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Local Newspapers and the Great War - 5

18th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Alexander Thompson, 1623, 8th/9th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, previously reported missing now returned as killed in action during the battle of Cambrai 23rd November, 1917. Son of Alexander and Sarah Thompson nee Halliday, of 110 Woodvale Avenue, **Belfast.** Deceased was 21 years of age and is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France.

19th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Private Henry Dowey, 27279, 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, killed in action 25th August, 1918. Born Lurgan, County Armagh, 13th October, 1883 of Robert and Mary Dowey nee McNally, who later moved to 38 Mervue Street, **Belfast.** Deceased was 34 years of age and is buried in Mont Noir Military Cemetery, St. Jans-Cappel, France.

There seems to be some confusion surrounding Henry's surname, with various spellings as Doey, Dooey, Dowie, and his birth register as Dowey.

19th September 1918 Belfast Newsletter Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Samuel Cronin, 8480, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Ulster Division), killed in action 10th April, 1918. Son of Jeremiagh Cronon, of Dublin Ireland, and Husband of Ellen Cronin nee

Benjamin, of 7 Francis Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was 32 years of age and is buried in Premont British Cemetery, France.

20th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman James Jamison, 11412, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action, 21st August, 1918. Son of John and Rachel Jamison nee Dinsmore, of Upper Castlereagh, **Belfast**. Deceased was 18 years of age and is buried in Bertenacre Military Cemetery, Fletre, France.

23rd September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Lance-Corporal William Andrew Murdock, 15656, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, formerly of the 9th battalion Royal Irish Rifles, has died in Germany whilst a prisoner of war. He was a Son of Charlotte Murdock nee Brayden and the late William Andrew Murdock, of 6 Canmore Street, Belfast. Deceased was 23 years of age and is buried in Berlin South-Western Cemetery, Germany.

23rd September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman John McCart Ross, 12/818, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 1st July 1916. Son of George and Margaret Ross nee McCart, of 14 Castle Street, Ballymena, County Antrim. Previously of Bridge Street. Deceased was 20 years of age and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France.

Also attached is the newspaper clipping of John's brother George Ross, who was attached to the 62nd Battalion Machine Gun Corps previously 6460 Royal Irish Rifles, who was killed in action, 21st July, 1918. George is buried in St. Imoges Churchyard, Mame, France.

24th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Private Richard Watt, 24853, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, killed in action during the German Spring Offensive "Operation

Michel." Son of Mary Watt, of **Drumgannon, Portadown,** County Armagh. Deceased was aproximitley 23 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

24th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Hugh Welsh, 18/1643, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, reported missing on the opening day of the German Spring offensive, 'Operation Michael' now returned as being killed on that date. Son of William James and Catherine Welsh nee Sloan, of **Conlig,** Newtownards, County Down. Deceased was 19 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

25th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman William Fordyce, 17647, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 7th September, 1918. Son of James and Sarah Fordyce nee Hawthorne, of 56 Posnett Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was 19 years of age and is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

26th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman William Edward Smyth, 11/6805, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, formerly 11th/13th battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 2nd September, 1918. Son of Samuel and Sarah Smith nee Walsh, of 2 Railway Street, **Dunmurry**, County Antrim. Deceased was 21 years of age and is buried in Le Grand Beaumart British Cemetery, Steenwerck, France.

26th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Lance-Corporal William John Fryer, 41089, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 2nd September, 1918. Son of David and Annie Fryer nee Neill, of 69 McClure Street, Belfast. Deceased was 26 years of age and is buried in Nieuwkerke (Neuve-Eglise) Churchyard, Belgium.

27th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Hill Wilson, 14/6921, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, formerly B' Company 14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Y.C.V.'s). Killed in action 3rd September, 1918. Son of Joseph and Hannah Jane Wilson nee Shaw, of 46 Mayo Street, Belfast. Deceased was 22 years of age and is buried in Nieuwkerke (Neuve-Eglise) Churchyard, Belgium.

27th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Casualty

Rifleman Charles Caldwell, 17/1805, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, formerly 10th battalion Royal Irish Rifles, has recently been wounded, he is the husband of Mrs. Caldwell, of 301 Beersbridge Road, Belfast. Charles enlisted with the 17th Reserve and was latter attached to the 10th battalion, subsequently moving to the 15th battalion, Rifleman Caldwell survived the war having earned the British War and Victory medal.

28th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division, Belfast Heroes Death.

News has been received that 50580 **Sergt. Thomas F. Lyttle, D.C.M.,** Royal Army Medical Corps, son of Mr. Wm. Lyttle, 172, North Queen Street, Belfast, has died from the effect of gaspoisoning received at the front on the 20th inst. Sergt. Lyttle was a chemist by profession, and served his apprenticeship in Belfast, afterwards emigrating to Johannesburg. He returned to Belfast to join up, and enlisted in a field ambulance of the Ulster Division. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry in the field in 1916. The citation for Sergt. Lyttle's D.C.M., reads as follows:-

50850 Cpl. T.F. Lyttle, R.A.M.C. (LG 13 Feb. 1917).

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. he displayed great courage and determination on many occasions under heavy fire, and set a splendid example to the men under him."

Sergeant Thomas Faulkner Lyttle, D.C.M., 50850, 108th Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corps (Ulster Division). Died of wounds 20th September, 1918. Son of William and Adelaide Lyttle, of 172 North Queen Street Belfast; Husband of Louise Lyttle, of "Normanlea," 106, Park Crescent, Turffontein, Johannesburg. Deceased was 42 years of age and is buried in La Kreule Military Cemetery, Hazebrouck, Germany.

28th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman William James McCurdy, 18/793, C' Company 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, reported as killed in action 3rd April, 1918. Son of Alexander McCurdy and the late Anne Maria McCurdy nee Dysart, of Artnagross, Kilrea, County Londonderry. Deceased was 23 years of age and is buried in St. Souplet British Cemetery, France. Some reports indicate Rifleman McCurdy was injured and taken as a prisoner of war on the 21st March, 1918, and the newspaper clipping has wrongly identified William as dying in June, 1918. All other records record William as having died on the 3rd April, 1918.

29th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Private Thomas Young, 29466, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, Died of wounds 3rd September, 1918. Son of Thomas and Violet Young nee Dickson, of 77 (Prev. No.13), St. Leonard's Street, Newtownards Road, Belfast. Deceased was 23 years of age and is buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Private Thomas Young is commemorated on the Roll of Honour for Megain Memorial Presbyterian Church, along with two brothers and his father: Private George Elliott Young, 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, was discharged on 18th December 1916 due to war-related Sickness (Silver War Badge No 94528). Private Herbert Young, 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, was Killed in Action on 26th August 1917, aged 24, and is buried in the Poelcapelle British Cemetery in Belgium

Sapper Thomas Dixon, 2nd Reserve Battalion Royal Engineers, was discharged on 17th October 1916 due to war-related Sickness (Silver War Badge No 148206)

29th September 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Private William Mulligan, 11469, 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers, transferred to the 142nd Prisoner of War Labour Corps, Ser. No. 565232. Accidentally drowned as a bathing fatality. Son of Simon and Susan Mulligan, of Hockley, Richhill, County Armagh; husband of Margaret I. Mulligan, of 33, Lonsdale Street, Armagh. Deceased was 20 years of age and is buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France.

1st October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Robert Stitt, 17/1458, 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, attached to (Trench Mortar Battery), previously reported missing now returned to have been killed in action on the opening day of the Cambrai Operations, 22nd November 1917. Son of Robert Henry and Margaret Stitt nee Boyle, of 13 Broom Street, Woodvale Road., Belfast. Deceased was 19 years of age and is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France.

1st October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Lance-Sergeant Joseph Leo Gourley, 10071, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 22nd March, 1918. Husband of Sarah Ann Gourley nee Marlow, of 53 Hamill Street, Belfast. Deceased was 25 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

2nd October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Alexander Dougan, 10983, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 11th September, 1918. Son of William and Elizabeth Dougan nee Elliott, of 88 Roden Street, Belfast. Deceased was 19 years of age and is buried in Underhill Farm Cemetery, Belgium.

2nd October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Thomas McMahon, 767, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 6th September, 1918. Son of Robert and Matilda McMahon nee Hamilton, of Cookstown and Husband of Essie McMahon nee Donaldson, of 89 Urney Street, Shankill, Belfast. Deceased was 34 years of age and is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

5th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Samuel Woods, 19831, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, previously 11th battalion, killed in action 2nd September, 1918. Son of William John and Jane Woods nee Richardson, of 1 Daisy Hill, Randalstown, County Antrim. Deceased was 25 years of age and is buried in Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery, Belgium.

5th October 1918 Belfast Newsletter Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Private William Armstrong, 12311, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, previously reported missing, now reported as being killed in action 23rd November, 1917. Son of Mrs. Armstrong of 7 Edith Street, Belfast; Husband of Bridgett Kathleen Armstrong nee McMahon, of Andersontown, Belfast. Deceased was 22 years of age and is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France.

Lest we forget

6th October 1918 Belfast Newsletter Ulster Division Officer Missing

Second-Lieut. E. De Wind, Royal Irish Rifles, missing since 21st March, 1918, is now officially reported killed in action on that date. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. A.H. De Wind and Mrs. De Wind, Kinvara, Comber, County Down.

Note:

Edmund De Wind was awarded the V.C. for his actions at St. Quentin

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October 6th 1918.

Private Samuel Meeke of the Royal Irish Fusiliers is killed in action. was born in Craignageeragh, Ahoghill in 1899.

7th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Thomas Maxwell, 15572, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, previously 9th battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 6th September, 1918. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Maxwell; Brother of David Maxwell and Maggie Maxwell, of 32 Crosby Street, Belfast. Deceased was 40 years of age and is buried in Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery, Belgium.

7th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Second-Lieutenant John Purvis Gray, 2nd Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who has died of wounds on 1st October, 1918. Son of Annie Gray nee Purvis and the late Hugh Gray, of Dirraw, Finvoy, Ballymoney. He was educated at the Ballymoney Intermediate School, and prior to joining up was employed as a cashier in the Ulster Bank Manorhanilton, previously serving at the head office in Belfast; also in Antrim, Longford, Ballymena, and Strabane. He was wounded in December last in the right leg, and received his commission in the 12th battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Captain James Gray, R.A.M.C., his brother, is now serving in India. Second-Lieut. John Purvis Gray was 33 years of age and is buried in Pont-D'Achelles Military Cemetery, Nieppe, France.

8th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Officer Killed

Captain W.C. Boomer, M.C., R.I.R., killed in action on 29th ult., was the only son of Mr. Richard W. Boomer, Knockmore House, Lisburn. He joined the South Antrim Battalion from the Ulster Volunteer Force, in 1914, and had commanded a company since May, 1917. He was awarded the Military Cross in the autumn of 1917 for conspicuous gallantry. When assaulting troops were falling back he recalled them under heavy fire, collected parties of other units, and reorganised the defence of the front line. Capt. Walter Charter Boomer, 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, accepted as killed in action 1st October, 1918. Son of Richard

Walter and Jane Armstrong Boomer nee Charter, of Knockmore Cottage, Lisburn, County Antrim. Deceased was 27 years of age and is buried in Dadizeele New British Cemeter, Belgium.

8th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Private William Biggart, 41399, 9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, previously 1932, North Irish Horse, who has died of wounds 3rd April, 1918. Son of John and Mary Anne Biggart, of Bendooragh, **Ballymoney,** County Antrim. Deceased was 23 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, France.

9th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Joseph Coulter, 14250, 23rd Entrenching Battalion, previously of C' Company 14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Y.C.V.'s), killed in action 24th March, 1918. Son of John and Ellen Coulter nee Wilson, of 18 Penrith Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was 25 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

9th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank and File Fatality

Private Alexander Muir, 26002, 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, (Ulster Division) died of wounds 1st October, 1917. Son of Susanna (Susan) Muir nee McCrorey and the late Alexander Muir, of 47 Madrid Street **Belfast.** Deceased was 23 years of age and is buried in Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, France.

10th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Officer Killed

Second-Lieutenant John Kernaghan, Royal Irish Fusiliers, who has died from wound received on 1st October, was the second son of the late William Kernaghan and Fanny Bell, of Spencer Street, **Belfast.** He was married in July last, and his widow resides at 11 Walnut Street. Before obtaining his commission in July, 1918, he held the rank of sergeant-major in the Royal Irish Rifles.

Second-Lieutenant John Kernaghan, 9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, killed in action 1st October, 1918. Husband of Lily Kernaghan nee Marshall, of 11 Walnut Street, Belfast. Deceased was 28 years of age and is buried in Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Belgium. His brother **Sergeant James Kernaghan** 15th battalion Royal Irish Rifles, has also been reported missing and presumed dead, he was killed in action at St. Quentin, 21st March, 1918 and is commemorated on the Portieres Memorial, France.

11th October 1918 Northern Whig (9) Ulster Division Officer Killed

Second-Lieutenant Francis Henry Hall, Royal Irish Fusiliers, killed in action on 30th September, served in the ranks of the Ulster Division, and after cadet training was gazetted to the Fusiliers in June, 1918. He was a son of Mr. John Hall, 13 Lonsdale Street, Belfast. Francis was a graduate of Queen's University and a Teacher by profession, he obtained his commission in the Fusiliers on 26th June, 1918, being promoted from the rank of sergeant in the Royal Irish Rifles.

Second-Lieut. Francis Henry Hall, 9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, killed in action 30th September, 1918. Son of John and Margaret Hall nee Lytle, of 13 Lonsdale Street, Belfast. Previously of **Glenanne**, County Armagh. Deceased was 25 years of age and is buried in Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium.

11th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Officer Killed

Second-Lieutenant W.R. Graham, Royal Irish Fusiliers, reported missing believed killed is a son of Mr. J.G Graham and Mrs. Graham, 43 Malone Avenue, Belfast. Educated at the Belfast Royal Academical Institution, he afterwards served with Messrs. Thomas Somerset & Co., Ltd., Belfast. Early in the war he joined Queen's University O.T.C., and obtained his commission in the above regiment. Second-Lieutenant Graham was invalided home from France last year, returning to the front four months ago, and had been in the recent heavy fighting. He was married eighteen months ago to Miss Kathleen Prenter, daughter of the late Mr. J.B Prenter and Mrs. Prenter 123, Fitzroy Avenue, Belfast.

Second-Lieutenant William Rennie Graham, 9th (NIH) Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, killed in action 1st October 1918. Son of John C. and Elizabeth Graham, of 43 Malone Avenue, Belfast; Husband of Kathleen Graham nee Prenter, of 123 Fitzroy Avenue, Belfast. Deceased was 26 years of age and is buried in Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium.

11th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Officer Killed

Second-Lieutenant J. Lawson Graham, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, killed in action, was gazetted to that regiment in August, 1915, and was promoted lieutenant in July, 1917. He was wounded in the battle of the Somme in 1916. The deceased officer was a son of Mr. Samuel J. Graham, **Boardmills, Lisburn,** and a nephew of the City Coroner (Dr. James Graham).

Second-Lieutenant James Lawson Graham, 9th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, died of wounds 30th September, 1918. Son of Samuel Johnston and Agnes Graham nee Brown, of Maple Vale, Boardmills, County Down. Deceased was 26 years of age and is commemorated on the Tyne cot Memorial, Belgium.

12th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Joseph Uprichard, Ser. No. 75, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 6th September, 1918. Son of William John and Jane Uprichard, of Moira, County Down; Husband of Margaret Uprichard, of 24, Templemore Street, **Belfast.** Deceased was 33 years of age and is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

12th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Matthew Andrews, 9162, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 6th September, 1918. Son of Elizabeth Andrews nee Livingston and the late John Andrews; Husband of Annie Andrews nee Lewis, of 12 Harrison Street, **Belfast**.

Deceased was 36 years of age and is buried in Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemeterym Belgium.

13th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Captain Killed/

Captain W.S.B. Hay, R.A.M.C., killed in action on the 5th inst., was a son of the late Mr. J.C. Hay and Mrs. Hay, 9 Cameron Street, Belfast. Mrs. Hay has received a letter with reference to her son's death which contains the following: "Your son was quite one of my best officers, and I feel personally that in his death I have lost a very dear young friend as well as a most promising, loyal, courageous, and capable officer. To know poor Steve Hay was to love him, and he leaves many friends in this division. It is some comfort to know that his death was instantaneous and quite painless. A shell actually struck the shelter he was in. If he had to die, poor boy, it is the death he would have wanted . . . He will be buried in the military cemetery among other heroes who have given their all for our county and the cause of justice.

Yours sincerely,

H. G. Rock, A.D.M.S."

Captain William Stevenson Brown Hay, 153rd Brigade Royal Field Artillery (Ulster Division), killed in action 5th October 1918. Son of George C. and Mary F. Hay, of 9 Cameron Street, Belfast. M.B., Queen's University, Belfast, 1914. Gazetted 1915 and attached to the 110th Field Ambulance 36th (Ulster) Division, later he was attached to 153rd Brigade R.F.A. Deceased was 27 years of age and is buried in Potijze Burial Ground Cemetery, Belgium.

14th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Sergeant John Albert Saunders, 6065, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 30th September, 1918. Son of John and Sarah Saunders nee Martin, of 127 Old Park Road, **Belfast.** Deceased was 21 years of age and is buried in Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium.

14th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Edward Redmond, 465, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, formerly of the 9th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (West Belfast Volunteers) killed in action 24th March, 1918. Son of Henry and Elizabeth Redmond nee Boyd, of 141 Canmore Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was 26 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

15th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Robert McConnell, 16/855, A' Company 16th (Pioneer) Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, died as a prisoner of war in Germany. Son of William and Sarah McConnell nee Leebody, of 34 Woodlee Street, Belfast. Husband of Annie McConnell nee Cochrane, of High Street, Killyleagh, County Down. Deceased was 29 years of age and is buried in Cologne Southern Cemetery, Germany.

Rifleman Robert McConnell was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medal, he is also commemorated in St. John's Parish Church (C of I), Killyleagh, County Down.

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