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REPORT of a Regular Officer of the R.A.M.C at *Edinburgh* on *Oct: 6<sup>th</sup>* 19*14*, as  
the physical fitness of the undermentioned candidate for a commission in the *Infantry*  
*Special Reserve of Officers,*  
*Territorial Force.*

Name	Age last birthday	Height inches	Chest girth inches		Weight lbs.	Hearing	Teeth	Vision	Colour Vision	Remarks as to fitness or otherwise
			Max.	Min.						
<i>Balfour Melville James Elliot</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>68 <math>\frac{3}{4}</math></i>	<i>37</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>normal reads "S"</i>	<i>normal</i>	<i>fit.</i>

This Report should be forwarded to the War Office by the first available post.

Signature *H. M. Nicholls*  
*Major R.A.M.C.*

2000 5/14 H.W.V.

Accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list. They may, however, state here—

10. The Branch of the Service (Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving

Infantry

11. The unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed

3<sup>rd</sup> Black Watch Special Res

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any particular unit.

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date 6<sup>th</sup> October 1914.

J Elliot Balfour McNeill

Usual Signature of Candidate

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age

Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been at a college, or other educational establishment during any portion of the period the certificate should be signed by the head of the establishment, otherwise it may be signed by a responsible person (such as a near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, or a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate in private life during the period.

If the above-mentioned person cannot certify for the whole period of four years, a second certificate for the period not covered by the first should be signed by a similar person.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of James Elliot Balfour McNeill for the last four years.

Signature

Rank, office or occupation

Date 7<sup>th</sup> October 1914

Address

58 Palmers Place, Edinburgh

To be filled in when the above certificate does not cover four years.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of

from

to

Signature

Rank, office or occupation

Date

Address

Evidence that the candidate has attained a good standard of education. If the candidate has:—

(a) obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912, the Certificate should be attached;

(b) qualified at an Army Entrance Examination, the date of examination should be stated; the Certificate should be attached.

Failing one of the above, the following certificate must be signed by the Headmaster of secondary school or other competent educational authority.

I certify from personal knowledge that

has attained

state here educational position, e.g., Head of a College or School, etc.

\*Here state whether Tutor, Head of School or College, Minister of Parish or other local clergyman, or Magistrate, &c.



Secretary to  
The War Office  
London S.W.

4 Thistle Court,

TELEPHONE N° 1289. Edinburgh 38<sup>th</sup> Apr 1915

Dear Sir,

Let me thank you  
for the Telegram you sent me  
yesterday informing me that  
my son J. E. Malform-Melville  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Black Watch  
was "wounded & missing, believed  
to be killed". I need hardly  
say that I would be greatly  
obliged by your letting me  
have any further news you  
hear of him. Might I also

ask whether you think there  
are any other means I should  
employ to try & hear of him.

would you also convey to  
Lord Kitchener my great appreciation  
of his most kind expression of  
sympathy

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Isid. Balfour Melville



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Thistle Court  
Edinburgh 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1915

Dear Sir,

Let me thank

you for your Telegram  
informing me that my  
son Second Lieut. J. E.  
Malcolm-Melville is now  
definitely reported killed,  
for the trouble you have  
taken in finding out about  
him.

Yours faithfully,

Leslie Malcolm Melville  
Secretary to the War Office

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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**O. H. M. S.** At \_\_\_\_\_ M. To \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) W.O.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof Dated Stamp.

TO { L. Balfour-Melville  
4 Thistle Court  
Edinburgh

SECRET TO INFORM YOU THAT it is now definitely  
reported that 2 Lt J. E. Balfour-Melville Black Watch  
was killed in action between 25/26 Sept

FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form.

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Prefix **A°** (Inland Official) No. of Telegram 390

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Words. Sent

**O. H. M. S.** At \_\_\_\_\_ M. To \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) W.O.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof Dated Stamp.

TO { L. Balfour-Melville  
4 Thistle Court  
Edinburgh

SECRET TO INFORM YOU THAT 2 Lt J. E. Balfour-Melville  
Black Watch was wounded & missing believed killed  
in action between 25/26 Sept. Lord Kitchener expresses  
his sympathy

FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

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Register No. 6861/3

CONFIRMATION NOMINATIVE  
Extract from ~~Letters of Administration~~  
~~Book of Widh~~

Not sealed

Dated 11th November 1915 Granted at Edinburgh

1. Estate of James Elliot Balfour-Melville Second Lieutenant 3rd Battalion (attached 2nd Battalion) Black Watch, Chartered Accountant, who resided at No.3 Learmonth Terrace, Edinburgh.
2. Date and Place of Death Was killed in action in France upon 25th September 1915

3. Grantees John Inglis Balfour-Melville, Writer to the Signet, No.4 Thistle Court Edinburgh.

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4. Gross value, £ 1181. 11. 10.

Extracted by )  
Produced by ) J.I. Balfour-Melville, <sup>4. Thistle Court</sup> Edinburgh.

Vol. Will dated 29th October 1914

to whom returned by registered post. 21. 2. 16.

