

Dr Russell Livingstone Lawrie

LRCSEd LRCPEd LFPSGlasg [TQ]

(1914-1987)



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On June 18th 2013 Dr Myrna Weetman presented an archive of material related to her late father Dr Russell Livingstone Lawrie, some items related to Nurse Annie Macfadyen and a small set of medical equipment items.



GD 73/1 Photographs

GD 73/1/1 1936



Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh: Summer Session 1936. Mounted Group photograph by A Swan Watson 38 x 27 cms. Key to names; includes Sir Henry Wade, R L Lawrie (TQ 1939),

R Leslie Stewart, Sister A Murray Smith, Sister K. Wilson and others.

In the Royal Infirmary, [eg 1920s] each surgeon and physician "Chief" had a team of assistants, known as a "Firm". This consisted of an assistant, a resident or non-resident houseman, one or more clinical assistants and a clinical tutor. As well as being collectively responsible for the patients in their wards, Firms also ran "Cliniques" or classes for medical students at the University and extra-mural school. Clinical medicine and surgery students were generally free to attend clinics of their choice.

GD 73/1/2 1937, December.

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. A Pirie Watson (FRCSEd 1911)– centre? Wards 11 and 12. Mounted group photograph – no key to names. RL Lawrie (TQ 1939) 2nd row 4 from right.

GD 73/1/3 1937-38 Surgeons' Hall Athletic Club 1st Hockey XI.

Mounted group photograph. 36 x 26 cms. By A Swan Watson. Key includes names – Day/ Auckland/ Smith/ Hirschson/Skinner/ Care / Dison / Lawrie / Khurana / Appel /Forsyth/ Barker

GD 73/1/4 1938? Group at Surgeons' Hall

Un-mounted photograph 39 cms wide. Lawrie in second row. Pirie Watson and John Orr, Dean?

GD 73/1/5 1938 Surgeons' Hall Hockey Club Touring Team – November 1938

Mounted group photograph 38 x 27 cms by A Swan Watson. Key to names – Lawrie / Patel / Barker / Forsyth / Appel/ Whittaker / Dison / Khurana / Day/ Smith / Stevenson

GD 73/1/6 1938-1939 Surgeons' Hall Athletic Club 1st Hockey XI.

Mounted group photograph. 37 x 27 cms. By A Swan Watson. Key includes names – Day/ Smith/Dison / Lawrie / Khurana / Forsyth/ Barker/ Stevenson/Whittaker/ Patel / Haldane/ Eaton

GD 73/1/7 1938 Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (RIE) Ward 11

Mounted photograph 19cms. Probably late 1930s – 1938? Signed by A Pirie Watson, J R Cameron , both surgeons on Ward 11 at that time.

GD 73/1/8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Photographs 1938 approx

3 small mounted and two un-mounted photographs of medical/ anatomical lecturers and students probably inside Surgeons' Hall building [not Playfair's RCSEd] (aka Forbes building, demolished and replaced by the current RCSEd Quincentenary Hall) (maybe A Pirie Watson?)

GD 73/2 Assorted testimonials, news-cuttings, certificates etc re Russell L Lawrie

GD 73/2/1 1930 George Heriot's School leaving certificate for Russell L Lawrie

GD 73/2/2 1934 Summer Session. School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges Edinburgh

Certifies that Mr Russell Livingston [sic] Lawrie as acquitted himself with distinction as a Member of the Class of Practical Biology ... First Class Honours with 75%. Signed Hugh Miller [FRCSEd 1926]

GD 73/2/3/1-8 1939 – Assorted testimonials for Russell L Lawrie. From Professor John Fraser FRCSEd, Mr D Stewart Middleton FRCSEd, Mr A Pirie Watson OBE FRCSEd, William Francis Theodore Haultain OBE FRCSEd, W A W Adamson FRCSEd and Sir Henry Wade PPRCSEd

GD 73/2/4 1940 April. Royal Naval Medical Service. Rates of pay extract. [1 sheet]

GD 73/2/5/ 1-4 Testimonials 1940 September and October. Re Russell L Lawrie from Dr Nicol [?] LRCP&S Ed, Dr Alexander Seton MB ChB, Dr J D Whyte and Dr Charles G Hetchen(?)

GD 73/2/6 1940 Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty appointment letter... "repair to your duties on 18th October 1940 [3 sheets]

GD 73/2/7/1-3 1942 news cuttings. Daily Post (Iceland's only English Daily) 30th May 1942; 10th June 1942 and photocopied pages of a newspaper of 1st April 1942 – all items relating to naval war action. Handwritten notes refers to Dr Lawrie's having to amputate a patient's leg assisted by a sailor who was a butcher in civilian life.

GD 73/2/8/1-4 1942 naval service messages/appointments re R L Lawrie

- 1) HMS Eclipse 27th January 1942 – 12th November 1942. 'Satisfactory service'- signed by Captain'
- 2) Appointment letter: HMS Pembroke for KN Barracks on 14th November 1942
- 3) Naval message – September 1943 – HMS Dinosaur, Troon
- 4) Naval message – September 1943 – HMS Squid as medical Officer to 330th LCF Flotilla

GD 73/2/9/1-4 1944 Invalidation

- 1) 1944, October 4th. Letter to R L Lawrie from the Admiralty – re Lawrie's unfitness for duty
- 2) 1944, October 28th . Ministry of Pensions letter to Dr Lawrie. Pension letter. "Psychoneurosis"
- 3) 1944, October 31st . Testimonial letter from Frederick W Pringle stating Dr Lawrie's competence..."extremely sorry when he had to leave..."
- 4) Typescript copy of (3)

GD 73/2/10/1-6 Personal incl financial

- 1) Dr Lawrie's Income Tax assessment for 1944-45
- 2) Dr Lawrie's Bank of Scotland deposit bank books (2) 1940-1944
- 3) **Plastic bag** Business card of Dr R L Lawrie, Glencorse Schoolhouse, Milton Bridge, Midlothian
- 4) **Plastic bag** Driving licences (2) 1930s-1950s
- 5) 1949, May 4th. Letter from Medical Department of the Navy returning 3 testimonials
- 6) **Plastic bag** Circular Brown leather identity tag approx 3 cms across with "R L Lawrie Surg Lt RNVR" stamped on it

Also in oversize archive box:

Clear plastic folder of an archive of **Miss Annie Macfadyen SRN SCM aunt of RL Lawrie** including letters, badges, certificates etc including four mounted photographs of nurses and patients in wards – 1920s/30s? “God save the King” / HMS Vindictive/ Christmas scene and New Year scene.(See National Archives) THESE MAY BE REDIRECTED TO ANOTHER ARCHIVE (June 2013)after some research has been carried out

GD 73/3 Surgeons’ Hall Journal

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