



## Arbroath Masons from the Arbroath Roll of Honour (inc. Froickheim)

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**CAPT. ALEX. R. GIBB, R.F.A.**



Captain Alexander Reid Gibb, Royal Field Artillery, Arbroath, forty-one years of age, was the son of John Smith Gibb, treasurer of the Edinburgh and Leith Gas Commission. After leaving Edinburgh University, he was for some time with Mr J. Gordon Mason, S.S.C., Edinburgh, and in 1906 he entered into partnership with Mr H. Victor Neill, solicitor, Arbroath. Captain Gibb was well-known when in Edinburgh as an athlete and an all-round sportsman, and he was at one time a prominent cross-country runner. In Arbroath he took a keen interest in tennis, and when called away on active service he was treasurer of the Club. He' was also an enthusiastic golfer, and as a member of the Arbroath Club was a winner of the Storrer Cup. **As a Freemason he was a member of Lodge Panmure (No. 299) and held the office of Deputy-Master.** To the Arbroath Literary Club he had contributed interesting papers. Soon after coming to Arbroath he became an officer in the Forfarshire Battery R.F.A., with which he left for the front in 1915. He, however, was subsequently transferred to a regular battery and was attached to the Highland Brigade. On the 12th of October 1916 he was hit by a shell while observing from a front trench, and died almost instantaneously. The Colonel in command of the Brigade said that during the short time Captain Gibb had been with him he had done some exceptionally good work, and that he was very popular with everybody.

**L-CPL. FARQUHAR, GORDONS.**



Lance-Corporal Hugh Farquhar, 9th Gordon Highlanders (Pioneers), was the son of Henry Farquhar, slater, 11 Convent Street, Arbroath. He was twenty-eight years of age, and was at one time employed as a plasterer with Mr. Frank Middleton, Lindsay Street. He took a keen interest in Freemasonry, and was a member of **Lodge St Thomas.** Lance-Corporal Farquhar had gone to Vancouver, but he returned and joined the 9th Gordons. He was on active service for two years, and on the 23rd of August 1917, at Ypres, he was struck by a bullet and killed instantaneously. The Chaplain said: —"He was a fine soldier and a good man, and did his duty nobly to the last."



## Lodge Members Killed during the 1914 to 1918 War

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**CPL.-FAR. M'GLASHAN, R.F.A.**



Corporal-Farrier Donald McGlashan, Royal Field Artillery, 23 Ladyloan, Arbroath, was a master blacksmith in Dickfield Street before joining the colours. He was a Freemason, being a member of **St Thomas Lodge**, and was also a member of the Men's Own Brotherhood. He was forty years of age, and in January 1915 he joined the army as a farrier in the Forfarshire Battery, R.F.A., 2nd Highland Brigade. Four months later Corporal-Farrier McGlashan went across to France, and was at the front until the 12th of October 1917, when he was killed by a shell.

**C.S.M. J. S. FRASER, GORDONS.**



Company Sergeant-Major John S. Fraser, 4th Gordon Highlanders, Andson Street, Friockheim, was the son of William Fraser and of his wife Elizabeth Duguid, Brechin. He was thirty-seven years of age, and had married Ida Edwards, Brechin, and left three sons. Sergeant-Major Fraser was a slater in Friockheim, and was a most useful member of the Parish Council. He was also a scoutmaster, and was secretary to the **Masonic Lodge (Lodge The Bruce No.593)**. He had long been connected with the Volunteers and Territorials, and held the long service medal. He was mobilised in August 1914 as a sergeant in the 5th Black Watch, and appointed to instructor duty. He went to France with the Gordons, and was acting C.S.M. when he was killed at Hermies, near Bourbon Wood, on the 22nd of March 1918. His C.O. said: — "He was a good and faithful soldier, and a splendid leader of men." The chaplain wrote: — "He was one of the best men we had, and a man who could ill be spared. His work out here was excellent, and officers and men were greatly attached to him."

**CPL. JOHN BOATH, GORDONS.**



Corporal John S. Boath, 4th Gordon Highlanders, 24 Millgate Loan, Arbroath, was the son of William Boath and of his wife Helen Mill, 19 Wallace Street. He was forty-two years of age, had married Elizabeth Whytock, and left a son and a daughter. He had been a butcher with Mr David Harris, and was for many years the principal salesman to Mr George Harris. Well-known and greatly respected in Arbroath, he was a prominent Freemason, a member of **Lodge St Thomas**, and was **R.W.M. for two years**. He was also an office-bearer of **Hope Charter Royal Arch**, and for five years in succession was R.W.M. of the Free Gardeners' Friendly Society. In August 1916 he joined the 5th Black Watch as a private, and was connected with the commissariat department at Ripon Camp. ' Later he was transferred, and was promoted corporal in June 1918. Early in 1919 he had influenza ' followed by pneumonia, and he died in Edinburgh Castle Military Hospital on the 4th of February. He was buried in Arbroath Western Cemetery with Masonic honours.



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ENG. SUB-LT. SMITH, R.N.R.



Engineer Sub-Lieutenant Smith, Royal Naval Reserve, was the son of Edward Smith and of his wife, Isobel Crockatt, 48½ Cairnie Street, Arbroath. He was twenty-eight years of age, and he served his apprenticeship at the Dens Iron Works. He was afterwards with Messrs Cuthbertson & Company, Glasgow, and he joined the R.N.R. as engine-room artificer on H.M.S. Marlborough. He took part in the Jutland battle, and was afterwards promoted to the rank of Chief Engine-Room Artificer. Engineer Sub-Lieutenant Smith received his commission on the 1st of January 1917, and was transferred to H.M.S. Bacchante off which he was accidentally drowned on the 21st of February 1917.

**Lodge Panmure No.299**

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Sergeant G. E. Miller, 5th Black Watch, was twenty-six years of age and lived at 8 Carnegie Street, Arbroath. He was an assistant in Inverbrothock School, and was one of several teachers under the Arbroath School Board who joined the 5th Black Watch on the outbreak of war. Sergeant Miller was killed in action on the 9th of May 1915. **Lodge St Vigean No.101**

PTE. JAMES R. WOOD, A. & S.H.



Private James R. E. Wood, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was the youngest son of Colin Wood, Coach-builder, and of his wife Mary Brand, 6 Academy Street, Arbroath. He was twenty-five years of age and unmarried. Before joining the army he was employed at the works of Messrs Douglas Fraser & Sons. In November 1915 he enlisted as a private in the Scottish Horse, but was afterwards transferred to the Black Watch, and later to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He served in Salonika, and was reported missing between the 8th and 9th of May 1917. Ten months later he was officially reported as presumed killed on that date.

**Lodge St Vigean No.101**

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Lance-Corporal David A. Mitchell, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, was the only son of Charles Mitchell, 21 Carnegie Street, Arbroath. He was greatly respected in his profession as teacher at Keptie School, and was match secretary of the Arbroath Amateur Football Club. He was presumed killed in France on the 10th of April 1918. **Lodge St Vigean No.101**

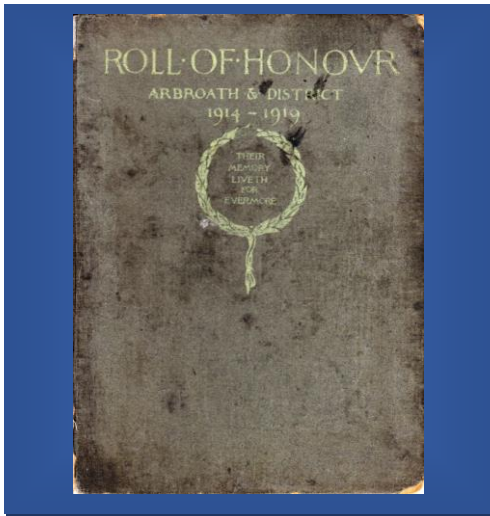
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Lance-Corporal Charles Gowans 1st Black Watch, was the son of Charles Gowans, Ladybridge Street. Before coming over to join the army he was employed in the Montreal Electric Works, Canada. Lance-Corporal Gowans was killed in action on the 9th of May 1915. **Lodge St Thomas of Aberbrothock No.40**



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