



Bandsman William Maddock (Regimental Number 2137) is buried in Cathcart Cemetery, just south of Glasgow: Grave reference I.1576.

A professional musician, William Maddock had previously served as such with the Ayrshire Yeomanry and as musical instructor to various Military Volunteer Bands. He had also spent nine years in service with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. He enlisted on February 24, 1916, at the Regimental Depot at Ayr and attested on the same day.

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The son of Robert Maddock and Ellen of Maddock of London, husband of Jessie Maddock of 119, New City Road, Glasgow, and father of three daughters and a son, he was reported as having died of bronchitis and heart failure* at Ayr Military Hospital at half-past five in the afternoon of March 17, 1917, having been admitted there for treatment to his bronchitis on March 7, ten days earlier**.

His health had by that time apparently improved to the point where the doctors were to about to discharge him.

Bandsman Maddock died at fifty-one years of age, having enlisted at the age of fifty.

**He was standing, talking and having tea...complained about a tightness in his throat, sat down and expired. – eye witness*

***His hospitalization and death occurred during period when the Regimental Band had travelled to the Continent, to an encampment close to the community of Meaulté to where the 1st Battalion of the Newfoundland Regiment had retired after its confrontation with the enemy at Sailly-Saillisel.*



(Right above: Some six months later, in September of 1917 – and led by Sable Chief, the Regimental Mascot – this is the Regimental Band on parade at Chelsea Barracks, London – photograph from Provincial Archives)

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