

‘Bringing It Home’ learning resource produced by Hawick Heritage Hub.

A learning experience for S3 students based on an archive of letters sent by Hawick soldiers in the Dardanelles campaign to their families between May and July 1915.

The unit uses active learning approaches to engage students with individual soldiers' experiences.

The students use newspaper pages, extracts from the letters, formal photographs of soldiers and descriptions of action as ways of accessing the soldiers' experiences.

THE WAR.

1/4 K.O.S.B. TO-DAY'S LIST OF MISSING.

This morning's official report and extract of the following Hawick sons of the 1/4th K.O.S.B. Regiment being missing since the 25th July:—
Private Carl E. Park, at High Street. He is the younger son of Mr John Park, fish-merchant and grocer, and was a clerk in the office of Messrs Hunter & Tait, solicitors.
Lieut Colonel The Marquis D'Almeida.
Private John G. Wilson, of Castlehill Place. He was a voyage supervisor in the office of the "Hawick Export and Advertising," and was called up when the Territorials were mobilised in August last.
Private James D. Ross, 5 Mile Green.
Private Robert Hoggan, 14 Widdows Place.
Private Charles G. Morrison, 5 Mile Green.
Private James W. Gray, 10 Bankhill Street.
Private Andrew Brown, 3 Widdows Place.
Serge James Winton, Widdows Place.
Private John Douglas, 15 Widdows Street.
Private Thomas Kirkwood, 16 Widdows Street.
Private Andrew Hoggan, 2nd, 17a Widdows St.
Private John Brown, 10 Widdows Street.
Private Wm. Scott, 11 Longlands Bank.
Private William Tate, 10 High Street.
Private J. W. Fisher, Bankhill.
Private F. McInnes, Green.
Private J. Laing, 4 Home Terrace.
Private Matthew Scott, 10 Widdows Place.
Engineer Arthur Caldwell, 5 Village. He was a well known member of the Hawick Swimming Club.

Georgie George Cook, 20th Church Walk.
Private R. Bellairs, 20th Church Walk.
Private J. Brown, 18 Bridge Street.
Private Wm. Spalding, 20th Church Walk.
Private T. Brown, 20th Church Walk.
Private John Hoggan, 10 Widdows Street.
Private V. Morrison, 10 Widdows Street.
Private W. G. Cairns, 10 Widdows Street.
Private M. Hall, also son of the James Hall, 20th Church Walk, whose younger son had been wounded in Gallipoli on Wednesday, on Friday last, and was reported at Hawick on Saturday.

Unofficially Reported Killed.

Sapper Robert Ross, 47 Field Company, R.E. Coy, 2nd Division, attached to the 1/4th K.O.S.B. at the Gallipoli, is mentioned in the 25th July report as the only son of Mr John Ross, 16th, 17th and 18th Widdows Street, who was killed in a trench near the Mulla, who came from the town of Hawick to see his sons during the Gallipoli campaign.

Letters from Territorials.

In a Turkish Support Trench.
Private A. Brown, 1st Company, 1st Battalion, 1/4th K.O.S.B., writes to his mother on July 20th, 1915, and says that the trench was not so hot as he had been told. He had a good sleep and was not much bothered by the Turks. He had a good sleep and was not much bothered by the Turks. He had a good sleep and was not much bothered by the Turks. He had a good sleep and was not much bothered by the Turks.

Hawick's Heroic Sons.

1/4th K.O.S.B. Territorials Killed at the Dardanelles.



1/4th K.O.S.B. CASUALTIES.

Officers & Men Killed, Missing and Wounded.

First official reports will be sent out to the families of the soldiers, it is now anticipated by the committee in charge of the 1/4th K.O.S.B., in the notice in which they were engaged in the Dardanelles on the 25th July, have been reported as killed. The committee has no yet been received regarding most of the work and life of the battalion, and great anxiety and misapprehension in the community.

Hawick Casualties.

KILLED.
Private Andrew Wilson, 2nd Company, who was killed in the trench at Gallipoli on the 25th July, was the youngest son of Mr Andrew Wilson, 17th Street, 25th Church Walk. He was employed in the office of Messrs Hunter & Tait, solicitors, and was a clerk in the office of the 1/4th K.O.S.B. (Territorial).

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Still Image: Crowds at Hawick Post Office

“Crowds of people gathered at the Post Office in Bridge Street to see for themselves the notice of those men listed as casualties. In silence they moved away, as their hearts reeled for what their eyes told them.”

(*All These Fine Fellows, Hawick and District and the Great War 1914-1918*, p.50, by Derek Robertson)

Still Image: Hawick's Boy Soldiers

“Amongst the Hawick company were several boys under the age for service overseas. One morning the battalion was paraded in front of the officers and all those under age were to take one pace forward. Many hesitated, while others reluctantly stepped forward. The boys were eager to get involved at the sharp end of the war because, as everyone knew, the war would be over before Christmas. They could not afford to miss out on this great adventure. Morale was at a high, the men were young and eager to do their stuff. However, it would not be until the following spring that the battalion would be sent overseas.”

(Adapted from *The Men Who Marched Away*, by Derek Robertson, pages 2-3)

Students begin by creating dramatic still images based on extracts from a local historian's book on Hawick's wartime experience.

This establishes collaboration and gets students physically involved with the soldiers' stories.

Extracts from published letters, together with short biographies and studio photographs give insights into the soldiers' thoughts, lives and backgrounds.

In pairs students redraft these as short personal introductions.

This section culminates in the soldiers leaving Hawick on the train.



Private Robert Davidson is twenty five years of age and lives at Billerwell Farm, Bonchester.

Before joining the Army, he worked as a forester in the Galashiels District. He lives with his parents at Billerwell Farm, Bonchester. His father works for the farmer, Mr. Knox, there. The family recently moved to Billerwell from the Ancrum District.

He is unmarried.

STEADY AS ROCKS.

The K.O.S.B. at the Dardanelles.

An officer of the 14th K.O.S.B. at the Dardanelles, writing home to Selkirk, says:—"My company and another had then put in three nights and days in the firing line, and our commanding officer said he was delighted with the men, who were truly as steady as rocks. The conditions of life here are such as no man can describe them. Oh, for a cool place to sit, a drink of clean water, and a bath! When we got into our rest camp I found a mail for the company about the size of the usual mails that arrive in Selkirk. I started on and sorted it out with the assistance of two non-commissioned officers. I had occasion to be out just at dawn, and a more peaceful, beautiful dawn you couldn't imagine, broken only by the chirping of the birds—like the larks, and the beautiful low whistle of the Indian mule drivers as they trickered with their mules to the wells in water. Since nine o'clock the hill in front has been a veritable hell. Our guns, the French, and the Navy, have been blustering at us for ten solid hours, and gave the rifle fire in the afternoon. The guns have lengthened the range, blowing off at the Turkish artillery, all blazing away—are peacefully absorbed! day's mail, and the papers, and did that, and other things of local as politics."



Making a "Dye" at it.

A Hawick man with the Royal Scots Fusiliers recently. He says:—"Speaking about the Dardanelles, some of us had a rather good laugh at three of them the morning they arrived. We were standing in our day-out when they were, when the shells started flying over our heads. We were just wondering who happened to be over the water."

HAWICK MAN WITH THE ROYAL SCOTS.

A Particularly Hot Time.

Mr James T. Aitken (son of Mr. Aitken, High Street), formerly in the 14th K.O.S.B., formerly in the 14th K.O.S.B., of Messrs Houlden & Thornhill, Hawick, lately with Messrs John C. Brodie & Sons, W.S., Edinburgh, has had some stirring experiences while serving with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. In the course of an interesting letter to Mr. Maitland, Edinburgh, a member of the last named firm, he says:—"I have at last been flung out of this war whirlpool into the peace and quiet and safety of hospital life. There is some satisfaction in the thought that it is destiny that has brought me to this last peace and that I am at least a member of the 'Lucky' ones. I am a poor fellow, and my only consolation is a poor one. I have not brought any medals or decorations with me, but I have a few letters from home, and a hope that in horror I may proceed to solid and my other man is floating over the prospect."

Trip to Boston on my way out and had a nice time there. Another day we sailed down to Newport. That is the summer resort of American society and it is a lovely place, and a fine sail down to it.

There is a nice lake in Passaic and one afternoon we took a sail around it. Mother had the sad misfortune to lose her hat. A gust of wind took it off and when I looked back it was peacefully floating on the crest of the rocks. We rescued the hat and it

Groups of students use archive fragments to piece together the soldiers' experiences once they reached the Gallipoli peninsula. They sort and record their findings on wall charts.

This mirrors the home experience of receiving patchy, sometimes contradictory, information and having to draw conclusions about what is happening.

This can also be an Archivist's experience.

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HAWICK, FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1918.

Price 2d. (Halfpenny)

THE WAR.

Hawick Territorials at the Dardanelles.

A FATEFUL CHARGE.
Heavy Casualties.

Hawick Men Killed & Wounded.

This week has been one of painful reality and tragedy to the great numbers of Hawick Territorials on active service. It was known that there had been a serious engagement on the 15th inst., and it was not long to say that the casualty lists were started with four and four-and-a-half. The list of Hawick men killed was issued this (Friday) forenoon. From the Territorial Force (Dardanelles) officers, having been received from London by wireless, but no confirmation in writing had been received at the time of going to press. The list which only with these killed, and unless an arrival from London and records available as to reported a list of such casualties, though it is assumed the list is still very far from complete.

Edward Lloyd Wilson, 2 Victoria Terrace, Hawick, was reported killed, but his name could be neither has received confirmation to the effect that he has been wounded and is hospital at Manchester. Edward Wilson was employed at the Caledonian Hotel, Hawick before the war.

Mr. Robert Dixon, suffering from three bullet wounds, is a son of the Rev. James Dixon, Minister of Hawick Presbyterian Church. The third was a clerk at the local branch of the British Legion Bank.

Mr. J. H. Bell, whose father appears in another column, was a plumber with the Hawick Fire-Engine Company.

Mr. H. T. Lamb, who refers to his wounds in a letter published in this issue, is a son of Mr. William Lamb, organist, Victoria Place. He lately served his apprenticeship with Mr. Jackson, Hawick, organist, Victoria Place, and has been since then employed with a Bath-church organist here.

Mr. H. Lamb, reported seriously wounded, is a son of Mr. James Lamb, organist, 8 East Street, who has just returned from the Dardanelles.

Mr. J. W. Wilson, 33 Compton, has been reported to be dead at the Dardanelles, and is now in hospital at Chelsea. Mr. Wilson is a son of Mr. James Wilson, 4 Darnley St.

Mr. Ernest James Dixon, has received official confirmation that he was, on August 15th, 1918, killed in action at the Dardanelles. Mr. Dixon was organist at the Dardanelles. Mr. Dixon has other sons, one with the colours, one in France and another at the Dardanelles. (Cont. from 3rd page) Mr. Dixon was organist at the Dardanelles.

The War.

Hawick Officers Killed, Wounded and Missing.



Private James Wilson, Hawick, 15th July, 1918. From records received in action at the Dardanelles. He was a son of Mr. Thomas Wilson, organist, Hawick, and prior to the war was employed in Scotland. He was 21 years of age, and leaves a widow and four children. Private Wilson was at one time in the Dardanelles, and when he was taken out he was taken into the 4th B.C.B.R.

Letters from Territorials.

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Hawick Theatre.

Mystery!

Whole front pages prompt discussion and investigation of life continuing back home in the midst of war reports.

Selected extracts from soldiers' letters give graphic accounts of their engagement with the Turks, life in the trenches and the loss of their friends.

Each group of students assembles a slightly different information set, and the whole story is only apparent once the groups combine their findings on an information wall.

'The next thing I remember was waking up on the beach, the shells still coming across...I had a wound through the foot, one through the buttock, one through the groin and two through my arms so I was absolutely helpless.'

(Private George Waugh)

'It will be a year next Thursday since we joined the Army, and already some of my dearest friends have been killed. But, we have to forget these days and keep looking forward, as we never know whose turn it will be next.'

(Private John McIntyre)

'If you have ever seen rain falling on calm water, that is what the bullets were like.'

(Lt. Cathels)

When the students have assembled their combined information board the story of the July 12th attack unfolds fully.

A concluding drama activity transforms the students into the townspeople gathered outside the Post Office waiting for lists of the dead and injured to be posted on the noticeboard.



The unit addresses these areas of the Curriculum for Excellence:

- Social Studies (History) outcomes
- NQ 4&5 arrangements for History
- Literacy across Learning
- Expressive Arts – Drama
- Skills for Learning, Life and Work
- Responsible and Active Citizenship
- Interdisciplinary learning experiences
- Fostering cross-community links
- A platform for intergenerational engagement
- Partnership working with external organisations

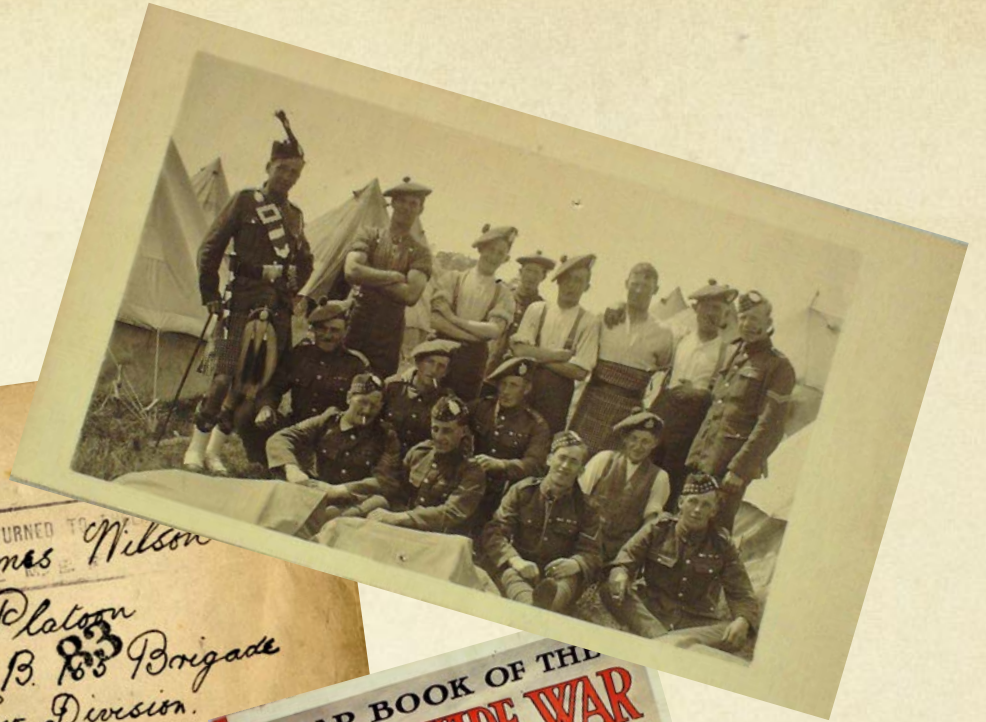
Private Andrew Wilson



Private Andrew Wilson is twenty three years of age and lives at 21 Garfield Street, Hawick.

Before joining the Army, Private Wilson worked as a dry cleaner with Turnbulls Ltd., Hawick.

He is the son of Mr. Andrew Wilson, railway stoker and lives with his parents. Private Wilson has two brothers who are also soldiers. An uncle of his, Private John Ferguson, was killed early in the war.



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 Pte James Nilson
 My Platoon
 14th K.O.S.B. 83 Brigade
 52nd Low Division.
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 Mediterranean Expeditionary

How the K.O.S.B.'S made Porridge.
 Lieut. James B. Penman, of the machine gun section of the 150th K.O.S.B. (Dumfries and Galloway Territorials), son of Mr A. G. Penman, in a letter home gives a description of life at the Dardanelles under active service conditions. He says: "I am feeling really comfortable just now, having had a good wash with a waterproof sheet and a bucket of water yesterday dug out. We had a great delirium of syrup. None of my men had porridge in a tin from some Australians. We try all sorts of experiments in the way of food here. My tin, the meal being oatmeal biscuits, this down in a tin lid with the head of an iron trenching tool. Others make jam puddings with ordinary wheated biscuits broken down and boiled with water and jam. We had boiled rice with jam, but no milk except condensed, which is too scarce for boiling as a pudding."

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