



STOBS MILITARY CAMP
HAWICK IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

Transcript of interview between Ian Landles, Andrew Jepson and Walter Oliver, 5 Sept 2017
With the kind permission of Ian Landles and Walter Oliver

Ian Landles

And you mentioned a soldier getting drowned in the top loch?

Walter Oliver

There was a soldier got drowned in the top loch and that would be about the mid-fifties. There were three of them went up there, and I've never heard this getting publicised anywhere, but I know it was true because I went up tae see if I could see the body the next morning, which is a bit funny but that's the way I work, and, eh, there were three of them went up there and they had went swimming or something and one of them had disappeared and, eh, they did search for him at the time. They had guys in their swimming and things like that, poking about in the weeds, and they never found him that night. But the next morning I went up, but they had already come up and they got the body out and took him away. But there was another one crossing the little creek, that was way back in the First World War. He fell in and finished up in Hawick somewhere, got washed down the Slitrig because little Barns Burn used to really rise and then so does the Slitrig of course.