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## Local Newspapers and the Great War - 2

**April 1918, Northern Whig**

**Captain James McMechan, M.C.**, 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, missing since 21st March, 1918, is a son of Mr. H. McMechan, of Ballybranagh, **Downpatrick**, and before the war was cashier in the Magherafelt Branch of the Belfast Bank. A chaplain writes to Mr. McMechan :- "Your son and his battalion fought strenuously and offered a most stubborn resistance to repeated attacks of overwhelming numbers of the enemy. We hope that he is a prisoner, and, in fact, we have strong reason to believe that he is." As it turns out Captain McMechan who was reported missing on the 21st was later reported as a prisoner of war being captured on the 22nd March, 1918. He would remain a Prisoner of war until the signing of the Armistice and would spend the remainder of his time in Germany at Restatt Soldiers Prisoner of War Camp.

**16th April 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatalities**

**Rifleman Robert John Bell**, 8743, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Ulster Division), died of wounds 10th April, 1918, He was the son of Ann Jane Bell, of 51 Longford Road, **Belfast**. Deceased is buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France.

**Rifleman John Porter Walker**, 109056, Labour Corps, formerly 957, 8th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, 25 years of age died of wounds 21st March 1918. Husband of Sarah Jane Walker, of 29 Foxglove Street, **Belfast**. Deceased is buried in Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, France.

### **17th April 1918, Northern Whig**

#### **Death of Bangor Officer**

**Second-lieutenant James McGilton**, 21st Entrenching Battalion, formerly 8th/9th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 21st March 1918. He was a son of Sarah Ann McGilton nee Green and the late John McGilton, of 71 Emerald Terrace, Railway View Street, **Bangor**, Co. Down. He enlisted in the ranks of the County Down Battalion of the Ulster Division in September, 1914, and was wounded on the 1st July, 1916, at Thiepval. He was promoted in October, 1917. The deceased brother, Second-Lieutenant David John McGilton, also of the Royal Irish Rifles, was taken prisoner during the opening of the present offensive. Second-Lieutenant James McGilton is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

### **17th April 1918, Belfast Newsletter**

#### **With the Ulster Division**

A Dungannon non-commissioned officer of the Ulster Division, writing to his relation in connection with the present German Offensive, says:-

"At first the Hun had all in his favour, as for the first five days you could not see 50 yards ahead owing to the mist and we always found on retiring that the enemy had gone four or five miles past us. Some of our best lads have fallen, but all played the game and when the Huns surrounded them and shouted "Ulster Division surrender," they cut them down to hundred and got away. We brought the rations up to the lads each night, and once we went five miles past the Germans to reach our battalion and safely returned. Another night a mounted patrol surrounded is when we were

unloading the rations, but we drove them off with rifle fire and rescued from them two of the Inniskillings whom they had made prisoners. On the second day of the offensive we held the Haig line, although the Germans were five miles past us. On our fourth day of retirement we were relieved late at night, but at five o'clock the next morning we had to rush into the line at the double. We stopped one night in a village, but next morning the Hun was on top of us, so it was a case of fighting again. It was very sad to see the women and children flying for their lives and leaving everything behind."

## **21st April 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Drowning Fatality**

Private Thomas Morris, 7687, 2nd Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, (Ulster Division). Son of Patrick and Bridgett Morris nee Butler ; Husband of Isabella Morris 5 River Street Whiteabbey, Co Antrim. Deceased is buried in Ste. Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, France.

## **23rd April 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Rifleman Andrew Anderson**, 47202, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, Formerly 031349, Army Service Corps, Missing since 21st January, 1918, has now been officially reported dead. Rifleman Anderson, who is a Son of William John and Sarah Anderson nee Carson, of Reilly Street, **Banbridge**, County Down, and a brother of Mr. William Anderson, Insurance agent, joined up in December, 1914, previous to which he worked in Messrs. Ferguson's Weaving Factory, Banbridge, and the Durham Street Factory, Belfast. Deceased was 31 years of age and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France.

## **24th April 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Rank and File Fatalities**

**Rifleman Ralph Anthony Parker**, 8/3139, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, 28 years of age, died of wounds 11th April, 1918, in No. 36 casualty clearing station. He was a son of Richard Parker and Husband of Mary Parker nee Dailey, of 27 Mount Street, **Belfast**. Deceased is buried in Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Belgium.

**Corporal Robert Patterson**, 8902, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Ulster Division), 28 years of age, killed in action 22nd March, 1918. He was a son of Mr. William Patterson of 54 Foundry Street, **Belfast**. Deceased is buried in Savy British Cemetery, France.

**Private John Seymour**, 23735, 9th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 22 years of age, died of wounds 28th March, 1918. He was a son of Robert and Elizabeth Seymour, of **Randalstown**, County Antrim. Deceased is buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France.

## **6th May 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Captain H.H. Beatty Killed.**

Captain Hugh Hogg Beatty, Royal Irish Rifles who was killed in action on 31st March, 1918. He was the second son of Mr. John Beatty, Irish Street, **Dungannon**, and brother Mr. R. T. Beatty, Queen's University, Belfast.

On the outbreak of war this officer, who was then in business in Cardiff, organised a platoon, and volunteered with them in the Cardiff Commercial Battalion of the Welsh Regiment, and was at once promoted sergeant. After the formation of the Ulster Division he applied for and obtained a commission in the Royal Irish Rifles on 15th March, 1915, was promoted lieutenant on 1st March, 1916, and obtained his company on 23rd February, 1917. He had served abroad almost two years, taking part in the capture of Messines in June last, and being subsequently wounded three times during the third battle of Ypres on 16th August but remained at his post until relieved.

On the death in action of his commanding officer, Colonel Blair-Oliphant, on 28th March, Captain Beatty succeeded to the command of the battalion, but was himself killed three days later. He was educated at Dungannon Royal School, and was a keen Rugby football player.

Captain Hugh Hogg Beatty, 22nd Entrenching Battalion formerly 11th/13th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. He was a son of John and Emily Beatty nee Donnelly, of Irish Street, Dungannon. Deceased was 38 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

## **8th May 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatalities**

**Private Thomas Lyons**, 41325, 9th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, formerly 1846, North Irish Horse, killed in action 29th March, 1918. He was a son of Thomas and Eliza Jane Lyons nee Smith, of 24 Donegall Avenue, **Belfast**. Deceased was only 22 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

**Rifleman William Anderson**, 12512, 23rd Entrenching Battalion, formerly A' Company 14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Y.C.V.'s) killed in action, 26th March, 1918. He was a son of William J and Mary Anderson nee Starret, of 12 Hemp Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was only 23 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

**Rifleman David Fell**, 14594, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 19th March, 1918. Son of Thomas and Helen Fell, of 20 Hanna Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was only 23 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

**Corporal James McDowell**, 20/160, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, died of wounds 23rd March, 1918. He was a son of William and Margaret McDowell, of 22 Erin Street, Belfast. He was a son of Daniel and Mary McDowell, of 40. Israel Street, **Belfast**. Deceased

was 22 years of age and is buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France.

### **13th May 1918, Northern Whig**

#### **Ulster Division Rank and File Fatalities**

**Rifleman William Allen**, Ser. No. 59, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, died of wounds 2nd May 1918. Grandson of Mrs. Ellen McKee nee Allen and David McKee, of 1 Toome Road, **Ballymena**, Co Antrim. Deceased who was only 19 years of age is buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France.

**Rifleman William Dyer**, 12291, 21st Entrenching Battalion formerly 10th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action on the opening day of "Operation Michael" 21st March, 1918. He was the husband of Elizabeth Dyer nee Watson, (formerly Mitchell). Rifleman Dyer was 36 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

### **13th May 1918, Northern Whig**

#### **Ulster Division Rank and File Fatalities**

**Private William John McAuley**, 41556, 9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, Formerly 1759, North Irish Horse, who died of wounds received in action, 11th April, 1918. He was a son of John McAuley, of Tamlaght, **Randalstown**, Co. Antrim. Deceased is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.

**Rifleman Henry Purdy**, 1999, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 11th April, 1918. Son of Sapper William Purdy Royal Engineers and Annabella Purdy, of 15, Thames Street, Broadway, **Belfast**. Deceased was 19 years of age and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

### **14th May 1918 Northern Whig**

#### **Ulster Division Rank and File Fatalities**

**Corporal Charles Edward Crooks**, 19446, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 16th April, 1918. Deceased was a son of John Crooks, of 61 Mill View, **Muckamore**, Co. Antrim. Deceased was 22 years of age and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

**Private Thomas G. Miller**, 12405, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers (Ulster Division) killed in action 24 March, 1918. Son of the late Thomas and Mary Millar and Husband of Alice Millar, of 3 Taylor Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was 32 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

**Rifleman Richard McVeigh**, 2816, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 24th March, 1918. Son of William John and Mary Ann McVeigh, of 346 Crumlin Road, Ardoyne, **Belfast**. Deceased was 19 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

**14th May 1918, Northern Whig**

**Ulster Division Rank and File Fatality**

**Rifleman William Henry Murray Flanagan**, 10310, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 13th April, 1918. Son of Robert Henry and Martha Flanagan nee Thompson, of 129 Dunluce Avenue, **Belfast**. Deceased was 24 years of age and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

His brother **Lance Corporal Hugh Edmond Flanagan**, 41229, 9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, killed in action 22nd November, 1917. Hugh was 21 years of age and is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France.

**16th May 1918 Northern Whig**

**Dublin Orangemen and the War**

A roll of honour to the memory of the members of the Dublin Orange Order who joined the colours was unveiled on Wednesday evening in the Fowler Hall, Rutland Square, in the presence of a numerous gathering, under the presidency of Mr. T. H. Liddy, deputy grand master of Dublin.

Mr. Louth chairman of Committee and hon: treasurer of the fund, stated that the roll of honour was unique, inasmuch as it represented every branch of the service. Of the 340 names inscribed on the list 30 had been killed, 11 decorated, and 21 had obtained commission rank. Amongst those who had won distinction was the Rev. John Thom, who had won the Military Cross no fewer than three times.

Sir James Stronge, in unveiling the roll, expressed pride that so many members of the Order in Dublin had freely taken their place in the ranks when the call was first sounded. They did not grudge their lives and it was not for them at home to grudge them. He then unveiled the roll, "To the glory of God and in loving memory of the heroism and self-sacrifice of our brethren who fell on the field of battle in noble defense of equity, truth, and righteousness."

As the roll was being unveiled the band played the National Anthem. Sir J. Stronge, acknowledging a vote of thank, said he could give the lie to the statements which had appeared freely in some newspapers that Orangemen were opposed to conscription. The Grand Orange Lodge had never met recently without passing a resolution in favour of conscription, and county, district, and private lodges had passed similar motions.

(The roll of honour is currently in possession of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland to which it was recently donated and is currently part of their Great War exhibition).

**April 1918 Larne Weekly Times**  
**Major HOLT WARING**

Major Holt Waring, served in the Army at Dettingen, Fontenoy, and Culloden. The eldest son of this Major Waring was killed in action, and his brother, Very Rev. Holt Waring, of Waringstown, was Dean of Dromore for many years. The connection with West Down has never been broken, and the county is to-day the poorer for the loss of such, a gallant officer. Deep sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Waring, and the family circles which have been plunged into bereavement.

Mrs. Waring has received particulars of her husband's death from Rev. A. Gibson, C.F., from which it appears that on Monday morning, the 15th inst., his sector was attacked after a heavy artillery bombardment. He was in the line organising, encouraging, and visiting the various positions. His presence was everywhere most helpful, and his cheery word stiffened the courage of all. This he kept doing until he was hit. He was out on a stretcher and died before he reached the aid post.

The letter proceeds :- Throughout the regiment to-day, wherever one goes, amongst officers and men, there is the same voice heard of admiration for his splendid heroism, and deep sorrow that we have lost him. I feel that I could not put into words the courage of the man, or do justice to his great personality, and the charm of his fine character as a soldier and leader of men. Your brave husband is one of our most shining examples.  
(Article from the Larne Weekly Times, April 1918).

Major Holt Waring, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, formerly 11th/13th Battalion. 41 years of age, died of wounds, 15th April, 1918. Husband of Margaret Waring, of **Waringstown**, County Down. Deceased is buried in Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery, Belgium.

**21st May 1918 Northern Whig**

**Ulster Division Rank & File Fatalities**

**Rifleman Robert James Gray**, 1125, 22nd Entrenching Battalion, formerly 11th/13th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 30th March, 1918. Son of Mr. John and the late Margaret Gray nee Thompson, Stepson of Francis Elizabeth Gray, of 16a Church Street, **Bangor**, Co Down. Deceased was 22 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

**Private Arthur Robinson**, 28250, 9th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, killed in action 29th March, 1918. Son of Arthur and Margaret Robinson, of 11 Langley Street, **Belfast** ; Husband of the late Louisa Robinson, of Midland Street, Shankill Road, Belfast. Deceased was 39 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

### **17th May 1918 Northern Whig**

#### **Ulster Division Rank and File Fatalities**

**Rifleman Robert McCabe**, 6654, 2nd Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (Ulster Division), killed in action 27th March, 1918. He was a brother of Mrs. Jane Green, of 3 Rowan Street, **Belfast**. Deceased is buried in Serre Road Cemetery No.2, France.

**Rifleman James McGrath**, 373, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 16th April, 1918. Son of Mary Ann McGrath, of 64 Connaught Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was 30 years of age and is buried in Canada Farm Cemetery, France

### **5th June 1918 Northern Whig**

#### **Ulster Division Prisoner of war.**

**Sergeant Richard Gilchrist, M.M.**, 12/17706, A' Company 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, enlisted September 1914, landed in France in October 1915, and would have seen action in all the divisions campaigns, he was captured on the opening day of 'Operation Michael' 21st March, 1918. He was only 21 years of age and while on leave in January 1918 he married Lavinia Hayburn who resides at 22 Glentilt Street, Belfast. Richards parents Richard and Elizabeth Gilchrist reside at 32 Rosemeen Terrace, Fleet

Street, Larne, County Antrim. After Richard was released he was transferred to Class 'Z' Reserve 4th April, 1919 in-case hostilities reignited. Richard was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, the British War and Victory Medal, he was also awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in the field during the battle of Langemarck in August 1917. Sergeant Gilchrist is also commemorated on the Gardenmore (Larne) Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour for those who served.

### **12th June 1918, Northern Whig**

#### **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Rifleman William Henry McCullough**, 10/4311, D' Company 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, died of wounds as a prisoner of war in a German hospital 1st May, 1918. Who was a son of James and Mary Jane McCullough nee Conaway and Husband of Isabella McCullough nee McVeigh, of 3 Lindsay Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was 27 years of age and is buried in Cologne Southern Cemetery, Germany.

### **12th June 1918, Northern Whig**

#### **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Rifleman Ernest Patrick Cook**, 14/16306, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 31st May, 1918. Son of Alexander and Margaret Cook nee McCavana and Husband of Eliza Cook nee Moorehead, of 35 Shipboy Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was 32 years of age and is buried in Duhallow A.D.S. Cemetery, Belgium.

### **13th June 1918, Northern Whig (10th)**

#### **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Rifleman Robert James Pyper**, 16948, 22nd Entrenching Battalion formerly 11th/13th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 31st March, 1918. Son of Maggie Pyper, of **Glastry**,

Kircubbin, County Down. Deceased was 23 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

### **13th June 1918, Newtownards Chronicle THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

**Lance-Corporal, John McKee** Killed in Action.

Mrs. Cecilia McKee, 87 Movilla Street, **Newtownards**, has received official intimation stating that her husband, Lance-Corporal John McKee (No. 4637), Royal Irish Rifles, has been killed in action on 29th April.

Captain W.H. Hutchison, Chaplain to the Forces, writes: -  
Dear Mrs. McKee,-It is with sincere regret that I write regarding the death of your husband, Rifleman Jack McKee (4637), which occurred from wounds received in action. Most of our records were lost in the retreat from St. Quentin, and amongst them the list of next-of-kin. I find from enclosed letter that you are his wife and wish to express my deepest sympathy with you in your trial. Your husband was a brave soldier, a loyal comrade and friend, and a true man. In giving his life for humanity and righteousness I think he showed his spiritual kinship Him Who gave his life for the sons of men. He has not shamed his kith and kin, and both officers and men unite with me in the wish that the God of the fatherless and widow may sustain you in your sore trial and bereavement.

Lance-Corporal John McKee, 14/4637, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles previously of D' Company 14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles Y.C.V.'s. Son of Bernard and Mary McKee nee Hughes, of Loughgall County Armagh and husband of Cecelia Maxwell, of 87 Movilla Street, Newtownards, County Down, Deceased was only 18 years of age who was married while on leave just one month before he met his death, he is buried in New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium.

### **14th June 1918, Northern Whig**

#### **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Acting Sergeant Major, John Henry Dale, M.M**, 14407, 21st Entrenching Battalion, formerly 10th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (South Belfast Volunteers), killed in action 21st March, 1918. Husband of Mary Dale nee Donaldson, of 13 Belvoir Street, **Belfast**. He won the Military Medal in 1916 and was the first from his battalion to win that distinction, he was also a company commander in the Mountpottinger Battalion, Ulster Volunteer Force. Prior to enlisting he worked at the Queen's Island. Deceased is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

**15th June 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Military Medal Awarded**

**Lance-Corporal John Carson Hamilton**, 57453, 121st Field Company, Royal Engineers (Ulster Division), of 48 Copperfield Street, **Belfast**, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field. He is a grandson of Mr. David Hamilton, Cloughogue, **Randalstown**, and was previously the recipient of a parchment certificate for consistent good work in constructing machine-gun emplacement at the front and support lines at Hamel during the preparation for the offensive of 1st July, 1916.

Lance-Corporal Hamilton survived the war being transferred to Class 'Z' Reserve 15th July 1919, along with his Military Medal he was also entitled to the 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medals.

**17th June 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Rifleman Edward McCleave**, 17/955, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 29th May, 1918. Son of William McCleave of 57 Downing Street, Belfast and husband of Dora McCleave nee Bell, of 51 Langford Street, Belfast. Deceased was 24 years of age and is buried in Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium.

**18th June 1918, Northern Whig**

## **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Sergeant David Marshall**, 14/16865, C' Company 14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, previously reported missing, has died in Germany on the way to Wittenberg. He was the second son of Mr. James Marshall, Ardenlee House, Ardenlee Avenue, Belfast.

Deceased was 28 years of age and is buried in Berlin South-Western Cemetery, Germany

**18th June 1918, Northern Whig**

## **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Rifleman William Chambers M.M.**, 1351, 21st Entrenching Battalion formerly 8th/9th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 21st March, 1918. Son of Joseph and the late Sarah Ann Chambers nee Robinson and grandson of James and Sarah Robinson, of 29 Lee Street, Belfast. Deceased was only 19 years of age and is buried in Ham British Cemetery, Muille-Villette, France.

**19th June 1918, Northern Whig**

## **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatalities**

**Rifleman William James Hanna**, 15/2844 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 29th May, 1918. Son of William and Fanny Hanna nee Shaw, of **Belfast** and brother of Sarah Blackie, of 28 Stanley Road, Barrow-in-Furness. Prior to the outbreak of war William was employed as a chef at the 'Cafe Royal' Wellington Place, Belfast. Deceased was 26 years of age and is buried in Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium.

**19th June 1918, Northern Whig**

## **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Rifleman Charles Noble**, 17/1178, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 31st May, 1918. Son of Robert and Elizabeth Noble nee Steenson, of Ballymacarrett, **Belfast** and brother of Mrs. Elizabeth Mercer, of 2 Constance Street Belfast. Deceased was 20 years of age and is buried in Duhallow A.D.S. Cemetery, Belgium.

## **20th June 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Rifleman John Jackson**, 14980, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 21st March, 1918. Son of the late Thomas and Margaret Jackson nee Millar, of 45 Limestone Road, **Belfast** and husband of Elizabeth Jackson nee McWilliams, of 46 Israel Street, Belfast. Deceased is buried in Noyon New British Cemetery, France.

Rifleman and Bandsmen John Jackson is commemorated on the Newington Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour.

## **21st June 1918, Belfast Newsletter**

### **Interesting Ceremony in U.V.F. Hospital**

An interesting ceremony took place in the Carson Wing of the U.V.F. Hospital on Saturday when Brigadier-General E.W. Hackett Pain C.B., presented three of the patients with medals for gallantry in the field.

General Hackett Pain said he was pleased to be able to attend and hand medals to the three wounded soldiers amongst their wounded comrades. As time went on, and the great war continued, there would be more casualties, and the men would come and go to hospital. The great struggle was almost at its height, and it was an honour, not only to be there to present medals, but to be amongst men who had done more than their-part in the war (Hear-Hear)

The recipients of the decorations were :-

D.C.M., Battery Sergeant-Major J. Kempton, Royal Field Artillery, of 26 Toronto Street, Belfast, and Sergeant A. Leach, Royal Irish Rifles, Belfast, and the Military Medal, Private Daniel Looney, Irish Guards.

## **22nd June 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Rank & File**

**Rifleman William Colquhoun**, 1794, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 23rd March, 1918. Son of Rebecca Colquhoun nee Cargill and the late James Gardner Colquhoun, of 10 Broadbent Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was aprox, 35 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

## **23rd June 1918, Northern Whig (24)**

### **Ulster Division Rank & File Casualty**

**Rifleman Robert James Crawford**, 14212, B' Company 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, formerly of the 8th battalion Royal Irish Rifles, reported missing since 14th April, 1918, records indicate he was taken prisoner of war 15th April, 1918 (Wyschete Ridge). Son of Mrs. Crawford of 48 London Road, **Belfast**. Robert was repatriated to Hull, England, 23rd November, 1918. and later transferred to Class 'Z' Reserve 28th February, 1919, having earned the trio of medals, 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medal.

## **24th June 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Military Medal**

**Private William McCarley**, 41329, 9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, who has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field, is a son of William and Catherine McCarley, Casement Street, Harryville, **Ballymena**. He enlisted in the North Irish Horse about a year ago and was subsequently transferred to the Irish

Fusiliers. Prior to joining up he was in the employment of Messrs R. Morton & Sons, Ltd., Galgorm Road.

## **25th June 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Rank and File Fatality**

**Lance-Corporal John Hare**, 17832, B' Company 13th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action during the battle of 'Langemarck,' 16th August, 1917. Son of James and Margaret Anna Hare, of Killinchy Street, **Comber**, County Down. Deceased was 20 years of age and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

## **26th June 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division Captain Killed.**

**Captain Maximilian Herbert Browne, M.C.**, attached to the 108th Trench Mortar Battery, formerly of the 11th/13th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, whose death in France is reported, was the second son of George Burrowes and Margaret Browne, of "Lisnamaul," Ormeau Road., **Belfast**. The deceased officer had a very successful career in the service. He was in the Queen's University Officer Training Corps, prior to receiving his commission in Colonel Sharmen-Crawford's Battalion. Shortly after going overseas he was transferred to the General List on 22nd April, 1916, on appointment to the Trench Mortars. He rose to command his battery, and for his work and the honour of being twice mentioned in despatches and awarded the Military Cross, the last-named distinction appearing in the recent birthday honours.

He was killed at 5.40pm, 21st June 1918, at the age of 22, during a training exercise at 22 Corps School. He was conducting an anti-aircraft practice on the range with live bomb ammunition. The ammunition had been examined and the fuses cut by Max, three rounds had been fired but the fourth exploded in the gun. As well as Max, who was killed instantaneously, two other men died of wounds sustained in the incident. Max is buried in Esquelbecq Military Cemetery (ref. III A 3), Nord, France

## **27th June 1918 Northern Whig**

### **Award for gallantry**

**Sergeant James Charles White**, 14/19251, D' Company 14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, (Y.C.V.'s) has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for service in France, he is a member of the **Belfast Fire Brigade**. The 1911 census records James as 33 years of age and husband of Mary White and a Coachmen Belfast Fire Brigade.

Sgt. J.C. White survived the war being put on Class 'Z' Reserve 21st April, 1919 have earned the 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medal as well as being awarded the M.S.M.

## **28th June 1918, Northern Whig**

### **Ulster Division at the Somme**

The fine picture "**The Charge of the Ulster Division on 1st July**," which was exhibited at the Royal Academy, and has since been purchased by a Commission (of which Sir James H. Stronge is chairman), will be formally presented to the city on Monday next, the anniversary of the historic and glorious charge. The ceremony will take place in the City Hall at noon, when the picture will be unveiled by the Lady Mayoress and accepted by the Lord Mayor on behalf of the city. The picture, which has been described at length in our columns, is a worthy memorial of a splendidly heroic feat of arms which has earned deathless fame for the Ulster Division. A few signed artist's proofs, price ten guineas each, can be had on application to Mr. R. Dawson Bates at the old Town Hall or to Mr. John Magee, 4, Donegall Square West. The proceeds from the sale of these proofs will be divided between the U.V.F. Patriotic Fund, the U.V.F. Hospitals, and the Ulster Prisoners of War Fund.

## **30th June 1918 Northern Whig (1st Jul)**

## **Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Private William Baird**, 21577, 9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, killed in action 16th August, 1917, on which date he had been previously reported missing. He was a son of Samuel and Rebecca Barid nee Moffett, of 22 Legland Street, **Ligoniel, Belfast**. Deceased was 20 years of age and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

**Rifleman (Signaller) John McCance**, 18200, C' Company 13th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, who had been missing since August 16th, 1917, is now presumed killed on the date. Son of James and Mary Jane McCance nee Cummins, of New Row Clarkhill, **Annsborough**, County Down. Deceased was 21 years of age and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

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