

# Clan Chisholm Society



## Great War Centenary Project “every clansman remembered”



Sketches from the Trenches: Lt. MW Williams, 17Bn. Welsh Regiment



## Roll of Honour Volume 111



# France August 1914 – April 1917

# Foreword

## Clan Chisholm Society. Introduction to WW1 Memorial volumes.

My great aunt Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm was naturally legendary in the family as I was growing up. A copy of 'The Cellar House at Pervyse' was to be found in our sitting room and often referred to. We were proud of her war-time reputation and of the many medals she had been awarded due to her work in WW1. She was of course also a loving aunt to my father, Chief Alastair.

Less well known was her beloved brother Uilean Hamish McUistean, my grandfather, who served during World War I in Palestine and Egypt. Uilean had resigned his position in the Trinidad Constabulary in 1915 and enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant with the British West India Regiment. Photograph albums and other memorabilia from his time in Palestine reminded us of his war service.

World War One therefore, although distant in time, was a current topic of conversation within the family during my childhood and beyond. The scale of the 1914 - 1918 war and the huge loss of life was well known and the topic was and is covered in the educational curriculum in Britain. Both Mairi and Uilean returned to their families, so many did not.

Travelling through Belgium for the unveiling of a statue in Ypres to honour Elsie Knocker and Mairi's work and attending the nightly ceremony at the Menin Gate brought home to me even more so the sacrifice made by so many. The Chisholm clan is not a large one but there are many Chisholm names from around the world listed on the memorial showing all those still missing whose remains have not been found.

The Clan Chisholm Society which was founded in 1951 by Miss Mairi and my late father Alastair, has supported the creation of these memorial volumes to those Chisholms who fell in battle or died of their injuries later. I thank all those clansfolk who have contributed to the piece of work and especial thanks go to Robert Chisholm of New Zealand without whose dedication the memorial would not have been possible.

*Hamish*

Andrew Francis Hamish Chisholm of Chisholm



# About this book

This memorial booklet is a product of the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Forum, a discussion group open to all who share an interest in anything and everything related to Chisholm, with a heavy bias on Clan history, family histories, and Genealogies. 2014 saw the commencement of the centenary of the Great War, and we reflected initially on the remarkable courage of one of our Clan Chisholm Society Founders, Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm. Her story is well **told in many places, so it won't be repeated here, but in her memory we dedicate this commemorative series, and specifically this booklet, which catalogues the Chisholm lives lost in the West Flanders section of the Western Front.** In remembering Mairi, the Forum decided also to remember all those Chisholms who served and never returned. Those covered in the booklet are those whose names have been retrieved from Commonwealth and War Graves Commission Records. Regretfully we cannot cover many Clansmen who are sons of Chisholm mothers, as there is no easy way to retrieve that data. On some occasions, such a person who **has "Chisholm" as part of the name, gets captured by the search engine, and these people** have been included.

We have not been able to cover the great many Chisholms who served and did return, in many cases shattered in body and /or mind, but to them we acknowledge our respect. Likewise there would have been a courageous group of conscientious objectors; we can only sadly reflect that their views did not find favour with the politicians who lead the nations of Europe into a disaster of such magnitude that we are still suffering from the effects of the Great War. The defeat of the Russian Empire saw the rise of communism and the Soviet Union; the defeat of the German Empire gave rise to Nazism and a second world war; and the defeat of the Turkish Empire gave us the hodge-podge which we now have today in the Middle East.

This booklet is the third in a series of five proposed to commemorate the lives of our Chisholm clansmen who fell during the conflict. Previous volumes covered the theatres of Flanders and the Balkans/Middle East. Subsequent editions will cover the France from May 1917 till 1919, and those who are buried or commemorated on home soil. The memorial booklets would not have been possible without the information being available from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and its US counterpart. Of great value have been the personal archives made freely available by the Australian and Canadian governments. Many photos have been taken from internet sources, and an apology is offered in advance if any copyright has been infringed.

The format is chronological, listed in order of the date of death. Varying amounts of information concerning the fallen clansmen has been found. Great effort has been made to identify the family, and to note the parents and siblings. This is so that readers might identify one of their own family members. If that is the case, and the reader can provide further information, or a photograph, please get in touch.

If the family has been found in the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database, this has been noted on the commemorative page. Several families on the database have been extended, based on the information found during the research phase of the project. In many cases where a family is not found in the database, the Forum and the research files contain a sizeable cache of genealogical information, awaiting only an interested family member to get in touch and use

the information to create a family tree for inclusion on the Database.

In the same manner, if the soldier has a known link to a family which is part of the Clan Chisholm DNA Project, that information is shared.

Where there is a link to a family known to descend from a Clan Chief, this information is shown by the use of the Chisholm heraldic device. With one exception, these families are limited to what are known as the Lietre and Knockfin branches of the Clan. While we know from the DNA project that many more families descend from a Clan Chief or a Border Baron, we do not have accurate genealogical information to positively identify the link.

The project is an ongoing electronic project. This means that further information or photographs can be added if readers recognise their own family member, and submit the information. Readers are encouraged to assist the project in this manner.

The World War 1 centenary memorial project would not be possible with the assistance of many people, too many to mention all by name but among them are:

Bob Chisholm of Sussex, Forum Founder and Database Administrator, who has provided both genealogical and military information and whose vigilance ensures that enthusiasm does not override accuracy.

Alastair Chisholm of Hampshire, Forum master, who shares his wide knowledge of Strathglass genealogy, and who ensures the Forum is kept operational.

Anna Chisholm Dickinson, the sleuth of Spokane, who has helped track down many of the families concerned.

Ian Chisholm and Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield also provide valuable assistance, and several other individuals have provided valuable information on specific families, including Val Chisholm-Perry who provided a personal copy of the book "**Catholics of Antigonish in the Great War**".

Contact details for various Clan Chisholm projects associated with the World War One Centenary Remembrance Project are listed below.

Robert Chisholm (Auckland NZ) convenor of the WW1 Centenary Memorial Project Group.

**Clan Chisholm International Genealogical Forum:** Open to all. Registration required.

<http://www.chisholmgenealogy.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl>

**Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database.** Open to all members of Clan Chisholm Society, ask your branch secretary for the password. <http://www.clansman.info/index.php>

**Clan Chisholm DNA Project.** Open to all (testing fees apply) Help locate your family history by following the trail of the Y chromosome back in time. Clan Chisholm contains traces of all those who have invaded Britain, or attempted to, from days of Druids and Stonehenge, the Roman Empire, The Gaelic Invasion, The Angles and Saxons, the Norman Conquest, and the Spanish Armada, and then several New World additions as well. The project has been able to confirm the historically accepted account that the Chisholm Founder was of Norman origin.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Chisholm>

To offer support or further information regarding any serviceman, go to the

This Volume covers the 50 Chisholm casualties from 1914 through to April 1917 and represents approximately half of the casualties in France during the Great War. Losses were suffered at all times and in all places wherever the troops of the United Kingdom and the British Empire were stationed. The Western Front was a dangerous place to be at all times, and particularly when offensive action was the order of the day. The Battle of the Somme, in particular, took a heavy toll of Chisholms, with 15 lives lost. For many there are no known graves and so the names are recorded on memorials. At the Somme on the Thiepval memorial, there are six of our Clansmen, at nearby Vimy Memorial, are recorded the names of 3 Canadian Chisholms, and at Villers-Bretonneux, one NZ Chisholm in the Australian Infantry.

Elsewhere on the Western Front in France, the Loos Memorial in Pas de Calais, has 4 Chisholms.



Sausage Valley, Somme (Pozières)



Thiepval Memorial



Vimy Memorial



Loos Memorial



Villers-Bretonneux Memorial

## Dulce et decorum est

*Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,  
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,  
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,  
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.  
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,  
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame, all blind;  
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots  
Of gas-shells dropping softly behind.*

*Gas! GAS! Quick, boys! - An ecstasy of fumbling  
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time,  
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling  
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime. -  
Dim through the misty panes and thick green light,  
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.*

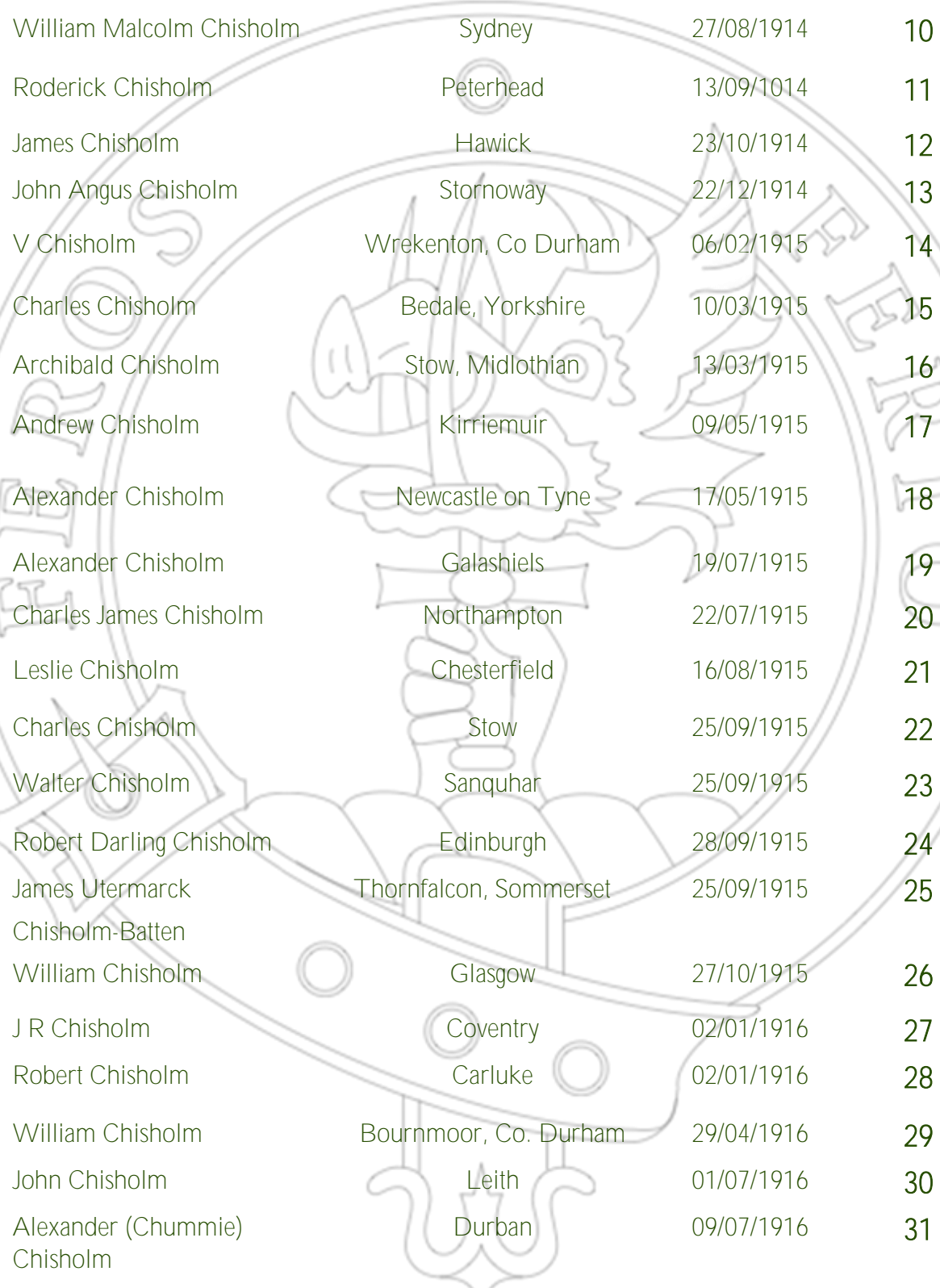
*In all my dreams before my helpless sight  
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.*

*If in some smothering dreams, you too could pace  
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,  
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,  
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin,  
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood  
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs  
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud  
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues, -  
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest  
To children ardent for some desperate glory,  
The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est  
Pro patria mori.*



2nd Lt, Wilfred Edward Salter Owen, 5th Bn. Manchester Regiment. KIA 4 Nov 1918

# Roll of Honour



Name	Hometown	Date	Page
William Malcolm Chisholm	Sydney	27/08/1914	10
Roderick Chisholm	Peterhead	13/09/1914	11
James Chisholm	Hawick	23/10/1914	12
John Angus Chisholm	Stornoway	22/12/1914	13
V Chisholm	Wrekenton, Co Durham	06/02/1915	14
Charles Chisholm	Bedale, Yorkshire	10/03/1915	15
Archibald Chisholm	Stow, Midlothian	13/03/1915	16
Andrew Chisholm	Kirriemuir	09/05/1915	17
Alexander Chisholm	Newcastle on Tyne	17/05/1915	18
Alexander Chisholm	Galashiels	19/07/1915	19
Charles James Chisholm	Northampton	22/07/1915	20
Leslie Chisholm	Chesterfield	16/08/1915	21
Charles Chisholm	Stow	25/09/1915	22
Walter Chisholm	Sanquhar	25/09/1915	23
Robert Darling Chisholm	Edinburgh	28/09/1915	24
James Utermarck Chisholm-Batten	Thornfalcon, Sommerset	25/09/1915	25
William Chisholm	Glasgow	27/10/1915	26
J R Chisholm	Coventry	02/01/1916	27
Robert Chisholm	Carluke	02/01/1916	28
William Chisholm	Bournmoor, Co. Durham	29/04/1916	29
John Chisholm	Leith	01/07/1916	30
Alexander (Chummie) Chisholm	Durban	09/07/1916	31
James Chisholm	Glasgow	18/07/16	32

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Stuart Chisholm	Inverness	18/07/16	34
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Kenneth James Chisholm	Ealing	18/08/16	36
John Samson Chisholm	Barrabup, West Australia	31/08/16	37
William Turner Chisholm	London	01/09/16	38
George Chisholm	North Shields	03/09/16	39
Alfred Chisam	Yetlington, Northumberland	15/09/16	40
William Chisholm	Brandon, Manitoba	26/09/16	41
Donald Alexander Chisholm	Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan	08/10/16	42
Alexander (Alick) Chisholm	Edmonton, Alberta	09/10/16	43
William Chisholm	Lindsay, Ontario	27/10/16	44
Alexander Chisholm	Gorgie, Edinburgh	06/11/16	45
Gordon Douglas Chisholm	Peterborough	06/11/16	46
Robert John Chisholm	Dundee	11/11/16	47
David Chisholm	Edinburgh	13/11/16	48
Alexander Chisholm	Napanee, Ontario	19/11/16	49
Francis Chisholm Young	Cambridge	14/02/17	50
William Alexander Chisholm	Toronto	09/03/17	51
John Alexander Ross Chisholm	Glasgow	20/03/17	52
John (Jack) Chisholm	Barnet, BC.	29/03/17	53
James Chisholm	Llanbryde, Morayshire	09/04/17	54
George Roderick Chisholm	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	09/04/17	55
John Anderson Chisholm	Dunfermline	09/04/17	56



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Name	Last Residence	Date	Page
William Archie Chisholm	New Glasgow, NS.	11/04/17	57
Colin Chisholm	Vancouver	14/04/17	58
Roderick Chisholm	Glasgow	20/04/17	59
Alick Chisholm	Knocknashalvaig	23/04/17	60
	End of France Part 1		

# Lieutenant William Malcolm Chisholm

## 1st Bn. East Lancashire Regiment

27 August 1914



Born 125 Feb. 1892, Sydney NSW, Australia.

Son of Dr William and Emma Isabel Chisholm.

Died of wounds on 27 August 1914, aged 22.



Lt. William Malcolm Chisholm is the first Chisholm casualty of the Great War, and the first Australian casualty of the war. He was the great grandson of the original James Chisholm, who came to the colony of New South Wales on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet in 1791, with the New South Wales Corps; and the second cousin of James Chisholm II who owned the property 'Kippilaw' approximately 20kms northwest of Goulburn, NSW."

On August 26 1914, two weeks before the first action undertaken by Australian troops in the First World War, a 22 year old lieutenant of the 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment lay mortally wounded by shrapnel in a cornfield outside the village of Ligny-en-Cambresis.

The British and French troops had fought a rear guard action by the Germans who were advancing towards Paris. The British line between the village of Ligny-en-Cambresis and the town of Le Cateau was supposed to slow down this advance.

When the German troops attacked Le Cateau, the British positions were overrun and the defenders were forced to withdraw. It was a costly action that resulted in 5,500 casualties in just a few hours, and among them was Lieutenant William Chisholm, who begged his men to leave him in the cornfield while the rest of the British line withdrew. Chisholm's men carried him to a nearby church, where he uttered a few final words to his platoon sergeant. He died the following day and was buried by the Germans, who erected a stone memorial for him, and sent his sword, cap badge and wrist watch back to his mother in London via the Red Cross.

The Chisholm family maintained a close relationship with Ligny-en-Cambresis. They offered grants to the town to keep the graves tidy and also to orphans of the Great War. The mayor renamed the main street running down from the church to the cemetery Rue Chisholm in honour of the officer who had died defending

**"ELDER SON OF DR. & MRS. WILLIAM CHISHOLM OF SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES"**

Burial: Ligny-En Cambresis Communal Cemetery Allied British Section 9

Local memorial at Khancoban Public School, NSW, Australia, & AWM Canberra.

# 11396 Lance Corporal Roderick Chisholm

## 2nd Battalion Royal Scots

### 13 September 1914



Born in Inverness, 1896  
enlisted in Peterhead, aged 17  
Son of Roderick Chisholm, Prison Warder at Peterhead, and Jane Fraser.  
Brother of William, Mary, Donald & Willamina.



Rosshire Journal 1 Feb 1918 carried an article on 4 cousins, all named Roderick Chisholm, all grandsons of the late Roderick Chisholm of Clunes.

#### FOUR RODERICKS CHISHOLM *Rosshire Journal 1 Feb. 1918*

*There is reproduced to-day photographs of four cousins all bearing the same Christian name of Roderick and the same surname of Chisholm, all of whom are grandsons of the late Roderick Chisholm, Clunes, Inverness-shire. All four have made the supreme sacrifice, no hope being left, it is believed, of the man reported missing. Each of the four cousins was the eldest son of his father, the particulars of the four cousins are as follows:*

- (1) Pte. Roderick Chisholm. King's Liverpool Regiment (died of wounds), son of Geo. Chisholm, R.D.C., 65 Shamrock Street, Garnethill, Glasgow, whose wife is a daughter of the late Mr Alex. Vass, Balintore, Ross-shire. Prior to joining the Colours, he was employed by Manfield & Sons, Buchanan St., Glasgow.*
- (2) Lce.-Corpl. Roderick Chisholm, Cameron Highlanders (missing since Nov., 1914), son of the late John Chisholm, Grogarry, South Uist, was a Regular.*
- (3) Sergt. Roderick Chisholm, Cameron Highlanders (died of wounds), son of Evan Chisholm, Garscube Road, Glasgow. Prior to joining the Colours he was employed in a bond store, Robertson Street, Anderson, Glasgow. His mother, who was a Miss Junor, hailed from Dingwall.*
- (4) Lce.-Corpl. Roderick Chisholm, Royal Scots (killed), son of Roderick Chisholm (officer), H.M. Prison, Peterhead, was a Regular.*



Chisholm Genealogical Database ID I3 Roderick Chisholm-Inverness

Memorial: La Ferte-Sous-Joarre Memorial

Also remembered on the Peterhead War Memorial

# 10554 Private James Chisholm

## 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders



23 October 1914



Killed in action near Farlingheim 23/10/14 aged 24.

Youngest son of William Chisholm, joiner, of 18 Howegate, Hawick, and Margaret Oliver. Brother of John and Frederick. Great grandson of a long established Hawick family, dating back at least to Walter Chisholm who had the Corn Mill at Reugh Heugh. James was a regular, who had enlisted in 1908. In late October 1914, the 2nd Battalion of Seaforths were positioned at the brewery in Farlingheim, just north of Armentières, and James Chisholm was one of the 5 casualties reported in the War Diary, victims of the High Explosive shelling which commenced at noon on that day.

Remembered on the Hawick municipal Roll of Honour, located next to Hawick War Memorial in Wilton Lodge museum. It consists of highly elaborate hand painted scrolls housed in double sided wooden cabinets. It remembers the 692 Hawick casualties from the Great War and 122 from the Second. The Roll of Honour of the Burgh of Hawick was unveiled by Provost Renwick in the Wilton Lodge Museum on November, 11th, 1923, five years after the end of the war. It comprised the names of 692 men who had fallen in the service of 60 different regiments during the war. The names were listed on 8 pages of illuminated vellum encased in a stand of oak.

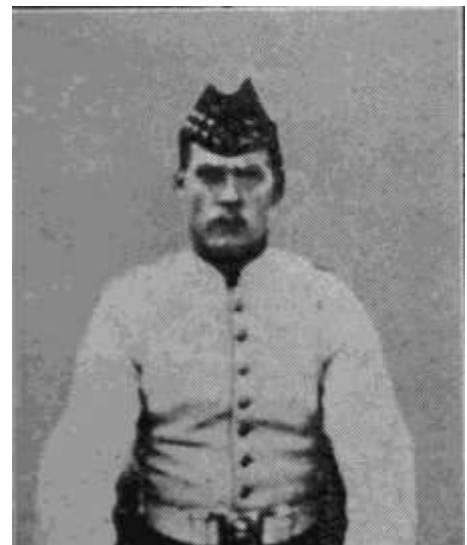


Chisholm Genealogical  
Database

ID I 138

Chisholm-

Hawick/Wilton



Burial: Houplines Communal Cemetery Extension, II.D.20. France

Memorial: Hawick Municipal Roll of Honour

# 3/5442 Private John Angus Chisholm 1st Battalion Cameron Highlanders



22 December 1914



3/5442 Pte John Angus Chisholm 1Bn Cameron Highlanders  
KIA at La Bassee on 22 December 1914, aged 20.

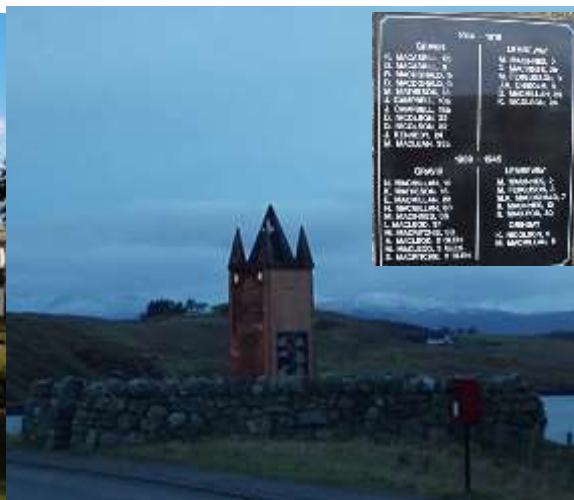
Son of Angus and Isabella Chisholm of 8 Lemreway, Stornoway.

Remembered on Le Touret memorial, Panel 41 and 42.

Local memorial on Lewis at Pairc, Kershader.

The number 8 on the memorial panel indicates the number of the croft.

John Angus (Angus) was one of the children of Angus (1862) and Isabella (1866); his siblings (also by his stepmother Mary) were Calum (1901), Jessie (1903), Malcolm, Margaret (1907),



Memorial: Le Touret Memorial, Panel 41 and 42.

Local memorial on Lewis at Pairc, Kershader.

# 9150 Private Vincent Chisholm

## 2nd Battalion Border Regiment



6 February 1915



Private Vincent Chisholm was a career soldier, enlisting in the Border Regiment in 1906.

Born in 1889 in Berwick, he was killed in action on 6 Feb 1915. He left behind a wife and at least 2 children.

His Chisholm Family has been a longstanding family from the Berwick-Tweedmouth area and his genealogy can be traced back into the 1700's.

Husband of Mary Ellen Chisholm, nee Littlefair. Father of Vincent and Eva Chisholm.

Son of James Chisholm (butcher, born Scremerston) and Isabella Pringle.

Brother of Nellie, George, Mary, Barker, John, Thomas and Charlotte.



Burial: Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix. I.N.30.

# 3/8136 Private Charles Chisholm 2nd Battalion Yorks. Regiment



10 March 1915



Born ca. 1872, killed in action on 10 March 1915 aged 48, during the Battle of Neuve Chapelle, the first major British offensive of the Great War.

Son of John and Alice Chisholm of Leeming, Bedale, Yorkshire.  
Brother of John Harold, Joseph, Frederick, Alice Ann, and William Earnest.

Charles was unmarried and had no children.

His father John Chisholm was a steam engine fitter,  
born in Scotland around 1846.

Remembered with Honour  
**Le Touret Memorial**



Memorial: [Le Touret, Panel 12 c](#)

# 7545 Private Archibald Chisholm 1st Battalion Highland Light Infantry



13 March 1915



Born in Galashiels in 1882, second son of the late Archibald and Janet Chisholm, of Union Street, Galashiels.

Brother of James, Walter, and Alexander (who was killed a few weeks later).

Archibald died a few hours after being wounded in a charge at Neuve Chapelle.

This Chisholm family is from an old Borders family in Melrose, earliest proven ancestors are **William Chisholm and Agnes Heiton**, who were born in the mid 1700's.



Chisholm Genealogical Database  
ID I4215 NZ Melrose (Jim)

Burial: Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard, Laventie. III.E.7  
also remembered with younger brother Alexander, on the Stow Memorial.



# S/6710 Private Andrew Chisholm

## 2nd Battalion Black Watch



9 May 1915



Born 26 Aug 1897 in Kirriemuir.

Son of James Chisholm and Jemima (Wilson) Chisholm  
of 15 Hobart Street Kirriemuir.

Died 9 May 1915 aged 17.

Brother Pte Wm Chisholm Canadian Infantry KIA France 1916

Brother of Pte. James Wilson Chisholm, killed in Mesopotamia on 10 Oct 1917.

Brother also to Jane, Jemima, George, Thomas, Jessie.



Clan Chisholm DNA Project R1b

Chisholm Genealogical Database  
ID I 1864 (NZ Angus)

Memorial: [Le Touret Memorial Panels 24-26](#)

Remembered at home on the Kirriemuir Memorial, with his brothers James and William.

# 14780 Corporal Alexander Chisholm

## 20th Army Troops Coy., Royal Engineers

Mentioned in Despatches



17 May 1915



Born in Newcastle on Tyne October 1884. Son of James and Hannah Taylor Chisholm of Heaton, Newcastle on Tyne. Husband of Janet Chisholm (nee Chisholm)

Father of Alice and James. Brother of Annie and Alice.

Janet is the daughter of James Chisholm /Jane Wright of Wooler

Executed on 17 May 1915, aged 31.

Alec was in charge of construction groups building hangars for the growing air-force. Animosity developed between him and his junior NCO, Corporal Lewis, ultimately leading to tragic consequences. Alex shot Corporal Lewis, who later died of wounds, and Alex faced a court martial charged with murder.

The court sentenced Chisholm to be hanged, a punishment that was subsequently endorsed by all the confirming officers, including Sir John French. Alec Chisholm was duly executed in the Asylum, Armentieres, at 6.10 am on 17 May but as his death certificate confirms, Chisholm did not perish on the end of a rope. He was instead shot by a firing squad under the command of Major John Tufton, Assistant Provost Marshal, 6th Division. There is no doubt that Chisholm fired the shot that killed Lewis but whether the condemned man was given a fair trial remains open to question. Lewis certainly did not have any right to bait, malign and undermine the authority of a superior officer. No effort was made by the court to consider whether Chisholm had temporarily lost his reason and acted 'under the influence of passion arising from extreme provocation'. Chisholm was not provided with adequate legal representation, he conducted his own defence. If the case had been heard in a criminal court he would probably have been found guilty of killing Lewis, but with appropriate legal representation a civil court may not have sentenced him to death.  
<http://www.warfaremagazine.co.uk/articles/murderous-tommies>



**“Until the day breaks,  
and the shadows flee away”**



Burial: Chapelle-D'armentieres Old Military Cemetery. B.27

Remembered on Page 566 of the Canadian Roll of Honour.

# 6226 L.Cpl.Alexander Chisholm

## 8th Battalion Royal Highlanders (The Black Watch)

### 19 July 1915



Born in Galashiels in 1892, son of the late Archibald and Janet Chisholm, of Union Street Galashiels.

Brother of James, Walter, and Archibald (who was killed a few weeks earlier).

This Chisholm family is from an olde Borders family in Melrose, earliest proven ancestors are William Chisholm and Agnes Heitton, who were born in the mid 1700's.



#### Southern Reporter

29th July 1915.

On Thursday morning official news reached Stow of the death of the first of its soldiers who have gone direct from the village and fallen at the front. The sad intelligence came in a letter to Mr James Chisholm, Hill Terrace, which informed him that his brother, Lance Corpl. Alex Chisholm, B Co. 8th (Service) Battalion Black Watch, was killed at his post in the trenches (near Bethune, it is understood) on Monday morning (19th inst.). What makes the circumstances all the more painful is the fact that it is just five months since Mr Chisholm received intimation that another brother (Pte. Archd. W. Chisholm), who was in the Highland Light Infantry, had fallen mortally wounded in a charge at Neuve Chapelle and died a few hours later.

The letter which was written on Monday by Lieut. G.B. McLure, of B Co., went on to say:- "I can understand, to some slight degree, what your brothers loss means to you and to his friends, for I knew him well and was proud to be his officer. Never have I had cause to complain of him in any way and when work was to be done Alex Chisholm was only too ready. It is a consolation to know he died at once, being hit by a shell where he stood.....My men have lost a loyal friend and I have lost one of my best N.C.O.'s.

Deceased who was 23 years of age, was born in Galashiels, but after the death of his parents he resided with his brother in Stow, where he was staying when he enlisted. He responded early to the call of Lord Kitchener, but his services not being immediately required he became tired of waiting and in October joined the 8th Service Battalion of the Black Watch as a recruit. Unlike his brothers he had never seen service before. Lance Corpl Chisholm was greatly liked by the young people of the village, to whom he was well known. Much sympathy is felt for the sole surviving brother, Mr James Chisholm, in his double loss, who himself served with the colors in the Boer War under Lord Roberts in the 1st VB K.O.S.B during the years 1899-1900.

Lance Corporal Chisholm was interred in the military burial place at Gorre about midnight on the day of his death. The little cemetery is in a wood, and the darkness was shown up by the four candle lanterns which we had. His grave is marked by a temporary cross bearing his name and number, but this will be replaced in a few days, by an officially supplied cross with his name, etc., stamped in tin foil, which is permanent .



Chisholm Genealogical Database  
ID I4216 NZ Melrose (Jim)



Burial: Gorre British and Indian Cemetery I.A.13

also remembered with older brother Alexander, on the Stow Memorial.

# 8745 L.Cpl. Charles James Chisholm 2nd Battalion Scots Guards



22 July 1915



Lance Corporal Charles James Chisholm, Born at Frimley 14 Dec 1895

Baptised at Aldershot in 1896 and at Lahore in 1897

Son of Colin Chisholm (b 1865) and Emily Jane O'Leary, 56 Ivy Road, Northampton.

A Scottish family in British India.

Brother of Robert Albert, John Colin, Vincent Patrick, Alexander Colin, Frederick Francis,  
Mary, Terence Malcolm

killed in action at Festubert, aged 19, on 22 July 1915.



Left to right

Charles James, Robert Albert, Vincent Patrick  
Christmas Leave, Northampton 1903.



Family Photo, British India, 1910.

Charles James Chisholm, aged 15, at right, back row and  
his father Colin Chisholm aged 45 also in the back row  
Middle Row: Mary, Emily, Terence Malcom (baby),  
Frederick Francis.  
Front Row: Vincent Patrick, Robert Albert.

Chisholm Genealogical Database  
ID I16 Chisholm-Carlisle Tree

**“REQUIESCAT IN PACE “**

Burial: Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez. VIII.T. 21

Remembered on the Northampton Roll of Honour.

# 18731 Private Leslie Chisholm

## 2nd Bn. Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby) Regiment



16 August 1915



Born in Mansfield, Notts, in 1897, resided in Chesterfield, Derby.

Son of Kenneth William (b Nottingham 1869) & Harriet Chisholm.

of the Welbeck Inn, Soresby Street, Chesterfield.

Brother of Percy.

Leslie enlisted at Chesterfield and went to France on 21 April 1915.

Died of wounds on 16 August 1915 at No. 22 General Hospital, Etaples.

Pte. Leslie Chisholm descends from a family of Rosshire Farmers (Saltburn).



Memorial: Etaples Military Cemetery. IV. C. 6A

Local memorial in basement boiler room at the Holy Trinity Church, Clifton.

# S/6435 Private Charles Chisholm

## 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders (92nd Foot)



25 September 1915



Born 1 Dec 1892, Stow, Midlothian. Son of James Chisholm (Shepherd of Gala Bank) and Jessie Knox. Charles was a ploughman, he enlisted in October 1914 and went to France on 27 May, 1915. He was reported wounded and missing after the Battle of Loos on 25 September, and was assumed to have been killed on action on that date. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Dud Corner, Loos, France. He is also commemorated locally on the Stow memorial; his name is second from bottom, just below Alexander and Archibald Chisholm, the brothers from nearby Galashiels. Charles descends from an olde Borders family, his ancestors can be traced to this area back into the 1700's.



Private C. CHISHOLM, 6435, A. Co.,  
2nd Batta., Gordon Highlanders,  
wounded and missing 25th Sept. 1915  
near Hulluch.



SGT. HOB. AFFLECK	1900	1915
SGT. ED. STODDON	1900	1915
SGT. ANDY ANDERSON	1900	1915
SGT. JOHN ANDERSON	1900	1915
SGT. PETER ANDERSON	1900	1915
SGT. ALEX. BELL	1900	1915
SGT. A. B. BROWN	1900	1915
SGT. HERBERT BROWN	1900	1915
SGT. T. THOMSON BROWN	1900	1915
SGT. JAS. BRYSON	1900	1915
SGT. ANDY BIRNELL	1900	1915
SGT. ALEX. CHISHOLM	1900	1915
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SGT. HENRY BOWE	1900	1915



Memorial: [Loos Memorial \(Dud Corner\) Panels 115-119](#)  
Local Memorial at Stow, Midlothian.

# 14567 L.Cpl. Walter Chisholm 7th Battalion Kings Own Scots Borderers



25 September 1915



Lance Corporal Walter Chisholm was killed in action in the Battle of Loos, on 25 September 1915, aged 22. He was the son of William & Helen Chisholm of Brigend, Crawick, Sanquhar. Brother of John (deceased aged 5 in 1898).



Burial: Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos. VI.F.20

Also remembered on the Kirkonnel, Dumfries, & Galloway Memorial,  
and on the Sanquhar School Roll of Honour, now located at the Sanquhar Academy,  
and on the family grave.

## 39 Sgt. Robert Darling Chisholm 4th Battalion Cameron Highlanders



28 September 1915



Born 1875, at 17 Bell Place, Edinburgh, son of David Wilson Chisholm and Jane Darling.

**Killed in action on 28 Sept. 1915, aged 40, in the Battle of Loos. He served in "A" Company, travelled to France on 19 Feb 1915, and was promoted to Machine Gun Sergeant. He was commended by the Officer in command of 7th Division for conspicuous bravery in the field.**

He was killed instantly when his trench took a direct hit from enemy artillery fire, at "Stone Alley", La Bassée.

Brother of Elizabeth, John, and Jane.



Memorial: Loos Memorial, Panel 119-124

Local memorial at George Heriot's School, Musselburgh.



# 2nd Lt. James Utermarck Chisholm-Batten

## 3rd Battalion Dorset Regiment

Attached to 3rd Bn. Royal Fusiliers



29 September 1915



James "Jem" Utermarck-Chisholm-Batten was born on 29 May 1884 in Ambala, Punjab, East India, the eldest of four sons born to Lt Col James Forbes Chisholm-Batten and Anne Douglas Chisholm-Batten of Thornfalcon, Sommerset, and Aigas Forest, Inverness.

He was a Lieutenant, 3rd Dorsets, attached to 3rd Royal Fusiliers, 85th Infantry Brigade, BEF in 1915. He died on 30 Sep 1915, aged 31, near Vermelles in front of the Hohenzollern Redoubt, France. He was originally buried with full Military Honours by the Germans. However the burial place was fought over many times so it was utterly lost, his name is therefore encribed on the memorial panel at Loos.

Brother of Harry Copeland, Edmund Rodolphe, and Major Jack de Havilland Chisholm-Batten, who was killed in action at Ypres 1917.



Great Grandson of  
The Chisholm  
Chief William XXIV



Memorial: [Loos Memorial](#) Panel 76B  
and on the Chisholm Batten Memorial Tablet in Holy Cross Church, Thornfalcon.

# 8660 Private William Chisholm

## 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders



27 October 1915



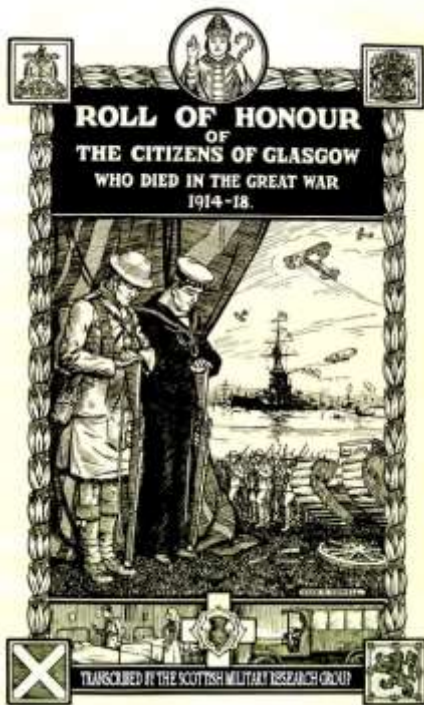
Born Perth ca. 1883

Died of Wounds on 27 October 1915, aged 32.

Son of Alexander and Annie Chisholm, 128 French Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow.

Brother of May, John, Bella, and Alexander (all born in Perth).

William's father Alexander was born at Inverkeilor near Arbroath, ca. 1850;  
his father John is from a Highland Chisholm family, born in Kiltarlity ca. 1815.



**“UNTIL THE DAY DAWNS”**

Burial: Etaples Military Cemetery III.E.17A.

Remembered on the Glasgow City Roll of Honour.

# 9733 Private John Robert Chisholm 2nd Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers



2 January 1916



John Robert Chisholm was born at All Saints, Coventry, ca. 1891.

Son of Mrs Sarah. A. Wilkins, 6 Bramble Street, Coventry.  
Brother of Mary

Killed in Action 2 January 1916, aged 25

War Diary 2Bn RWF 2 Jan 1916:

*Cambrin heavily shelled. Brigade HQ in particular, working party of D Coy. Which was engaged on sandbagging Brigade HQ and suffered the following casualties: three men killed, and three wounded.*

John's father is Walter Chisholm, a tailor, was born in Edinburgh. He died before 1901.

The family stems from a very olde Border Chisholme family, leading back to Ashkirk, deep in Roxburghshire.



Chisholm Genealogical Database

Father Walter is ID I 28 Chisholm-Earlston Tree

Burial: Cambrin Churchyard Extension. J.41.

S/7517 Private Robert D Chisholm  
2nd Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders



2 January 1916



Born ca. 1888 in Forth, Lanarkshire.

Son of Andrew and Janet Chisholm, Braidwood, Carluke, Lanarkshire.

The Chisholm ancestry can be traced to Gladsmuir in East Lothian, in the early 1800's.

Brother of William, Annie, Andrew, Hugh, John and Janet. Brother John was also killed in the Great War (died 13 July 1918).



Memorial: Loos Memorial Panel 125-127

Remembered also on the Carluke Memorial.

# 147592 Sapper William Chisholm 253rd (Tunnelling) Coy. Royal Engineers

Formerly 14807 East Yorks Regt.



29 April 1916



Born 1890

The moles

Killed in Action on 29 April 1916 aged 26.

Son of Thomas and Alice Chisholm, 6 Cross Row, New Lambton, Co Durham

The ancestral family has a coal mining pedigree, coal mining skills were required by the Tunnelling Companies



Remembered with Honour  
Vermelles British Cemetery



Burial: Vermelles British Cemetery. II.G.38

Also remembered on the Bournmoor Church Memorial.

# 17050 Corporal John Chisholm

## 15th Battalion Royal Scots



1 July 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Born 1894 South Leith, Midlothian

Son of Alexander Chisholm and Margaret Storm Chisholm, 57 Balfour Street, Leith.  
Brother of Alexander, David, Robert, William, Richard, and James.

Killed in Action on the opening day of the Battle of the Somme. The first day of the Somme, in terms of casualties, remains the blackest day in the history of the British Army. The 15th and 16th Battalions were in the initial assault on 1 July which was preceded by a six-day long bombardment. Both battalions were on the right flank of 34 Division which sat astride the Albert-Bapaume road and their initial objective was the once heavily fortified, but by the now ruined, village of La Boisselle.

On 1 July 1916, Corporal John Chisholm was deployed at La Boisselle, very near where the Lochnagar Mine was detonated at 7.28am. Two minutes later, at 7.30am, the 15th went over the top with the first wave of the attack. Within an hour 80% of the battalion was dead. John's body was not found, so he is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial.

Father Alexander was killed 5 days earlier, in war service for the Mercantile Marine.



Chisholm Genealogical Database ID 1730 NZ Nairn

Memorial: **Thiepval Memorial to the "Missing of the Somme"**. Pier and Face 6D & 7D  
Local memorial at North Leith Parish Church, which also remembers his father Alexander.

# 6540 Alexander (Chummie) Chisholm

## 2nd Regiment South African Infantry



9 July 1916  
The Battle of the Somme



Born Fox Hill, Natal, 1898.

Son of Alexander Chisholm and Lucy Louisa Goodburn, Red Hill, Natal, South Africa.  
Killed in Action at Bernafay Wood, Somme, 9 July 1916, aged 17 years 11 months.

Chummie's body was never recovered, and he is therefore remembered on the  
Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme.

Chummie was a junior clerk with the South African Railways.

His parents were from Pietermaritzburg, where they were married on 4 November 1895.



Memorial: **Thiepval Memorial to the "Missing of the Somme"**. Pier and Face 4C  
Local Memorials: Roll of Honour at Glenwood School, Durban, and the Durban Memorial.

# S/12134 Private James Chisholm 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders



18 July 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Born in Glenurquhart, resided in Glasgow

Killed in Action 18 July 1916 during the Battle of Longueval and Delville Wood, Somme.

Husband of Elizabeth

On this day , Tuesday 18 July 1916, strong German counter attacks were made at Longueval and Delville Wood; James Chisholm being one of the casualties, killed in action, and body never recovered.



Memorial: **Thiepval Memorial to the “Missing of the Somme”.**

Pier and Face 15B & 15C





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# 8791 Private Stuart Chisholm

## 5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders



18 July 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Born 11 Feb 1894, at 2 Shuttle Lane Inverness.

Son of James Chisholm and Johan McKenzie.

Private Stuart Chisholm was killed in action during the German counter attack at Longueval, on 18 July 1916.



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ID 166 Chisholm- Garbeg Tree

Memorial: **Thiepval Memorial to the "Missing of the Somme"**. Pier and Face 15B

Local Memorials: Tomnahurich, Inverness.

# 10107 Sergeant Roderick Chisholm 5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders



19 July 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Sergeant Roderick was one of the four grandsons named Roderick, of Roderick Chisholm of Clunes, all of whom were killed in The Great War.

He was the husband of Mary Catherine Chisholm, of 125 Garcute Road, Glasgow, and the son of Evan Chisholm and Susan Junor, of Inverness.

Roderick was born on 16th December 1887, and died of wounds at the Battle of the Somme, on 19 July 1916, aged 28.

Prior to joining the Colours he was employed in a bond store, Robertson Street, Anderson, Glasgow.



Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database

ID 126 Roderick Chisholm-Inverness Tree

Burial: Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension. 1.E.29

# Lieutenant Kenneth James Chisholm

## 5th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment



18 August 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Born 7 Feb 1893, Akyab, Burma

Son of Malcolm James Chisholm b 1864 in Simla, and Emily Kerr-Nesbitt.

Brother of Capt. Douglas Kemp Chisholm MC, Muriel Florence Chisholm, Donald Malcolm Francis Chisholm, Majorie Alice Chisholm.

Died 18 August 1916 aged 23. The Northants Pioneer Battalion were part of II Corps, 12th Division, and were engaged in the battle for Pozieres between 23 July and 3 September 1916, in the middle stages of the Battle of the Somme.

Kenneth was a clerk for the Great Western Railroad, at Paddington.

Note from Medlam Charts: The Chisholms of Allahabad, Simla and Burma stem from Alexander Chisholm, born in the parish of Eskdale in Strathglass in 1799. He was an engraver by trade and when he enlisted into the service of The Honourable East India Company, and sailed to India in 1819.

[Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database](#) ID Chisholm-Burma Medlam Charts: Simla



Burial: Puchevillers British Cemetery Plot III.A.7

Remembered locally at the Ealing Memorial, and on the GWR Roll of Honour, Chester Station.

# 2193 Private John Samson Chisholm

## 16th Battalion Australian Infantry



31 August 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Born at Opatu, Northland, New Zealand, on 13 Jan. 1880.

Son of John and Martha Chisholm, Opatu, Whangarei, New Zealand.

Brother of Helen, Flora, Jessie, William Alexander, Margaret Alice.

Resident of Barrabup, Western Australia. A New Zealander in Australian uniform, not uncommon, he was part of Australia's greatest ever military tragedy.

John landed in Gallipoli July 30 1915, and lasted 4 weeks of active service before being injured and eventually sent back to England. *"His mental state needed as much healing as his physical state"*. He was sent back to the Middle East and rejoined his battalion as they went back into France, April 16. They were sent into action in July. He was killed in action on 31st Aug 1916, aged 36, at Mouquet Farm, Battle of the Somme.

The Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honour records fifty-nine deaths for the 16th Battalion on 30-31 August 1916, most of whom would have died in the failed attack on Mouquet Farm. Of this number forty-two, or 71 percent, were missing and their bodies never recovered for identified burial.



Chisholm Genealogical Database ID I160 NZ Culduthel

Memorial: Villers Bretonneux

Remembered on Panel 79 of the Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

And also at Le Tommy Restaurant, 91 Route L'Albert, Pozières, Somme

# 2nd Lieutenant William Turner Chisholm

## 2/23rd Battalion London Regiment



1 September 1916



Born in Edinburgh on 12 August 1886.

Died of wounds at Aubigny en Artois, north east of Arras, on 1 September 1916, aged 30. Second son of David Chisholm and Elizabeth Turner, of 47 Gilmour Road Edinburgh. Nephew of acclaimed Scotsman George Goudie Chisholm. The family can be traced back as far as the late 1700's, to John Chisholm, Glover of Edinburgh.

After attending George Watson's College 1898-1901, he entered the service of Messrs. A. Cowan and Sons, Ltd., papermakers, and became their representative in India and the Far East. Returning in 1915, he enlisted in the London Scottish, was promoted Cpl. and gained a commission in the 23rd Bn. London Regt. He saw service in France, and on Sept. 1, 1916, while in rest-billets at Aubigny, was mortally wounded as he was looking after the safety of his men while under long range fire.



*The battalion had just come out of the trenches and were in rest billets, when they were shelled by long-range guns, and 2nd Lieut. Chisholm was struck by a shell bursting on the road, whilst he was proceeding to make dispositions for the safety of his platoon.*

Burial: AUBIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION V.A. 14

Remembered on the Cowan memorial at Penicuik.

# 4331 Private George Chisholm

## 9th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers



3 September 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Prior to the war, George worked at Smiths Dock, North Shields

He was the son of the Samuel and Agnes Chisholm.

38 Churchway, North Shields.

Brother of Annie, Jessie, Margaret, Alexina, Charlotte

George was wounded on 19th August 1916, and died of these wounds on 3rd September 1916.

Chisholm Genealogical Database  
ID 117 Waifs & Strays



Burial: Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, Saulty. III.A.5

Remembered on the Tynemouth Roll of Honour.

# 3775 Private Alfred Chisam

## 1/7th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers



15 September 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Son of William and Anne Chisam, of Yetlington, Whittingham, Northumberland.

Alfred was born in North Sunderland.

His father William was a teacher, born in Bermondsey, London.

Alfred was killed at the Battle of the Somme on 15 September 1916, aged just 17 years, during the taking of a section of Hook Trench in the attack on the Starfish Line.



Memorial: **Thiepval Memorial to the "Missing of the Somme"**.

Pier and face 10B 11B 12 B

Local memorial at St Bartholomew's Church, Whittingham



# 152846 Private William Chisholm

## 5th Battalion (Saskatchewan) Canadian Infantry



26-27 September 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Born 1888 in Kirriemuir. Son of James Chisholm and Jemima (Wilson) Chisholm of  
15 Hobart Street Kirriemuir.

Died between 26th and 27th September 1916, aged 27, at The Battle of Thiepval Ridge  
(Battle of the Somme)

Brother of Pte Andrew Chisholm (Black Watch) died in France in 1915

Brother Pte James Wilson Chisholm (Black Watch) killed in Mesopotamia in 1917

**“TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE HE LEFT BEHIND IS NOT TO DIE”**



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Chisholm Genealogical Database ID 1862 NZ-Angus Family Tree

Memorial: Courcelette British Cemetery XII. B. 14.

Local Memorial at Kirriemuir.

# 427198 Private Donald Alexander Chisholm 58th Battalion (Central Ontario) Canadian Infantry



8 October 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Born 23rd October 1895, at Glencoe, Middlesex Co., Ontario.

Son of Hugh Chisholm and Elizabeth McFarlane of Blind River, Algoma District.

Donald was a farmer when he enlisted at Moose Jaw in 1915.

He was Killed in Action on 10 October 1916, aged 21, at Regina Trench, North West of Courcellette, during the Battle of the Somme.

Donald is commemorated at the Vimy Ridge Memorial, along with 11,000+ other Canadians who perished in Northern France and have no known grave.



D/A CHISHOLM '87-1916



TO THE VALOUR OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN IN THE GREAT WAR AND IN MEMORY OF THEIR  
SIXTY THOUSAND DEAD THIS MONUMENT IS RAISED BY THE PEOPLE OF CANADA

Memorial: Vimy Ridge

Also remembered on the Canadian Virtual Memorial, The Book of Remembrance page 66,  
and on the Saskatchewan Virtual Memorial.

# Private Alexander (Alick) Chisholm 49th Battalion Canadian Infantry



9 October 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Born March 13, 1888, son of Angus Chisholm & Margaret McLaren of Knochcarroch, Whitebridge, Inverness-shire, Scotland.

Enlisted at Edmonton on 27 April 1915.

Killed in Action on 9th October 1916, during the Battle of Ancre Heights.

Brother of James Robert Chisholm, killed in Flanders and commemorated on the Menin Gate.

Brother of John, who served in the Field Ambulance Corps, he survived the war and married and had family.

Brother of Margaret (Meg).

Alick had previous military service with the Imperial Yeomanry, Lovatt Scouts.

In Canada he worked as a teamster.



Burial: Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt. II.C.42

Remembered on the Stratherrick Memorial, Invernesshire

commemorated on page 66 of the Canada First World War Book of Remembrance.

# 410705 Pte. William Chisholm

## 38th Battalion Canadian Infantry



27 October 1917

The Battle of the Somme



Another Scotsman in Canadian uniform

Born 23 December 1894 in Edinburgh

Died on 27 October 1916, of wounds received earlier that day,

at the No 13 Canadian Field Ambulance Station

Occupation: Teamster

Son of Andrew and Margaret Chisholm, 3 Ritchie Place, Edinburgh

Brother of James, Annie, & Benjamin.

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

REGIMENTAL NO. 410705. RANK Pte. NAME Chisholm, Wm. (William)

DATE OF PROMOTION TO PRESENT RANK 1st. DATE OF APPOINTMENT TO RANK 1st. 27/10/16. SERVICE NUMBER FROM (a) 157/1158. (b) 27/492/1/1.

Event	Place	Date	Remarks
Embarked at Glasgow	Glasgow	10/11/16	
Arrived	Amiens	10/11/16	
PROCEEDED FOR SERVICE			
DISEMBARKED			
27/10/16	Field	27/10/16	Killed in action. See also R. 157/1158. M. 27/492/1/1.



Burial: Courcelette British Cemetery I.F.4.

Remembered locally in Edinburgh in the booklet "Gorgie and Beyond".

# 1987 Lance Cpl Alexander Chisholm 5th Battalion Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

6 November 1916

The Battle of the Somme



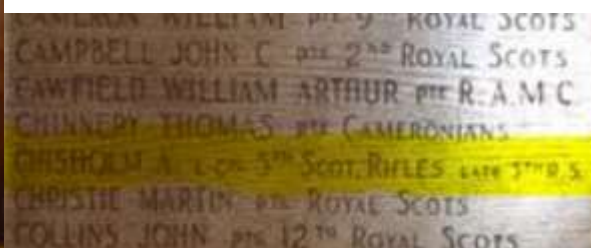
Born in Edinburgh in 1897

Son of James and Annie Chisholm, 9 Smithfield Street, Edinburgh.

Killed in Action on 6 November 1916.

Previously No.1339, Royal Scots,  
transferred to Lewis Gunner, No. 1987, 5 Cam (Scottish Rifles). Wounded at the Dardanelles.  
Employed by Messrs Alder & Mackay, Stewart Terrace.

There are 5 Chisholms from the Gorgie District of Edinburgh who were fatal casualties in World War One, although only Lance Corporal Alexander Chisholm is memorialised on the fireplace memorial inside the War Memorial Hall, currently the Gorgie Community Centre.



Memorial: **Thiepval Memorial to the “Missing of the Somme”**. [Pier and Face 4D](#)

Remembered in Edinburgh on the Gorgie War Memorial

And in the booklet “Gorgie and Beyond”

# 7242 Lance Corporal Gordon Douglas Chisholm 1/14th Bn. London Regiment (London Scottish)



6 November 1916



Born at Blofield, Norfolk, 1892.

Son of Alexander and Rosina Chisholm of 29, Princes St, Peterborough.

Killed in action at Laventie on 6 Nov 1916, aged 24

The 14th Battalion London Regiment (London Scottish) were an unusual battalion of the British Army before the Great War. Formed from the Volunteers in 1908 as part of the Territorial Force, to join the unit a soldier had to be either Scottish, or of Scottish descent. He also had to pay a joining fee; the money being used for regimental funds. Before 1914 this fee was ten pounds, an enormous sum; it was done to ensure that the men who joined the rank and file of the regiment were from Middle Class families and not the back streets of London. It was a popular regiment and on the outbreak of war was almost a full establishment; unusual for Territorial battalions which were normally understrength. It was also one of the best equipped; the regimental funds ensured that the London Jocks were the only battalion in the army with the latest Vickers Machine Guns for example. It marched to war in September 1914 and fought at Messines on Halloween 1914; becoming the first Territorial infantry battalion to see action in the Great War.



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Genealogical Database  
Knockfin: ID: I1277  
Descendant of  
John Doun Chisholm



“ONE CROWDED HOUR OF GLORIOUS LIFE”

Burial: Laventie Military Cemetery, La Gorgue III.B.17

Commemorated on the Peterborough War Memorial, and in the Book of Remembrance, Sprite Chapel, Peterborough.

# S 6501 Corporal Robert John Chisholm 8/10th Battalion Gordon Highlanders



11 November 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Robert John Chisholm, born in Huntly, Aberdeenshire, 1887

Resided at 312 Breck Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee

Only son of Robert Chisholm, carting contractor of Deebank Croft, Bachory and Jane Caird.

Accidentally killed; Corporal Chisholm was one of a party who were receiving instructions in the various kinds of bombs, when one exploded.

The Chisholm family had been in Aberdeenshire for a few generations but can be traced back to Kirkhill, Inverness.



Burial: Ribemont Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme. III. A. 9

Remembered on the Dundee Roll of Honour,  
and on the memorial plaque at St Stephens & West Church, Broughty Ferry.

# 3933 Private David Chisholm 9th Battalion Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment)



13 November 1916



Born in Earlston, Berwickshire.

5th son of Benjamin and Jane Chisholm, of 32 Grove Street Edinburgh.

An olde Borders Chisholm family.

Killed in action on 13 November 1916 aged 22.



Burial: Maily Wood Cemetery, Maily-Maillet. I.E. 1

And in the booklet "Gorgie and Beyond"



# 220301 Pte. Alexander Chisholm

## 78th Battalion Canadian Infantry



19 November 1916

The Battle of the Somme



Born at 37 Quay Street Saltcoats, Ayrshire February 19, 1892

Son of Alexander Chisholm (Ships Carpenter) and Catherine

Alexander's father died when he was just two years old, and his mother died but two years later in 1896, and by this time his 4 grandparents were all deceased. At some point he was taken in by the Quarrier Orphanage at Kilmalcolm, near Glasgow. By 1907, Alexander, aged 15, was shipped to Canada under a scheme where the children later became known as "Canada's Little Slaves". On attestation for the CEF in Dec 1915 his next of kin is listed as a friend, he states that he has no relations. It is unknown whether or not Alexander had siblings in Ayrshire. He had great Uncles, brothers of his grandfather Donald, named John Chisholm (b 1866) and William Dunlop Chisholm (b 1873).

Grandfather Donald was a shipbuilder in Govan.

This Chisholm family originates with Alexander Chisholm (farmer) in Skye.

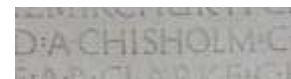
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His name is not on this memorial



Memorial: Vimy Memorial



Commemorated on 66 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.

# 2nd Lt. Francis Chisholm Young (m.i.d) 3rd Squadron Royal Flying Corps



14 Feb 1917

Son of Prof.W.H. Young, Sc.D., F.R.S, and Grace Chisholm Young Ph.D of Cambridge.

Frank “Bimbo”, born 1897, was killed in air combat at Gueudecourt, aged 19.

His mother Grace is well known for her mathematical talent, and his Uncle Hugh as editor of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Frank was the oldest child, he was brother to Rosalind, Janet, Ernestine, Helen, Laurence Chisholm Young, and Patrick Chisholm Young.

This Chisholm family has an oral tradition of their earliest known progenitor, being of such tall stature he was handpicked to serve in the Royal Household, and he marched himself from Inverness to London to take up his appointment.



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11A (Norman Founder Group)



Morane-Saulnier BB



Memorial: [Arras Flying Services Memorial](#)

# 541523 L.Cpl William Alexander (Alec) Chisholm 11th Field Coy. Canadian Engineers



9 March 1917



Born at Grafton, Ontario, Jan 8th, 1888.

Son of George Wallace Chisholm(1854-1921) & Effie Jane Chisholm, nee Smith (1869-1937),  
of Port Hope, Ontario, Canada.

Brother of Myrtle, Eva and Gertrude.

Alec was educated at Oakwood Collegiate, Toronto, and entered McMaster University in 1912.  
He enlisted in Dec 1915, and arrived in England in late March, and by 6th June 1916 was in  
France.

He was seriously wounded on 2 March 1917, and he died of these wounds one week later.



**“WITH FAITH AND FEARLESSNESS HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR OTHERS”**

Burial: Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension

Remembered on his parents gravestone, Union & St Johns, Port Hope, Ontario  
Commemorated on page 216 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.

# 95210 Private John Alexander Ross Chisholm Glasgow Yeomanry (Queen's Own Royal)



20 March 1917



Born in Plaistow, 1896

Son of Engineer Commander James Chisholm RNR, and Marion J Ross,  
419 Great Western Road, Glasgow.

Killed in Action on the Western Front, on 20 March 1917, aged 21,  
between Arras and Cambrai during the 7th Division attack on Croisilles.



Father' Headstone



Burial: Croisilles British Cemetery III.A.4

# 645972 Private John (Jack) Chisholm

## 54th Battalion Canadian Infantry



29 March 1917



Born 12 March 1884, Georgeville NS.

Resident of Barnet, British Columbia. Occupation: Miner.

Son of the late John Archibald Chisholm (died 1896), and Catherine MacIsaac, of Georgeville, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Brother of Archy, Mary, Daniel, Maggie, Lissie, Angus, Ambrose, Joseph.

Descended from the pioneer Chisholm brothers who settled in Malignant Cove the late 1700's.



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Burial: Villers Station Cemetery, Villers au Bois VII. G. 23

Remembered on the Cenotaph at Antigonish.

Commemorated on page 216 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.



# 265388 Private James Chisholm

## 6th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders



9 April 1917



James was born on 2 March 1892, at Lynn of Shenval, Inveravon, Banffshire.

Son of Alexander Chisholm and Catherine McPherson.

Brother of Alexander, Peter, Helen, John.

This Chisholm family of Inveravon, Moray, is originally from Urray in Rosshire.

James was killed in action at Arras on 9 April 1917, aged 25, when the 51st Highland Division advanced from Roclincourt during the Battles of Arras.



Burial: Highland Cemetery, Roclincourt. II.D.34

Local Memorials at Llanbryde, and at Glenlivet, Tomnavoulin,  
and on the Morayshire Roll of Honour.

# 148804 Private George Roderick Chisholm

## 78th Battalion Canadian Infantry



9 April 1917

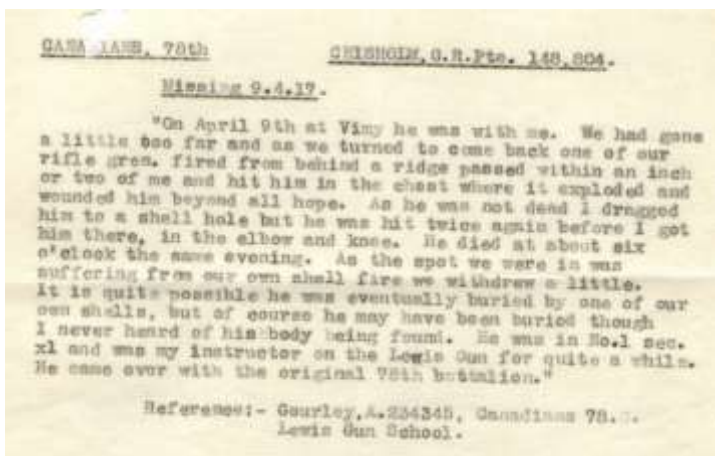


George was born at Pictou, NS., on 15th March 1897.

Son of George Roderick Chisholm and Ida Maude Chisholm, of Victoria, BC.

Brother of Annie, Gladys, Cyril and Ida (Bird).

Some time after 1901, this Nova Scotia family moved west. George joined the Royal Bank of Canada at Saskatoon in 1914, and enlisted in the 78th Battalion in April 1916. He was present for the Battles of the Somme, and on April 9, 1917, he was severely wounded (by "friendly" fire) in the Canadian attack at Vimy Ridge. He died of those wounds that evening, alone in a shell hole on Vimy Ridge. Five years later his body was recovered and George R was interred in the Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, one mile west of where he fell.



Burial: Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez XIV. E .17.

Commemorated on page 216 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.

Remembered on the Roll of Honour at the Royal Bank of Canada.

Remembered with a tree in the Saskatoon Memorial Avenue, a site of historic importance in Canada.

# 28749 Private John Anderson Chisholm 2nd Battalion Kings Own Scottish Borders



**KOSB**

9 April 1917



Husband of Christina Chisholm, Syme Cottage, Dunfermline.

Son of the late Robert Chisholm and Jane Anderson.

Pte. John was formerly a member of the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry, before his transfer to the KOSB. The 2nd Battalion of KOSB were part of 13 Brigade which took part in the attack on Vimy Ridge on 9 April 1917. John Anderson Chisholm died of wounds on that day, aged 24.

There is a strong possibility that this family is connected to the Longformacus Family Tree on the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database.



**“THANK GOD FOR EVERY REMEMBRANCE OF HIM “**

Burial: Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloi V.I. 22  
Remembered on his parents gravestone in Dunfermline.



# 902251 Private William Archie Chisholm

## 42nd Battalion Canadian Infantry

The Royal Highlanders, Black Watch of Canada



11 April 1917



Born on 14 November 1896 at Long Point, Cape Breton Island.

Son of Colin D Chisholm and Mary Jane McMaster. Adopted by Colin's sister Flora, Mrs Murdoch McIsaac.

Brother of Alexander Farquhar Chisholm, Joseph Martin Chisholm, & John Duncan Vincent Chisholm,

The Royal Highlanders of Canada were on the centre left of the Canadian Line for the attack on Vimy Ridge on April 9th. During this attack, William Archie was wounded, and he died of these wounds on 11th April 1917, aged 19, at the 23rd casualty clearing station.

### 42nd Battalion Long Point Hero Honored by the King

Mr. Colin D. Chisholm, is the recipient of a bronze plaque, on which is engraved his son's name William Chisholm and bears the inscription. "He died for Freedom and Honour", accompanying it was a monogrammed letter as follows: "I join with my grateful people in sending this memorial of a brave life given for others in the Great War." (sgd.) **GEORGE R. I.** (*History of Inverness County*, page 223).



The Taking of Vimy Ridge, Easter Monday 1917. Painted by Richard Jack



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Burial: [Lapugnoy Military Cemetery III. G .15.](#)

Commemorated on page 216 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.

# 911941 Private Colin Chisholm

## 46th Battalion Canadian Infantry



12 April 1917



Colin was born on December 11th, 1889, at Brierly Brook in Antigonish.

Son of Donald A Chisholm and Margaret Campbell

Brother of Anne, half brother to Donald, Angus, Ronald, Duncan, William, John, Catherine, Isabel and Anne Chisholm, and Mary McKinnon.

Colin was a teacher in BC, and he enlisted in May 1916 at Vancouver.

The 46th was part of the 4th Canadian Division's 10th Brigade, where it served alongside three other Western Canadian units—the 44th (Manitoba), 50th (Calgary, AB) and 47th (British Columbia) Battalions. On the morning of April 9, 1917, the 10th Brigade occupied the extreme left flank of the Canadian Corps' positions at Vimy Ridge. Its main objective was the capture of "The Pimple," an elevated location to the left of the Ridge.

Military commanders postponed the assault on The Pimple until the main part of the ridge was secured. As a result, the 10th Brigade made modest advances, maintaining contact with Canadian Corps units to its right, during the first three days of fighting at Vimy Ridge. In the early morning hours of April 12, the 46th's "C" and "D" Companies advanced from their reserve positions and went "over the top" toward The Pimple at 5:00 a.m.. Reports described "heavy machine gun and rifle fire directed at the parties," but both managed to secure their objectives by day's end.

Private Colin Chisholm was first listed as wounded, and later reported killed in action in the April 12, 1917 attack on The Pimple. His remains were never recovered from the battlefield. Colin is among the thousands of soldiers whose names are inscribed on the Canadian War Memorial at Vimy Ridge, Pas-de Calais, France, all killed in action and buried somewhere beneath the battlefields of northern France.



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Memorial: Vimy Memorial

Commemorated on page 215 of the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance.

Remembered in the book "Catholics of the Diocese of Antigonish".

# 57400 Private Roderick Chisholm

## 20th Battalion The King's Liverpool Regiment



20 April 1917



Born in Glasgow in 1896.

Son of George Chisholm and Jane Vass, 51 Shamrock Street, Glasgow, formerly of Culloden.

Brother of Mary, Christina, and George.

One of the four grandsons named Roderick, of Roderick Chisholm of Clunes,  
all casualties of The Great War.

In 1921 the family moved to Markstay, Ontario.

Roderick was formerly with the Lowland Division Cyclist Company before being transferred to the Liverpool Regiment. To support the ill-fated Nivelle Offensive, Britain initiated the Battle of the Scarpe, in the Arras area on 9 April, which involved the regiment's 11th, 13th, and Liverpool Pals Battalions. The 13th moved forward with the 3rd Division at 0530, near Tilloy-les-Mofflaines, capturing almost 500 men and completing its objectives. To the south, barbed wire obstructed the Pals with varied results. The 18th consolidated in front of the wire until relieved on the 10th, while the 19th and 20th were eventually withdrawn, having suffered heavy losses within about 100 yards of the wire.

Casualties for the King's during the initial phase of the Arras Offensive exceeded 700.

Roderick was one of these casualties, he died of wounds on 20 April 1917, aged 21.



Chisholm Genealogical Database  
ID I57 FT Roderick Chisholm-Inverness

**“TIS FOR THE VALOUR OF MY SONS  
THAT MEN HAVE HONOURED ME”**

Burial: St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen O. IX. C. 8

# S/43196 Lance Corporal Alick Chisholm 7th Battalion Cameron Highlanders



23 April 1917



Born 8 March 1894, Knocknashalvaig, Kilmorack

Son of John Chisholm and Isabella Fraser, Hill Cottage, Crunaglack, Crask of Aigas, Inverness.

Brother of Flora, Hugh, Christina, and Wilhemina.

Killed in Action 23 April 1917 aged 23.

In April 1917 the 7th Battalion was involved in The Battle of the Scarpe,  
part of the Battle of Arras.



Chisholm Genealogical Database  
ID 1283 Knockfin Tree

Burial: Tank Cemetery, Guemappe F.1  
Remembered on the memorial at Beauvy



**H**E whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

The names of the members of  
Clan Chisholm  
listed on the preceding pages