

Freuchie First World War Casualties.

Year 1917

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28th April 1917

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Died of Wounds** – “Mrs Robert Dall, Back Street, Freuchie, has been notified that their eldest son, Private Tom Dall, K.O.S.B., previously reported wounded, has died of wounds received in action. Private Dall enlisted in the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry, and was transferred to the K.O.S.B. on going to France a few months ago.”

27772 Private Thomas (Tom) Dall served in the 7th/8th Kings Own Scottish Borderers, formerly 2860 Fife and Forfar Yeomanry, died of wounds on 16 April 1917, aged 21. He is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, France, grave XXII.J.2A. He was one of six children of Robert and Janet Gould of Freuchie.

His father was Private 3/4108 Private Robert Gould Dall, 1st Battalion, Black Watch, killed by a sniper on 10 January 1915, aged 45. He had been in France since 1 December 1914. He has no known grave and is commemorated on Le Touret Memorial, France, panel 24-26.

Both father and son are commemorated on the Freuchie war memorial.

5th May 1917

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Casualty** – “Lance-Corporal William Wilson, K.O.S.B., previously reported wounded, died from the effects of his wounds on Wednesday of last week.

29476 Lance Corporal William Lawson Wilson of the 6th Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, formerly 3048 Fife and Forfar Yeomanry, died of wounds on 25 April 1917, aged 22. Born in Freuchie, he was the son of James and Catherine Wilson nee Lawson of Bank House, Freuchie. He had enlisted in Kirkcaldy. He is buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, grave reference IV.C.32. He is commemorated on the Freuchie War Memorial and on a family headstone in Falkland Cemetery.

23rd June 1917

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presumed Killed in Action** – “Private Andrew Hargreaves, Black Watch, previously reported missing, is now presumed, according to official intimation, to have been killed in action.”

S/2948 Private Andrew Hargreaves, 8th Battalion Black Watch, died 18 July 1916. Born Markinch, enlisted in Kirkcaldy. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme, Pier and Face 10A. Having been reported missing, a year later he was officially confirmed as having died in action. Commemorated on the Freuchie War Memorial. Believed to be the son of Richard Hargreaves who had been born in Liverpool in 1855, but was living in Falkland with his four children on the 1901 census.

1st September 1917

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Casualty** – “Pte. David Campbell, R.G.A., has been killed in action.”

M2/021106 Private David Campbell, Mechanical Transport, ASC attached to the 155th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Died of wounds at 53rd Casualty Clear Station, France, on 18 August 1917, aged 25. Buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France, grave reference III.E.232. Born St Rollox, Lanarkshire, the son of Andrew and Annie Campbell nee Innes of Glasgow, he resided in Freuchie c/o Mrs D Bruce, worked as a motor lorry driver and fitter for the Scottish Motor Traction Company of East Fountain Bridge, Edinburgh, but enlisted at Grove Park in London. He had gone to France on 24 December 1914. His next of kin was his sister Elizabeth Campbell, of East End Freuchie, his married sister, Barbara Brown lived at Leny Cottage, Walton on Thames. He also had a half brother Andrew.

6th October 1917

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Killed in Action** – “Mrs Dick, King Street, Freuchie, has received word that her husband, Pte. William Dick, K.O.S.B., has been killed in action. Before enlisting, he was in the employment of Mr John Wallace, joiner.”

26534 Private William Dick, 6th Battalion, King’s Own Scottish Borderers, killed in action 20 September 1917, aged 34. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium, panel 66-68. Commemorated on the Freuchie War Memorial and on a headstone in Falkland Cemetery listing his grandparents, parents and sister Catherine. Born in Falkland, resided in Freuchie, enlisted in Duddingston, Midlothian.

The son of William and Jessie Dick nee Valentine. On the 1891 census the family lived at Newton of Falkland and William Sr worked in brewing, possibly for the

Bontrones. There were six children:- Jessie Margaret, Euphemia, Robina, William, Betsy and James. In the 1901 census, William Jr was 17 and an apprentice joiner, living with his parents in the Newton.

3rd November 1917

Extract from *The Fife News*: ***Died of Wounds*** – “Gunner James Morgan Wright, R.F.A., son of the late Mr Andrew Wright, Kirkforthar Feus, has succumbed to wounds received in action. He was 21 years old, and had seen two years of active service. Before enlistment, he worked as a miner.”

89564 Gunner James Wright, Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, died of wounds 19 October. 1917. Buried at Dozinghem Military Cemetery, grave reference IX.E.17 Served overseas after 1915. Resided in Markinch and enlisted in Leven. In the documentation about the inscription on his headstone, his next of kin was his sister, Miss M Wright, Kirkforshar [sic], Fens [sic], Markinch, Fife. His initial was given as H Wright.

He is not on the Freuchie War Memorial, but is on the Markinch war memorial as Gunner James M Wright Royal Garrison Artillery, is listed on the Roll of Honour in Markinch Parish Church and on the memorial that was formerly in the Markinch church of St Drostan – this memorial is now in Markinch Parish Church.