



In memory of



Private
William Neilson

5th (Service) Battalion Cameron Highlanders "C" Company
Service No: S/12009

Killed in Action on the 25/09/1915 on the opening day of the Battle of Loos, age 27. Son of Alexander and Christina Neilson of "Ardvohr", 66 Muiryhall St, Coatbridge. William had 3 brothers also serving, Signaller Mark Neilson of the Royal Naval Reserve and Private George Neilson of the 17th (Service) Battalion (3rd Glasgow) Highland Light Infantry who survived the Battle of the Somme without a scratch before returning home in 1917 and after Officer training received a Commission in the King's Royal Rifles. As a 2nd Lieutenant George was awarded the Military Cross in 1918. Both brothers survived the war however Lance Corporal Alexander Neilson (265742) of the 1/6th (Perthshire) Battalion Black Watch died at home after a brief illness on the 07/10/1918 and is buried in New Monkland Cemetery (D.94). He is NOT listed on the Coatbridge Memorial. From the 1891 Census - Address - 25 Portland St, Coatbridge - Alexander Neilson aged 32, Christina Neilson aged 33, Alexander Neilson aged 6, Richard Neilson aged 5, William Neilson aged 3, servant Rebecca Clark aged 16. From the 1901 Census - Address - 66 Muiryhall St, Coatbridge - Alexander Neilson aged 42, Christina Neilson aged 42, Alexander Neilson aged 16, Richard S Neilson aged 15, William Neilson aged 13, Jeanie Neilson aged 9, May Neilson aged 7, Mark Neilson aged 6, George Neilson aged 4, Christina Neilson aged 2, servants Jeanie Laird aged 27, Marion Baker aged 17. William and Alexander's Pension were awarded to their father Alexander. Employment was Clerk in the Scottish Tube Works



Buried/remembered at Loos Memorial (Panel 119 to 124), Pas de Calais, France

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