



Seven of the 7th

Pte. Archibald Simpson 1150

Archibald who lived at 113 Pitt Street married the nurse who tended him in Carlisle. The Leith Observer Saturday July 3rd 1915 printed a letter to the editor by Mr C.L Wallace who was in Carlisle Infirmary with appendicitis and placed in a ward filled with members of the 1st/7th The Royal Scots:

“...probably the most cheerful of all is Sgt Anderson who has a broken spine and is of course quite helpless. Yet to hear this man laugh and sing one would think he has no pain of any kind. It is indeed wonderful. Many of the others in the ward have two legs broken and other injuries beside involving much pain but life with them seemed like one long pic-nic and a long face is unknown. Evenings are generally spent in smoking, singing and general nonsense.”

Research volunteer David Nicol is acting in the community drama ‘Persevere’ and chose Archibald because his story, like the play, also reflects on the fact that some good things came from the crash.



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