



L'Association Mémoire de Rugby Events présente

# Scotland in Somme Challenge Eric MILROY Commémorative Tournament



Mémoire de Rugby Events invite the  
**SCOTLAND** in Amiens to celebrate the  
memory of the rugby players fallen for  
France



Remembrance, Rugby and  
Music will create the event  
**from 10th till 12th february 2017**



## A bit of history

During the World War I, the French people insufficient in number could not cover simultaneously the forehead (front) of the Battle of Verdun and that of the Battle of the Somme, the Allies thus came to come to help the French soldiers to defend the frontline of the North which extended from Picardy, in the Nord Pas de Calais to Belgium. Without them Amiens would have been taken by the Germans.



A To Beaumont-Hamel, to Authuille, to Thiepval or to Longueval, as to the cathedral of Amiens, the native fighters big nations of the rugby of the southern hemisphere, United Kingdom and Canada are celebrated, them who left their lives so that we lived in free France.

The association " Mémoire de Rugby Event " was created by four rugby passionate friends - old amateur rugby players, and for some reason still practicing rugby as dismissed veterans. According our experiences in the world of the "Ovalie", it seems to us clearly that the human values of our sport are at the timeless and universal in the same time.

The self-sacrifice for the team is the expression of the self-abnegation, to support a team-mate in a scrum, especially if it is at front and what you feel it is the solidarity, courage and the sense to sacrifice for the team. To applaud the opponent after the match ended, or if the injured player is carried out on the stretcher, shows high respect and dignity. The self-abnegation, the solidarity, the courage, the sense to sacrifice, the respect and the dignity are not to be separated from the practice of our sport.

Beaumont-Hamel



Thiepval

In numerous clubs, in the schools of rugby, we can often notice the work of voluntary veterans passing on these values to young children, newcomers on the playground. Not only with the aim of allowing them to master the basics of the team game but also to make them to be aware of the rugby - behavior which will make later all of them responsible men and women.

So to honour these values for the future, we include them in the centennial story. This is the reason why, registering us in the duty of remembrance, we feel the moral obligation to continue the memory on our former (old) rugby men . . . the young generations have to know who these brave men were.

In particular those who, strangers or not, had given their lives for France. These men being part of our sport, applied the values of the self-abnegation, respect, dignity, solidarity, courage, and especially the sense to sacrifice for the ultimate - their lives . . .

That is why, to honor the memory on these rugby players who had fallen for our country, we decided to organize commemorative, sports and festive events.



Commemorative - not to forget them.  
As the sportsmen - because Rugby was their passion.  
Festive - to share the enjoyment and the friendship in the world of Rugby.  
And all these rugby men were so young, at the start of their lives . . .

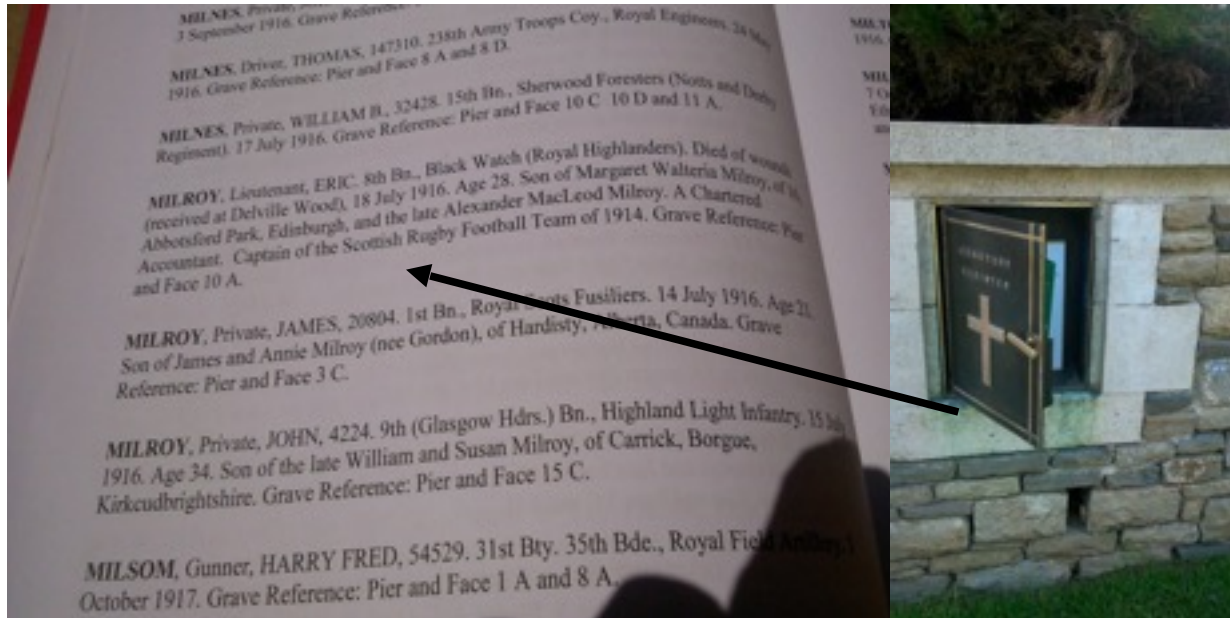


This year the association " Mémoire de Rugby Events " honors the memory of **Eric MacLeod " Puss " Milroy** (December 4<sup>th</sup> 1887 – July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1916).

Born in Edinburgh, son of Alexander MacLeod Milroy and Margaret Walteria Milroy, Éric was the youngest child of a sibship of four children.

Eric Milroy, brilliant student, **entered 1895 at Georges Watson's university** where he won by his merit a grant (scholarship). He distinguished himself with his seriousness, his notable participation in the Literary Company of the University and with his commitment to Sport - as the rugby scrumhalf.

Furthermore, he also reached the sergeant's rank in the body of the younger juniors, and finished the studies obtaining diploma of mathematics in 1910.



Then he was an apprentice as chartered accountant, took his examinations with ease, became finally the banking agent. This reliable, studious and brilliant young man had remarkable rugby career...

His mother, used to advice him before every match: " be not bad today, and remember: stay very behind!"

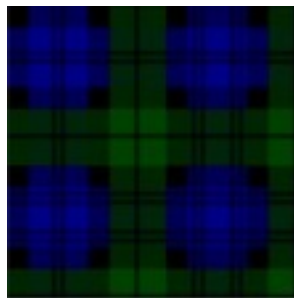
**Eric** never hesitated to forge ahead. This was the way he carried out an outstanding career as the **Scrum half of Watsonian XV** from 1906 till 1914 (Club which welcomed great names of Rugby, as Gavin Hasting) He was five times the champion of Scotland, from 1908 till 1914.

The season 1909/1910 was exceptional for him and his team that remained unbeaten from the start to finish of the competition. Year **1910** was for him also a decisive year.

He was selected for the tour of **British Lions** to South Africa, and had made his "first cap" for Scotland. From 1910 till 1914, Eric Milroy, played for the his Country in almost all the international matches. In **1914** he captained the Scottish team.

Then the Great War arose . . .

Eric MILROY on 10A



Eric Milroy joined the 9th **Royal Scots** of the Body of Training to the Armies of Wastonian in September 1914. Quickly promoted to second Lieutenant he was incorporated into the **11th Royal Highlanders**, then was connected with the 8th Royal Highlanders, in the regiment of Black Watch, as to officiate of machine gun Lewis in July 1916. Sent on the forehead in France in October 1915, he fought in the terrible battle of Ypres. On July 13<sup>th</sup> 1916 Eric Milroy wrote to her mother: "Tomorrow it is possible that we meet some small problems, but I assure you that it will be about nothing".

Five days later, lieutenant Eric Milroy fell on the fire on the French ground, during the Delville Wood fight - the battle of the Somme.

**His mother never believed that Eric died . . .  
And during the years to follow she left the  
light in her house lightning, in case her son  
returns during the night, that he can find the  
way to home . . .**

Eric never listened the advice of his mother :  
"Stay behind" . . . neither on the rugby field, nor at  
the Front.





## The Event

We shall follow the remembrance (commemorative) activities in 2017 . . .

The graves of the Scottish people are akin to those of the Welsh, Irish, and English people in Beaumont Hamel and to Thiepval.

The Region Hauts de France (Nord Pas-de-Calais Picardy) and the Department of the Somme are known for the major tourist and ecological interest . . . We believe that the North has also to honor their past and present rugby players



The Association Mémoire du Rugby Events decided to organize a **Commemorative Tournament of Rugby Veterans** on the principle of a Funny Six Nations Tournament.

**2017 Event is dedicated particularly to Scotland through Eric Milroy's Memorial.**

**The celebration date offers the possibility to visit Six Nations match France vs. Scotland on February 12th 2017**

**At the same time one hundred years ago, the Germans had been stopped on the frontline - in a certain way it was the first victory of the Allies.**

This tournament is tailored for 8 teams, according to the geographical origin of the war veterans intervened on the Frontline of the Battle of the Somme.

Inviting the nations and regions, that were part in this terrible battle, we would like to express our gratitude and honor. For the success at that time the help and support was needed - from Scottish people, Amiénois, French people of The Nord Pas-de-Calais, the Bretons (Bretagne) who were replaced by Scotts at Authuille and the Belgians because the frontline extended up to Ypres and Messina . . .

Eric Milroy fought there before returning in Somme. Let us not forget the Italians, who fought in Aisne and our friends of the Big East who held the 2nd frontline of the battle of Verdun.

## Grand Est

Alliance Epinal Verdun



## Italia

The Beerbanti  
San Benedetto Del Tronto



## Belgium

The Belgians  
de Nivelles



## Scotland

Howe Of Fife  
Cupar  
RFC Kgnights



**Amiénois**  
The Barathlètes



## Hauts de France

Alliance SUP'R XV  
Barbarians of Nord Pas de Calais and else where and the Pot Agés of Clermont - Senlis



## Bretagne

The Maout COZ of Quimper



## France

Alliance the Rescapés of  
Puilboreau (La Rochelle) and  
the Arvernes de Lutèce (Paris  
and Clermont Ferrand)



Guests : The  
London Scottish  
and Racing Club  
de France

A commemorative trophy will reward the winning team of the tournament.

## Festivities programme :

- Visit the Town of Amiens and its cathedral
- Challenge of Golf " Royal Scots " to Querrieu (near Amiens)
- Lunch theme (Exchange on the invention of the Golf to St Andrews and the recruitment of the soldiers native of the Fife)
- Commemorative trip on the tracks of Eric Milroy and the Scottish people fallen for France in the battle of the Somme / Concert
- Parade in the streets of Amiens with Pipes Band, war veterans and standard bearer and rugby men / ecumenical celebration of the participating teams
- commemorative tournament of Rugby veterans
- Mass to be held in the Cathedral by the bishop

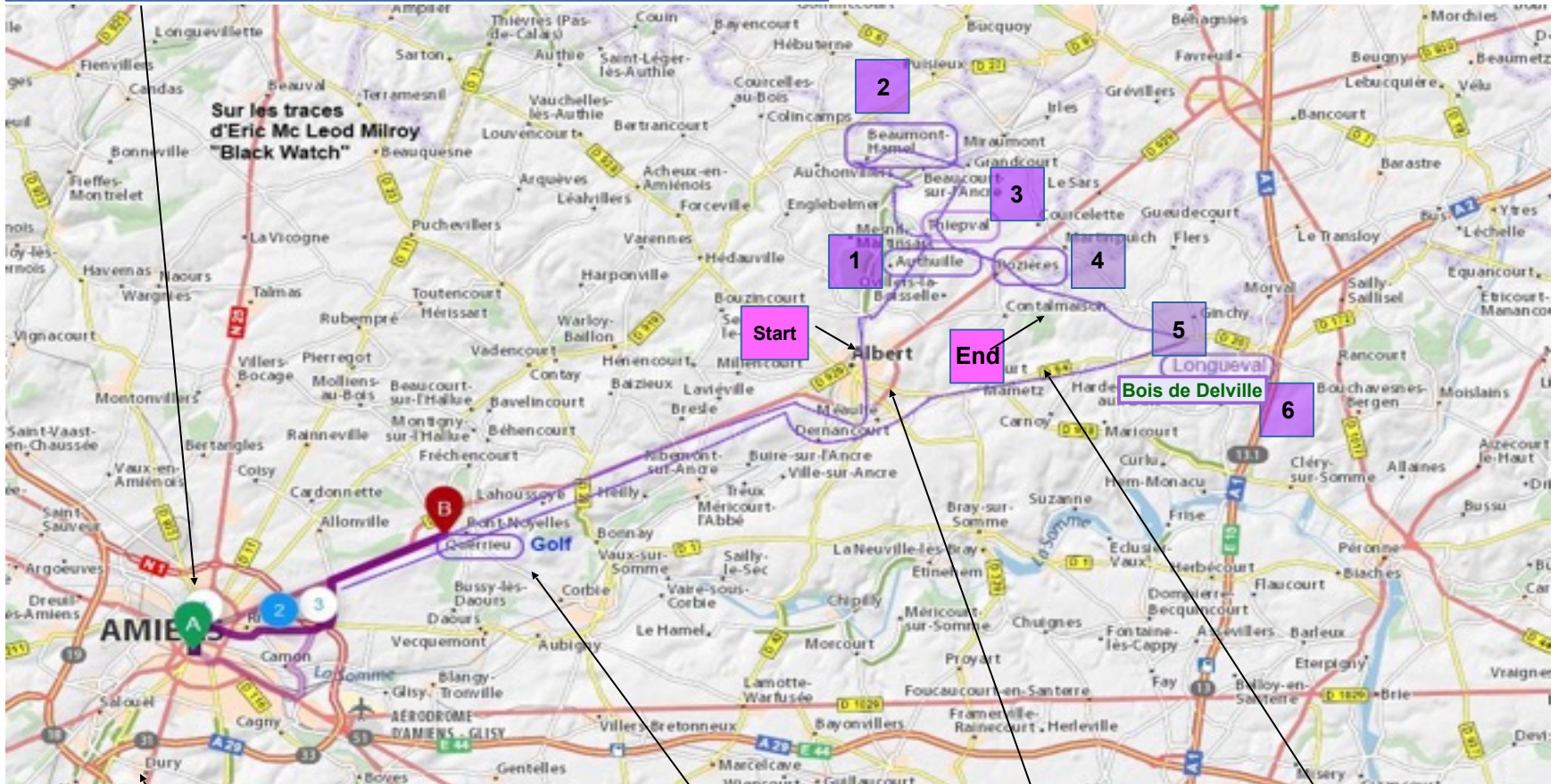


The participants wishing to go to Paris on February 12th for the match FRANCE - SCOTLAND at the Stade de France will be assisted



# The Event MAP : Scotland in Somme

**Amiens town of Rugby Commemoratif Tournament,  
Concert, hotels and festivities**



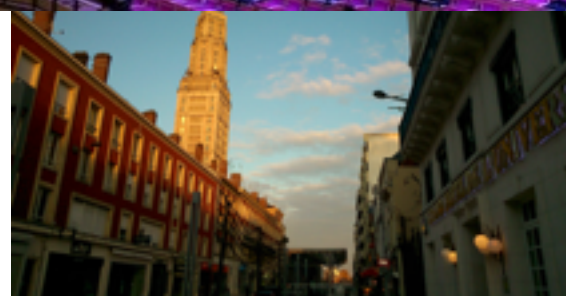
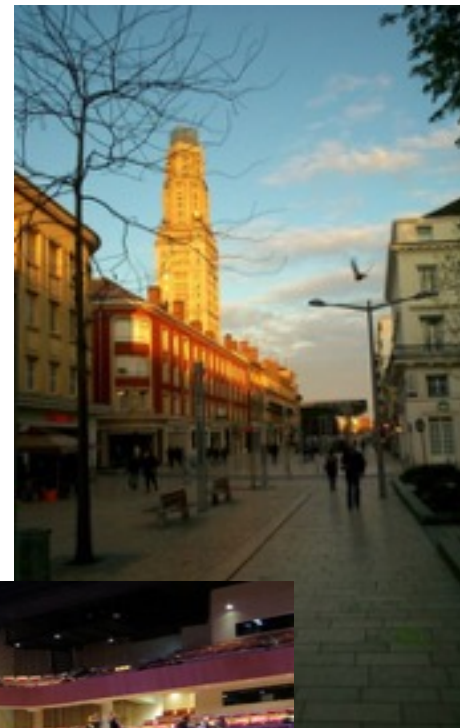
**Amiens town of Gala diner  
And FFR animation**

**Querrieu  
Golf challenge:  
« Royal Scots »**

**Commemoratif trip**



# Amiens



## Our partners wished to transform the try :

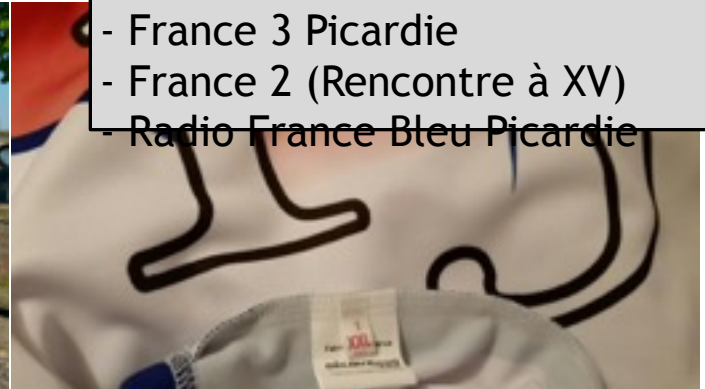
### Les institutionnels

- La Mairie d'Amiens (ok)
- Amiens Métropole (ok)
- Le Département de la Somme (ok)
- La Région Haut de France (ok)
- La Mairie d'Authuille (ok)
- Le Mémorial de Beaumont Hamel (ok)
- La Mairie de Thiepval et son Musée Mémorial
- La Mairie de Contalmaison et it Scotland Cairn (ok)
- La Mairie de Pozières (ok)
- La Mairie de Longueval (ok)
- La Mairie d'Albert (ok)
- L'Office Nationale des anciens Combattants(ok)
- La Mission Centenaire (ok)
- La Fédération Française de Rugby (ok)
- La Scottish Rugby Union



### The Print Media and Communication

- Le Courrier Picard
- Le Journal des Amiénois
- La gazette des sports d'Amiens
- L' Audacieux Magazine (bimestriel) / 3 régions + Belgique
- Le site web de l'association : « Mémoire de Rugby Events »
- Les Réseaux Sociaux
- France 3 Picardie
- France 2 (Rencontre à XV)
- Radio France Bleu Picardie





## Nos sponsors pour transformer l'essai :

- Le groupe belge BELISOL
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## Events Participation

- L'Auditorium Conservatoire d'Amiens
- Le Golf de Querrieu
- Le Musée Militaire d'Albert
- Le Quinze (Brasserie à Amiens)
- JOKO PAIN (Boulangerie à Amiens)
- Apart'City
- Le Mercure d'Amiens
- L'Ibis
- Le Campanile
- La SNCF
- L'association SUP'R XV
- Le Café des beaux Arts
- L'association Alliance France-Ecosse

The Scotland and the rugby players to celebrate Amiens and the Centenarian of the battle of the Somme in February, 2017:

This commemorative tournament around the Scotland joins in a vaster project. He(it) addresses the rugby players, the inhabitants of Amiens as the numerous visitors to commemorate, visit, discover places and listen to some music. Amiens, the Somme(Sum) and the Region of the Tops of France have undeniable cultural, patrimonial and tourist assets(trump cards). In the looks of what represented the atrocity of the fights, and the hardness of the life in trenches and on the forehead(front), we want to offer to our free territory, another face and moments of shared pleasures and so to pay tribute to the servicemen who are sacrificed on the field of honor.



Murrayfield stadium 13th march 2016

# Le Planning de cet événement



## Thursday 9th february 2017

15h00 à 18h00	1ères Arrivées Accueil des participants, Rooming, Visite du Centre ville D'Amiens et de sa Cathédrale
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19H00 à 22H00	Suite arrivées et Diner et soirée libre
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## Friday 10 th february 2017

0 8 h 0 0 à 09h00	Regroupement pour départ de la Journée Ludique, Touristique et Commémorative (le prix comprend le petit-déjeuner à Amiens, l'excursion en Autocar + le Golf (ou non) + les Mémoires, le déjeuner et le Concert)
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0 9 h 0 0 à 09H20	Départ pour Querrieu : Golf « Challenge Black Watch » ou visite du musée d'Albert
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12h30 / 14h00	Déjeuner
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1 4 h 0 0 à 18H00	<p>Départ pour le Pays des Coquelicots, Visite guidée et commentée des mémoriaux de la bataille de la Somme sur les traces d'Éric MILROY (émotions garanties).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Authuille le 31 juillet 1915, les soldats français du 11<sup>ème</sup> Corps d'armée essentiellement composé de bretons ont été relevés par la 51<sup>ème</sup> Division d'Écosse.</li> <li>-Beaumont Hamel (la statue du soldat Écossais, le 51st Highlands Division Memorial, le Hunter's Cemetery et le monument du 8ème Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders),</li> <li>-Thiepval son musée avec film de reconstitution, son cimetière et son mémorial où sont gravés le noms des 73367 soldats morts entre 1915 et 1918 dont Éric Milroy</li> <li>-Longueval et surtout pour nous rendre dans le bois de Delville (accompagné de cornemuses et anciens combattants et Contalmaison pour son cairn Écossais (Commémoration, discours, verre de l'amitié)</li> </ul>
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18h45 / 20h	Cocktail Déjeunatoire et Retour à Amiens
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21H00	Concert de musique traditionnelle
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# Le Planning de cet événement (suite)

Eric MILROY sur le trombinoscope numérique de Thiepval



## Saturday 11 th february 2017

9h30 à 10h00	Petit-déjeuner Galerie des Jacobins au café LE KIMBO / JOKOPAIN Petite balade matinale dans Amiens (défilé Cornemuses / anciens combattants et équipes participantes avec drapeaux)
10h30/11h	Briefing et début du Tournoi
12h	Déjeuner
14h00 à 17H30	Tournoi
18h30/19h30	•Remise des prix (lieu et présence à définir par exemple mairie d'Amiens)
20H00 à 22H00	•Apéro •Dîner de Gala
Jusqu'à 02h00	Soirée dansante

## Sunday 12th february 2017

**10h à 11h : Messe Commémorative à la Cathédrale d'Amiens**

**17h : France – Écosse au Stade de France (Paris)**





In conjunction with this event



- THE UNIVERSITY axe between the UPJV (Université Picardie Jules Verne) - and the GEORGE WATSON'S COLLEGE

-Personalities invitation of the SRU ( Scottish Rugby Union) and the FFR (Fédération Française de Rugby)

- The Intergenerational Link with - the FFR animation in city center of Amiens

- A Filmed Documentary on this Remembrance

**CONCERT : 3 groups in 3 acts**  
**Music and Songs for the programme**



- Battle of Somme by Willie Lawrie
- Comme un petit Coquelicot
- Les Roses de Picardie
- L'Hymne du bleuet de France
- Flower of Scotland
- La Marseillaise
- Heart of Glory
- The Green fields of France
- Blue Bonnets O'er The Border
- Fiddle
- Scottish Music

