Foreword

Clan Chisholm Society.
Introduction to WW1 Memorial volumes.

My great aunt Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm was of course legendary in the family as I was growing up. A copy of 'The Cellar House at Pervyse' was to be found in our sitting room and often referred to. We were proud of her war-time reputation and of the many medals she had been awarded due to her work in WW1. She was of course also a loving aunt to my father, Chief Alastair.

Less well known was her beloved brother Uilean Hamish McUistean, my grandfather, who served during World War I in Palestine and Egypt. Uilean had resigned his position in the Trinidad Constabulary in 1915 and enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant with the British West India Regiment. Photograph albums and other memorabilia from his time in Palestine reminded us of his war service.

World War One therefore, although distant in time, was a current topic of conversation within the family during my childhood and beyond. The scale of the 1914 - 1918 war and the huge loss of life was well known and the topic was and is covered in the educational curriculum in Britain. Both Mairi and Uilean returned to their families, so many did not.

Travelling through Belgium for the unveiling of a statue in Ypres to honour Elsie Knocker and Mairi's work and attending the nightly ceremony at the Menin Gate brought home to me even more so the sacrifice made by so many. The Chisholm clan is not a large one but there are many Chisholm names from around the world listed on the memorial showing all those still missing whose remains have not been found.

The Clan Chisholm Society which was founded in 1951 by Miss Mairi and my late father Alastair, has supported the creation of these memorial volumes to those Chisholms who fell in battle or died of their injuries later. I thank all those clansfolk who have contributed to the piece of work and especial thanks go to Robert Chisholm of New Zealand without whose dedication the memorial would not have been possible.

Hamish

Andrew Francis Hamish Chisholm of Chisholm
This memorial booklet is a product of the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Forum, a discussion group open to all who share an interest in anything and everything related to Chisholm, with a heavy bias on Clan history, family histories, and Genealogies. 2014 saw the commencement of the centenary of the Great War, and we reflected initially on the remarkable courage of one of our Clan Chisholm Society Founders, Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm. Her story is well told in many places, so it won’t be repeated here, but in her memory we dedicate this commemorative series, and specifically this booklet, which catalogues the Chisholm lives lost in the West Flanders section of the Western Front. In remembering Mairi, the Forum decided also to remember all those Chisholms who served and never returned. Those covered in the booklet are those whose names have been retrieved from Commonwealth and War Graves Commission Records. Regrettably we cannot cover many Clansmen who are sons of Chisholm mothers, as there is no easy way to retrieve that data. On some occasions, such a person who has “Chisholm” as part of the name, gets captured by the search engine, and these people have been included.

We have not been able to cover the great many Chisholms who served and did return, in many cases shattered in body and/or mind, but to them we acknowledge our respect. Likewise there would have been a courageous group of conscientious objectors; we can only sadly reflect that their views did not find favour with the politicians who lead the nations of Europe into a disaster of such magnitude that we are still suffering from the effects of the Great War. The defeat of the Russian Empire saw the rise of communism and the Soviet Union; the defeat of the German Empire gave rise to Nazism and a second world war; and the defeat of the Turkish Empire gave us the hodge-podge which we now have today in the Middle East.

This booklet is the first in a series of five proposed to commemorate the lives of our Chisholm clansmen who fell during the conflict. Subsequent editions will cover the Middle East, France (2 editions) and those who are buried or commemorated on home soil. The memorial booklets would not have been possible without the information being available from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and its US counterpart. Of great value have been the personal archives made freely available by the Australian and Canadian governments. Many photos have been taken from internet sources, and an apology is offered in advance if any copyright has been infringed.

The format is chronological, listed in order of the date of death. Varying amounts of information concerning the fallen clansmen has been found. Great effort has been made to identify the family, and to note the parents and siblings. This is so that readers might identify one of their own family members. If that is the case, and the reader can provide further information, or a photograph, please get in touch.

If the family has been found in the Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database, this has been noted on the commemorative page. Several families on the database have been extended, based on the information found during the research phase of the project. In many cases where a family is not found in the database, the Forum and the research files contain a sizeable cache of genealogical information, awaiting only an interested family member to get in touch and use the information to create a family tree for inclusion on the Database.
In the same manner, if the soldier has a known link to a family which is part of the Clan Chisholm DNA Project, that information is shared.

Where there is a link to a family known to descend from a Clan Chief, this information is shown by the use of the Chisholm heraldic device. With one exception, these families are limited to what are known as the Lietre and Knockfin branches of the Clan. While we know from the DNA project that many more families descend from a Clan Chief or a Border Baron, we do not have accurate genealogical information to positively identify the link.

The project is an ongoing electronic project. This means that further information or photographs can be added if readers recognise their own family member, and submit the information. Readers are encouraged to assist the project in this manner.

The World War 1 centenary memorial project would not be possible with the assistance of many people, too many to mention all by name but among them are:

Bob Chisholm of Sussex, Forum Founder and Database Administrator, who has provided both genealogical and military information and whose vigilance ensures that enthusiasm, does not override accuracy.

Alastair Chisholm of Hampshire, Forum master, who shares his wide knowledge of Strathglass genealogy, and who ensures the Forum is kept operational.

Anna Chisholm Dickinson, the sleuth of Spokane, who has helped track down many of the families concerned.

Ian Chisholm and Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield also provide valuable assistance, and several other individuals have provided valuable information on specific families, including Val Chisholm-Perry who provided a personal copy of the book “Catholics of Antigonish in the Great War”.

Contact details for various Clan Chisholm projects associated with the World War One Centenary Remembrance Project are listed below.

Robert Chisholm (Auckland NZ) convenor of the WW1 Centenary Memorial Project Group.

**Clan Chisholm International Genealogical Forum:** Open to all. Registration required.

http://www.chisholmgenealogy.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl

**Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database.** Open to all members of Clan Chisholm Society, ask your branch secretary for the password. http://www.clansman.info/index.php

**Clan Chisholm DNA Project.** Open to all (testing fees apply) Help locate your family history by following the trail of the Y chromosome back in time. Clan Chisholm contains traces of all those who have invaded Britain, or attempted to, from days of Druids and Stonehenge, the Roman Empire, The Gaelic Invasion, The Angles and Saxons, the Norman Conquest, and the Spanish Armada, and then several New World additions as well. The project has been able to confirm the historically accepted account that the Chisholm Founder was of Norman origin.


To offer support or further information regarding any serviceman, go to the Clan Chisholm Forum, or email rpchisholm@gmail.com
Mairi Chisholm

Of Chisholm

In service, West Flanders 1914-1918

Daughter of
Chief Roderick XXX1

Great Great Granddaughter of
The Fair Lady of Strathglass
Prood maun ye lie,
Prood did ye gang;
Auld, auld am I,
But O! Life’s lang!
Ghaists i’ the air,
Whaups cryin’ shrill,
An’ you nae mair
I’ the field by the lirk o’ the hill –
Aye, bairn, nae mair, nae mair,
I’ the field by the lirk o’ the hill

Violet Jacob (1863-1946) lost her only son Harry on the Western Front.

The theme of this short poem expressing her grief is something shared by so many of the Chisholm mothers and fathers whose sons never came back.
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Cameron Highlanders

11 November 1914

Born Lochboisdale, South Uist. Last known address in South Uist: Stilligarry. Enlisted at Glasgow
Killed in action 11 November 1914. First Battle of Ypres
Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) memorial, panels 38 and 40. Local memorial: South Uist

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate)

Rosshire Journal 1 Feb 1918 carried an article on 4 cousins, all named Roderick Chisholm, all grandsons of the late Roderick Chisholm of Clunes.

FOUR RODERICKS CHISHOLM
There is reproduced to-day photographs of four cousins all bearing the same Christian name of Roderick and the same surname of Chisholm, all of whom are grandsons of the late Roderick Chisholm, Clunes, Inverness-shire. All four have made the supreme sacrifice, no hope being left, it is believed, of the man reported missing. Each of the four cousins was the eldest son of his father, the particulars of the four cousins are as follows:

(1) Pte. Roderick Chisholm, King’s Liverpool Regiment (died of wounds), son of Geo. Chisholm, R.D.C., 65 Shamrock Street, Garnethill, Glasgow, whose wife is a daughter of the late Mr Alex. Vass, Balintore, Ross-shire. Prior to joining the Colours, he was employed by Manfield & Sons, Buchanan St., Glasgow.

(2) Lce.-Corpl. Roderick Chisholm, Cameron Highlanders (missing since Nov., 1914), son of the late John Chisholm, Grogarry, South Uist, was a Regular.

(3) Sergt. Roderick Chisholm, Cameron Highlanders (died of wounds), son of Evan Chisholm, Garscube Road, Glasgow. Prior to joining the Colours he was employed in a bond store, Robertson Street, Anderson, Glasgow. His mother, who was a Miss Junor, hailed from Dingwall.

(4) Lce.-Corpl. Roderick Chisholm, Royal Scots (killed), son of Roderick Chisholm (officer), H.M. Prison, Peterhead, was a Regular.

Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 11
9673 Private Duncan Chisholm
1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders

14 DECEMBER
1914

Duncan Chisholm, born in Govan, Glasgow in 1887.

Duncan joined the Gordons in 1905, aged 19.

He was the son of Duncan and Maggie Chisholm, and has younger brothers;
Donald, Angus, James, John K, and Alexander. Although Private Duncan was born in Glasgow, his family history goes deep into the highlands near Inverness, with father Duncan born in Clunes, and grandfather Donald born at Dores. Prior to military service, Duncan was a Tailor, as was his father.

Duncan died of wounds on 14th December 1914, aged 27, in the First Battle of Ypres

Memorial: Menin Gate

Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 38
8990 Private Alexander Chisholm
D Coy. 2nd Bn. Cameron Highlanders

19 February
1915

Alexander Chisholm born ca. 1890 Croy Inverness-shire,
Son of Donald Chisholm & Elizabeth Chisholm, King’s Stables, Culloden
Census shows older brother Donald, younger brothers John, Duncan, William,
and sisters Mary and Margaret.
Killed on 19 Feb 1915 at Helve, aged 25

Burial: Voormezeele Cemetery Enclosure #03
Ypres (Ieper) West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: II.C.8
46995  Private Charlie Chisholm
13th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Quebec Regiment)

24TH APRIL
1915

Born 26 September 1894, Boston, MA, USA.
Son of Fred and Margaret Chisholm. Next of Kin Miss May Chisholm, Boston MA
Occupation: Miner. Religion: Presbyterian. Enlisted at Valcartier, Quebec, 26 Sept. 1914
Remembered at Menin Gate, and on page 9 of the Canadian book of Remembrance

Died 24th April 1915, aged 20. Cause of death unknown. However on 24 April, in the Second Battle of Ypres, the Canadian line west of St Julien was subjected to Chlorine Gas attack, and he was missing, presumed dead. Charles’ body was never found.

His next of kin, May Chisholm of Boston, was never located

Memorial: Menin Gate
Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 24-26-28-30
Lieutenant Alistair Edward Chisholm
3rd Battalion Royal Scots

25 September
1915

Born in India, 1894. Eldest son of Mr Edward Consett Chisholm and Arabella Cary-Elwes
Lt. Alistair Edward Chisholm is remembered on the Menin Gate and at the war memorial in Peterborough, and on the Peace Memorial at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill on Sea.

Brother of Air Commodore Roderick Aeneas Chisholm DFC, night fighter Ace in WWII.

“Second-Lieut. Alistair Chisholm, Royal Scots, attached to 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers as bombing officer, was killed in action on Sept. 25th at Hooge, in the last engagement in the 2nd battle of Ypres. (The second attack on Bellewaarde).

Standing alone on the parapet of the third German line of trenches, he kept the enemy at bay two and a half hours, throwing bomb after bomb as they were handed to him by his men, until a German bomb burst at his feet, killing him almost instantaneously.

He was twenty-one, educated at Downside and Ushaw, and returned from the Argentine at the outbreak of war to join the Army.”

Chisholm Genealogical Database
ID 1320 Knockfin
Gr.gr.gr.gr.gr grandson of THE CHISHOLM
Chief Alexander XVII

Memorial: Menin Gate

Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 11
12706 Private John Chisholm
10th Durham Light Infantry

12 October
1915

Born Metal Bridge, Durham. Ca 1893 Lived at 32 Croxdale Colliery. Aged 22.

Occupation Miner Putter.

Father William Chisholm aged 41 b. Shildon.

Mother Jane Chisholm aged 42 b. Trimdon.

In a quiet part of Southwick, away from the hustle and bustle of daily life, lies a memorial stone commemorating the sacrifice made by some of the men who enlisted in the armed forces in the First World War.

The memorial names some 174 men from Wearmouth Colliery and, as can be read from the inscriptions, they gave exemplary service and some were highly decorated for their valiant efforts.

The inscription on the memorial stone reads:

PRO PATRIA

ERECTED IN MEMORY OF THE MINERS OF WEARMOUTH COLLIERY WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR, 1914 - 1918

The stone is located at the Wearmouth Colliery Welfare Cricket Ground, Thompson Road, Southwick, Sunderland.

John had many siblings: brothers Robert, Harry, Oliver, and sisters Mary, Marriot, Kate and Florrie.

He also had Uncles John O, Thomas, and Robert E, a large family closely associated with the coal mines of County Durham.

Burial: Voormezeele Cemetery Enclosure #03
Ypres (Ieper) West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: VIII. A. 3.
71678 Private Jack Chisholm
27th Battalion Canadian Infantry Manitoba Regiment

12 November 1915

Born March 29 1890 in London England
Killed in Action 12 Nov 1915
Son of William Chisholm & Lena Chisholm, Alingly, Prince Albert Saskatchewan
Brother of Charles Alfred (Bombadier 19th Battery Canadian Field Artillery), Fred & Joseph
Private Jack’s father William is from near the original Chisholme homeland,
Born at Hawick in Roxburghshire, ca. 1867. Moved to England, emigrated to Canada in 1912

46655 Gunner Isaac Thirlwall Chisholm  
50th Trench Mortar Battery  
Royal Garrison Artillery

10 February 1916

Born Jarrow, County Durham, 11 Nov 1892
Son of the late Andrew and Frances Chisholm (nee Thirlwall), of Jarrow.
22 Nixon Street, Jarrow. Factory Machinist at Ropeworks

Died of wounds on 10th February 1916, aged 23
Commemorated on the Triptych in St Paul’s Church, Jarrow

Burial: Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery. I. E. 16
Ypres (Ieper) West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium
He died on 26th February 1916 at the front, the southern edge of the Ypres Salient. The trenches of the 9th battalion were bombarded with enemy grenades, and the Northumbrians suffered 28 casualties, which included Private Robert, and he died from the wounds received in this attack, and is buried nearby at the Bedford House Cemetery. It has been difficult to trace the family of Robert as there is nothing in the surviving army records. The register of effects gives no indication of a next of kin, there is no request made to have an inscription on his headstone, and his 3 war medals, including the 1915 star, were returned. This leads to the conclusion that he may have been without a family, and the 1901 census records do show a young boy of 10 as an inmate in the workhouse at Elswick.

At Newburn Hall in 1911, a few miles upstream on Tyne, there is a single boarder named Robert Chisholm, working as a Miner Putter. St Michaels Church in Newburn records R Chisholm on their roll of honour. Robert Chisholm of Newburn (1911) was born in Kirk Yetholm, and there is a birth for a child named Robert Elliot Chisholm in 1890 in Yetholm, an illegitimate son to Elizabeth Chisholm, and thereafter this Robert is not to be found in Scotland. It is most likely that R Chisholm who is memorialised on the plaque at St Michaels Newburn, is the Robert Chisholm who appears in the Newburn Census of 1911, and gives his place of birth as Yetholm, and that would be Robert Elliot Chisholm, son of Elizabeth Chisholm. Unwanted, unclaimed, his family were the workhouse inmates, the miners of Newburn, his Geordie comrades of the 9th Northumberland Fusiliers.

**Burial: **[Bedford House Cemetery](#)

Ypres (Ieper) West Flanders, Belgium Plot: Enclosure No 2 II.C.4.
12728 Private Duncan Chisholm
2nd Battalion Scots Guards

Duncan Chisholm, born in Aberdour, resided in Barrhead.

Killed in Action on 19th April 1916.

A determined enemy action to take Wieltje was made on 19 April 1916, the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards took the brunt of this. 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards close beside in this action.

Remembered on the Menin Gate, and the Barrhead Church Memorial, and on the Scottish Mining Memorial.

Son of John Chisholm (b Leith 1851) and Bridget O’Neil Chisholm

Brother of Harry, John, Grace, Mary, William

Grandson of John Chisholm and Grace McLennan (Culbokie)

Nephew of Duncan Roderick Chisholm, Donald McLennan Chisholm, and Jemima Chisholm

Memorial: Menin Gate

Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 11
114773 Lance Corporal James Robert Chisholm
9th Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles

3 June 1916

Born in Scotland, Sept 17, 1885
Rancher at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. Enlisted Dec 21st, 1914
Killed in Action 3rd June 1916, aged 30
Battle of Mount Sorrel

Remembered at Menin Gate Panel 30 and 32
Commemorated on page 66 of the First World War Book of Remembrance, and on the Stratherrick War Memorial

Son of Angus Chisholm (Shepherd, b 1859 Glenshiel) and Margaret (McLaren) Chisholm of Knockcarroch, White Bridge, INV. Siblings John, Maggie, Alexander. (Alexander in picture below)

Grandson of John Chisholm and Anne Macrae

Memorial: Menin Gate and Stratherrick Memorial

Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 30-32
406272  L. Cpl. Christopher Chisholm  
Canadian Infantry (19 Bn Central Ontario Regt.)

5 JUNE  1916


Husband of Frances Chisholm, Silverthorne Heights, West Toronto.

Son of the late William and Martha Alice Chisholm, Lancaster, England

Educated at Ripley, Christopher served in South Africa with the Kings Own Volunteers.

12 years service with Royal Lancastrian Regiment.

Brother of John, Joseph and Martha Chisholm

This Lancastrian family has a Highland heritage. William Chisholm was raised by his stepfather Christopher Thwaites, his late father Donald Chisholm, was a tailor, born in Gairloch 1804.

He was employed at White Cross Mills and emigrated to Canada in 1913. Some records show his name as Chisholme, and his brother Joseph served in the KOSB, later the Royal Engineers.

Burial:  Reninghelst New Military Cemetery
Poperinge, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: I. E. 3.
Private John Walter Chisholm was born in Toronto, October 28, 1896. Son of Rev John Chisholm and Elizabeth McKinnon, 320 MacKay Street Montreal.


Rev John Chisholm, Presbyterian Minister, was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia in 1852. Both his parents, Hugh and Catherine Munroe, were born in Scotland.

It is possible that Hugh’s parents are Alexander Chisholm and Mary Robertson, and amongst his brothers are the Rev Donald Chisholm of Boleskine. This family is said to be associated with the Teawig family.

Private John Chisholm has siblings Hugh Alexander, Florence, Zelda, & Donald Munroe.

Burial: *Menen Communal Cemetery*

Menen, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: III. A. 3.
A4041 Private Reginald Gladstone Chisholm
3rd Battalion Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment)

13TH JUNE
1916

Born 14 January 1890, Toronto
Died June 13, 1916, aged 26, at The Battle of Mount Sorrel

Son of David Chisholm and Mary Eva Miller, 17 Bloomfield Ave, Toronto

David Chisholm (1866-1959) was born in Selkirk, Scottish Borders, and is the son of James Chisholm & Anne Howden. He married Mary Miller on 27 Dec 1887 at Middlesex, Ontario.

Reginald is the brother of Ruth, Mabel, Melba and Eunice. He is remembered on the Menin Gate, on his mother’s headstone in Toronto, and on the various Canadian Memorials.

Memorial: Menin Gate

Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 18-24-26-30
2507 Private James Seaton Chisholm
5 Battalion Border Regiment

27 July 1916

Enlisted at Whitehaven, Cumberland

Killed in Action on 27 July 1916 aged 21

James was born in Whitehaven in 1895, son of Samuel Seaton Chisholm and Annie. He was a coalminer at the time of enlistment in September 1914. He was killed on 27 July, he was going into the dug out to fetch his hard hat when a shell hit and killed him and two of his 5th battalion comrades.

James’ father Samuel was born in Auchencairn, Reerrick Parish, Kirkudbright, in 1865. His mother was Helen Chisholm, father not named. A strong suspicion would be that the father’s name was Seaton, as young Samuel was given this name, and it continued with his oldest son, Private James Seaton Chisholm. The extended family had moved to Whitehaven by 1871. James had siblings Richard, Samuel and Ellen/Helen, and several Chisholm cousins.

He is remembered on the St. James Whitehaven War Memorial.

Burial: Dranourte Military Cemetery
Dranourte, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: II.G.1
6970 Private John Chisholm
13th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF

10 JUNE
1917


Remembered in 3 places:
Menin Gate, Panel 7-17-23-25-27-29-31
Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Panel number 68, Roll of Honour.
Memorial Inscription at Tommacross, Kiltarlity.

Private John’s father Duncan lived at Ness Cottage, Ballifeary, Inverness, and he was the son of Alexander Chisholm (farmer) and Isabella Fraser.

Memorial: Menin Gate

Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 7-17-23-25-27-29-31
242036 Private Stephenson Chisholm
1st/5th Battalion Gordon Highlanders

27 June
1917

Born North Shields, Northumberland, 25 April 1885. Stephenson was son of Stephenson Chisholm (Database I19 Stephenson Chisholm Tree) and Mary Tate of North Shields. He was educated at York Street School in Aberdeen and was by trade, a Tinsmith. He married Williamina Duthie McIntosh 1907 and had 3 children, Ann Ada born 25 May 1908, Stephenson b 28 Feb 1910, and John b 13 Nov 1913.

Stephenson joined the Gordons in July 1916, served with the Expeditionary Force in France from 28 Nov 1916, and was killed in action near Ypres, on 27 June 1917.

Commemorated in Aberdeen City Roll of Honour and C&E Morton Memorial. Private Stephenson is from a long line of Stephenson Chisholms and Robert Chisholms, all with maritime associations. The first Stephenson Chisholm may have been the son of Robert Chisholm and Mary Stephenson, who were married in Christ Church, Tynemouth, in 1789.

Burial: Vlamertinge New Military Cemetery
61037 Private John Chisholm
1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby)

31 July
1917


Brother in law of Clara Chisholm, 50 Bevenden Street, New North Road, London.

31 July 1917 marked the commencement of the 3rd Battle of Ypres, later known simply as “Paschendaele”. On this day the Foresters were in action at the Battle of Pilkem Ridge.

Remembered on the Menin Gate.

John was one of the many sons of Edward Chisholm, cabinet maker of Clerkenwell.

Edward’s father was George Chisholm, born in Newcastle ca. 1811, who came to London between 1841 and 1851.

Memorial: **Menin Gate**

Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 41
35533  Private Alfred Chisholm
6/7th Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers

31 July 1917

Born Edinburgh, Biscuit Factory machinist, resided at 63 West Scotland St. Glasgow. Killed in action 31 July 1917, aged 38. This day saw the opening attack for 3rd Battle of Ypres, better known as “Paschendaele”. On this day the Royal Scots were in action at the Battle of Pilkem Ridge. Picture below shows an advance dressing station at Pilkem Ridge. Private Alfred Chisholm left behind a wife, Jessie (nee Horn), and at least 2 sons, Andrew and Peter.

His father was Andrew Chisholm, born in Forfar, and his grandfather was also named Andrew Chisholm, worked as a park keeper at Kinnaird in Forfar. Grandfather Andrew was born in Ayton Berwickshire. Berwickshire is an ancient homeland of the very early Chisholms.

Remembered on the Menin Gate, and the Glasgow Roll of Honour

Memorial: Menin Gate

Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 19 & 33
Major John (Jack) De Havilland Chisholm-Batten

6 August 1917

Born 14 Oct 1889 in Sheffield, one of four sons of Lieutenant Colonel James Forbes Chisholm-Batten and Anne Douglas Chisholm-Batten, of Thornfalcon, Somerset, and Aigas Forest, Inverness-shire.

In 1908 he passed into Woolwich, and in December of the following year obtained a commission in the R.F.A. He had recently returned from India when war broke out, and went to France with the original Expeditionary Force, being wounded at the Battle of Neuve Chapelle. He subsequently served in Gallipoli, and in 1916 returned to France, where he was again wounded on the Ancre. He was killed in action near Wytschaete on August 6th 1917.

His elder brother, 2nd Lieutenant James Chisholm-Batten was killed on 30 Sept. 1915 at Vermelles and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial.

Burial: Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery
Heuvelland West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: III. A. 15.

Great Grandson of
The Chisholm
Chief William XXIV
17903 L.Cpl. William Chisholm
Machine Gun Corps

18 August
1917

Died August 18, 1917, aged 29

Son of James Chisholm (blacksmith) and Catherine Chisholm of Inverness

Brother of Jemima, John, Margaret, Catherine and Christina.

Paternal Grandson of William Chisholm (Blacksmith) and Jemima Allan, Wester Kirkhill.

Maternal Grandson of John Chisholm crofter of Reelick, and Margaret McDonnell

Sister Miss Catherine W Chisholm, of 59B Admialty Cottages, Invergordon, Nigg Bay,

provided the CWGC with the text to his headstone, “Thy Will Be Done. RIP”

Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database

Maternal Grandparents ID 25, 113 Chisholm- Rhinvaiderk Tree

Burial: Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No. 8
Ypres (Ieper) West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Plot: II.E.3
6070 Private Fredrick George Chisholm
20th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF

20 September
1917

Born in Camberwell, London ca 1881. Son of Mrs Maria Chisholm, 43 Hollivale Road, Peckham.

Father was George Chisholm, stonemason, born ca 1846 in Dores, Inverness.

He has siblings William, Edward, Sidney, Henry, Archibald, Ethel, Albert.

Grandfather William Chisholm, Coachman at Aldourie in 1851

Served 12 years British Army (East Surrey Regt.), incl. Boer War service.

Occupation: Patrol Officer, Papua New Guinea. Religion: C of E

Killed in Action at The Battle of Menin Road Sept 20, 1917. aged 37.

Remembered on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Panel 23

Memorial: **Menin Gate**

Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 23
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Donald Chisholm of Moy Bridge, killed in action 20 Sept 1917, aged 30.
Remembered at: Tyne Cot, Urray Old Burial Ground, Maryburgh, Muir of Ord, and Contin

**MI Urray Old Burial Ground**: In Loving Memory of Annie Tulloch wife of James Chisholm who died at Moy Bridge 23 March 1920 aged 72 years. Also the said James Chisholm who died there 18th April 1921 aged 83 years and their son Donald Chisholm reported missing in France 20th Sept 1917, believed killed on that date aged 30 years.

**Ross-shire Journal** 11/01/1918: “Missing since 20th September. He was last seen in the advance on that date. Before joining up Pte. Chisholm was in the employment of Messrs Robertson & Porter, motor engineers, Dingwall, and previous to that he was a gamekeeper at Scatwell, near Contin. His parents reside at Moy Bridge, Marybank, Muir of Ord, and they would welcome any information regarding him from any of his comrades who were in action with him on that date. Pte. Chisholm was a great favourite with all who knew him, in and around Contin district. He was of a bright kindly disposition, upright, and lovable, and it is hoped that his parents and sisters may receive some news of his whereabouts through the medium of this paper.”

Donald was the son of James Chisholm and Anne Tulloch. He had sisters Isabella and Anne.

**Memorial: Tyne Cot**

Zonnebeke, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium
1530 Private Douglas Chisholm
1st Bgde. 2 Bn. Australian Infantry

21 SEPTEMBER
1917

Occupation: Labourer

Born London 1891 (Fulham). Attestation at Liverpool NSW 27 Nov. 1914

Died of wounds on Sept 21 1917, aged 26

For 2 and a half years Douglas was in and out of hospital, bouts of dysentery and trench sickness interspersed between battle wounds. He sustained head wounds on 17 September 1917 and succumbed to these wounds 4 days later.

Son of Donald and Fanny Jane (Morgan) Chisholm, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London.

Brother of Donald, Archibald, Charles, and Ethel.

Grandson of Donald (innkeeper) and Sarah Ten Brock Chisholm

Panel No 2 Roll of Honour Australian War Memorial

Remembered also on the memorial at Hurtsville, Sydney

Burial: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
Poperinge, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: XXIV.F. 11.
S/40480 Private Neil Chisholm
5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders

22 September
1917

Born in Denny, Stirlingshire

Son of Kenneth and Mary Ann Chisholm, Kildonan, Portree, Isle of Skye.

Brother of Mary, and Alister Kenneth.

Killed in action on 22nd September 1917, aged 23, in the third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)

Memorial: Tyne Cot

Zonnebeke, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 136-138
5985 Private John Chisholm (Bomber Jack)
5th Battalion Australian Infantry

24 September 1917

Bomber Jack Chisholm, born in Inverness ca. 1880.

Arrived in Australia at age of 4.

Son of Ewen and Elizabeth Chisholm (nee McDonald), of Mittyack, Victoria.

Wounded at Polygon Wood on September 20, died on September 24, 1917, aged 37.

Bomber Jack was a farmer, and a general favourite in the Mallee District. His last place of residence was Day Trap North, in Victoria. He is remembered on the Sea Lake Memorial.

His only brother Donald named the wheat variety “Jack Chisholm” after him.

Father Ewen came from Glen Urquhart, mother Elizabeth from Croy

Burial: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery

Poperinge, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: XXIV.A.7A
241894 Private James Chisholm
9th Battalion (Glasgow Highlanders)
Highland Light Infantry

25 September 1917

Private James Chisholm, born Juniper Green, Midlothian, ca. 1887

On 25 September 1917 the Glasgow Highlanders were engaged in a fierce and costly battle on the Menin Road, part of the 3rd battle of Ypres, now usually referred to as the battle of Passchendaele.

Husband of Mary A Chisholm, Rutherford House, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian.
Son of Alexander and Agnes Smith Chisholm, Juniper Green, Midlothian
Brother of Marion and Alexander.

Memorial: Tyne Cot
Zonnebeke, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Panel 131-132
Leonard Aubrey Chisholm, born Geraldton WA ca April 1895.

Wounded 29 Sept 1917, schrapnel wounds, died 3 Oct 1917, aged 22.

Occupation: Railway Porter, Religion: Church of England

Son of Walter Chisholm (Wheelwright) and Mary Ann Windill Chisholm, of Augustus Street, Geraldton, Western Australia. Brother of Clement Chisholm.

Burial: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery

Poperinge, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: XX. F 2A
12706 Private John Chisholm
2nd Seaforth Highlanders

4 October
1917

John Alexander Chisholm, Watchmaker, born Forres 21/11/1891
Killed in Action 4th Oct. 1917, aged 25
Son of Joseph Chisholm & Catherine McKenzie, Forres, Morayshire.
Brother of William. Half brother of James, Jane, Margaret and Annabella
Father Joseph was born about 1845, the son of Joseph Chisholm (carpenter) and Jane Campbell.
He was first married to Isabella McIntosh

Remembered on the War Memorial Tablet in Forres Free Church
and on the Forres War Memorial Statue

Burial: Cement House Cemetery
Langemark-Poelkapelle West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: XIII.A.34
S/40938 Private Robert Chisholm
5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders

12 October 1917

Robert Chisholm, resident of Glasgow, Husband of Isabella.

Killed in action on 12th October 1917 in the third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)

Member of the Lovatt Scouts prior to Cameron Highlanders

Memorial: Tyne Cot

Zonnebeke, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Panel 136-138
2556  Private Colin Russell Chisholm  
B. Coy. 40th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF  

13 October  
1917  

Born at Leith, near Ulverstone, Tasmania, oldest child of seven.  
Son of Colin Alexander and Kate Chisholm, Hillwood, Mt Direction, East Tamar  
Tasmania.  

Killed in Action at Passchendaele, 13 October 1917, aged 23.  
Remembered on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Panel 7-17-23-25-27-29-31  
and Panel 132 at the Australian War Memorial ACT  

As a part of the continuing Third Battle of Ypres on the Western Front, Australian, New Zealand and British troops were  
involved in an unsuccessful attempt to seize the Passchendaele Ridge from the defending Germans on 12 October 1917. The  
vicious fighting took place in the most appalling of waterlogged conditions, which helped render the name Passchendaele a  
synonym for slaughter. The 3rd Australian Division’s attempts to struggle forward to their objective with little artillery protec-  
tion represented the last major Australian participation in the Third Battle of Ypres.  

Memorial: Menin Gate  
Ypres (Ieper), West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium. Panel 7-17-23-25-27-29-31  
Russell is also remembered at Australian War Memorial in Canberra, Evandale Memorial Hall,  
Evandale Uniting Church (formerly St Andrews Presbyterian Church), Evandale Community  
and Tourism Centre and Hillwood Fire Station Memorial.
205164

Private Thomas Pattison Chisholm
1st/7th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers

25 October 1917

QUO FATA VOCANT

Whither the Fates call

Born 1897, Church Street, Coxhoe, Cornforth, County Durham.

Occupation: “backhand on the belt” at the colliery.

Died of wounds on 25 October 1917 aged 20

Son of Robert Pattison Chisholm, Grocers Assistant at the Co-Op. (born 1868, Seaham Harbour),

and Jane Chisholm (b 1871, Walbottle Northumberland)

Brothers William Urwin Chisholm, John Robert Chisholm, sisters Mary Jane, Ethel.

This family goes back to Thomas Chisholm, born Penshaw Co. Durham 1840

and the middle name of Pattison figures quite significantly.

Burial: Dozinghem Military Cemetery

Poperinge West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: X.D. 12.
R/214 Able Seaman Alexander Chisholm
Howe Bn Royal Naval Division

26 October 1917

Son of Alexander Chisholm and Catherine Gourlay (Kate), of St Andrews, Fife.

Brother of Kate, William, Jane, James, Margaret & Thomas

Alexander the father was a fisherman, he was the son of William Chisholm (Pilot) of St Andrews.

Died 26 October 1917 as a direct result of enemy action, aged 36.

Memorialised at Tyne Cot, and on the Kircaldy Memorial.

Memorial: Tyne Cot

Zonnebeke, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Panel 2 to 3 and 162-162A
Corporal Alexander Chisholm, born Dec 8, 1892. Wounded by shellfire at Passchendaele on the early morning of Oct 28 1917. Evacuated to No 44 Casualty Clearing Station, where he died on the same day.

Occupation: Farmer. Brother of Francis Chisholm (next of kin). Son of Alex and Sarah Chisholm, Goderich, Ontario. Originally enlisted with the 10th Brigade, 41st Battalion and then transferred to the 44th Battalion

Gr grandson of John Chisholm UEL who was one of the settlers of Johnson’s Grant in New York, and after the revolution was granted land on the North River, Glengarry. Some of his sons signed the 1832 declaration of loyalty to the Chief.

Pic of Corporal Alex Chisholm of Goderich: thanks to Doug Smith,

Burial: **Nine Elms British Cemetery**

Poperinge, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: VII. E. 10
764686 Private Douglas Wilson Chisholm
1/28th Bn London Regiment (Artists Rifles)

30 October 1917


Memorial Plaque is on Royal Academy, Burlington House, London

Pupil of Central School, Leopold Street, Roll of Honour now in High Storrs School Library.

Douglas was an only child, and with his death his branch line was extinguished. However, generations earlier his uncle, Joseph Wilson Chisholm, emigrated to New Zealand, and the family is strongly represented in that country, probably the biggest family group in the Clan Chisholm Society. Includes Co-Founder Douglas Chisholm, Emeritus Historian Audrey Barney, President John Ross, committee member Anne O’Reagan, and DNA project Foundation member Brian Chisholm. Brian’s result was an early indicator that the Norman Origin of the Clan Founder could be proven via DNA analysis.

Inscription at base of stone reads:

“TRUE TO HIS CLAN”

Burial: Poelcapelle British Cemetery
Langemark-Poelkapelle West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: XVII. E. 9. A. 3.
750379 Bombardier Robert Chisholm
B Battery 250th Brigade Royal Field Artillery

1 November 1917

Robert Chisholm, coalminer, 8 Railway Street, Blaydon, Winlaton.

Husband of Elizabeth Banks

Father of Ronald Admiral Chisholm, who emigrated to New Zealand in the 1920’s, after his mother Lizzie died in 1922.

Brother of George Chisholm (Northumberland Fusiliers) born 1887 who was killed on 17 April 1918 and whose name is also on the Marley Hill and Districts Roll of Honour.

Bombadier Robert Chisholm has a descendant family of Chisholms the west coast of NZ South Island

Remembered on the Marley Hill Memorial.

Burial: Artillery Wood Cemetery
Boezinge West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: VIII. D. 5.

Clan Chisholm DNA Project
I1A (Norman Founder Group)

Chisholm Genealogical Database
ID I20 Lowick Tree
R/2233 Able Seaman John March Chisholm
Howe Bn Royal Naval Division

6 November 1917

Born 10 January 1888, son of Thomas & Isabella (Scott) Chisholm
Brougham Place Hawick
Brother of Elizabeth, Jane, Thomas, James and Esther and Christina
Killed 6 November 1917 aged 29
Memorialised at Tyne Cot, and at the Hawick Memorial

Memorial: Tyne Cot
Zonnebeke, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Panel 2 to 3 and 162-162A
13368 L.Cpl. John Grant Chisholm
1st Battalion Border Regiment

11 APRIL
1918

Died 11 April 1918

Husband of Annie (Thomlinson) Chisholm, 50 Warwick Road, Carlisle

Son of Robert F Chisholm (b Kildonan), Sutherlandshire

Brother of Jeanie and Robert Chisholm

The Ploegsteert Memorial is for those who died on the NW front outside of the Ypres Salient, and whose bodies were never recovered.

John worked as a company rep for the Newcastle Rubber Company

The Ploegsteert Memorial to the Missing

Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. Panel 6
33620 Corporal Robert Lothian Chisholm
9th Battalion (Glasgow) Highland Light Infantry

13 APRIL 1918

Killed at Nieuwekerke (Neuve Eglise) on April 13, 1918 aged 20.

Son of George William Chisholm, and Jeannie Risk Chisholm (nee Gentles)
of 35 Cumbernauld Road, Dennistoun, Glasgow.

Brother of George, Adam, Barbara and David.

Descendent of the William Chisholm/Elizabeth Salmon family, Leith South, late 1700’s.

The Ploegsteert Memorial is for those who died on the NW front outside of the
Ypres Salient, and whose bodies were never recovered.

Clan Chisholm Genealogical Database Chisholm South Leith ID I27

Ploegsteert Memorial to the Missing

Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. Panel 9

and on remembered on Family Stone, Glasgow (Scottish War Graves Project)
242557 Private John James Chisholm
1st/5th Battalion York & Lancaster Regiment

Killed in Action
13 April
1918

Son of Joseph and Margaret Chisholm of 10 Eldon Lane, Newcastle on Tyne.
1911 census Living at 65 Clarence Street, All Saints, Newcastle upon Tyne. A jewellers Asst.


Previous service in Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

Father Joseph was born in Branton Northumberland ca. 1867.

Private JJ Chisholm’s grandfather was Joseph Chisholm, a shepherd, born about 1828 at Moss Hall, in Northumberland, near Wooler.

Memorial: Tyne Cot
Zonnebeke, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium  Panel 125-128
53145 Private James Chisholm
NZ Entrenching Battalion

12 JULY
1918

James Chisholm, Farmer, born in Outram, NZ, 28 Sept. 1872
Son of Alexander and Elizabeth Chisholm.

Not strictly a Flanders casualty, James and some 250 other members of the No 2 Entrenching Battalion were captured after being cut off, just a few km south of the Flanders Border, near Meteren in Northern France.

James died as a POW, a victim of dysentery, aged 45 years. He is buried at Leuze, which is some 14km east of the Flemish border.

Grandson of John and Jean Chisholm, Dunedin, formerly from Portnoak, Kinross, Scotland.

Burial: **Leuze Communal Cemetery**
Leuze en Hainaut, Hainaut, Belgium Plot: II. B. 5.
1099767 Sapper Colin Francis Chisholm
10th Bn. Canadian Railway Troops

1 October
1918


Occupation: Mill Hand.

Son of John R Chisholm & Mary McIsaac

Nephew of Mrs James Hay (Ellen Chisholm), Antigonish, NS.

Brother of Jennette, John, Catherine and Alma Chisholm.

Grandson of Seoc Buidhe

Died of accidental injuries on 1st October 1918.

“Colin was found at 9.50 pm on Oct 1, 1918, lying on the road near Poperinge, having evidently been struck by a lorry or a car. No evidence was available from an eye witness and as he was unconscious he could make no statement.”

Burial: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery

Poperinge, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: XXIII. B. 26A
46869 L.Cpl. Robert Hall Chisholm
18th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers

31 October 1918

Born in 1893, Melrose
Died of wounds on 31 October 1918
Son of Alexander Chisholm, born in Eccles, 1858
Has brothers, Alexander, James W, and John C W, and Peter Chisholm,
and 3 sisters, Mary H, Jane M, and Wilhelmina H.
Previous service with Royal Engineers, Sapper 265985

Burial: Kezelberg Military Cemetery
Wevelgem, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium Plot: I. B. 19.
2100909 Gunner Ludwig van Bethvon Chisholm
2nd Brigade 10th Siege Battery, Canadian Garrison Artillery

13 February 1919

Gunner Ludwig Chisholm, aged 28, was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia on 22 June 1891.

Son of Jessie Chapman (formerly Chisholm) of Westville NS, and the late Arthur Chisholm.

Nephew of Julia, Arthur’s little sister.

While this was not in Flanders, for administrative purposes, matching the CWGC data, 2 other Chisholm casualties within Belgium have been included in the Flanders memorial.

Commemorated on Page 531 of the First World War Book of Remembrance.

Ludwig’s father, gifted, blind, music teacher Arthur was from Londonderry, Colchester, as was grandfather John W Chisholm, farmer. The official army record shows the middle name as Bethvon. Arthur studied in music in Germany 5 years before Ludwig was born, and so there is every reason to suspect that the Army record may not be accurate, and that his correct name would be Ludwig van Beethoven Chisholm. Ludwig contracted Pneumonia in February 1919, 3 months after peace broke out, and became dangerously ill, and died on the 13th of Feb.

Photographs below show Ludwig (left), father Arthur Chisholm, (middle) and grandfather John W Chisholm.

HE HAS FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

Burial: Charleroi Communal Cemetery
Hainaut, Belgium Plot: D6
The names of the members of
Clan Chisholm
listed on the preceding pages