

## Polmont Old Parish WAR MEMORIAL

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**(SMR596)**

**Location:** (NS 9357 7931)

Originally erected at the side of Polmont Station Road immediately opposite the bowling green. Although officially called the Polmont War Memorial it was often referred to as the Brightons and Reddingmuirhead War Memorial. It was dismantled in June 1968 to make way for road widening and re-alignment. However it was not until September of that year that work started re-erecting it at Polmont North Church where it now stands.

**Description:** It takes the form of a wayside shrine. The centrepiece stands some feet

above the surroundings and it is the shape of a beautiful hexagonal column constructed of Creetown silver grey granite. Six panels bear the names of the fallen and above these are canopies each containing an ornamental bronze wreath. Surmounting, in letters of black, is the simple inscription "This monument was erected in grateful memory of the men who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War 1914-1919". Immediately below this the dates 1939-1945 have been added, with the line "We will remember them". At each of the four corners of the shrine was a pedestal surmounted by a lion rampant with shield. The pedestals were omitted from the reconstruction to enhance its appearance. The lions are of Lockerbie red stone, this serving to emphasise the purity of the granite monument which is said to represent the Trinity. Enclosing the shrine was a railing with a gate and a stair leading to the Monument. The railing was not re-used when the monument was transferred to its present location. The original land was gifted by Brigadier Kincaid Smith. Designer: Mr Robert Douglas of Messrs Robert Douglas and Sons, sculptors, Airdrie and Dumfries.

**Sculptor:** Messrs Robert Douglas and Sons.

**Unveiled by:** Brigadier General K J Kincaid Smith on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1922. Dedicated by Rev J Buchanan MacKenzie.

## Names of the Fallen:

### *First World War:* 113.

**Brightons & Craigs:** Capt William Learmonth Buchanan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Thomas Helm Laurie, Capt William A McPhail, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Robert Richardson, Pte Adam Burrell, L/Cpl Robert Clark, Sap Jas Dick, Cpl John Edgar MM, Sgt John Forbes, Pte William Hill, Pte David Hutchison, Pte John Hutchison, L/Cpl James Johnston, Pte James McDonald, Pte James Mill, Pte James Pender, AB John Ramsay, Cpl Jack Stirling, Pte Alexander Swinton, Pte John Thomson, Pte Kenneth McL Thomson, Pte Archibald Young, Pte William Younger.

**California:** Pte James W McAlonan, Gnr William McAlonan, Pte Duncan McLuckie, Pte Robert Rae, Pte Robert Shepherd, Sgt Alexander Thomson, Pte Charles Wilson, Pte Robert White.

**Polmont:** Maj James F Morris MC Croix de Guerre (Belgium) American Medal of Merit, RAF 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Colin H Stein, Pte Hugh Borthwick, L/Cpl John Borthwick, L/Cpl George Brechin, Pte John Caldwell, Pte Charles Carmichael, Gnr John Cochrane, Gnr Robert Gentleman, Pte Robert Gibb, Pte William Gibb, Pte Thomas I Jeffrey, Pte William Kay, Pte George Kay, Pte James Keigan, Cpl John Laurie, L/Cpl Donald McDonald, Pte James McMillan, Pte James Scott, L/Cpl James N Scott, Pte William Scott, Cpl Mathew Shutt, Pte John Smith, Pte Alexander Steel, Pte Adam Stevenson, Pte John Stevenson, Pte John R Stewart, Pte John Taylor, Cpl John Wilson, Pte Thomas Wilson.



**Redding:** Pte Daniel Bain, Pte James Carman, L/Cpl Robert Ewing, Pte William Forrest, Pte William Grant, Pte James Jack, Pte William Laing, Pte James McCutcheon, Pte James Martin, Pte George Maxwell, Sap John J Miller, AB Leslie Miller, Pte James Morrison, Pte John Murray, Pte John Robertson, Pte Jasper A W Thomson, Pte Walter Walker, Pte Anthony Weir, Pte Arch White, Pte Roderick Wyse.

**Reddingmuirhead:** AB Colin Anderson, Pte Gabriel B Carmichael, Pte Andrew Easton, L/Cpl William Forrester, Pte William Hannah, GPO James Hall, L/Cpl John Hall MM, Pte Walter G Lamont.

**Wallacestone:** L/Cpl Peter Bennie, Pte David Binnie, Sgt John Brown, L/Cpl William McAuley, Pte William McLuckie, Pte John Mackie, L/Cpl William Mackie, Pte Alexander Walker.

**Shieldhill:** Pte William Anderson, Pte William Beattie, Pte Thomas Bennett, Pte Thomas Gibb, Pte Robert Gray, Cpl John Jenkins, L/Cpl Dougald McCowan, Gnr Malcolm McIsaac, Gnr William McIsaac, Pte James Martin, Pte Kevin Meade, Pte Maxwell Mitchell, Pte John Ramsay, Pte Robert Sim, Pte Robert Skinner, L/Cpl John Smart.

*Second World War:* 24 men & women.

AB George A Alexander, Pte Alexander Brown, Sap James Brown RE, F/Sgt Robert Brown, W/Off Patrick Ford RAF, Pte Murdoch Gillies LAA, Cfm John W Gray REME, Spr Thomas Heeps, S/Sgt George Hotchkins RAOC, George C Myles OA, Cpl James McFarlane A&SH, Str Marion McMillan, Sub Lieut Pilot John Neilson RNVR, Pte Alexander Nicoll RASC, John L S Penman A&SH, Pte James E Pottie RPC, John C Roberts RF, Pilot Off John A Rose RAF, John R Russell RN, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ndrmn John Rutherford NN, Pte William P Shanks, Pte James Strang, AB John G Tripney, Pte Alex Wilson Pioneer Corps.