

The Royal Scots World War 1 Roll of Honour



The Royal Scots Regimental Trust has marked the centenary of the end of the First World War with a new and unique online facility commemorating all Royal Scots who died in WWI. Descendants of these men and researchers can now access the list at <http://www.theroyalscots.co.uk/> by clicking on the link to The Roll of Honour.



Pictured is James Fleming who was 19 years and 11 months when he was killed in action in 1918. Pictured right is his nephew Jim who attended the launch of the Roll of Honour on 17 Aug 2018. He is pictured here with a WW1 re-enactor.



James was among the 11,213 Royal Scots killed during WWI. The first British officer to die was Lieutenant GM Thompson. He was killed on 22 August 1914 in West Africa, commanding a small group of local soldiers against German forces in Togoland. William Paulin was among the last casualties of the war, killed on Armistice Day 1918 in Flanders.

The Regiment saw active service into 1919 against the Bolsheviks in Russia. Over 100,000 men served in the Regiment, and with 40,000 wounded, the total casualty list exceeded 50%. Six VCs were awarded to members of the Regiment - amazingly, four of the recipients survived the war.

Colonel Martin Gibson, the Roll of Honour Project Leader, said: "We are immensely proud of the Regiment's record in the First World War, and hope that this unique list of those Royal Scots who died will help their descendants and others who want to find out about them and enable all visitors to remember their sacrifice, as well as enabling an enduring legacy as we approach the centenary of Armistice Day 1918."

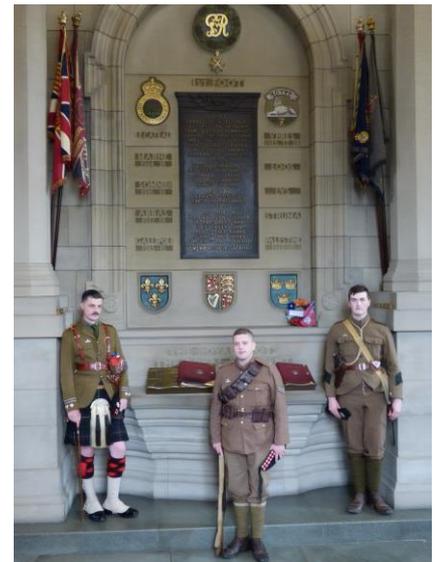
Trevor Royle, author and historian, commented: The First World War changed for ever the way we viewed armed conflict and those who did the fighting. The survivors were promised "a world fit for heroes"; those less fortunate were "the glorious dead"; those whose bodies were never traced were soldiers "known unto God". One hundred years later it is fitting that the people of Scotland should pause and remember them and the events which shaped their lives in a mood of contemplation, profound gratitude and commemoration. Once again in the Regiment's long history The Royal Scots are taking the lead by making sure that the legacy of their fallen comrades is never forgotten.

The project has been developed in partnership with the Computer Science Department of St Andrew's University, with permission from the Scottish National War Memorial to reproduce the Roll of Honour and in collaboration with The Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



On the Roll of Honour not only can you see details of the Regiment's Battle Honours and Gallantry awards, but you can also explore a Map which enables you to see how soldiers came from all over the world to enlist in The Royal Scots. Many men were recruited from Edinburgh and the Lothians, but there are also those who came from places such as Malaya, Canada, China and Chile. Some had served as Regulars in the Regiment during the Boer War, and then emigrated after their service ended, but came back to the UK to enlist. Some were regulars throughout WW1.

The Roll is still a work in progress - not all places of birth are listed - it may not be possible to find all. Photographs from the archive and textual information are being added so the Roll is being updated continually. We are often asked if we have a photograph of a soldier from WW1. With over 100,000 men having served this is not possible. The Regimental Journal ceased publication over the war years and did not start again until 1922. We welcome information and photographs from family members - there is a contact page on the Roll of Honour - please use it if you have any information about your relative that you think would be interesting for others to see.



The Museum exists so that people can visit and see the history of the Regiment, but the Roll of Honour has been created to remember the men who served.

"Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten". King George V

