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TO THE PARISH OF Fraserburgh

Name Mina Walker or Henderson

Residence	<u>84 High Street</u>	Wholly or Partially Disabled	<u>Partially</u>
Age	<u>68</u>	Description of Disablement	<u>age</u>
Date of Minute of Parish Council or Committee admitting Liability and authorising Relief	<u>7th Sept 1914</u>	Wholly or Partially Destitute	<u>Wholly</u>
Amount and Description of Relief authorized	<u>Temporary assistance</u>	Earnings, Means, and Resources, besides Parochial Relief	
Country and Place of Birth, and if in Scotland, Parish of Birth	<u>Leisure</u>	Nature of Settlement	<u>Residence</u>
Religious Denomination, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic	<u>S. A.</u>	Name and Age of Wife, Child or Children living in Family	<u>Andrew, 34, carter</u>
Condition—If Adult, whether Married or Single, Widow or Widower	<u>Widow of</u>	Name, Age, and Weekly Earnings of Husband, Wife, Child or Children not living in Family, and their Circumstances	
If Child, whether Orphan, Deserted, or separated from Parents	<u>W. Henderson, Master's labourer</u>	Other Information not stated above	<u>3rd husband - for Walker, from around 1880, & Mary, wife of Walker 1881.</u>
Trade or Occupation	<u>Fisherwife</u>		
DATES.	Change of Circumstances and subsequent Proceedings.		
	<u>Died</u>		

Fraserburgh Parish Council Register of the Poor entry for Mina Walker or Henderson, 7 September 1914

Huntly Parish Council.

D. MACKINNON,
INSPECTOR, COLLECTOR,
AND
REGISTRAR.

HUNTLY.

10th Sept. 1914.

County Clerk's Office
- 2 SEP 1914
ABERDEEN

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the Local Government Board, in reference to applications on behalf of wives and dependants of soldiers and sailors who have joined the colours, to see that every precaution may be taken, to secure that they are referred to local branches of the Soldiers & Sailors' Families Association.

As no Association exists here, I shall be pleased to know if there is such in Aberdeen, and whether it is for that city alone, or if it embraces the County.

I shall feel obliged by your letting me know name and address of Secretary, so that I may get in touch with him regarding the children of a reservist, presently in active service, whose allowance is not sufficient to maintain his children.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,
D. Mackinnon

William Munro, Esq.
County Clerk,
Aberdeen.

Letter from Huntly Parish Council to the Aberdeen County Clerk asking about the existence of a Soldiers & Sailors Families Association in Aberdeen, 1 September 1914

Elizabeth Jamieson Case of Elizabeth Jamieson Wilson or Connors. The Inspector reported that this party Wilson or Connors was married on 24th August last to Francis Kelman, Painter and who was meantime serving in the Army. A claim had been made for Separation Allowance for Mr. Kelman and two dependants but the claim had not yet been settled. The case was continued for a month to see what the Army Allowance will be.

Turriff Parish Council Minute Entry regarding Elizabeth Jamieson Wilson or Connors, 2 September 1918

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RECORD OF APPLICATIONS FOR										PAROCHIAL RELIEF (WITH INDEX)										
No.	Date and Hour of Application	Name and Place of Inspector's Visit	Name of Applicant for Relief, Residence, Age, and Sex	Age	Sex	Religious Denomination	Occupation	Name of Parish and Children living with applicant, Age and Births	Amount of Relief	Name of Children and living with applicant, Age and Births	Amount of Relief	By whom granted	By whom granted	By whom granted	By whom granted	By whom granted	By whom granted	By whom granted	By whom granted	
331	Aug 29 1914 11.30 am	Sept 2 1914 6.15 PM	Mina Walker or Henderson 84 High Street Fraserburgh	68	Female	S. A.	Scholarship	Andrew, 34, carter John, 18 Mary, 15 John, 12 John, 10 John, 8 John, 6 John, 4	Partially	Andrew, 34, carter John, 18 Mary, 15 John, 12 John, 10 John, 8 John, 6 John, 4	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially

Fraserburgh Parish Council Register of Applications for Poor Relief; Entry for Mina Walker or Henderson, 29 August 1914

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Army Form B. 104-82.

No. _____
(If replying, please quote above No.)

Termination of Service
Record Office,
Brucklay
Station,
25 April, 1914.

Mrs. Madam.

It is my painful duty to inform you that a report has this day been received from the War Office notifying the death of (No.) *267,942 (Late 6011)* (Rank) *Private* (Name) *James Dingwall* (Regiment) *6th Buffs* *Black Watch* which occurred at *no so usually* *clearing station France* on the *19th Day* of *April* 1914, and I am to express to you the sympathy and regret of the Army Council at your loss. The cause of death was "*Gunshot Wound Chest*."

If any articles of private property left by the deceased are found, they will be forwarded to this Office, but some time will probably elapse before their receipt, and when received they cannot be disposed of until authority is received from the War Office.

Application regarding the disposal of any such personal effects, or of any amount that may eventually be found to be due to the late soldier's estate, should be addressed to "The Secretary, War Office, London, S.W.," and marked outside "Effects."

I am, *Madam*,
Your obedient servant,
E. Malcolm
Inspector in charge of Records.

*Mrs Mary Dingwall,
Ivy Cottage
Brucklay,
Aberdeenshire*

Death notification of Private James Dingwall, 25 April 1917

Aberdeenshire Constabulary.

MEMORANDUM.

<p>From The Dep. Chief Constable</p> <p>To Inspector Malcolm, Fraserburgh.</p>	<p>From Inspector E. Malcolm Fraserburgh</p> <p>To THE CHIEF CONSTABLE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ANSWER.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">1st May 1917.</p> <p>I see by the newspapers that Constable James Dingwall, recently in the Black Watch has been killed in action. Does not his wife live about Brucklay? Could you get particulars as to date &c. so that the matter can be reported to the Standing Joint Committee. If you cannot get them yourself could you ascertain where his wife or people live so that enquiry can be made at them.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dep. Chief Constable.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3rd May 1917.</p> <p>Sir,</p> <p>I beg to report having called on Mrs Dingwall wife of Constable James Dingwall at her residence Ivy Cottage, Brucklay, and obtained from her the attached Army Form B. 104-82, which contains all the information Mrs Dingwall has been able to obtain regarding the death of her husband.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Your obedient servant <i>Edward Malcolm</i> Inspector./</p>

Papers concerning support for the wife of Private James Dingwall

Aberdeenshire Constabulary.

MEMORANDUM.

<p>From The Chief Constable</p> <p>To Inspector Malcolm, Fraserburgh.</p>	<p>From Inspector Edward Malcolm Fraserburgh.</p> <p>To THE CHIEF CONSTABLE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ANSWER.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4th May 1917.</p> <p>Constable Dingwall - killed in action. By the Police Reservists (Allowances) Act the Police Authority may grant a pension in augmentation of her military pension to the widow of a Police Constable who loses his life in Military Service. This question will have to be considered and you might send a report as soon as possible as to Mrs Dingwall's position, means of livelihood &c. Are there any family if so please give dates of birth. Please also send a form under the Naval and Military War Pensions Act.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5th May 1917.</p> <p>Sir,</p> <p>I beg to report having made enquiry into the circumstances under which Mrs Dingwall has been left and herewith attached report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Your obedient servant <i>Edward Malcolm</i> Inspector./</p>

Papers concerning support for the wife of Private James Dingwall

A B E R D E E N S H I R E C O N S T A B U L A R Y .

Police Office, Fraserburgh.
5th May 1917.

Sir,

Const. Dingwall's Widow.

With reference to your letter of 4th inst: respecting the position of the widow of Constable James Dingwall who has been killed in action while serving with the Military in France, I beg to report having made enquiry and find that Mrs Dingwall's father died while she was a child and some time later her mother married a second time but she also is now dead. When her mother married the second time Mrs Dingwall went to reside with her Grandmother, Mrs Wilson at Ivy Cottage, Brucklay, and she has practically been brought up by her Grandmother, Mrs Wilson owns a Cottage and about 3 acres of land near Brucklay Station where she resides, and as she is now 82 years of age is unfit to be left alone and Mrs Dingwall is her sole companion and attendant. Mrs Dingwall has received her living from her grandmother but has never got any fixed payment and as the property has to be sold and divided among five of a family the share that would have fallen to Mrs Dingwall's mother will fall to her but it will not amount to much. After the death of her Grandmother there will be nothing left for Mrs Dingwall but to earn her own living as best she may, and at the present time she has no prospects in view.

Mrs Dingwall has no family and although a young woman is not particularly strong and would not be particularly well fitted to any fatiguing work.

Your obedient servant
Edward Malcolm
Inspector./

Major, D. F. Gordon
Chief Constable
Of Aberdeenshire./

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Constable Dingwall - Killed in action.

By the Police Reservists (Allowances) Act 1914, if a constable dies while employed on military service the Police Authority has power to grant to his widow a pension equal to one half the amount payable out of military funds provided that the amount granted by the Police Authority and the Military Pension shall not together exceed the amount which would be payable under the Police Acts to the widow of a Constable killed on duty without his own default and the injury was not accidental.

The pension to the widow of a man so dying is fixed by the Police Act, 1909, as one-third of the annual pay of the Constable. Constable Dingwall was earning as a Constable 29/9 per week, therefore one-third equals 9/11 per week.

The Military pension to the widow of a private is 13/9 per week. This exceeds the total amount which the Police Authority could have awarded. Mrs Dingwall would not therefore be entitled to any additional pension from the Pension Fund.

By the Police, Factories &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916, in the case of a constable who has died on military service the Police Authority has power to refund to the Constable's dependants the rateable deductions made from his pay to the Pension Fund. The amount so paid by Constable Dingwall was £4. 16/2.

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Childless Widows.

COUNTY OF ABERDEEN.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WAR PENSIONS, &c. ACT, 1915.

NEW-DEER.
Parish of

Statement of Childless Widows of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

State—

- (1) Name, rank, regimental number, battalion, or Naval unit, of deceased soldier or sailor.
- (2) Name (Christian name and surname—maiden and married) and address of widow, and date of her birth.

Private No 257942 JAMES DINGWALL, 1/6 Black Watch,

Mrs Mary Wilson or Dingwall, Ivy Cottage, Brucklay, by Mead.
born 1st July 1890.

Mrs Dingwall has no children, and is at present residing with her Grandmother, Mrs Wilson, aged 82 years, at Ivy Cottage Brucklay in the parish of New-Deer, Mrs Dingwall's father died when she was a child and her mother is also now dead. She was brought up by her Grandmother with whom she now resides, and with whom she has resided all her life. Her Grandmother owns a small cottage near Brucklay Station and Mrs Dingwall is her sole companion. Mrs Dingwall obtains her living from her grandmother but has no wages or other means of support and although the grandmother has sufficient means to keep her comfortable and is owner of the cottage in which she lives and three acres of ground

the property was left in such a way that when she dies it has to be sold and divided among the family, and as there were five of a family the share that would go to Mrs Dingwall's mother would fall to Mrs Dingwall but it would be very small.
Mrs Dingwall has no means of income from any other source and will be dependent upon what she can earn after her Grandmother dies.

Papers concerning support for the wife of Private James Dingwall

County Buildings.

Aberdeen 28th January 1915.

COUNTY CLERK.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 27th instant with reference to a proposed application for relief from the Prince of Wales' Fund.

In the circumstances as disclosed by your letter, I think that the Committee might give temporary relief until we ascertain the result of the man's endeavour to get work at the West Coast Fishing.

You will, of course, send me a form of application to be submitted to next meeting of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

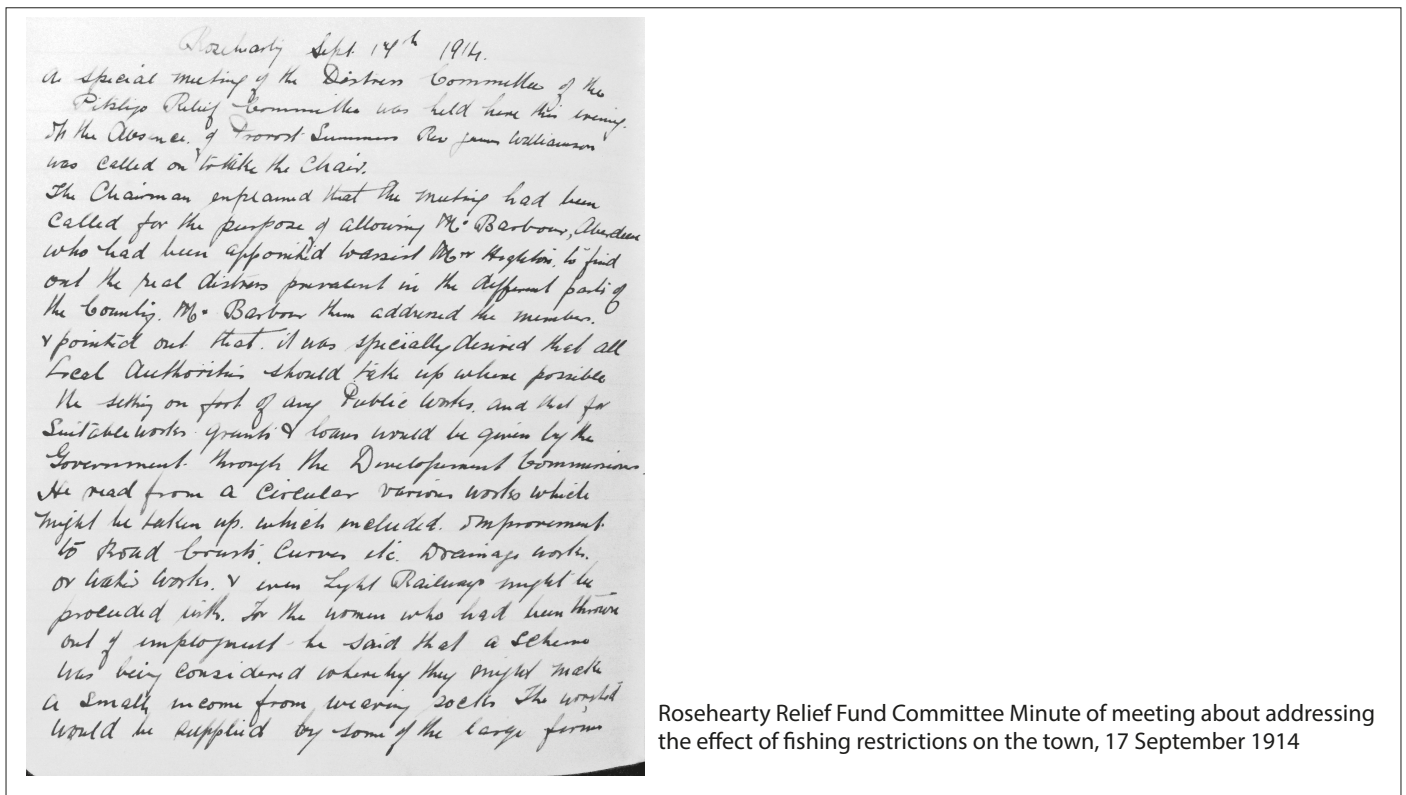
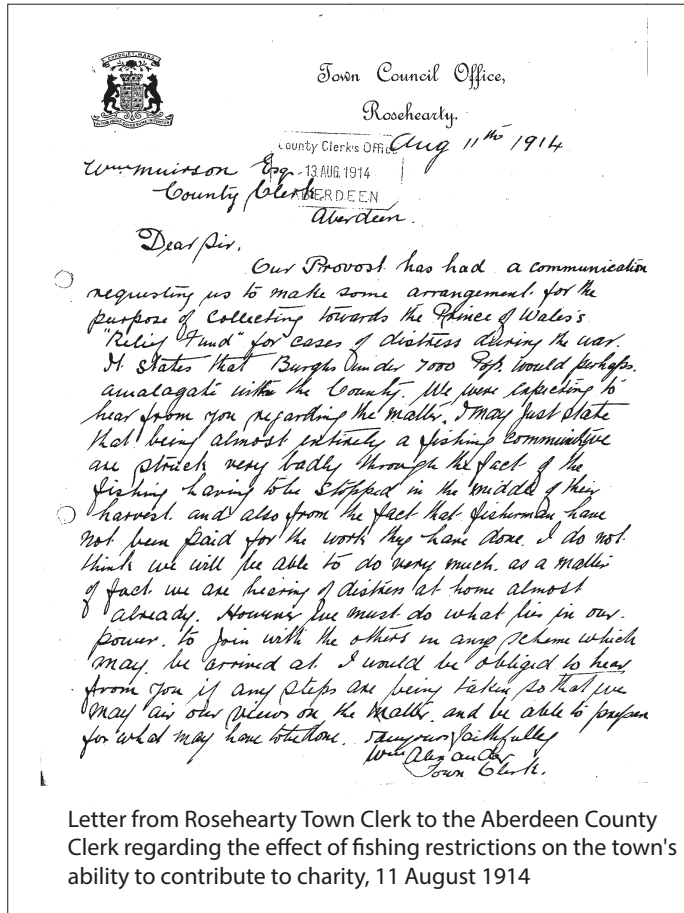
William Alexander Esq.

William Alexander Esq.,
Town Clerk,
ROSEHARTY.

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W. Smith,
INSPECTOR.

Parish Council Office,

Monquhitter, 20th April 1915.

H. Munison Esq.
County Buildings
Aberdeen.

County Clerk's Office

21 APR 1915

ABERDEEN

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of this Parish Council held on 17th inst, applications for relief was made on behalf of one or two persons whose sons are at the front. Opinions were expressed by some of the Members that these people should get assistance from the National Relief Fund as this Parish contributed a considerable sum to that fund. I stated that they did not come within the sphere of that fund, and that the cases should be submitted to the Regimental Paymaster Perth,

I was then instructed to ask what class of persons are entitled to relief from the Fund. I understand it is those whose trade or occupation has been affected by the war.

You might kindly write and explain to me before Saturday, or may as a meeting of the War Fund Committee of this Parish will be held on that date.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,
W. Smith.

Letter from Monquhitter Parish Council to the Aberdeen County Clerk asking who is entitled to help from the National Relief Fund (also known as the Prince of Wales Relief Fund), 20 April 1915

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Lums, Loumary
21 Nov 1914
Dear Mr. Currierson.
County Clerks Office
23 NOV 1914
ABERDEEN

I have been wondering what is the position at the moment with regard to relief works. - The people of the coast villages are showing no anxiety to fight but they are quite anxious to have relief employment and it has been suggested that the streets or roads not highways in the villages of Cairnbulg & Inverallock might be macadamised, but I'm afraid the ^{local} road board would not look at the matter. As far as I can recall the L.P.C. can never be properly fronting or abutting on roads in such places -

Can you suggest give me any information on the subject. There is likely to be real distress in these villages. Yours faithfully
Walter Reid

Letter to the Aberdeen County Clerk regarding the provision of work to relieve unemployed fishing workers, 21 November 1914

County Clerks Office
16 NOV 1915
ABERDEEN

Excerpt from Minute of Meeting of the Garioch District Committee, held on 13th November, 1915, anent Shortage of Agricultural Labour.

Shortage of Agricultural Labour.

5. - The Chairman reported that the Interim Clerk had received a letter, dated 12th November 1915 from the County Clerk, in reference to this subject, which was read to the meeting, and of which the following is the tenor: -

County Buildings,
Aberdeen, 12th November, 1915.

"Dear Sir,

"A meeting of the Chairmen of the several District Committees in the County, convened by the Convener of the County, was held here to-day to consider whether any steps could be taken by the District Committees to deal with the undoubted shortage of agricultural labour that will be experienced during the coming year. The Chairmen present were of opinion that the matter is a very urgent one, and unanimously adopted the following resolution: vizt: -

"That, in view of the undoubted scarcity of agricultural labour in the County that will be experienced during the next half year, this meeting is of opinion that every effort must be made to supply the demand for farm workers, and recommends the District Committees to reduce the work upon their roads and the staff of their road workmen as far as possible, in order to set free as many men as can be spared to undertake agricultural or other work of a more pressing nature than that upon which the men are at present employed".

"The meeting instructed me to communicate the foregoing resolution to each of the Clerks of the several District Committees, with a request that the Clerk should at once confer with the Chairman of his District Committee with the view of getting the matter submitted to, and considered by, the Committee at the earliest possible date.

"Several of the Chairmen present at the meeting resolved to call special meetings of their District Committees next week.

"A copy of this letter has been sent to the Chairman of your District Committee".

I am, Yours faithfully,
G. D. Massie, Esq., (Signed) William Murison,
Interim Garioch District Clerk. County Clerk."

Letter from County Clerk.

Extract Minute of the Garioch District Committee regarding shortage of farm labour, 13 November 1915

H. T. A.
NORTH EASTERN SCOTLAND DIVISION
- OF -
THE MOTOR TRADE ASSOCIATION
Covering the Counties of Kincardineshire, Aberdeenshire, Banffshire.

HEAD OFFICE:
THE MOTOR TRADE ASSOCIATION,
107, St. Paul Street,
London, W. 1.

Divisional Secretary: - WALTER A. REID, C.A.,
6, GOLDEN SQUARE,
ABERDEEN.

Telephone: - ABERDEEN 25
Telegram: - ACCURATE.

31st Jany. 1918.

County Clerks Office
-1 FEB 1918
ABERDEEN

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Motor Hirers' Section of this division, I am asked if there is likely to be some relaxation of the law regarding the age of lads eligible for acting as chauffeurs. I believe indications have been given from certain official quarters that it is likely, with certain safeguards, to permit boys of younger ages than 17 to act as chauffeurs. It would be obliging if you could tell me whether in your County there is likely to be such a provision in the near future.

Yours faithfully,
Walter Reid

William Murison, Esq.,
County Clerk,
Aberdeen,

Letter from the NE Scotland Division of the Motor Trade Association to the Aberdeen County Clerk asking if the law will be relaxed to allow boys to be employed as drivers, 31 January 1918

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Extract from *A Stranger On The Bars* by Christian Watt Marshall pp93-95

The Declaration of War was posted up on the Town Cross in Saltoun Square. Many thought it would be over by Christmas.

The fishing ended there and then, and John Ewen paid us what we were due. As they nailed up the shutters on the fishworkers' huts they were nailing the shutters on a golden age. My father, at the age of 56, joined the navy the following day with my brother Andrew.

..I got a job down in Lowestoft with Kirsten and Margaret, learning to kipper at Stirk's. . We could no longer take a walk around town at night, the shop windows were now in total darkness. Everything was blacked out. A wifie on the street shouted to us to take shelter as the 'Zepps' were over. We didn't know what 'Zepps' were but we very soon found out ! A pub called the Norfolk at the end of London Road was bombed and some civilian folk were killed.

We all went home for Hogmanay but travelling was a nightmare in the blackout. Our apprentice coopers "Curly" Crawford and "Scrow" Dingwell joined the army. We had embroidered cards from them a few weeks before they died in the Flanders mud.

Bread and flour became very scarce in 1915 and pressure was put on the Government to control the production of drink. Lloyd George was very worried about feeding the nation and almost got the Government to pass total prohibition.

..Rationing was enforced as food became more scarce. Each week we were allowed a half pound of sugar, 2 ounces of tea, 2 ounces of cheese, 5 ounces of butter or margarine, a shilling's worth of butcher's meat, a bar of washing soap and a bar of face soap. Folk were so undernourished it was no wonder that bad flu broke out at the end of the War.

We had intended to return to Lowestoft but had to register for work of national importance. Food production was in that class. ..Kirsten and I were given the choice between work at the munitions factory or Keiller's Foods in Dundee. We plumped for the latter. ..Dundee was a completely new experience for the people of the North East fishing and farming communities. We saw a lot of bow legged undernourished bairns.. and many families lived in just one or two rooms.

CHILDREN AS FARM WORKERS.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Scottish Chamber of Agriculture and Associated Societies, held at Glasgow last week, the secretary explained that the Board of Agriculture had approached the Scottish Education Department for the purpose of encouraging School Boards to allow children away from school at times convenient for farm work. The Board indicated that the Education Department had given no encouragement, and stated that the matter would be left in the hands of the School Boards. Mr A. T. Macdonald pointed out that School Boards were considering the matter, and arranging the holidays to suit the work. Mr C. M. Douglas explained that School Boards had power to deal with such applications when they come.

Mearns Leader 11 June 1915

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WAR OFFICE.

The Road Stone Control Committee,
29, Cromwell Road,
S.W.7.
28th. January, 1918.

County Clerk's Office
31 JAN 1918
ABERDEEN

Sir,

My Committee have had under consideration the question of labour on roads and in quarries, in view of the fact that many roads of National importance, for reasons arising out of the war, have been starved on account of shortage of labour and materials.

Highway Authorities have appealed to my Committee for assistance in the retention of their road labour. Representations have consequently been made to the Recruiting Authorities requesting that the labour which now exists, and which in many areas is inadequate to deal with the necessary road work, should not be called up for Military Service without due consideration as to the requirements of the various Local Authorities. The Ministry of National Service has, owing to the above representations, now requested the war office to collect information through this Committee as to the labour which is available for use by the various Highway Authorities in the United Kingdom, in order that the question may be considered as a whole, and that due consideration may be given to the recommendations of the Road Stone Control Committee.

I am therefore directed to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with a complete list of the whole of the labour employed by the Highways Authorities within your County ~~Area~~ Area, on the attached forms. These forms must be accurately and fully filled in and should be returned here by the earliest possible post, in order that this Committee may be able, having the necessary information before them, to place the classified position of each individual employe. promptly before the Ministry of National Service.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
P. J. Black.

Circular letter from Road Stone Control Committee requesting the names of all workmen in the localities, 28 January 1918

Garioch District workmens Names Continued

Name	Address	Age	Date of Birth	Type of Labour
John Henderson	No 1 Terrace, Tullypoukie	50	10 th May 1867	Married Piece Worker
George Mart	Boghead Kintore	66	23 rd Jan 1852	Single Do
George Ewen	Toms Forest Kintore	62	30 th April 1855	Married Do
George Catto	Wellnauk Kintore	34	22 nd Sept. 1883	Single Do
(Attested August 1916 Totally unfit.)				
Robert Rae	Lounard Kintore	75	12 th May 1842	Married Piece Worker
Alex Wilson	91 High Street Inverurie	61	17 th June 1856	Married Do
George Wistey	Cyne Village Cyne	69	22 nd Jan 1851	Single Do
James Cantlay	Newbiggin Daviot	40	9 th Oct. 1847	Widowed Do
Alex Bungey	Bridge Foot Cyne	60	16 th March 1857	Single Do
Ja Adam	Androme Cottage Inack	69	29 th August 1848	Married Do
Charles Milne	Beltie Dunnydeer Inack	40	1 st Dec. 1847	Married Do
Robert Davidson	Kathney Village Inack	75	24 th April 1842	Married Do.
George Sprig	Maldrum's Cottage Kintorphin Stone	75	26 th May 1842	Married Do.

Garioch District Response to Circular letter from Road Stone Control Committee requesting names of workmen in the district, c. February 1918

FORM P.

ROAD STONE CONTROL COMMITTEE, 29, Cromwell Road, S.W. 7.

LIST OF MEN EMPLOYED BY THE *Town Council of the Burgh of Inverurie* COUNTY OF *Aberdeen*

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH ON CERTIFICATE	MARRIED OR SINGLE	ATTESTED OR UNATTESTED		MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION	DATE OF SAME	CARD NO OR GROUP NO.	PARTICULARS OF RESTRICTION OR EXEMPTION	NAME OF TRIBUNAL AND DATE OF EXPIRY OF EXEMPTION	TYPE OF LABOUR
					ATTESTED	UNATTESTED						
1 Mc Gregor George	7 Kintore Terrace Inverurie	69	5 th Sept 1848	Married	Unattested	—	—	—	—	—	—	Roadman
2 Robertson John	38 North Street Do.	53	3 rd Sept 1844	Do	Unattested	—	—	—	—	—	—	Gravel digger Roadman
3 Kidd James	3 Warden Road Do.	63	1 st Aug 1854	Do	Unattested	—	—	—	—	—	—	Scavenger
4 Cruickshank George	80 North Street Do.	41	28 th July 1876	Do	Attested	Not Classified	—	—	—	Conditional Exemption	Inverurie Tribunal	Scavenger
5 Horie William	7 Victoria Street Do.	53	15 th July 1864	Do	Unattested	—	—	—	—	—	—	Horseman
6 Simpson George	94 North Street Do.	35	11 th Nov. 1882	Do	Unattested	B3	29/5/17	Sec 6/6	Medically unfit	—	—	Sloughthorhouse Resident
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Certified correct *George Watt* *Burgh Engineer*
Surveyor

Inverurie District Response to Circular letter from Road Stone Control Committee requesting names of workmen in the district, c. February 1918

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POSTAL & TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
BUCKINGHAM PALACE HOTEL, LONDON.
WIRELESS TELEPHONE NO. 127203A 4892.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE HOTEL,
LONDON, S.W.

County Clerks Office
20 APR. 1915
ABERDEEN

19th Ap - 1915

W. Munison - Esq.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for sending me the information about Miss Johnson's work in connection with knitting in the fishing villages. I should certainly think that only some of the girls in fishing villages would be suitable for

forestry & general agricultural work, but since they are mostly girls accustomed to hard work at some seasons & hence perhaps render considerable help in a time of emergency in agricultural work.

It is unfortunate that there is no training school where they could get a little training for such work. However women are turning their hands to all sorts of unaccustomed work at present all over Europe & I expect the fishing girls will do their part also -

I am
Yours truly
James Dingwall Fordyce

Letter from James Dingwall Fordyce to the Aberdeen County Clerk regarding the possibility of women involved in fishing retraining for other work, 19 April 1915

PLUCKY MUNITION WORKER.

In a shipyard on the North-East Coast, a young girl of twenty-three had been engaged for some time in electrical wiring in a large battleship. She had previously been through a course of instruction in a schoolroom provided by the firm, and had shown herself to be most intelligent and adaptable. One day, when doing overhead work, a drill came through from the deck, piercing her cotton cap, her hair, and entering her head. The girl immediately jumped from the trestle from which she was working, but the effect of the drill was to draw off a small portion of the scalp and a good deal of hair. She was attended to in the firm's first aid room and sent home. To the surprise of everyone concerned she attended for work at 6 a.m. the following morning. Officers of the Employment Exchange which was responsible for her selection in the first instance have since interviewed her. She laughs at the incident, and says she is satisfied that it is better to lose a little hair than her head.

Stonehaven Journal 29 March 1917

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Admission Number.	NAME.	NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF BIRTH.			LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED.	DATE OF ADMISSION.			Attainments on Admission.	Class in which Pupil was placed on Admission.	Class from which Pupil left.	DATE OF LEAVING.			CAUSE OF LEAVING.
				Day.	M th .	Year.		Day.	M th .	Year.				Day.	M th .	Year.	
C267	Watt, William Both Strius	John Watt	Cottbank, Kinneff	16	5	00	Kinneff P.S.	20	8	12		i Interim. ia Inter	June 1914		To help father on farm		
268	Bayly Harold James Cowell <i>Readmitted. See 692.</i>	Mrs Bayly	Archie, Stonehaven	27	9	99	Stonehaven P.S.	"	"	"		ib Interim.	June 1914		To enter bank in Stonehaven		
C269	Murdoch, James Wilson	George Murdoch	15, Wice Crescent, "	13	4	00	"	"	"	"		i Interim. III Sec.	April 1918		Military Service.		
270	Rae, George	George Rae, Jr	Crown Hotel, "	24	2	03	Dunnottar P.S.	"	"	"	2-En 16.5.16	3 Primary iib	June, 1919				
C271	Winton, James Smith	James Winton	Dykelands, Laurencekirk	15	6	99	Marykirk P.S.	"	"	"		i Interim. iiib Int.	June 1916				
272	Robb, Alice Gregory	James Robb	25, Ivan Street, Stonehaven	14	11	03	Stonehaven P.S.	"	"	"	B. Ex. 18/6/17	2 Primary iib Int.	7 3 19				
273	Robb, Helen Margaret Taylor	"	" " "	31	7	05	"	"	"	"	do.	2 Primary II.	June, 1922		To enter Aberdeen University.		
274	Ferrier, Rhoda	John Ferrier	Mill of Corwell, Laurencekirk	2	9	00	Laurencekirk P.S.	"	"	"		5 Primary III. Second.	June, 1919		To enter Aberdeen Jt. Centre.		
C275	Marr, Williamina Ann	Mrs. Marr	Earl Cookston, Perth <i>Remitted by Colgate, P. or Kethven</i>	26	11	00	Perth P.S.	"	"	"		ib Interim. III Sec.	June 1918				
C276	Cornack, Charlotte Stuart	Wm Cornack	Royal Hotel, Stonehaven	15	12	00	Stonehaven P.S.	"	"	"		5 Primary I Sec.	19 4 '18		To make munitions.		

Mackie Academy Admission Register showing school enrolments in August 1912, and their later reasons for leaving

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Great North of Scotland Railway Company.
General Manager's Office.
Aberdeen 31st December, 1914.
-2 JAN 1915
ABERDEEN
National Relief Fund.

TELEGRAMS-
"DAVIDSON, RAILWAY"
ABERDEEN.
M.
TELEPHONE
377, CENTRAL.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 29th instant and we will be pleased to place at your disposal a suitable room in the Palace Hotel for sorting out the work which is to be distributed amongst the workers in the fishing towns and villages in Aberdeenshire and on the Moray Firth.

We will not make any charge for the use of the room, but I am to suggest that a sum of 5/- per week should be paid for the heating and cleaning of the room and to cover gratuities to servants.

I shall be glad if you will let me know whether this will be satisfactory to you.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
George Davidson

William Murison, Esq.,
County Clerk,
Aberdeen.

Letter from the Great North of Scotland Railway Company to the Aberdeen County Clerk offering a room for sorting out alternative employment for fishing workers, 31 December 1914

ABERDEEN BOYS AT BALLOGIE.

The camp occupied by boys from Aberdeen on Deeside is at Ballogie, where Messrs Fiddes and Sons, Torry Sawmills, have a number of boys assisting the workmen on the estate. The work here, however, is somewhat different from that general in other forests where the boys are working. It has to do chiefly with the provision of railway sleepers, and also with the preparation of boxwood for army ammunition cases, etc. The lads have many duties to perform, from the burning of brushwood and tidying up, to snedding and peeling work.

In connection with the North of Scotland section of the scheme, it may be mentioned that Mr Esslemont and Mr Leslie are making arrangements for placing between 30 and 40 members of the Aberdeen University Training Corps at various forests in the north, chiefly with timber merchants, who have shown themselves so assiduous in looking after the welfare of the younger workers. The students will, in all likelihood, be able to take a larger share in the actual felling of the trees, and in more strenuous operations generally than their juniors.

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The fisher girls from the coast towns of the north-east have solved the problem of unemployment by taking work in the mills of Dundee. Our photograph shows a group of girls from Fraserburgh and other places who have left home to seek a livelihood in Juteopolis.

PATRIOTIC HATTON OF CRUDEN GIRLS.



Two Hatton of Cruden girls, who are showing an excellent example of patriotism. They are Miss Laura Milne and Miss Maggie Simmers, who not long ago organised a concert for comforts for soldiers in the village smithy, and are now taking the place of men as van drivers. Miss Milne assists Mr J. A. Cordiner, merchant, and has two brothers fighting in France. Miss Simmers, who drives for her father, Mr Forbes Simmers, baker, has a brother with the colours and another brother, a medical student, did his bit in France at the beginning of the war.

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The Council of 1920
County of Aberdeen.
County Clerk's Office Aberdeen 11th December, 1916.
15 DEC 1916
ABERDEEN

Gentlemen,

In consequence of the increased cost of living and other circumstances arising in consequence of the present war, we, the members of the Staff in the County Clerk's Office and others in the service of the County Council hereby respectfully apply to the Council to consider as to the granting of a War Bonus.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servants,

Charles Dick	£300
John Morrison	200
Jubright	150
John L. Boyd	120
John Still	60
Walter Gibb	ref. previous
Dorothy Lewis	ref. "
J. Nicoll	100
Charles Chatterton	ref. previous
Helen England	clerk £2 p month
Revelline	150

Petition of Aberdeen County Council staff for a wages increase, 11 December 1916

School Board Office
Peterhead 2nd October, 1918.
THOMAS MACKIE, F.S.A.A.,
INCORPORATED ACCOUNTANT
CLERK
ABERDEEN

Dear Mr. Murison,
Peterhead Sheriff Court.

Mrs. Walker, who keeps the Court House, spoke to me the other day about her remuneration and was wondering whether she could get something more in these times for keeping the Court House. I understand her remuneration is somewhere about £20 per annum, with free house, fire and light. In pre-war days that would seem to be good enough, but in these times it does not go far. I told her she should get Mr. Walker to write you himself but he is a somewhat peculiar man and evidently will not do so. Mrs. Walker is a very decent body and keeps the place beautifully clean and is always very obliging. I think it is a pity she should suffer through her man's thrawness. She asked me if I would write to you and I told her I would gladly do so, because I know from what she tells me she has great difficulty in getting ends to meet. I trust you will manage to give her either an increase of salary or a substantial War Bonus.

I may mention that Mr. Walker's fees as Bar Officer have been reduced from somewhere in the vicinity of £1 per month to somewhere between 2/6 and 5/- per month, so that on the whole they are having pretty hard lines.

Yours very truly,
Thomas Mackie
Sheriff-Clerk Depute.

Wm. Murison, Esq.,
County Clerk,
ABERDEEN.

P.S. Any thing you can do you can should be made retrospective, so as to give Mrs Walker some thing to be going on with. Done

Letter from Peterhead Sheriff Clerk Depute to the Aberdeen County Clerk regarding a possible increase in the Court House Keeper's wages, 2 October 1918

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considered at a meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee, held immediately prior to this Meeting, and that the Finance Sub-Committee recommended "That the Road Surveyor be given a free hand, as in harvest, to let away as many men as possible for agricultural work, and if need be that only one of the District Committee's Engines be kept going".

After some discussion this resolution, which was moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Colonel Smith, was unanimously agreed to."

Extract Minute of the Garioch District Committee regarding shortage of farm labour, 13 November 1915 (page 2)

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HOUSE.

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THE RAEMOIR WOODS.

At the Raemoir Woods of Commander Innes—a fine belt of woodland of about 300 acres—sons three miles in length to the north of Banochry—two Aberdeen boys have been installed in the important position of tally-men—one of them, B. Williamson, son of Mr R. M. Williamson, advocate, and the other, E. Murray, son of Mr John Murray, advoc- ate, clerk to the Deeside District Committee of the Aberdeen County Council.

It is here that the headquarters of the Deeside camps have been established, with Mr Stanley Nairne as commandant, assisted by Mr A. W. Somerville, and with Mr Hugh Smith, Glasgow High School, as quarter master. The teachers who have accompanied the boys to Raemoir camp are Mr Cromar and Mr Kaye, of the Glasgow High School.

There are 100 boys from Glasgow Academy, Glasgow High School, Hillhead High School, and Allan Glen's School, Glasgow, as also from some Greenock schools, and their places are soon to be taken by boys from Edinburgh High School, George Watson's College, Heriot-Watt College, and Daniel Stewart's Col- lege, Edinburgh. From 14 to 17½ years of age, they prove apt to learn, and do a fair day's work snedding and peeling about 1200 trees each day of seven and a half hours. A graph at each camp contains a record of each day's work, and it is regularly watched to see that there is no falling off in the work accomplished.

The routine of camp life is observed. Reveille is at 6.30; inspection of kit at 7; break- fast at 7.15; parade for work at 8; luncheon in the woods at 12.30, sandwiches having been carried by the boys; and dinner in the camp dining marquee after 5 on return from work. The boys are then free for the evening till 9 o'clock, and have cycle runs and walks, games, etc. At 9 o'clock supper is served, and after prayers, the call of "lights out" is sounded at 10 o'clock. After five or six years experience of Scottish schoolboy camps, Mr Nairne found no difficulty in adapting the organisation to a forestry camp when asked to do so through the Board of Agriculture, in connection with the National Service Scheme. At Raemoir the boys sleep in a dormitory converted from the old laundry of Raemoir House, while a few are in tents or in private apartments.

GRAIN EXHIBITION.

For several years Warrle, has, in con- of Agriculture, carr a view to testing the of oats and barley.

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GRAIN EXHIBITION.

ABERDEEN

SOME INTERESTING

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THE ABERDEEN DAILY JOURNAL

SCHOOLBOYS AS FORESTERS.

Deeside Woods.—Conclusion

(By Our Special Representative.)

Not only has there been considerable activity in the North of Aberdeen in connection with the utilisation of schoolboy labour in the woods in felling; anodding, and peeling timber for pit props, but similar operations have been engaging attention on Deeside. Those chiefly responsible for carrying out the arrangements in this part of Scotland have been Dr Borthwick, Advisory Forestry Officer for Scotland; Mr John T. Smith and Mr W. W. Smith, of the Timber Supply Department of the Board of Trade, Edinburgh; and Mr Stanley Nairne, who has for a number of years been responsible for the work of organising summer holiday camps in connection with the United Free Church of Scotland and the Young Men's Christian Association. Valuable assistance has also been given by Mr Donald Munro (of Messrs A. and G. Paterson, Ltd., wood merchants, Banchory and Aberdeen), member of the Advisory Committee of the Board of Trade for home-grown timber, member of the Scottish Advisory Committee of that Board, and President of the North of Scotland Timber Merchants' Association. It may be mentioned, in passing, that while there is a good deal of schoolboy labour in the woods at Raemoir, Balfour, Wreaton, west of Aboyne, Cullerlie, the Bellwood, on the estate of Lord Huntly's trustees, and at Major Davidson's estate of Dess, there is also much work in cutting a heavier class of timber from the magnificent woods of Ballogie, Inchmarlo, Birsemoor, Glentanar, and others; the operations, however, being confined to a desirable thinning. Practically in no case has there been what is known in the timber trade as "a clean cut."

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THE VICTORY AWARD TO DAVID BISHOP.

The King has approved of the award to the undermeritic Capt. W. A. B. Canadian Cavalry. For most conspicuous and skill. Captain Bishop, work independent enemy aerodrome about, he flew or about three miles less twelve miles Seven machines, a running, were on these from about f who was starting seen to fall. One the ground, but a Captain Bishop fi at very close range ground. A second machir which he fired th range, and it fell. Two more mach aerodrome. One c height of 1000 feet drum of ammunition 300 yards from th Captain Bishop, e the fourth hostile back to his statio Four hostile see above him for al journey, but they His machine was machine gun fire

Stonehaven Journal 16 August 1917

Aberdeen Journal

W.C. Bequith & Co. Ltd. Glasgow

S. Squadron

To Mr W. Urquhart

Re: demobilisation

Under Aberdeen

From O.C. S. Squadron

I refer to your letter of 18th inst. I regret I am unable to recommend an extension of demobilisation for your son, Trooper W. Urquhart, as other orders have been issued that no further passes are to be granted to soldiers who have completed their full course of training and mobilisation. I sympathise with you in your position but your son has been already demobilised for two months, and only a few men have been allowed away from the Bequith depot.

Yours truly,

A. Smith Lieut

O.C. S. Squadron

Sutton on Sea

20/10/15

Letter from CO of "S" Squadron 2/2nd Regiment, Scottish Horse, to William Urquhart regarding Trooper Urquhart's demobilisation for farm labour work 20 October 1915

Hard Vrocht Grun Project

Bundle 2

County Buildings,
Aberdeen, 28th October 1915.

Sir,

One of the Councillors for this County has called upon me with reference to an application which has been made to you for an extension of the demobilisation of No. 4286 Trooper W. Urquhart of your Squadron.

I understand that Trooper Urquhart has been demobilised for a period of two months and during the whole of that time has been engaged upon his father's farm. He now asks for an extension of demobilisation for a further period of one month, and I have been asked specially to represent the circumstances of the case to you in the hope that on a consideration thereof you may be able to grant the application.

Trooper Urquhart's father is the tenant of the farm of Kinnernie, Cluny, of about 249 acres. In the family there are three boys and one girl. The boys are Trooper Urquhart aged 18, and the two others aged 16 and 14 years respectively. The girl is about 15 years of age. The parents have been compelled to take the two younger boys from school and, notwithstanding their ages, each of them is working a pair of horses on the farm. They have one servant, - a girl of about 17 years of age. They had also two men on the farm until about ten days ago when one of them enlisted, and there now only remains one man assisting with the cattle. During the harvest the father and mother and the other members of the family were all engaged on the harvest field, the younger children being left to take care of themselves.

The County Councillor informs me that it will be a very great advantage to the father if Trooper Urquhart can obtain an extension.

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extension of leave for one month more as notwithstanding every effort on the part of the father he has been unable to procure other labour to take the place either of the boy or of the man who has recently enlisted. He hopes, however, that he may be able to obtain further labour at the ensuing Martinmas term.

I shall be exceedingly obliged if you will consider this representation and let me know at your earliest convenience whether the request now made is granted by you, or if Trooper Urquhart must at once return to his Squadron.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) WILLIAM MURISON,

County Clerk.

The Commanding Officer,
"S" Squadron,
2/2nd Regiment Scottish Horse,
SUTTON-ON-SEA,
Lincolnshire,
England.

Letter from Aberdeen County Clerk to the CO of "S" Squadron 2/2nd Regiment, Scottish Horse, regarding Trooper Urquhart's demobilisation for farm labour work

*Urquhart Kinnernie,
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to take care of themselves.*

Letter from Trooper Urquhart regarding demobilisation for farm labour work, October 1915

COPY.

From Officer Commanding
"S" Squadron 2/2 Scottish Horse.

To The County Clerk,
of Aberdeen.

Sutton-on-Sea,
Lincs.
30th October, 1915.

Sir,

No. 4286 Trooper W. Urquhart.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28th instant and note what you say regarding the position of Trooper Urquhart's father, tenant of Kinnernie.

I have given careful consideration to this case and am glad to be able to inform you that I have recommended and obtained authority, to extend the demobilisation of the above for a further period of one month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) R. INGLIS
Lieut.

O.C. "S" Squadron
2/2 Scottish Horse.

Letter from CO of "S" Squadron 2/2nd Regiment, Scottish Horse, to the Aberdeen County Clerk regarding Trooper Urquhart's demobilisation for farm labour work 30 October 1915