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Pte. John Williamson Ballantyne 1139

Perhaps John's wife Helen waved him off from Larbert station? John's name appears on a list of casualties, hand written by Lt. Ian Bell on Carlisle Hotel writing paper. The list indicates that an officer, probably Bell, personally visited John's wife after the funeral. The Camelon Pipe Band joined up en masse to replace the pipers and drummers from the 1st/7th Battalion The Royal Scots who lost their lives at Gretna.

Research volunteer Kevin Burke chose John Ballantyne because he also comes from Camelon.



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The official roll of names was lost in the fire. In Carlisle the surviving officers had to compile their own.

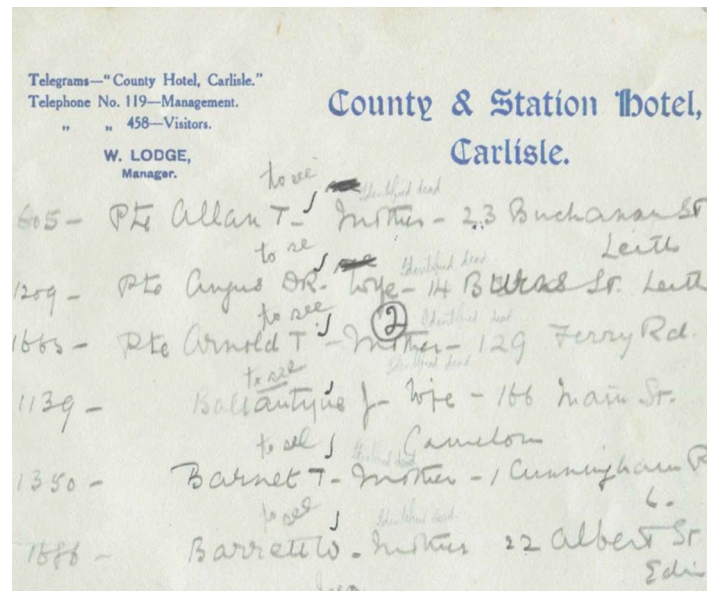


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Major J.C. Bell OBE MC, then a Lieutenant, was known as Ian. He was Platoon Commander of 'A' Company. His son Robin Bell kindly shared his father's story with the research group.

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