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**DIED THAT WE MAY LIVE  
Atholl's Memorial to the Fallen  
Impressive Unveiling Ceremony**

In presence of a large gathering of the people of the district, the local memorial to the men of Strathtay and Grandtully who fell in the Great War was unveiled by His Grace the Duke of Atholl, K.T., on Saturday afternoon.

The memorial, which has been erected by public subscription, is in the form of a rough cairn of native stones, supporting a square pedestal of granite in which is inset a polished tablet bearing the names of the fallen in lead lettering. This is again surmounted by a rough-hewn granite obelisk with two panels, the one bearing the date 1914-1919 and the other an ornamentation of old celtic design, the whole standing some 14 feet in height.

It is picturesquely situated in a prominent position at the fork of the roads at the north of Grandtully Bridge on a site kindly granted by J.N. Kyd of Pitcastle. It stands out with pleasing effectiveness against a rising background of trees and shrubs whilst the mountain stream of Alt-a-blhar flows past its base crooning a requiem of its deep stoney channel as it flows into the Tay.

The proceedings were opened by Major J. Stewart Robertson of Edradynate, who reminded the assembly of the sacred duty about to be performed and called upon Rev. Alex. S. Andrew, minister of Grandtully, to offer prayer.

Major Stewart Robertson in introducing His Grace the Duke of Atholl expressed the gratification felt by one and all in the honour of His Grace's presence on such a memorable occasion. As Lord-Lieutenant of the County and head of the House of Atholl the public would at all times welcome him and be proud in his presence, but more especially so in view of the fact that he was a distinguished soldier who had fought and won honours on many fields, and intimately knew how much of the victory was due to the men who had fallen. In their honour, it was fitting therefore that His Grace be invited to perform the solemn duty of unveiling the memorial.

The Duke of Atholl asked the gathering to carry back their minds to the terrible days of August 1914, those days of tension, which were the darkest this country had ever endured but also in some ways the finest days, in that each individual had the opportunity of proving his or her worth to the country.

The Germans eulogised of 'Der Tag', as the day of conquest, but it was a day of greed and of frightfulness and our case was very different. It gave to all the one great chance to suffer for their country, to defend the land of their fathers and prove that they were 'Scots'.

He would never forget the first war parade of the Scottish Horse at Dunkeld in the opening days of the war. he had sent round the Fiery Cross, but from valley and glen, from moorland and mountain, from cottage and castle men came trooping in without any summons, with two days rations and all equipped, prepared to defend their beloved land from invasion which at that time was fully expected. However, thanks to our efficient navy, this fear did not materialise, and our men lost no time in engaging the enemy's attention on other lands. North,

South, East and West, British subjects came by land and sea rallying to the defence of the Empire.

The price in blood and treasure had been appalling, but at the same time when they looked upon that side of it they ought also to think of what the price would have been had we lost the war. They could hardly imagine what might have happened - they would certainly have been ruled by Germans and would have been little better than serfs.

He felt that in the erection of such memorials, they were not wholly memorials of death, but also of life and as a recognition of great sacrifice and love, shown not only by the fallen, but also of the whole British nation in defence of Freedom and Right.

With the words "To the Glory of God and to the memory of the men whose names are inscribed thereon, I now unveil this memorial". His Grace concluded an appropriate and heart-stirring address.

Impressiveness was added to the ceremony by the wailing notes of a bagpipe played by Piper A. Robertson, Ballanduim.

Mr J. N. Kyd of Pitcastle, in proposing a vote of thanks to His Grace the Duke of Atholl for his part in the proceedings, remarked that no-one could have filled the place more appropriately or with a fuller knowledge of the real meaning of the great measure of courage and devotion which was being commemorated. On such a memorable occasion, when so many had met to offer their tribute of gratitude and admiration to the heroes who fought and died for us, it was indeed fitting, and an honour to have filling the chief place in the proceedings, one who had himself given to those who had followed him a splendid example of patriotism.

Captain J.M.S. Stewart, as Convenor of the Committee, outlined the work done by the Committee in erecting the memorial, and thanked Mr Kyd for his kindness in providing a site. He also complimented Messrs D. Beveridge & Sons, sculptors, Perth, upon their treatment of the memorial, and took the opportunity of stating the Parish Council of Logierait, which was well represented in Strathtay and Grandtully district, had agreed to act as caretakers of the memorial in the future.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a large number of beautiful floral tributes were laid upon the cairn, including wreaths from the Strathtay Post Office staff and from the Grandtully schoolchildren, the latter bearing the words:- 'In splendid and grateful remembrance of the men who died that we might live'.

The names commemorated on the memorial are:-

Stoker J. Robertson, Royal Navy; Cpl. W. Cameron, Scottish Horse; Lieut. M. Stewart, R.F.A.; Gnr. J. M'Kenzie, R.G.A.; Pte. J. Stewart, Scots Guards; Pte. J. Birney, Black Watch; Pte. D. Campbell, Black Watch; Pte. S. M. Dott, Black Watch; Pte. J. Flynn, Black Watch; L-Cpl. T. MacDonald, Black Watch; Pte J. M'Intyre, Black Watch; Pte. H. M'Laren, Black Watch; Pte. Ian M. Pilkington, Black Watch; Pte. C.A. Robertson, Sherwood Foresters; 2nd Lieut. A. A. Wilson, A & S Highlanders; Pte. K. G. Bett, Australian Forces; Pte. P. Cameron, Canadian Forces; Pte. A. Robertson, Canadian Forces; Pte. D. Stewart, Canadian Forces.

Amongst those present were:- The Duchess of Atholl; Major J. Stewart Robertson of Edradynate; Captain and Mrs J. M. Steuart, Tulliepowrie House; Major John Scott, Aberfeldy; Misses Stewart Robertson, Aberfeldy; Mr H. Handyside, Aberfeldy; Mt John N.

Kyd, of Pitcastle; Rev. J. Harrison, Aberfeldy; Mr Robert Gerrett, J.P., Leven; Mr H. W. Johnston, Dunros; Miss Johnston, Ardrennich; Miss MacEwan of Findynate; Misses Sconce, Edinburgh; Mr and Mrs Reid, India; Miss Balmain, Bendarroch; etc.