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Case 10: Moray players in two world wars

Coincidentally in the autumn, we had two visitors bring us fascinating memorabilia relating to wartime stories of people of Elgin. There is nowhere near enough space here to show all the material.

The collection on the top shelf is from the First World War: **the Park Sisters of Bishopmill**. Here are just a few of the souvenirs from their days nursing wounded soldiers in Glasgow. Did any of their patients accompany them to an afternoon at the Alhambra? There were some fine artists and talented cartoonists among them – another page from the Autograph Album:



The middle shelf tells the story of **Ft.Sgt. RAF (VR) John (Jock) E. Fraser**, from his New Elgin Dux medal (1935-36) to the last entry in his Flying Logbook. He was flying Tempests, an aeroplane with proven low level flying ability, attacking railway lines in what became East Germany, and was killed in action, aged 22, on 24th April 1945. Other documents include airgraphs to his New Elgin family – his mother died young and he was brought up by his grandmother who he called his mother - and pictures of the crash site and his first grave. On an earlier page in the logbook he notes, for example: 'Wizard dog fight', 'Nothing doing except bags of panic trying to get up', 'Monotonous. Something bound to happen soon'.