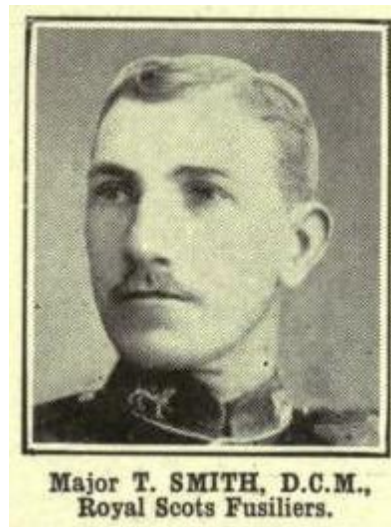


Major Tom Smith DCM:



Died 23-01-1917

Major Thomas Smith DCM Royal Scots Fusiliers was the youngest son of the late Alexander Smith and Mrs Smith of Stonehouse near Hamilton. He enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders in 1884 and was company sergeant by 1892. Served in India 1895 – 1898 and took part in several actions notably when the Gordon's made the famous charge at Dargal heights and received the India Medal with three clasps. When South Africa war broke out he volunteered for active service and was appointed Sergeant –Major of CIVS. Twice mentioned in despatches he was awarded the DCM for conspicuous and gallant conduct in the field. When the Great war broke out he again volunteers for active service and was appointed Quartermaster and Hon lieutenant of the Gordon Highlanders (Pioneers) . Promoted to Captain and Adjutant and proceeded to France in the summer of 1915. He took part in Battle of Loos, mentioned in despatches' and in August 1916 having been appointed second in command of the Royal Scots Fusiliers with the rank of Major he went through much of the fighting on the Somme