

John Halliburton Mitchell

1890 – 1917

*Captain 17th (Service) Battalion, the Royal Scots
(Lothian Regiment)*

John Halliburton Mitchell, Captain 17th (Service) Battalion, the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment). Second son of James William Mitchell of Fernielaw, Colinton, Rothesay Herald and Lyon Clerk Depute, and his wife Annie, daughter of Thomas Sykes.



He was born at Colinton Mains on 19th July 1890. Educated at Cargilfield School, Fettes College, and the University of Edinburgh, where he joined the O.T.C. March 1909- August 1914, obtaining the rank of Cadet Company Sergeant-Major.

On the outbreak of war he applied for a commission, and was gazetted 2nd Lieutenant, 7th Battalion the Royal Scots, 28th August 1914, and promoted to Lieutenant and Adjutant 9th November 1914. Promoted to Captain 14th January 1915, where he remained as an Adjutant of his Battalion. He served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in Gallipoli from 5th November 1915, where he contracted enteric fever and was hospitalised in Alexandria, and subsequently invalided home on 3rd March 1916. Transferred to the 17th Battalion and posted to France 18th January 1917, and took part in the fighting on the Somme.

He died at Provans, near Ypres, 26th October 1917, aged 27, following wounds received in action at Houthulst Forest the previous day. He married at St. Cuthbert's on 27th September 1917, Helen Dalrymple Maclagan, of Woodthorpe, Colinton.

He is Remembered with Honour at Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium, Fettes School, University of Edinburgh, and Colinton War Memorial