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Black Watch
Cap Badge

John Duncan was born on 2nd November 1896 at Gogar Cottage. His father was James Duncan, joiner and his mother was Margaret Anderson Howison. The parents were married on 25th January 1889 at Logie.

The Stirling Observer in 1918 reported the following:

“Private John Duncan, Blairlogie

Mr and Mrs John Duncan, Cotkerse, Blairlogie, have had information from their son, John, that while well, he is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was a ploughman in Sauchenford, Bannockburn, before enlisting in the Black Watch in November 1916, and went to France in June 1917, where he was wounded a month later.”

It looks as if the Observer made an error with the first name of John’s father as he is listed as John when his name was James.

Unfortunately no records could be found which identified John and he may have survived the war or been killed during it.

Approximately one third of the records were destroyed during the Blitz of the Second World War.