

## John Wilson Lauder

John was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 1899 in Burnmouth. He was the son of Alexander Lauder and Susan Wilson. John was a deck hand aboard H.M.S “Ganges II”, Service no. 17911/DA. He was a Royal Naval Reservist. John’s mother had lost her first son Thomas when he was 3½. Her second son William died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 1915 when he was only 26. Her husband, Alexander, died in the May of that year. It must have come as a severe blow to her to learn that her youngest son, John, had died in Gillingham Hospital Chatham. Her only remaining son, James [Jimmy] Lauder registered his brother’s death . John Wilson Lauder was only 19 when he died. He is buried in Ayton cemetery in the family grave. His name is also on the Ayton War Memorial.

John’s mother, Susan, lived in 31 Cowdrait until she died in 1927. There is a photograph of her son Jimmy Lauder on one of the slide shows on this family history forum.

John’s name is 7<sup>th</sup> from the top of this section of the Ayton War Memorial.

