

Argus 7 Oct 1916

BIRKETT-VIPONT.—Killed in action, in France on the 11th July, Private T. (Leslie), dearly loved second son of Annie and the late Wm. R. Vipont, of Apollo Bay, loved brother of Will (on active service), Charlie, Archie, Lizzie, Evelyn and George, and the great-grandson of the late Sgt. John Grierson, of 73 Highlanders, aged 36 years, late of H.M.A.S Australia and of the Southforth Highlanders. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

—(Inserted by his sorrowing, mother, sisters and brothers, Rosebank, Apollo Bay.)

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[Extract of Letter from Annie Vipont to Walter Thomas]]

Leslie spent such happy days there, visited Edinburgh often, especially the Castle, and there saw the Seaforth Highlanders, the regiment which his great grandfather, Sgt. Grierson, belonged to, they being quartered there at that time. In a letter written to me about that time he said, "I wish I could get on land, dear; the waiting is awful, and I feel it's not half over yet." Well, cousin, ten days after writing my letter, my boy, instead of rejoining his ship, joined the Seaforths and took the name of Leslie Grierson. I enclose the copy of the letters received from his officers. They will say more to you than I can. Will you kindly [let] any of my people who wish to see these letters, as my heart will not let me write to [all]; and tell Mr Glass I would be proud to have my boys' names on the Roll of Honour where they first attended school. With regards to my new cousin and yourself,

I am,

Your affectionate cousin,

ANNIE BIRKETT VIPONT.