2014 marks 100 years since the start of the First World War, and the RCOG joins in the remembrance of the many lives touched by the war by recognising the role played by many of its Foundation Fellows and Members, whether as medical officers with the Royal Army Medical Corps or among the many services on land, at sea and in the air. The College was founded a decade after the end of the war, and who knows how many bright and aspiring medical professionals who lost their lives between 1914 and 1918 may have brought their knowledge and skills to the College for the benefit of women’s healthcare. Instead we can remember the 82 men and women who survived and went on to become Foundation Fellows and Members of the new College in 1929. These names have been gathered together through research in the College Archive, by examining membership lists, and researching resources made online by the National Archives. There will be some that we have missed, and of course we would love to hear about any names that can be added.

The roll is arranged alphabetically, Fellows and then Members, and includes brief details of medical post, field of service, and a photograph where this has been available.

**Foundation Fellows**

**John Bright Banister (1880-1938)**

[Image of John Banister]

John Banister was senior obstetric physician at Charing Cross Hospital, London and was also on the staff at Queen Charlotte’s and Chelsea Hospital for Women. During the First World War he served as Chief Medical Officer at the Anglo-French Hospital, Le Treport and as a surgical specialist at No. 17 British General Hospital in Alexandria. He was a member of the College Council.

**John Davis Barris (1879-1946)**

John Barris studied and worked at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, London as physician-accoucheur, and was a Foundation Fellow of the College. Barris was stationed in France during the First World War as Captain with the Royal Army Medical Corps.
Aleck William Bourne (1886-1974)

Aleck Bourne was consulting gynaecologist and obstetric surgeon to Queen Mary’s and Queen Charlotte’s Hospitals, London and consulting surgeon to the Samaritan Hospital for Women. During the First World War he served as surgical specialist and was attached successively to the 17th and 2nd General Hospitals in Egypt and France. Following the war he began a successful consulting practice in obstetrics and gynaecology. He was a member of the College Council and he was also curator of the museum which he helped to establish in 1938.

John Webster Bride (1884-1963)

John Bride was the consultant surgeon at St. Mary’s Hospital in Manchester, gynaecological surgeon at Northern Hospital in Manchester and lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology at Manchester University there. During the First World War he served as an officer with the Royal Army Medical Corps in Gallipoli, the Near East and France. He was a Foundation Fellow to the College.

Francis James Browne (1879-1963)

Francis Brown was appointed professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at the University of London in 1926. During the years of the First World War he was an officer with the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College.
**Eric Cuthbert Crichton (1888-1962)**

Eric Crichton was one of six South African founders of the British College after becoming the first professor in obstetrics and gynaecology in South Africa at Cape Town University. During the First World War he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps and saw active service in Egypt and Palestine. In 1917 he was serving as medical officer to the 1/5 Suffolk regiment when General Sir Edmund Allenby entered and conquered Jerusalem in December. Crichton was with Allenby’s column and was mentioned in despatches for his service. He subsequently served at the No. 7 Red Cross Hospital Montazah as adjutant, physician and consultant.

**Andrew Hope Davidson (1895-1967)**

Andrew Davidson served during the First World War in Palestine and Syria with the Royal Army Medical Corps and after demobilisation returned to Dublin where he had studied. Davidson was a Foundation Fellow of the College and later became senior consulting obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Rotunda Hospital and gynaecologist at Sir Patrick Dun’s Hospital in Dublin. He was also a professor of midwifery in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, a post he held until his death in 1967.

**Alexander Joseph Dempsey (1886-1963)**

Alexander Dempsey, son of Sir Alexander Dempsey, succeeded his father to the post of consultant gynaecologist at Mater Infirmorum Hospital in Belfast in 1919. At the outbreak of the First World War he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and served with distinction throughout the war, first at the Dardanelles, then later in Palestine and Egypt.

**Roy Samuel Dobbin (1873-1939)**

Roy Dobbin was chair of midwifery and gynaecology at the Royal School of Medicine in Cairo and was obstetric surgeon and gynaecologist to Kasr-el-Aini Hospital. During his time in Egypt, Dobbin amassed a personal collection of books relating to midwifery and as a Foundation Fellow to the College he made substantial donations to the library of many valuable books. During the First World War he served the Royal Army Medical Corps as an officer and surgical specialist with the British Expeditionary Force in France.
Archibald Donald (1860-1937)

Archibald Donald was the consulting gynaecological surgeon at Manchester Royal Infirmary and also held the position of professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at the Victoria University of Manchester. During the First World War he was an officer attached to the Second Western General Hospital and for his work there he was made a Deputy-Lieutenant of Lancashire.

Malcolm Donaldson (1884-1973)

Malcolm Donaldson was an officer with the Royal Army Medical Corps, serving as a surgical specialist. After the war, in 1921 he was elected to the staff of St Bartholomew’s Hospital, London where he held the honorary title of physician accoucheur. He was also the director of the cancer department there. As a founding Fellow of the College he made many distinguished contributions. He served as a council member and also served on the Examination Committee, Hospital Recognition Committee and Scientific Advisory Committee.

Daniel Dougal (1884-1948)

Daniel Dougal held a series of resident appointments at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, the Northern Hospital for Women and Children and also St Mary’s Hospital. He joined the honorary staff at the Manchester Royal Infirmary and in 1927 became the chair. Dougal had served in the Territorial Army before the First World War so when war broke out in 1914 he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, seeing service in France where he was awarded the Military Cross and the Croix de Guerre. He was also mentioned in despatches. As a Foundation Fellow of the College he had a role on Council and was also a member of the Editorial Board of the British Journal.
Thomas Watts Eden (1863-1946)

Thomas Eden was consulting obstetric physician to Charing Cross Hospital and consulting surgeon to both Queen Charlotte’s Hospital and Chelsea Hospital for Women. During the First World War he served as Major in the RAMC. He was one of the signatories to the Articles of Association of the College and was a member of the first full College Council.

Gordon William Fitzgerald (1899-1944)

Gordon Fitzgerald was elected to the Honorary Staff of the Northern Hospital for Women and Children and also received an appointment to the Municipal Hospital in Manchester. Fitzgerald saw service in the First World War as an officer with the Royal Army Medical Corps in command of the Fusehill Hospital in Carlisle. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College.

John R Fraser (1890-1959)

After qualifying, John Fraser held a number of appointments in Montreal and then moved to England and Vienna. He saw active service in the First World War with the Canadian Army and he had achieved the rank of Major by the time he was demobilised in 1919. He was appointed to the staff of the Obstetric and Gynaecological Department at McGill and in 1929, Professor, Chairman and Head of the Department at McGill and Royal Victoria Hospital. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College.

Arthur Edward Giles (1864-1936)

Arthur Giles held a number of appointments in Manchester before being appointed to the staff of the Chelsea Hospital for Women in 1895. Although this appointment was his most major during his professional life he also held posts at smaller hospitals including the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, Sutton Hospital, Pasmore Edwards Hospital, Edward Green and the Epping Hospital and the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital at Welwyn. During the First World War Giles served with the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College.
William Gilliatt (1884-1956)

Sir William Gilliatt held posts at the Middlesex Hospital and King’s College Hospital, London and also served as gynaecologist to the Royal Family, attending the Duchess of Kent and Princess Elizabeth. He was Honorary Secretary of the College during the Second World War and 6th President of the College between 1946 and 1948. During the First World War he served as Commanding Officer of the Medical Subsection of the hospitals at King’s and St Thomas’.

Alfred Gough (1884-1973)

Alfred Gough was consulting surgeon at the Hospital for Women, Leeds. He served as an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the First World War.

William Gough (1876-1947)

William Gough was gynaecological surgeon to the Women and Children’s Hospital in Leeds and to the Leeds General Infirmary. Gough was a Foundation Fellow of the College, serving on Council from 1937 to 1945 after retiring from the active staff of his hospitals in Leeds. For the last three years he served as Vice-President. He was also Chairman of the Examination Committee in 1944 and 1945. During the First World War he served as an officer with the Royal Army Medical Corps in the UK and also in France performing surgical duties.
Vivian Bartley Green-Armytage (1882-1961)

Vivian Green-Armytage was commissioned in the Indian Medical Service and in 1910 he won the Montefiore Surgical Medal at the Royal Army Medical College. Between 1911 and 1922 he was the resident medical officer and surgeon at the Eden and General Hospital in Calcutta. Green-Armytage saw active service in Europe during the First World War as an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps. A distinguished military career saw him three times mentioned in despatches. He also received the Mons Star, the Croix de Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur and the Order of the White Eagle of Serbia with Crossed Swords, in 1917. On his return to London he became consulting gynaecologist appointed to the British Postgraduate and West London Hospital Medical Schools and honorary gynaecological surgeon to the Italian and Tropical Diseases Hospitals. Green-Armytage was Vice President of the College between 1949 and 1952 and endowed it with a short term travel fellowship and a lecture.

Henry Little Hardy Greer (1890-1973)

Henry Greer was an honorary surgeon to the Royal Maternity Hospital in Belfast as well as being on the staff of the Royal Victoria, Ulster Hospital for Women and Children and the Down County Infirmary. In 1915 he was commissioned in the Royal Army Medical Corps and took part in the East Africa Campaign and the evacuation of Gallipoli, later serving with the Royal Flying Corps. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College and served as a member on the Council for two sessions, 1936-1939 and 1948-1954.

Arthur Francis Hamilton (1880-1965)

Arthur Hamilton joined the Indian Medical Service and served until the outbreak of the First World War in 1914. During the war he was stationed in East Africa and he was mentioned in despatches on a number of occasions. He was also awarded the Military Cross. From East Africa he was posted to Afghanistan where he stayed until 1921. At this time he was transferred to civilian employment in Bombay where he was appointed professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at the Grant Medical College. He was elected Foundation Fellow of the College in 1929.
John Prescott Hedley (1876-1957)

John Hedley was appointed to the junior honorary consultant staff at St. Thomas’s Hospital in 1910 and was then promoted to the full Senior Staff in 1919. He also held consulting positions at the General Lying-In Hospital, York Road, the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Queen’s Square and the Florence Nightingale and Harrow Hospitals. During the First World War he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps, with the rank of Captain, working at the Duchess of Westminster’s Hospital at Le Tourquet and later as a surgical specialist attached to the Fifth London General Hospital located at St. Thomas’s. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College, serving on the Council from 1937 to 1945. He also served for six years as Honorary Treasurer.

James Hendry (1885-1945)

James held a number of appointments in the city of Glasgow including the post of gynaecological surgeon to the Royal Infirmary and Medical Director of the Royal Maternity Hospital. At the outbreak of the First World War he was a Captain in the University Contingent of the Officers Training Corps and from 1916 to 1918 served in France with the Royal Army Medical Corps, retiring with the rank of Major. Hendry was a Foundation Fellow of the College and a member of the Council.

Eardley Lancelot Holland (1879-1967)

In 1907 Eardley Holland became obstetric registrar and tutor at King’s College Hospital, London and was appointed to the Honorary Staff in 1914. During the First World War he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps as a temporary captain employed as a surgical specialist in France, in charge of the No. 20 General Hospital. On returning to England he accepted an appointment at the London Hospital as obstetric and gynaecological consultant. He took an active part in the formative stages of the College, becoming a Foundation Fellow and serving as Honorary Treasurer between the years of 1930 and 1939. In 1943 he became the fifth President of the College.
Robert William Johnstone (1879-1969)

When the First World War began Robert Johnstone became involved in caring for the wounded returning from France and Belgium. For two years he was surgeon-in-charge at the Royal Victoria Red Cross Hospital in Edinburgh. In 1917 he went to France as an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps and served as a surgical specialist. In 1918 he was posted to the Headquarters of the Medical Services in London and became commissioner at the Ministry of National Service, dealing with problems of calling up medical practitioners for army service. He was awarded a CBE for his service during the war. In 1919 he was appointed lecturer in the School of Medicine at the University of Edinburgh and became chair of obstetrics in 1926. Johnstone was a Foundation Fellow of the College and from 1936 to 1939 held the position of Vice-President.

William Wilfred King (1882-1934)

At the outbreak of the First World War William King joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and was attached to the Third Northern General Hospital. At the end of the war he was appointed honorary assistant medical officer to the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield and became surgeon in 1920. King was a Foundation Fellow of the College.

(Mary Hannah) Frances Ivens Knowles (1871-1944)

Frances Ivens Knowles was honorary surgeon on the staff of the Liverpool Maternity Hospital and the Samaritan Hospital. During the First World War she was head of the Scottish Women’s Hospital Unit posted in France where she converted the Abbaye de Royaumont into a military hospital. At the request of the military authorities she started another advance hut hospital at Villers-Cotterets and was involved in operating under active shell fire in March 1918 during the German advance. For her service she was appointed chevalier of the Legion of Honour and awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm and the Medaille des Epidemies at the end of the war. Knowles was a Foundation Fellow of the College.
Frank Hamilton Lacey (1879-1958)

Frank Lacey served successively as registrar, assistant and later full honorary surgeon to St. Mary’s Hospital in Manchester. Lacey also served as honorary gynaecologist to the Christie Hospital for Cancer. He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the First World War seeing service in both France and the Middle East, after which he received the Territorial Decoration. Lacey was a Foundation Fellow of the College.

Herbert Melville Little (1877-1935)

In 1910 Herbert Little was appointed Lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology at McGill University and assistant gynaecologist to the Montreal General Hospital. In 1925 he became gynaecologist-in-chief of the Montreal General Hospital, a post he held for nine years. During the First World War he served with the McGill Unit 3rd Canadian General Hospital, first as Paymaster then as Adjutant. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College.

Charles Gibson Lowry (1880-1951)

Charles Lowry was appointed house surgeon at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast and also served as extern surgeon and house physician. He was a staff member of the Royal Maternity Hospital in Belfast and was appointed professor of midwifery at Belfast in 1921. During the First World War he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps. Lowry was a Foundation Fellow and one of the signatories to the Articles of Association under which the College was originally incorporated. He served as vice-president and was awarded College Honorary Fellowship in 1939.
Dame Anne Louise McIlroy (1878-1968)

Dame Louise McIlroy was gynaecological surgeon to the Victoria Infirmary Glasgow. During the First World War she was a member of the Scottish Women’s Hospital Foreign Service, going to Troyes with L’Armée d’Orient, as surgeon-in-charge, and later to Serbia and Salonica. She then served with the Royal Army Medical Corps at the 82nd General Hospital in Constantinople. Her service earned her the OBE and Croix de Guerre. In 1921 she became the first British female professor of obstetrics and gynaecology when she was appointed by the University of London, and was later made a Dame of the British Empire. Louise McIlroy was a Foundation Fellow of the College.


William Mackenzie was on the staff of the Samaritan Hospital in Belfast, and during the First World War he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College.

Robert Gordon McKerron (1862-1937)

Robert McKerron had a large consulting practice, being a recognised authority on diseases of children and midwifery. During the First World War he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps attached to the 1st Scottish General Hospital with the final rank of Major. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College.
Sir Ewen John Maclean (1865-1953)

Sir Ewen John Maclean was consulting gynaecologist at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary and was the first professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at the Welsh National School of Medicine. Having been a territorial officer before the First World War he served from 1914 with the 3rd Western General Hospital at Cardiff, which he later commanded, and as commanding officer of the Eaton Hall Hospital for Officers attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College, and second College President from 1935 to 1938; he was also an original member of College Council, a vice-president and was awarded Honorary Fellowship in 1947.

Herbert Leith Murray (1880-1932)

Herbert Leith Murray was appointed to the honorary staff of the Hospital for Women in Liverpool and was also on the honorary staff of the Maternity Hospital and the David Lewis Northern Hospital. He joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve in 1909 and was called up for service at the outbreak of the First World War, serving as medical officer on board hospital ships throughout the war and finished up with a posting at the Liverpool Naval Base reaching the rank of Surgeon Captain. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College, serving both on the Council and as vice-president.
Arthur Leyland Robinson (1888-1959)

During the First World War Arthur Leyland Robinson served as an officer with the Royal Army Medical Corps. After specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology he was appointed to the honorary staff of the Hospital for Woman at Shaw Street and the Liverpool Maternity Hospital. He was a Foundation Fellow of the College serving on its first Council and again between 1932 and 1934 and 1938 and 1944, as well as on several committees.

Donald Whatley Roy (1881-1960)

Donald Roy joined the honorary staff at the Samaritan Hospital, London just before the outbreak of the First World War and was also appointed to the consulting staff of St. George’s Hospital, London. During the war he served as a surgeon in the navy, but transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1917. He then served with the surgical division of the Northampton War Hospital. Roy was a Foundation Fellow of the College and librarian of the College between 1938 and 1941.

David Shannon (1876-1933)

David Shannon was appointed to the staff of the Royal Maternity and Women’s Hospital in Glasgow and to the Royal Samaritan Hospital, and later became assistant to the professor of midwifery and gynaecology at the University of Glasgow. He joined the territorial branch of the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1908 so was mobilised at the outbreak of the First World War. He served as Captain in the 2nd Lowland Field Ambulance and saw active service in the Dardanelles, Egypt and Palestine. In 1921 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and was awarded the Territorial Decoration. Shannon was a Foundation Fellow of the College.
Reginald Samuel Sherard Statham (1884-1959)

Reginald Statham was assistant gynaecologist at the University of Bristol and lecturer to the University Medical School, rising to the Chair in 1934. During the war he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps where he attained the rank of Major and on demobilisation was appointed OBE. He was also twice mentioned in despatches.

Richard Edward Tottenham (1889-1971)

Richard Tottenham was professor of obstetrics and gynaecology in Hong Kong and later in Londonderry. He served with the Royal Navy in the South Atlantic during the First World War, including a period in HMS Africa. Tottenham was a Foundation Fellow of the College.

Harold Beckwith Whitehouse (1882-1943)

Harold Beckwith Whitehouse was appointed as honorary assistant obstetric officer to the Birmingham General Hospital in 1908. By 1924 he was serving on the consulting staff of several outlying hospitals in the Birmingham area and was appointed to the Chair of obstetrics and gynaecology. During the First World War Whitehouse, as temporary lieutenant, was in charge of a surgical division and became a surgical specialist to the No. 8 General Hospital in Rouen. He also served at the No. 56 Hospital in Etaples. Whitehouse was a Foundation Fellow of the College and served for a number of years on the Council.
**Alexander Stewart-Wilson (1890-1943)**

On the formation of the College Alexander Stewart-Wilson was one of the very few South African doctors to be elected to Foundation Fellowship. In 1913 he joined the staff of Addington Hospital, Durban, first as resident medical officer then as senior visiting gynaecologist and chairman of the medical staff committee. During the First World War he was posted to France and served at the South African Medical Hospital. After the war he returned to South Africa and went into consulting practice as a gynaecologist in Durban.


Arthur Wilson was honorary obstetric surgeon at the Women’s Hospital in Melbourne and was appointed lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology at the University. During the First World War he went overseas with the Australian Imperial Forces and served as an officer with the 3rd Australian General Hospital. After a short illness he served at Gallipoli, Egypt and was posted to France where he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for meritorious work during the battle of the Somme in 1918. He was also mentioned twice in despatches. He was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and commanded the 7th Field Ambulance. Wilson was a Foundation Fellow of the College.

**James Montagu Wyatt (1883-1953)**

James Wyatt was overseas in the early days of the First World War, in command of a Red Cross unit, when his unit was captured by the Germans. After some weeks they were allowed to return to England where Wyatt took a post with the 5th London General Hospital combining military and civil duties. At the end of the war he was appointed obstetric physician to St. Thomas’s Hospital, London and was also gynaecological surgeon to the Grosvenor Hospital. As Foundation Fellow to the College, Wyatt served on the Council from 1941 to 1946 and was vice-president between 1946 and 1949.
James Young (1883-1963)

James Young became the first professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at the British Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital in 1935 and remained there until his retirement. During the First World War he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps in Gallipoli, Egypt, Palestine and France and attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He was awarded the DSO in 1919 and was twice mentioned in despatches. Young was a Foundation Fellow of the College in 1929.

Foundation Members

William Robert Addis (1884-1964)

William Addis joined the Royal Army Medical Corps at the outbreak of the First World War and was awarded the Military Cross at Passchendaele. He was badly gassed and invalided out of the Army, but later joined the Royal Flying Corps. After the war he decided to specialise in obstetrics and gynaecology and was appointed to the staff of the Salford Royal Hospital and to St. Mary’s Hospital and the Park Hospital. Addis was a Foundation Member of the College and was elevated to the Fellowship in 1935.

Jermyn Oscar Baker (1883-1956)

At the outbreak of the First World War Jermyn Baker joined the British Army where he served on the French front. He was invalided home in 1916 after being gassed at the Battle of the Somme. After this time he joined the Canadian Army with whom he served until 1919. Returning from the war he became Chief Surgeon to the Northern Alberta and Canadian National Railways out of Edmonton. Baker became a Foundation Member of the College in 1929.

Adam Barr (1893-1953)

Adam Barr saw active service during the First World War and returned home to graduate in 1921. After joining the staff of the Royal Maternity and Women’s Hospital and the Royal Samaritan Hospital in Glasgow he became senior assistant to Professor S.J. Cameron at the University and the Western Infirmary. Barr was a Foundation Member and was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1940.
Charles Philip Brentnall (1891-1947)

Charles Brentnall was on the honorary staff of St. Mary’s Hospital in Manchester, the Stretford Memorial Hospital and was also consulting gynaecologist to the Warrington Infirmary. During the First World War he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and saw service in the Middle East and later in France where he reached the rank of Major and was awarded the Military Cross. Brentnall was a Foundation Member and was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1938.

Andrew Moynihan Claye (1897-1977)

Andrew Moynihan Claye was emeritus professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at the University of Leeds, a post he held until his retirement. He saw active service in the First World War with the 4th Dorset Regiment, with postings to both India and Mesopotamia. Claye was a Foundation Member of the College, later being elevated to Fellowship in 1934. He was the tenth president of the College from 1957-1960 and served on many of its major committees.

John Francis Cunningham

John Cunningham was professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at University College, Dublin. He was a Foundation Member of the College and elevated to the Fellowship in 1936. He served on College Council 1941 to 1943 and 1953 to 1959, and also on the College’s Examination Committee (1952-1955) and Fellowship Selection Committee (1953-1961). Cunningham served with the Royal Army Medical Corps during the First World War.

Alfred Beuthin Danby (1888-1946)

Alfred Danby was on the honorary staff of the Birmingham United Hospital as gynaecological and obstetric surgeon and was also a clinical lecturer at the University. He saw active service during the First World War joining the Royal Navy and serving with the Grand Fleet in the Dardanelles. Danby was a Foundation Member of the College and was elevated to the Fellowship in 1935.
**George Stewart Davidson (1892-1960)**

George Davidson was gynaecologist at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and obstetrician at the Maternity Hospital, Aberdeen. He also held the position of consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist to the North-East of Scotland Regional Hospital Board. During the First World War he saw service with the Royal Army Medical Corps as an officer, and was posted to Salonika with the 43rd General Hospital and to Serbia where he was awarded the Serbian decoration of Order of St. Sava, Class V and awarded the Serbian Silver Medal for distinguished service. He was also mentioned twice in despatches in 1917. Davidson was a Foundation Member and elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1939.

**Margaret Fairlie (1891-1963)**

Professor Margaret Fairlie was emeritus professor of midwifery in the University of St. Andrews. She was a Foundation Member and elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1936: in 1955 she was elected to serve on the Council. During the First World War, Margaret Fairlie served with the Scottish Women’s Hospital at Royaumont as an orderly.

**Arthur Alexander Gemmell (1892-1960)**

During the First World War, Arthur Gemmell was a combatant in the Army, serving first with the Liverpool-Scottish regiment and later as adjutant in the Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders in Salonika. He was wounded in Ypres in 1915 and for his distinguished services he was awarded the Military Cross and the Greek Military Cross. Following the war he continued with his studies and rose to the positions of gynaecological and obstetric surgeon to the United Liverpool Hospitals and senior lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology in the University of Liverpool. Gemmell was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1935 and he became a member of the Council in 1942. He also served on the Examination Committee and became Honorary Treasurer in 1945. He was elected as President of the College in 1952.
William Francis Theodore Haultain (1893-1958)

At the outbreak of the First World War William Haultain joined the Red Cross Association to serve with the Army. After finishing his medical course in 1916 he was commissioned into the Royal Army Medical Corps, serving until 1919 with the 29th Lancers. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and while in France he was awarded the Military Cross and later the OBE for his work with the Army in Palestine. In 1948 Haultain was appointed obstetrician and gynaecologist to the Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh and to Bangour Hospital. He was a Foundation Member of the College and was elevated to Fellowship in 1934.

John William Alexander Hunter (1894-1959)

John Hunter was obstetric surgeon to St. Mary’s Hospital, Manchester and he also served on the visiting staff of the Manchester Northern Hospital, the Jewish Hospital and the Whittington Hospital. At the outbreak of the First World War he served as a combatant in the Royal Field Artillery. Hunter was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1938.

Robert Lance Impey (1888-1974)

Robert Impey was gynaecologist and obstetrician in Cape Town, South Africa. He was commanding officer of the Officers Training Corps and at the outbreak of the First World War joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and saw service in France and East Africa. He was awarded the Military Cross for rescuing wounded under fire during the Battle of the Somme and retired with the rank of Lieutenant in 1919. Impey was a Foundation Member of the College and was a member of the South African Reference Committee from 1938-1956 and Vice-Chairman of South African Council from 1956-1957.
Victor John Frederick Lack (1893-1988)

Victor Lack was consultant at the London Hospital, a post that he held until his retirement. He joined the ranks of the Royal Army Medical Corps at the outbreak of the First World War and was commissioned as a combatant officer. He first saw action as a machine-gunner and later as a rear-gunner in the Royal Flying Corps. After being wounded in 1917 he was released from the Army to continue his medical studies. A Foundation Member of the College, Lack was elevated to the Fellowship in 1935, serving on the Council and later becoming Vice-President.

Cedric Sydney Lane-Roberts (1888-1960)

Cedric Lane-Roberts was consulting gynaecological surgeon to the Royal Northern Hospital and Queen Charlotte’s Hospital, London, consulting gynaecologist to Gerrards Cross Cottage Hospital and obstetric surgeon to Queen Mary’s Maternity Home in Hampstead. He joined the armed forces in 1915 and served with the Royal Army Medical Corps as an officer for the duration of the First World War and was mentioned in despatches. He was a Foundation Member of the College and was elevated to Fellowship in 1933.

Robert Aim Lennie (1889-1961)

Professor Robert Lennie held the Regius Chair of Midwifery at the University of Glasgow after consultancies with the Glasgow Maternity Hospital and Victoria Infirmary. During the First World War he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps, in command of the Desert Ambulance Train. He was posted to Gallipoli, Egypt, Palestine and France and he was mentioned in despatches for his service. Lennie served on the first College Council from 1929-1935 and, as a Foundation Member, was elevated to Fellowship in 1936.
Andrew Carey McAllister (1887-1964)

Andrew McAllister was honorary consulting gynaecologist to the St. Mary’s group of hospitals in London. At the outbreak of the First World War he obtained a commission in the medical branch of the Royal Navy and served for the duration of the hostilities as medical officer. McAllister was a Foundation Member of the College and was elevated to Fellowship in 1936.

Donald McIntyre (1891-1954)

Donald McIntyre was the Royal Samaritan Hospital, Glasgow University Lecturer in Gynaecology and was chief of a unit of 65 beds at the Samaritan Hospital. He served throughout the First World War with the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Dardanelles and East Africa. He was mentioned in despatches and in 1918 was awarded the MBE. McIntyre was a Foundation Member of the College and elected to the Fellowship in 1932.

Arthur James McNair (1887-1964)

Arthur McNair was emeritus consulting obstetric surgeon at Guy’s Hospital and honorary consulting gynaecologist at St. Thomas’s Hospital. At the outbreak of the First World War he was appointed temporary surgeon with the Royal Navy and saw service in destroyers in the North Sea. He later served as an officer with the Royal Army Medical Corps as surgical specialist with the Indian Expeditionary Force D in Mesopotamia and later in the Afghan War. As a Foundation Member, McNair served on the College Council and on the External Relations, Finance and Executive, Fellowship Selection and Journal Committees and he was elevated to Fellowship in 1931. He was chairman of the Library Committee and became honorary Librarian in 1952. He was also Vice-President of the College between 1952 and 1955.
Harold Jordan Malkin (1898-1978)

Harold Malkin was the first specialist obstetrician and gynaecologist in Nottingham, with posts at the Women’s Hospital and City Hospital. He served during the First World War in the Royal Field Artillery until 1919. He played a major role in the formation and development of the College serving as a Council member for 18 years. A Foundation Member, he was elevated to the Fellowship in 1938 and became Vice-President from 1961 to 1964, and subsequent to this he held the position of director of postgraduate studies.

Samuel Walter Maslen-Jones (1891-1967)

Samuel Maslen-Jones was consulting gynaecologist and obstetrical surgeon to the Royal Hospital in Wolverhampton. At the outbreak of the First World War he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps as a member of the surgical team and saw four years of active service, mostly in Egypt, where he was mentioned in despatches. A Foundation Member, Maslen-Jones was elected to Fellowship of the College in 1931 and as chairman of the Building Committee he oversaw the construction of the new college house in Regent’s Park. He also held the position of Vice-President from 1958 to 1961.

Ernest Farquhar Murray (1886-1959)

Ernest Farquhar Murray was honorary assistant gynaecologist to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle and obstetrician to the Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle and in 1935 became Professor of Midwifery and Gynaecology in the University of Durham. He served with distinction in the Royal Navy during the First World War where he was at first stationed at Chatham Hospital. Later he joined HMS Caroline and was present at the Battle of Jutland in 1916, for which he was mentioned in despatches. He retired with the rank of Surgeon Commander. He was a Foundation Member of the College, serving on the original Council, and was elevated to Fellowship in 1931.
Ruth Nicholson (1885-1963)

Ruth Nicholson was honorary consultant obstetrician to the Liverpool Maternity Hospital. During the First World War she served in the French Army as a general surgeon, specialising in gynaecology and obstetrics once the war was over. Nicholson was a Foundation Member of the College and was elevated to the Fellowship in 1931.

Mabel Lieda Ramsay (1887-1954)

Mabel Ramsay graduated from Edinburgh University in 1906, and became consulting gynaecologist and obstetrician at City Hospital, Plymouth. She was a Foundation Member of the College in 1929, and served on the medical staff of the Women’s Imperial Service League at Antwerp and in France during the First World War.

Louis Carnac Rivett (1888-1947)

Louis Rivett was appointed to the staffs of several London hospitals as a noted teacher and surgeon in obstetrics and gynaecology, including the Middlesex Hospital, Queen Charlotte’s and the Chelsea Hospital for Women. He served in the Army and the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War and ended the war as surgeon in charge of the Anglo-French Hospital at Le Treport. A Foundation Member, he was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1936, previous to which he represented the members of the College Council.
Frederick William Roques (1898-1964)

Frederick Roques was obstetric and gynaecological surgeon at the Middlesex Hospital. He served as an officer with the 2nd Brigade Royal Artillery in France, and saw action at the Battle of Passchendaele in July 1917. A Foundation Member, he was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1937, and was Honorary Librarian of the College from 1935 until 1951.

Harold Farley Seymour (1879-1945)

Harold Seymour was honorary gynaecologist to the Sussex Maternity and Women’s Hospital, and also to Hove General Hospital. During the First World War he served in the Royal Navy in HMS Furious and at Hazlar. He was a Foundation Member of the College and was elevated to the Fellowship in 1937.

Wilfred Shaw (1897-1952)

Wilfred Shaw was obstetric and gynaecological surgeon at St Bartholomew’s Hospital in London. He served as a surgeon probationer in destroyers during the First World War. As a Foundation Member, Shaw was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1932, and served on the Museum and Pathology Committees of the College between 1939 and 1952.

Henry James Drew Smythe (1891-1983)

Professor Henry Smythe held the chair of Obstetrics in the University of Bristol. He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the First World War as a Captain for the Midland Field Ambulance, and was awarded the Military Cross for bravery in battle. Smythe was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1933 and was a member of the College Examinations Committee until 1942.
John Eric Stacey (1893-1952)

John Stacey was surgeon and lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology at the Jessop Hospital for Women and the University of Sheffield. On the outbreak of the First World War he joined the Royal Berkshire Regiment as a combatant, but later transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps and served as a regimental medical officer for the same unit. At the battle of Loos in 1915 he received a shrapnel wound in the lumbar spine, and after a long convalescence was able to assist at the 3rd Northern General Hospital in Sheffield by 1918. A Foundation Member, Stacey was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1937, serving as a member of College Council between 1930 and 1937 and 1941 and 1947, and was Vice-President of the College at the time of his death in 1952.

Gilbert Innes Strachan (1888-1963)

Gilbert Strachan was professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at the University of Wales, as well as Vice-President and a Fellow of the British Medical Association. He served during the First World War as an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps attached to the 3rd Western General Hospital, Cardiff. A Foundation Member, Strachan was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1931, and served on College Council 1929-1930, 1937-1943, and 1947-1952, and was College Vice-President between 1952 and 1955.

Sir Brian Herbert Swift (1893-1969)

Brian Swift was consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital and Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia. He enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps at the outbreak of the First World War, and served with distinction in France, receiving the Military Cross while attached to a combatant unit. He was Chairman of the College’s Australian Regional Council, a Foundation Member, and was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1937. He received a knighthood in 1954 for his services in the fields of obstetrics and gynaecology.
Wentworth Alexander Taylor (1900-1968)

Wentworth Taylor was on the staff of Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham and Birmingham Medical School. He served as an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the First World War, and became a Foundation Member of the College in 1929, elevated to the Fellowship in 1948.

Barry Keyte Tenison-Collins (1887-1934)

Barry Tenison-Collins was on the obstetric and gynaecological staff of Cardiff Royal Infirmary. He served with the Royal Army Medical Corps during the First World War, and saw active service at Suvla, Gallipoli, Egypt and East Africa. He was a Foundation Member of the College and elevated to the Fellowship in 1932.

Sir Arnold Learoyd Walker (1897-1968)

Arnold Walker was on the staff of the West London Hospital, City of London Maternity Hospital, and Harrow and Wembley Hospitals at consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist. He founded Kingsbury Maternity Hospital, and was Chairman of the Central Midwives Board between 1946 and 1967, as well as co-author of the ‘Reports on Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths’ between 1952 and 1963. During the First World War he served in France with the Royal Garrison Artillery but was invalided out of the service in 1918 following a severe shoulder wound. A Foundation Member, he was elevated to Fellowship of the College in 1938 and received a knighthood in 1953.

John St George Wilson (1891-1967)

John St George Wilson was consulting obstetrical and gynaecological surgeon to Liverpool Royal Infirmary. He served in the Army during the First World War and was awarded the Military Cross. He was a Foundation Member of the College, and was elevated to the Fellowship in 1933, serving on College Council between 1931 and 1932.