

# William Gentles

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**Private William GENTLES 1761 275220**



Argyle and Sutherland  
Highlanders  
Cap Badge

William Gentles enlisted into 7<sup>th</sup> Bn Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders aged 17 years and 2 months. His records show that he was 5 foot 2 ½ inches tall, with a chest size of 34 ½ inch when fully extended and a chest Expansion of 2 inches. His vision was good and he was physically well developed.

The date of enlistment is shown as 28<sup>th</sup> January 1913 at Alva in Clackmannanshire. William was granted a number of furloughs to return home and appears to have been wounded at least twice during his service. At the time of his death, William's father was also dead and his mother's name was Mary Gentles. He had the following brothers: Henry, Alex and James and sisters: Mary, Jane and Jessie. The family address was 3 Long Row, Menstrie at 25<sup>th</sup> June 1918.

William was granted furlough (leave) from 16 August 1918 to 26 August 1918 to visit his home in Menstrie.

The form was signed by the OC of the hospital. So it looks like he had been wounded or was suffering from shell shock just prior to the end of the war. Sadly William returned to France whilst serving in 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and he died 10<sup>th</sup> October 1918 and is buried in Selridge British Cemetery, Montay, France.

### Historical Information

Montay was reached in the Pursuit to the Selle on the 10th October 1918; and on the 28th and 29th the cemetery was made by the 33rd Division and given the name of Selridge from its position above the river valley. It contained originally 60 graves, dating from the 10th October to the 1st November, the majority belonged to the 6th or 12th Lancashire Fusiliers or the 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. After the Armistice a further 87 graves were added. 86 of these came from:-

NEUVILLY BRITISH CEMETERY No.2 (No. 1 was concentrated into Montay-Neuvilly Road Cemetery), which was made by the 17th Division on the 1st November 1918. It contained the graves of 86 soldiers from the United Kingdom (of whom 55 belonged to Yorkshire Service Battalions) and 49 German prisoners. It was a little East of the village of Neuvilly, beside the road to Montay.



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Selridge British Cemetery, Montay, France

The Glasgow Highlanders (9th H.L.I.), eleven of whose men are buried in the cemetery,

erected a wooden memorial in it to their dead of the 12th October.

There are now nearly 150, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, a small number are unidentified.

The Cemetery covers an area of 565 square metres and is enclosed by a low rubble wall.