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De Panne
Communal
Cemetery where
the graves of
many casualties
from Operation
Dynamo may be
found

**This is the
anniversary of
13 from NI who
fell in the
World Wars.**

Thomas
Morrison served
with the Royal
Marine Brigade,
survived the

Dardanelles, and fell at the Somme in 1917. In 1919 Fred
Lockhart of Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Thomas Walsh of
the Connaught Rangers died as the result of war service. In



1944 Thomas Nelson from Larne was part of a seven man crew on board a Halifax bomber on a night raid of Leipzig. They were shot down. Today's veteran was the most high-ranking Irish chaplain in WW1. Rev Dr James G Paton ministered in Coleraine. He was a member of the committee responsible for the erection of the town's War Memorial and Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in 1931.

War Distinctions Awarded to Queen's Men

Report in The Witness 22/02/1918 -

The Vice-Chancellor submitted a list of names of 164 graduates, under-graduates and members of the O.T.C., who have been awarded distinctions for services in connection with the present war, and moved that the Senate place on record the profound pleasure with which it has heard of these distinctions, and requests the Vice-Chancellor to convey to each of them its warm congratulations and good wishes. The distinctions referred to included the Victoria Cross, C.B., C.M.G., O.I.E., and D.S.O., Bar to D.S.O., Military Cross, Bar to the Military Cross, second Bar to the Military Cross, D.S. Medal, Military Medal, French Medal de Guerre, French Medal Militaire, French Croix de Guerre, the Russian Order of St. Anne, the Russian Medal of St. George, Mentioned in Despatches, second time mentioned in Despatches, third time mentioned in Despatches, fourth time mentioned in Despatches, Italian Silver Medal for Military Valour, Russian Order of St. George. Professor Gregg Wilson seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

On this Day – February 22

1917

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT CLANDEBOYE CAMP

Presentation of Military Medal

Report in Northern Whig - 22nd February 1917

An interesting ceremony took place yesterday at the above camp occupied by the 18th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles the Military Medal awarded to Rifleman Andrew Moore being presented by Colonel Sharman- Crawford D.L., M.P. commanding the battalion in the presence of the battalion.

Rifleman Moore whose parents are resident in Belfast was formerly employed by Mr Dickie at Ballyeaston, near Ballyclare. He joined the 12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles in September 1914 proceeded with the Ulster Division in 1915.

Colonel Sharman Crawford in making the presentation congratulated Rifleman Moore on the distinction he had gained and said he was glad to learn that he had proved himself a brave, efficient and trustworthy soldier. On 1st July last although severely wounded by shrapnel he continued to advance with his company. Subsequently he was wounded a second time yet he stopped during a retirement to bandage the wounds of an officer and some men and on reaching the lines directed the stretcher bearers to where the wounded were lying. Such gallant conduct was worthy

of the admiration of every man who appreciated soldierly qualities.

After the action Moore was in hospital until October and was then posted to the 18th Battalion. In handing this medal he (Colonel Crawford) had great pleasure in promoting Rifleman Moore to the rank of corporal and wishing that he might long wear the decoration he had so bravely won.

1918



Mule-drawn column of the Royal Artillery passing through Poperinghe towards the front, 22 February 1918. © IWM Q 10270

1940

Soviet 43rd Div captured Lasisaari and Koivisto, Finland.

The Royal Marines Depot in Lympstone opened.

Two IRA bombs explode in London; 12 people injured.

In North Sea, Luftwaffe accidentally sinks German destroyer Leberecht Maass; during rescue, German destroyer Max Schultz is sunk by mine.

1941

The first mass round-up of Jews in Amsterdam; 430 deported in reprisal for murder of Dutch Nazi party member. Bread ration in Jewish ghetto in Warsaw reduced to 3 oz per day.

The Afrika Korps, newly arrived in Libya, launch their first probing attacks against the unpleasantly surprised British Army at El Agheila.

1942

Air Marshal A. T. (Bomber) Harris is appointed C-in-C of Bomber Command.

British forces in retreat less than 100 miles from Rangoon, the capital of Burma.

President Franklin Roosevelt orders General Douglas MacArthur to leave the Philippines.

New car sales in the United States end for the duration of the war

1943

Churchill is said to be 'on the mend' after a severe fever. Army Group Centre begins a counterattack in the area between the Dnieper and Donets.

Allied commando raid on Myebon, South of Akyab in the Arakan, western Burma.

Norway, Nazi collaborationist Quisling orders conscription of 35,000 Norwegian men for military construction.

Battleship USS Iowa is commissioned, New York Naval Yard, first of four Iowa class battleships, the last US battleships.

2 London Irish Rifles at Stuka Ridge in Tunisia: 1030 Bn HQ to move into wadi with HQ Coy. 1425 Dive-bombing attack by six Junkers. 1640 Wadi dive-bombed by twelve JU 87s. Died on this Day: Rifleman Albert Fitzgibbon

1944

Malinovsky completes the capture of the mining area around Krivoi Rog.

Heavy Japanese losses as the U.S. Navy bombards the Marianas in the Pacific.

1945

Allied Air Forces launch Operation Clarion, a concerted effort to wipe out all forms of transport available to the Germans in 24 hours. Nearly 9,000 aircraft, operating from bases in England, France, Holland, Belgium and Italy attack over 250,00 square miles of territory, targeting railways, bridges, ports and roads.

After a heavy four-day battle, the U.S.Fifth Army takes the

Upper Reno Valley in northern Italy between Bologna and Florence.



Roll of Honour – February 22

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1916

+FORDE, Samuel James

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 17671. Died 22/02/1916. Age 30. Son of David and Margaret Ann Forde, of Cloncarrish, Portadown. Hamel Military Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel, France

1917

+AIKEN, J

Royal Irish Rifles. 17th Btn. Rifleman. 17/1377. Died 22/02/1917. Carnmoney Cemetery



The sounding of The Last Post at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres takes place every evening

+MORRISON, Thomas

RMLI. Private. 17545. Plymouth Division. 2nd RM. Battalion. RND. Died France 22/02/1917. Enlisted 03/11/1914. Served in the Dardanelles. Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 18/08/1915 and joined Battalion at Cape Helles 02/09/1915. Served with Royal Marine Brigade 18/08/1915 - 22/02/1917. Born Belfast 29/01/1896. Son of Robert Morrison, Tobergill St., Belfast. Dernancourt Communal Cemetery, Somme, France. IMR. ADM 159/161/17545

1919

+BARNES, Herbert Edward Kerley

4th (Queen's Own) Hussars. Private. 4356. Died 22/02/1919. Son of Joseph and Emily Jane Barnes; husband of Lillian Towers Barnes, of 55, Brougham St., Belfast. The soldier's family have served in the 4th Hussars continuously from about 1716 to the present date. Born at Leeds. Belfast City Cemetery

+LOCKHART, Frederick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 3rd (Reserve) Btn. Private. 31982. Died 22/02/1919. Aged 19. From Gortgranagh townland, Co. Tyrone, Frederick served with 3rd Btn at Oswestry, Shropshire in 1918 and at Fort Tregantle, Cornwall in early 1919 before succumbing to meningitis at Devonport Military Hospital on 22/02/1919. His grave at Devonport was most likely lost during the blitz in March

+WALSH, Thomas

Connaught Rangers. Lance Corporal. 5487. Died 22/02/1919. Aged 20. Born about 1899 in Laghey, Dungannon. Son of Michael and Annie Walsh, of Tempenroe, Dungannon. Michael Walsh was a constable in the Royal Irish Constabulary. Thomas's parents were both from Roscommon. Laghey (St.Patrick) Roman Catholic Churchyard, County Tyrone. Central Military Hospital, Eastbourne WM, Dungannon WM.

1920

+LAVERTY, James

Royal Irish Rifles. Depot. Rifleman. 20404. Died 22/02/1920. Age 22 . Son of Francis and Margaret Laverty, of 20/117, Bouverie St., Port Glasgow. Born at Liscolman. Billy C of I Churchyard, Co. Antrim



Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery is located 5kms west of Ypres and contains 1,820 WW1 burials. Vlamertinghe was just outside of the range of German shelling in the sector

1942

+CROSSEY, Patrick

Royal Artillery. Gunner.1523024. Died 22/02/1942. Aged 37. 2/1 Maritime Regt. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Crossey, of Lisburn. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 71

1944

+BOYD, Thomas Henry

Royal Engineers. Lieutenant. 276441. Died 22/02/1944. Aged 20. Son of Thomas and Eva C. Boyd, of Drumcairne, Co. Tyrone. Moascar War Cemetery, Egypt

+NELSON, Thomas

RAFVR. Sergeant (Air Gunner). 623923. Died 20/02/1944. Aged 23. 158 Sqdn. He was part of a seven man crew on board a Halifax bomber on a night raid of Leipzig. They were shot down near Beedenbostel, NNE of Lachendorf, Germany. Son of Thomas J. and Sarah Nelson, of Larne; husband to Mary Nelson. Hanover War Cemetery, Niedersachsen, Germany. Cookstown WM

1945

+DARRAGH, Thomas Foster

RAFVR. Sergeant (Air Gunner). 1902840. Died 22/02/1945. Aged 20. 218 Sqdn. On Avro Lancaster NG450 when the crew took off at 1308hrs from RAF Chedburgh, Suffolk. The target was a synthetic oil production plant near Gelsenkirchen, Germany. At 18,000 feet over the target, rounds from an anti-aircraft Flak Battery hit Lancaster NG450. Some members of the crew managed to bale out. Son of Robert and Elizabeth Mary Darragh, of Ballymagorry, Co. Tyrone. Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

+REID, Norman

Royal Army Service Corps. Driver.T/187821. Died 22/02/1945, result of an accident. Age 30. He had 5 years' service throughout the war. He had a brother, three brothers-in-law, and a nephew also serving in the forces. Son of Thomas Reid and Martha Reid of Belfast, Co. Antrim. Brother of Mrs. A Sinton of 20 Oakley Street, Belfast. Assisi War Cemetery, Italy

1946

+HYLAND, Thomas Joseph

Royal Marine Police. Constable. Ply/484. Died 22/02/1946. Age 45. Son of Michael and Catherline Hyland; husband of Elsie May Hyland, of Stonehouse, Plymouth. Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth

+TURNER, Dilworth Norman

Royal Artillery. 334 Bty., 33 (19th County of London Regt.) Searchlight Regt. Gunner. 6979670. Died 22/02/1946. Aged 34. He was a former member of the Corps of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Royal Irish Fusiliers, as indicated by his army number. Son of William and Annie Turner. Moy (St. James) Church of Ireland Churchyard

VETERANS

BROWNLEE, William

Pte William Brownlee MM, 3233 2nd Btn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. From Upper Charleville Street, Belfast, William was a Special Reservist and following mobilisation joined 2nd Btn in France in June 1915 as one of the replacements for those killed at the Battle of Festubert. He remained with the battalion until 1918. On 22/02/1918, he was awarded the Military Medal and a month later was captured at Boadicea Redoubt near St Quentin during the German Spring Offensive. He was held as a POW at Sagan, Cassel and Muncheberg POW camps in Germany before being repatriated in February 1919.

PATTON, James G

RACHD. Chaplain. MC and two bars, MiD, MA, DD, CF.

QUB Services Club President 1935, 36. The Revd Paton's first MC was awarded on the basis of a letter from the acting CO of 10th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (Derrys), Major Macrory. No citation was ever written. He subsequently received two Bars to the MC.

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The Presbyterian memorial roll has a separate list of Chaplains and sons of chaplains. It lists the three sons of Rev Andrew Patton of Cloughwater. James and his brothers, Noel William Patton and Thomas Watters Patton. Died 22/02/1936. He is also commemorated in Foyle College, his alma mater.

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We will remember them

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The **remembrance ni** programme is overseen by Very Rev Dr Houston McKelvey OBE, QVRM, TD who served as Chaplain to 102 and 105 Regiments Royal Artillery (TA), as Hon. Chaplain to RNR and as Chaplain to the RBL NI area and the Burma Star Association NI. Dr McKelvey is a Past President of Queen's University Services Club. He may be contacted at houstonmckelvey@mac.com

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