

# **John Drysdale Bennett**

**Occupation** : worked on Rusko Estate

**WW2 position** : King's Own Scottish Borderers

**Birth** : 1908 Girthon

**Death** : 5th December 1947 at Dumfries (age 39)

**Buried** : 7th December 1947 at Girthon Cemetery

**Marital status** : married Mary Margaret (Maisie)  
Turner at Anwoth in 1935

**Parents** : Robert Bennett (wood sawyer) &  
Margaret McGeoch

**Address** : : In 1911 census the family lived in  
Birtwhistle Street, Gatehouse of Fleet

**Siblings** : Drysdale had at least 4 brothers and 2  
sisters.

**Memorial** : Not on any war memorial.

Nessie Alexander, an evacuee at Rusko House during the war remembered Drysdale and Maisie Bennett and their daughter Sheena (b.1939 Gatehouse) living in the flat above the garage at Rusko. She recalled that Drysdale was injured during the war and never fully recovered.