



‘Bringing It Home’
learning resource
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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.

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.

THE Hawick Express & Advertiser

AND ROXBURGHSHIRE GAZETTE.

THE WAR. Hawick Territorials at the Dardanelles. A FATEFUL CHARGE. Henry Cavellin.

Hawick Men Killed & Wounded.

THE war has been one of painful events and agonies to the great multitude of Hawick Territorials on active service. It has been that there had been a sanguinary engagement on the 19th inst., and to do so we wish to say that the morning papers were crowded with news of the fighting. The list of Hawick men killed was found in the (Thursday) Standard from the Territorial Force headquarters office, having been received from Gallipoli by telegraph, and in confirmation to writing had been received at the time of going to press. The list reads only with these letters, and makes no mention of the names of those concerned, but in accordance with tradition and friends enable us to record a list of such casualties, though it is regretted that we do not say for those who fall.

The War. Hawick Officers Killed, Wounded and Missing.



Private James Wilson,
died on 19th July, 1915, from wounds sustained in action at the Dardanelles. He was a son of Mr. Thomas Wilson, optician, Hawick, and prior to the war was employed in Hawick. He was 34 years of age, and leaves a widow and four children. Private Wilson was at one time in the Hawick High School, and when war broke out he returned to Hawick on 8.12.14.

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Letters from Territorials.

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The Tower Garage, Ltd.
Tower Hotel Yard, Hawick.
The Garage, Tower Hotel, and the adjacent building, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

**BEECHAM'S
PILLS**
ARE ALWAYS
TO THE FRONT

**PHOTOGRAPHS
AT NIGHT** Hawick Night
Highest Class of Work
G. Allen Robinson,
BRIDGE STREET, HAWICK.

The GARDENERS' CHRONICLE
Calendar of Gardening Preparations

Printing
Letterpress
Printing

TAYLOR'S
PERFECTION
SONG BIRD SEED

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.

