

In Memory of

Lieutenant

John Edmund Flett

Mentioned in Despatches

7th Bn., Royal Scots who died on 15 November 1915 Age 38

Son of David and Eleanora Scott Cockburn Flett, of Edinburgh.

Remembered with Honour

Pink Farm Cemetery, Helles



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Lieutenant John Edmund Flett

7th Battalion, Royal Scots, Lothian Regiment

Died: 15 November 1915

Age: 38

How Died: Died of Wounds

Country of burial: Turkey including Gallipoli

Cemetery or Memorial: Pink Farm Cemetery, Helles

Town Memorial: Hale

Extra Information:

Born on the 19th September 1877 at Edinburgh, the son of David Flett a Solicitor of Edinburgh, and Eleanora Scott Cockburn Flett (nee Scott Cockburn Beenie).

1881 Census - "South Bank", 52 St Albans Road, Edinburgh. Son - aged: 3 - born: Edijnburgh. Head of household - David Flett - Married - aged: 57 - occ: Solicitor - born: Kirkwall, Orkney. Also Eleanor S.C. Flett - Wife - aged: 38 - occ: Solicitor - born: Edinburgh. Plus 5 siblings and 3 domestic servants.

1891 Census - St. Mary the Less, Cambridge. Pupil - aged: 13 - born: Edinburgh, Scotland.

1901 Census - 52 St Albans Road, Edinburgh. Son - aged: aged: 23 - occ: Insurance Clerk - born: Edinburgh. Head of household - David Flett - Married - aged: 77 - occ: Retired Solicitor - born: Kirkwall, Orkney. Also Eleanor S.C. Flett - Wife - aged: 58 - born: Edinburgh. Plus 6 siblings and 3 domestic servants.

1911 Census - 5 Buckingham Terrace, Edinburgh with mother and two brothers and working as an Insurance Inspector.

Educated at Craigmount, Edinburgh and The Leys, Cambridge. Employed as Insurance Inspector with the Scottish Provident Institution.

He was a well known Rugby Footballer and at one time played for the Edinburgh Wanderers Football Club. He had seven siblings, one of his elder brothers was Dr. A. B. Flett who was a Scottish International and an ex-President of the Scottish Football Union.

John volunteered for service at the outbreak of WWI and was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Scots on 17 September 1914. His MIC states that he was posted to Gallipoli on the 7th August 1915.

A draft of 12 officers and 440 other ranks arrived at Gallipoli on the 3rd September 1915. Moved into the firing line just west of East Krithia Nullah on the 6th and into the Eski Line on the 10th. Relieved and into rest camp on the 19th. Back into the firing line in the Clunes Vennel Sector on the 27th.

On the 10th October they were relieved from front line duty and went back to their rest camp. Into the firing line again, right of The Vineyard - Nelson Avenue and Govan Road on the 17th. To rest camp on the 1st November. To the firing line again on the 7th west of East Krithia Nullah. The enemy had trebled their barbed wire defences since their last tour of this section. The Turks fired 3 aerial torpedoes at them on the 10th, but caused no damage. Their positions at Renfield Street, Albion Road and Clunes Venel were bombed on the 12th. Some 20 aerial torpedoes fired by the enemy on the 13th, but only half exploded. On the 15th November Nos. 1 & 2 Companies attacked on Trench H1A opposite Russell's Loop and after much hand to hand fighting captured the objective.

Mentioned in Despatches by General Sir Ian Hamilton for gallant and distinguished service in the field.

His death was reported in the 23/11/1915 edition of the Dundee Evening Telegraph & Post.

Both his two younger brothers were killed in World War I.

Lieutenant Arthur David Flett, born in 1880, was in the 16th Battalion, Royal Scots. He died on 9th April 1917 and is buried at Bailleul Road East Cemetery, St Laurent-Blangy, Pas de Calais, France.

Lieutenant William Henry Flett, born in 1882, was in 6th Battalion, Black Watch, Royal Highlanders. He died on 19th April 1916 and is buried at

Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France. He was awarded the Military Cross.

Memorials found on:

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Altrincham



Pink Farm Cemetery, Helles, Gallipoli

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Arthur David Flett

16th Bn., Royal Scots who died on 09 April 1917

Son of David Flett.

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In Memory of

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William Henry Flett

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6th Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) who died on 19 April 1916 Age 34

Son of the late David and Eleanora Scott Cockburn Flett, of Edinburgh.

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Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension



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