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## Lance Corporal Alexander W Lawrie

9th Battalion Black Watch ( Royal Highlanders )

Service No: s / 4768

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### **Born / Resided**

Coatbridge / 107 Alexander St, Coatbridge

### **Died**

Killed in Action 31/07/1917 at Frezenburg

### **Enlisted**

Coatbridge 03/09/1914

### **Employed**

Clerk in the Clyde Tube Works

### **Age**

20

### **Buried / Remembered**

Ypres ( Menin Gate ) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **Family Information**

Son of William Morton and Agnes Alexander Lawrie of 107 Alexander St, Coatbridge. His father William was an engine fitter and his mother was English. Alexander was the youngest of 3 brothers, all of whom fell. He also had 4 sisters, one of whom Jeannie was a teacher in Coatdyke School. His brothers were Signalmen John Lawrie of the Royal Naval Reserve who drowned on the 24/11/1916 and the eldest Private William Lawrie of the 11th Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who Died of Wounds on the 12/10/1916 (see index)

### **Additional Information**

All 3 brothers died within 9 months of each other. Alexander enlisted on the 03/09/1914 and arrived in France on the 14/07/1915. He was posted missing at Frezenburg 17 days later. This was the opening day of the 3rd Battle of Ypres ( Passchendaele ). An Officer described Alexander as "a god-fearing lad and a good soldier". Also remembered on the Coatbridge Technical College, Coatbridge High School, Coats Parish Church and the Stewarts and Lloyds Rolls of Honour (Clyde Tube Works) and at the Family Plot in Old Monkland Cemetery (see photos). See photos for Alexanders name on the Menin Gate Memorial



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Name	Grade	Rank	Regt. No.
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ALEXANDER.		Pr. Cpl	

Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	G/102 B 6	3/1	Died 8-4-14.
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Date of entry therein	14-7-15		

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Correspondence

Address

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Medal Index Card

Sapper Stewart Davis, 41 Academy Street.  
 Sapper Ewen Fergusson, 39 Lugar Street.  
 Sapper John Gavin, 104 Dunbeth Road.  
 Private William Graham, Burnside House,  
 Paisley.  
 Lance-Corporal John Gray, 3 Locks Street.  
 Private Joseph Hadley, 2 Jackson Street.  
 Private Archibald Hasle, 2a Hayfield Pl.  
 Trooper Thomas Hill, 2 Muirhall Street.  
 Trooper James Hobbs, Strathwillan, Mount  
 Vernon Avenue.  
 Private James Hogg, 3 Russell Colt Street.  
 Lance-Corporal John Howat, 32a Colt Ter.  
 Corporal John Jackson, 26b Crichton St.  
 Private Alex. Lawrie, 107 Alexander St.  
 Trooper Thos. Macfarlane, 233c East Muir-  
 hall Street.  
 Private Allan M'Millan, 13 Gas Lane.  
 2nd Corporal John Main, 50c Sunnyside  
 Road.  
 Private John Moses, 126 Alexander Street,  
 Airdrie.  
 Private William Neilson, Ardvohr, Muir-  
 hall Street.  
 Private Alexander Newlands, 114c Sunnyside  
 Road.  
 Private James Newlands, 114c Sunnyside  
 Road.  
 Private John Norman, 100j Calder Street.  
 Corporal John Oswald, 347g Bank Street.  
 Private Stirling Oswald, 347g Bank Street.  
 Private William Paterson, 62 Railway Rd.  
 Private Dan Scott, 82 Portland Street.  
 Sapper William Smith, 37e Academy St.  
 Trooper Allan Stevenson, Hunthill, Lugar  
 Street.  
 Corporal William Wightman, 2 Hutchison  
 Street.  
 Private William Caldwell, Birkwood,  
 Blairhill.  
 Private James Cameron, 10j Newlands St.  
 Private Duncan Carmichael, 51 Eghinton  
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 Corporal John Copland, 11 Weir Street.  
 Private Fred Dixon, Strathearn, Muirhall  
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 Private Douglas Donald, Police Barracks.  
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Coatbridge Express 30/12/1914 Coats Parish Church Roll of Honour

## COATBRIDGE SOLDIERS KILLED

Mr. William Lawrie, 107 Alexander Street, has received official information that his son, Lance-Corporal Alex. W. Lawrie, Royal Highlanders, reported missing on 31st August, 1917, was killed on that date. The suspense has been terrible, and what makes the circumstances all the more sad is the fact that this is the third son of this family that has made the supreme sacrifice in the awful war. First of all Alex. was reported wounded and in an unknown hospital, and further word was received that he was missing. Every inquiry was made, and it now transpires that he had not been seen since the taking of a first line of trenches at Ypres on the date mentioned. The father has received several letters of sympathy from officers, each of whom describe Alex. Lawrie as a God-fearing lad, and a good soldier. He enlisted at the end of August, 1914, and was only seventeen years of age. At that time he was employed as a clerk at the Clyde Tubeworks. His brother William died from wounds, and his brother John was lost at sea. The utmost sympathy has been felt for Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie, and the sisters in the great loss sustained.

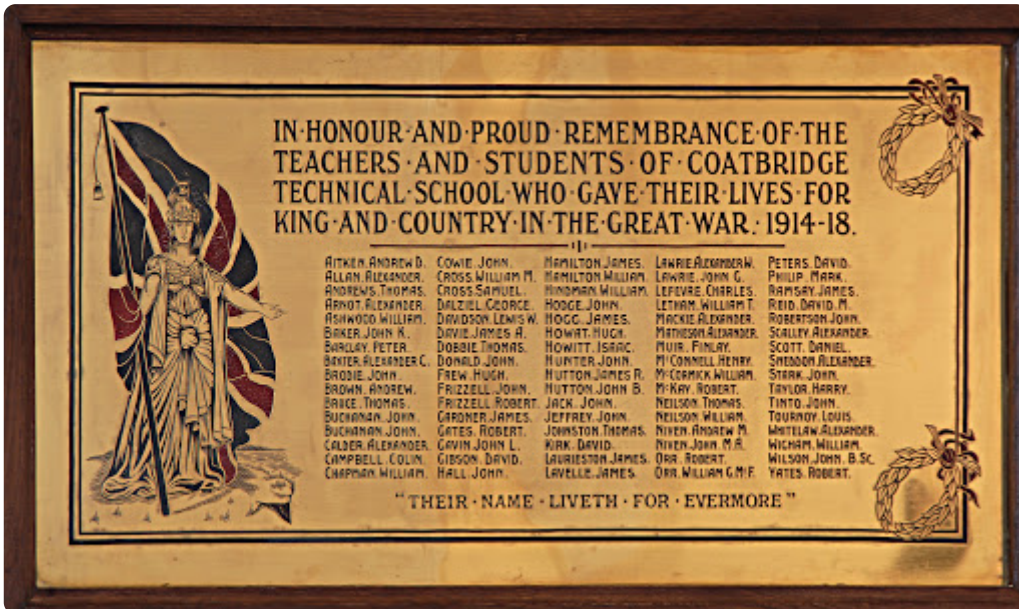
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Grave



Clyde Tube Works Roll of Honour

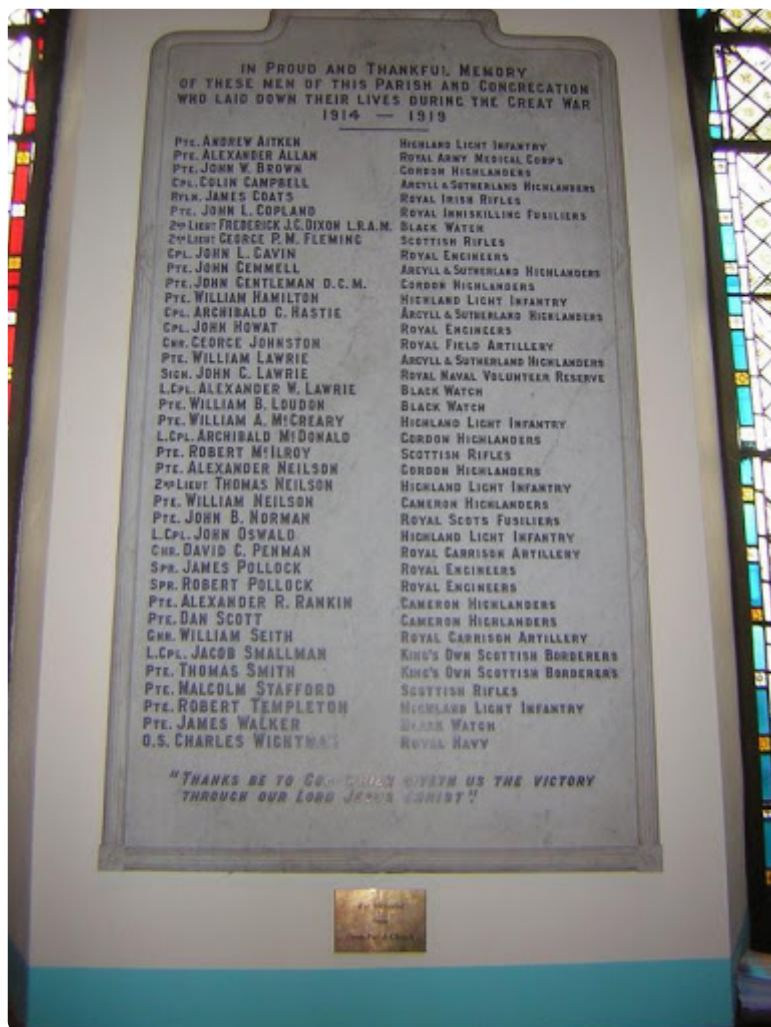




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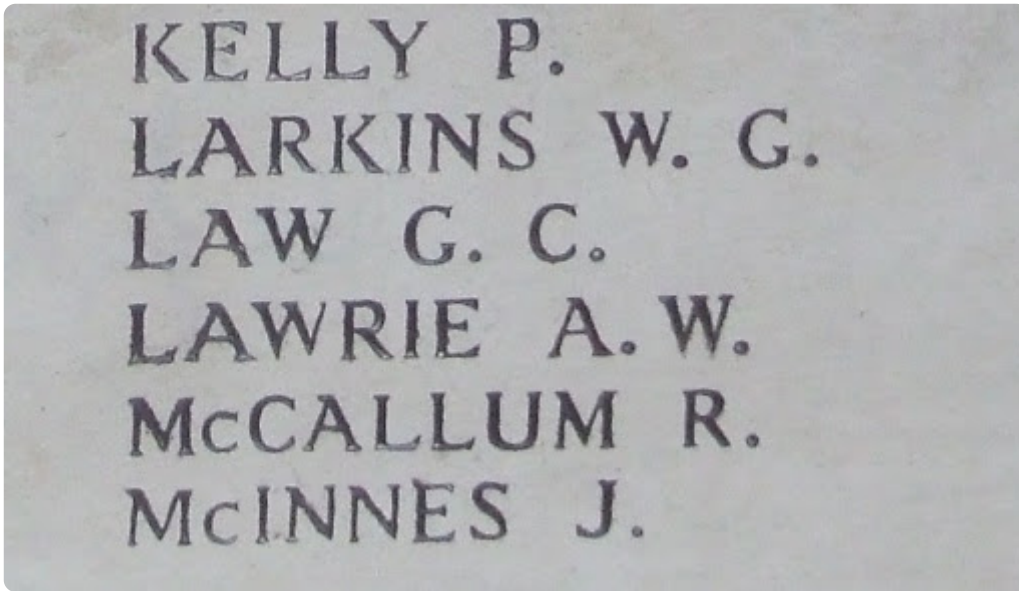
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Family Plot in Old Monkland Cemetery (1)



Family Plot in Old Monkland Cemetery (2)



Alexanders name on the Menin Gate Memorial

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