

St George's School for Girls



What did St George's girls do in the Great War?

Dr Elsie Inglis, Edinburgh pioneer of war and social medicine, was the founder of the pioneering and voluntary WW1 field hospitals, staffed & run entirely by women, The Scottish Women's Hospitals for Foreign Service, 1914-19.

Edinburgh was unique in being able to supply large numbers of trained women doctors and nurses, as well as auxiliaries, to go to the front in support of the troops.

Money has been raised for a monument of Aberdeenshire granite at the Abbaye de Royaumont in France, recognising the work of Dr Inglis and the Scottish Women's Hospitals. A trust has been established to raise money "to erect a long overdue monument in Edinburgh's High Street to these iconic Edinburgh women, so strongly connected with the school. Women volunteer surgeons, doctors and nurses whose influence in the treatment of war wounded globally but also in relation to women in the Health Service, the professions, including HM Armed Forces and armed forces worldwide, has been so profound."



Dr Elsie Inglis in 1916

Elsie Inglis and St George's

Dr Inglis, pioneer woman doctor, suffragist and organizer of the Scottish Women's Hospitals had many links with the school. She was a friend of the founder of St George's, Sarah Mair. Miss (later Dame) Sarah Mair, as well as believing passionately in higher education for women, was President of the Scottish Suffragists during the First World War. Many St George's Old Girls served as doctors and nurses in the Scottish Women's Hospitals during the war.

Dr Inglis' nieces, Evelyn and May Simson (Upper Six 1892 and 1894) were St George's girls.

"It is among the girls and women especially that there has been a change in the outlook on life and a recognition of fresh duties and opportunities."

Elizabeth Stevenson, Headmistress

The staff, pupils and old girls threw themselves into war work in 1914.

The Headmistress, Miss Stevenson, one of the early women graduates of Cambridge University, believed that in return for equality women had to show their worth in the community. The war was a testing ground for her theory.

The school helped to raise money for hospital beds in France and for its own VAD hospital for soldiers at Churchhill in Edinburgh.

The new school hall was a hub of activities for the war effort, from sewing circles to lectures to fund-raising performances.

Old Girls of the School did war work in Britain and abroad, as doctors, nurses, clerks, munitions and agricultural workers, drivers, policewomen.

One was even appointed as a temporary "form master" at the Edinburgh Academy. The school magazine reported that Old Girls were to be found in all kinds of hospitals:

General and Military Hospitals in this country, and with the B.E.F. in France, Malta, Italy, Egypt and Salonika; Auxiliary and Naval Hospitals, on Hospital Ships and Casualty Clearing Stations. The Allies were not forgotten - in Serbia, Russia and France Old Girls were found. The horrors of bombardment, evacuation and retreat, of air raids, of being torpedoed and living through a typhus epidemic were experienced.



An Early St George's Sixth Form.

Julia Pringle, one of the first Old Girls to qualify as a doctor is at the back, centre.

This was the first generation of Scotswomen to enter higher education.

Many of them did war work from 1914

Notice

WARM CLOTHING FOR OUR INDIAN SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT OR IN HOSPITAL.

The Committee of the Indian Soldiers' Fund, organised by the late Lord Roberts, Lord Curzon, and others, have issued an appeal for help towards the following objects:-

1. To supplement the clothing already provided for our Indian Troops by the Government with articles which it does not fall within the responsibility of the Government to provide, and
2. To repair promptly and efficaciously the almost inconceivable wastage of the clothing of the Troops in actual war.

Mrs Gordon Lorimer (Nesta Maclean), who has already had the pleasure of collecting, and forwarding to the Committee, with the aid of friends, several bales of clothing as a first instalment for immediate despatch to the Front, would like to enlist for the object in view a share of the interest of St. George's School, and all who are or have been associated with it. Annexed is a list of the articles desired. The need is urgent and continuous, and Mrs Gordon Lorimer will be most grateful for further supplies addressed to her at 4 Dean Park Crescent, Edinburgh.

OFFICIAL LIST OF ARTICLES

Socks	Grey or natural wool of good quality, size 10 to 11 inches.
Gloves and Mittens	Woollen. Men's size, No. 8. Mittens should have $\frac{1}{2}$ fingers if possible.
Flannel Belts	Plain lengths of flannel, $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards long, 13 inches broad. Four steel safety pins attached.
Blankets	Brown or grey Army pattern.
Mufflers	Scotch fingering wool, soft, $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards long and 11 inches wide.
Sweaters	Knitted or woven, men's size for 38 inch chest.
Shirts	Army grey, blue or all wool natural, men's size for 38 inches chest, no collar band, neck 17 inches, armhole 24 inches, straight cut.
Undervests	Fine soft flannel or woven, chest 40 inches, opening over right breast, sleeve 11 inches, armhole 20 inches, length 30 inches.
Drawers	Fine soft flannel, waist and hips 50 inches, outside length 38 inches, inside 20 inches, width at thigh 22 inches, width at calf 16 inches, girdle at waist, tapes at ankle.
Waterproof Capes	Double texture, Paramatta, length 36 inches, arm slits.
Waterproof Ground Sheets	War Office pattern.
Pocket Handkerchiefs	Large coloured cotton.
Dressing Gowns	(For hospital) men's size, length 52 inches and 46 inches, of warm washing material.
Slippers	Soft carpet slippers for hospital, sizes 8 to 11.

St George's Red Cross Voluntary Aid Detachment

In Edinburgh in 1916 the V.A.D. opened St George's Auxiliary Hospital at 7 Churchhill. Old girls and pupils united in finding funds for it. Seven hundred convalescent soldiers passed through the hospital in its two-and-a-half years. It was just one example of the war-time service of women which nationally could be multiplied many times.



The St George's Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital

7 CHURCHHILL

The upkeep the hospital has been undertaken by the St George's No. 12 V.A.D. (Commandant - Mrs Inglis Clark) who not only have made themselves responsible for the rent of this house but have spent a considerable sum in altering the lavatory accommodation to the requirements of the Red Cross Society.

In addition, with the help of friends, they have furnished the staff rooms, and in great part the recreation rooms, and have also brought the garden into a satisfactory state, members of the V.A.D. and girls of St George's School personally digging and arranging the garden.

But even with the most rigid economy much money is required. The capitation grant from the Red Cross Society is supposed to provide food and meet general expenses but to make the men thoroughly comfortable extra luxuries are required, and the outlays are numerous.

To raise the necessary funds an At Home and Garden Party has been arranged, but independent subscriptions are urgently needed and will be welcomed.

Cheques should be made payable to the Commandant, Mrs Inglis Clark, 29 Lauder Road. Presents of Pheasants and Game, Fruit and Vegetables, sent direct to the Hospital.

Nursing on the front line

Florence MacLeod and Lucy Smith were among the many Old Girls of St George's who served as nurses. They were sent to Serbia and served with distinction at the Scottish Women's Hospital. Florence later went to Russia.

These photographs were sent to the school by Lucy Smith and Florence Macleod. They wrote frequently to the school of their experiences.





KRAGUIEVATZ

8th January 1915

We have actually started our hospital. We are relieving a Serbian doctor who ran this building single-handed, and is now absolutely exhausted. The wounded were lying on sacks of straw on the floor, and everything was horribly dirty. We have had the wards whitewashed and got our beds put up, and things are looking very nice. The men are charming and tremendously brave. One man in my ward had most of one heel blown off and two wounds in the leg: he suffers horribly, but he smiles and says "Dobro!" (right, good). Another, who talks French fairly, said he was so glad he had English sisters, as he would soon be back to fight the Austrians again. We have lots of Serbian orderlies, mostly prisoners of war, Slavs, Croats, etc., who surrendered to the Serbian army with the greatest joy. I have three orderlies under me. One is a Russian, a student from Lemberg, who was sent to fight against his will. Another is a poor Hungarian, who can get no news of his wife and children. It was hard for the Magyars, living on the plain, to go up into the mountains to fight the Serbs. One poor man died the other day. The other patients asked leave to sing their National Anthem while he had his last cup of coffee. I am awfully happy working out here.

Dr Gertrude MacLaren

Gertrude MacLaren was one of many Old Girls with links with Elsie Inglis and the Scottish Women's Hospitals. There were four MacLaren sisters at St George's - Evelyn (one of the first two Scottish Law graduates in 1909), Jessica or Jessie, Gertrude and Gretchen. Gertrude and Jessie both trained as doctors, completing their studies before the First World War. Gretchen later sent her daughter Marguerite to the school.

Gertrude MacLaren worked in Scottish Women's Hospitals during the war. She went to Serbia and was awarded medals for her work, presented to the school archive by her family.

The Retreat from Serbia

By DR GERTRUDE MACLAREN.

Reprinted from " Craigleith Hospital Chronicle."

Last July I went out to Serbia with a small unit of nurses and doctors to join the 3rd Serbian Relief Fund Hospital at Kragujevatz. Situated on the outskirts of the town, our hospital consisted of about seventy tents, of which thirty were hospital tents. A tent hospital is delightful when the weather is fine, but when it rains, as it very often does in Serbia, one hankers after a more substantial building. Before hostilities broke out in October most of our patients were civilians, with a few soldiers who had been wounded in the last campaign against the Austrians.

When the fighting began all our civilian patients were discharged to make room for the wounded, who poured in, in batches of sixty or seventy at a time. Most of the poor fellows were very badly wounded, and their patience and endurance were marvellous.

We were not allowed to remain very long in Kragujevatz, being told about three weeks after the first wounded arrived that all the British hospitals were to be evacuated. Transport by train was provided for the other two British hospitals, but that provided for us was by bullock wagons. We had about forty wagons, into which we had to pack all the equipment of the hospital, and the personal luggage of the Staff. Horse wagons and two motor cars were provided for the staff themselves. Our route was west to Kralievo, and then south to a monastery at Studenitza, which lies up in the hills about eleven miles off the main road. Travelling by bullock wagon is very slow work, and it took quite a week to get the whole hospital to Studenitza. One night, as we were camping in a field by the roadside, the Serbian soldiers who were with us produced a small pig for supper. We asked them where they had got it, but no one replied. "Did you steal it?" I demanded. Quickly the answer came from one who spoke a little English. "Serbian soldiers no steal, they *find*!"

The monks were very kind to us, giving us an old schoolhouse to live in, although it must have been a great shock to them to have their domain invaded by thirty British women. Here we stayed a fortnight, always hoping that we would be able to open a hospital in the monastery for wounded Serbs. But fate (and the Germans) decreed otherwise, and at the end of the fortnight we found ourselves again on the road, this time on foot. Coming down from Snidenitza, we passed a regiment of Serbian infantry, and when we got on to the main road we found ourselves right in the middle of the Serbian Army.

From then until we arrived at the port of San Giovanni di Medua, we walked alongside of the army the whole way. The roads were crowded, horse carts and bullock wagons blocking the middle, while soldiers and refugees jostled each other at the sides. The first day we walked about twenty miles, and slept in a stubble field. We decided to start very early next morning so as to get ahead of the army wagons, but although we were afoot before six o'clock, we found ourselves still in the midst of the never-ending stream. We hoped to reach Rashka that night, but unfortunately an accident happened which detained some of us. A quarrel arose amongst some Serbs, and one of them fired his rifle at random, wounding one of our sisters in the chest. Three of us remained behind with her, spending the night at a Serbian Field Hospital, and next day she was carried into Rashka on a stretcher by some Serbian orderlies.

One other sister and I stayed with her there for a day or two, and then brought her on by automobile to another Serbian Field Hospital, stationed between Rashka and Mitrovitzka, and here again we rested her before going on to Mitrovitzka. While we were at Rashka an Austrian aeroplane paid us a visit and dropped a few bombs, one falling in the courtyard of the hospital and wounding a patient. And always the endless procession of bullock wagons, soldiers, and refugees was passing I along the road, varied by an occasional motor transport lorry or an automobile belonging to military headquarters.

The day we were to set out for Mitrovitzka we were roused at 3.30 A.M., and found to our horror that it was snowing heavily. I was very unwilling to move our patient in such inclement weather, but the Serbian doctors insisted, believing the Bulgarians to be only two hours distant from the hospital. So we set out about six o'clock in a motor which they had managed to provide for us. Before long we were glad to get out and walk to keep ourselves warm, as the motor had to go at the same pace as the slowest of the bullock wagons. After a couple of hours the whole procession was stopped by a broken bridge, which took an hour to mend. This was done by Austrian prisoners. Later, we were again stopped, this time by a swollen river which took some time to ford in safety. We arrived at Mitrovitzka at eleven next morning, having travelled all night with nothing to eat but a small cup of soup and a piece of very sour bread. Here we had hoped to meet the rest of our unit, but we were doomed to disappointment. We found a note directing us to leave the wounded sister in a hospital there, as there was an English doctor, and to come on as fast as possible to overtake the unit. So in the afternoon we set off again in the automobile for Pristina. We travelled all night across the Chichavitza Plain - at least we were all night on the road, though most of it was spent in helping to mend punctured tyres - and in the morning we arrived at Pristina. Just before we got there we met a party of British marines who were camping nearby, and they took us to their camp and gave us breakfast, which was doubly acceptable, as there was *jam*, which was a luxury we had not seen for many a long day. Pristina was crowded with soldiers and refugees, and all the shops were shut as in the other towns we had passed through. We spent the night there, sleeping in a Turkish harem.

Next morning we set off for Prisirind, where again we hoped to meet the others. After two days' travel we reached this town, which is Turkish, and one of the oldest towns in Serbia. We found the unit staying in a harem, and after two days' rest we headed north for Ipek, as we heard that the Bulgarians had cut off the road to Monastir. At Ipek we started to cross the Montenegrin mountains. It was impossible to take wagons any further, as there was only a narrow track. We bought pack ponies at Ipek, and were fortunate enough to get one pony between two people. We discarded all our belongings except our bedding, as the ponies had to carry our food for four days as well as their own. A few days earlier there had been a heavy snowstorm followed by a severe frost, so that the track was very slippery. The path was just wide enough for two to walk abreast. Some parts of it were very bad, and how the poor ponies managed to keep their feet I do not know. If they had fallen they would have gone right over the edge of the precipice. We walked for ten hours the first day, although the Montenegrins had assured us that the first day's journey was only five hours. A Montenegrin hour, we soon found, was equal to at least two British ones. The night was spent at a very dirty house - more like a stable than a house. Some of us slept on the snow round a camp fire, so little did we like the look of the accommodation provided indoors.

[As Dr MacLaren was suddenly summoned to take charge of a hospital in Corfu, she was unable to complete the above article for the *Craikleith Hospital Chronicle*.]



The medals Gertrude Maclaren was awarded for service in Serbia

October 1914, the first issue of the school magazine to report on war work of Old Girls. Extract from a letter from Jean Murray, Nursing Sister at Boulogne.

We are getting nicely settled down here, and have plenty of work. We have the Casino for our hospital, and it is an enormous place. There are over five hundred beds, of which I have ninety-two in my ward. We have had our first batch of wounded yesterday, when I got seventy-nine, and it was rather a business getting them all fed and washed, and wounds dressed... Everyone works with will. Our poor men are dreadfully dirty, some of them, and have appalling wounds; but they are so plucky, and those with the worst wounds are pluckiest of all.



The Sixth Form in 1914

No. 8 WARD, 11 STATIONARY HOSPITAL,

Scottish BRANCH

ROUEN, 8th July 1915.

DEAR FRIENDS,

We have been very delighted this week with all the good things you have sent to us as the occupants of the St George's beds. The beds which you have so kindly subscribed for and given to the Scottish Hospital take the places 1, 2, and 3 in Ward 8. No. 1 which I occupy is first at the door, and as the tents are always open day and night, it is considered the nicest bed in the ward, as you can see everything passing on the road. I came down from the front last Sunday suffering from gas-poisoning, and it was very nice indeed to find a nice bed in the open air almost, with nice clean sheets, waiting for me. You at home can hardly realise what a comfort it is to get into a bed once again, after nine weary months in the trenches and dug-outs. Of the fellow soldiers in your other two beds, one was transferred to another hospital yesterday, and the other is not well enough to write, Thus it is left to me to thank you and the pupils of St George's School very much for the nice things you have sent, and for the kind thoughts which I am sure accompany them.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

Rflm. F. GRANT

"C" Company, 2nd Royal Irish Rifles

Copy of Post Cards

19th June 1915.

DEAR FRIEND,

I wish to inform you that I have great pleasure of receiving great benefit from your presentation bed which I am in at present. Thanking you very much.

From Cpl. R. MURPHY,

2nd Royal Irish Fusiliers,
No. 11 Stationary Hospital, Ward 8,
Rouen, France.

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12th June 1915.

I must thank you very much for your bed, which is very nice and comfortable. A great change from the farms and dug-outs. Between the nice soft bed and the nice nurses, it is just like being at home.

I am, yours truly,
Pte. JAMES LAWRIE,
No. 1,730, D. Coy.,
1/8 A. & S. H.

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CHERES MESSIEURS,

Je me crois en devoir apres avoir passe quelques jours sur votre lit No. 2 (votre aimable don) de vous envoyer quelques lignes en veu de vous remereier. Grace a vous et au grand confort que j'ai trouve ici, je serai en etat dans quelques jours de rejoindre mon regiment ce qui est mon soul desir.

Mille fois merci, Votre oblige,

Pte RICHARD GOUT,
25,613, C. Coy., 9th Platoon, 11th Batt,
King's Liverpool Regiment, 14th Div.,
British Expeditionary Force.

The Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

Many St George's girls did war work. The Roll of Honour which follows is by no means complete, but it includes all members of the OGA whose work was recorded.

Record of War Work of the Members of the OGA

ADSHEAD, WINNIFRED
Cook, St George's Hospital
Cook, Overseas Club

ALEXANDER, RAY
Overseas Club, Ramsay Lodge, 1915-18
YMCA Turnhouse, a few weeks

ALEXANDER, ELIZA
Overseas Club, Ramsay Lodge, 1915-18
YMCA, Nigg, December 1918 – February 1919
YMCW Turnhouse, a few weeks

BAIN, ANNIE
Cook at Oswald Road Hospital for six months
Nurse at Mayfield Auxiliary Hospital for eighteen months
Nurse at Royal Naval Hospital, Granton, for one month

BARR-DUNLOP, MAUD
Canteen work
Nurse at Longmore Hospital
Eglington Crescent Hospital
St George's Red Cross Hospital
3rd Scottish General, Glashow, and 82nd, 49th, 63rd and 28th General Hospitals, Salonika

BARR-DUNLOP, URSULA (MRS DUNLOP)
Convenor, Edinburgh War Dressings Supply Depot
Instructor in Handicrafts, Craigleith, from 1917 – 1920

BLACK, MARGARET
Fruit farming in Norfolk, Summer 1917

BLAIKIE, SUSAN (MRS FINDLAY)
Secretary to Financial Adviser to Coal Controller, May to December 1917.
Private Secretary to Head of naval Camouflage, December 1918 to February 1919

BOGLE, HARRIETTE
Work in Red Cross Rest Room, 1917
Gardening in Dunfermline, one year

BORROWMAN, JEAN (MRS MILLAR)
Canteen Work in Edinburgh

BROWN, DOROTHY
Cook in Scottish Women's First Aid Hospital, Oswald Road
Cook at Royal Victoria Hospital. Edinburgh.

BUCHANAN, ETHEL
Canteen Work
Sphagnum moss picking, Winter 1917-18.

CADELL, ELSPETH
Driving car in place of Chauffeur
CALLENDER, ALICE
Detachment work, Red Cross Rest Room, Waverly Station, October 1914 to July 1915
V.A.D, 2nd Scottish General Hospital, July 1915 to February 1917
No. 12 General Hospital, Rouen, November 1917 To December 1918.
Sick Sisters' Hospital, No. 8 General Hospital, Rouen, December 1918 to February 1919

CAMPBELL, HELEN
Rest Room Work, 1915-16 (During Vacations)
St George's Red Cross Hospital, 1916-18

CAMPBELL, AILSA
Secretarial Work

CAMPBELL, JENNY
In charge Of Father's business while an active service

CASSELS, ALICE
T.F.N.S 4th Scottish General Hospital. August 1914 To April 1917
Discharged as "Permanently unfit" with Disability Pension and silver badge
In local food office, February to October 1918
Divisional Treasurer for War Pensions, Rickmansworth, Herts., from June 1917

CATTANACH, META
Assistant at Red Cross Hall, Arcade

CHAPMAN, JESSIE (MRS WADDELL)
Local representative for Carmarthenshire Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association and Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society
District representative for Carmarthenshire Branch, British Red Cross Society

CLARKSON, RUTH
General Secretary V.A.D May 1918 To March 1919
In Dispensary of Royal Naval Hospital, Larbert

CRAIG, AUDREY
Work AT rest room, Waverly Station
Forestry, June To July 1918.
V.A.D. at Ruberslaw Convalescent Hospital, Crieff

CRAIG, SHEILA
St George's V.A.D, at Ruberslaw Convalescent Hospital. Crieff

CRERAR, DOROTHY
Scottish Churches' Huts, France for six months, then in Cologne

CRERAR. SHEENA
Nurse at 2nd Scottish General Hospital, July 1915 To March 1917

CROAL. EVELYN

Nurse at V.A.D Hospital, Haddington, August 1914 to October 1915
No. 16 General Hospital, Le Trepore, November 1915 to December 1916
1st Western General Hospital, Liverpool, until May 1918
25th Stationary Hospital, Rouen, until May 1919

DALMAHOY, LILIAS

Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association for the duration of the War

DARLING, MARY

Recreation Hut, Craigleith. May 1917 to June 1918
Boys' Brigade Hut, Mound, February to July 1918
Masseuse at 2nd Scottish General Hospital, April 1919
At Orthopaedic Annexe, May 1919

DARLING, ANNIE

Driving car, April 1916 to July 1917
Women's Legion Motor Driver, 614 M.T Company, R.A.S.C., November 1917

DAVIDSON. GRACE

Red Cross cafe in Arcade
Canteen work, 1915-17
V.A.D, Kingsknowe Auxiliary Hospital, Slateford, until 1919

DODDS. ISOBEL

June to October 1915, with the Scottish Women's Hospital Unit at Troyes Aube
As Housekeeper, October 1915 to March 1917
With the Friends' War Victims Relief Company on the devastated area of the Marne as head of
Maintenance Department, September 1917 to April 1918
In a Y.W.C.A canteen at Battersea as Welfare Worker to munition workers
At present, Hon. Secretary to the Edinburgh Committee of the "Save The Children" Fund

DOUGLAS, ANNA

Secretary of League of Honour for Women and Girls (Edinburgh Branch)

DOUGLAS. JEAN

Land work in Ross-shire. Nine months

DOWDEN, FANNY (MRS PYATT)

Visitor in Craigleith Hospital
Sold flowers in Arcade, one day weekly

DRAPER, MINA (MRS SHAW)

Farm work, July to November 1917
Electrical Examiner of wireless apparatus, Woolwich Royal Dockyard, January to November 1918

DRUITT, DOROTHY

Boys' Brigade Hut, Edinburgh, October 1916 To April 1918
V.A.D. 2nd New Zealand General Hospital, Walton-on-Thames, April 1918

DRUITT, HILDA

V.A.D. Red Cross Hospital, Park Street. London, 1915-16
Superintendent in Women's Legion from 1917

DUKE, JESSIE

Clerk to Local Tribunal, Brechin District. Also local Food Office

ELLICE, EGLANTINE

W.R.N.S. Clerk in Accounts Section of Admiralty

FAIRWEATHER, ELISE

Fruit picking, Auchterarder, Summer 1915

Farm work, Dorset, Summer 1916

V.A.D. St Leonard's Convalescence Hospital, Summer 1916

Statistical Assistant, War Office Contracts, July 1917 to April 1918.

Administration Assistant, Ministry of Labour, Employment Department, from June 1918

FIDDES, MAISIE

Munition work in Edinburgh, two and a half years

Scottish Churches' Hut, Le Treport, six months

GAUDIN, DOROTHY

Waitress at Blue Triangle Café, North Bridge (Sundays)

Helper with games at same place in evenings

GILCHRIST, CHRISTINA

Clerical work, Accountants' Department, Scottish Education Department, Edinburgh

New Zealand Y.M.C.A., Weybridge, from September 1918

GLASS, J. (MISS)

Teacher of French to men of 16th Battalion Royal Scots

GREEN, HELEN

T.F.N.S Staff Nurse, Craigleith, from October 1918

GREEN, ELSIE

Occasional V.A.D. Work

Sphagnum moss picking

GREEN, AGNES

Drove Butcher's Van in Edinburgh

Drove Mine Manager's Van, Sanquhar

G.S. V.A.D. Motor Driver in France

GREENFIELD, ELIZABETH

V.A.D. Craigleith, July 1918 to March 1919

HAIG FERGUSON, DOROTHY

Cook at Hopetoun Hospital, Deaconess Hospital and Royal Victoria Hospital for nearly three years

HAIG FERGUSON, CHRISTINA (MRS MARSHALL)

Half-day work in Parcels and Gifts Department, Craigleith Hospital, October 1914 to April 1915

One month's training, Royal Infirmary

Nursing at Hopetoun House Hospital. June to December 1915

Housework at V.A.D. Hostel, Learmonth Terrace, January to March 1916

Assistant Officer-in-Charge, then Officer-in-Charge, Hurdsfield House Hospital

Macclesfield, January 1916 to February 1919

HAMILTON, ISOBEL

Joint Secretary, Finsbury War Savings Committee, one year

HARDY, EVELYN

Land work in Roxburgfishire, five and a half months

Land work at Lauder, two months

HARDY, GRACE

Typist in Ministry of Munitions, London, September 1918 to April 1919

HENDERSON, LILY

V.A.D. St George's Red Cross Hospital, eighteen months, 4th Southern General Hospital, Plymouth

HEPWORTH, GERTRUDE (MRS MORRISON)
War dressings, September 1915 to January 1919
Y.M.C.A. Canteen

HOLTON, EMILY
Worker for Sphagnum Moss Depot. Albion Road
Secreterial work for Major Fleming, R.A.M.T.C., nearly a year

HOSSACK, JANE
Work in Admiralty

HUNTER, J. A. (MISS)
Member, War Dressings Association, Forfar

HUSBAND, CHRISTIAN
St George's V.A.D., October 1915
Rest Room, Waverly Station, until May 1917
V.A.D. Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, May 1917 to November 1918

HUSBAND, HELEN
Matron, Maudsley Hospital, awarded R.R.C.

HUSBAND, MARGARET
V.A.D. Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital. Dundee, June 1915 to March 1919

HUSBAND, JEAN
Worker at Soldiers' Club, Kilwinning

JAMIESON, ANNIE
In charge of welfare and comfort of Red Cross Nurses at Queen's Hospital. Dundee
Head Waitress, Royal Naval Hospital, Peebles, from December 1918

JOHNSTON, AGNES
Clerk to Hon. Secretary, Leith War Pensions Committee, Summer 1917
Worked on shifts, Princess Louise's Hut for Minesweepers, Granton, June 1918 to April 1919
Mound Club, Lister House, October 1918 to May 1919

JOHNSTON, ROSIE
Red Cross work at rest room, Magdala Crescent
Head Cook, Military Hospital, Edinburgh Castle
Assistant Administrator, Q.M.A.A.C., attached to K.O.S.B. Berwick-on Tweed
Deputy Administrator, attached 4th Reserve Battalion R.S.F., Kinross
Attached Reserve Supply Personal Depot, R.A.S.C.
Transferred to Catterick Camp as Technical Administrator

KENNEDY, MARY
Canteen work
Sphagnum moss picking, Summer 1916
Office work, Headquarters, Y.M.C.A., Edinburgh, Summer 1917
Temporary Clerk, Ministry Of Pensions, Chelsea, Summer 1918

KENNEDY, FRANCES
St. George's V.A.D., St. Leonard's Red Cross Hospital

KENNEDY-FRASER, PATUFFA
Organiser and Performer in 124 concerts, of which 80 were at hospitals and 44 for War Funds

KIRKWOOD, MARJORIE

Garden and poultry work, June 1915

Raspberry picking, July and August 1915

Matron, Nurse and Masseuse at Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital. Wells, Hawick, September 1915 to August 1917. Gang Leader, Women's Forestry Workers, Dunkeld, October to December 1917. Agricultural Co-operating Officer for Counties of Fife, Forfar and Kinross, under the Ministry of National Service, December 1917 to Autumn 1919

KIRKWOOD, ELIZABETH

In charge of factory tool store, Government Instructional Factory, Birmingham, August 1917 to February 1918

Assistant Supervisor in the Metropolitan Aeroplane and Tank Factory, Birmingham, February to April 1918

Official-in-Charge of Central Registry, Ministry of National. Service, South Western Region, May 1918 to February 1919

KIRKWOOD, PHYLLIS

Press Forewoman, Houston Munitions Factory. Glasgow

Pay Clerk in office of Messrs. Stobart, Colliery Owners, Bishop Auckland, Durham, January 1918 to October 1919

KNOTT, HANA (MRS ROBERTSON)

War dressings and canteen work

LAWSON, CONSTANCE (MRS SCOTT)

Y.M.C.A. canteen work at Deal, Summer 1917

Canadian War Hospital, Walmer, Winter 1917-18

Assistant Quartermaster, St George's Hospital, Deal, Summer 1918 to November 1919

LETHEM, CECIL (MRS NORRIE)

Doing locum work for doctors on active service, October 1914 to January 1918

During that time Anaesthetist at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary

Assistant M.O.H. (Infant Welfare Department) of Glasgow, from February 1918

LETHEM, DOROTHY

Secretary to Dental Officer, Scottish Command. October 1915 to March 1917

Secretary to American A.M.C. Liaison Offices, Adastral House, London, From March 1917

LORIMER, ELEANOR

Collecting and sending to Royal Scots, B.E.F one hundred pairs of socks a month, from September 1914 to January 1919.

LORIMER, CRAIGIE (MRS FITCH)

Probationer with British Eastern Auxiliary Hospital, Belgrade to Serbia, until evacuation. owing to capture of town by Germans and Austrians

Y.M.C.A. canteen work, Edinburgh and Nigg, October 1916 to October 1918

LORIMER, AGATHA

Mobilised with 2nd Scottish General Hospital, 11th AUGUST 1914

Staff Nurse T.F.N.S. There until May 1915

B.E.F. France, May 1915 to March 1919

LOWSON. JEAN.

Until December 1917, dish washing and setting suppers in local hospitals

Isleworth, worker in Splint Department, Kensington Red Cross Depot (Saturdays)

Relief work in France, January 1918-1919

LUNDIE, KATE (MRS BOOG WATSON)

Secretary to Principal Matron, 2nd Scottish General Hospital, January 1915 to March 1919

MACDONALD, ANNIE

Canteen work at station, Inverness

Nurse in Soldiers' Ward, Deaconess Hospital for more than a year

MACDONALD, GERTRUDE

Forth Garrison Office for eighteen months (1918)

Red Cross Office, Frederick Street, Edinburgh, until March 1919

MACDONALD, JOAN

P. of W. Depot, Cameron Highlanders

Worked as Packer, 1915

Helped at Soldiers' and Sailors' Home

Student, Agricultural College, Aldersley Hall, two years - holds Land Workers' Armllet

MACDONALD, AMY

Packer, P. of W. Depot, Cameron Highlanders, 1917

MACDONALD, MURIEL

V.A.D., "The Gables" Hospital, Gullane, 1914

Secretarial Work For The Foreign Office at Peace Conference

MACKEAN, ALEX

Clerical work at Recruiting Office, eighteen months

MACLAREN, DR GERTRUDE

Scottish Women's Hospital, service in Serbia from 1915

MACLEOD, ADA (MRS LIMONT)

Chairwoman of Ladies' Auxiliary to National Aid Committee, Southport

MACLEOD, FLORENCE

Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, September to November 1914

V.A.D. 1st Serbian Unit of Scottish Women's Hospitals, Kragurvatz, December 1914 to June 1915

V.A.D., Anglo-Russian Hospital, Petrograd, November 1915 to July 1916

V.A.D., Millicent Fawcett Hospital, nursing civilian Russians in Zemstvo Hospitals in Government of Kazan, July to November 1916

Assistant to Hon. Secretary, Edinburgh Central War Savings Committee, January 1917 onwards

Duty with St George's V.A.D. XII at Red Cross rest room. December 1916 to May 1919

MACLEOD, UNA

Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, September 1914 to April 1915

Clerical work at Red Cross Inquiry Bureau, Cairo, February to June 1916

Clerical work in Aliens' Registration Department of Eastern Mediterranean Secret Intelligence Bureau, June 1916 to September 1917

Head of Y.M.C.A. Canteen, Helouan, near Cairo, October 1917 to July 1918

Clerical work in School of Navigation and Bomb Dropping, R.A.F., Helouan, September 1918 to February 1919

MATTHEW, KATHLEEN

W.R.N.S. Divisional Headquarters for Scotland, eleven months

McCOLL, ISOBEL

Five terms as Class Mistress, Edinburgh Academy

Three weeks, Y.M.C.A. Hut in Flax Camp

MCLEOD, ELIZABETH

H.M Inspector of Factories, Home Office, attached N.E Division, three years, until February 1919

MCLEOD, CATHERINE

Q.A.M.N.S.R.. September 1914

Hospital Ship *Carisbrooke Castle*, travelling – 1) Southampton to Boulogne, Havre or St Nazaire; 2) Salonika to Port Said, Alexandria, Malta, Gibraltar, for one year and eight months. 27th General Hospital, Cairo, two and a half years.

McMINN, HELEN

All night canteen work at All Welcome Hut, Y.M.C.A., Victoria, on Friday nights

MACNAUGHTON, GRACE

Clerk in British Linen Company Bank, September 1918 to April 1919

MENZIES, ISOBEL

Wicklow and Avoca W.H.S Depot. Harvesting and land work

MIDDLETON, FRANCES (MRS YEOMAN)

Masseuse since November 1914

Almeric Paget Massage Corps, then Military Massage Service, Head Masseuse, Makersfield Military Convalescent Camp, Ashton

MILLER, MARGARET

V.A.D. Scottish Women's First Aid Corps Hospital

Clerk, Clydesdale Bank, George Street

MILNE RAE, GRACE

Duty at Red Cross rest room, Waverly Station, with St George's V.A.D. No. 12

MILNE RAE, LETTICE

Duty at Red Cross rest room, Waverly Station, with St George's V.A.D. No. 12

Shirt making for Red Cross

MITCHELL, VERONICA

Temporary Clerk, Scotland Divisional Office of Employment Department, Ministry of Labour

MITCHELL, MARGARET.

V.A.D. Nursing Member in Military Hospitals at home and overseas. Home Service, one year and seven months; B.E.F., one year and nine months

MITCHELL, ELIZABETH

In Office, Scottish Committee on Women's Employment, National Relief Fund, from October 1914

Hon. Secretary to above, August 1915. Member of Ministry of Reconstruction Committee on Women's Employment. Whitehall, from December 1916. Hon. Secretary, Women's Agricultural Committee, Upper Ward of Lanarkshire, from May 1917 to present date. Chairman and Acting Treasurer of Biggar and District War Gardens Co-operative Society Ltd. from April 1918. Practical food production and domestic work, 1916-18

MITCHELL, MARION

Superintendent, Stirlingshire Work Depot. Y.M.C.A. canteen work. Soldiers' Washing and Mending Clothes Bureau

MURRAY, HELEN.

V.A.D. Craigleith Military Hospital, August 1915 to May 1918

MURRAY, JEAN

2nd Scottish General Hospital, August 1914. B.E.F. France, October 1914 to April 1918. In the following hospitals: 13th General Hospital, Boulogne; 18th C.C.S. near Bethune; 20th General, Camiers; Surgical Observation, Etaples. Awarded R.R.C. Class 1

NEWNHAM, EDITH

Storekeeper at Whitehall, Rosewell. September to October 1916. Matron at Officers' Convalescent Home, Coldstream Mains and Lennel, Coldstream, October 1916 to January 1918. Sent during that period as Matron Housekeeper to Bowhill Officers' Convalescent Home, Selkirk, August 1917. Housekeeper and G.S. Superintendent to R.N.A Hospital, Peebles, January 1918 onwards.

NICHOLSON, DOROTHY (MRS NORTON)

V.A.D. No. 14 Midlothian. Served as Probationer in Military Ward No. 34 of Royal Infirmary. Edinburgh, June 1915 to April 1916 Nursed at Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, May 1916 to January 1917.

PAGAN, G. HILDA

Member of Almeric Paget Military Massage Corps, August 1914, for three years. Mentioned in October 1917 for 'valuable services in connection with the war'. For some months Masseuse at St George's Hospital, Churchill.

PAGAN, MARGARET (MRS BAILEY)

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of Musicians' Y.M.C.A. Appeal (Edinburgh). Gave musical lectures and recitals in different parts of Scotland

PAGE, FREDA

St. George's V.A.D. Rest room work at Waverly Station. Clerical work in an Insurance Office, one and a half years. Member of Forestry Branch of Scottish Women's Land Army, February 1918 to Autumn 1919

PARSONS, HELEN

Gardening to release a man. Hay harvest two Summers. Work at War Hospital Supply Depot

PATERSON, ELSIE

V.A.D., August 1915 to November 1917, Craigleith, St John's Hospital, Malta. War Savings Committee (Schools Department, three months in 1918. Scottish Churches' Huts, Etaples, November 1918 to May 1919, then with Army of the Rhine in Cologne

PATERSON, MARY (MRS DALE)

V.A.D, St. George's Hospital, Edinburgh, 1917. Flax pulling in Somerset and Fife, 1918

PEDERSON, ELIZA

Canteen work in Edinburgh and Nigg, one year with Scottish Churches' Huts in France

PEEBLES, HELEN

V.A.D. No.14 Midlothian. Worked at Gullane Red Cross Hospital

PRINGLE, JULIA

Work for doctors absent on active service. Worked at Infant Welfare Clinics, started in 1917 an Infants' Hospital, on voluntary basis, and carried it on for three years.

PRINGLE, MARGARET

Soldiers' And Sailors' Families Association

PROSSER, MAY

V.A.D. Cook in Royal Victoria Hospital. Worked in Labour Exchange in connection with Women's War Services

PROSSER, HELEN

Quartermaster, St George's Hospital, Churchill

REID, CHARLOTTE (MRS BEVERIDGE)

Visitor, Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, then for Edinburgh War Pensions Committee

REID, JENNIE

Work in connection with St George's V.A.D. No.12, August 1914 to April 1915. Nursing at Craigleith Military Hospital, April 1915 to June 1916. Nursing at St John's Military Hospital, Malta, September to October 1916. Canteen work under Y.M.C.A. and war dressings, February 1917 to April 1918. Nursing, Royal Herbert Military Hospital, Woolwich, June 1918 to May 1918

REID, BEATRICE

Munitions work. April 1916 to November 1918

REID, RUTH

V.A.D. Auxiliary Hospital, Dunfermline, March 1916-18

RIACH, MARJORIE (MRS MCCREATH)

St George's V.A.D, nursing at Craigleith, August 1915 to February 1916. Work in Scottish Churches' Hut

RITCHIE, ELLA

V.A.D. at (1) Cardon; (2) Churchhill; (3) No. 4 General Military Hospital. Plymouth, for about eighteen months

RITCHIE, J. RAMSAY

Clerical and enquiry work in 2nd Scottish General Hospital. Business Editor of Craigleith Hospital Chronicle, from May 1915

RITCHIE, JEAN (MRS MURRAY)

V.A.D. in Craigleith Hospital and in France

RITCHIE, LIZZIE

Y.M.C.A. Hut work in Havre

ROBERTSON, J. ELSPETH

Red Cross work, one year. Surgical Requisites Workshop

ROBERTSON, AGNES

Surgical Requisites Workshop, Eglinton Crescent

ROBSON, JEAN (MRS BINDLEY)

Y.M.C.A. Canteen, Edinburgh
Clerk in Lawyer's Office, one winter

RUTHERFORD, CECILE

V.A.D. Scottish Women's First Aid Corps Hospital. Secretarial work, Headquarters, Scottish Command. Duty at Red Cross rest room, Waverly Station

SANDERSON, MARY

V.A.D. Edinburgh War Hospital. Bangour, two years. Bank Clerk from December 1917

SIMSON, MARY

V.A.D No.12. Preliminary hospital work at Sick Children's Hospital and Royal Infirmary. Work at Red Cross rest room at Waverly Station, August 1914 to May 1915. Nursing at Craigleith Hospital, July to August 1915. Nursing at Mayfield Red Cross Hospital, October 1915 to May 1917. Nursing at Royal Naval Hospital. Granton, June 1917 to April 1919

SIMSON, JOAN

Violinist in one of Miss Lena Ashwell's Concert Parties in France for three years

SKELTON, EFFIE

V.A.D. No.12, Temporary Quartermaster, August 1914. Duty at rest room, Waverly Station, 1914-17. Visitor, Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, 1915-16. Visitor (occasionally Convener) Edinburgh War Pensions Local Committee, 1916 to present date

SIMPSON, ALINE

Forestry for periods of four and a half months in 1917, three months in 1918 (during vacation)

SIMPSON, MARGARET

Work at St George's Hospital, Churchill

SKINNER, NORA

V.A.D. Staff Nurse, Hoole House Hospital, Chester. Mentioned in Dispatches, 1917

SKINNER, CHRISTIAN

Canteen work, Y.M.C.A., Nigg. Scottish Churches' Hut, France, 1917-19

SKINNER, RITA

Canteen work, Y.M.C.A., Nigg. Scottish Churches' Hut, France

SMITH, ANNIE (MRS BUTLER)

Leatherhead War Depot, 1915-16. Lady Barrett's War Depot, Moree. Punjab, 1917-18. In Charge of Red Cross work in Campbellpore and Attock Ford Station Hospitals

SMITH, JOAN (MRS TURNER EWING)

Assistant Private Secretary, Ministry of Munitions, October 1915 to November 1916. Private Secretary to Assistant Controller of Munitions, Inventions Department, November 1916 to December 1918

SMITH, MARJORIE

Worked in French Auxiliary Hospital, Cannes, November to December 1914. Clerk to Medical Boards, 2nd Scottish General Hospital, November 1915 to July 1916. Secretary to Mental Specialist, Scottish Command, Royal Victoria Hospital, July to November 1916. Chief Clerk, Craiglockhart War Hospital, November 1916 to February 1917

SMITH, ANNIE

Work at Head Office of Commercial Bank of Scotland, from October 1916 to Autumn 1919

SMITH, LUCY

V.A.D. with Scottish Women's Hospital in Serbia for six months; two months with Anglo-Ethiopian Hospital, St Valery-sur-Somme. Massage work during holidays, Baschurch Orthopaedic Hospital, Star and Garter Hospital, Richmond and Edinburgh

SOUTAR, MARGARET

Eastern Red Cross Hospital, Dundee, October 1914-15. War Hospital, Dundee, October 1915 to April 1917. 4th Northern General Hospital, Lincoln, two years from May 1917

STENHOUSE, WINNIE

Work at Headquarters, Scottish Command (Medical Department) for nearly a year. V.A.D. St George's Red Cross Hospital. V.A.D. General Service Member. Scottish Command, until demobilisation in May 1919

STUART, MARGARET MOODY

Secretary, War Workers' Depot, August 1915-16. Secretary, Military Massage Department, 4th London General Hospital, August 1916-18

STEWART, MAGDALENE

Ledger Clerk in Head Office (Glasgow) of Messrs Nobel's Explosive's Co. Ltd. from August 1916. War Hospital Supply Depot. Sphagnum Moss Depot

STEWART, HELEN

Clerk in Royal Bank (Head Glasgow Office), fifteen months. S.W.L.A. Flax Picker, and from October 1916 in Forestry War Hospital Supply Depot. Sphagnum Moss Depot

STEWART, JEAN

Worked in a branch of the Intelligence Department, War Office, London

STEWART, FLORA

Worked in War Office, London, six months

SUTHERLAND, FRANCES

Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, six months. V.A.D. at Craighleith Military Hospital, May 1915-16

SYM, MARY L

V.A.D. 1914. St. Leonard's and St. George's Convalescent Homes. No.1 War Hospital. Exeter (two and a half years). War Hospital Supply Depot. Sphagnum Moss Depot

TURNBULL, MARJORIE

Clerk in Hope Street Branch of Royal Bank of Scotland, three years

WALKER, FAIRIE

Secretarial work in legal office

WALKER, MARY.

Work at office for tracing the missing and wounded, London

WALTON, MARGERY (MRS. HUTCHISON)

Land work in Ross-shire, nine months

WEDDERBURN, ISOBEL

Assistant Cook, Gullane Convalescent Home, December 1915. Assistant Cook, Mayfield Convalescent Home, March to June 1916. Assistant Cook, No.8 British Red Cross Hospital, B.E.F. France, July 1916 to January 1919. Head Cook with rank of Section Leader at British Red Cross Motor Ambulance Corps, Etaples, January 1919 to April 1919

WHIGHAM, MAIRI

Q.M.M.N.S., June 1916, Royal Victoria Military Hospital, Netley, Hants. 14th General Hospital, Wimereux, June 1918 to April 1919

WILSON, LILY

Voluntary Chauffeuse on Medical Officer's car at 2nd Scottish General Hospital for three years

WILSON, ELLA

Auditing Clerk in a C.A.'S office

WILSON, SYBIL

Cook to Serbian Relief Fund Hospital in Macedonia, from October 1917 for seven months. Ran soup kitchen for refugees for five months. Cook to hospital staff, USKUB, November 1918 to April 1919

WILSON, MARGUERITE

Y.M.C.A. canteen work, Mound, Edinburgh, on Sundays

WILSON, G. M. (MISS)

Welfare Supervisor at Waltham Abbey Royal Gunpowder Factory, Essex, for sixteen months. Welfare Superintendent for N.A.C.B. in Ripon Camp, for ten months

WOOD, AGNES (MRS KIRK)

Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, 1914-15. September 1916 to April 1917 Nurse at Convalescent Hospital, Montazoa, Alexandria, Egypt

WOOD, MARY

Munitions work in Edinburgh, nineteen months. Supervisor at Gretna, six months

WOOD, MARGUERITE

October to November 1915, teaching French, Inverurie Academy (man's post). Deputy Administrator, Q.M.A.A.C., July 1917 to May 1919. Service overseas, July 1917 to July 1918. Home Service, July 1918 to May 1919. Unit Administrator, from October 1918, discharged on medical grounds

WOOD, GEORGINA

Teaching (partly a man's work). Moss picking, Summer 1918

WOOD, EMILY.

Soldiers' and Sailors', 1915-16. Ward Maid in Convalescent Hospital, Henley Park, Surrey, 1916. Land work, Roxburghshire, 1917-18

WOOD, VIOLET

Tablemaid, Nurses' Quarters, Craigleith, three months. 1915. Gardening, Perthshire, 1916-17. Land work, 1917-18

WOOD, WINIFRED

V.A.D. Victoria Hospital, three months, Summer 1918

WRIGHT, EUPHANS

Head Forester at Blairmore, Argyllshire, for three years

WRIGHT, ELIZABETH

V.A.D. No.18. Edinburgh, Oswald Road Hospital. Waverly Station rest room. Sphagnum moss picking