



# George Allan

Gordon Highlanders / Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

215th Company

**Rank:** Corporal

**Enlisted:** Glasgow October 1915

**Regiment Number:** 13146 / 4031

**Killed in Action:** 6.5.1917 (Died of wounds) Battle of Flanders

**Address:** 20 New Street

**Occupation:** Baker (Marshalls)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's Church / Grevillers British Cemetery, Pas de Calais France IV.A.12

Further Information:

George was born in Stonehouse. Wounded in October 1916.  
(Ref. Hamilton Advertiser October 1916)







# Hugh Alston

**Royal Army Service Corps**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 120962

**Killed in Action:** 19.1.1919 (Died aged 41)

**Address:** Glenview, Cotcastle

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair A492) /  
St.Ninian's Church

**Further Information:**

Husband of Mary Pate of Glenview cottage, Cot Castle.







# John (Jack) Richard Ashley

**Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 75 Squadron**

**Rank:** Sergeant (Air Gunner)

**Enlisted:** 1938 aged 18

**Regiment Number:** 908768

**Killed in Action:** 12.10.1941

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Congregational Church Plaque / Dinant (Citadelle) Military Cemetery, Dinant, Namur, Belgium Joint Grave 3-4

**Further Information:**

Jack was born in 11.2.1920. Adopted son of Thomas Ashley and Laura of Cheam, Surrey, formerly of 14 Cam'nethan Street. Joined RAF at the age of 15. Killed in action when his bomber (Wellington) took a direct hit and crashed in an operation on Nuremburg. Clarification needed on which John Ashley is recorded on Memorial as there are several of such name in National War Records with no details of Stonehouse connection. Member of local Scout Group.







# James Barr

**Gordon Highlanders 10th Batallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** S/5410

**Killed in Action:** 8.5.1916 (aged 23) Battle of Flanders

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
Vermelles British Cemetery, Pas de Calais III.G.20

**Further Information:**

James was born in Stonehouse. Son of William and Mary Barr, 15 Rutland Crescent Paisley Road Toll, Kinning Park, Glasgow







# William Barr

**Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders 11th Battalion  
(Princess Louise's)**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Regiment Number:** S/4070

**Enlisted:** Larkhall September 1914

**Killed in Action:** 26.9.1915 Battle of Loos

**Address:** 14 Townhead Street

**Occupation:** Miner at Broomfield Colliery

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Paterson Church /  
Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Panel 125-127.



**Further Information:**

William was part of the 45th Brigade 15th Scottish Division.  
Born in Ayr, he was the son of John Barr. William is interred  
at Loos. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser October 1915)







# James Bennett

**Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) 11th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** 15055

**Killed in Action:** 11.10.1915

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's

**Information:**

James was born in Glasgow.







## Gavin 'Guy' Black

**7th Royal Tank Regiment RAC**

**Rank:** Corporal

**Regiment Number:** 7884495

**Enlisted:** 18.3.16

**Killed in Action:** 3.1.1941 (aged 25) Egypt

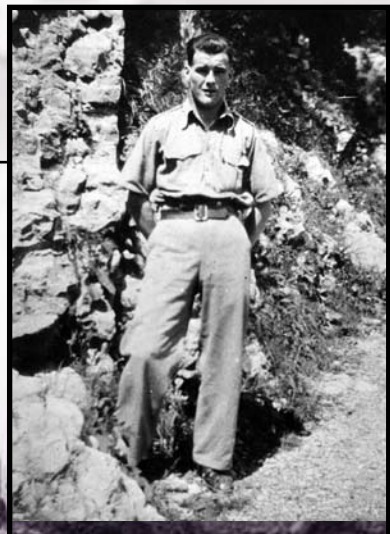
**Address:** 3 Argyle Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair A143) /  
St.Ninian's / Alamein Memorial, Egypt Column 21

**Awards:** Distinguished Conduct Medal

**Further Information:**

Gavin was born in Hamilton. Son of John Andrew Munro Black and Mary. Also served in France and Belgium. Killed during an attack on Bardia. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser February 1941)







## Archie Brown

**Highland Light Infantry / Corps of Royal Engineers**  
**(173rd Tunnelling Company)**

**Rank:** Sapper

**Regiment Number:** 7068 / 79665

**Killed in Action:** 26.6.1917 Battle of Flanders

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
Bard Cottage Cemetery. Boezinge, Belgium II.H.12

**Further Information:**

Archie was born in Stonehouse and resided in Birkinshaw,  
Cheshire.







# James Brown

**16th Royal Scots / Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire  
Buffs, Duke of Albany's) 2nd Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** 25121 / 204645

**Killed in Action:** 28.4.1918 Battle of Flanders

**Address:** Queen Street

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008  
/ Paterson Church / Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France  
Panels 112 to 115

**Further Information:**

James was born in Stonehouse.







# John Brown

**Kings Own Scottish Borderers (1/5th Batallion)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Larkhall

**Regiment Number:** 17777

**Killed in Action:** 1.8.1918 (aged 33)

**Address:** 26 King Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Soissons Memorial,  
Aisne, France Pier and Face 4D

**Further Information:**

John was born in Stonehouse. Husband of Jessie Millar Brown of 26 King Street. Son of John and Janet Melvin Brown of Birkenshaw.







# Robert Brownlie

**Highland Light Infantry 16th (Service) Battalion  
(2nd Glasgow)**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 14960

**Enlisted:** Glasgow 19.10.14

**Killed in Action:** 1.7.1916 (aged 21) Battle of the Somme

**Address:** Cam'nethan Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair B.259) /  
Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France, Pier and Face 15C.

## Further Information:

Born in Stonehouse, Robert was killed in action during attack on Leipzig Salient. The battalion were on the left of 97th Brigade with their first objective the Wonder Work and the last, Mouquet Quarry some 2,300 yards from the British front line. Within moments of the men going forward they were swept by machine gun fire and were forced to fall back and were relieved at 3.30am. What was left of the Battalion withdrew to Crucifix Corner. Casualties including Robert were 554, more than half of the Battalion. Robert was part of the 97th Brigade 32nd Division. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser February July 1916)







# James Russell Burns

## Merchant Navy

**Rank:** Third Radio Officer

**Ship:** S.S. Empire Ability (London)

**Killed in Action:** 26.6.1941 (aged 28)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair A223/224) /  
St.Ninian's / Tower Hill Memorial, London, Panel 37.

## Further Information:

James was born in Stonehouse. Son of Robert (Black Bull Hotel) and Jane Burns of Lockhart Street, Stonehouse. Ship sunk by enemy action. Born in 11.4.1912.







# John Burns

**16th Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** 17.5.15

**Regiment Number:** 251111

**Killed in Action:** 23.4.17 (aged 30) France

**Occupation:** MRope splicer at Broomfield Colliery

**Address:** King Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Bay 1 and 2

**Further Information:**

John was born in Stonehouse. Brother of Annie Murphy, 49 King Street (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser June 1917).







# John Callander

**Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders / Machine Gun Corps  
(Infantry) 212th Company**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** S17547 / 67863

**Killed in Action:** 12.5.1917 (aged 22) France

**Address:** 27 Green Street

**War Memorial:** Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Bay  
10 / Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008

**Further Information:**

Husband of Agnes, 27 Green Street and son of John and  
Jennet. Born in Barony (Lanark?).







# John Chalmers

**Royal Navy (Infantry) 212th Company**

**Rank:** Petty Officer Stoker

**Ship:** H.M. Submarine Parthian

**Regiment Number:** P/KX 79304

**Killed in Action:** 11.8.1943 (aged 37) Sicily

**Address:** 85 Kirk Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire Panel 77, Column  
2

**Further Information:**

Son of Alexander and Mary. Husband of Jean Murdoch  
S. Chalmers of Stonehouse (three children). Killed during  
invasion of Sicily. 16.5 years service on 10 on submarines.  
Six members of his family are said to have been killed in the  
services. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser August 1944)







# James Brownlie Cochrane

**Lowland Division, R.E. / Northumberland Fusiliers**

**24th Batallion (Tyneside Irish)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Strathaven 17.4.1916

**Regiment Number:** 4290 / 47074

**Killed in Action:** 28.4.1917 (Died aged 37) France

**Address:** Sandford

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's Church

/ Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Bay 2-3

**Further Information:**

James was born in Sandford. Son of John and Christina Bownlie Cochrane. Husband of Annie Anderson Cochrane of Gillhall Cottage, Darvel.







# James Cooper

**Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) 5th/6th Battallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 251406

**Killed in Action:** 31.5.1918 France

**Address:** Union Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair B.173) /

Paterson Church / Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery,

Souchez, Pas de Calais, France VIII.M.I

**Awards:** Military Medal?

## Further Information:

James was born in Stonehouse. Son of John and Jeanie.







# William Cooper

**Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) 9th Batallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 351605

**Killed in Action:** 20.9.1917 (aged 20) Belgium

**Address:** 40 Union Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair B.173) /  
Paterson Church / Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West  
Vlaander, Belgium Panel 11 to 14 and 162

**Awards:** Military Medal

## Further Information:

William was born in Stonehouse. Son of John and Jeanie  
of 40 Union Street. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser Oct1917 /  
Oct1919)







# Thomas Couch

**King's Own Scottish Borderers 6th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Dunfermline

**Regiment Number:** 16455

**Killed in Action:** 5.7.1916 (Died of wounds aged 37)

France

**Address:** Saline, Fife (formerly 23 Green Street)

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /

Daours Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France

I.A.4

**Further Information:**

Thomas was born in Loanhead. His wife Margaret resided at 23 Green Street.







# Robert Craig

**Queen's Own Cameronian Highlanders / Machine Gun  
Corps**

**99th Company (Motor Transport)**

**Rank:** Sergeant / Private?

**Enlisted:** 1916

**Regiment Number:** 17120 / 10114

**Killed in Action:** 30.5.1917 (aged 22) France

**Address:** 36 Lawrie Street

**Occupation:** Miner at Swinhill Colliery

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais,  
France III.G.35

**Further Information:**

Robert was born in Stonehouse. Son of William and Mary  
(30 Argyll Street) . Served in France for 14 months. (Ref.  
Hamilton Advertiser June 1917).







# William Craig

**Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, Duke of Albany's)**

**9th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 8994

**Killed in Action:** 10.12.1917 (Died of wounds) Battle of Somme

**Address:** Pollock St. (Town ?) formerly Stonehouse

**Occupation:** Miner (coke oven labourer) Dalzell Colliery

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 / Tincourt New British Cemetery, Somme, France IV.B.11

**Further Information:**

William was born in Stonehouse. Parents lived in Miller Street. Had three brothers who also served and were killed during the war. Served at front since Mons. Married. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser December 1917).







## Fredrick Cross

**8th (Lanark) Highland Light Infantry (Stonehouse Section)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Stonehouse

**Regiment Number:** 7037

**Killed in Action:** 18.12.14 (shot in head) Ypres Salient

**Address:** 34 Queen Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / White City Cemetery, Bois-Grenier, Nord, France E.10



**Further Information:**

Fred was born in Wishaw but resided in Stonehouse.

Married with one child.(Ref. Hamilton Advertiser January 1915)







# Robert Cuthbertson

**Lanarkshire Yeomanry / Highland Light Infantry**  
**(9th Glasgow Highland)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 1394 / 332925

**Killed in Action:** 12.10.1918 (aged 26) France

**Address:** Townhead Street

**Occupation:** Baker / Insurance Agent

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair B.179) /  
 St.Ninian's / Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France  
 Panels 9 and 10

## Further Information:

Fred was born in Stonehouse and enlisted as a stretcher bearer. Son of James and Elizabeth of Townhead Street. Robert joined the Lanarkshire Yeomanry in April 1916. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser October 1918)







# Alex Davidson

**Highland Light Infantry / East Yorkshire Regiment  
(1st Battalion)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Lanark

**Regiment Number:** 8681 / 31527

**Killed in Action:** 9.4.1917 (aged 22) Flanders, France

**Address:** 5 Holm farm Row, Hamilton

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008  
/ Cojeul British Cemetery, St.Martin-sur-Cojeul, Pas de  
Calais, France B.58

**Further Information:**

Alex was born in Stonehouse. Son of James and Agnes  
(stepmother), of 5 Home Farm Row, Hamilton. Listed  
on war dead memorial at Haywood (old mining village  
Lanarkshire)







# James Duncan

**Killed in Action:** Yes in Great War

**Address:** Stonehouse

**War Memorial:** Not listed Stonehouse Cemetery / St.  
Ninian's Church

**Further Information:**

No records of James exist with the exception of his  
recognition of those who were killed in the Great war.







# David Dunsmuir

**Royal Scots Fusiliers**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Cambuslang August 1914

**Regiment Number:** 12387 / 43105

**Killed in Action:** 24.4.1917 (Died of wounds aged 24)

France

**Address:** Boghall Street

**Occupation:** Miner

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / London Cemetery,  
Pas de Calais, France Wancourt Road, Cemetery No.2 Mem.  
Panel 2

**Further Information:**

David was born in Blantyre and is said to have resided there but is commemorated on the Stonehouse Memorial Cenotaph. Wounded in 1915 and sent home before returning to the front. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser May 1917)







# William Dunsmore

**Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders 7th/10th Battallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 2993169

**Killed in Action:** 10.4.1943 (Died of wounds aged 20)

Alamein, North Africa

**Address:** 22 Caledonian Avenue (Parents)

**Occupation:** Miner

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Sfax

War Cemetery, Tunisia XIV.F.26

**Further Information:**

(Ref. Hamilton Advertiser March 1943)







# William Fallow

**Northumberland Fusiliers (1/4th Batallion Territorials)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 47579

**Killed in Action:** 5.7.1918 (Died of wounds) Germany

**Address:** King Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Paterson Church /  
Niederzwehren Cemetery, Germany I.L.2

**Further Information:**

William was born in Stonehouse. William is listed as a prisoner in June 1918. Brother of John Fallow of King Street. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser June 1918)







# Robert Feelie

**Scots Rifles / Royal Scots Fusiliers (2nd Battallion)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 20784 / 19242

**Killed in Action:** 14.7.1916 (aged 37) Battle of the Somme

**Address:** 6 Douglas Street, High Blantyre

**Occupation:** Miner (Earnock Colliery)

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and face 4A and  
4D

**Further Information:**

Robert was killed during an attack on Bazentin Le Grand. He was part of the 8th Brigade 3rd Division. It is believed that Robert was a reservist who had previously served with the Scottish Rifles. Also recorded as serving with Kings Own Scottish Borderers (1st Battallion- same regiment number as R.S.F.). Born in Stonehouse he resided in High Blantyre where he left a widow and six children. Robert is interred in Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers, La-Boisselle, Somme, France Plot IV RowL Grave 26.







# William Ferguson

**Cameronians (Scots Rifles) 5th/6th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** 200597

**Killed in Action:** 29.11.1918 (Died of wounds aged 23)  
Battle of the Somme (Toul)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair B.24) / St.  
Ninian's Church / Charmes Military Cemetery, Essegney,  
Vosges, France I.H.6

**Further Information:**

William was born in Stonehouse. Son of William and Maggie of 98 Baldwin Avenue, Knightswood, Glasgow. William was recorded as a prisoner of war between 1916 and 1918. A William Ferguson is listed on a memorial in St. Ninian's Church as having served in the Great War but no having been killed. Either this is a mistake or there are two William Fergusons.







# George Fleming

**Cameronians (Scots Rifles) 9th Battalion A Company**

**Rank:** Corporal

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 43513

**Killed in Action:** 1.10.1918 (Died of wounds) Belgium

**Address:** High Blantyre

**Occupation:** Grocer at High Blantyre Coop Society  
(previously Strathaven Cooperative)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Haringhe  
(Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-  
Vlaanderen, Belgium III.C.62

**Further Information:**

George was born in Stonehouse. Returning from front lines  
he was said to have been struck by a shell.







# Samuel Forsyth

**Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 2nd Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 10613

**Enlisted:** Hamilton 25.5.11

**Killed in Action:** 25.7.1915 (Died of wounds aged 22)  
France

**Address:** Cambro Cottage, 26 Townhead Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Merville Communal Cemetery, Nord, France III.0.II



**Further Information:**

Born in Avondale. Served three years in Malta before being drafted to France Prisoner of war and piper. Brother of Tom and John Forsyth who also served during the war. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser July 1915)







# John (Jack) French

**Kings Own Scottish Borderers 6th Batallion**

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Regiment Number:** 7741

**Enlisted:** Larkhall ?.9.14

**Killed in Action:** 31.1.1918 (Died of wounds aged 22)

France

**Address:** Angle Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Fins New British Cemetery, Sorel-le-Grand, Somme, France IV.A.21

**Awards:** Military Medal

**Further Information:**

Born in Piddington, Northampton. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser December 1917 / October 1919)







# William Gibson

**Highland Light Infantry / Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)**

**9th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 8073 / 43561

**Enlisted:** At start of war in Stonehouse

**Killed in Action:** 23.10.1916 (aged 20) Battle of Somme

**Address:** Townhead Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and Face 4D



**Further Information:**

Son of Robert. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser December 1916)







# Thomas Gillies

**Seaforth Highlanders 2nd Battallion /  
Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment) 49th Battalion  
(Canadian Expeditionary Force)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** c1915

**Regiment Number:** S/5243 / 432451

**Killed in Action:** 18.1.1917 (Died of Phthisis in Montreal  
Hospital (Gas poisoning in France) aged 33)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Montreal (Mount  
Royal) Cemetery, Quebec, Canada Sect. N2/611W

**Further Information:**

Thomas was born in Stonehouse. Son of Archibald and  
Elizabeth of 21 Green Street. Husband of Annie Cottrell  
(formerly Gillies) of 7702, 96th-77th Avenue, Strathcona,  
Alberta (they had two children). (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser  
February 1917)







# William Gilmour

**Gordon Highlanders 1st/7th Batallion**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Regiment Number:** S/41469

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Killed in Action:** 30.7.1918 (aged 20) France

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Marfaux British Cemetery, Marne, France, VIII.B.2

**Further Information:**

William was born in  
Stonehouse. Son of Gavin  
and Margaret of 22 Green  
Street. Died in battle at  
Marne.







# Godfrey John Cardross Grant

**Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Fighter Command)**

**Glider Pilot**

**Rank:** Flight Sergeant

**Regiment Number:** 1807131

**Killed in Action:** 23.3.1945 (aged 20) Germany

**Address:** The Spittal

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Reichswald Forest  
War Cemetery, Germany 1.D.18

**Further Information:**

Son of Major Doanld Cardross and Irene Grant. Husband of  
Barbara E. Grant of Stonehouse.







# John Scott Gray

**Gordon Highlanders / Machine Gun Corps. (Infantry)**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 203193 / 108481

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Killed in Action:** 5.9.1918 (Died of wounds) France

**Address:** Partick

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008  
/ Bac-du-Sud British Cemetery, Bailleulval, Pas de Calais,  
France III.F.23

**Further Information:**

John was born in Stonehouse and resided in Partick.  
Husband of Marion of 61 Westmuir Street, Parkhead,  
Glasgow.







# Robert J. Gray

**Territorial Battalion / Highland Light Infantry  
/ Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) 8th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 7341 / 57361 / 59034

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Killed in Action:** 10.4.1918 (Died of wounds) Battle of  
Loos

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Loos  
Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Panel 10 to 13

**Further Information:**

Robert was born in Glasgow and resided in Motherwell but is listed on the Cenotaph in Stonehouse Cemetery. His sister resided at 76a Camp Street, Motherwell. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser October 1918)







# Thomas Grimason

**16th Royal Scots**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 25128

**Enlisted:** Hamilton 17.5.15

**Killed in Action:** 1.7.1916

**Address:** Stonehouse Cross

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and Face 6D and  
7D

**Awards:** Distinguished Conduct Medal

**Further Information:**

Thomas was killed during the attack on La Boisselle. At 7.35am no mans land was crossed with few casualties. When they got to the German wire it was a different story as the German machine guns cut the Battalion to pieces, though some of the 16th Battalion are said to have reached Contalmaison. By the end of the day casualties were heavy. Thomas was part of the 101st Brigade 34th Division. Born originally in Hamilton. Thomas has no known gave. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser July 1916)







# Andrew Hamilton

**Royal Garrison Artillery (Duke of Cornwall's - RGA - TF)**

**Rank:** Gunner

**Regiment Number:** 322878

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Killed in Action:** 17.6.1917 (Died of wounds aged 35)

Belgium

**Address:** Bellshill

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
St.Ninian's Church / Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery,  
Leper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium I.B.25

**Further Information:**

Andrew was born in Stonehouse. Son of Andrew and Jeannie Spence Hamilton. Husband of Janes Russell Thomson Hamilton of Kildonan Terrace, Bellshill. An Andrew Hamilton is listed on those who served in the Great War however he is not listed among those killed. Either this is a mistake or this refers to another Andrew Hamilton.







# Angus Henry Paterson Hamilton

**Highland Light Infantry 8th Lanark Batallion  
(Territorial)**

**attached to Scottish Rifles**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Stonehouse January 1915

**Regiment Number:** 8067

**Killed in Action:** 31.8.1916 (aged 19) Battle of Somme

**Address:** 76 New Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Paterson Church  
/ Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais,  
France IV.D.5



**Further Information:**

Angus was born in Stonehouse. Son of Archie and Jessie of 76 New Street. Brother Walter in services. Angus was shot by sniper.







# Archibald Hamilton

**Royal Air Force Voluntary Reserve (Bomber Command)**

**Rank:** Flight Sergeant (Navigator)

**Regiment Number:** 1392998

**Killed in Action:** 25.3.1944 (aged 24/25?) Germany

**Address:** Kilburn, Middlesex

**Occupation:** Metropolitan Police

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Paterson Church /  
Reichwald Forest Cemetery, Germany Coll. grave 29.D.6-11

**Further Information:**

Archibald was born in Stonehouse. Son of Walter and Catherine of 5 Caledonian Avenue. Husband of Madelena Hamilton of Kilburn, Middlesex. Former member of Male Voice Choir. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser April 1944 / August 1944)







# James Hamilton

**Seaforth Highlanders**

(Ross-shire Buffs, the Duke of Albany's)

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** S/9613

**Killed in Action:** 4.9.1918 France

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008

/ St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime,  
France R.II.J.16

**Further Information:**

James was born in Stonehouse. A James D. Hamilton is listed on those who served in the Great War however he is not listed among those killed.







# James G. Hamilton

**Royal Garrison Artillery**

**Regiment Number:** 158522

**Killed in Action:** 27.8.18 France?

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery

**Further Information:**

James was born in Edinburgh.







# James Lawrie Hamilton

**Corps of Royal Engineers 218th Field Company**

**Rank:** Sapper

**Enlisted:** Greenock

**Regiment Number:** 134080

**Killed in Action:** 20.3.1918 France

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
St.Ninian's? / Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and  
Face 8A and 8D

**Further Information:**

James was born in Stonehouse.







# Peter Hamilton

**Australian Army Medical Corps**  
**4th Light Horse Field Ambulance**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** 19.10.1914

**Regiment Number:** 18923

**Killed in Action:** 15.5.1919 (aged 30)

**Address:** Kittymuir Farm

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair A396) /  
St.Ninian's

**Awards:** Military Medal (Gallipoli)

**Further Information:**

Born in Australia. Peter served in Egypt and Palestine. Son of Robert and Marion Weir Hamiton 25 Kirk Street. Killed in accident at Sutton ? Camp Wilts. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser July 1919).







# Robert Hamilton

**Scottish Rifles / Machine Gun Corps.(Infantry)**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Enlisted:** Hamilton January 1915

**Regiment Number:** 3155 / 42355

**Killed in Action:** 25.7.1918 (aged 26/28?) Battle of Marne, France

**Occupation:** Miner at Broomfield Colliery

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery? / St.Ninian's ?/  
Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France LXV.F.22

**Further Information:**

Robert was born in Stonehouse. Son of John and Mary of 23 Angle Street. Killed by enemy aircraft. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser August 1918).







# Robert Hamilton

**Royal Scots**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 21273

**Killed in Action:** 28.7.1918 (aged 23)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery

**Further Information:**

Son of William and Elizabeth. Appears to be two Robert Hamiltons who fought and died in Great war. However only one is listed on the war memorial. This may be Lance Corporal Robert Hamilton?







# Robert Hamilton

## **Australian Light Horse (Mounted Infantry)**

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Enlisted:** 14th September 1914 Australia

**Occupation:** Ranch Hand

**War Memorial:** Survived war.

**Awards:** Military Medal

## **Further Information:**

Born at Kittymuir Farm on 30 10 1892, and at the age of 16 in 1909 he sailed for New Zealand to work, after a few years there he then sailed to Australia, working as a ranch hand at Uranas NSW. On the outbreak of war he intended to return to Scotland and join up. The elite Australian Light Horse (Mounted Infantry) were recruiting locally and at 5/- per day, less 1/- per day (paid at end of service) he decided to join up in Australia on 14th September 1914, better getting shot at for 5/- a day as opposed to the British 1/- per day. You had to prove your riding and shooting ability before being taken on. After a few weeks training the regiment sailed from Sydney on HMAT Star of Victoria (A16) on 19th October for Egypt with stops for coal and supplies at Albany SW Australia and Colombo Ceylon, they disembarked in Egypt on 8th December 1914 for the defence of Suez. The regiment was next deployed on HMAT Caledonian to Alexandria for Gallipoli without their horses, at Gallipoli they landed at 6.00am on the 12th May 1915 at ANZAC Cove, there they mounted a defensive role for most of campaign. *(scroll down for more text)*







# William Hamilton

**Highland Light Infantry 14th (Service) Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** 333803

**Killed in Action:** 5.10.1917 France

**Address:** Wishaw

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
Fins New British Cemetery, Sorel-le-Grand, Somme, France  
I.F.2

**Further Information:**

William was born in Stonehouse.







# William Weir Hamilton

**Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) 4th Batallion**

**Rank:** A/Sergeant

**Enlisted:** Hounslow

**Regiment Number:** G/3416

**Killed in Action:** 16.5.1915 (aged 22) Belgium

**Address:** Marton, Middlesbrough

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008  
/ Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Leper, West Vlaanderen,  
Belgium Panel 6 and 8

**Further Information:**

William was born in Stonehouse. Son of William and Mary Weir Hamilton.







# Robert Harvie

**Gordon Highlanders 6th Batallion**

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** 266863

**Killed in Action:** 1.8.1917 (aged 35) Belgium

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008  
/ Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Leper, West Vlaanderen,  
Belgium Panel 38

**Further Information:**

Robert was born in Stonehouse. Son of Janet Harvie of 114  
Earlston Avenue, Townhead, Glasgow.







# John George Lawrence Hughes

**Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 26 Squadron**

**Rank:** Flight Sergeant (Pilot)

**Regiment Number:** 948182

**Killed in Action:** 22.7.1944 (aged 22)

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008

/ Blackwood (Our Lady and St. John) Roman Catholic

Churchyard, Lanarkshire

**Further Information:**

Son of George James Hughes and Frances Mary Hughes of East Hazeldean.







# Alexander Hutchison

**Canadian Infantry 38th Batallion (Eastern Ontario Regiment)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** c1915

**Regiment Number:** 410784

**Killed in Action:** 27.10.1916 (aged 29) France

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

**Further Information:**

Alexander was born in Stonehouse. Son of George of 30 Boghall Street. (Ref. Hamilton Advertsier November 1916)







# John Hynds

**16th Royal Scots**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** 17.5.15

**Regiment Number:** 25126

**Killed in Action:** 1.7.1916?

**Address:** Cross

**War Memorial:** Not listed in Stonehouse Cemetery

**Awards:** M.M. & Bar D.C.M. Cse. G.

**Further Information:**

(Ref. Hamilton Advertiser July 1916 / October 1919)

Apparently John survived war and emigrated to Canada?







# Jessie Marshall Keddie

**Womens Auxillary Air Force**

**Rank:** Leading Aircraftwoman

**Regiment Number:** 2040715

**Killed in Action:** 12.10.1945 (aged 22)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair Sec.B Grave 453) / Paterson Church

**Further Information:**

Daughter of John and Jean Keddie of Stonehouse







# Peter Kirkland

**16th Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) 2nd Batallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton 31.5.15

**Regiment Number:** 39689 (25143?)

**Killed in Action:** 3.5.1917 (aged 23) France

**Address:** Lawrie Street

**Occupation:** Miner (Broomfield Colliery)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Bay 1 and 2

**Further Information:**

Peter was born in Stonehouse. Son of William and Amy Mair Kirkland of 60 Lawrie Street. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser July 1916 / December 1917)







# Archie Burns Leiper

**Highland Light Infantry 1st/7th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton April 1917

**Regiment Number:** 39572

**Killed in Action:** 24.8.1918 (Died of wounds aged 26)

France (grave top right)

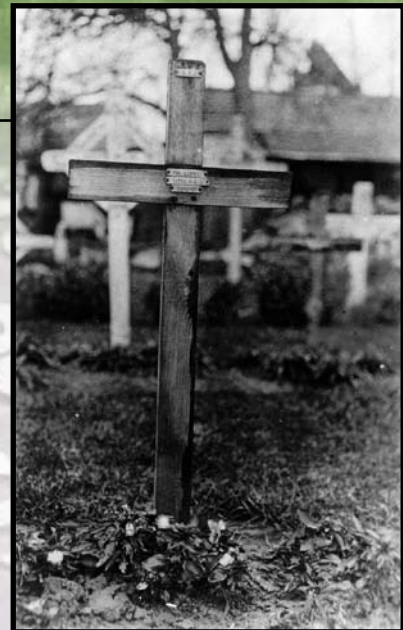
**Address:** Lawrie Street

**Occupation:** Boiler fireman at Swinhill Colliery

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Paterson Church  
/ Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais,  
France VIII.N.24

**Further Information:**

Archie was born in Stonehouse. Son of Andrew and Jeanie Burns Leiper of Lawrie Street. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser August 1918)







# John McInnes Leishman

**Highland Light Infantry / Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)**

**11th Battalion**

**Rank:** Sergeant Major

**Enlisted:** Stonehouse 1914

**Regiment Number:** 7044 / 30533

**Killed in Action:** 8.5.1917 (aged 24) Salonica

**Address:** Lawrie Street

**Occupation:** Bottle designer (John Frew & Son) and textile designer to trade

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Doiran Military Cemetery, Greece V.B.4.

**Further Information:**

John was born in Stonehouse and was son of William and Mary Ann of 'Byland', Stonehouse. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser June 1917)







## Archiebald Mathies (Hamilton)

### **United States Air Force**

**Rank:** Sergeant (Navigator)

**Killed:** February 20th 1944

**Awards:** Congressional Medal of Honour

**War Memorial:** US Cemetery at Madinglay, West of Cambridge

### **Further Information:**

Archie Mathies was born in Stonehouse on June 3rd 1918, but moved to Pennsylvania with his parents and his name changes to Mathies (formerly Hamilton). Son of William Hamilton and Minnie Collins formerly of Hill Road. His Congressional Medal of Honour; one of only 17 to be awarded to personnel of the 8th Air Force during World War II, was posthumous. Archie died struggling to land a B-17 in a field south of Stilton (near Cambridge) on February 20th 1944. Mathies had only joined the 351st, 33 days earlier and was on only his second mission. He was buried with full honours at Madinglay His body was later exhumed in 1947 and returned home to Pennsylvania. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser May 1944 / Sept 1944)







# Alexander McCallum

**Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 6th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Larkhall

**Regiment Number:** 1946

**Killed in Action:** 22.8.16 Battle of the Somme

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and Face 4D

**Further Information:**

Alexander was born in Stonehouse. Killed in action in the High Wood/Delville Wood sector (Somme). He was part of the 19th Brigade 33rd Division. Alexander has no known grave.







# Patrick McConville

**Royal Scots (Lothian Detachment) Depot.**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Fauldhouse, West Lothian

**Regiment Number:** 16594

**Killed in Action:** 19.2.1916 (Died at home)

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
Bothwell (Bellshill) Cemetery B.2015

**Further Information:**

Patrick was born in Stonehouse.







# James McLean

**Royal Horse Artillery 7th Coast Regiment**

**Rank:** Gunner

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** 872445

**Killed in Action:** 12.10.1944 (aged 29) Singapore?

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008

**Further Information:**

Stepson of James McEwan (connection?)







# Harold Daniel McLean

**Royal Horse Artillery & Royal Field Artillery**

**Rank:** Gunner

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** 175582

**Killed in Action:** 12.4.1918 (aged 20) France

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Paterson Church /  
Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen, Belgium  
Panel 4 to 6 and 162

**Further Information:**

Daniel was born in Stonehouse. Son of Alexander H.  
McLean M.B., C.M. and Isabella.







# George McLellan

**Highland Light Infantry (Lewis Gunner)**  
**6th (City of Glasgow) Battalion (Territorial)**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Enlisted:** Glasgow October 1915

**Regiment Number:** 241454

**Occupation:** Baker with Messrs Bisland, Glasgow

**Killed in Action:** 15.8.1918 (Died of wounds aged 24)

France **War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery B244 / Ligny  
 St. Flochel British Cemetery, Averdoint, Pas de Calais,  
 France II.B.17

## Further Information:

George was born in Stonehouse. Son of George and Elizabeth of 46 Cam'nethan Street. Served for two years in Egypt and Palestine. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser August 1918)







# Alexander McCrimmond

**R.G.A.**

**Regiment Number:** 73107

**Enlisted:** 18.3.1916

**Address:** Meadowside Cottage, Lockhart Street

**Further Information:**

Champion bowler with Stonehouse Bowling Club who played for Scotland. Survived conflict.







# Alexander Graham McInnes

**Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve**

**Rank:** Warrant Officer

**Regiment Number:** 1073261

**Killed in Action:** 7.7.1946 (Died aged 23)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair Sec.B Grave 56C)

**Further Information:**

Son of Jane and Jane H. McInnes of Stonehouse.







# Hugh Dunlop McInnes

**Royal Artillery, 18th Medium Regiment**

**Rank:** Gunner

**Regiment Number:** 1694611

**Killed in Action:** 17.1.1945 (aged 31) Italy

**Address:** 12 Lockhart Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Florence War Cemetery, Italy I.F.14

**Further Information:**

Hugh was born in Hamilton. Son of James Dick and Christina McInnes of Stonehouse. Husband of Elizabeth McInnes.







# James McLean

**Royal Artillery, 7th Coast Regiment**

**Rank:** Gunner

**Regiment Number:** 872445

**Killed in Action:** 12.10.1944 (aged 29) Singapore

**War Memorial:** Not listed in Stonehouse Cemetery /  
Singapore Memorial, Singapore Column 24

**Further Information:**

Stepson of James McEwan of Stonehouse. Served on Kachidoki Maru which was torpedoed by USS Pampanito off China. Ship was carrying 900 prisoners of which 400 were lost.







# William J. McLelland

**Royal Air Force, 78 Dquadron**

**Rank:** Sergeant (W. Op. / Air Gunner)

**Regiment Number:** 644941

**Killed in Action:** 12.3.1943 (aged 22) Netherlands

**Address:** Possibly 25 Green Street (Parents)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Paterson Church /  
Uden War Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands 4.C.3.

**Further Information:**

Born in 16.4.1923. Stepson of Willian and Ellen Marion  
McLellend of Larkhall.







# Alexander MacMillan

**Reservist WWII / 1st Bat. 1st Marines Compan C**

**Rank:**

**Regiment Number:** 644941

**Killed in Action:** 1951 (aged 24) Korea

**Address:** Possibly 25 Green Street (Parents)

**War Memorial:** Arlington Cemetery USA

**Awards:** Purple Heart

**Further Information:**

Born on 11.2.1927 son of Tom and Retta MacMillan 425 Central Avenue Orange USA / Sports editor / Killed in action on patrol on Hill 232 near Kohcaan, South Korea in ambush / Apparently his brother Donald died on duty in Germany / Stonehouse connection?







# William McNiven

**10th Highland Light Infantry attached to Blackwatch  
Transport Section**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Regiment Number:** 309

**Enlisted:** 29.8.14

**Occupation:** Miner

**Awards:** Distinguished Conduct Medal / Military Medal and  
Bar

**Further Information:**

Medal Collection held by Heritage Group. (Ref. Hamilton  
Advertiser September 1917 / June 1918 / October 1919)  
Survived conflict.







# Gavin Millar

**Gordon Highlanders 1st Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 3/6972

**Enlisted:** Hamilton 15.9.14

**Killed in Action:** 14.12.1914 (Died of wounds aged 34)

Belgium

**Address:** Angle Street

**Occupation:** Tailor (Cutter for Coop Society in Lesmahagow)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium, Panel 38

**Further Information:**

Gavin was born in Stonehouse. Son of Robert of Kirk Street and husband of Agnes Wilson Millar of 'Kirk View', Vicars Road (three children). Was a member of the National Reserve prior to war. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser January 1915)







# Gavin Millar

**Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve**

**Rank:** Flight Sergeant (Warrant Officer / Observer)

**Regiment Number:** 751019

**Killed in Action:** 7.6.1942 (aged 27)

**Occupation:** Employed with Burgh Chamberlain's Dept. Hamilton

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair Sec.B Grave 483) / St.Ninian's

**Further Information:**

Son of Agnes of 24 Uddingston Road, Bothwell. Husband of Angela Hood Millar. Native of Stonehouse. His brother L.A.C. Robert Millar (Royal Air Force) was employed with hamilton Advertiser). Gavin's mother is said to have lost her husband in previous war. Accidently killed on active service. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser June 1942)







# Thomas Millar

## **Gordon Highlanders 1st Batallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 3/6051

**Killed in Action:** 14.12.1914 (aged 24) France

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium, Panel 38



## **Further Information:**

Thomas was born in Stonehouse. Son of James of 49 Lockhart Street. No known grave. Below Tom (right) is pictured with his brother John (left) and an unknown other soldier in 1914.







# Alexander Milne

**Princess Louise's 12th Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders  
(2nd Battalion)**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** S/5396

**Enlisted:** Larkhall 7.9.14

**Killed in Action:** 27.8.1916 Battle of Somme

**Address:** Beith, Ayrshire

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and Face 15A and  
16C



**Further Information:**

Alex was born in Aberdeen. When Alexander enlisted he  
resided at Townhead Street.







# Alexander Moore

**16th Royal Scots / 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** 19.5.15

**Regiment Number:** 21263 / S/2469


**Killed in Action:** 1.7.16 Battle of the Somme

**Address:** Lawrie Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Thiepval Memorial,  
Pas de Calais, France Pier and Face 15C.

**Further Information:**

The battalion moved forward at 9am into action at Redan Ridge. The war diary records heavy machine gun fire from the Front and the direction of Beaumont Hamel. The German front line was passed then parties moved forward and reached the third line then withdrew with heavy casualties before being relieved by the 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers at the Quadrilateral and withdrew to the sunken Beaumont - Serre Road. Casualties 394. Alexander was part of the 10th Brigade 4th Division attached to the Royal Scots. He was wounded in July 1916. He was born and enlisted in Paisley and resided in Stonehouse. Alexander has no known grave. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser July 1916)







## William Muir

**Lovat Scouts (1915) / Cameronian Highlanders**

**6th Battalion 'B' Company**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** 2778 / S/40646

**Killed in Action:** 31.7.1917 (aged 28) Belgium

**Address:** Stonehouse

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen,  
Belgium LII.B.13.

**Further Information:**

Son of John and Jane of King Street. (Ref. amilton  
Advertiser September 1917 / November 1924)







# Daniel Murdoch

**Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders 7th Battalion**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** S/22851

**Killed in Action:** 12.4.1917 (aged 29) France

**Address:** Formerly of 45 King Street then Glasgow

**Occupation:** Messrs Templeton (Carpet Manufacturers, Glasgow)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair A340) /  
Houdain Lane Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France G.3

**Further Information:**

Daniel was born in Stonehouse. Son of George and Mary of 45 King Street and husband of ? of 72 Ardenlea Street, Dalmarnock. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser May 1917)





# James Murdoch

**26th Foot Cameronians (Local Infantry Reg.)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Larkhall Spring 1815

**Killed in Action:** 18.6.1815 Battle of Waterloo

**Address:** 32 Hill Road

**Occupation:** Weaver

**Further Information:**

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# John Park

**R.E.M.E./ 101 Squadron Royal Airforce Volunteer  
Reserve (Bomb Aimer)**

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Enlisted:** Glasgow

**Regiment Number:** 3129068 / 1361100

**Killed in Action:** 24.5.1943 (India)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's  
Church / Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Netherlands Coll.  
Grave 16.C.4-7 / Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in  
2008

**Further Information:**

John was apparently born in Hamilton in 16.2.1929.  
Son of John and Jean of 4 Cander Avenue. Birth  
information probably incorrect as birth and death  
dates would indicate he died 14 years of age.







# Hugh Wotherspoon Paterson

**New Zealand Medical Corps.**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 3/219

**Killed in Action:** 7.6.1915 (aged 20) Turkey

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in  
2008 / Shrapnel Valley Cemetery, Turkey III.A.3

**Further Information:**

Son of John Barr Paterson and Margaret Moodie  
Paterson of Stonehouse.







# Robert Paterson

**Royal Horse Artillery / 19th Brigade Royal Field Artillery**

**Rank:** Staff Sergeant

**Enlisted:** Woolwich, London

**Regiment Number:** 51491

**Killed in Action:** 11.10.1918 (Died of Malaria aged 26) Salonika Greece

**Occupation:** Fitter

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 / named on headstone (88) in old kirk cemetery / Kirechkoi-Hortakoi Military Cemetery Greece 294

**Further Information:**

Born in Strathaven. Son of Robert and Margaret of Stonehouse.







# David Thomson Patrick

**Gordon Highlanders / Machine Gun Corps.  
(Infantry) 49th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Aberdeen October 1917

**Regiment Number:** S/19707 / 130770

**Killed in Action:** 6.6.1918 (aged 25) Belgium

**Address:** Hamilton formerly West Mains

**Occupation:** Farm Servant

**War Memorial:** Not listed in Stonehouse Cemetery  
/ White House Cemetery, St. Jean-Les Ypres, Iepes,  
West Vlaanderen, Belgium III.P.14

**Further Information:**

Patrick was born in Dumbarton. Mother resided at  
West Mains farm. Killed in Battle of Hindenburg  
Line. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser June 1918)







# Alexander Plenderleith

## Royal Scots Fusiliers 2nd Battalion

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 18293

**Killed in Action:** 2.7.16 Battle of the Somme


**Address:** 52 Townhead Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair A296) /  
St.Ninian's / Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and  
Face 3C



### Further Information:

Alexander was killed during an attack on Montauban. The battalion were in support of the 16th and 17th Manchester's moving forward at 8.30am entering the village at 10.05am and Montauban Alley beyond soon after. Casualties 170. Alexander was 23 years of age and was part of the 90th Brigade 30th Division. Alexander was born in Stonehouse. Youngest son of Robert Plenderleith. Robert has no known grave. Was killed after only two weeks in the trenches. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser July 1916 / September 1916)







# John Prentice

**Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders / Royal Scots  
(Lothian Regiment / Queens Edinburgh Rifles) 1st/4th  
Batallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Glencorse, Midlothian 29.8.14

**Regiment Number:** 13091 (Royal Scots)

**Killed in Action:** 21.12.1917 (aged 22) Eygpt/Palestine

**Address:** New Street

**Occupation:** Miner at Broomfield

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel E.26

**Further Information:**

John was born in Stonehouse. Son of Robert and Elizabeth  
of 4 Millar Street. Twice wounded in France John also fought  
at Ypres. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser April 1917 / January  
1918)







# John Reid

**Princess Louise's Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders**

**1/5th Batallion**

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Enlisted:** Greenock

**Regiment Number:** 200042

**Killed in Action:** 3.8.1918 (Drowned at sea)

**Address:** Port Glasgow

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton

**Further Information:**

John was born in Stonehouse.







# Robert (Roy) Reid

**6th Dragoons / Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regiment) 1st Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton April 1917

**Regiment Number:** 22547 / 56991

**Killed in Action:** 1.12.1917 (Died of wounds) France

**Address:** Holm Farm

**Occupation:** Farmer

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Mana,  
Somme, France Pier and Face 4D

**Further Information:**

Robert was born in Stonehouse. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser  
December 1917)







# John Richardson

**Royal Engineers**

**Rank:** Sapper

**Regiment Number:** 79363

**Killed in Action:** 18.7.1920 (Died aged 26)

**Address:** Formerly 14 Townhead Street

**War Memorial:** Not listed on War Memorial but buried in Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair B4) / St.Ninian's

**Further Information:**

Husband of Annie Dunemore formerly Richardson.







# Leon Henry Robertson

**Royal Army Service Corps**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Regiment Number:** T/208992

**Killed in Action:** 21.9.1942 (aged 31)

**War Memorial:** Not listed on Memorial but headstone in  
Stonehouse Cemetery Sec. B. Garve 558

**Further Information:**

Son of Eric and Kathleen of St. Pancras, London.







# Thomas Robinson

**Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 5th Batallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 53193

**Killed in Action:** 26.7.1918 (Died of wounds at home)

**Address:** Stonehouse

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / St. Andrew's Western Cemetery, Fife H.85 / Listed as 'Robinson' on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008

**Further Information:**

Thomas was born in Partick. Thomas is listed as 'Robertson' on Cenotaph, however Naval & Military Press list a Thomas 'Robinson' serving in the Great War but no 'Robertson'. Presume same person.







# Nicholas Rowan

**Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 10th Battalion**

**'D' Company**

**Rank:** Lance Sergeant

**Enlisted:** Larkhall

**Regiment Number:** S/5888

**Killed in Action:** 13.10.1915 (aged 25)

**Address:** 30 Lawrie Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Corbie Communal Cemetery, Somme, France Plot I. Row B. Grave 41

**Further Information:**

Nicholas was born in West Calder. Son of Samuel and Agnes and husband of Mrs N. Rowan 30 Lawrie Street.







# Robert Russell

**Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) 16th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 25113

**Enlisted:** Hamilton 17.5.15

**Killed in Action:** 1.7.1916 (aged 19) Battle of the Somme

**Address:** 31 King Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France Pier and Face 6D and  
7D



**Further Information:**

Killed during an attack on La Boisselle with fellow villager Thomas Grimason. Robert was part of the 101st Brigade 34th Division. Robert was born in Stonehouse. Robert was no known grave. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser July 1916)







# George Ruthven

**Royal Navy**

**Ship:** HMS Gloucester

**Rank:** Able Seaman

**Regiment Number:** D/SSX 17228

**Killed in Action:** 22.5.1941

**Address:** 5 Queen Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Plymouth Naval Memorial, Devon Panel 48, Column 2

**Further Information:**

Son of George and Elizabeth of Stonehouse of 5 Queen Street. George was born on 10.5.1918.







## George Sage

**Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 8th Battalion**

**Rank:** Corporal

**Regiment Number:** 2981498

**Killed in Action:** 3.3.1943 (aged 25) North Africa

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery C167 / St.Ninian's /  
Oued Zarga War Cemetery, Tunisia 1.H.8

**Further Information:**

Son of Arthur and Annie Summers Sage of Stonehouse.







# Stewart Singer

**Merchant Navy**

**Rank:** Boatswain / Bosun

**Ship:** SS Empire Dorado (London)

**Killed in Action:** 8.11.1940 (aged 28)

**War Memorial:** Not on Memorial / Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair D6) / North Bute Cemetery, Bute Sec. K. Coll. Gave 42-44

**Further Information:**

Son of Stewart and Margaret Thomasina Grubb of Stonehouse. Not on memorial as headstone erected by son in recognition of his fathers death some years during war years. Interred at Port Bannatyne Rothesay.







# Allan Bell Sieviewright

**Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 5th/6th Battalion**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Regiment Number:** 200588

**Enlisted:** Glasgow October 1914

**Killed in Action:** 26.9.17 (aged 24) Battle of the Somme

**Address:** Old Manse, Hill Road, Stonehouse (Parents)

**Occupation:** Grocer, Provision Trade Cooperative Society

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen, Belgium Panel 68 to 70 and 161 and 162A

**Awards:** Military Medal

**Further Information:**

Allan is thought to have been born in Glasgow. First serviceman to receive Military Medal in Stonehouse. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser January 1917 / October 1917 / October 1919)







# James Small

**Royal Garrison Artillery 192 Heavy Bty.**

**Rank:** Corporal

**Regiment Number:** 65286

**Enlisted:** Edinburgh

**Killed in Action:** 10.11.1917 (Died of wounds) Salonica

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
Salonica (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece 1272

**Further Information:**

James was born in Stonehouse.







# Frank Smith

**Kings Own Scottish Borderers 8th Batallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Larkhall

**Regiment Number:** 15753

**Killed in Action:** 25.9.1915 (aged 19) Battle of Loos

**Address:** Stonehouse

**War Memorial:** Not listed in Stonehouse Cemetery / Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Panel 53 to 56

**Further Information:**

Frank was part of the 46th Brigade 15th Scottish Division. Born in Stonehouse he was the son of Mrs Hannah Smith of 40 New Street, Birkenshaw Larkhall. Frank has no known grave.







# Thomas Smith

## **Gordon Highlanders / Royal Scots Fusilliers 6th Batallion**

**Rank:** Major

**Enlisted:** Larkhall (aged 17)

**Killed in Action:** 23.1.1917


**Address:** London

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Peake Wood Cemetery, Somme, France D5

**Awards:** Distinguished Conduct Medal (1900)/ Freeman of the City of London / India Medal (1895) / Coronation Medal (1892) / Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

### **Further Information:**

Son of Alexander of New Street. Husband of wife of 16 Bathurst Street, Sussex Square, London W1. Aged 18 he joined Gordon Highlanders (2.7.1884); promoted to Lance Corporal (4.8.1886); promoted to Corporal (26.8.1886); promoted to Lance Sergeant (22.3.1887); promoted to Sergeant (27.3.1889); promoted to Colour Sergeant (19.12.1892); Sergeant Major (1897). Served in following campaigns: Chitral Expedition (1895); Punjab Frontier (1897-98); Tirah Frontier (1897-98); The famous charge of the Gordon Highlanders at Dargal; Boer War etc. Discharged on pension on 1st July 1905 after 21 years service. At outbreak of war he volunteered for active service. Appointed quartermaster and Hon. Lieutenant with Gordon Highlanders (Pioneers) he was soon promoted to Captain and Adjutant before proceeding to France in 1915.. Mentioned in despatches at Loos he was appointed to second in command of a Batallion of Royal Scots Fusilliers with the rank of Major. He took part in exchanges at the Somme, and was killed while in temporary command (Colonel) of the Batallion whilst proceeding round front line trenches. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser 10th February 1917).







# John Sorbie

**16th Royal Scots & Highland Light Infantry**

**14th Battalion**

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Enlisted:** 17.5.15

**Regiment Number:** 25112 / 24116

**Killed in Action:** Missing since 24/11/1917 (presumed killed aged 25) 2nd Battle of Ypres

**Address:** 13 Green Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France Panel 10

**Further Information:**

John was born in Stonehouse. His brother was Thomas Sorbie of 13 Green Street. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser July 1917 / September 1918). Son of Robert Sorbie and Jane (Jeanie) Murdoch born 9th December 1892. Note: 14th (Service) Battalion of HLI was formed at Hamilton in July 1915.







# Mitchell Sorbie

**Highland Light Inf. 8th Lanark Bat. Territorial**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Stonehouse

**Regiment Number:** 7429

**Killed in Action:** 23.4.1915 (Died of wounds) France

**Address:** Larkhall

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France VIII.  
A.22A

**Further Information:**

Mitchell was born in Larkhall. Killed at Battle of  
Gravenstapel (Ypres Salient).







## William Morton Sorbie

**Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 614 Squadron**

**Rank:** Sergeant (Wireless Operator / Rear Air Gunner)

**Regiment Number:** 1306064

**Killed in Action:** 4.12.1942 (aged 27) North Africa

**Address:** Strathaven Road

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Beja

War Cemetery, Tunisia Joint Grave 2.J.11

**Further Information:**

William was born in Stonehouse. William is said to have flown Blenheims. Son of Thomas and Annie Morton Sorbie of Stonehouse. Brother; Alexander. Sister; Lilian (Nutt) and Flora.







## Archibald Stewart

**Highland Light Infantry 2nd Battalion**  
**(5th Brigade -2nd Division of 13th Corps First Army)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 31102

**Killed in Action:** 28.4.1917 (Died of wounds) France

**Address:** Hill Road

**Occupation:** Ploughman

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Arras  
Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Bay 8

**Further Information:**

Archibald was born in Stonehouse. Son of John of Hill Road. Archibald may have been in Territorial Army prior to war and was among the first battalions sent to France. He was killed at the Battle of Arleux near a place called Oppy Wood during the Arras offensive. He has no known grave. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser June 1917).







# Matthew Stewart

**Highland Light Infantry 15th (Service) Battalion  
(1st Glasgow) 14th Brigade, 32nd Division, 10th Corps  
Fourth Arm)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 40838

**Killed in Action:** 11.10.1918 (Died of wounds) France

**Address:** Stonehouse

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / St.  
Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France  
R.III.B.6

**Further Information:**

Matthew was born in Stonehouse. Matthew was wounded during attack on small village of Sequhart on 2-3rd October 1918. He was taken to a field dressing station before being transferred to the Australian General Hospital at Rouen where he died of his wounds.







# John Storrie

**Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 5th/6th Battalion**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Enlisted:** Hamilton October 1914

**Regiment Number:** 240363

**Killed in Action:** 20.5.1917 France

**Address:** Motherwell and Miller Street, Stonehouse

**Occupation:** Messrs Colvilles

**War Memorial:** Not listed in Stonehouse Cemetery / Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Bay 6

**Further Information:**

John was born in Dalziel. Parents lived in Miller Street, Stonehouse. Reported missing since 20.5.1917. Served six months in France. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser December 1917).







## Archibald Gillies Tait

**Corps of Military Police, 18th Divisional Provost  
Company**

**Rank:** Sergeant (Footguards)

**Regiment Number:** 2695122

**Killed in Action:** 13.11.1943 (aged 27) Far East (Malaya)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Paterson Church /  
Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery, Myanmar B6.U.19

**Further Information:**

Archibald was born in Stonehouse. Joined Scots Guards in his early teens before joining Bristol Police. Called up to serve with Military Police at outbreak of war. Served at Dunkirk before Regiment was sent to Singapore where he was taken prisoner by the Japanese. Worked on Burma railway where he died after suffering from Tropical disease. With no medical supplies he lost both his legs before his death. Son of Alexander and Elizabeth. Husband of Doris Tait of Steapside, Pembrokeshire.







# Thomas Tait

**Princess Louise's (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders)**

**10th Battalion**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Enlisted:** Hamilton 28.10.15

**Regiment Number:** S/14013

**Killed in Action:** 30.9.1918 (aged 27) France

**Address:** Stenhousemuir

**Occupation:** Darngavel Company Ltd.

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Joncourt British Cemetery, Aisne, France A.15

**Further Information:**

Thomas was born in Ayr. Previously resided at Cam'nethan Street. Son of Thomas Tait. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser October 1918).







# Abram Thomson

**Seaforth Highlanders 2nd Batallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** 1914

**Regiment Number:** S/4164

**Killed in Action:** 11.4.1917 (aged 23) France

**Address:** New Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Athies Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France J.6

**Further Information:**

Son of Helen Thomson of 96 New Street. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser May 1917).







# Robert R. Thomson

**Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) 6th Perthshire  
Batallion (Territorial)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton

**Regiment Number:** 268388

**Killed in Action:** 23.4.1917 (aged 28) France

**Address:** Stonehouse

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's / Arras  
Memorial, Pas de Calais, France Bay 6

**Further Information:**

Robert was born in Stonehouse. Son of James and Ann  
Nelson. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser October 1918). Robert is  
buried in old kirkyard (156).







# Thomas Torrance Thomson

**R.G.A. / Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) 12th Battalion**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Enlisted:** Broxburn 3.3.16

**Regiment Number:** 65125 / 12470

**Killed in Action:** 24.8.1916 (Died of wounds aged 28)

Battle of Somme

**Address:** Hill Road

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France I.C.30.

**Awards:** Military Medal

**Further Information:**

Thomas was born in Stonehouse. Son of James of 37 Abercorn Place, Winchburgh West Lothian.







# Archibald Todd

**Cambridgeshire Regiment**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 5833372

**Killed in Action:** 28.1.1942 Malaya

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
Singapore Memorial Column61

**Further Information:**

Archibald was born Stonehouse.







# James Todd

**Worcestershire Regiment 1st Batallion**

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Enlisted:** Worcester

**Regiment Number:** 15040

**Killed in Action:** 6.12.1915 (Died of wounds)

**Address:** Kidderminster, Worcs.

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008

/ Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

I.E.17

**Awards:** Military Medal

**Further Information:**

James was born in Stonehouse.







# John Todd

**Parachute Regiment, A.A.C. 5th (Scottish) Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Regiment Number:** 14410004

**Killed in Action:** 3.5.1944 (aged 19) Italy

**War Memorial:** Listed on Stonehouse Cemetery in 2008 /  
Stonehouse Cemetery A47 / Cassionno War Cemetery, Italy  
XIX.F.21

**Further Information:**

James was born in Stonehouse. Son of John and Elizabeth of Eddlewood. Grandfather Hector McInnes and Grandmother Elizabeth McInnes. Probably no Stonehouse connection other than grandparents.







# Robert Johnston Todd

**Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders 12th Battalion 'D'**

**Company**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Partick

**Regiment Number:** S/11924

**Killed in Action:** 19.9.18 (aged 25) Salonica

**Address:** Larkhall

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Doiran Military Cemetery, Greece V.F.1

**Further Information:**

Robert was born in Stonehouse. Son of Gavin and Janet Johnston Todd of Burnside Place, Larkhall.







# Abram Torrance

**Seaforth Highlanders 2nd Batallion**  
**(Ross-shire Buffs, Duke of Albany's)**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Strathaven 1914

**Regiment Number:** S/4164

**Killed in Action:** 11.4.1917 (aged 23) France

**Address:** New Street

**Occupation:** Booking Clerk (Caledonian Railway  
Company; Strathaven)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair A229) /  
Paterson Church / Athies Communal Extension, Pas de  
Calais, France J.6

**Further Information:**

Abraham was born in Stonehouse. Enlisted at  
commencement of hostilities. Son of Abraham and Helen of  
96 New Street. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser May 1917).







# Alec Torrance

## **Royal Airforce Voluntary Reserve 137 Squadron**

**Rank:** Flight Lieutenant

**Enlisted:** 1939

**Address:** formerly Meadowside Cottage, Lockhart Street


**Occupation:** Compositor with the Hamilton Advertiser

### **Further Information:**

Alec survived the war. Alec learned to fly a range of fighter aircraft and was part of the famous 137 squadron flying the 'Whirlwind' bombers on sorties, attacking enemy positions, supply routes and shipping. In 1941 he sustained burning injuries overseas but was able to resume active service only a few months later, after recuperating in Gibraltar. Based primarily in England during the Battle of Britain, in the later years of the war he was posted to Burma and Thailand as part of a 'Mosquito' bomber crew, attacking Japanese positions.

Some people in the village may remember Alec for his daring swoop under Stonehouse Viaduct, in his 'Whirlwind' during the war years. Unfortunately, Alec was spotted and his number taken and reported to the authorities, and he found himself in trouble with his superiors for his misadventure.

After the war, Alec continued to work in aviation. In 1959 he was Senior Flight Officer with S.A.S. at Prestwick. In 1971 he helped to co-ordinate and plan the route for the famous aviator Sheila Scott, on her journey round the world, via the North Pole. This venture was part of a NASA research project.







# James Walker

**Gordon Highlanders 1st/ 6th Batallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Glasgow February 1915

**Regiment Number:** S/40928

**Killed in Action:** 9.4.1917 (Died of wounds aged 23)

France

**Occupation:** Larkhall Cooperative Society

**Address:** Hill Road

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Roclincourt Valley Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France II.F.4

**Further Information:**

James was born in Stonehouse and is buried in the old kirkyard (142). Son of Robert and Mary of Hill Road. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser April 1917).







# John Wardrope

**King's Shropshire Light Infantry 7th Battalion**

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Enlisted:** Oswestry

**Regiment Number:** 14293

**Killed in Action:** 28.3.1915 (Died at home aged 41)

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Bournemouth East Cemetery, Hampshire P.I.153

**Further Information:**

John was born in Lesmhagow. In the 1891 census a John Walker aged 17 resided at 22 Cam'nethan Street. Son of John and Mary of Stonehouse. Husband of Hannah of 4 School Land, St. Martin's, Oswestry. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser May 1917).







# William Watt

**Royal Scots (2nd Edinburgh) 16th Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Hamilton 31.5.15

**Regiment Number:** 25141

**Killed in Action:** 1.7.1916 Battle of the Somme

**Address:** Lawrie Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Thiepval Memorial,  
Somme, France, Pier and Face 6D and 7D

**Further Information:**

Killed during an attack on La Boisselle with fellow villager Thomas Grimason and Robert Russell. William was part of the 101st Brigade 34th Division. Born in Stonehouse he enlisted at Hamilton. William has no known grave.  
(Hamilton Advertiser July 1916)







# John Whitelaw

**Royal Scots Fusiliers 1st Battalion**

**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Enlisted:** Glasgow 31.5.15

**Regiment Number:** 17312

**Killed in Action:** 25.9.1915 Battle of Loos

**Address:** Boghall Street and Larkhall

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / Bedford House Cemetery, Zillebeke, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium, Enclosure No.4 XII.D.15

**Further Information:**

John was born in Larkhall. Son of William of Boghall Street.  
(Hamilton Advertiser October 1915)







# Neil McAllister Whitelaw

**Royal Scots Fusiliers 1st Battalion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Glasgow 12.5.16

**Regiment Number:** 25385

**Killed in Action:** 3.10.1918 (aged 24) France

**Address:** Green Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's /  
Masniers British Cemetery, Marcoing, Nord, France II.B.6

**Further Information:**

Neil was born in Airdrie. Son of James and Jeanie McAllister  
of 6 Alexandra Terrace, Green Street.







# Robert Wilson

**3rd Royal Scots Fusiliers 2nd Battalion**  
(attached to 16th Royal Scots)

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** Stonehouse 5.9.14

**Regiment Number:** 7734

**Killed in Action:** 30.7.1916 (aged 42) Battle of the Somme

**Address:** Angle Street

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery / St.Ninian's  
? (two Roberts) / Thiepval Memorial, Pas de Calais,  
France Pier and Face 6D and 7D (Royal Scots Panel)

**Further Information:**

Robert was killed during the Somme offensive. He was part of the 90th Brigade 30th Division attached to the Royal Scots. Robert was born in Stonehouse. His sister Mrs Mair stayed at 10 Angle Street. Robert has no known grave. (Ref. Hamilton Advertiser Oct 1916 / June 1917)







# Robert Wilson

**Royal Scots 16th Reserve Batallion**

**Rank:** Private

**Enlisted:** 29.5.1

**Regiment Number:** 21273

**Killed in Action:** 28.7.1918 (aged 23)

**Address:** Lockhart Place

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair A497) /  
St.Ninian's ?

**Further Information:**

Robert was born in Stonehouse. Son of William and Elizabeth Hamilton Wilson, 4 Lockhart Street.







# Thomas Wilson

**Royal Welsh Fusiliers 4th Battalion**

**Rank:** Sergeant

**Regiment Number:** 2092204

**Killed in Action:** 17.7.1944 (aged 26) France

**Address:** Avonhaugh

**War Memorial:** Stonehouse Cemetery (Lair A231/232) / Paterson Church / Bayeux Memorial, Calvados, France Panel 14, Column 1

**Further Information:**

Son of Thomas (Councillor and Joiner) and Margaret J. Wilson of Stonehouse. Presumed to have lost life near Caen, France.

