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REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATHS LAID AT THE GOODISON GATES

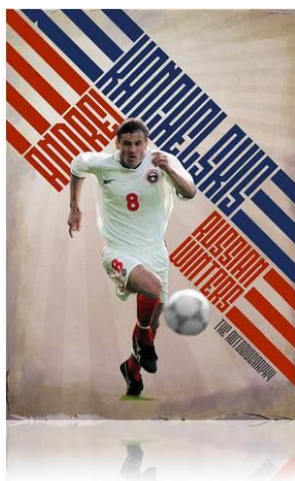
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## Russian winters

By Decoubertain

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November we will have a truly world class Evertonian visit St Luke's. The Wing Wizard himself Andrei Kanchelskis will be signing his new Autobiography Russian Winters, brought to us by our very own James Corbett and Decoubertain

before the dissolution of the USSR. Kanchelskis beguiled fans at Old Trafford before he took his whirlwind wing play across the M62 to Goodison Park. A brief but memorable 18-month period at Everton was followed by spells at Fiorentina, Rangers and Manchester City, among others. He featured 36 times for Russia between 1992-1998, and currently resides in Moscow.



Andrei Kanchelskis was born in Kirovograd, Ukraine, in 1969. In 1988 he began his playing career with Dynamo Kyiv – the most revered club in Soviet football. Following a year with Dynamo's Ukrainian rivals Shakhtar Donetsk; Sir Alex Ferguson made his move to bring Kanchelskis to Manchester United, months

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# The Fallen of the Three Evertons in WW1 -1915

By Peter Jones

1915 was a bittersweet year for Everton FC. The 1914-15 season was played entirely during wartime and was probably the most controversial ever, resulting in divisions within sport that still find echoes today, and yet Everton were able to celebrate their second league title.

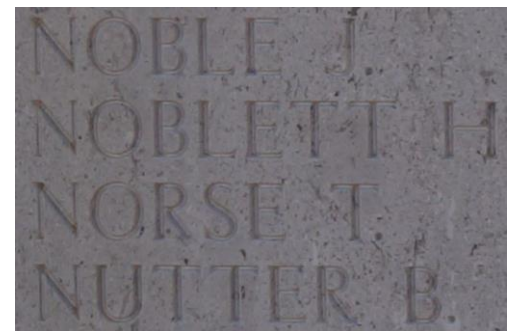
Before a ball was kicked in 1914 British forces became locked in a constant struggle alongside the French against a German army that was the best in the world. By the time Everton lifted the trophy in late April the British had suffered appalling losses, with the original expeditionary force all but destroyed; that the war had lasted until the spring of 1915 with no sign of a conclusion was a surprise to almost everyone. Although press censorship kept the home public unaware of the realities of the war, the twists and turns of the 1914-15 season must have diverted them from their anxieties. For Everton fans in the trenches the arrival of the results must have been what was then called a real tonic. From a purely football standpoint Everton were worthy winners of the title in April 1915, triumphing against the odds when all seemed lost, and the players who won it deserve the highest praise. Sadly season 1914-15 was inevitably overshadowed by world events.

As the season closed Everton's players were released either to join up or were found jobs in wartime industry. However the rest of 1915 would see the loss of five men with previous Everton connections. They had only a handful of appearances between them, but they had all signed for Everton and pulled on the famous blue jersey.

The first man killed was **Fred Collinson** who was the oldest Everton player to be lost WW1. Fred had turned out for Everton reserves as far back as 1892 playing at the then new Goodison Park. He was sold to his hometown club Bury for £10 and played regularly during the 1890's. He missed Bury's greatest period at the turn of the century as he was serving in the Boer War in South Africa and probably fought at the battle of Spion Kop with the Lancashire Fusiliers. When war broke out in 1914 he returned to the colours and was killed at Gallipoli in Turkey on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1915, he was 41 years old.



**Thomas Norse's** story parallels Fred Collinson's. He was signed from junior football in Blackburn, but after two reserve games in March 1903 he was released and returned to east Lancashire. He joined up in 1914 and landed in Gallipoli with the East Lancashire regiment on 9th May 1915, four days after **Fred Collinson**. He was killed not far from where Fred had fallen on 22nd June. Neither man's body was recovered after the war and they are both commemorated on the Cape Helles Memorial to the Missing.



**Harry Norris** was the first Everton player to die on the Western Front, at Ypres on 27th August 1915. His father Fitzroy was a major figure in early Lancashire football as a referee and later manager and director of Bolton Wanderers. Harry was on Everton's books around 1906 and was loaned to Tranmere at one stage. In 1915 he was serving with the 11th (Pioneer) battalion of the King's Liverpool regiment. The pioneers were fighting troops who



specialised in construction and engineering, a key role in trench warfare. Harry is buried in Ypres Reservoir cemetery.



**Thomas Gracie** was signed from Morton in Scotland after he was a reserve in an England v Scotland international at Goodison in 1911. He failed to make a breakthrough at Everton and crossed the park in a part exchange deal a year later. After a short spell at Anfield he returned to Scotland with Hearts and was joint top scorer in Scotland in 1914-15. He and his teammates joined the 16th (McCrae's) battalion of the Royal Scots; the first of the footballers' battalions. He did not have a chance to serve overseas as he died from leukaemia in Glasgow on 23rd October, less than a month after his brother John was killed in France.

Thomas is buried in Glasgow's Craigton cemetery.



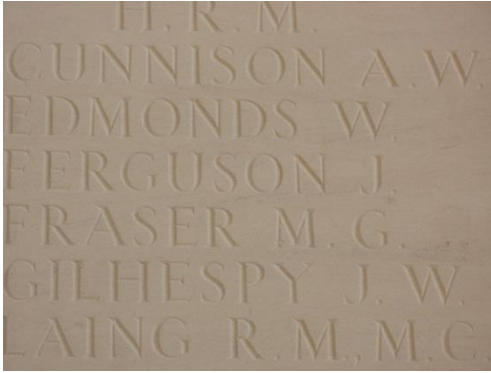
**David Murray** was the fifth ex Everton man to be killed on 10th December 1915. Like **Tom Gracie** **David Murray** played for both Everton and Liverpool after signing from Rangers in 1903. He made two appearances for the Blues at left back and then fifteen for Liverpool before moving to Hull and then Leeds City where he became captain. His career appears to have been curtailed by injury and he became a miner in Mexborough in South Yorkshire. In early September 1914 he joined up and arrived in France with the 11th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders on 7th July. He fought through the battle of Loos in late September and was killed in the same area. David Murray has no known grave and is remembered on the Loos Memorial to the Missing at Dud Corner.



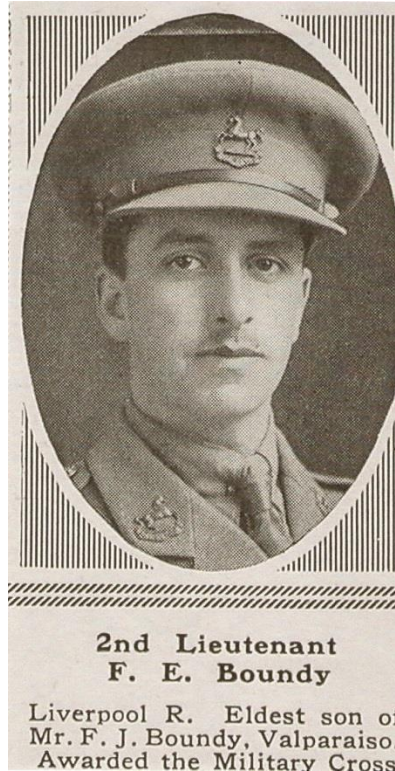
## 1916

1916 was dominated by the battle of the Somme which marked the point in WW1 when British and Commonwealth troops started to shoulder a major part of the fighting on the Western Front. The Somme also saw the deaths of five men who had played for three football clubs called Everton.

The first day, 1st July 1916 was a disaster, with nearly 20,000 killed and 40,000 wounded. Among them was 2nd Lt. **Malcolm Fraser** of the Cameronians who was killed in the afternoon leading a patrol into no man's land near Ovillers. His commanding officer wrote that his sacrifice meant a planned attack was called off probably saving hundreds of lives. **Malcolm Fraser** was born in New York State to a Scottish father and an American mother; he was a founder member of the Everton club in Valparaiso in Chile and was at university in Edinburgh when war broke out. He has no known grave and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme.



**Frank Boundy**, Malcolm Fraser's fellow founder of CD Everton had returned from Chile to enlist in August 1914. He won the Military Cross just after the battle of Loos in 1915 and had taken part in the major success of the 1st July, helping the Liverpool and Manchester Pals capture the village of Montauban. On the 30th he died of wounds during the Liverpool Pals' attack on Guillemont. He is buried in Guillemont Road Cemetery. Malcolm Fraser was 20 and Frank Boundy 21.



**Leigh Roose** was a Welsh international goalkeeper famous as much for his personal relationships as for his brilliantly eccentric goalkeeping; he has been described as the first celebrity footballer. Although he was an amateur his claims for 'expenses' led him to fall foul of the FA and some of his many clubs, as did his playboy lifestyle. In his one season at Goodison he helped Everton reach the FA Cup semi-final and come within a whisker of the title.

In WW1 he was first a medical orderly, serving in France and at Gallipoli, then joined the Royal Fusiliers and won the Military Medal in his first taste of action on the Somme in August 1916. **Roose** helped fight off a night time flamethrower attack by hurling grenades until his arm gave out. He was killed on 7th October 1916 at Gueudecourt on the Somme aged 38; he has no known grave and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial.







There was a third Everton, an amateur club in Auckland, New Zealand. Forty one of its players joined up and the first to fall was **Alfred Corlett**, who was born and grew up in Everton before emigrating in 1910. He died in Egypt of wounds sustained at Gallipoli on 16th May 1915. Two of his former team mates died on the Somme in 1916; **David Campbell** was killed near Flers on the 15th September in the battle which saw the first use of tanks, and **Arnold Cantell** was killed on 4th October when a faulty shell detonated in the howitzer he was firing near High Wood.

## 1917

1917 saw four more Everton players killed, along with no fewer than five from the New Zealand Everton.

**Donald Sloan** was born in 1883 in Rankinston in Ayrshire but made his name playing in goal for Belfast Distillery. He was signed by Everton for £250 just before the first FA Cup win in 1906, making six first team appearances over two

seasons before joining Liverpool in 1908. He served in the 8th Black Watch, arriving in France in October 1915. The battalion held the line at Ypres and was heavily involved in the battle of the Somme. Donald was killed on New Year's Day 1917 near Arras when a German trench mortar hit his dugout. He is buried in the cemetery next to the Arras Memorial to the Missing, and was one of four brothers to be killed in WW1.



**James Roy** was born in Edinburgh in 1889 and signed for Everton from Scottish amateurs Broxburn in December 1913 for £60. James played left half for the reserves as they won the Central league in 1914 and was unlucky not to make the first team during the dramatic championship season of 1914-15. James served with the 5th Scottish

Rifles, fighting on the Somme in late 1916. He died on 24th April 1917 during the battle of Arras; he has no known grave and is remembered on the Arras Memorial to the Missing together with his brother Robert who was killed in March 1918.



**Wilf Toman** was a Bishop Auckland born centre forward signed from Burnley in 1898-99 for a record £100. He had two spells at Everton but his career was cut short by injury and he went to sea as a purser on the Australia route, while living on Cherry Lane near Goodison Park. Wilf went to France with the 2nd Liverpool Scottish in February 1917 and was killed on 2nd May 1917 near Bois Grenier. The main Eurostar Line from London to Lille and Paris passes right next to the spot; he is buried in Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension.



He scored in his first two appearances, yet played only one more game before being sold to St Mirren in 1914. James served with the 11th Lancashire Fusiliers and was killed on 10th August 1917 near Westhoek, during the third battle of Ypres, better known as Passchendaele. He has no known grave and his name is on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres. He also lost a brother, killed in 1915.

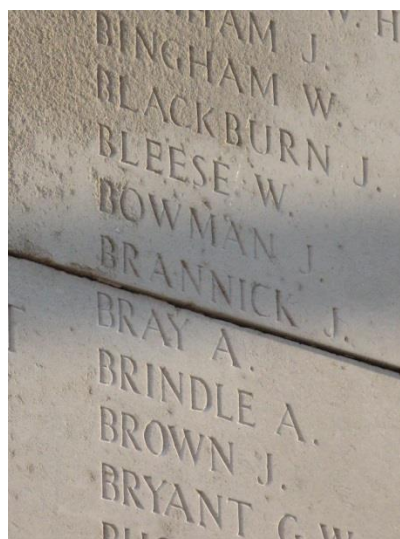
The first player from the New Zealand Everton to die during 1917 was **Harold Boyne**. He was born in Leeds and had an elder brother who also played for Everton in Auckland and for Aston Villa and Brentford either side of WW1. Their father was the president of the Everton club in Auckland. He was killed at Bois Grenier not far from where Wilf Toman died during a trench raid on 21st February 1917.



**Harry Churchill** is likely to have been a member of the Everton club, he was originally from Oxfordshire and was killed during the storming of the Messines ridge in the wake of 19 huge mines being blown on 7th June 1917. **Thomas Brewer, Jeff Charmichael** and **Edward Atkinson** were killed on the 3rd, 4th and 12th October 1917 fighting for the hamlet of S'Gravenstafel and beyond it the Bellvue spur at the end of which was the village of Passchendaele.



**James Brannick** was born in Manchester in 1889. He was a stocky inside forward signed from Atherton in November 1912 for £75.



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# Remembrance Day Ceremony

## Armistice Day Remembrance Service at Everton Football Club, Goodison Park 10/11/2017

On 10th November the Everton Remembrance Service will be at the Memorial Gates, Park End, by the Dixie Dean statue, at 11am, meeting at the Captain's Table at 10.40am. This is a lovely service and if you can attend please feel free to do so., Alongside the Staff of Everton in the Community, former players and supporters are always proud to attend the Remembrance Day Service at Everton Football Club. Once again it is anticipated that it will be delivered by the Reverend Harry Ross. After the two minutes silence a Piper will play "The Flowers of the Forest" followed by Anita Davies who will sing Amazing Grace.

We will then have a talk given by Paul Kelly treasurer of the Society and Our Chairman Brendan Connolly; we hope that the service will be well attended as you can see from the photographs below



## KitAid at St Luke's Church

Sunday 5th November KITAID Collection Day against Watford

Saturday 18th November KitAid Boxing up Day

Kitaid Collections hope to be boosted by a big donation Day against Watford , collecting in the HUB , St Lukes and The FAN ZONE

We aim to send items of kit to Africa, at St Luke's church hall. If you can help out please feel free to do so, we are there from around 9am until 12 noon. One of Our last boxing session took place today had 70 boxes (2275 items) kit are on their way to Africa, especially Malawi and South Africa.

The heritage society Everton Fc, EiTC, Everton supporters and Fanatics along with have been fantastic supporting kitaid and also with the winter training gear going to the Whitechapel centre for the homeless. EiTc's Carena Duffy gathered her team of volunteers to support the heritage team of Paul Kelly, Ali and Peter Jones along with Richie Gillham who were marshalled by Derrick Williams's head of kitaid, Janet Neville and her local team Boxes and boxes of Everton kit from Everton Supporters and fanatics were sorted into teas of 13 and boxed away. Kits of all colours and badges and it's got to be said a lot from Manchester United. Evertonians like Matt hill who regularly helps Everton South Africa with support from Carena Duffy at EiTC, this time Matt was with students from the free school who are going to take kit over to South Africa quite soon.



Carena Duffy and Her team from EiTC



Pat Van den Hauwe Pat Van Den Hauwe with all the  
Kitaid Helpers at Goodison Park

## Whitechapel Donations

We have also restarted collecting winter clothing and toiletries, on the delivery of the last big donation It was quite humbling taking the photo of our treasurer and the regular visitors to the Whitechapel centre as they had finished their lunch and the smiles on their faces when they received Everton coats and sweatshirts was a site for sore eyes.

