

## **P889: WWI Letters from Pte David Waters and Related Research**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: GB1741/P889

Alternative reference number:

Title: WWI Letters from Pte David Waters and Related Research

Dates of creation: 1915 - 2010

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 folder

Format: Paper, photographs

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: Anna Rogalski, David Waters

Administrative history:

Custodial history: Deposited by Anna Rogalski

### **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description: Hand Written letters from a Private David Waters to his brother at Lochshell, Wick. Also includes a file with printed sources on the Waters brothers and family photographs.

Appraisal:

Accruals:

### **RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE**

Access: Open

Closed until: -

Access conditions: Available within the Archive searchroom

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom

### **ALLIED MATERIALS**

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: 02 Feb 2018

Ref.	Description	Dates
<b>P889/1</b>	<b>Inbound letters for David Waters primarily from his brother Donald Waters. [1 file]</b>	<b>1916 - 1917</b>
P889/1/1	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters from Repon to David Waters and the original envelope. He describes what a soldier's life is like, detailing his daily routine, cleaning, drilling and eating etc. and tries to dissuade his brother from signing up 'you will not think much of a soldiers life'. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	7 Aug 1916
P889/1/2	Handwritten letter from Pte James Cormack to David Waters and the original envelope. He reminisces about the fun he had with David and Donald. [1 sheet, 1 envelope]	7 Sep 1916
P889/1/3	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to David Waters and the original envelope. He states that he will be leaving for France soon and that this has come as a surprise he had been hoping to spend the winter in Ripon. [1 sheet, 1 envelope]	C. Oct - Dec 1916
P889/1/4	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters in Ripon to David Waters and the original envelope. He expects he will be staying in Ripon for the winter and complains about how cold it is there. He states that he has not had much to do lately but has been 'trimming up about the huts' which was a preferable job [1 sheet]	C. Oct – Dec 1916
P889/1/5	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to David Waters, describes general conditions.. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	8 Dec 1916
P889/1/6	Handwritten letter from Donald Waters to David Waters and the original envelope. He describes conditions in the trenches and the weather which was particularly cold and wet. He had just left the front line	31 Dec 1916

	for a ruined village somewhere in France. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	
P889/1/7	Field Service Post Card from Donald Walters to his brother David Walters. All of them indicate that he is quite well, had received David's letters and would write at the first opportunity. [1 Bundle]	12 Jan 1917 – 9 Sep 1917
P889/1/8	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He comments that 'we had trousers for a week but they were taken from us'. He mentions that there is only two other people from Caithness in his company Alexander from Keiss and Sutherland. [2 sheets, 1 envelope]	22 Jan 1917
P889/1/ 9	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He mentions meeting some people from Caithness Will Angus and Alex Rosie. He also mentions the price of sheep and that work involved in thrashing. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	10 Mar 2017
P889/1/10	Field Service Post Card from Donald Walters to Thomas Innes, Smithy House, Lochshell, Wick. He indicates that he is fine and will, has received his letter and will write back. [1 sheet]	13 Mar 1917
P889/1/11	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He writes about the weather and comments that it will be time to sow the crops soon. He mentions that R. Murry did not manage to sell any horses at the March Fair. [ 2 sheets, 1 envelope]	22 Mar 1917
P889/1/12	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He writes about the weather commenting that it is poor in Caithness too and that the fields will be sown late. He also mentions the price of corn and that the big farmers will have stores. [1 sheet, 1 envelope]	17 Apr 1917
P889/1/13	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He comments on the death of James Coghill and hopes the war will end soon. He also compares the agriculture in France to Scotland. [2 sheets, 1 envelope]	3 May 1917

P889/1/14	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He writes that he has seen some men from the 5 <sup>th</sup> [Seaforths] and read the Northern Ensign and John O' Groats and is sad to hear so many men from Caithness have died. He comments on the agricultural situation stating that there are few farms for sale and the price of corn is high. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	26 May 1917
P889/1/15	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He writes about a recent letter from home and mentions that the turnips were planted in good time and that cattle were fetching a good price. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	16 Jun 1917
P889/1/16	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He writes about the farming situation in Caithness commenting that his brother will not have much work at the moment due to the price of thing. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	8 July 1917
P889/1/17	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He writes about the horses and thinks they would be best fed on grass. [2 sheets, 2 envelopes]	C. 25 Jul 1917
P889/1/18	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He mostly writes about the weather, the harvest and Lambs. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	13 Aug 1917
P889/1/19	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He comments on the arable land in France commenting on how few cattle are reared. He writes about the Harvest at home and the Dunnet Market. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	26 Aug 1917
P889/1/20	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He mentions the Harvest, commenting that it was earlier than last year. He hopes that he can get leave before it finishes as he expects to get home before the New Year though he comments that the war may be over by that time. [2 sheets, 1 envelope]	24 Sep 1917
P889/1/21	A Black and white Postcard of rural France sent by Donald Waters to David waters. He states he is doing	7 Oct 2017

	well. [1 sheet]	
P889/1/22	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He writes about a friend's concerns over his wedding and recounts the death of George Angus, a Caithness man whose death he witnessed. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	14 Oct 1917
P889/1/23	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He states that the weather is terrible and that he is at the moment back from the front line. [3 sheets, 1 envelope]	30 Oct 1917
P889/1/24	Handwritten letter from Pte Donald Waters to his brother David and original envelope. He mostly writes about things happening in Caithness; his mother's cold, getting sheep and a friend's second marriage. [1 sheet, 1 envelope]	6 Nov 1917
P889/2	Black and white Postcard with a picture of a middle aged couple. Reverse reads: Tom Innes = Wife Helen Dunnet m. 1888 in Ayr. Helen's brother Jim Dunnet was chief blacksmith at Lochshell. Their cousin David waters was also a blacksmith there till 1941. [1 postcard]	C. 1914
P889/3	Envelopes addressed to Pte Donald Waters 1/5 <sup>th</sup> Seaforths. [4 envelopes]	C. 1916-1917
P889/4	Handwritten note from J. Waters to David Waters stating Alex had been killed. [1 sheet]	C. Nov 1915
P889/5	Telegram stating that Donald had been killed at. Original envelope included [1 sheet, 1 envelope]	5 Dec 1917
P889/6	Black and white photograph of the No. 9 Company, Canadian Forestry Corps. Taken at Langwell House, Caithness, August 1943. Belonged to Mr and Mrs David Waters, Smiddy House Berriedale. [1 photograph]	1943
P889/7	A file of relating to three Waters brothers; Donald, Alexander and John. The file contains extract from the Imperial War Grave Commission, War Diaries, photographs and printed extracts from web pages and secondary sources. [1 file]	c.2010

P889/8	Volume 1 summary report "a report of an enquiry into Northern Constabulary's management of complaints against the police made by members of the Mcleod family of Wick by Andrew Cameron chief constable, Central Scotland police. [1 Volume]	C. 2002
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