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SCOTS FUSILIERS LOSSES COMMEMORATED -

A simple wooden cross from Longueval

lodged in the Old Church at Ayr.

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Picture.:- One fateful moment, on the fourteenth of July, 1916, a barrage on the Somme suddenly ceased its inferno of deafening roar and flying metal. The Royal Scots Fusiliers, with many comrades who no more report for duty, swept forward --

--to the attack of Longueval Ridge. It had to be taken--

--whatever the cost. (Pause).

With these military honours, a wooden cross, originally erected at Longueval to commemorate the attack, has now been reverently placed in--

--the old Kirk of Ayr. It was unveiled by Lieutenant Colonel Forbes, who commanded the regiment on that deadly day. The cost was 1800 killed and wounded !

"For it was war; a very unhealthy trade."