



**David Sturge Crichton**, Edinburgh University, 3 caps, cap number 154

David Sturge Crichton was born on 30th October 1906 in York. His father David Sprunt Crichton had been born in Dundee before taking degrees at Edinburgh and Oxford. David senior had moved to York to work for Rowntrees where he was employed as a social secretary and was the founder of their in-house magazine "Cocoa Works". David's mother Edna Annie Sturge went on to become the first Lady Mayor of York in 1941-42.

David was quickly spotted as a hockey talent at Edinburgh University. He represented East District against South on 30th November 1929 . He won his first cap against Ireland in Dublin on 14th March 1931 and played well enough in the 3-3 draw to retain his place at inside left for the game against England. Crichton was credited with creating the opening goal for Scotland however, unfortunately, England were too strong and ran out 2-1 winners. His last cap came against Ireland in 1932, Morley-Brown the original selection called off and David played in the game at Paisley on 26th March . Ireland ran out comfortable 3-0 winners. Morley-Brown returned for the final game of the season against Wales.

In 1936 David joined Oakham School as a Physical Training (P.E.) Teacher and remained there until the outbreak of war in 1939. David played an active part in school life, as well as P.E., he was an instructor with the scouts and was a member of the OTC. He also found time to play cricket for Oakham Cricket Club and hockey for Lincolnshire. He was gazetted to the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in 1937 and was deployed to France in 1939 as part of the 51st Highland Division. The Gordons and much of the rest of the 51st Division were captured at St Valery in June 1940 and became Prisoners of War.

David died on 29th August 1941 while a prisoner in Freising, Germany, he is buried in Durnbach war Cemetery

Sources:

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Oakham School Archives

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