In memory of

Lance Corporal

James Aitken

2nd Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
Service No: S/3406

Killed in Action on the 25/09/1915 at Cambrin on the opening day of the Battle of Loos, age 36. Eldest son of Andrew Aitken (29/01/1857 - 13/02/1923) and Mary Leishman Aitken (30/10/1856 - 21/12/1943) of 66 North Square, Gartsherrie, Coatbridge. Husband of Ellen Harkness Aitken of 35 Eglinton St, Coatbridge and father of Andrew born on the 12/05/1912 and James Harkness Aitken born on the 11/05/1913. James' younger brother Private Andrew Aitken of the 16th (Service) Battalion (2nd Glasgow) Highland Light Infantry was Killed in Action on the 01/07/1916 on the opening day of the Battle of the Somme. James had 5 brothers serving with the colours. Andrew (Highland Light Infantry), Robert (Army Service Corps), Alexander (King's Own Royal Rifles), David (Royal Engineers), John (Royal Engineers). James' brother-in-law Sergeant James Harkness also fell. James' father received a letter thanking the family for their contribution to the war. Here is the 1901 Census Information on the family - Address - 174 and 175 North Square, Coatbridge - Mary Aitken 44, James Aitken 22, Robt Aitken 20 (1881 - 03/02/1940), John Aitken 16, Catherine (Katie) Aitken 14, Andrew Aitken 12, Mary Aitken 10, David Aitken 8 (/02/1893 - 14/01/1922). James' Pension was awarded to his wife Ellen on the 06/04/1916. Employment was Tube Worker in the Caledonian Tubeworks.





Buried/remembered at Cambrin Churchyard Extension (G.4), Cambrin, Pas de Calais, France.

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