was also at 7 Carlton Terrace.

Skipper Adam Reaich , second son, was in the RNR for two years but owing to illness was discharged and died in 1917. His home was at 3 West Carlton Terrace where he left a widow and three children.

Aug 1 **Died suddenly in hospital** - Pte. Alex Kessack, Gordons. He was 26 with his home address being 5 Carlton Terrace.

**Still more women wanted** - A well publicised meeting was to take place to try to drum up recruitment for Queen Mary's Auxiliary Corps.

**Some things are as normal** - The local drapers were advertising their summer sales as per usual – James Mackay, John Green, Shearer's, Robertson, Cullen, Munro's and Charles Bonnyman, Portgordon.

**Peter Fair** – The weather was fine. A large crowd of people was present, as usual from town and country arriving at the fair by cycle, horse drawn vehicles and **even** by motors, although those using the latter being ostensibly on business bent.

All over the market was on a smaller scale this year. There were fewer refreshment tents and stalls while the liquor tents were conspicuous by their absence.

What horses were forward were of a superior class, changing hands for between **£150 and £200**. This surely was the highest figure ever reached at Peter Fair and was an indication of the scarcity of horses.

Men for the harvest and this must have been for those able to build - were being offered £12-£15. The high figure again being a factor of the scarcity of good men.

Good business was done at the various tents and stalls, although there was an almost complete absence of the traditional sweet stall.

Among the amusements was Pinders-Ord circus, which was well patronised. So too was Mr Cormack's dancing board, which proved a great attraction to the young men and maidens.

**I wish I'd been there** - Before the school closed for the summer holidays the bairns at Arradoul School were given chocolate and shared 10/-; this being a present from Mr Mackay, Fishmerchant, Glasgow.

**Twenty wagon loads of fresh fish left Buckie railway station on Saturday** with a further 13 truck, containing 4000 boxes of kippers left on Monday.

**The photographs on page 4 this week showed the following –**

Pte. George Gifford, Gordons, who was **killed in action** in France in June. He was 21 and before joining the army had worked with Mr Reid, Merchant, Portgordon. His home was at 22 Stewart Street.

Skipper Alex Slater, HMD Sunshine. He was 29 and hailed from Portknockie. During his service he had been received **two French decorations, one being the Croix de Guerre**.

Lt. D. A. Davidson, RND, whose home was at the Marine Hotel, Buckie. He too had been awarded the **Croix de Guerre at Gallipoli** and had recently been **badly wounded before being taken prisoner**.

**A poem is found on page 4.** This is titled "Oh Paradise" It was written by Pte William Watson, Newlands Lane who found that Mesopotamia wasn't the 'Garden of Eden' that he had been brought up to believe.

Aug 8 **Another use for the playing field** - The tatties that had been grown on the playing field of Portgordon School were for sale. The area consisted of 30 drills of 100 yards long. Intending purchasers were asked to contact William Geddes, P.O. convenor or J. Dawson, Clerk to the School Board.

**Another big sale of fishing gear** was to take place in the Fishmarket, Buckie. This comprised – 150 fishing nets; 11 coils of Spring ropes; buoys and stoppers.

Also for sale was a foresail suitable for a large sized sail boat.

**Farmer and innovator dies** - The death took place of Mr Alex Reid, formerly of Bogend Farm, Rathven. He was the first farmer to start a dairy in the Buckie district taking his milk to the town where it was sold either off the cart or through shops. He was also a keen beekeeper having at

one time 100 hives at Bogend many of which he had built to his own design. He later left the area for Muir of Ord where he concentrated more on sheep before retiring to Edinburgh.

**Jones launches their first drifter** - The first drifter launched from Messrs Jones, Buckie, Slip and Shipyard at Ianstown was launched on Wednesday August 7 1918 and named *Imbat*.

**Local soldier drowned** - Confirmation had been received that Pte Charles Clark, Royal Scots, who had previously been reported missing was now believed to have been drowned at this time. He was 50 years of age and had previously been a regular soldier, rejoining shortly after the outbreak of the Great War. He was a joiner in civilian life. He was a son of the late Mrs Clark, 57 Ianstown.

**It didna pey tae tell a lee-** A man was fined £20 for saying that his age was 41 instead of 36 on an appeal form.

**The photographs on page four were of –**

Signaller James George Sinclair, RNR, 19, South Pringle Street who had been **lost at sea** when he was forced over the side. he had been three years in the RNR.

His father, James Sinclair, also of the RNR, served with his son for three years on board the HMD Orion before being discharged as unfit and was now at the fishing.

Pte Ernest Stewart, Gordons, of 3 Newland Lane. He had been **missing** since March. He was 25 and prior to the war was a hairdresser with his brother, William, on High Street.

Aug 15

**Killed in action** - Pte James Smith Forbes, Black Watch, aged 19, son of John Forbes, cooper, 79 Findochty.

**Died of wounds** - Sergeant John Johnston, Seatown Lodge, Cullen

**Killed in action** - Pte. George Reaich 1/7 Black Watch, Station House, Kyle of Lochalsh. He was the only son of Mr Reaich, late stationmaster at Buckie.

**Wanted** – Horseman to work the burgh horse. The Town Council had taken a long time to fill this vacancy. Also wanted was a vanman by Reid Brothers, for the town round, He had to be under or over military age.

**A fete was to take place at Strathlene** by kind permission of Miss Kynoch. The purpose was to raise funds to provide parcels and comforts for POW's. this was to take place on Wednesday 28 August. A wide range of events were to take place. The pipe band of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordons was to be present while there was also to be a concert.

**The photographs on page four were of three Geddes brothers –**

Lt. Peter Geddes, Gordons, eldest son of Mr Geddes, Tailor, Bridge Place. Prior to the war he was employed in London with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

Gunner James D. Geddes, second son, was serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tank Corps. He had recently been awarded the MSM.

Corporal G.Geddes, third son, was serving with the HLI. Before the war he had been employed by the Commercial Bank in Buckie.

**Drowned at sea** - A separate photograph showed Captain Alex Jon Nichol, son of Captain Nichol, 32 Gordon Street, Portgordon who had been drowned at sea off Australia. His widow and two children lived in Melbourne.

Aug 22

**Killed in action** - Lance Corporal William George Brown, 16 Battalion Canadian Scottish, late of North Lodge, Letterfourie. Before emigrating he had been a carter with Cowie, Buckie. He was 24.

**Killed in action** – Pte. Charles Fraser, Canadians, the stepson of Alex Gray, Blacksmith, Rathven. He was 31.

**A sale of growing crops was to take place at the Chapel Croft, Newlands, Tynet.** For sale were 10 acres of oats and 2 acres of barley.

**Portknockie was still advertising for a Burgh Surveyor.**

**The RAF** - In the local news one read that Air Mechanic James F. Harthill, son of Mr Harthill, Baker, Findochty was on furlough. It said how Air Mechanic Harthill was serving with the **RAF**

**(Royal Air Force)** in France, attached to a balloon company. **This was the first time that the Royal Air force had ever been mentioned.**

**A new minister** - Rev Matthew Cook, late of Keiss, Caithness, was inducted into the Baptist Church, Buckie, on Sunday.

**A new councillor** - George Smith Junior, Shipbuilder became a town councillor

Aug 29

**Killed in action** – Sergeant George Taylor, 8 Battalion Canadians, was reported to have been killed in action. His home in Buckie was at 42 West Church Street.

**School reopen and the ‘Heidie’ gets his ‘Papers’** The schools reopened on Monday after the summer recess. The headmaster of Buckie Higher Grade School, Mr Charles W. Thomson, unexpectedly received his calling up papers and told to report on Wednesday first. It would seem as if this order was countermanded and he was writing quite often in the local paper after this time

The Buckie school was the largest between Aberdeen and Inverness with a school roll of 1100.

**The photographs on page four were of the following –**

**Killed in action** - Lance Corporal William Beveridge, London Scottish, who was killed in action. He was the younger son of Mr Beveridge, Plumber, Cullen and before the war had been a baker.

Pte. James Hadden, Seaforths, DCM, of South Castle Street, Cullen. He had been wounded three times.

Pte Alex Watson, A, and SH, youngest son of Mr James Watson, Newlands Lane. He was 19 and before joining the army was a woodcutter with Jones, Sawmillers, Larbert and Buckie. He had three brothers serving in the army and a sister involved with munitions.

**A second photograph** showed the concert party from the VAD hospital at Portessie.

Sept 5

**A major flag day** to raise funds for the YMCA was to take place on Saturday September 14.

**Died of wounds** – Lt. Charles Irvine Thomson died in the Haslar Naval Hospital Portsmouth. He was 18 and a son of George Thomson, 2 Carlton Terrace (East).

**Thirty drills of tatties were offered for sale at Darbuckie.**

**They made their escape** - After being prisoners of war for four years two Buckie soldiers managed to escape and find their way home. They were Pte. Alex Reid, 1<sup>st</sup> Gordons whose wife and family lived at 6 Land Street, and Pte. James Leith, also 1<sup>st</sup> Gordons, of Cross Lane. They were captured in September 1914.

Pte Reid was an old soldier having fought in the south African War.

**The photographs on page four this week were of the following –**

**Killed in Action** - Pte. James S. Forbes, Black Watch. He was a nephew of Mrs R. Mitchell 14 Duke Street, Findochty but had gone south to live with an uncle in Wales where before the war he had been working as a forester.

**Killed in action** - Pte. George Stephen. Lewis Gun Section, Seaforth, Portknockie. Pre-war he had been employed at Invergordon in the Transport Office.

**Badly wounded** - Pte. William Stephen, his brother, who was serving with the Black Watch. He was 18 and before joining the army he had been working as a farm servant at Cruats Farm.

**Another photograph** showed Corporal Edward Iannetta, RE, son of Mr Iannetta, High Street who was home on furlough from Italy.

Sept 12

**Killed in action** – Mr Andrew Thomson, Roadside, Enzie, received word that his only son, Pte. Andrew Thomson, KOSB had been killed in action. He was 26.

**An advert said** – Get your seed tatties from the Hospital Gardens at Baremuir, all 1d per lb.  
**Earlies** – Duke of Yorks and Midlothian **Earlies**, **second Earlies** – British Queen, Windsor Castle, Jeanine Deans and Edzell Blues

**Independent Labour Party** - A meeting was to take place in the Masonic Institute with the purpose of forming a branch of the Independent Labour Party in Buckie. There was only a small attendance. (Perhaps this was said intentionally.)

Councillor James Murray presided.

The following were appointed officials – President, Councillor Murray; Vice president, James Randall, Tailor; Secretary, Wm. Douglas, Engineer; Treasurer, James Geddes, Cabinetmaker. The committee included the following – Messrs Thomas Paterson, James Munro, Wm. Chalmers, with power to add to their numbers.

It was said that the Scottish membership had only been 3000 18 months before but now had risen to between 12 and 14,000

**The Public Park had been cultivated and was under oats.** The town council decided to purchase this after being valued by Mr John Winchester, Loanhead and Mr George Garden, Cleanhill.

**The photographs on page four were of the following –**

Sergeant George Wilson Taylor, Canadians, who was **killed in action in August**. He was a brother in law of William Coull, Marine Place. And before emigrating to Canada had resided at 42 West Church Street. He was 30 and left a widow and two children in Winnipeg.

Sergeant Adam Findlay, Gordons, MM, DCM, 5 Campbell Street, Cullen, who prior to the war had been a chemist with Mr Robertson in Buckie.

Pte. Alexander G. Cowie, Gordons, Elibank, Buckie who was a POW in Germany. Before being in the army he worked with his father, Mr Cowie, Fish Salesman.

Sept 19

**Some soldiers were released for a month to help with the harvest.** Should farmers require them for a further week this could be done if they applied to the authorities at Cameron Barracks in Inverness.

**Dressmakers were in great demand.** John Green, High Street, Buckie was looking for people able to produce skirts and coats. In addition learners and improvers were also required. Charles Bonnyman, Portgordon was also looking for dressmakers.

**Portessie Auxiliary Hospital was still receiving gifts** of all kinds and from all kind of quarters, such as venison from the Princess Royal.

**People shown by the photographs on page four were –**

Pte. John Kemp, 6<sup>th</sup> Gordons, who was **killed in action**. H was a nephew of Mrs Duncan Mclean, Newlands Lane. He was 30 years of age and had been a painter in civilian life.

Engineer Alexander Henderson, Strathlene Road, Findochty was engineer on board the ill-fated Astrum Spei of Macduff, which was sunk in the Adriatic in 1916. He had been a prisoner of war in Austria for over two years. He had to give up smoking, his only luxury, since he couldn't get any tobacco.

Pte William Gunn, Gordons, son of Alex Gunn, cooper, 35 Gordon Street, Buckie, had recently been awarded the MM. Before the war he had been a cooper with Wm. Gerry.

Sept 26

**A Great Recruitment Rally** was to take place in Buckie to encourage women to join up.

The wording on the notice read – 12,000 women wanted for war service now Your boy and your girl pal are in it Why aren't you? Don't fail them You can join –

- 1 QMAAC - Queen Mary's Auxiliary Army corps as cooks, clerks. Waitresses Pals Battalion (for the American Army) for friends wanting to serve together as clerks
- 2 WRAF - Women's Royal Air Force as cooks, clerks waitresses, technical workers – raining as need arises
- 3 WRNS – Women's Royal Naval Service as cooks, clerks, waitresses, technical workers
- 4 SWLA - Scottish Women's Land Army as Milkers, Forestry Workers etc.

Smart uniforms – good pay – Ample rations Apply to your nearest Employment Exchange.

Page three had a picture of the 'Gay Gordon' Concert Party

Oct 3

**To close 'early'** -James Mackay, Draper, had a notice as he said an important one, concerning changes in times of opening. This was being forced as a measure to conserve fuel. He was to close each evening, apart from Wednesday and Saturday, at **6.15pm instead of 7pm**. Also in the

middle of the day he was to close between 12.15 and 1.15pm. The closing time on Saturday would be **8.15 instead of 9pm.**

**Killed in action** - On 4<sup>th</sup> September, somewhere in France, Corporal William Christie, 59 Canadians, only son of Pte. Edward Christie, 57 Canadians and Mrs Christie, New Westminster, British Columbia lost his life. He was originally from Findochty.

**Killed in action** - Pte William Leslie, M.G. C. brother of Jessie Leslie, Westerton, Bauds, Findochty. He was 19.

**Are ye for the dancin'** -Peter Cormack was giving notice that he was to re-open a dancing class in the Good Templar's Hall, on Saturday first. Regulation hours to be observed - Saturday from 7 until 9 with Wednesdays from 7 until 10. Admission – Gents 1/3 with ladies 6d.

**Arradoul Women's Rural Institutes** A meeting is to take place in the Arradoul School on Thursday 10 October. A demonstration of wartime cooking to be given, also gramophone selections played with an address on "War in Women's Institutes". To all intents this was the first meeting leading on to the formation of a 'Rural' at Arradoul.

**The price of milk was to be increased to 2/6 per gallon**

**The collection taken in Buckie during the visit of the tank to Buckie reached in the vicinity of £15.000.**

**The Strathlene Fete held to raise funds for POW's raised the sum of £739.9.9**

**The collection for YMCA Huts raised £85.0.1**

**Maybe he should have changed his name to Smith** - Pte. Peter Watson, Gordons, MM, of Newlands Lane had now been wounded four times.

**The photographs on page four were of the following –**

Corporal Robert Pirie, RE, MM, second son of Mr Pirie, Cluny Cottages. He was a regular soldier and had been in action from the start and had been fortunate in as much as he had only had the one wound.

Pte Lawrence Milton, 1<sup>st</sup> Camerons, a half-brother of the above was **killed in action.** He was a baker in civilian life.

RSM Robert Clark, Field Ambulance Egyptian Expeditionary Force, son of Mr Clark, Painter, Portknockie. He joined the Scottish Horse in 1914.

**A poem is found on page four called – 'Yer Penny's Aye Yer Freen', this was the first poem to be written by 'Rob Roy', who was then living at Gollachy. He went on to write a great many poems, over a hundred, later when living in Buckie and elsewhere.**

Oct 10 **Killed in action in France** - Corporal William Campbell, husband of Jessie Murray, 13 Seatown.

**Killed in action** - Pte. John Milton, 6<sup>th</sup> Gordons, grandson of Mrs Milton, 25 Main Street.

**Two steam drifters were for sale** – Helen Ann and Valkyr, BF233.

**Business announcement** - A. Williamson, 35-36 Bridgend was announcing that he was to commence in business as a carting contractor. Ploughing would also be done at moderate rates.

**Wanted** - A respectable party was wanted to adopt a male child of 1 year and 9 months. No after claim.

**Rebirth of Buckie Horticultural Society-** It was agreed to resuscitate the Horticultural Society which had been in abeyance for some time.

Patrons – Lady Cathcart, Miss Kynoch, R.Y. Mackay, Esq. Dumfries. Tom B. Jones, Larbert, Walter Wilson, Inchgower, D. J. Cunningham, Fochabers, D. T. Samson, Cullen, Dr Campbell, Edinburgh, C.C. Barrie, Dundee.

Hon, President, John Green, President, W. F. Johnston, Vice President, J. S. Simpson, Secretary/Treasurer, W. F. Samuel. Committee – Wm. Johnston, Roderick Johnston, J. C. Johnston, (Clochan), G .P. Gibson, Wm. Clark, J.D. Knowles, T. M. Jack, D. McGregor, M.

Bunyan, R. Grant, W. Smith, A. Dallas, E. Hillocks, G. Stewart, Jas. Paterson, G. M. Drever and T. McKenzie (Findochty).

**The photographs on page four were of the following –**

Pte. Alex Flett, Gordons, MM.

Pte Peter Watson, Gordons, MM of Newlands Lane.

Pte. John Smith, Black Watch, 1 Grant Street, Ianstown. He was then a POW. He had been wounded five times. Before the war he had been a fisherman.

The prospective Liberal candidate for Banffshire was Mr C.C. Barrie.

Oct 17

**Killed in action** - Pte James Fordyce, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, eldest son of Mrs Milne, Rathven Village

**Killed in action** - Pte. Albert George Milne, 1<sup>st</sup> Gordons. His home had been at 24 Great Western Road, Buckpool.

**Economy measures to save fuel** - In keeping with the call for economy in fuel the new shop hours for the majority of shops in Buckie were as follows - Evening closing apart from Saturday would be 6.15pm. On Saturday this would be 8.15pm. Shops would close for dinner between 1 pm and 2.

**A wide- scale epidemic of influenza was affecting the district with all schools being closed.**

*The first meeting of Rathven Women's Rural Institutes was held in Rathven School on Wednesday of the previous week.*

*Following a very successful opening meeting at Arradoul a branch of the Rural was also set up here with members enrolled and a committee formed. The first president being Mrs Wilson, Inchgower and Mrs Rattray, Hilton as vice.*

**The photographs on page four were of the following –**

Lt. G.E.B. Coulcher, RE. He had been awarded the M.C. he was formerly the resident engineer at Buckie Harbour during the extension work. He had been severely wounded with his left arm being blown off.

Lance Corporal William George Brown, Canadians, who was **killed in action**. He was 24 years of age and prior to emigrating and being in the army was a carter His mother lived at North Lodge, Letterfourie.

Lt. John Murray, RNR, DCS, 3<sup>rd</sup> son of George Murray, 3 Sutherland Street. Before the war he was an officer in the Merchant Navy.

Oct. 24

**Died of 'flu at 18 New Street** - Driver Joseph W. Brown, R.F.A. of South Shields but married to a Buckie woman died at the home of his in-laws. He was a miner in civilian life.

**Died of wounds in France** - Pte. William Monro of Portknockie.

**A meeting was to take place** with the intention of forming a local branch of the **Discharged Soldiers and Sailors**.

**Died of the 'flu at Chatham Hospital** –Chief Engineer, John Thomson, RNR, HMD Olive II of Buckie.. He was the only son of William Thomson, 1 Mid Street. He was a married man leaving a widow and baby girl at 173 Craigview, Portessie.

**8 people were lying dead in Portknockie from the 'flu.**

**Died while a POW.** - It had been confirmed that Sergeant Oglivie G. Simpson, DCM, Gordons, died while a prisoner of war in Germany. He was a native of Buckie although his widow lived in Keith.

**The photographs on page four were of the following -**

Sergt. Alex Smith, South African Scottish, who had been awarded the MM. He was the son of Mr Smith, postman, of Baron Street. and nephew of Councillor Murray.

Pte John Mackay MM, Gordons, 7 Stewart Street, Portgordon. He was a regular soldier who at that time had served five years.

Corporal Samuel Childs, MM who was brought up in the Enzie. He was a tailor in civilian life.

Oct 31 Sapper R. Anderson, RE, husband of Anne Simpson,, Findochty, **died in Westcliffe Hospital of pneumonia.**

**Killed in action** – Pte George Benzie, Scottish Horse, only son of Mr and Mrs Benzie, Baronne, Deskford. He was 22.

**Died of wounds in France** – Sergt. James McKenzie, 1/6 Gordons (Territorials), only son of Mr and Mrs J. McKenzie, 27 Main Street. He was 21.

**Died in a hospital in England** - Pte James Smith, Canadian Forces, second son of P. I. Smith, late of Great Western Road, Buckpool.

**Died in West Africa** - Colour Sergt. Alex John Thomson, (Johnnie), Gordon Highlanders, attached to Gold Coast Regiment. He was a son of Mr and Mrs William Thomson, St Helena, Buckpool.

**The B.A. said that a considerable number of deaths had taken place both in Buckie and places in the local area, due to influenza. This was borne out by the increased number of deaths intimated in the column on the first page.**

**The photographs on page four were of the following –**

Pte. James Newlands, Gordons, eldest son of Mrs Newlands, 13 Colonsay Place.. He was a farm servant in civilian life.

Corporal William Campbell, R.E., son in law of Mrs Murray, 13 Seatown who had been **killed in action.** He was 27 and in civilian life had been a fisherman.

Pte. James Rizza, Gordons. He was a native of Italy but prior to being called up worked with Mr Antonio Iannetta on High Street. he had three brothers serving with the British forces,, two in Italy and one in France.

Nov 7 **Died in an English hospital at South Shields** - James Coull RNRT, who had been serving on board HMD Ray. His home address was 6 Mid Street.

**Died of pneumonia in the Peterhead Hospital** - George Cowie, RNR, of 190 Craigview, Portessie. He was 21.

**Died of wounds in France** - Pte. John Currie, Australians. He emigrated to Australia from Portgordon.

**Killed in action** – Lance Corporal James Jappy, Gordons, 85 Seatown.

**Killed in action** – Pte. John McKay MM, Gordon Highlanders. He was a son of Mr and Mrs McKay, West End, Portgordon.

**Notice - D Company 1<sup>st</sup> BVR**

**All boots must be returned to the drill hall by tomorrow, Friday. John L. McNaughton, Capt.**

*Twenty-five deaths took place in Buckie due to the influenza epidemic over the last three weeks, with four funerals to the New Cemetery taking place on Monday. It was said that it appeared now to be on the wane though local schools remained closed.*

**The photographs on page four were of the following –**

Pte. Albert George Milne, Gordons, who was **killed in action in France** on 27 September. He was the third son of Robert Milne, 24 Great Western Road and had previously been employed by A. Miller, Cycle Agent. He was 19.

Seaman John Coull, RNR, **died in Plymouth Hospital** as a result of an accident at sea. His home was at 28 Main Street. He was 39 and had formerly been a fisherman. His wife was living at 4 Garden Street, Devonport.

Pte. William Monro, MGC, **died of wounds.** He was a son of Mr James Monro, Fishcurer, Portknockie. Prior to being called to the army he had been employed as a chauffeur in Burnley.

Nov 14 **Died of wounds** – Skipper Peter Coull, HMD Brothers Jim. He was the youngest son of Mr Peter Coull, 27 Gordon Street, Portgordon. He was 26.

**Died of pneumonia in the Causality Clearing Station in France** - Pte. William Geddes, HLI, Inchgower. He was 44.

**Died of wounds in France** – Pte. Robert Greenlaw, 1<sup>st</sup> Gordons, only son of Mrs Grant, 5 south Deskford Street, Cullen.

**Died at his home 8 Lennox Place, Portgordon** - Joseph Hendry, CGM, RNRT. He was 28.

**The photographs on page four were of the following –**

Pte. James Smith, Canadian Forces who **died in a hospital in England**. He was the second son of P.I. Smith, late of Great Western Road.

Sergeant James McKenzie, Gordons, **died of wounds**. He was the only son of Mr McKenzie, shoemaker, 27 Main Street, Buckie. He was 21.

Rifleman William Kessack, Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, younger son of Mrs Kessack, 40 Main Street. He **died of wounds in France**. He was 21.

#### **SURRENDER OF GERMANY**

**The Kaiser abdicated and fled to Holland**

**The Armistice was signed at 5 o'clock on Monday morning, 11 November 1918 between Germany and the Allies. All fighting ceased on all fronts at 11 o'clock.**

Nov 21 **The Grocery and Ship's Chandlers Stock** belonging to the late Alex Rome Reid, sole proprietor was for sale at 48 Low Street.

**The first monthly meeting of the Rathven Women's Rural Institute was held on Wednesday of the previous week, i.e., 13 November, 1918. The second meeting of Arradoul women's rural Institute also took place on this date in the school.**

**The photographs on page four** were of the following –

Engineer John Thomson, RNR who **died in Chatham Hospital** on 18 October. He was the only son of Mr Wm. Thomson, 1 Mid Street. He was 26 and married, leaving a widow and baby girl.

Pte. A. Wilson, DCM Gordons, younger son of Mr Wilson, 32 Seafield Street, Cullen. He worked at the local gasworks before being called to the army.

Driver Joseph W. Brown, RFA, son in law of Mrs John Cowie, 18 New Street. He **died at this address from influenza**. He was a native of South Shields and a former miner.

Nov 28 **Killed in France on 25 October** - Pte. James Goodbrand, grandson of the late William Green, plasterer, Portgordon.

**A meeting was to take place** to gauge the interest in forming an Amateur Dramatic Society in Buckie.

*The property of Benreay belonging to R.Y. Mackay, Procurator Fiscal of Dumfries, late of Buckie, was sold to A. E. Anton, Solicitor, Buckie.*

**The VAD Hospital at Portessie** was still operating and receiving gifts of all kinds.

**Keith Feeing Market** took place during the past week. Men remaining at the same place were to get the same terms but those moving elsewhere had to make a sacrifice. Foremen were being offered from £36 to £40, Second horsemen- £30-£32, Boys- £18-£20. It was a small market and stiff with a great scarcity of good men, A number of farmers left without fixing up the hands they sought.

**The photographs on page four** were of the following –

Pte. John Milton, Gordons, grandson of Mrs Milton, 25 Main Street. He was **killed in action on 11 September**. He was a painter in civilian life.

Colour Sergeant John Thomson, DCM, Gordons, **died of pneumonia** on the Gold Coast, West Africa. His home was at St Helena, Buckpool. He was 23 and was formerly an engineer in Elgin.

Lance Corporal James Jappy, Gordons, who was **killed in action on 23 October**. His home was at 85 Seatown.. He was 24 and a former fisherman.

**Former prisoners of war were returning home.** Among them were those who had been taken prisoner in the Adriatic following the sinking of the Quarry Knowe. He had been held captive in Austria.

**Queen Street Park** - The provost and clerk signed the lease of the new public park on Queen Street. The charge for the six acres to be £12 per annum.

*More flu* - After it had been thought that the 'flu epidemic had come to an end there was another outbreak.

Dec 5 **Died of pneumonia** at Deal Hospital, on 29 November, William Coull, RNR, eldest son of Mr Coull, 20 Harbourhead. He was 20.

**Died of pneumonia on board hospital ship, Agadir at Scapa Flow**, Isaac Main, son in law of James Smith, 204 Craigview, Portessie. He was 39.

**Drifters for sale** - Lord Kitchener, BCK 269 and Watchful, BCK 261

**Rev Robert Shanks** -*Although nothing had been heard of the subscription appeal to raise money for a memorial to the late Rev Robert Shanks it was still open with a final appeal being made. The B. A. carried a good and quite expansive report on the man together with a sketch of a possible memorial, drawn by Mr Henderson in Elgin. This was a fairly grand affair made from granite and 16 feet high but said how it was thought to be in keeping with the amount of money they were likely to get. The small, quite insignificant plaque on the wall of North High Street, which was to form the memorial to Rev Shanks at the end of the day, bears little resemblance to what had been visualised. The money that had been anticipated apparently didn't materialise.*

Dec 12 **Died at Military Hospital at Nottingham-** Pte. John Gibb, son of Mr Gibb late a merchant in Findochty. He was 50 years of age and twice offered his services before he was taken. He had been a watchmaker with F.F. Angler, Buckie.

**Died in a prisoner's hospital in Germany in July** - Pte. William Annand Smith, Seaforths, (42) husband of Mary McKay, The Lodge Strathlene.

**At a meeting of Keith Town Council** the matter of the re-opening of the Keith to Buckie railway was raised. George Petrie Hay moved that contact should be made with the railway authorities regards the re-opening. Since opening 30 years before, he said, it had become part and parcel of the countryside. Councillor Kynoch felt that it was unnecessary to make any such move as the railway authorities had agreed to re-open the railway. In the event it took them a long time to relay the lines and then it was never opened throughout its whole length.

**A photograph on page three** was that of Pte. William George McAllister, Royal Scots, whose home was at Wilson's Land. He had been a POW for 8 months.

**The photographs on page four** were of the following –

Pte. John Currie, Australians, who **died of wounds on a train in France**. His home in this country had been at 4 Hope Street, Portgordon. He had been a farm servant before emigrating to Australia.

Pte. Frank Forbes, MGC was **killed in action**. He was the youngest son of Mr William Forbes, 4 Cross Lane and had been an apprentice joiner with A. Hendry and Son.

Pte. George Currie, Australians, was the only brother of John mentioned above. He was 30 and the owner of a poultry farm on the outskirts of Brisbane.

**A second poem** is found on page 4, column 3 written by Rob Roy.

**On page four there is a photograph** of Lt. P. Geddes, MC of Bridge Place, together with a report on how the award had been won.

Dec 19 **Notice – 'D' Company 1<sup>st</sup> BVR—All rifles, bayonets, and equipment, not clothes, must be returned to the drill hall not later than Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December. John L. McNaughton Captain.**

**For adoption** – One year old female of three months. Full surrender.

**Pte. Lachie Gauld, Gordon Highlanders**, was awarded the DCM for conspicuous bravery in the field. Before being called up he was a postman in Portgordon. Lachie became well known as a postie in Buckie for a good many years later in life while he stayed at Upper Dallachy. He was the son of James Gauld railway surfaceman.

**The photographs on page four** were of the following –

Pte. Robert Greenlaw, Gordons, who **died of wounds on 31 October 1918**. He was 21 and previous to being called to the army had been a baker. His home was at 5 Deskford Street, Cullen.

Skipper George Innes, DSC, HMD Gowan, Portgordon.

Pte. John Forbes, 1<sup>st</sup> Gordons, son of Mr John Forbes, Sefton House, Buckpool. He was an apprentice engineer with Jones, Shipyard prior to being called up.

Dec 26 **Died of wounds** - Pte. James Andrew Hadden, DCM, whose home was in Cullen.

**The following Cullen shoe shop** proprietors were giving notice that their shops were to close on Wednesday and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1919. Wm. Mustard, John Mustard, Wm. Mustard, Junior and James Mustard.

**Died of wounds** – Word had just come to hand that Pte. John Clark, 1/6 Gordons, only son of Mr John Clark, cooper, 28 Land Street, had **died of wounds** while a prisoner. Prior to being in the army he had been a joiner.

**The photographs on page four** were of the following –

Skipper Peter Coull, RNR. 27 Gordon Street, Portgordon, who **died at Dover**. He was the skipper of HMD Brothers Jim.

Sec Lt. James P. Logie, Gordons, who was **killed in action on 1<sup>st</sup> October**. He was a nephew of Wm. Logie, Comely Villa who came from America to enlist. He had taught Spanish at Boston English High School.

Engineer George Cowie, RNR, who **died of pneumonia** at Peterhead. His home was at 190 Portessie. He was 21 and the youngest son on Mr and Mrs Cowie. He had served for three years.

**Captain W. J. C. Fleming**, 6<sup>th</sup> Gordons, Reidhaven House, Keith, **died of the ‘flu at the age of 22**. His brother Captain Ian Fleming, also 6<sup>th</sup> Gordons, was **killed in action** in 1917.

**He was most unlucky** The last man apparently killed in the Great War was Pte. Edward Sullivan, East Ham. He was in the Cyclist Corps and had served continuously since 1914. He was killed by rifle fire just before the Armistice came into operation on 11 November at Ath, east of Tournai.

**And so were they** - On Sunday the trawler Grecian Prince of Aberdeen struck a mine 25 miles north of Rattray Head and sank within 4 minutes. Eight of the crew of ten were killed or drowned.

