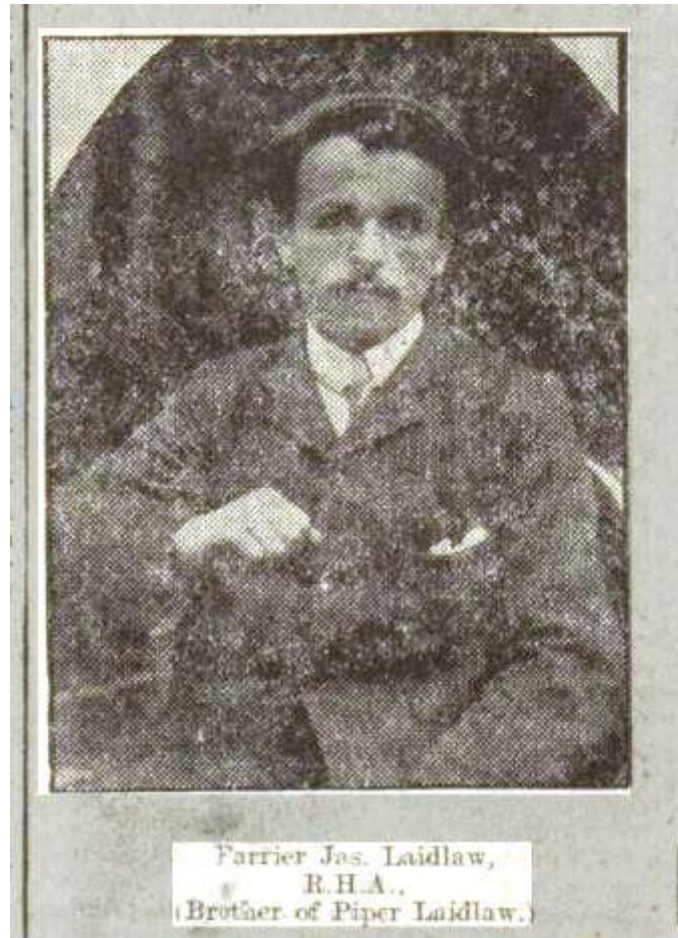




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DRIVER GEORGE LAIDLAW R.E.

DANIELS BROTHER



Parrier Jas. Laidlaw,
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(Brother of Piper Laidlaw.)

JAMES LAIDLAW R.H.A

DANIELS OTHER BROTHER



The Late Pipe-Major Wm. Robert Laidlaw,
K.O.S.B., native of Coldingham, from whom
the V.C. learned to play the pipes.

PIPE MAJOR WILLIAM ROBERT LAIDLAW

THE V.C.'s PARENTS.



Mr and Mrs Laidlaw,
Dancing Hill, Whittingham, parents of
Piper Laidlaw, V.C.

DANIELS PARENTS



MRS LAIDLER AND FOUR CHILDREN

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MEDAL INDEX CARD FOR GEORGE LOGAN LAIDLAW



GEORGE LOGAN LAIDLER



655 LAIDLAW Daniel Logan VC Sergeant - Piper 7th Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers Puits 14, Loos, France
 Born: 26 July 1875 - Little Swinton, near Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. Known as 'The Piper of Loos' 711
 Died: 2 June 1950 aged 74, at Shoresedean, near Norham, Northumberland (now Borders Region)
 Buried: 4 June at Norham Churchyard. Grave not marked at his own request. Headstone erected 2002
 Deed/Service: 25 September 1915 (Piper) Prior to an assault, he saw his company were shaken from the effects of gas, and disregarding all danger he mounted the parapet and marching up and down played his company out of the trench, continuing even when wounded and the position was taken
 Commemoration: i) Plaque inside Norham Church (Gives incorrect dates of birth and death) ii) Medals in National War Museum of Scotland
 Gazette: 18 November 1915

GIFTS FOR 40 WOOLER SOLDIERS.

At the request of Piper Laidlaw, V.C., the money taken at the doors in connection with the concert held on the occasion of his Wooler presentation, in Archbold Hall, Wooler, has been devoted to the purchasing of 40 electro-plated cigarette cases to given to Wooler men serving with the colours at the time the battle of Loos was fought, where the gallant piper was wounded and earned his V.C. The cases bear the following inscription: "From Piper Laidlaw, V.C., Loos, 25-9-1915." The Committee responsible was:—Messrs J. Hall, Sec.; J. Scott, R. Lyall, and A. Morton; together with J. W. Brand, T. Martin, and E. Douglas representing Parish Council. Each case holds 10 cigarettes and they were supplied by Mr Brand, bookseller, stationer, etc., High Street, Wooler.

BERWICKSHIRE NEWS 28TH MARCH 1916

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESENTATION.

Saturday Jan. 8, 1916, at 2.30 p.m., in Queen's Rooms, Berwick, is provisionally fixed for Public Presentation of Piper Laidlaw, V.C. The Mayor of the Border Town (Ald. Plenderleith, J.P.) will preside; Capt. Swinton, Superior of Swinton, will speak on behalf of the people of the Berwickshire village where the V.C. was born; and the Rev. J. G. Shotton, M.A., Vicar of Doddington, Wooler, will speak for Doddington, where the V.C.'s home now is.

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When the Piper Laidlaw, V.C., Testimonial was raised by "Berwick Journal" and "Berwickshire News," it was hoped to invest £50. Since the public presentation at Berwick to our Doddington friend, more subscriptions have come along; and now arrangements are being made for investing no less than £65. The Editor of "Berwick Journal," Capt. Swinton of Swinton,

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On Monday a great public demonstration was held at the Mound, Edinburgh, in commemoration of 1st anniversary of Battle of Loos. Large as was the assemblage at Edinburgh's Marne anniversary meeting, it was much exceeded on Monday, and at its greatest the attendance could not have been much under 10,000. It was noticeable that considerably more than half of the gathering were women, and they remained to the conclusion of the proceedings, when they enacted a memorable scene. In the scene Piper-Corpl. Laidlaw, V.C., of K.O.S.B., the heroic Piper of Loos, was the central figure. He is Native of Swinton, Berwickshire, and his home is at Doddington, Wooler, and he was the recipient at Berwick of "Berwick Journal" and "Berwickshire News" Testimonials of over £100. The piper has recently recovered from an operation, and his participation in the meeting was of a silent nature. He stood for a moment or two on the platform, and the chairman, Councillor Lorne Macleod, Edinburgh, remarked, "He will face the Germans any day you like playing his pipes, but he will not face this meeting," a sally which was received with great laughter.

At the conclusion of the gathering, however, a tremendous rush was made for the Border Hero. Hundreds of women endeavoured to shake hands with him, and a few succeeded. One or two were also successful in embracing and kissing him. Those in the vicinity of the Piper had difficulty in protecting themselves, while also vainly endeavouring to shield the gallant K.O.S.B. So great was the crowd round the famous Borderer that he did not even receive a final shandsake from Major Robertson, V.C., Edinburgh, who was completely cut off from his guest by the enthusiastic crowd.

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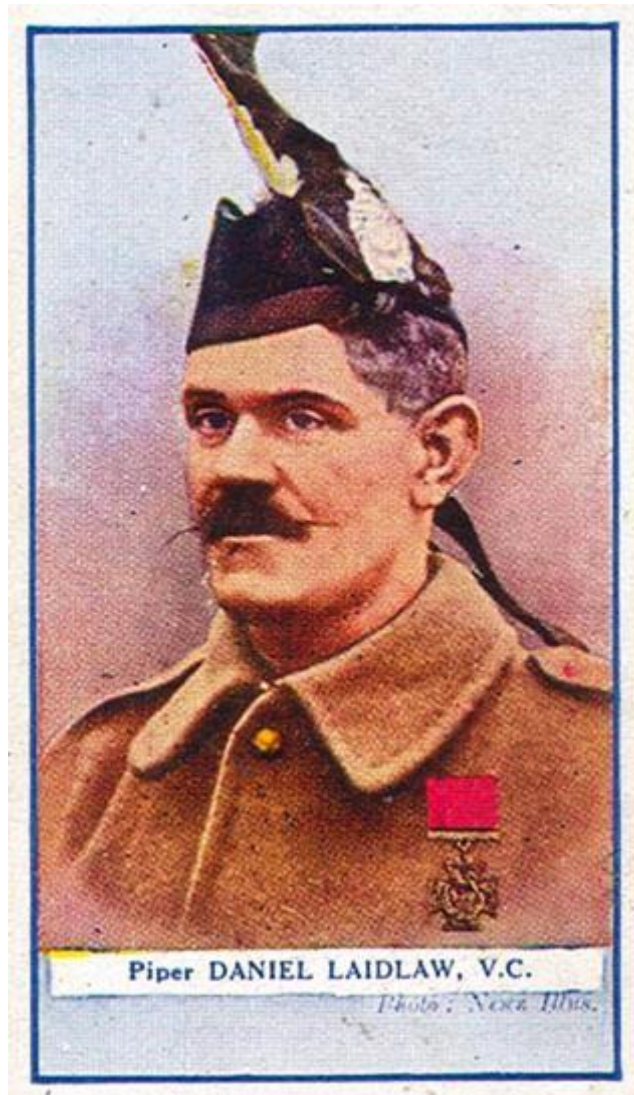
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if you could give me
a final discharge paper
as I intend claiming
a modified pension. I
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the matter. But I
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this army. for
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If there is any other
information you can
give me I should

very grateful
J. R. ...
Yours faithfully
W. Laidlaw
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