

Peter WEIR

(c.1893 – 1st April 1917)

The first mention found of Peter Weir, aged 8, was on the 1901 Scotland Census for Glen Crauter, Strachur, Argyll. It is situated in the north western part of the Cowal Peninsula in Argyll on the shores of Loch Fyne. It is 25 miles from Dunoon, and a 90 minutes journey from Glasgow. Part of the area is in the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. He was **born in Kilbarchan Renfrewshire.**

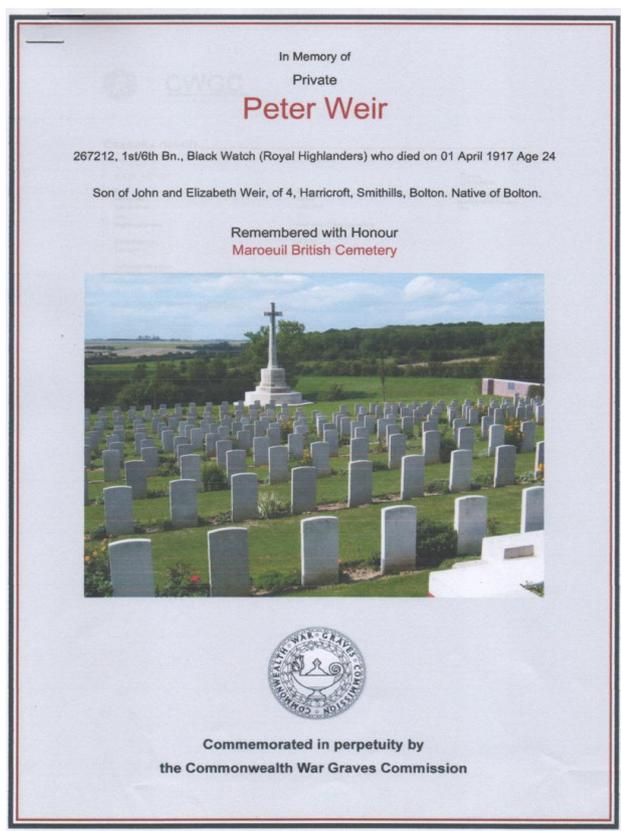


which burnt down in 1924) and with mother Elizabeth. Also in the family are his younger brothers James John and George and a young sister Sarah Jane Dymock Weir.

The next census reference shows the family in 1911 living at 4 Harricroft, Astley Bridge, Bolton. His father John is employed as a Gamekeeper and Peter, now 18, was employed as an Under Gamekeeper. There has been an addition to the family – a son Walter Weir aged 7. It is known that when he was younger he attended St. Peter's Church and school.



He is living with his father John who was working as a Gamekeeper (as he was on the 1891 census at Shields of Castle Semple where, at that time there was a manor house,



Peter joined the Army in January 1915 as a Trooper. By this date he was married to Maud Elizabeth Kershaw aged 24 who lived at 60 Moorland Grove, Smithills (off Church Road). She was the daughter of James Kershaw, Cope Bank Farm. They married on 8th January 1916 at Higher Bridge Street Primitive Methodist, Bolton. Peter is shown on church records¹ as being aged 23 and a Trooper 5464 1/2 Scottish Home Regt. He was shown as being a gamekeeper residing at “Stenstone” sic Shenstone) House Hospital, Upper Park Road, Broughton Park, Manchester.

Peter's *Medal Roll Index Card* shows that he initially joined as a private in one of the Scottish Horse Regiments. He went with them to Gallipoli in August 1915. He was wounded in the thigh on September 6th, and this, and dysentery, kept him in hospital at Malta and in England until January 1916. He was then attached to the 1st/6th Battalion, Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) and went to another theatre of war in September 1916. He was 25 years of age. April 1917 saw the launch of the first of the three Battles of Arras – supported by some of the first tanks. He was killed by shell fire in France on 1st April 1917. He is buried at the Maroeuil British Cemetery at the Pas de Calais.

¹ 1. Lancashire Online Parish Clerks