



QUEEN'S PARK AND THE GREAT WAR 1914 TO 1918

# THE QUEEN'S PARK MEN WHO SERVED AND SURVIVED

AS AT OCTOBER 2016

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## APPENDIX 2

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Initial biographical details; and questions on both football and military careers of 52 Queen's Park Players and Members (listed alphabetically) including:-

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From the list of 193 Queen's Park Members and Players  
who served in the Forces and survived.  
(See back page of this Appendix for full list of names)

*150 in 2017*

*Ludere Causa Ludendi*



## FOREWORD TO APPENDIX 2 - OCTOBER 2016

In April 2016, a paper was produced providing details of 44 members and players of Queen's Park Football Club who served in the armed forces in the First World War and survived the conflict. Research has continued into the stories of the remainder of the 216 members who served and survived, as well as a number of men who played for Queen's Park at some point but were not members of the club at the time.

This second paper contains details of a further 52 men who returned from the war. As with the first paper, the individuals have been numbered for ease of reference.

Information about the football careers and war service of men who played and fought a hundred years ago is not easily obtained and the level of detail varies from individual to individual.

Two of the members listed, David Wilson (89) and Leslie Skene (92), were capped by Scotland when Queen's Park players. In addition, it is possible that Andrew Baird (48) is the goalkeeper who was capped for Scotland in 1892 and 1894.

Five of the members and players received bravery awards. They are James Anderson (47), Andrew Fyfe (57), David Hamilton (60), Clyde Skene (91) and Leslie Skene (92).

Three of the men listed are known to have been wounded in the war. They are Colin Buchan (49), George Higgins (62) and Leslie Skene (92).

They impact of what they saw and experienced had a marked effect on many of the men who saw action in the Great War and many of those who played football before they enlisted did not return to the game. Of the 52 Queen's Park members and players listed in this paper, five are known to have resumed their football careers after the war. They were John Donaldson (53), Andrew Fyfe (57), David McLay (76), Vaughan Russell (86) and Daniel Templeton (88).

Fourteen men played for the Queen's Park first eleven during the war years - before enlisting or while in military training. They are Alexander Allan (45), George Cunningham (51), Alexander Douglas (54), Richard Hendrie (61), William Keith (64), John Kerr (65), Thomas Miller (68), Robert McBean (71), James McBryer (72), Hubert McMillan (78), Archibald Meiklem (79), Alex Mercer (80), James Munro (81) and Robert Rhind (84).

The quest to discover as much as possible about the Queen's Park men who served in the Great War will continue. Recently, we had the pleasure to hear from Ian Grant, the 91-year-old son of Peter Grant (59), who has been able to provide invaluable information about his father, as well as very interesting photographs.

It is hoped that additional information will continue to come to light. The input of relatives of the men who served, football supporters and members of the public will be most welcome in progressing this important project.



### QP 1st XI TOUR TO DENMARK & SWEDEN

Identifying 10 of the 11 players who enlisted.  
Tom Haydock is missing from this photo.

Back Row:  
Ralph Risk (29)

Middle Row:  
George Cunningham (51), Maurice Wilson (90), James Walker (35)

Front Row:  
Eddie Garvie, Elijah Cresswell (11), John Roberts (30),  
James West (38), Andrew McCrae, Robert M Young (39)



Names represented in red faces left to right.



### QP 1st XI 1913-14

Front Row:  
Elijah Cresswell (11), John Roberts (30),  
Eddie Garvie, Gordon Hoare (13)

Middle Row:  
Andrew McCrae, Colin Buchan (49),  
Thomas Miller (68), Robert Rhind (84), Bob  
Young (39)  
Back Row:  
Maurice Wilson (90), William Walker (37)



The 11 players who enlisted identified in red, 5 of whom are featured in this paper.

The following are some of the Queen's Park members and players who served in the forces and survived the war: -

#### 45. Alexander Allan

Alexander Allan, known as Alex, was registered as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1915/16 and 1916/17. He played in 15 matches for the Spiders, all at left half. He made his debut at Celtic Park on 4 December 1915 and played his final game at Raith Rovers on 16 December 1916.

Alex served as a Gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery in the Great War.

#### 46. James Anderson (1)

James Anderson was registered with the Scottish Football Association as a Queen's Park player from season 1910/11 to season 1914/15 but was not a first team player in the final two seasons. He played mainly at outside left and made 54 competitive appearances between 1910 and 1912, scoring five goals. He made his debut at Dundee on 24 September 1910 and played fairly regularly until 2 November 1912.

James served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 6th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry in the Great War.

#### 47. James Anderson (2)

James Anderson was born on 29 September 1872. In 1881, he was eight years of age and living at 25 Herriet Street in Pollokshields. His father Robert was a master house painter. In 1911, the family was located at 7 Leslie Road in Pollokshields. James was employed as a painter's managing clerk.

James Anderson did not make a competitive first team appearance for Queen's Park but is likely to have been a member of one of Queen's minor elevens in the 1890s.

James joined the Territorial Force in 1895 as a Private in the Glasgow Highlanders and moved to the Highland Light Infantry in 1898. He continued in the HLI and held the rank of Major when his regiment was at Gallipoli. In September 1915, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

James Anderson was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) on no fewer than three occasions and was made a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George in the 1918 New Year's Honours List.

In January 1918, the Glasgow Herald reported that James Anderson was a resident of Milliken Park in Renfrewshire and a partner in the firm of Messrs C T Bowie, Fisher and Co, painters and decorators, of 26 Bothwell Street, Glasgow.

#### 48. Andrew Baird

The name Andrew Baird appears on the Queen's Park Roll of Honour. Richard Robinson says that he was a Lieutenant in the Royal Scots. The Forces War Records website lists a Lieutenant A Baird who was a Lieutenant in the Royal Scots and "employed with OC Bn". Was this the Queen's Park man?

The only Andrew Baird to have played in the Queen's Park first eleven was a goalkeeper who played 25 competitive games between 1892 and 1894, as well as a large number of challenge matches. Andrew was capped twice for Scotland – against Ireland in 1892 and Wales in 1894.

Was Andrew Baird the goalkeeper the person who served in the Great War?



## 49. Colin Buchan

Colin Linwood Buchan was born around 1890. In 1901, he was 10 years of age and living in Peebles. He was still in Peebles in 1911.

Colin Buchan played for Queen's Park in season 1913/14. He featured in 21 games for the Spiders, mainly at inside left, and scored four goals. He moved to Edinburgh side St Bernard's in the following season before joining the forces.

Colin enlisted in the army on 25 August 1914. He went on to become a Battery Quartermaster Sergeant in the 11th Divisional Ammunition Column of the Royal Field Artillery. It was reported at Woolwich in 1919 that he had been wounded but no further details are known.

After the war, Colin Buchan spent season 1919/20 with Dundee before moving to Linfield in Belfast.

## 50. Hugh Butler

Hugh Butler was born in Glasgow in 1875. In 1901, he was living in Onslow Drive in Dennistoun. He was 26 years of age and an iron manufacturers' clerk.

Hugh was a player with Queen's Park from season 1896/97 to season 1902/03. His position was inside right. He made 23 appearances for Queen's in competitive matches, scoring two goals, but also featured in a number of "friendly" games prior to the Spiders joining the Scottish League.

Hugh Butler enlisted in the Scottish Rifles in the Great War but later became a Private in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. It is not clear what connection, if any, he had with Yorkshire.

## 51. George Cunningham

George Bruce Cunningham was born at 981 Duke Street, Glasgow on 30 January 1892. He was the son of a journeyman engine fitter. In 1911, he was a 19-year-old clerk in a hide leather factory and resided at 3 Kennyhill Gardens in Dennistoun.

George was an inside forward who was registered as a Queen's Park player from season 1912/13 to season 1914/15. He made his first team debut against Partick Thistle on 1 December 1913. He played a further four games that season and then the final two league matches of the following season. George was a member of the Queen's Park 1st XI tour party to Denmark and Sweden in the summer of 1914.

George was a Lance Corporal in the Northumberland Fusiliers in the Great War. Why he served in a Northumberland regiment is not known.

## 52. John Dick

John Dick played with Queen's Park from season 1904/05 to season 1906/07. He featured mainly at left half but sometimes at centre half. He played fairly regularly in 1904/05 and 1905/06 but only spasmodically in the following two seasons. John played for St Mirren also in season 1906/07 and for Motherwell in 1907/08. His final game for Queen's Park was against Hamilton Academical on 24 August 1907.

John Dick served as a Sapper in the Royal Engineers in the Great War.

## 53. John Donaldson

John Weston Donaldson was registered as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1919/20 and 1920/21 and made 40 competitive first team appearances, scoring two goals. Both of those goals came in a match against Ayr United on 1 September 1920.

John served in the Regiment of Yeomanry, Scottish Horse (Dragoons) in the Great War, rising to the rank of Sergeant and then 2nd Lieutenant. Records show that the first theatre of war in which he served was Alexandria in Egypt in February 1916.



COLIN BUCHAN  
in QP 1st XI 1913-14



GEORGE CUNNINGHAM  
1913-14 QP Summer Tour  
to Denmark & Sweden

A military record from 1922 gives John Donaldson's address as c/o Nobels Explosives Co Ltd, 2 Buckingham Gate, London SW1.

## 54. Alexander Douglas

Alexander Douglas, known as Alex, was a centre half who played with Queen's Park in seasons 1913/14, 1914/15 and 1915/16. He made his first team debut at Celtic on 13 April 1914, his only game of season 1913/14. He then played 11 games in 1914/15 and seven games in 1915/16.

Alex was a Private in the 9th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry in the Great War.

## 55. Richard Finlay

Richard V Finlay was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player from season 1906/07 to 1909/10. He was an inside forward who made his Queen's Park debut against Celtic on 15 December 1906. He played in 15 competitive matches in 1906/07 and a further nine matches in 1907/08. His final game was against Hibernian on 7 December 1907. In his 24 appearances, he scored three goals.

Richard Finlay was a Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in the Great War. The Forces War Records website has a record of Richard Vary Kirkman Finlay, a Lieutenant in the RNVR. The record shows that R V K Finlay enlisted in the RNVR at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge in 1902.

The 1891 and 1901 English census returns reveal that Richard V K Finlay was born in Scotland around 1883. In both 1891 and 1901, he was living with his father Kirkman and mother Jane in the London suburb of Ealing.

Are Richard V Finlay and Richard Vary Kirkman Finlay the same person? It seems likely but confirmation is required.

## 56. Thomas Forsyth

Thomas E Forsyth was born around 1892. In 1911, he was an 18-year-old law student living at 133 Victoria Place in Airdrie.

Thomas was an inside forward who played for Airdrieonians in season 1910/11 before spending most of the next three seasons with Queen's Park. He made 41 competitive appearances for the Spiders, scoring seven goals. Thomas returned to Airdrie in January 1914.

Thomas Forsyth was a Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery in the Great War.

## 57. Andrew Fyfe

Andrew Fyfe, known as Andy, was born in Glasgow around 1898. He played for Queen's Park's first eleven after the Great War but may have featured in the second eleven previously.

Andy was a Bombardier in the 99th Siege Battery of the Royal Garrison Artillery in the war and was Mentioned in Despatches.

Andy Fyfe was a centre forward who made his Spiders' debut at Dumbarton on 28 February 1920. He played in 99 competitive matches for Queen's Park, scoring a very impressive 47 goals. He played his final game on 18 October 1924.

## 58. Robert Gilmour

Robert Gilmour, described on the Queen's Park Roll of Honour as H R Gilmour, was registered as a Queen's Park player from season 1909/10 to 1912/13, with the exception of a short spell at Falkirk towards the end of 1911. He was an inside forward who made his competitive debut on 30 October 1909 against Morton and played his final game for the first eleven on 25 February 1911. In all, he figured in 17 competitive matches and scored two goals.

Robert was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Artillery in the Great War.



THOMAS FORSYTH  
in QP 1st XI 1911-12

## 59. Peter Grant

Peter Ronald Grant was born in Skelmorlie in Ayrshire on 25 January 1874. His parents, John and Jane, were originally from Speyside.

Peter's son, Ian, has provided valuable information about his father.

Peter was with Motherwell and Hamilton from seasons 1897/98 to 1901/02 before joining Queen's Park in 1902/03. He was with the Spiders until season 1907/08 but made only two competitive first team appearances in that time – against Heart of Midlothian and Hibernian in November 1902. Both appearances were at full back. Peter clearly had pace as, on 15 June 1907, he won the hundred yards handicap at the Queen's Park Sports at Hampden Park. The silver teapot awarded to Peter as his prize is being re-conditioned in a Glasgow jewellers; through a short term loan by the family to the QP Collection, Queen's Park hope that it will be on display in 2017 as part of our 150th anniversary celebrations.

At the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, Peter Grant tried to enlist in the armed forces but, at forty years of age, was considered too old. He made several more attempts but without success. Then, in 1917, he learned that the French Army's special ambulance service was badly in need of driver/mechanics. He possessed the necessary skills and offered his services. He served at the front until the Armistice and was twice awarded the Croix de Guerre for "outstanding acts of bravery". His medals, clearly visible on the portrait photo of Peter, are located with family in Canada. The background to the action photo of a French village shows the conditions in which Peter and his special ambulance unit were operating.

Peter returned from his service in France to marry Janet 'Jenny' Wardhaugh in 1921. By then Peter was 47 years old. Their son, Ian, was born in 1925. Ian farmed from the 1950's in Uplawmoor Renfrewshire before retiring to Dundonald, Ayrshire.

Sadly, Peter Grant was one of 35 persons who lost their lives in the Castlecary railway disaster on 10 December 1937.



## 60. David Hamilton

David Hamilton was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Army Service Corps in the Great War. He was born around 1872 and in 1911 he was a 38-year-old manager of an aerated water manufacturer. His address at the time was 89 Millbrae Road in Langside. He was still at that address in 1923.

Army records state that the theatre of war in which David Hamilton first served was France on 28 September 1918. He was the recipient of the Territorial Decoration, awarded for long service in the Territorial Force.

David Hamilton's football history is unclear. A player called D Hamilton appeared for Queen's Park in 1893. Was this David Hamilton?

## 61. Richard Hendrie

The Queen's Park Roll of Honour includes the name Richard Henry. Richard Robinson refers to Richard Henry – a Signaller in the Royal Navy. It appears that both have got the name wrong. The person concerned was Richard Hendrie.

Richard Hendrie was registered as a Queen's Park player from season 1916/17 to 1919/20, although he had short spells with Hearts and Airdrie in that period. He made two first team appearances at centre half for the Spiders in April 1917.

The Forces War Records website confirms that Richard Hendrie was a Signaller in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

## 62. George Higgins

George Higgins was registered as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1905/06, 1906/07 and 1907/08 but only featured in the first team in 1905/06. He made 23 appearances at centre half and left back.

George served in the Royal Scots Fusiliers in the Great War. When a 2nd Lieutenant in 1915, he suffered a bullet wound to his right hand. He was 35 years of age at the time. Records show that, in 1916, he was a Lieutenant in the Special Reserve of Officers in the 4th Battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

## 63. John Highet

John James Highet was registered as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1906/07 and 1907/08 but made only one competitive first team appearance.

John Highet was born around 1886. At the time of the 1891 census, he was four years of age and living at Stair House in Stair in Ayrshire, the home of his grandmother. By 1901, he was living with his father, mother, brother and sister at the family home at 7 Newark Drive in Pollokshields.

John's father, Thomas C Highet, was a leading Queen's Park player of the 1870s. Tom Highet was capped four times for Scotland and was a first team regular for the Spiders from 1874 to 1880. His career is difficult to track because, at times, his name was shown in error as Herriot and, for several seasons, he adopted the alias "Spencer". He was one of several well-known Queen's Park players of the time who chose to play under assumed names. Everyone knew exactly who they were so the reason for this is a puzzle.

John Highet was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Machine Gun Corps in the Great War.

## 64. William Keith

William Keith was registered as a Queen's Park player from season 1913/14 to season 1915/16. He played in two matches in the first half of the 1914/15 season and a further four games in September 1915. All his appearances were at inside right.

William was a Sergeant in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the Great War.

## 65. John Kerr

John B Kerr was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player from season 1910/11 to season 1911/12 and again from season 1913/14 to season 1915/16. He spent season 1912/13 with Arthurlie. John played in the first team in season 1914/15 only, making 17 appearances at full back.

John Kerr served as a Private in the Army Service Corps (Motor Transport) in the Great War.

There are records of a John B Kerr residing in Dennistoun in 1891, 1901, and 1911. In 1911, he was a 21-year-old clerk in an iron foundry, living at 118 Ingleby Drive. Was he the Queen's Park man?

## 66. Robert Lambie

Robert Alexander Lambie was born on 28 April 1877 in Langside Road. He was the younger brother of John and Willie Lambie, both of whom played for Queen's Park and Scotland. Indeed, John is the youngest player ever to have captained the Scotland side.

Robert was a first team regular for Queen's Park from 1896 to 1899. He played in a variety of positions but mainly outside left. While he could not quite match his brothers' footballing ability, he was an able administrator and gave valuable service on the Queen's Park Committee.

Robert enlisted in the army in 1915 at the age of 38. He was an unmarried stockbrokers' clerk at the time, living at 30 Glencairn Drive in Pollokshields. He became a Gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery.



ROBERT LAMBIE  
in QP 1st XI 1898-99

## 67. George Lean

George Gilbert Lean was registered as a Queen's Park player in season 1914/15 but did not make a first team appearance. This may well have been because he enlisted in the forces in the early days of the Great War. The Southern Press reported that, in a letter dated 27 November 1914, a soldier called Tommy Thompson, serving with the Royal Engineers, said that he had been "out at a certain place" and a Glasgow soldier had told him that Bob Young of Queen's Park was in a billet along the road. He had called to see him and also met George Lean.

George Lean enlisted as a Private in the 9th Battalion (Glasgow Highlanders) of the Highland Light Infantry. He was later commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 6th Battalion of the HLI and rose to the rank of Captain.

George would have been 20 years of age when he joined the HLI. He was born on 4 November 1895 at 60 Grange Road in Langside. His father, Daniel, was a measurer (measuring surveyor?).

## 68. Thomas Miller

Thomas Miller was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1913/14 and 1914/15. He played in three competitive first team matches for the Spiders – against Dundee on 18 April 1914, Motherwell on 21 November 1914 and Dundee on 2 January 1915. Each of his appearances was at left back. Thomas left Hampden on 5 March 1915 to join Vale of Leven but remained a member of Queen's Park.

Thomas served as a Sapper in the Royal Engineers in the Great War.

## 69. Thomas N Miller

Thomas N Miller made his Queen's Park debut against Rangers on 17 September 1904 and was a first team regular for a season and a half. He played in various forward positions, most frequently at inside left. His final appearance for the first eleven was against Partick Thistle on 16 December 1905.

After a season with Arthurlie, Thomas returned to Queen's Park in season 1907/08 and remained at Hampden until season 1909/10 but did not make a further first team appearance. He also had spells with Arthurlie and Rangers in that period.

Thomas was a Private in the RAF in the Great War.

## 70. William Logan

William G Logan was registered as a Queen's Park player from season 1906/07 to 1911/12, although he also turned out for Edinburgh side St Bernard's. He was a winger who made his debut against Celtic on 11 April 1907, played two games in 1907/08 and seven games early in 1911/12.

William served as a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery in the Great War.

## 71. Robert McBean

Robert Crichton McBean was born around 1892. In 1901, he was eight years of age and living at 12 Ibrox Terrace in Ibrox. He was still at that address in December 1914 when he enlisted in the 9th (Glasgow Highlanders) Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry. He became a Corporal in that regiment.

Robert was registered as a first team player by Queen's Park on 4 November 1914 and made his debut at outside left against Rangers on the following Saturday. He played six competitive games in all for the Spiders, making his final appearance against Airdrie on 16 January 1915.

Robert went on to play for St Mirren in season 1915/16, St Mirren and Partick Thistle in season 1918/19 and Hamilton Accies in seasons 1920/21 and 1921/22.



THOMAS MILLER  
in QP 1st XI 1913-14



## 72. James McBryer

James McBryer was registered as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1914/15, 1915/16 and 1916/17 but played in only four competitive matches for the first eleven. He made his debut at left back against Airdrieonians on 16 January 1915 and played a further three games at full back in season 1916/17. His final game was against Raith Rovers on 16 December 1916.

James was a civilian volunteer with the British Red Cross Society in the Great War. He was a Motor Boat Engineer and served at Basra in what is now Iraq.

There is a record from 1911 of a James McBryer living at 203 Hillhouse Street in Springburn. He was a 20-year-old engineering student. It seems likely that he was the Queen's Park player.

## 73. A Peter McCallum

One of the names on the Queen's Park Roll of Honour is that of A P McCallum, who was a Captain in the Northumberland Fusiliers.

In the 1880s, Queen's Park had a goalkeeper called A P McCallum, known as Peter McCallum. The length of his career in the first eleven is uncertain but it was roughly from 1883 to 1885. The reason for the confusion is that Peter McCallum's predecessor Archie Rowan decided to call himself McCallum in the final years of his playing career. Newspapers at the time often only gave a player's surname. Sometimes an initial was included also but these were often incorrect. This has resulted in an assumption that Peter McCallum was the goalkeeper in certain games when it was actually Archie Rowan.

Was the A P McCallum of the 1880s the same A P McCallum who took part in the Great War?

## 74. Angus McCuish

Angus McCuish played for Queen's Park in season 1912/13 and made 13 appearances for the first eleven. He made his debut against Clyde on 19 October 1912 and played his final game against Aberdeen on 25 January 1913. He featured mainly at inside left but made two appearances on the left wing.

Angus served as a Lieutenant in Queen Victoria's Own Rajput Light Infantry in the Great War. This was an Indian infantry regiment that saw action in Mesopotamia and Greece.

There are records of an Angus McCuish who was born in Renfrew in 1889. In 1891, at the age of one, he was living at 24 Bell Street in Renfrew and in 1901 at 23 Princes Street (now Vicarfield Street) in Govan. His parents were Donald and Euphemia. Was this the Queen's Park Angus McCuish?

## 75. Robert McKenzie

Robert C McKenzie was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player on 15 January 1911. He continued with the Spiders in seasons 1911/12 and 1912/13, with the exception of short spells at Morton and Clyde.

Robert made a total of 42 competitive first team appearances for Queen's Park, scoring two goals. He was primarily a right half but made several appearances at centre forward.

Robert McKenzie was a Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Great War.

## 76. David McLay

David S McLay was a goalkeeper who made 14 competitive appearances for Queen's Park over an extended period. He made a single appearance in October 1915 before going off to war where he served as a Corporal in the Gordon Highlanders.

David returned to Queen's Park after the war and played four games in season 1920/21, eight



games in 1921/22, and a final game against St Mirren on 2 January 1923.

There is a record of a David Shanks McLay having been born in the Gorbals registration district in 1898. At the time of the 1911 census, he was 12 years of age and living at 36 Gartuck Street in Queen's Park. Was he the Queen's Park goalkeeper?

### **77. John McLean**

John A McLean, known as Johnny, played on the wing for Queen's Park for nine seasons from 1900/01 to 1908/09, with the exception of a spell with Ayr Parkhouse in season 1903/04. Johnny was registered with the SFA by Queen's Park in seasons 1909/10, 1910/11 and 1911/12 also but did not feature in the first team.

Johnny McLean served as a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery in the Great War.

### **78. Hubert McMillan**

Hubert A McMillan, known as Bert or Bertie, played with Queen's Park in seasons 1915/16, 1916/17 and 1917/18. He made a total of 47 competitive appearances and scored eight goals.

Bert made his debut against Airdrie on 18 March 1916 and his final appearance was against Celtic on 27 October 1917. He played at inside right in all 47 competitive matches for the Spiders.

Bert served as a Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force in the Great War.

There is record of a Hubert Alexander McMillan from Dumbarton who was born in 1894. However, war records suggest that he served in the Merchant Navy rather than the RAF.

### **79. Archibald Meiklem**

Archibald Cameron Meiklem was born in Dumbreck to the south of Glasgow on 24 August 1889. He was the son of John P Meiklem, who was a physician and surgeon.

Archibald Meiklem was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player on 18 December 1914 and played at outside right in the final six league games of season 1914/15.

According to Richard Robinson, A C Meiklem served as a Private in the Army Ordnance Corps in the Great War. However, the Forces War Records website lists an A C Meiklem who was a Sergeant Clerk in the RAF. Could this be the same person?

### **80. Alex Mercer**

Alex R Mercer was a Queen's Park player in season 1915/16. He made eight appearances for the first eleven. He played in the first seven matches of the season at right half and then one further game at centre half against Rangers on 6 November 1915. It may well be that he had joined the army at that point.

Alex Mercer was a Lance Corporal in the 1st Battalion of the Lovat Scouts in the Great War.

### **81. James Munro**

James B Munro played five matches for Queen's Park in season 1915/16, all at inside right, and scored one goal. That goal came in a 1-0 win over Clyde at Shawfield on 13 November 1915. James was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player in season 1916/17 also but did not make an appearance for the first eleven.

James Munro was a Driver in the Royal Field Artillery in the Great War.

### **82. Patrick O'Brien**

Patrick Aloysius O'Brien was born on 8 February 1884 at 31 Rose Street in Glasgow's Garnethill district. He was educated at St Aloysius College and the Anderson College of Medicine.

Patrick was registered as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1912/13 and 1913/14. He made two competitive appearances for the first eleven, both in October 1912 and both at centre forward.

Patrick O'Brien served as a Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Great War. After the war, Patrick was casualty surgeon of Glasgow's Central Police Division. In May 1941, he was called out to examine Rudolph Hess after the German Deputy Fuhrer's aeroplane landed near Eaglesham in Renfrewshire.

Patrick died in hospital at the age of 48 after what was described as a lingering illness. His home address at the time was 23 Lansdowne Crescent in Kelvinbridge. He was survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters.

### 83. Charles Ogilvie

Charles Ogilvie made only one competitive first team appearance for Queen's Park. That match was played on 14 March 1908 and he scored the Spiders' goal in a 3-1 defeat to Dundee.

Charles emigrated to Canada in October 1912. When the Great War broke out, he volunteered almost immediately for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force. He was an unmarried civil engineer. The attestation paper gives his father's address as 9 Montgomery Terrace in Mount Florida. Charles became a Corporal in the Canadian Highlanders.

Charles Ogilvie died in Montreal in 1939.

### 84. Robert Rhind

Robert Rhind was registered by Queen's Park with the SFA in seasons 1913/14 and 1914/15 and then again in seasons 1918/19 and 1919/20. However, he only played in the first team in the first two of those seasons.

Robert made his debut against Dumbarton on 16 August 1913 and played a total of 12 games at inside forward in season 1913/14. He then played a further five games in October and November 1914. Robert scored five goals in his total of 17 appearances.

Robert Rhind served as a Corporal in the Highland Light Infantry in the Great War.

The only young man named Robert Rhind in the Glasgow area in 1911 was an 18-year-old laundry van man who lived at 547 Dumbarton Road in Partick, with his four older sisters and two older brothers. Was this the Robert Rhind who played with Queen's Park?



ROBERT RHIND  
in QP 1st XI 1913-14

### 85. John Riley

John J Riley was a regular player in the Queen's Park side from 1906 to 1910. He played in 86 competitive matches, scoring two goals. John made his debut against Clyde in the Glasgow League on 11 April 1906 and his final game was also against Clyde on 31 December 1910. He then had a short spell with Morton. John was a versatile player who featured in different positions at half back and full back.

John served as a Private in the Army Service Corps (Motor Transport) in the Great War.

### 86. J Vaughan Russell

Joseph Vaughan Russell, known as Vaughan, was born in Glasgow around 1890. He was registered as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1913/14, 1914/15 and 1919/20 but only featured in the first team in the post-war season.

Vaughan enlisted in the army on 3 September 1914. He was a commercial traveller at the time living at 209 Nithsdale Road in Pollokshields. He initially joined the Scottish Horse but went on to become a Sergeant in the Royal Engineers. In 1917, he was 27 years of age, his regiment was the

Royal Engineers and his battalion was BSD, Signal Troop, 1st Dismounted Brigade.

After the war, Vaughan Russell played 12 games for the Queen's Park first eleven. He scored one goal, which came on the day he made his debut at centre forward against Ayr United on 18 December 1919.

## 87. Archibald Swann

Archibald McE Swann, known as Archie, was a Queen's Park player from 1897 to 1904. He made 84 competitive appearances for the club, mainly at full back, and also played in a significant number of non-competitive matches prior to Queen's joining the Scottish League in 1900. Archie made his debut against Clyde on 19 March 1897 and played his final first eleven match against Dundee on 9 January 1904. He went on to play for Partick Thistle in season 1904/05.

Archie Swann was a Lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Great War.

For some reason, there appear to be no birth or census records for Archie Swann. There is a record of an Archibald Swan living at 4 Reid Street (now Reidhouse Street) in Springburn in 1901. He was a 28-year-old shipping checker. It seems unlikely that he was the Queen's Park player.

## 88. Daniel Templeton

Daniel Templeton Jnr, known as Danny, was registered as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1916/17 and 1917/18 and then again in seasons 1920/21 and 1921/22. He made a total of 72 appearances, all at inside forward, and scored eight goals.

Danny Templeton made his Queen's Park debut at Hearts on 25 November 1916 and played a further 19 games to the end of that season. He did not feature in 1917/18 but returned to the side on 16 October 1920. He played 14 games in season 1920/21 and 38 games in 1921/22. It is not known at this stage what happened to him then.

Danny served as an Air Mechanic 2nd Class in the Royal Air Force in the Great War.

There are records of a Daniel Templeton who was born around 1886, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Templeton, and who was living in West Kilbride in 1891 and 1901. There is also a record from 1911 of a different Daniel Templeton who was 26 years of age and living in Shamrock Street in Cowcaddens. Was either Daniel Templeton the Queen's Park player or would both have been too old?

## 89. David Wilson

David Wilson enjoyed a long career with Queen's Park. He was a first team player at inside forward from 1897 to 1905 but was registered with the Scottish Football Association until season 1907/08. He made a total of 160 competitive appearances for the Spiders, scoring 40 goals, and also made a number of appearances in "friendly" matches in the years prior to Queen's entering the Scottish League. He was capped for Scotland against Wales in 1900.

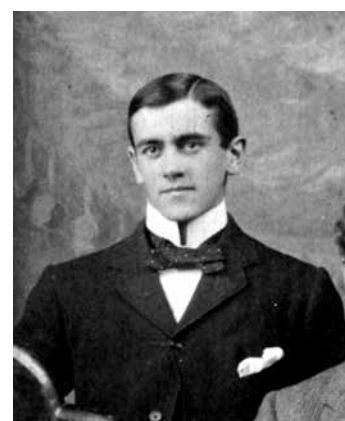
David Wilson had the honour of scoring the first goal at the third and present Hampden Park in a 1-0 win over Celtic on 31 October 1903.

David served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the Great War.

The date of David Wilson's death is not entirely clear. Some publications state that he died in the Great War. This is incorrect. During his playing days, David was generally referred to as David Wilson Jnr. There is a record of the death of a David Wilson on 20 June 1926. He was a writer (solicitor) whose father was also called David Wilson. He died of cardiac failure at 100 Bothwell Street in Glasgow. Was this the Queen's Park David Wilson?



ARCHIBALD SWANN  
in QP 1st XI 1898-99



DAVID WILSON  
in QP 1st XI 1898-99

## 90. Maurice Wilson

Maurice Wilson was registered as a Queen's Park player from season 1910/11 to season 1914/15. He played in all three half back positions and made a total of 59 appearances, scoring one goal. He made his debut against Hearts on 29 April 1911 and played his final game for the 1st X1 on 22 August 1914. His face appears regularly in the team and group photos - having played against the Wanderers on 1 January 1914 and having been a player on the 1st X1 tour to Denmark and Sweden in the summer of 1914.

In the Great War, Maurice was a Sergeant in the Royal Field Artillery, possibly in the 262nd Brigade.

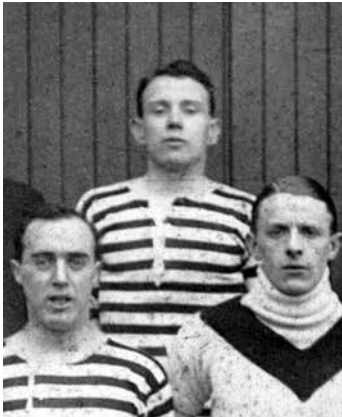
The 1911 census returns show two persons called Maurice Wilson living in the south side of Glasgow. Both were 22 years of age. One lived in Cathcart and the other in Govanhill. Was one of these young men the Queen's Park player?

Like many of the QP men to serve and survive, the best years of Maurice's footballing life (he would have been aged between 25 and 29 in 1914/18 ) were spent in the forces. Although he did not feature post 1918 in the Queen's Park 1st X1, Maurice has been identified in the Victoria X1 team photo sitting in a suit alongside William Stewart (43) and in front of James West (38) in the side that won the Scottish Amateur Football League and Cup Double in season 1919/20.

By 1920, was Maurice Wilson a committee member or, by then, a player in the minor X1's?



MAURICE WILSON  
in QP 1st XI 1913-14



MAURICE WILSON & BOB YOUNG (39)  
(LEFT), Vs WANDERERS, 1st JAN 1914



QP VICTORIA XI 1919-20  
WILLIAM T STEWART, MAURICE WILSON and JAMES WEST

## Postscript

These questions on QP player (90) Maurice Wilson concluded the initial biographical footballing and military detail collated at October 2016 on a further 46 Queen's Park players and members now known to have served and survived in the Great War - set out in this Appendix 2. While Appendix 2 was being illustrated and prepared for the club website ([www.queensparkfc.co.uk](http://www.queensparkfc.co.uk)) further information was submitted and questions raised on a further 6 Queen's Park players, former players and members from the list of 193 QP men now known to have served and survived. Initial information on what is known on these individuals is supplied in this postscript covering (91) Clyde Skene (92) Leslie Skene (93) Alexander Stark (94) David Dunbar (95) James Laughland and (96) David Low.

My research on all 193 Queen's Park players, who enlisted and survived, remains a work in progress. Any information that can be provided by members, family and friends of those who served - and the wider community - will be welcomed. In the first instance, please contact secretary@queensparkfc.co.uk

## 91. Clyde Skene

Clydesdale Duncan Skene, known as Clyde, was born in Larbert in Stirlingshire on 24 June 1884. He was the younger brother of Leslie Skene, the Queen's Park and Scotland goalkeeper.

Clyde Skene was registered as a Queen's Park player from season 1903/04 to 1905/06 and then again in seasons 1909/10 and 1910/11. He played for Falkirk between his two spells at Hampden. He returned to Falkirk in the course of season 1910/11, played the following season also at Brockville and then saw out the remaining three years of his career as a professional with Dundee.

Clyde made his Queen's Park debut against Airdrieonians on 30 January 1904 and went on to make 29 competitive appearances for the Spiders, scoring 10 goals. He played mainly at centre forward.

Clyde Skene was a Corporal in the Royal Field Artillery in the Great War and, in 1917, was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field.

Clyde died in Oxfordshire on 29 December 1945.

## 92. Leslie Skene

Alexander Leslie Henderson Skene, known as Leslie, was born in Larbert on 22 August 1882, the son of the superintendent of an institution for "imbecile children". He attended George Watson's College and Edinburgh University, qualifying as a psychiatrist. He was with Hibernian for a short period before joining Queen's Park.

Leslie made his debut for Queen's Park at Hearts on 29 September 1902 and went on to make 67 competitive appearances for the side. He captained the Spiders in the opening match at the third and present Hampden Park on 31 October 1903. His final game for Queen's was against Hibs on 17 March 1906. He was capped twice for Scotland when a Queen's Park player – against Wales and Ireland in 1904.

During his spell at Hampden, Leslie also turned out for Stenhousemuir and was part of the Warriors' side that reached the Scottish Cup semi-final in season 1902/03.

Leslie's career then took him to England and he played with Fulham for two seasons, reaching the FA Cup semi-final in 1908. He then moved to Belfast to study at Queen's University and spent two seasons with Glentoran. When with Glentoran, he played for the Irish League against the Southern League (England).

Leslie Skene served with the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Great War. While a Lieutenant, he was wounded at Gallipoli in September 1915 and promoted to Captain in December that year. He was wounded again later in the conflict and was awarded the Military Cross in 1917. He finished the war as an Acting Major.

After the war, Leslie worked as a psychiatrist at several locations in Scotland and England before moving to the Isle of Man., where he was superintendent of a mental institution. He was President of the Isle of Man Medical Society in 1935/36. Leslie died in Douglas on 29 October 1959.



CLYDE SKENE  
in QP 1st XI 1909-10



LESLIE SKENE  
in QP 1st XI 1902-03

### 93. Alexander Stark

Alex Stark, nicknamed "Buttons", was a tricky winger who was born in Falkirk on 11 April 1869. He joined Falkirk FC and made his first team debut against Queen's Park in 1886, scoring two of the Bairns' goals in an 8-3 defeat. He continued playing with Falkirk for a number of seasons.

During season 1894/95, Alex joined Queen's Park and played in a few games for the Spiders. However, he was cup-tied and could only play in friendly matches.

In 1895, Alex Stark emigrated to New Zealand where he became a sheep merchant. He continued with football and played with Sydenham FC and the Canterbury representative side. In 1904, he played in New Zealand's first ever international fixture against New South Wales. After he finished playing, he became Vice-President of the New Zealand Football Association.

Alex served in New Zealand Royal Field Artillery in the Great War. He died in 1935.

### 94. David J Dunbar

David J Dunbar was registered with the SFA as a Queen's Park player in seasons 1912/13 and 1913/14 but did not make a competitive first team appearance.

David served as a Captain in the 9th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry in the Great War. After the war, David gave service on the Queen's Park Committee.

The 1911 census includes David John Dunbar who was a 20-year-old civil engineering student, born in Aberdeen but now living at 86 Dixon Avenue in Crosshill. His father was the Chief Sanitary Inspector for the county council. Was David John Dunbar the Queen's Park player? It seems likely.

### 95. James Laughland

The Queen's Park Roll of Honour contains the name James Lauchland but the name does not appear in the list of those who served in Richard Robinson's book "History of the Queen's Park Football Club 1867-1917". Does the entry in the Roll of Honour relate to a player named James Laughland who was registered as a Queen's Park player from seasons 1910/11 to 1912/13?

James Laughland made 11 competitive first team appearances at inside forward and wing half in season 1910/11 and 18 appearances, all at left half, in season 1911/12. He did not feature in the first eleven in 1912/13. The newspapers of the time often gave the player's name as Lauchland.

Is the James Lauchland who appears in the Roll of Honour the same person as the James Laughland who was with Queen's Park in the three seasons from 1910 to 1913? Why does he not appear in Robinson's book? These questions remain to be answered.

### 96. David B Low

David B Low was registered as a player with Queen's Park in seasons 1920/21 and 1921/22 but did not make a competitive appearance for the first eleven. He went on to give valuable service on the Club Committee.

David was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the Great War. It is not clear if he was already a member of Queen's Park at that time or if he joined after the cessation of hostilities.



DAVID J DUNBAR  
in QP Committee 1925-26



JAMES LAUGHLAND  
in QP 1st XI 1910-11



DAVID B LOW  
in QP Committee 1925-26



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Frank McCrossan's research on the 193 Queen's Park players and members, who enlisted and survived, remains a work in progress. Any information that can be provided by members, family and friends of those who served- and the wider community - will be welcomed. In the first instance, please contact [secretary@queensparkfc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@queensparkfc.co.uk)

### 193 Now Known To Have Served & Survived

Alexander Allan 45	David J Dunbar 94	William G Logan 70	W B Purdie
John Allan	R C Duncan	David B Low 96	John S Reid 28
H E Alexander	A W Ferguson	George D Low	William Reid
Charles J Anderson	R V Finlay 55	Frederick W Mackie 16	Robert Rhind 84
James Anderson (1) 46	Thomas T Fitchie 12	R N Massey	John Riley 85
James Anderson (2) 47	T E Forsyth 56	A M Maule	Ralph Risk 29
John Anderson	James Fraser	A C Meiklem 79	John Roberts 30
Arthur C Baillie	John Fraser	A R Mercer 80	James Robertson
James Baillie	Robert French	John Merry	John Robertson
Andrew Baird 48	John Fulton	Charles B Miller 23	John M Robertson
James R Ballantine	Andrew Fyfe 57	George Miller 68	J Vaughan Russell 86
Francis Beattie	Robert Gibson	Thomas Miller 69	Theodore C Scott
James H Bell	William R Gibson	Thomas N Miller	Walter Scott 31
Alexander G Bennett 1	Colin Gillies	Peter A Moodie 24	Walter P Scott 32
George Bennett	Robert Gilmour 58	John A Morton	Clyde Skene* 91
James B Bennett 2	Alexander Gordon	James B Munro 81	Leslie Skene* 92
R Marr Benzie	Charles Gordon	Arthur F Murray 25	David Sorley 33
Charles H Boyce 4	John J Gow	James L McBean 17	Alexander Stark 93
D C Boyce	R B Graham	R C McBean 71	William Steel
William C Boyce	Peter Grant 59	James McBeath	James Steele
Finlay W Boyd	David Hamilton 60	James McBryer 72	William T Stewart* 43
John G Brady	Samuel Hamilton	A. Peter McCallum 73	W B Stevenson
Dan M Broadhead 3	Thomas B Hamilton	Robert A McFarlane* 42	James H Stirling
Alexander Brown	Norman W Hay	Robert S McColl 18	A McE Swan 87
Hugh Brown 5	R G Hay	Angus McCuish 74	James W Swann
William P Brown 6	Walter Henderson	Archibald McGill	R W Tambling
Colin L Buchan 49	W D Henderson	Donald M McGregor	Daniel Templeton 88
Peter Buchanan 7	Richard Hendrie 61	David McIntosh 19	W Arthur Thomas
Hugh Butler 50	George Higgins 62	John McKechnie 20	George Thomson
David Calderwood	John J Highet 63	William C McKenna 21	Thomas Thomson
David F Cameron 8	Gordon Hoare 13	Hector McKenzie 22	W H Thomson
Robert J Cameron 9	Walter B Hobbs	R C McKenzie 75	A S Thornton
Donald M Campbell	George C Hogg	Duncan McLaren	Frank Walker 34
John Campbell	John Houston	John A McLaren	James Walker 35
J H Christie	T C Howat	David S McLay 76	John J C Walker
Arthur Craig	Alexander Howie	John McLean 77	Thomas Walker 36
Claude V Craigie 10	William Keith 64	Hubert A McMillan 78	William F Walker 37
Elijah Cresswell 11	James M Kennedy	John McMillan	James Wallace
John Cresswell	John Kerr 65	George A C McNeill	George L Watson
Walter M Crow	Thomas E Killin	George McPhee	George R Watson
John L Cunningham	R A Lambie 66	Hugh H McTaggart	James L West 38
G B Cunningham 51	A S Langlands	John McVey	William White
John Dick 52	Alexander Langwell	P O'Brien 82	David Wilson 89
John Donaldson 53	James Laughland 95	David O'Donnell	Maurice Wilson 90
Neil C Donaldson	George G Lean 67	Charles C Ogilvie 83	William Wiseman* 44
Alexander Douglas 54	James Leckie	James M Orr	John Yeudall
Alexander Downs	John S Leckie 14	James Park	Robert M Young 39
Daniel G Drummond* 41	Andrew R Leslie 15	Harold McD Paul 26	
	John A Logan	A Graham Primrose 27	

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\* Identifies 6 Queen's Park members or players who served in the war and are not named on the plaque.