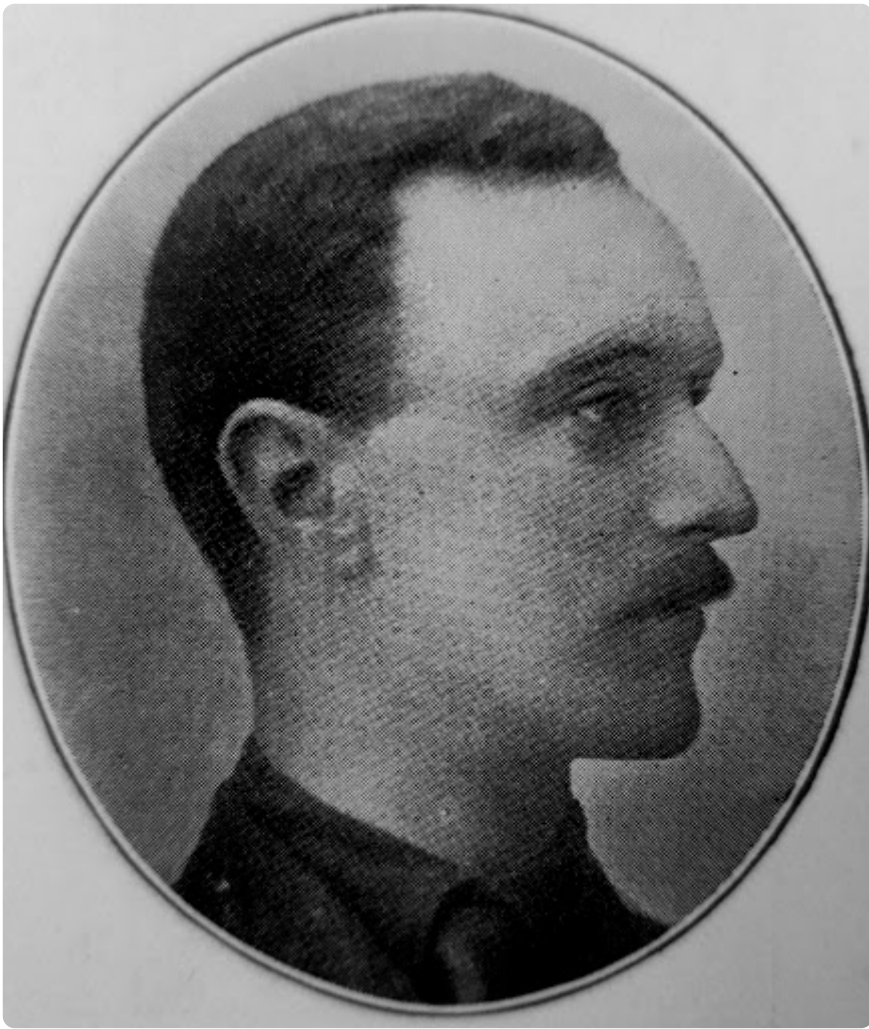


Family Information

Eldest son of Provost John Lavelle of Brankle House, Coatbridge. James` younger brother Captain Patrick Lavelle of the 5th Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers was Killed in Action on the 04/10/1915 (see index)

Additional Information

James was killed along with Lance Corporal J Nelson from Glasgow when a shell burst close to them during a relief and they are buried next to each other. James was educated at Stoneyhurst College, Lancashire and enlisted as a Private in the 17th Battalion Highland Light Infantry when war broke out. He received his commission 2 months later and was transferred to the 12th Battalion. He was well known in cricketing circles (see newspaper clippings for more information). Also see clippings for letters to James` father from Captain Shaw and Private G Goodwin. James` Grave photo donated by Mick McCann at britishwargraves.co.uk. Also remembered on the Drumpellier Cricket Club, Coatbridge Technical College and St Augustines Churches Rolls of Honour and at the Family Plot in Airdrie (St Josephs) RC Cemetery (see photos). James was reburied in Loos British Cemetery (see reburial form). His grave inscription reads " ON WHOSE SOUL SWEET JESUS HAVE MERCY "



Likeness

Campaign: **1914-15** (A) When decoration was earned.
 (B) Present situation.

Name	Grade	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)
(A) LAVELLE	12/HLI	4LT		MEAL: 1914 VICTORY: 1914/11 171
(B) J. O. Lavelle	# 12/HLI	4LT		BRITISH: 1914 160248: 1914/11 21

Action taken: **1915 Star** (1914/15) **1914/15** **1914/15** **1914/15** **1914/15**
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THEATRE OF WAR: FRANCE **1914/15**
QUALIFYING DATE: 10-7-15 **NOM. ROLL: 1914/15**

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Brankle House **Co.**
Coatbridge
Lanarkshire **1914/15**

Medal Index Card

James Hughes, 100 Buchanan Street.
 John Hughes, 134 Dundryvan Road.
 Robert Hughes, Turner Street.
 Thomas Holt, 13 Buchanan Street.
 John Harrison, Hutchison Street.
 Edward Higgins, 5 Long Row.
 Robert Higgins, 2 Kirk Street.
 Edward Higgins, Turner Street.
 Francis Higgins, Long Row.
 Francis Henderson, 87 Buchanan Street.
 Thomas Harty, Turner Street.
 Andrew Harty, Turner Street.
 John Hannah, Murray's Buildings, Dundryvan
 Road.
 Robert Hought, Turner Street.
 James Hernan, 5 Turner Street.
 Hugh Hanlon, 80 Buchanan Street.
 George Hannan, 15c Douglas Street.
 Nichol Johnstone, 5 Cullen Street.
 Thomas Kelly, 55 Buchanan Street.
 Joseph Kelly, 55 Buchanan Street.
 John Kerr, 7 Hutchison Street.
 William Kerr, 27 South Row, Summerlee.
 Denis Kennan, 252 Dundryvan Road.
 Alexander Keegans, 1 Hutton Street.
 Charles Kavanaugh, 48 Revie's Land.
 Bernard Killa, 56 Buchanan Street.
 Edward Logan, 145 Bank Street.
 Anthony Lavery, 11 Hutton Street.
 Owen Lavery, Bank Street.
 John Lavery, Bank Street.
 John Lennon, 73c Henderson Street.
 Patrick Lennon, 25 Iron Row.
 James Lavelle, Blairhill.
 Patrick Lavelle, Blairhill.
 Patrick Lennon, 5 Buchanan Street.
 John Lennon, 21 Murray Street.

Coatbridge Express 06/01/1915 St Augustines Church Roll of Honour

DRUMPELLIER CRICKET CLUB.

ROLL OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE CLUB.

Today we are able, through the courtesy of Mr. A. J. J. Carter, interim secretary, to publish the names of the members of Drumpellier Cricket Club who have joined the colours. There may, however, be some names that have not come to hand, and Mr. Carter would esteem it a favour if the names, rank, and regiment of such as have been omitted be forwarded to him, at his address, 5 Albert Street, at the earliest opportunity. It is intended to include the list in the members' card, which will be posted to members during the coming week, and it is the desire to have it as complete as possible. There may also be errors of commission as well as of omission in the list, but this can be rectified by communicating with Mr. Carter. The list is as follows:—

Lieut.-Col. A. L. H. Buchanan, Gordon
Highlanders.
Major J. K. Baker, 12th Scottish Rifles.
Lieut. Thos. Davis, jun., 6th Scottish Rifles.
Lieut. D. C. Hanson, R.A.M.C.
Lieut. Thomas Young, R.A.M.C.
2nd Lieut. Geo. Baxter, 6th Scottish Rifles.
2nd Lieut. Jas. M. Denholm, 6th Scottish
Rifles.
2nd Lieut. Jas. Lavelle, 12th Highland
Light Infantry.

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COATBRIDGE MEN IN LORD KITCHENER'S ARMY.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

Mr Jas. Lavelle, son of Bailie Lavelle, Braakle House, has been appointed to a commission in the regular army as a 2nd lieutenant. At the beginning of the war he enlisted as a private in the 3rd Glasgow Battalion H.L.I. Lieut. Lavelle was a member of Drumcraigh Cricket Club, and as a sound and skilful batsman gave useful support to the 1st XI. in many of their prominent engagements. His younger brother is an officer in the Royal Scots.

Coatbridge Express 16/12/1914



Grave

**SECOND LIEUTENANT JAS. LAVELLE
KILLED IN FRANCE.**

On Monday night a telegram was received from the War authorities by Bailie Lavelle intimating that his eldest son, Second Lieutenant James Lavelle, 12th Batt. H.L.I., had been killed in France, on Friday, 20th August. The sad news soon spread throughout the town, and, needless to say, the utmost sympathy was expressed for Bailie and Mrs. Lavelle and family in the hour of their trial.

The late Lieut. Lavelle, who was 24 years of age, was the eldest son of Bailie Lavelle, and one had every reason to believe that he had a brilliant career before him. He was educated at Stoneyhurst College, Lancashire, and was a civil and mining engineer. He enlisted since the war broke out as a private in the 17th Batt. H.L.I. (Commercial), at Troon, and after two months there he was offered and accepted a commission as Second Lieutenant in the 12th Batt. H.L.I.

On Thursday of last week (19th August) Bailie Lavelle received a letter from deceased stating that he had been in action and that one officer was killed and twelve men wounded. He himself had left the trenches and was in the billet. This was the last letter received from the gallant young officer and as yet it is not known how he met his death.

The late Lieutenant Lavelle was exceedingly well-known in cricket circles and for some seasons back was a regular player in the Drumpellier 1st XI, and his loss will be greatly felt by the club members, among whom he was a big favourite.

He has another brother, namely, Second Lieutenant Patrick Lavelle, Royal Scots Fusiliers, presently in the Dardanelles.

Few families are better known in Coatbridge. The father, we need hardly mention, has sat consistently on the Town Council since the inauguration of the burgh, and the receipt of the news of the death of the gallant young soldier came as a terrible grief to the townspeople, and profound sympathy has been expressed for the father, mother, and other relatives.

Coatbridge Express 25/08/1915

An announcement in the "Express" telegram was received by Bailie John Lavelle, J.P., Beattie House, Blairhill, on Monday evening, from the War Office, intimating that his son, Second Lieutenant James Lavelle, had been killed in action in France on 30th August. The good news caused a profound sensation in Coatbridge and Airdrie; for in both towns deceased was well known and highly respected, and the greatest sympathy was expressed on all hands for the sorrowing family of the gallant young officer.

The late Lieut. Lavelle, who was 26 years of age, was the eldest son of Bailie Lavelle, and one had every reason to believe that he had a brilliant career before him. He was educated at Stoneyhurst College, Lancashire, and was a civil and mining engineer. Shortly after war broke out he enlisted as a private in the 17th Batt. H.L.I. (Commercial), training at Yeovil. On being granted a commission he was transferred to the 18th Battalion H.L.I.

On Thursday of last week (10th August) Bailie Lavelle received a letter from Belgium stating that he had been in action, and that one officer was killed and twelve men wounded. He himself had left the trenches and was in the billet. This was the last letter received from the gallant young officer.

The late Lieutenant Lavelle was exceedingly well-known in cricket circles and for some seasons back was a regular player in the Drumpellier 1st XI., and his loss will be greatly felt by the club members, among whom he was a big favourite. He was noted for his proficiency with the bat and ball, and was exceptionally smart in the field. As a mark of respect the management of Drumpellier Cricket Club have agreed that no play will take place at the Polaris to-day, and another date will be arranged for Burnham's benefit.

Deceased has a younger brother, namely, Second Lieutenant Patrick Lavelle, Royal Scots Fusiliers, presently serving at the Dardanelles.

Few families are better known in Coatbridge. The father, we need hardly mention, has sat consistently on the Town Council since the inauguration of the burgh, and the receipt of the news of the death of the gallant young officer came as a terrible grief to the townspeople, and profound sympathy has been expressed for the father, mother, and other relatives.

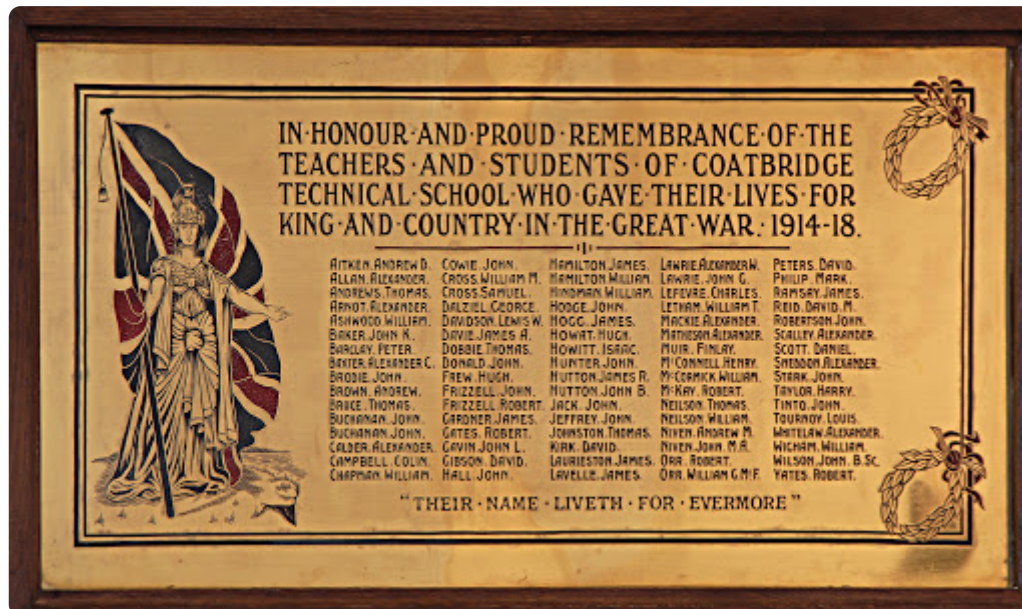
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O.H.M.S. - Buckingham Palace - 27th
 August, 1915. - J. Lavelle, Esq., Brackley
 House, Coatbridge, Lanarkshire. The King
 and Queen deeply regret the loss you and
 the Army have sustained by the death of
 your son in the service of his country. Their
 Majesties truly sympathise with you in your
 sorrow. - Keeper. Privy Palace.

CAPTAIN'S WRITING.
 Bailie Lavelle has received the following
 letter from Captain Shaw, D Coy., 12th Batt.
 H.L.I. -
 Dear Sir: - Pardon me intruding on you at this
 sad time, but I feel that I must write you to
 give you my deepest sympathy. Your son was
 in my Company, and I use no idle words when
 I say that he was a good officer, in whom I
 could put great trust, and in whom I know
 the men had great confidence. He was lead-
 ing his platoon up to the trenches to-day,
 when a shell burst about 50 yards in front of
 him. He then opened his men out to 10 paces
 interval and advanced. He had only gone a
 few yards further when a second shell burst
 10 yards in front killing a Lance-Corpl. and a
 man, and fatally wounding your son. He
 only lived a few minutes after he was hit,
 and luckily never regained consciousness. His
 sad death has cast a gloom over us all here,
 and we all feel his loss very keenly, as he was
 a great favourite, always ready for a joke and
 brimful of humour. His men liked him also,
 because, although a good disciplinarian, he
 treated his men fairly and with great kind-
 ness, always keen on giving a man a leg up
 when he deserved it. I shall miss him espe-
 cially, as he was an officer on whom I could
 rely to carry out his instructions to the letter,
 and, greatest asset of all, to do a bit on his
 own initiative in addition. Again proffering
 my sincere sympathy to you and the rest of
 your family. - Believe me, yours very sincerely,
 W. D. Shaw, Capt., D Coy., 12th H.L.I.

LETTER FROM A PRIVATE.
 Private G. Goodwin, No. 18417, D Coy.,
 12th Batt., H.L.I., Brackley Ex-
 peditary Coy., France, has sent on the
 following letter to Bailie Lavelle: -
 Dear Sir, - It is with painful regret that
 I send you this letter, stating the loss of
 your son, our officer, who met his fate while
 leading us back to the trenches on the 20th,
 after a two days' rest. We were marching
 back from a small village, when, without
 the slightest warning, a shell landed almost
 at his feet. There were two more received
 the same fate, one a non-commissioned offi-
 cer belonging to our platoon, and one a
 private in the Royal Engineers, who was at
 work on the roadside. Had it not been for
 his excellent plan of ordering us to drop
 into single file and keeping left paces apart,
 the whole platoon would have shared the
 same fate. Death was instantaneous. I can
 assure you that it is a big blow to the
 platoon of which he was in command, as
 there is not one of us that would not have
 followed him to the end of the world. He
 was just like a father to us. It means a big
 blow to me, as I was his servant, and a
 better master could not be found. I must
 now conclude by sending you, the platoon's
 deepest sympathy in this sorrowful loss.

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Family Plot in Airdrie (St Josephs) RC Cemetery

3.

Loch-on-Dechelle.103-151/E

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Re-burials).

BURIAL RETURN.

Name of Cemetery of Re-burial LOCH BRITISH CEMETERY.

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found.	Was Cross on Grave?	Regimental particulars.	Means of Identification.	Were any effects forwarded to base?
10.	G.	14.	44b.L.30.a.B.G.	Yes.	86953 Spr. H.C. Cotton. 91st Pk. Co. RFA.		24.8.15.
"	"	15.	"	"	S/Lt. J.D. Lavelle. 12/H.L.I.		24.8.15.
"	"	16.	"	"	19012 L/C. Nelson J. 12/H.L.I.		26. .15.
"	"	17.	44a.G.26 ?	"	Mr. A. Cadle. 190th Bde. RFA.		27.4.16.
"	"	18.	"	"	9325 Gnr. G.S. Walter. G.Bty. 71st Bde. RFA.		26.1.16.
"	"	19.	"	"	31869 Gnr. Tom. Wright. 71st Bde. RFA.		27.4.16.

Crosses erected & checked.
(Sgt) J.H. Huggin.
Lieut.
- 7.20.

This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D.(C.of E) and the other returned by the Burial Officer.

**CANCELLED BY
CERTIFIED REPORT**

Initialed.....

Reburial Form

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