

Erskine Church WAR MEMORIAL



(SMR1457)

A rectangular wall plaque made of composite stone. The border is of a plain black polished stone overlain with a broad band of green Elterwater mottled stone. The whole is polished in an "eggshell" finish. The border is enriched by a "reed and ribbon" moulding in bronze with seven reeds crossed by a ribbon device. The main panel is of Hoptonwood stone (a variety of marble from Derbyshire) of a fawn colour, with the inscription carved into it. The first word "THEY" is contained in a bronze laurel wreath. The plaque is mounted on the north wall of the aisle a little forward of the west gallery and was designed by Alex. Black, I.A., architect, Falkirk

**"THEY/ WHOSE NAMES/ ARE SET FORTH BELOW/
LAI D DOWN THEIR LIVES/
FOR KING AND COUNTRY/ IN THE GREAT WAR/ 1914-1918/**

1915

PTE JOHN COWAN ARG AND SUTHD HIGHLANDERS
SERGT WILLIAM DICK ARG AND SUTHD HIGHLANDERS
PTE THOMAS HETHERINGTON SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS
PTE JAMES A LIDDELL CAMERON HIGHLANDERS
PTE WILLIAM MILLAN HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY

1916

PTE HARRY BEGG ARG AND SUTHD HIGHLANDERS
PTE JOHN BROWN ARG AND SUTHD HIGHLANDERS
PTE JOHN HETHERINGTON HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY
PTE RICHARD LEISHMAN ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGT
PTE HENRY MEEK GORDON HIGHLANDERS
CPL ANDREW M MORRISON HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY
PTE JAMES STEWART ARG AND SUTHD HIGHLANDERS
SAPPER JAMES WALKER ROYAL ENGINEERS

1917

PTE WILLIAM FLEMING HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY
PTE JAMES HAY ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS
L/CORPL WILLIAM KIRK GORDON HIGHLANDERS
SUB-LIEUT JAMES M^cCULLOCH ROYAL NAVAL RESERVES

PTE CHARLES WYLIE ARG AND SUTHD HIGHLANDERS
PTE HUGH B WILSON KINGS OWN SCO BORDERERS

1918

PTE THOMAS AITKEN ARG AND SUTHD HIGHLANDERS
L/CORPL JOHN BURNS SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS
GUNNER JAMES CRAWFORD THE TANK CORPS
GUNNER JAMES B GALBRAITH ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY
PTE JOHN KEMP THE ROYAL SCOTS
LIEUT ROBERT MORRISON MACHINE GUN CORPS
CAPTAIN JOHN NELSON SS DUVA

THEIR FELLOW MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION/ HAVE ERECTED THIS
MEMORIAL/ TO THE GLORY OF GOD AS A THANKSGIVING/ THAT SUCH MEN
WERE OF THEIR NUMBER"

In the vestibule of the church was an illuminated roll of honour bearing the names of all the members of the congregation who served in the war, the work of W. Donaldson, Falkirk. Mrs Mungal, the oldest member of the congregation, was accompanied by Miss Dunsmuir, the youngest child in the Sabbath school, to perform the unveiling ceremony in May 1921. "As the huge Union Jack that had obscured the memorial from view fluttered softly to one side, a tense hush fell upon the audience, broken after a moment's pause by the opening noise of a pathetic lament on the bagpipes, played by Pipe-Major McLaughlan, Camelon. During the playing the congregation remained standing with bowed heads, and thereafter Mr. Dean gave the dedication prayer. Immediately after the benediction a voluntary was played on the organ, the audience again paying tribute to the glorious dead by standing solemnly the while..."