

Henry May V.C.



■ Their names will be remembered for evermore



Private Henry May, a reservist with The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), braved a “hail of lead” fighting to rescue first one soldier, and then another.

On 22 October, 1914, May's battalion was building trenches at La Boutillerie. A platoon was sent out to form a screen to protect those behind. May recalled advancing 800 yards to a ditch, and the platoon held back the enemy until the trenches were dug.

Rescue Under Fire

But when they tried to return, the Germans opened fire. Lance Corporal Lawton was shot, and May went to his aid. He later recalled: “I ran across the firing line, through a hail of lead, followed by two of my chums, Lance Corporal James McCall and Private James Bell.”



Devotion to a Senior Officer

May and McCall pulled Lawton to his feet. The platoon commander, Lieutenant Graham, had followed them and fired back at the Germans, but Lawton was shot and died in May's arms. McCall had been shot too and was unconscious. May threw himself to the ground. Then Graham was shot. “He was behind me, I had to go back,” recalled May. “It was great devotion that impelled me to rescue him. He had been so good to us.” May and Bell retrieved Graham and zig-zagged a quarter of a mile when Bell was wounded. They were still 300 yards from the trenches. Another soldier, Corporal Taylor, came running from cover and shouted to May to lift Graham on to his shoulders - a moment later, Taylor was shot dead while holding Graham, who was hit by the same bullet. Graham told May to leave him, but May reached the trenches and sent out stretcher bearers.

A Rapturous Welcome

May's wife Christina learned the news of his VC from journalists at her home in Bridgeton in April 1915, and the soldier received a rapturous welcome when he returned to Glasgow in August, carried aloft through the station. Modest about his actions, May later said: “I just did what any man in the regiment would have done to bring in a wounded man.” Thanks to his rescue, Graham went on to become a decorated major-general.

Honoured in Bridgeton

King George presented the VC to May on 12 August, 1915. He was discharged from the Army on 28 August 1915, when his regular engagement of 13 years had expired. He rejoined in 1918 and attained the rank of Lieutenant. After the war, he resumed his work in textiles in Bridgeton, where he had been born, and lived with his wife and children. He is remembered in a series of granite paving slabs at Bridgeton Cross, inset with local VC holders' names.

Private Henry May from Bridgeton District of Glasgow Enlisted at Hamilton Barracks. 29/8/02



THE CAMERONIANS

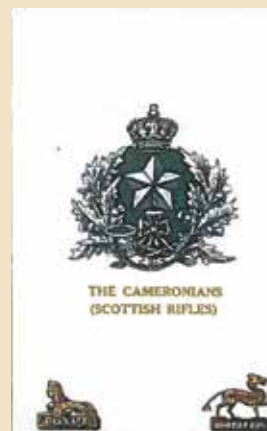
(SCOTTISH RIFLES)

Why be idle?
The Regiment has vacancies for sound young men.
It will—
TRAIN YOU
EDUCATE YOU
FEED YOU
TEACH YOU—
how to play football, box, run and swim.

PLENTY OF HOLIDAYS
ON FULL PAY

AGE 18-25

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU, HAMILTON BARRACKS, ASSISTS MEN TO FIND WORK ON LEAVING THE REGIMENT



41. THE CAMERONIANS (THE SCOTTISH RIFLES).

The records which have been made by this famous Regiment are such as it may well be proud of, for on the list figure some of the great battles of our history. There has never been a time when the Cameronians have not done well, but especially brilliant were there services at Ramillies, Oudenarde, and Malplaquet. China was the scene of fine exploits, and it was there that the Cameronians won the right to the badge of the Chinese Dragon. The 2nd Battalion fought in the Crimea, and in the Mutiny; it was at the Relief of Lucknow. At Colenso, Spion Kop, and other battles in South Africa, the Regiment was worthily represented, and the Cameronians have contributed their share in the European War.

THE CAMERONIANS

(SCOTTISH RIFLES)



RECRUITS wishing to join this of

(1st Battalion raised 1689) should apply to
 (2nd Battalion raised 1794)



THE CAMERONIANS (Scottish Rifles). (26th Foot and 90th Foot.) BATTLE HONOURS.

The Sphinx, superscribed "Egypt," The Dragon, superscribed "China."

"Blenheim,"	"Sevastopol,"
"Ramillies,"	"Lucknow,"
"Oudenarde,"	"Abyssinia,"
"Malplaquet,"	"South Africa, 1877-89,"
"Mandora,"	"Relief of Ladysmith,"
"Corunna,"	"South Africa, 1899-1902."
"Martinique, 1809,"	
"Guadeloupe, 1810,"	
"South Africa, 1846-7,"	



HISTORY AND TRADITIONS.

The regiment was raised in 1689. Proceeding to Flanders in 1691 it fought bravely at Steinkirk & Landen and at the famous siege of Namur. To Flanders again in 1702 it took part in Marlborough's campaigns and was present at Blenheim, Ramillies, Oudenarde, Malplaquet, and numerous other engagements. It served in the defence of Gibraltar 1706-7. It greatly distinguished itself at the siege of Alexandria in 1801. In 1805 it was present at the battle of Corunna, and later in the Walcheren Expedition, where it suffered severely. It served with much distinction throughout the first Chinese War 1840-2, and in the Kaffir War 1846-7. In the Crimean War it distinguished itself in the assault on the Redan. During the Indian Mutiny it served in the Relief of Lucknow, and in the subsequent operations. It was present in the Zulu War of 1878-9. During the South African War it formed part of Buller's Army in Natal, and performed much hard and good service, its casualties amounting to 23 Officers, and 241 men killed and wounded.

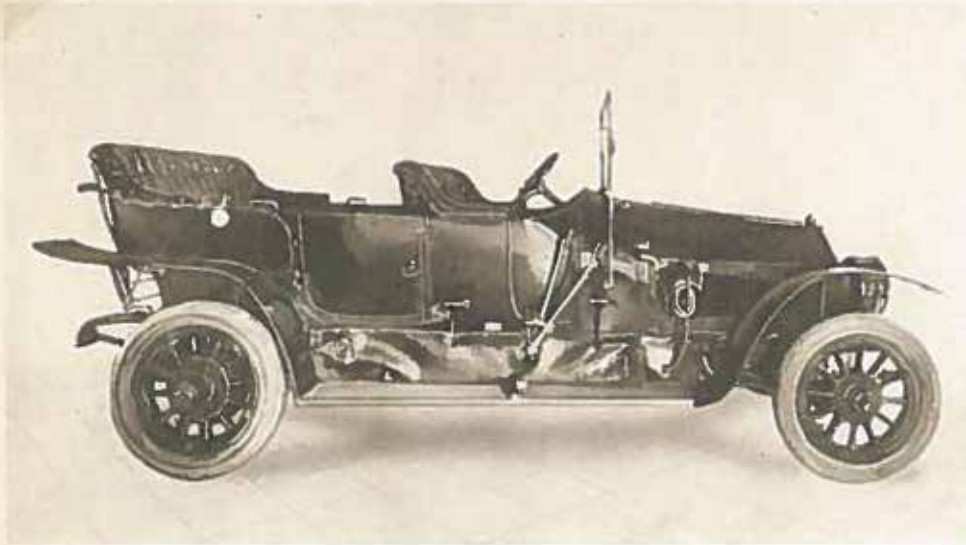


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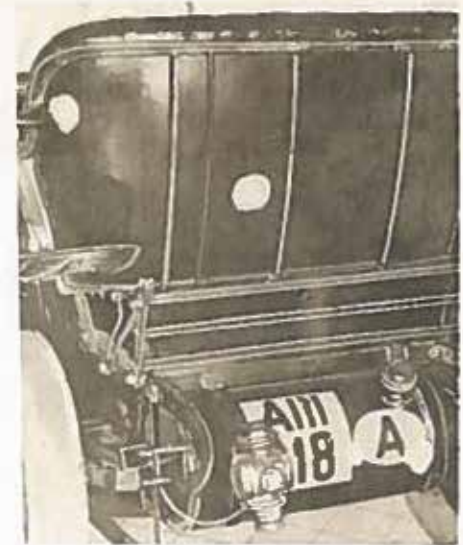
 The Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and the Duchess Sarajevo. 28/6/1914

Austrian Military Museum, Vienna

Motor-car in which the Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife the Duchess of Hohenberg were murdered. Sarajevo, June 28th 1914.



Side View: with the mark of the bullet, by which the Duchess was killed



Back View: with the marks of the bomb, which exploded one hour before.

The 3rd Anniversary - 1917



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Bosnia and Herzegowina

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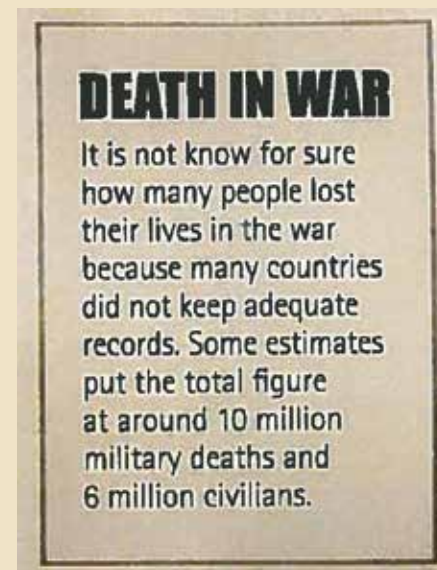
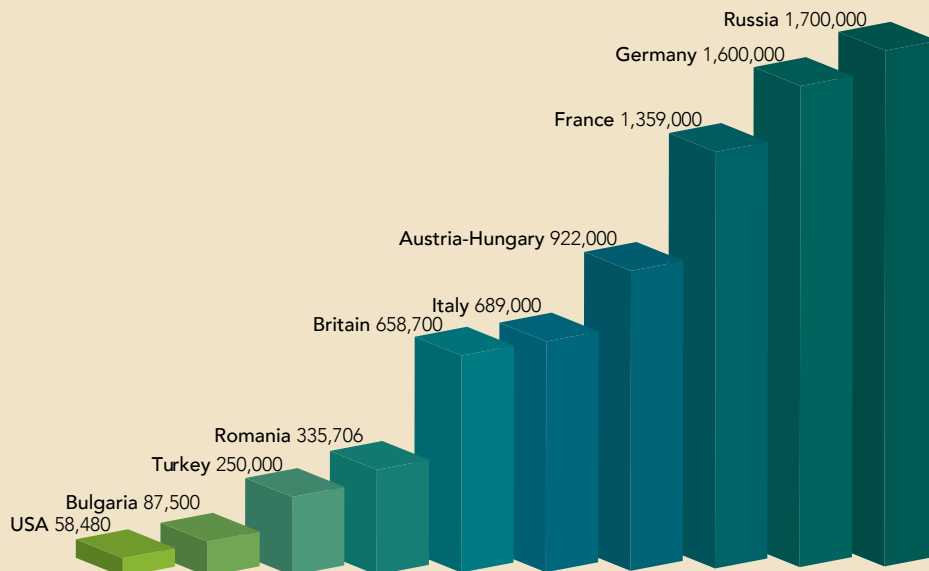


1914-1918 The horrendous consequences of World War 1



Commemorative stamp

The enormous casualties of World War 1 - some 10 million people were killed in action and many more injured - made the assassination of Franz Ferdinand one of the most terrible of history's turning points. After the war, the Austro-Hungarian Empire was broken up, giving many countries of central Europe independence, and the Treaty of Versailles took away Germany's colonies and limited the power of its army. People hoped that this would reduce the chance of another major war. But the limits placed on Germany's power caused resentment, which was one of the causes of World War 2 only 21 years later.



World War 1: Belgium's Plight



The German Invasion. 4/8/14



Anti-German Propaganda

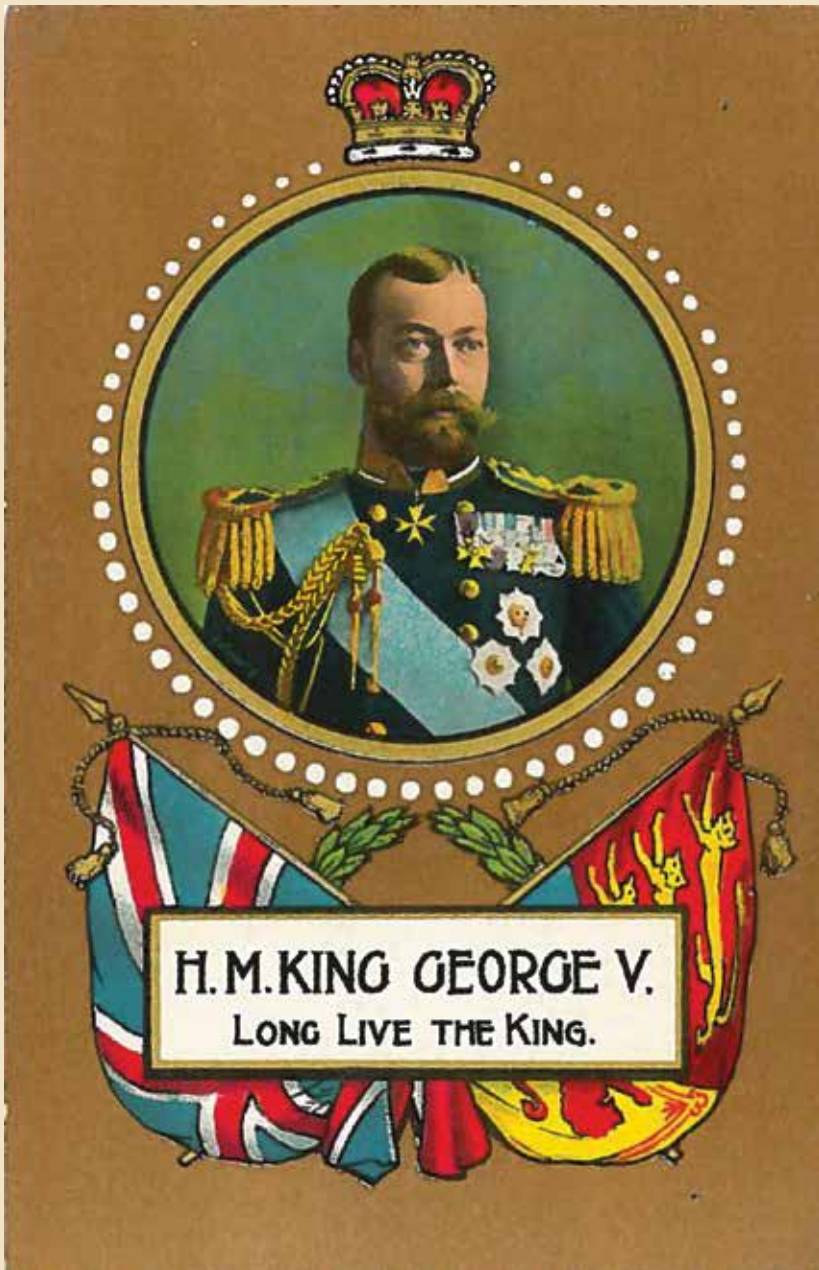
Belgium



The Kaiser



Cousins at War



4/8/14

World War 1: Mobilization. 4 & 5/8/14



 Henry May of Bridgeton District

 Joined the Cameronians. 29/8/02



His deed of valour



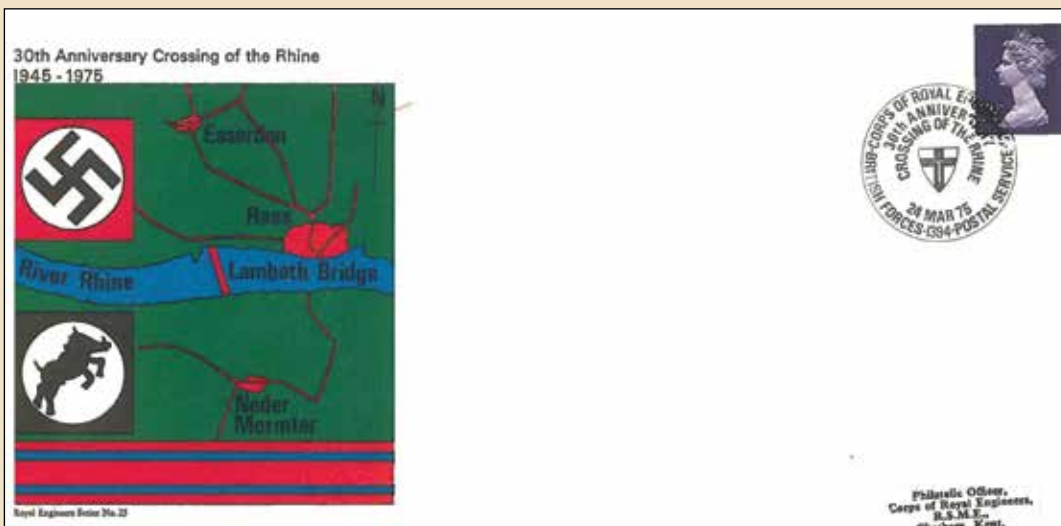
Rescuing badly injured Lt. DAH Graham by carrying him 300 yards from no man's land to safety of British lines. Years later Lt. Graham became a Major General and Regt. Col. of the Cameronians.

World War 2: 1945



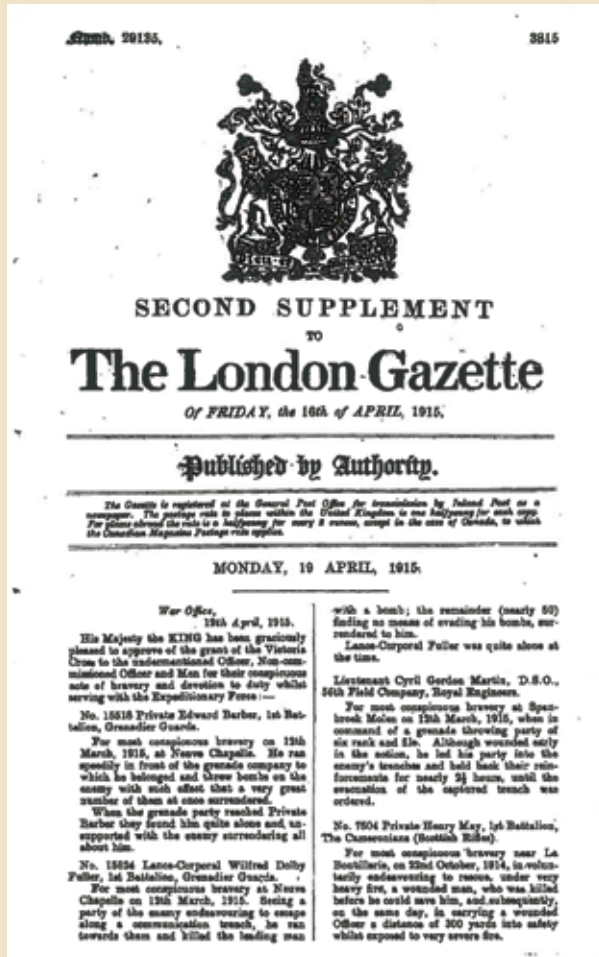
General Graham and Field Marshal Montgomery "Monty"

30th Anniversary, Crossing of the Rhine




Glasgow's first Victoria Cross Winner

22/10/14 La Boutillerie, France



PTE. Henry May VC. The Cameronians, Medals of Courage. A hero's Legacy

Wounded at Ypres

 PTE. Henry May VC. was badly wounded at the battle of Ypres. 2/11/14



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The Cameronians, France 1914

Though badly injured with shrapnel wounds Henry was medically treated and admitted to hospital for recuperation from his injuries.



A hero's welcome



The VC hero's return to Glasgow Central Station carried shoulder high into Gordon Street. 31/7/15

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Daily Record

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GLASGOW, MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1915

COAST-COUNTRY Houses to Let should be Advertised in the "Daily Record." Popular Rate—12 words, 6d; 10 per word after; 4 insertions price of 3.

ONE HALFPENNY

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME HOME TO GLASGOW'S V.C. HERO.

Private Henry May, Glasgow's V.C. hero, arrived in his native city on Saturday evening. When the London engine drew up at the platform at the Central Station there was loud and prolonged cheering, and when Private May stepped from the compartment a number of his old companions rushed forward and, despite his protests, carried him shoulder high in a motor car waiting. Bessie Mason, on behalf of the Corporation, extended a hearty welcome to Private May, while the crowd cheered for all it was worth. Our photographic show—(1) (left) is right; Mrs. James (center), Mr. James May (brother), and Mr. and Mrs. Henry May (father and mother), and friends, waiting the arrival of the train; (2) The V.C. being carried shoulder high; (3) Private May in the motor car along with his father, mother, and brother.



A quick round



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ESTAB. 1847—NO. 21,380

GLASGOW, MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 1915

ONE HALFPENNY

PRIVATE MAY, GLASGOW'S V.C., PLAYS OVER HIS NATIVE LINKS.



Glasgow's popular V.C. is as deadly with the putter as he is with the rifle and bayonet. In these two pictures he is seen playing on the green.



Private Harry May, the Glasgow V.C., has been employing his leisure very usefully by assisting in a recruiting campaign and making appeals for a greater recognition of the splendid work done by munition-makers. At the same time, he has found time to renew acquaintances with some of his former comrades, after a long spell of arduous work in the trenches, crowned with the honors and which won him the V.C. On Saturday afternoon he played a round of golf over the Alexandria Park course with a comrade. Private May was good enough to allow himself to be snapped by the "Daily Record and Mail" Staff Photographer. In the pictures he is seen (1) and (2) driving, (3) carrying his clubs, and (4) waiting his turn at the tee. (Exclusive "Daily Record" photographs).

THE EVENING TIMES, TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1915.

THE APPEAL TO MUNITION WORKERS.



Photograph shows the inaugural meeting of a series to be held for the purpose of stimulating employers and workmen in the production of munitions. The Marquis of Graham occupied the chair. Sir Samuel Chisholm, Private May, V.C., and H. J. Mackinder, M.P., are also on the platform.

BOTH STRUCK BY THE SAME SHELL.



Private W. Sweeney (Cameronian), who was wounded by the same shell as Private May, V.C. They accidentally met at the Fete at Rothsay Castle. Private Sweeney's right arm is injured.



Private Henry May, V.C., had a most enthusiastic reception on his arrival at Celtic Park on Saturday afternoon. He is wearing his medal, and is being congratulated by Mr. William Maier, the popular manager of the Celtic Football Club, along with Mr. Joseph Tomb, King's Liverpool Regiment.

GLASGOW'S V.C.

DECORATED BY THE KING.

TRIO OF HEROES AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

The King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace at a quarter to twelve yesterday, when he personally bestowed a number of military decorations, including three V.C.'s. The officers attending the investiture all appeared in service uniforms, and the King himself wore khaki. His Majesty was attended by a few members of his suite.

One of the officers decorated had a particularly fine record, having in the course of twelve months obtained a commission from the ranks, being mentioned in despatches, and awarded two military decorations.

The three V.C.'s upon whose breasts the King placed the medal, personally congratulating each recipient, in a few kindly words were:

Lieut.-Colonel Joseph Tomb, King's Liverpool Regiment;
Private Henry May, 1st Cameronian, and
Elihu William Mariner, King's Royal Rifle.

The three men were taken to the Palace by arrangement of the Scots Guards, after having reported themselves at Wellington Barracks. A number of friends and relatives were waiting to receive them on their departure from the Palace.

In the case of Mariner, the hero's mother, through some misunderstanding, had actually gone to Windsor to greet him and here, although of course, it was publicly known at least two or three days ago that the investiture would take place in London. Mrs. Mariner was fortunately able to get back to Buckingham Palace in time to see her son, who left with his two comrade V.C.'s and the Scots Guard escort at one o'clock.

The three V.C.'s had removed their decorations on leaving the Palace, but at the earnest request of their friends, they had replaced the crosses upon their breasts at the gates in the presence of an admiring crowd, many members of which pressed forward to shake them by the hand.

All three were specially pleased with the way in which the King shook hands with each man, personally placed the decorations on his breast, and in a congratulatory way, and a few words of commendation and commendation of the gallant conduct which had won them.

The Majesty also expressed the hope that they would all live and be honored with their medals to their well-earned honours. After leaving the Palace and receiving the further congratulations of their friends, the three decorated men left to report themselves at the War Office.

A MODEST HERO.

Nobody would venture to question the rank of Private Henry May, of the 1st Cameronian. Yet when this young Scottish soldier left Buckingham Palace after having been personally invested by the King with that most coveted of all military decorations, the V.C., he was modestly merry and unwilling to face the crowd of admirers who wished to shake hands with him and commend him upon his feat of special gallantry.

The man who faced almost certain death unflinchingly looked as though he would have run away if he could, and as his speech is beyond question, it is evident that he possesses a full share of that modesty which seems to be a distinguishing characteristic of all specially brave men, and especially of all specially brave men of our Scottish hero.

Private May was not the only V.C. here decorated by the King yesterday, for he was by no means the only Scottish soldier upon whose breast the V.C. was placed as a mark of his approval. It was noticed that many of the officers who arrived in attendance to the King's command wore the distinguishing badge of Scottish regiments. One, a "hard-bitten" specimen of the Highland breed, had his breast covered with medals.

Private May was not always a soldier. At the outbreak of war he was, it is true, a recruit, but he was working as a fitter in Glasgow. He was called up and dispatched to France with one of the first contingents of the Expeditionary Force. He was wounded at Ypres, and was subsequently invalided home.

It was so far back as October 22, when he was fighting at La Beaulieu, that he won the V.C. At imminent risk to his own life, he crawled out in the middle of a wounded company, who had fallen in front of the trench with utter silence, and protected the approach to the German line from the trench, and it did not detract from his decorations that the object of his mission was not saved after all.

May got his out of the line of German fire, but not before the poor fellow had received other and fatal wounds—a fact which constitutes the misfortune of the company which his would-be rescuer encountered. That alone occurred and would doubtless have won the V.C. but that the risk incidentally a habit with Private May, and at a subsequent venture he succeeded in saving a wounded officer, whom he managed to convey for a distance of 500 yards to safety under a very hot and deadly fire.

HOW THE KING RECEIVED THEM

Private May's two immediate companions yesterday were Lieut.-Colonel Joseph Tomb, of the King's Liverpool Regiment, and E. W. Mariner, of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, each of whom was destined to receive the V.C. in company with him.

The three reported themselves by appointment at Wellington Barracks, and were

view that he and they were taken in hand by a sergeant of the Scots Guards, who conducted them to the Palace. All three were dressed in khaki, and they had their decorations pinned to their breasts. The investiture was held in the afternoon, and the ceremony was held for the afternoon session to have been generally postponed as usual by late in the afternoon, and the crowd which usually assembles for such occasions had hardly begun to arrive.

Private May and his companions were conducted through the quadrangle to the grand entrance, and many were the officers who displayed special cordiality in recognizing the salute of the three V.C.'s. They were taken to Room 4 at one of the large apartments. The main floor overlooking the beautiful grounds between the Palace and Wellington Barracks.

The King, who was in service uniform, and had already familiarized himself with the details of the acts of bravery which he was about to personally recognize, received them most kindly. They were apparently presented to him, and he shook hands with each, after each had "dipped" his head in salute to the regulation "S.M." Briefly, his Majesty had had before him the record in each instance, and forthwith proceeded to the case of the decorations.

There was no set speech-making, and no act of formality, but in a conversational way, Mr. Maier, specially commended Private May and his companions for their gallantry, and a few words which indicated his familiarity with their case, and the circumstances in which they had been honored, and ended by again shaking hands heartily and telling the brave fellows he wished them long life and good health, to enjoy the decorations which they had won so worthily.

The officers saluted again, and were conducted from the Palace by their friend of the Scots Guards.

GREETED BY THE CROWD.

More like a very considerable crowd had assembled, and included in it some fifty relatives and friends of the V.C.'s, prominent amongst them being the late party's principal associates while serving the Government, and a tank with a great many other friends.

Mariner's mother was among the crowd. She had been in London in connection with her husband's case, and she was particularly glad to see her son, who had been away for so long. But all might have been near relatives as far as the three V.C.'s were concerned, for no distinction was made, and all three were overwhelmed with congratulations.

There was no cheering or other demonstrations, but one heard an every hand such expressions as "Well done, my boy," "I have let the Good Lord put you all in," "God bless you." Only one of the three had ventured to leave his house. Mariner was in position, another had complained by wearing only the sash, and Private May carried his decoration to his case. The Scots Guards' sergeant noticed this, and instead of a fatherly wag in reprimanding the V.C. for his, and suitably placing it in an exactly correct position, he was complimented of approving remarks from the spectators.

It was noticed that one elderly gentleman, apparently an ex-officer, judging from his erect figure and general military bearing, was deeply affected. Tears were in his eyes as he exclaimed: "I am proud to take of me had for you, my brave lad. God bless you all."

The little group of heroes, along with their friends, then strode rapidly away in the direction of Pall Mall, turning only to receive enthusiastic and enthusiastic messages of appreciation and goodwill of their friends and admirers.

SPIRIT IN RECRUITING.

GLASGOW WEEKLY RETURNS SHOW INCREASE OF 150.

The recruiting returns in Glasgow for the week ending August 11 show an improvement over those of the previous week—1909 as compared with 1912.

The following are the totals of the G.O.C. Glasgow Yeomanry	3
and Loveland Brigade R.F.A.	10
1st Loveland (Howitzer) Brigade R.F.A.	71
1st Highland Field Coy. R.E.	32
Scottish Army Corps Signal Coy. R.E.	19
2nd Cameronian	53
7th Cameronian	65
8th Cameronian	73
9th Cameronian	58
10th Highland Light Infantry	75
11th Highland Light Infantry	72
12th Highland Light Infantry	34
1st (Highland) Coy. The Trench	4
A.S.C. and 4th Coy. Law. Div.	8
1st (Highland) Coy. Field Amb.	4
R.A.M.C.	4
1st Loveland Field Ambulance R.A.M.C.	3
1st Loveland Field Ambulance R.A.M.C.	21
1st Scottish General Hospital	2
Loveland Division Cyclist Company	17
Total for the week	569
Grand total	24,808

MISSING CAMERONIAN.

Mr. R. P. Souter, 12 Harcourt Drive, Glasgow, has received information that his brother, Lieut.-Colonel James Souter, D.S.O., 1st Cameronian, has been reported as missing since June 1912. He joined the Cameronians in 1911.



When he was struck at the Glasgow Shipbuilding Company, Bridgehead, Glasgow, he was recovering from a wound received by his brother, who was a member of the Cameronians.

PRESENTATION TO PRIVATE MAY, V.C., BY WOMEN WORKERS.



Private Harry May, V.C., yesterday received the presentation of a handsome clock from the women workers of Messrs. Forrest Frew & Coy., cloth manufacturers, Bridgeton, with whom the V.C. hero was employed before the outbreak of the war. In the picture with Private May are seen Messrs. Blackburn, Anderson and Brittain.

Henry visits his old School



Henry addressed the pupils from his old school. Dalmarnock School.



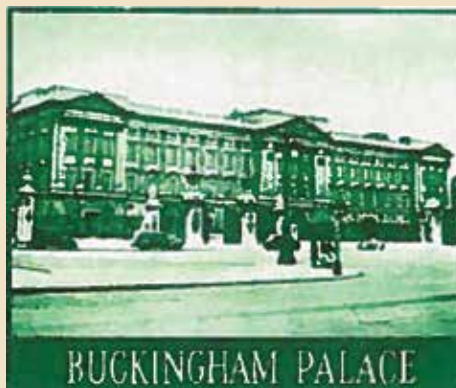
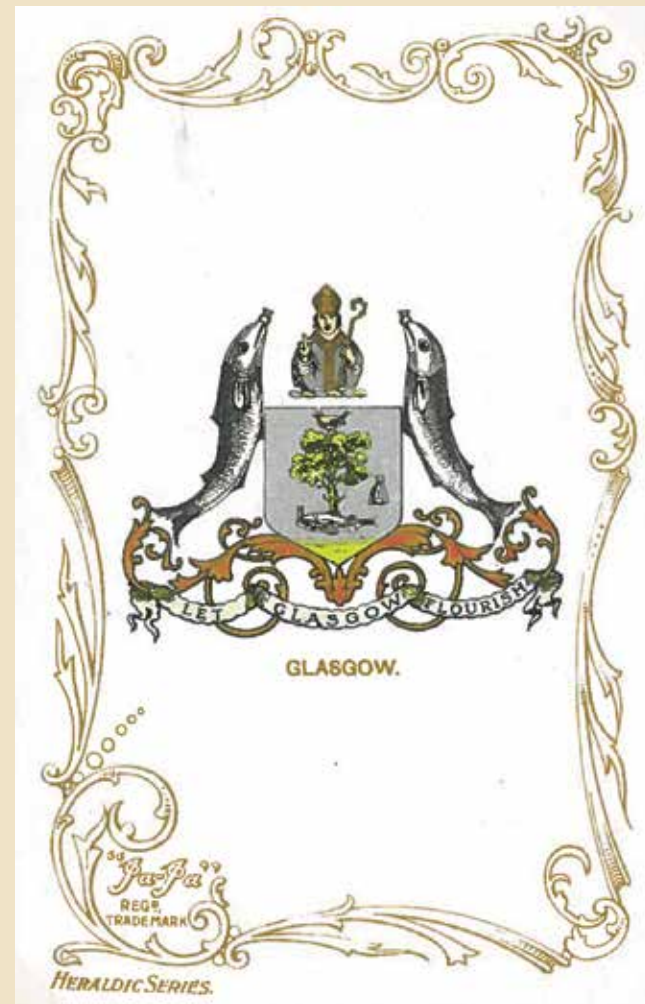
Reception & Presentation by Bridgeton District Council

Councillor Laird at Bridgeton District Halls. 4/8/15



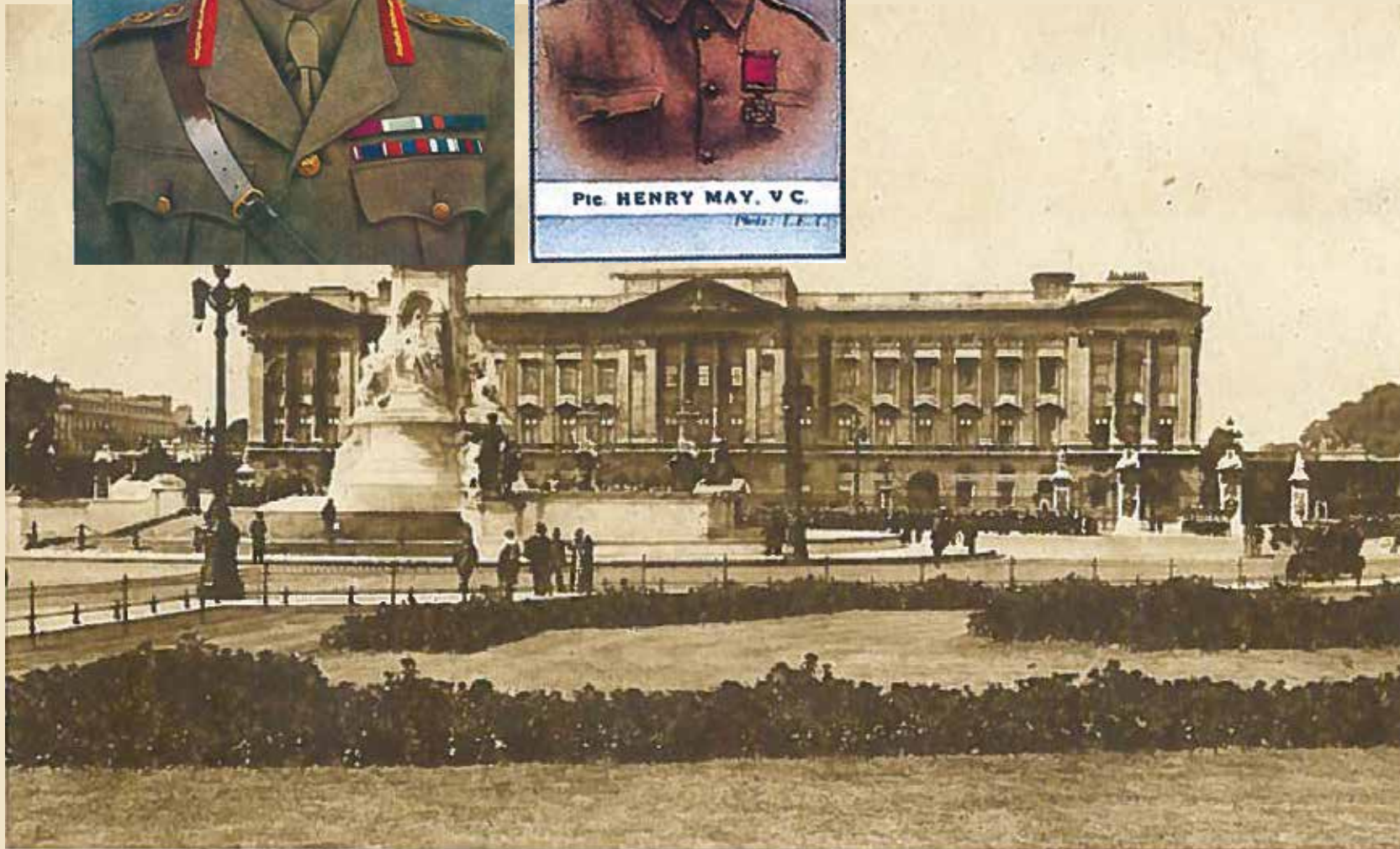
Henry Departs Glasgow for Buckingham Palace

Departs Glasgow for the palace for his Victoria Cross Investiture. 12/8/15



Royal Investiture by H.M. King George V. 13/8/15

✠ Glasgow's first VC winner. A proud Glaswegian



QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL AND BUCKINGHAM PALACE, LONDON

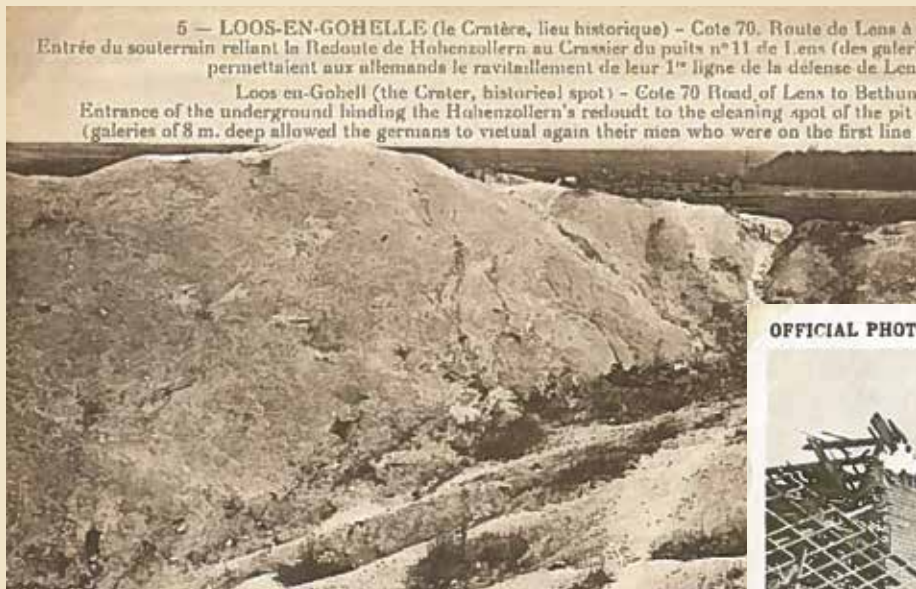
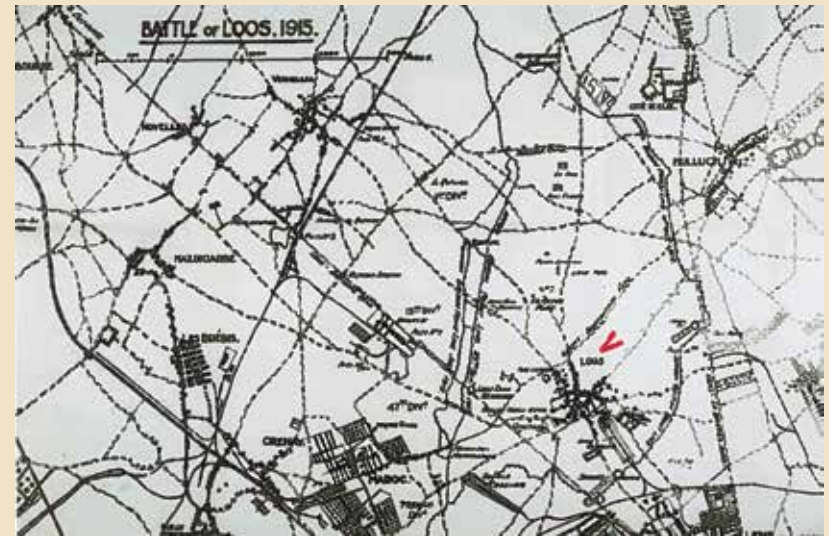
■ Conclusion of enlistment service. 28/8/15



Battle of Loos. 1915



This was the Cameronians first major hostility. 21/9/15



British casualties sustained was extremely high



Somme offensive. The Battle of Loos

✠ Allied bombardment of Lens. The deceptive shelling allowed the allies to capture strategic Hill 70. Scotland's Cameronians involved. 25/9/15



The Somme



LEST WE FORGET

1 July 1916 was the first day of the Battle of the Somme, the longest and most costly in British history. Almost 57,500 British soldiers were killed, wounded or reported missing that day, and when the fighting died away in early November the British and French had lost over 600,000 men. Most troops had moved up to their attack trenches the previous night, while the week-long bombardment of the German positions was still in progress. Men shook hands and wished one another good luck before the whistles blew at 7.30 and they advanced against barbed wire, often uncut, into the systematic fire of artillery and machine guns.

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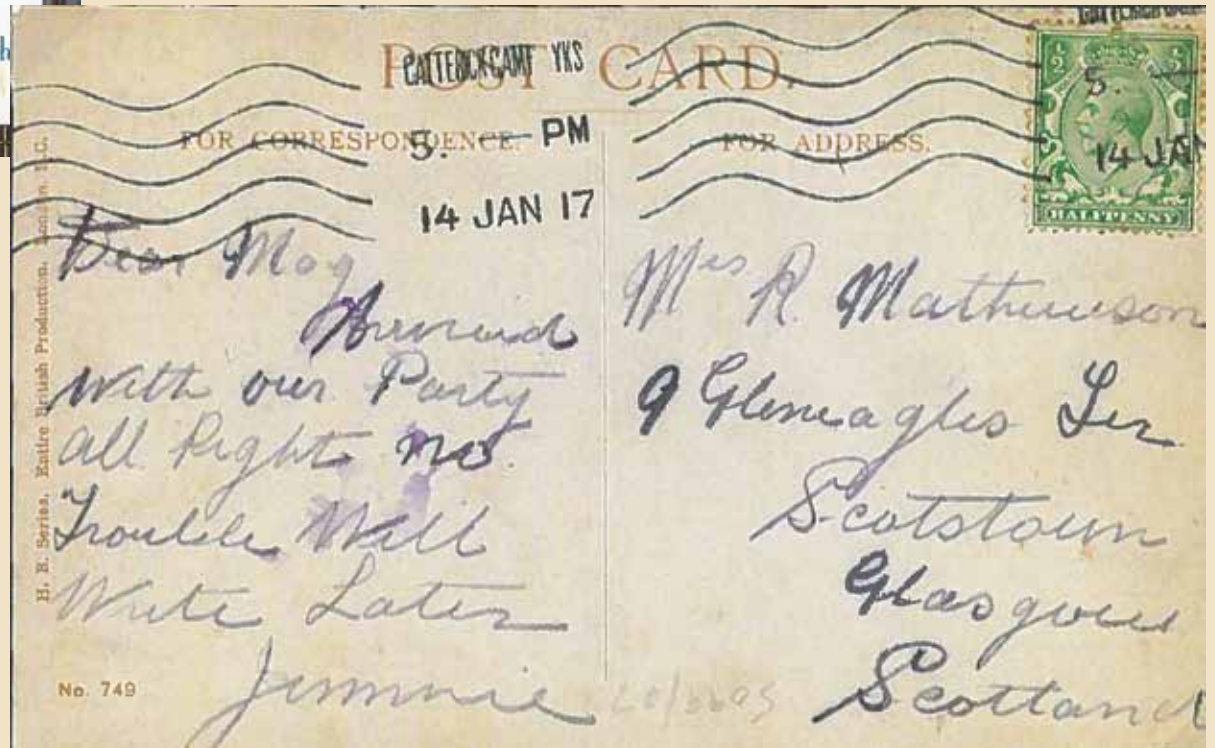
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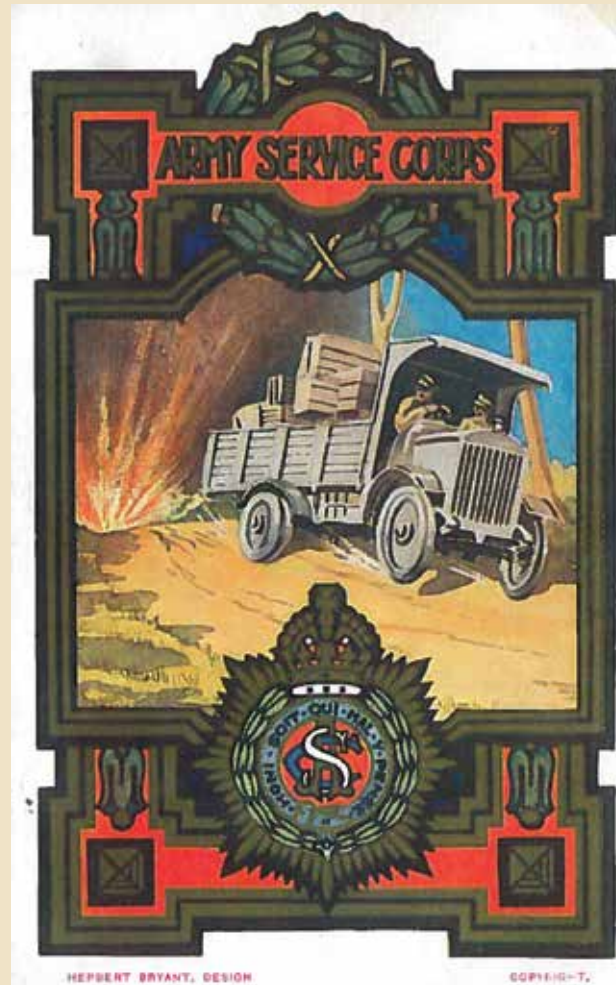
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Glasgow honours the Cameronians



Henry May V.C. re-enlists

He joins the Army Service Corp. Commissioned. Lt. Henry May V.C. 4/3/18

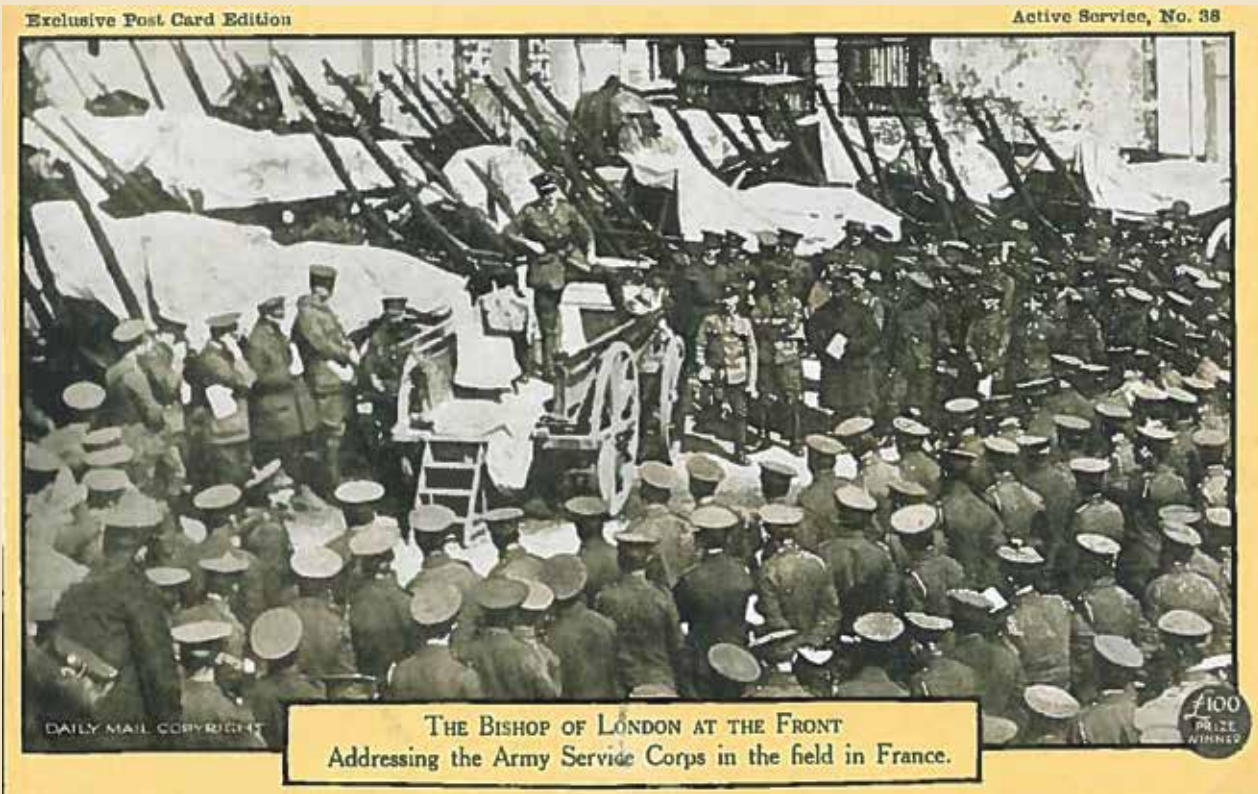
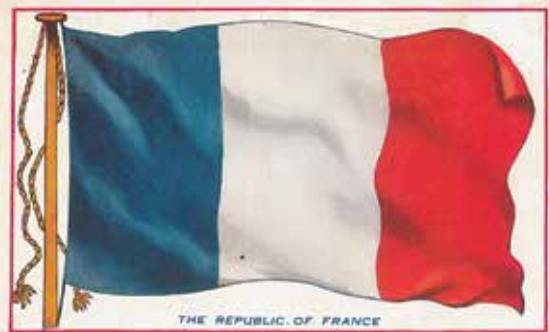


The Army Service Corps.

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Addressing the Army Service Corps in the field in France.

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Lt. Henry May V.C. Army Service Corp



Posted to Archangel in Russia. 1918

Repatriated to Edinburgh with illness. 1919



■ The Kaiser

✠ Ignominy in defeat and exile. 10/11/18

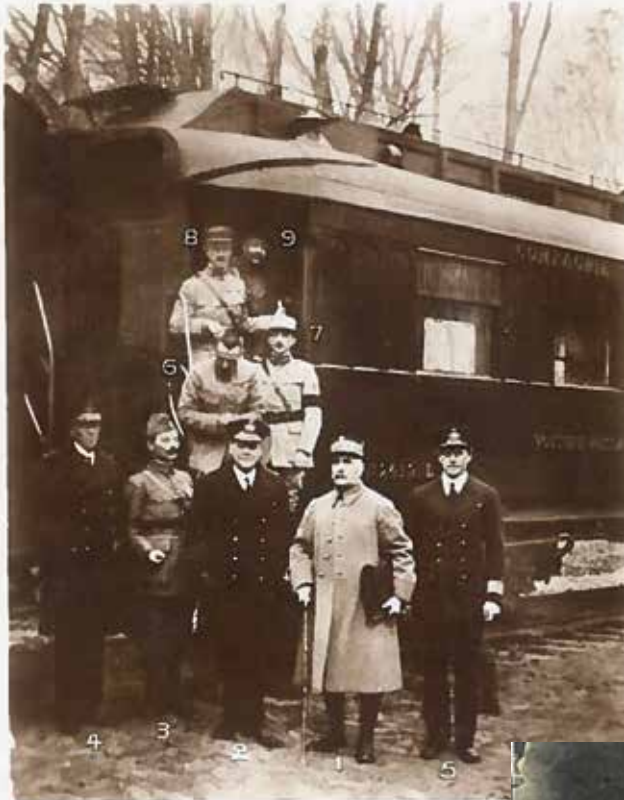


The Armistice. 11/11/18



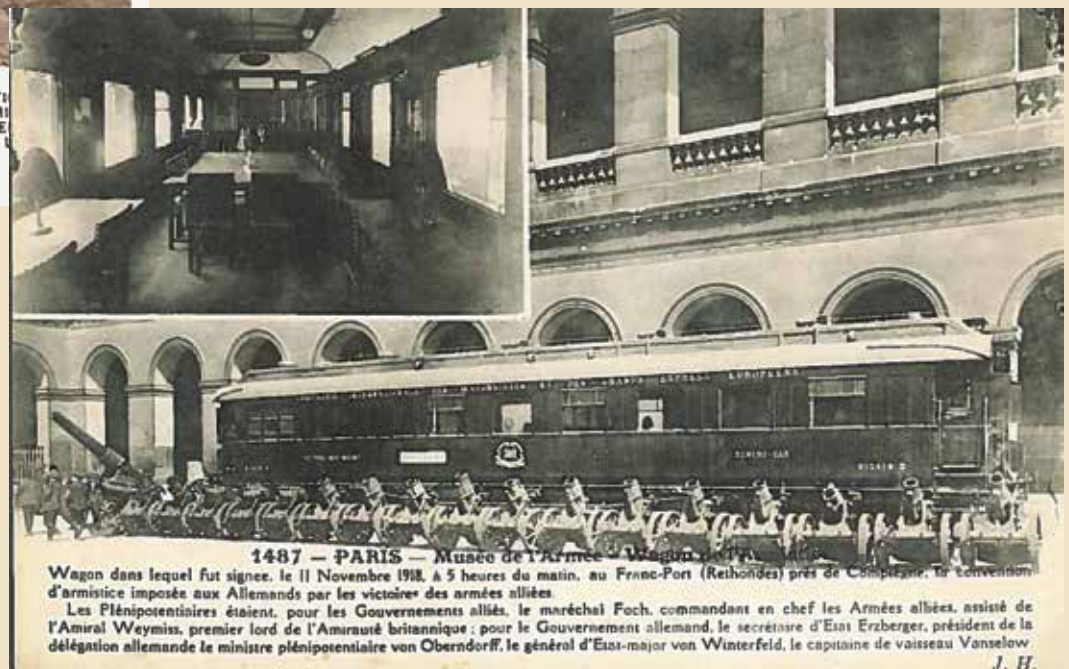
The allied delegation. The forest of compie

Photographie prise le 11 Novembre 1918 à 7 h. 30, au moment où le Maréchal Foch part pour Paris remettre au gouvernement français le texte de l'Armistice qui vient d'être signé avec l'Allemagne.



1. Maréchal FOCH.
2. Amiral Sir R. WEMYSS.
3. Général WEYGAND.
4. Contre-amiral G. HOPE.
5. Captain MARRIOTT.
6. Général DESTIERS.
7. Capitaine de Marine RIEDEL.
8. Commandant RIEDEL.
9. Officier-Interprète.

Marshal Foch's railway coach where the Armistice was finalised



1487 — PARIS — Musée de l'Armée — Wagon dans lequel fut signée, le 11 Novembre 1918, à 5 heures du matin, au Franc-Port (Reihondes) près de Compiègne, la convention d'armistice imposée aux Allemands par les victorieuses armées alliées.

Les Plénipotentiaires étaient, pour les Gouvernements alliés, le maréchal Foch, commandant en chef les Armées alliées, assisté de l'Amiral Weymss, premier lord de l'Amirauté britannique; pour le Gouvernement allemand, le secrétaire d'Etat Erzberger, président de la délégation allemande le ministre plénipotentiaire von Oberndorff, le général d'Etat-major von Winterfeld, le capitaine de vaisseau Vanselow.

J. H.

The Armistice. 11/11/18



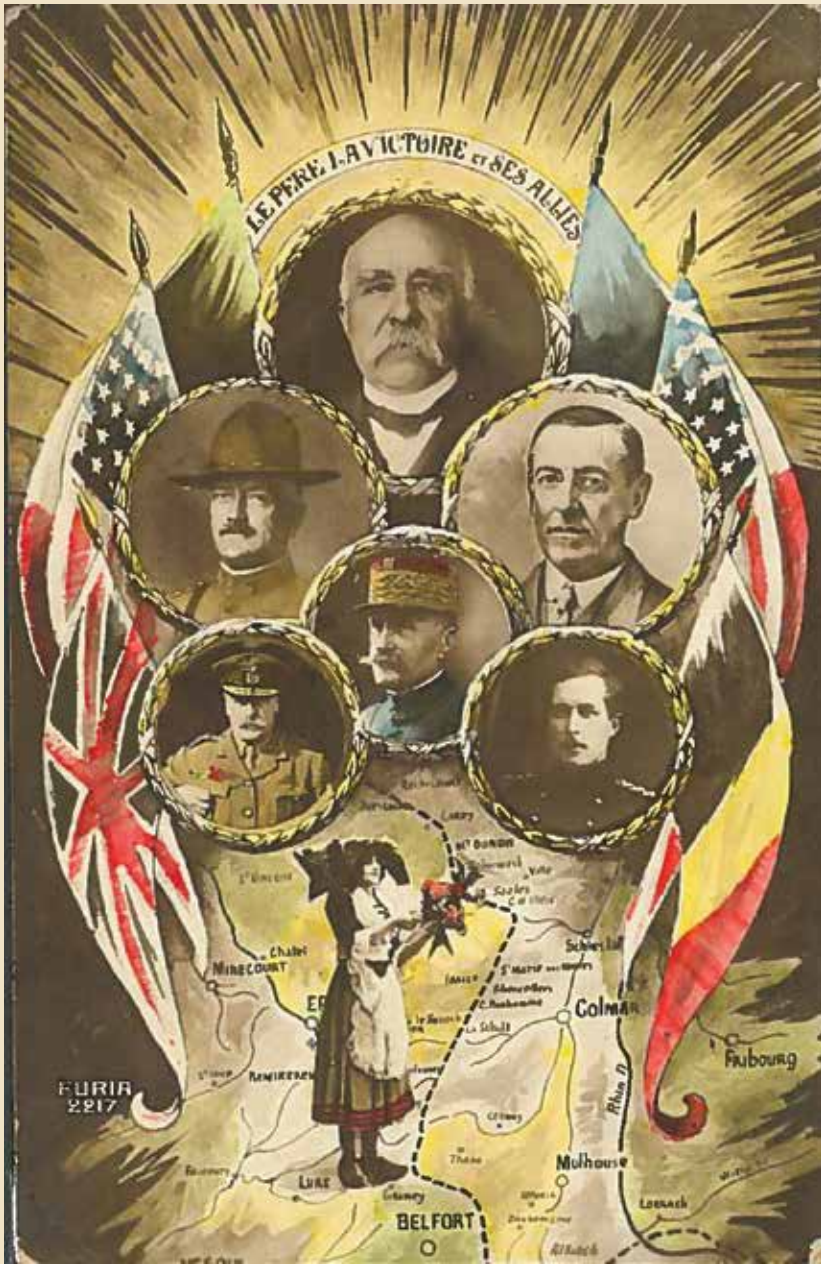
On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month 1918



Armistice day postmark



Victory



President Poincaré, General Pershing, President Wilson, Marshal Foch, Earl Haig and King Albert



Supreme commander allied forces, Marshal Foch

Lest we forget



CASUALTIES OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR:

AFRICA	45,000
AUSTRALIA	59,000
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY	1,290,000
BELGIUM	44,000
BULGARIA	90,000
CANADA	60,000
CARIBBEAN	1,000
FRANCE	1,384,000
GERMANY	1,800,000
GREAT BRITAIN	743,000
GREECE	5,000
INDIA	49,000
ITALY	615,000
MONTENEGRO	3,000
NEW ZEALAND	16,000
PORTUGAL	7,000
ROMANIA	335,000
RUSSIA	1,700,000
SERBIA	45,000
TURKEY	325,000
USA	48,000

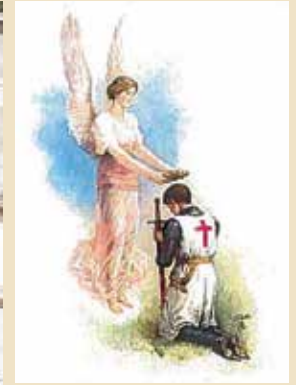
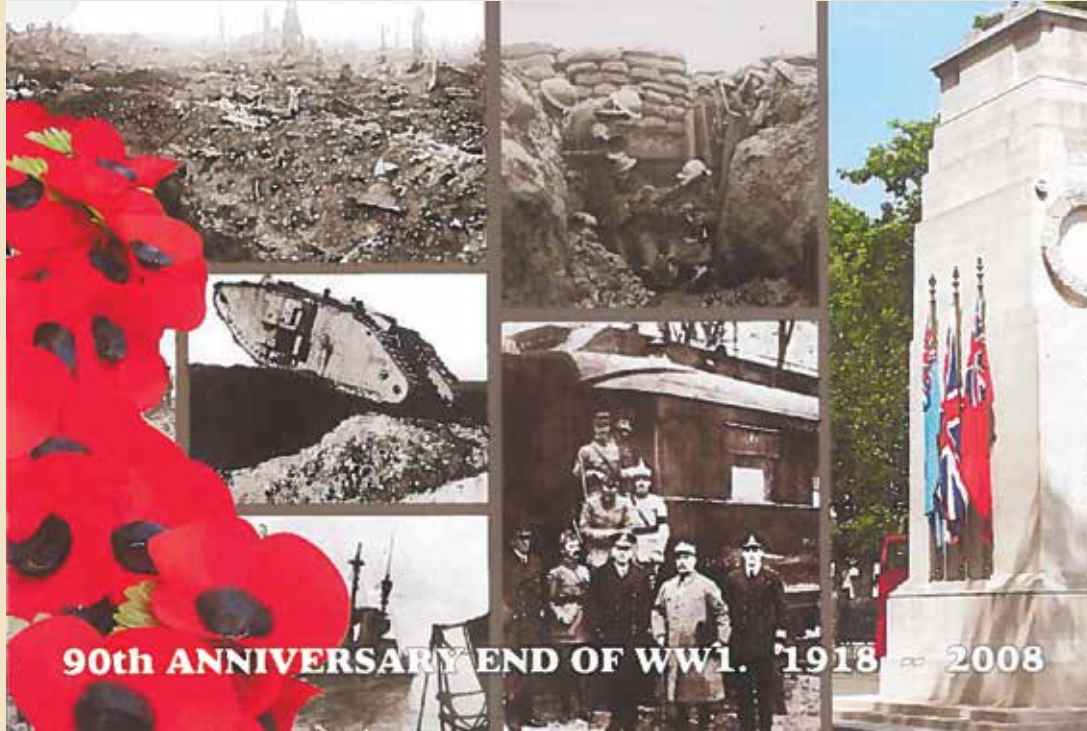
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LEST WE FORGET
ARMISTICE 1918



Peace

Armistice. 11/11/18
Peace Treaty. 26/6/19



1001 - VERSAILLES — La Galerie des Glaces
La Table sur laquelle a été signée le Traité de Paix. le 28 Juin 1919
Looking Glass Gallery - The Table on which was signed the Peace. on the 28 th June 1919 A. P.

Lt. Henry May V.C. Army Service Corp



Admitted to Edinburgh Hospital from Archangel. 17/10/19

Discharged. 30/10/19

Resigned Commission. 15/11/19



■ Mr. Henry May V.C.

✠ Back to work



Royal Invitation (facsimilie)



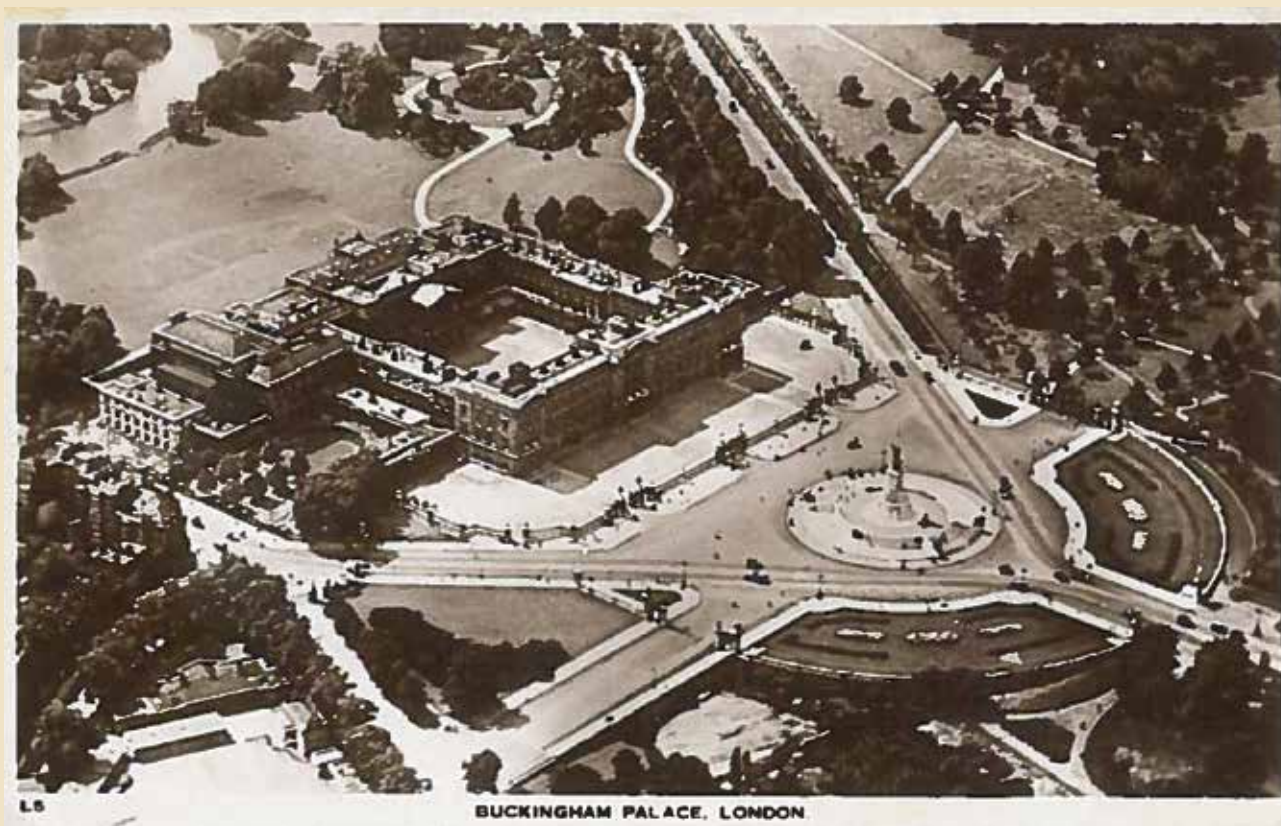
Sent to VC winners

Henry May was the 100th VC winner to meet their Majesties



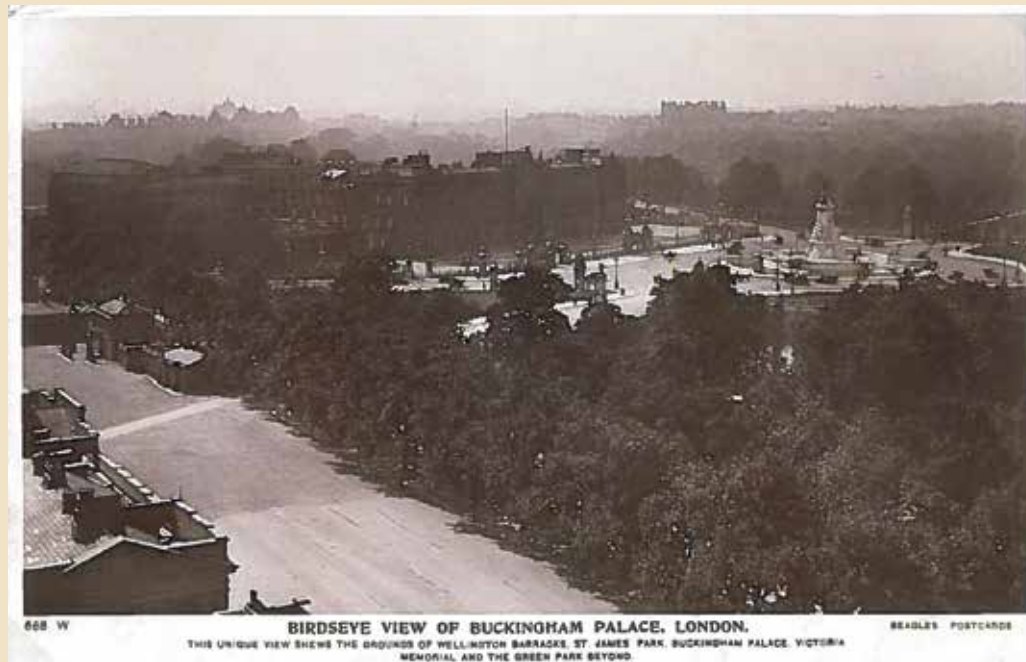
King George V. Buckingham Palace Garden Party. 26/6/20

Henry May V.C. in attendance



King George V. Buckingham Palace Garden Party. 26/6/20

Wellington Barracks the Assembly Point



Marching via Birdcage Walk - Horse Guards Parade - The Mall - Buckingham Palace



King George V. Buckingham Palace Garden Party. 26/6/20

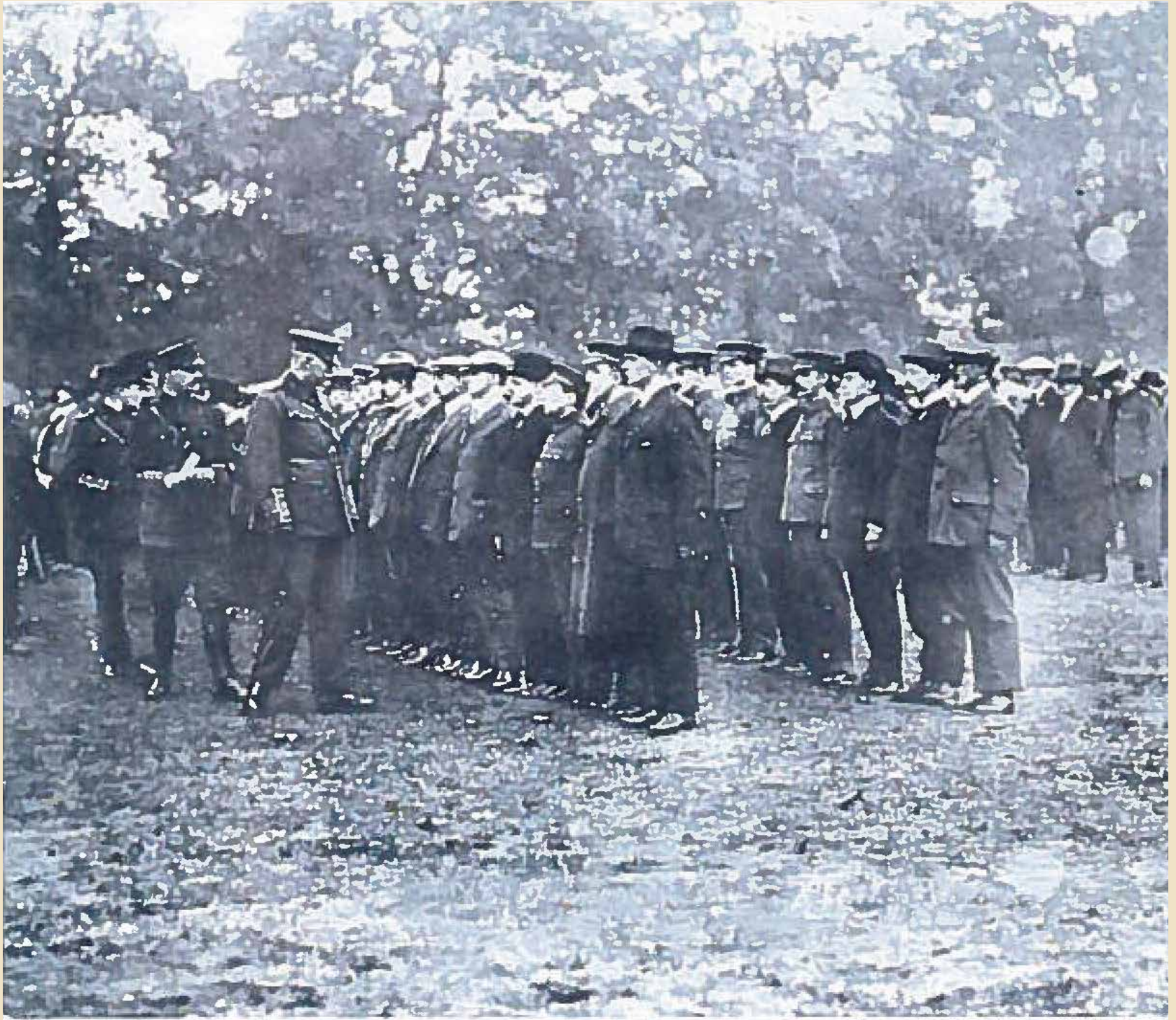
The band of the Welsh Guards lead the parade



WELSH GUARDS.
The Band and Drum-Major in State Dress

King George V. Buckingham Palace Garden Party. 26/6/20

In the Palace Gardens lining up to meet his King and Queen



■ The Cenotaph unveiled by King George V. 11/11/20

✠ Private Henry May V.C. The Cameronians was in attendance



Unknown Warrior's Burial service lead by King George V. 11/11/20



Private Henry May V.C. The Cameronians was in attendance



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THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR'S GRAVE IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.
SHOWING THE AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL.

■ The Glasgow Cenotaph unveiled by Earl Haig. 31/5/24

Private Henry May V.C. The Cameronians was in attendance



The Cenotaph Glasgow



The Cenotaph Glasgow

"These died in War, that we at Peace might live."

The Cameronians War Memorial unveiled by Earl Haig

Kelvingrove Park Glasgow. 9/8/24



TO THE GLORIOUS MEMORY OF ALL RANKS
THE CAMERONIANS (SCOTTISH RIFLES) WHO
TO UPHOLD LIBERTY AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD.
LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES IN THE TWO WORLD WARS
1914 - 1918 AND 1939 - 1945.

THE 6/7th BATTALION, CAMERONIANS (SCOTTISH RIFLES)
WAS DISBANDED ON THE 31st MARCH 1967
AND THE 1st REGULAR BATTALION ON THE 14th MAY 1968
THUS ENDING THE REGIMENT'S LONG MILITARY ASSOCIATION
WITH THE CITY OF GLASGOW

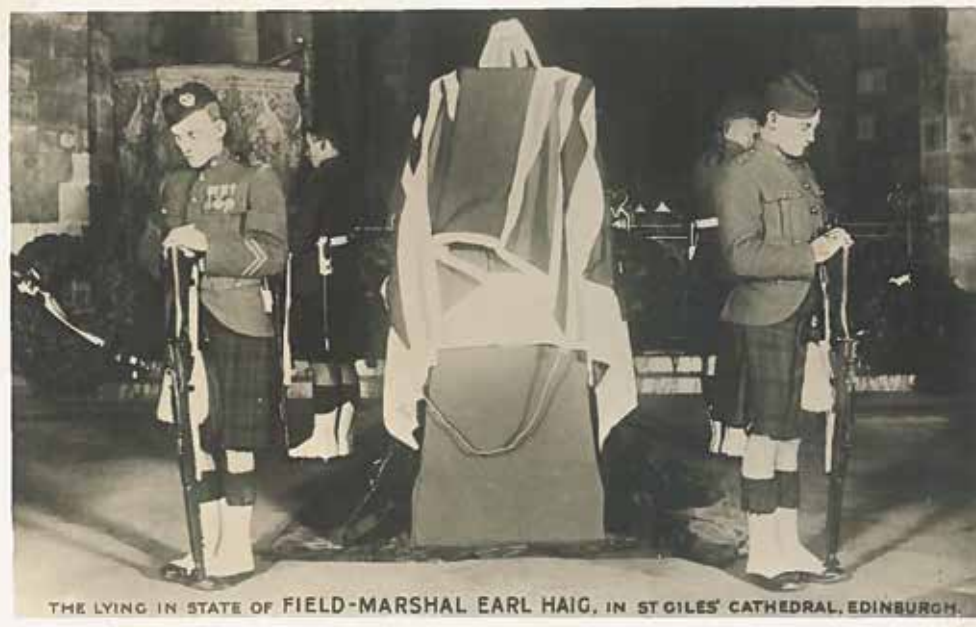
THIS PLAQUE WAS UNVEILED BY
THE LORD PROVOST OF GLASGOW
THE Rt. Hon. JOHN JOHNSTON



Field Marshal Earl Haig. 1861 - 1928



E. 1. EDINBURGH CASTLE *L. M. Office of Works*
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THE LYING IN STATE OF FIELD-MARSHAL EARL HAIG, IN ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH.

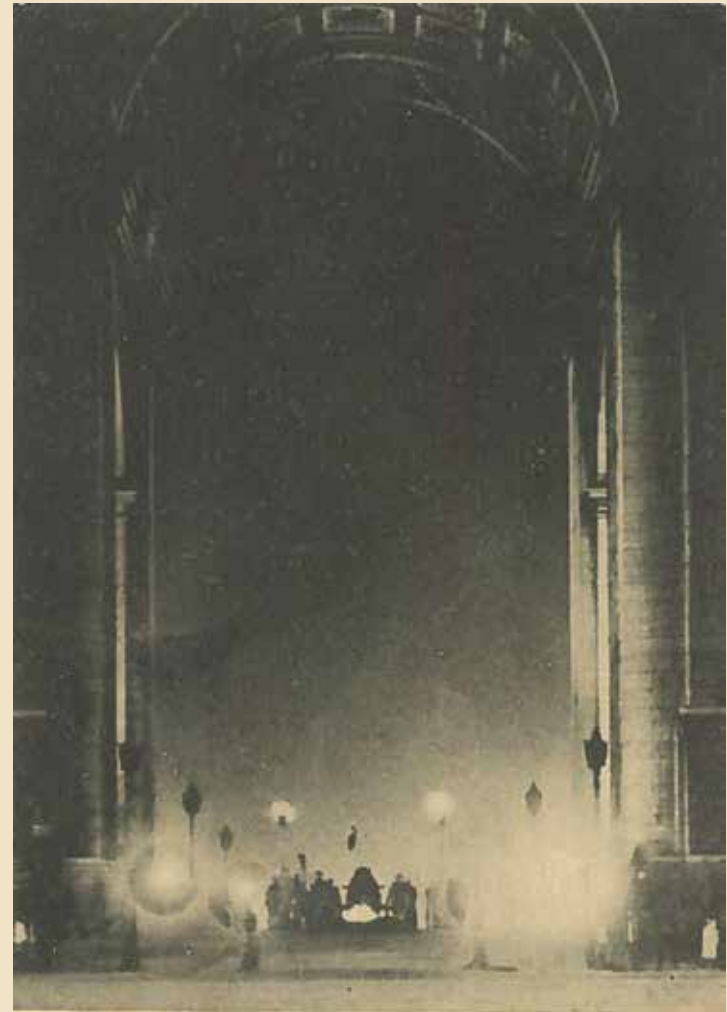
■ Marshal Ferdinand Foch died. 20/3/20



Appointed Commander in Chief of all the allied forces
Lying-in-state at l'Arc de Triomphe



To the superb strategy of Marshal Foch who was appointed to the sole Command of the Allied-Armies in France and Flanders in April 1918, are due the unbounded thanks of the whole civilized world on the consummation of the triumphant Victory by the gallant Troops under his supreme direction.



FUNÉRAILLES du MARECHAL FOCH
La veillée sous l'Arc de Triomphe
The night under the Arch of Triumph A. P.



VC Reunion. House of Lords hosted by the Prince of Wales

Private Henry May V.C. The Cameronians was in attendance. 9/11/29



ROYAL GALLERY, HOUSE OF LORDS.

Prince of Wales Theatre. Production of "Journey's End"

Private Henry May V.C. The Cameronians was in attendance. 10/11/29



Coronation of king George VI & Queen Elizabeth. 12/5/37

✠ Coronation Medal awarded to Private Henry May V.C.



Coronation Medal



■ Henry May V.C. died. 26/7/41

✠ Where a hero was laid to his rest. Riddrie Park Cemetery



ga Pals

Funeral of Henry May V.C. The Cameronians



Four V.C.s attended

Sgt. R. Downie

Pte. D. R. Lauder

Sgt. J. McAuley

L/Cpl. W. Ritchie

Royal Dublin Fusiliers

Royal Scots Fusiliers

Scots Guards

Seaforth Highlanders

Remembering the Scots Regiments who fought at the beginning of the Great War

The regiments who were in France with the BEF in 1914



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■ The dedication of a new gravestone. 12/9/06

✠ With the angels



Glasgow Cathedral



