
Private James Walker

9th Battalion Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)

Service No: s / 4300

Born / Resided

Coatbridge / 77 Burnbank Rd, Coatbridge

Died

Killed in Action 25/09/1915 at Loos

Enlisted

Coatbridge 03/09/1914

Employed

Locomotive Fireman in Kipps Locomotive Works

Age

20

Buried / Remembered

Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

Family Information

Son of James and Jessie Walker of 77 Burnbank Rd, Coatbridge. Brother of Private David Walker of the 9th Battalion Black Watch who was also Killed in Action on the same day as James, the 25/09/1915 at the Battle of Loos (see index). He was listed as a Prisoner of War but this was proven inaccurate. See newspaper clipping from the Enquiry Department for Prisoners of War. Private George Buchanan Arnott also of the 9th Battalion Black Watch who resided with the family and worked with the brothers as well as enlisting with them was wounded and gassed at Loos alongside them. He Died of Wounds on the 28/06/1916 (see index)

Additional Information

The 2 brothers and George Arnott worked together, lived together, enlisted together and fought together. There was 1 digit between all their service numbers. 87 men from the Coatbridge Memorial fell during and from injuries from the Battle of Loos. Also remembered on the Maxwell Parish Church. East United Free Church and the Kipps Memorial Rolls of Honour (see photos). See photos for James` name on the Loos Memorial



Likeness

Name	Grade	Rank	Exp. Pt.
WALKER <i>James</i>	<i>9 R High</i>	<i>PL</i>	<i>9/2000</i>

Unit	Regt.	Page	Remarks
Troop	<i>G/102 A.S.</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>Kan A. 25 9 15</i>
Station	<i>L -</i>	<i>L</i>	
15000	<i>G/3 BT</i>	<i>B570</i>	

Number of War Service in	<i>1 - France</i>
Date of entry Service	<i>11 7 15</i>

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Correspondence

Address

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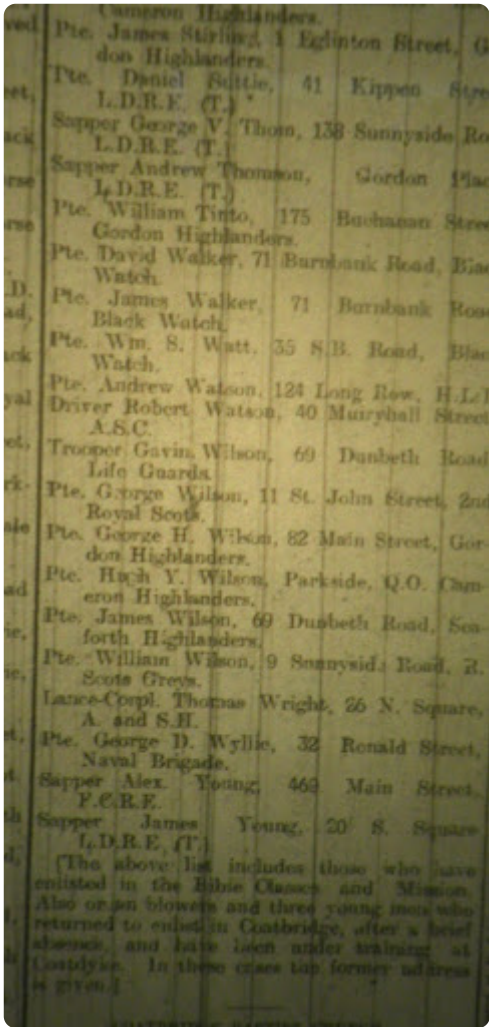
Mr James Walker, 71 Burnbank Road, Coatbridge, has received official information that his son Pte. David Walker, 9th Black Watch, is posted as missing and supposed to be killed. Pte. David Walker worked at Kippo, and enlisted Sept., 1914. Mr Walker's other son, Pte. Jimmy, was also with 9th Black Watch, and he has had no word from or about him since the advance on 25th Sept. Jimmy was also employed at Kippo. Another lad who stayed with Mr Walker, also with the 9th Black Watch, Pte. George Arnott, enlisted with the brothers, was wounded in the same advance. He is presently recovering from wounds in a hospital in Aberdeen.

The following letter has been received by Mr and Mrs Walker from Private J. Nimmo, 9th Black Watch, an Airdrie lad:—Dear Mr and Mrs Walker—I don't know how to break the news to you, but I am trying to do my best, as I know you will be anxious about your sons. I lost poor David on Saturday morning. He was with me from the German trenches right up to Hill 70, which, as you will see in the papers, we captured, and that is a distance of two miles. We were lying close together on this hill and were only about a quarter of an hour there till David got the shot on the forehead, and just as he got it his last words were "Jimmy, Jimmy, my head." I looked at him and was just going to dress him when I saw he was dead. The bullet must have stayed in his head, and I was making sure he was away before I left, but it was right. He has gone, but died a hero, poor fellow. Then we got the order to retire, and I had to leave him. Jimmy is missing. He was seen last on the same hill

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where David and I were, and away on the right. He was wounded, and must have been taken prisoner on the order to retire. This is Wednesday afternoon, and nothing of Jimmy yet. George Arnott is wounded, and believed to be in hospital.

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Coatbridge Express 27/01/1915 East United Free Church Roll of Honour



Grave



Maxwell Parish Church Roll of Honour



Kipps Locomotive Works Roll of Honour

Mrs. O'Hear, 67 Dundeevan Road, Coatbridge, has just been officially informed that her son, Private Thomas O'Hear, H.L.I., was killed at Loos, on 25th September, 1915. He enlisted in August, 1914, and at that time was employed in the British Tinsworks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker, 77 Waverley Terrace, Coatbridge, have been officially informed that their son, Private David Walker, Royal Highlanders, had been killed at the Battle of Loos. Deceased, who was 24 years of age and unmarried, was a fireman at Kipps. He enlisted on 3rd September, 1914. A brother, David Walker, Black Watch, also a fireman at Kipps, was wounded at Loos and taken prisoner to Germany, where he died on 23rd October. Private George Buchanan Arnott, Black Watch, who resided with Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and was looked upon as one of their own family, who was also a fireman at Kipps, while serving in the Black Watch was wounded at Loos. After recovery he was sent back to France where he was wounded again on 27th June, and died the following day from the effects of same. This is really a sad family blow, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker deserve all possible sympathy in the terrible loss of two sons and a dear friend.

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TWO COATBRIDGE BROTHERS KILLED
AT LOOS.

Mrs Walker, 77 Waverley Terrace, Coatbridge, has just received official information, intimating that her son, Private James Walker, 9th Black Watch, was killed in action on 25th September at Loos. The letter received from the Enquiry Department for Prisoners of War is as follows:—

Dear Madam,—We deeply regret to have to inform you that, according to a German List, dated October 23rd, and received by us through Geneva, J. B. Walker (Presbyterian), 4300, of the Royal Highlanders (Black Watch), is reported to have fallen in action at Loos. We regret that these are all the details that have come through, but should any more reach us, we will at once forward them to you. Please accept our sincere sympathy.—Yours faithfully, Louis Mallet, p.p. J.D.

... that makes the circumstances all the more sad is the fact that this is the second son of Mrs Walker who was killed at Loos. The late Private James Walker was employed at Kippa and was only 20 years of age. He enlisted in Sept. 1914. Only a fortnight ago we announced that a brother of deceased, namely, Pte. David Walker, 9th Black Watch, was posted missing and believed to be killed. The sympathy of the townspeople will go out to Mr and Mrs Walker and relatives in their double bereavement.

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James` name on the Loos Memorial

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