Players, and Former Players, of Clyde FC, who Fell

Driver Archibald Campbell, "D" Battery, 119th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, born in 1880 at Kirkintilloch, was the son of Duncan Campbell, a Stonemason, and Margaret Campbell, of 7 Victoria Street, Kirkintilloch. He started his football career with Kirkintilloch Rob Roy before signing for Clyde in 1906. This was after a short spell at Carlisle United. Archie made ten league appearances with Clyde and by 1909 he was playing in Division Two with Ayr FC (20 apps/two goals). Ayr FC and Ayr Parkhouse amalgamated to form one club in 1910 and became Ayr United. Archie played 67 league matches for Ayr United in four seasons, scoring 12 goals. The outside-left joined Abercorn in season 1914/15, where he made 23 appearances with one goal. He died of wounds on 14 September 1918, age 38, and is buried in La Kreule Military Cemetery, Hazebrouck. He was survived by his wife, Marion Campbell, of 41 Kerr Street, Kirkintilloch.

Lance Corporal Charles Clunas, 23rd (Sportsman’s) Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, born in 1894 at Johnstone, was the son of John Clunas, a Police Inspector, and Flora Clunas, of 9 Thompson Avenue, Johnstone, Renfrewshire. He started out with Kilbarchan Athletic before Clyde signed him in 1912. In three seasons at Shawfield, he made 19 league appearances, scoring three goals. In November 1914, three months after the outbreak of War, he enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers and, after training for a year, went to France.. He was serving as an acting corporal when he was killed by a rifle grenade in Pas-de-Calais, France on 8 February 1916, age 21, and is buried in Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy.

Private Thomas Cranston, 2nd Battalion, Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), born in 1891 at Ardrossan, was the son of Thomas Cranston, a Mason’s Labourer, and Mary Cranston, of 46 Montgomerie Lane, Ardrossan. Thomas began his career with Ardrossan Celtic, a local amateur side. Signing for Raith Rovers as an outside-right in May 1912, he played 33 matches in season 1912/13, scoring five goals. He played in the Scottish Cup Final of 1913, when Raith Rovers were beaten 2-0 by Falkirk. The following season he was loaned out to Third Lanark for a few weeks, playing seven league matches for the Cathkin Park side. He was then back in Kirkcaldy where he added another 23 league appearances, scoring three goals. Season 1914/15 was spent at Clyde (22 appearances/five goals) and it was while with Clyde that he enlisted. He was killed in action on 13 January 1916, age 24, and is buried in Amara War Cemetery, Iraq. He was survived by his wife, Agnes Calvert Cranston, of 38 Kelmahew Street, Ardrossan, Ayrshire.

Private Robert Milligan, 8th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, born at Stoneykirk, Wigtownshire, in 1892, was the son of Robert Milligan, a Ploughman, and Sophia Milligan, of Stoneykirk. He joined Clyde from Newton Villa and made one appearance for the Shawfield club in season 1912/13. Resident at Bellshill, he was employed at Wilson's & Clyde Coal Company's Douglas Park Colliery before enlisting. He was killed in action on 25 September 1915, age 23, and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial. His brother, Alexander, was in the same Battalion.
Captain Herbert Murray, MC, 1st/4th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, born on 11 December 1886 at Aberdeen, was the son of Peter Murray, a Builder and Joiner, and Sarah Murray, a Lodging House Keeper, of 2 Mount Street, Aberdeen. He graduated from Aberdeen University in 1908 with a degree in the Arts. For a while he was a teacher at Alloa and Robert Gordon's Technical College, Aberdeen. It was while studying that he began his football career with Arbroath, East Stirlingshire and then went senior with Clyde in 1906/07. He played 46 times for Clyde, scoring five goals.

Two seasons back in his home town of Aberdeen followed where he made 40 appearances (three goals). Queen's Park took him back down to Glasgow in season 1910/11 where he played 11 times for the amateur side. The much travelled player was at St Johnstone next (12 appearances/one goal) in Division Two. He finally went back to Aberdeen in 1912 where he added another eight matches and two goals. He was killed in action on 25 July 1918, age 31, and is buried in Marfaux British Cemetery.

Guardsman William McAdam Sharp, 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, born in 1889 at Paisley, was the son of Thomas Steven Nisbet Sharp, and Mary Taylor Thomson Sharp, of 107 Greenhill Road, Paisley. He started out with Kilbirnie Ladeside and joined Clyde in April 1910. The inside-left made five appearances in the Shawfield first team, four in 1909/10 and one in 1910/11. Sharp then had short spells with St Mirren and Johnstone. While with Johnstone he made one league appearance. He was killed in action on 8 July 1915, age 26, and is buried in Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos.

Private James Stevenson, 15th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry, born in 1877 at Paisley, Renfrewshire. He began his football career with junior side Ashfield before joining Clyde in 1894. In season 1894/95, he made 15 Division One appearances for Clyde, scoring four goals. The following season he was at Derby County, and he had five successful seasons with the Rams. In 73 first team appearances he netted 31 goals. Derby were FA Cup runners up in 1897/98. Two seasons at Newcastle United followed this with 34 appearances and 13 goals. A season at Bristol City in 1900/01 (23 appearances) and Leicester Fosse (seven appearances/one goal) followed, then he moved back to Scotland with Clyde, where he made a further 14 appearances, scoring five goals. He was killed in action in Flanders on 3 July 1916, age 39, and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.