

MASTER OF RUTHVEN'S SERVANT KILLED.

Private George Locke, of the Scots Guards, who was killed near Béthune, had thirty years' service, and for twenty years he was the servant of Lieutenant-Colonel the Master of Ruthven, C.M.G., D.S.O. He was killed by a shell which, coming through the roof, burst in a room in which were the Master of Ruthven and some other soldiers. Private Locke re-enlisted at the outbreak of the war, and was mentioned in dispatches for distinguished conduct a few weeks ago.

A CARLUKE MAN KILLED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

News has been received in Carluke of the death of Trooper James Spence, of Cullinan's Horse, whose home is at Braehead Farm, Francistown, Bechuanaland, South Africa. Trooper Spence was connected with Carluke district, being the son of the late Mr Thomas Spence, who was for many years in High Cross Farm, Carluke. His mother now resides at Braehead, Carnwath. Particulars of how he met his death or the date are not given, but it was in the recent fighting in South Africa, between Vryburg and Kuruman.

MOSSEND MEN KILLED.

Official intimation has been received of the death of three Mossend men at the front.

Lance-Corporal George Miller, Highland Light Infantry, a stretcher-bearer, died on the 13th inst. in an ambulance train. His death was due to a gunshot wound in the left side. He was 38 years of age, and leaves a widow and four of a family, who reside at Comet Street, Mossend. Previous to being called up for service, Miller was employed as a crane driver at Messrs Beardmore's Iron and Steel Works, Mossend.

Private William Smith, 3rd Battalion Gordon Highlanders, who resided at Clydesdale Buildings, Mossend, has been mortally wounded by the bursting of a shrapnel shell in a trench. He was 26 years of age, and was an employee at Messrs Stewarts & Lloyds Clydesdale Iron and Steel Works. His father is in Glasgow Royal Infirmary, having met with an accident at his employment last week.

Private John McClory, of the Irish Guards, whose wife and family reside at Low Biggins, Clydesdale, has also been killed in action. He was employed at the Milnwood Iron and Steel Works, Mossend, previous to the outbreak of war.

A KILBIRNIE SOLDIER KILLED.

Intimation has been received from two Kilbirnie men in the fighting line that Private William McEwan, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, was killed at the Battle of Neuve Chapelle. Private McEwan was a native of Kilbirnie, a Glengarnock steel worker, thirty-five years of age, and joined Kitchener's new Army in August. He had been in France only five or six weeks.

WOUNDED.

Among the wounded are Private Denis McLaughland (for the second time) and Private Arthur Hayes, also a Kitchener's new Army man, both of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

CASUALTIES AMONG VALE OF LEVEN MEN.

Mr and Mrs William Allan, 46 Stirling Street, Renton, have received intimation that one of their sons, Drummer George Allan (No. 10488), 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, was killed at Neuve Chapelle on 13th inst. The news was sent home by one of his comrades, who stated in his letter that Drummer Allan was hit by a piece of a shell while they were advancing. Death was practically instantaneous. Deceased was one of four sons, all of whom are at the front. He was 23 years of age, and had been six years in the Regulars.

By the same post the news arrived that their youngest son with the colours, Private Tom Allan (No. 1860), the F (Alexandria and Renton) Company of Dumbartonshire Territorials, the 9th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, had been shot in both legs. He is 18 years of age, and had been two years in the Territorials.

Mrs David McDonald, 172 Main Street, Renton, has received word that her husband, Private McDonald (No. 3426), 2nd Black Watch, was wounded in the knee at Neuve Chapelle, and that he is lying in the Norwich Hospital, Norwich. He joined the Black Watch in September, and was one of four brothers with the colours. He went to the front on the 21st November, and is 34 years of age.

His brother was killed in the same battle. He is Lance-Corporal Alick McDonald, of the Gordon Highlanders, was 22 years of age, and had been seven years in the Regulars. Another brother, Private James McDonald, also of the Gordon Highlanders, is a prisoner in Germany; while a fourth is in training at Aldershot.

Mr and Mrs Alexander McColl, 237 Main Street, Renton, received intimation that one of their sons, Drummer John McColl (No. 1598), F (Alexandria and Renton) Company of Dumbartonshire Territorials, was wounded on 17th inst. The news was sent home to his parents by the Rev. Andrew S. G. Gilchrist, the chaplain of the regiment. The letter states that Drummer McColl received a bullet wound on the left shoulder. It was rather a

ainful wound, but the chaplain trusted that it was not dangerous. He had been removed to one of the hospitals in France. Drummer McColl is well known in the Vale of Leven and Renton football circles, being a junior footballer.

Information was received at Renton yesterday that Private John Toole, of the Scottish Rifles, who resided at 29 Back Street, Renton, has been wounded at Neuve Chapelle. A bullet went through his right arm, and he was struck by three or four pieces of shrapnel, on the 12th inst. He is now lying at Stockport.