

POTTINGER FAMILY OF BRETTABISTER



FRANCIS POTTINGER,

Francis Pottinger, Private, Seaforth Highlanders. Brettabister, North Nesting. Died of meningitis at the Military Hospital, Cromarty, on May 2nd 1917. Aged 18 years.

James Pottinger, Private, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Brettabister, North Nesting. The oldest son, he went on to become a Reverend like his grandfather.

William H Pottinger, Private, 1-7th Gordon Highlanders. Brettabister, North Nesting. Wounded at Cambrai on 20th November, 1917, and at Arras on 21st August, 1918.



Willie Pottinger, Brettabister

Their parents were William Pottinger and Ann H Hunter. They had six sisters and one younger brother.

NESTING MAN BURIED AT HOME

Private Francis Pottinger, Service Number 3/16343, 3rd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, died of meningitis at the Military Hospital, Cromarty, on the 2nd of May, 1917. He was aged just 18. He was the youngest son of William and Annie Pottinger, The Schoolhouse, Brettabister, North Nesting. His father was a teacher. Francis was a former pupil of the Anderson Educational Institute.

Francis enlisted in Lerwick, Shetland. The 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, had been stationed at Fort George, then moved to Cromarty where it remained for much of the war. They formed part of the defences for the Naval Base at Invergordon. The town provided an important refuelling and repair base for large naval cruisers from the Royal Navy.

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Private Frank Pottinger

Information has been received by his parents Mr and Mrs Wm. Pottinger, Schoolhouse, Nesting that their son, Private Frank Pottinger of the Seaforths, died in hospital at Cromarty on Wednesday from tubercular meningitis. Pte Pottinger joined the colours shortly after the outbreak of war, but his health broke down and he was for some time in the Gilbert Bain Hospital. Subsequently he proceeded to Cromarty, but his health did not improve, and he finally passed away as stated. Deceased was a bright young man of 18 years of age, and a favourite with all who knew him. His death is regretted by a wide circle, and deep sympathy is extended to his sorrowing parents and other relations. Francis is buried at Garth Old Churchyard, Nesting, Shetland, in the South West section.

Sources:

Shetland Family History Society
Commonwealth War Graves Commission