

# Clan Chisholm Society



## Great War Centenary Project “every clansman remembered”



John Singer Sargent (American, 1856–1925). *Two Soldiers at Arras*, 1918. Watercolor and graphite on paper, 6 7/8 x 9 1/2 in. (17.5 x 24.1 cm). The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, Promised Gift of Jacqueline Loewe Fowler (L.2017.25.21)

## Roll of Honour

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# Foreword

## Clan Chisholm Society. Introduction to WW1 Memorial volumes

My great aunt Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm was naturally 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



# About this book

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 the first booklet in the series, 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 booklets are those whose names have been retrieved from Commonwealth and War Graves Commission records. Regretfully 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 led 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 fourth in a series of five proposed to commemorate the lives of our Chisholm clansmen who fell during the conflict. Previous volumes covered the theatres of Flanders and the Balkans/Middle East, and France till April 1917. The final edition will cover 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. Wherever possible images which are available for re-use under the creative commons licence have been used. In some instances an error may have occurred and if this is the case an apology is offered in advance to any copyright holder. Please advise immediately and any infringing image will be removed. All this notwithstanding, be assured that there will be reliance on the Fair Use defence if there is any claim made for inadvertent copyright infringement. This series of booklets meets comfortably all of the four factors of fair use. The purpose and character of the use is for non-profit and educational purposes. The nature of the work is factual rather than fictional. The amount and substantiality of the portion used would be arguable, it can differ from case to case. The use of the image would have no detrimental effect on the potential market, or value of any such copyrighted work. This memorial booklet is offered free of charge, contains no advertising, and is designed not only as a form of remembrance, but as a resource where young people

researching family members lost in the Great War may find this booklet of use and of personal value.

Many images will be those supplied by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), especially those from the commemorative certificates. The image and the data supplied by the CWGC has been invaluable for all of this series, and they are to be thanked with great sincerity. CWGC images have a very small CWGC logo attached to identify them.

Many images have been supplied by family members, and these have greatly enhanced the publication. Clan Chisholm Society members have also freely supplied images taken on the 2019 tour of Flanders, Vimy, and the Somme and our gratitude for these is recorded.

Several photographs, and a lot of biographical information, on fallen soldiers from Antigonish, Nova Scotia, have been re-cycled from the Antigonish Cenotaph Project website. Our thanks are due to them, their website is well worth the visit:

<https://antigonishcenotaphproject.wordpress.com/>

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 One 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”.

Susan Chisholm of Chisholm , Secretary of Clan Chisholm Society, has provided invaluable support .

Lucy Greenfield has been helpful in so many ways when it comes to internet research on the fallen soldiers and the attempts to trace their families of origin.

David Holmes of the Clan Chisholm Canada Branch has providing valuable editing assistance. Contact details for various Clan Chisholm projects associated with the World War One Centenary Memorial 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.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Chisholm>

To offer support or further information regarding any serviceman, go to the

Clan Chisholm Forum, or email [rpchisholm@gmail.com](mailto:rpchisholm@gmail.com)

VolumeIV covers the 54 Chisholm casualties (fatal) from May 1917 through to the end of the war in November 1918, and beyond until April 1919, known to have been either buried or memorialised in France. Losses were severe; the last 19 months of the war was as costly in terms of Chisholm life, as the first 32 months. One of the fatalities in France was repatriated to his homeland. Many suffered severe injury and were hospitalised in Britain, only to die there. There were many losses at sea. All of these will be covered in the final volume of this series.

## The General

**“Good-morning, good-morning!”** the General said  
When we met him last week on our way to the line.  
Now the soldiers he smiled at are most of 'em dead,  
And we're cursing his staff for incompetent swine.  
**“He's a cheery old card,”** grunted Harry to Jack  
As they slogged up to Arras with rifle and pack.

## Does it Matter?

Does it matter?—losing your legs?...  
For people will always be kind,  
And you need not show that you mind  
When the others come in after hunting  
To gobble their muffins and eggs.

Does it matter?—losing your sight?  
There's such splendid work for the blind;  
And people will always be kind,  
As you sit on the terrace remembering  
And turning your face to the light.

Do they matter?—those dreams from the pit?  
You can drink and forget and be glad,  
And people won't say that you're mad;  
For they'll know you've fought for your country  
And no one will worry a bit.



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## The Dug-out

Why do you lie with your legs ungainly huddled,  
And one arm bent across your sullen, cold,  
Exhausted face? It hurts my heart to watch you,  
Deep-shadowed from the candle's guttering gold;  
And you wonder why I shake you by the shoulder;  
**Drowsy, you mumble and sigh and turn your head...**  
You are too young to fall asleep for ever;  
And when you sleep you remind me of the dead.

Major general dr. George brock Chisholm MD MC & Bar  
 Canadian medical hall of fame laureate 2019  
 Doctor to the world




From the trenches of Northern France comes a future world leader.

**Brock Chisholm is from the very well known loyalist family, Chisholm's of Oakville.** As a young man he served with distinction and heroism with the Canadian Infantry. After the war he studied medicine, specializing in Psychiatry. During the Second World War he rose through the Canadian military medical ranks to become Director

General of Medical Services, and then became involved on the International level. Brock Chisholm was one of the founders of the World Health Organisation. (WHO), and became the it's first Director General.



Chisholm Genealogical Database  
 ID I141 Chisholm-Croy & Dalcross

 Clan Chisholm DNA Project  
 I1A (Norman Founder Group) I-M253

# Roll of Honour

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Albert Edmund Chisholm	Cambridge	3 May 1917	10
Donald Angus Chisholm	Winnipeg	3 May 1917	11
Robert Picken Chisholm	Macclesfield	3 May 1917	12
Ronald Chisholm	Muir of Ord	3 May 1917	13
Michael William Chisholm	Vernon River PEI	5 May 1917	14
William Bryan Chisholm	South Yarra, Vic	6 May 1917	15
Donald Chisholm	Surry Hills NSW	11 May 1917	16
Walter Chisholm	Galashiels	22 July 1917	17
William Chisholm	Gairloch	28 July 1917	18
Alexander Chisholm	Inverness	14 October 1917	19
William Edward Chisholm	Pictou	4 November 1917	20
Roderick Chisholm	Glasgow	24 November 1917	21
Alexander Chisholm	Edinburgh	24 November 1917	22
Patrick Chism	Cork	27 November 1917	23
Thomas Chisholm	Huntly	3 December 1917	24
Alexander Chisholm	Edinburgh	30 January 1918	25
Roderick Chisholm	Renton	8 February 1918	26
William Chisholm	Glasgow	21 March 1918	27
William Dempster Chisholm	Newcastle	23 March 1918	28
Arthur Chisholm	Inverness	23 March 1918	29
Alexander Chisholm	Neilston	26 March 1918	30
John Chisholm	Kiltarlity	28 March 1918	31
Robert Mathison Chisholm	Glendale	29 March 1918	32
Joseph Chisholm		31 March 1918	34
George Chisholm	Gateshead	17 April 1918	35
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Thomas Douglas Chisholm	Winnipeg	21 June 1918	41
John Chisholm	Carluk	13 July 1918	42
Sydney Herbert Chisholm	Bonshaw NSW	13 July 1918	43
Daniel Angus Chisholm	New Rochelle NY	16 July 1918	44
James Herbert Chism	Tompkinsville KY	18 July 1918	45
Peter Alexander Chisholm MM	Pluscarden	22 July 1918	46
John Oliver Chisholm	Glasgow	23 July 1918	47
Thomas Alexander Chisholm	West Summerland, BC	8 August 1918	48
Marcus Chisholm	Neepawa, Manitoba	11 August 1918	49
William Chisholm	Edinburgh	27 August 1918	50
Duncan Craig Chisholm	Montreal	7 September 1918	51
Archibald Hugh Chisholm	Glengarry, Ontario	24 September 1918	52
George Phillip Chisholm	Halifax NS	27 September 1918	53
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Alexander Kenneth Chisholm	Antigonish	28 September 1918	55
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Ambrose Chisholm	Antigonish	1 October 1918	57
Roderick Alexander Chisholm	Antigonish	1 October 1918	58
John Arthur Chisholm	Rotherham	8 October 1918	59
Isaac Chisolm	Yemasee, SC	10 October 1918	60
William Chisholm	Winnipeg	17 October 1918	61
Eddie Chisholm MC with 2 Bars	Linwood NS	7 November 1918	62
Lester Alexander Chisholm	Montego Bay	14 December 1918	63
Robert Chisolm Jnr	Colleton Co SC	17 April 1919	64



**H**E whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

The names of the members of  
Clan Chisholm  
listed on the preceding pages