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on the  
75th Anniversary of VE Day 2020**

# On this Day – May 9

## In the newspapers - May 9

### 9th April 1915 Belfast Newsletter

#### Seven Sons in the Army

Mrs. Margaret Nabney, residing at 42, Central Street, Belfast, has the distinction of having seven soldier sons serving with the British Army, three of whom are at the front.

John Nabney, one of the sons, who had served his full time in the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, rejoined on the outbreak of war. He is now with the 1st Battalion at the front.

Rifleman Hugh Nabeny, the youngest of seven brothers, also served with the 2nd Battalion in India. He joined the 1st Battalion at the front, and was slightly wounded in the arm during a charge on 10th March. On 15th March a letter was received from him from the convalescent camp at Rouen. Rifleman George Nabney, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, is also at the front. Two other brothers, David and Thomas are with the 8th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles at Ballykinlar, and still another, William, is at Shane's Park (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers). One brother, Andrew, belong to the Royal Field Artillery, and is at present stationed at Athlone.

Note - William. Died 25/03/1918. Pozières Memorial panel 38 to 40, Belgium.



## **No 2 Troop, B Squadron, North Irish Horse at their Antrim depot, WW1**

### **1915**

At the Second Battle of Ypres the British retake Wieltje, but fail in an attack on Aubers ridge (Neuve Chapelle) See today'a Roll of Honour.

Second Battle of Artois between German and French forces.

### **1916.**

At the Battle of Verdun its reported that the French have some success north-west of Thiaumont Farm.

### **1918**

Germany repels Britain's second attempt to blockade the port of Ostend, Belgium.

## **1936**

Italy formally annexes Ethiopia after taking the capital Addis Ababa on May 5.

## **1940**

The German submarine *U-9* sinks the French coastal submarine *Doris* near Den Helder.

Age for conscription in Britain is raised to 36.

Hitler orders 'Operation Yellow', the great offensive in the West, to begin at 5:35 a.m. the next day.

## **1941**

U-110 (Kptlt. Lemp) is forced to the surface by depth-charges of HMS *Aubretia*. A boarding party under S Lt David Balme from HMS *Bulldog* (Photo next page) capture the secret Enigma machine from U-110 after depth charging her to the surface. This discovery was one of the greatest ever intelligence coups and undoubtedly saved thousands if not millions of lives.

The Luftwaffe launches a massive night raid (507 bombers) against London which causes many fires and cripples the rail system in the city. Liverpool has its 7th consecutive night air raid. Belfast, Clydeside and Humberside also suffer in a heavy week of raids. The RAF attacks Bremen and Hamburg, but with little effect.



### *HMS Bulldog*

A British Brigade sized column (Habforce), moves across the Iraqi border from Palastine.

A peace treaty is signed between Vichy France and Thailand, which cedes back portions of Indochina that had been lost by Thailand 40 years earlier.

### **1942**

Holocaust: The SS executes 588 Jewish residents of the Podolian town of Zinkiv (Khmelnyska oblast, Ukraine). The Zoludek Ghetto (in Belarus) is destroyed and all its inhabitants executed or deported.

The turning point on Malta—62 RAF Spitfires are delivered by HMS Eagle and USS Wasp; the Luftwaffe will be diverted to other theaters.

Off North Carolina, US Coast Guard cutter Icarus sinks U-352, rescuing 33, the first German POWs taken by any US forces in WWII.

### **1943**

The US II Corps breaks through to Tunisian east coast; all Axis troops north of Tunis surrender.

The Japanese begin 3-day massacre of 30,000 civilians in Changjiao, Hunan Province.

### **1944**

Allied air forces begin a campaign of large scale raids against German airfields and rail communications in France in preparation for D-Day.

The Russians capture Sevastopol as Hitler finally changes his mind and orders evacuation of the city.

### **1945**

**38 (Irish) Brigade - UDINE.**

**0001 Buglers blow the Cease Fire.**

**2000 Message received from 5 Corps ordering the Brigade Group less 2 Inniskillings to move to the Villach area, which was subsequently changed to the Klagenfurt area and then to go under command 6 Armoured Division.**

The Royal Navy took the surrender of scores of U-boats. Around 150 boats ended up in British hands at the end of WW2 with most scuttled off the Irish coast under Operation Deadlight.

The final German Instrument of Surrender is signed at the Soviet headquarters in Berlin-Karlshorst.

The German garrison in the Channel Islands agree to surrender to British troops after five years of occupation. The surrender terms are signed aboard the destroyer HMS Bulldog, which is moored off St. Hellier.

The German garrisons at Lorient, St Nazaire and La Rochelle on the French Atlantic Coast finally surrender. Reich Marshal Goring and his wife, children and staff, surrender to Brigadier General Stack, of the U.S. 36th Division, near Salzburg. Field Marshal Kesselring, C-in-C West, is captured by U.S. troops at the village of Saalfelden, in western Austria.

A British naval squadron arrives in Copenhagen harbor to receive the surrender of the remains of German fleet.

Stalin announces the end of the war. German forces of Army Group Kurland surrender.

German forces in the Greek islands surrender.



# Roll of Honour – May 9

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1915**

## **The Battle of Aubers Ridge**

This was a British offensive on the Western Front on 09/05/1915. The battle was part of the British contribution to the Second Battle of Artois. during the Battle of Aubers Ridge close to Festubert. Age 23. The 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, had been in billets at Bac St Maur since the 05/05/915 and left at 2300 on the 8th May to march to the assembly trenches at La Cordonnerie Farm. The operation was part of an attempt to take Aubers Ridge co-ordinated with the French attack at Souchez.

### **+ADAMS, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9249. Died 09/05/1915. Age 32. Brother of Dominick (Died 16/05/1915). Son of David and Elizabeth Adams, of 12, Varna St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+ARLOW, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Serjeant. 4791. Died 09/05/1915 at Aubers Ridge. Age 30. Enlisted Banbridge. Left for France with the British Expeditionary Force November 1914 with the 25th Brigade 8th Division. Was in action at Mons,



Neuve Chapelle. Son of the late James and Mary Arlow, of Rathfriland St., Banbridge; husband to the late Minnie Mulligan Arlow, of Ballydown Rd., Banbridge. Father of 3 children. Ploegstreert Memorial, Belgium. Seapatrck Parish church WM

### **+BASSETT, Robert**

Royal Sussex Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. L/8557. Died 09/05/1915. Age 27. Son of William Bassett, of Southborough, Tunbridge Wells; husband to Mary T. McDowell (formerly Bassett), of 1, Elm St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

### **+BELL, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8855. Died 09/05/1915. Age 32. His brother Robert died 01/06/1915 in hospital in Alexandria. Born Blaris. Member of a Glenavy Orange Lodge. Enlisted Lisburn. Son of Mrs. William Gray, 10 Helen St., Crumlin. Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium. Crumlin WM. Glenavy Protestant Hall WM

### **+BINGHAM, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 4870. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 36. Brother of Rifleman Bingham 4945, 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, who died 03/04/1915 aged 22. Son of James and Matilda Bingham, of 2, Johnston's Lane, Lurgan. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Lurgan WM

### **+BOURKE, Albert William**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, attached Royal Irish Rifles. Second Lieutenant. Died 09/05/1915. Age 23. MCB. QUB Faculty of

Medicine 1912 - 14. In France from 04/02/1915. Portrait in IWM collection. Son of Charles Edward and Sophia Bourke, Kensington House, Kensington Rd., Knock, Belfast. Rouge Banks. Le Trou Aid Post Cemetery, Fleurbaix. QUB WM

**+BROWN, Henry.**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 4917. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 22. Born in Blaris Co. Antrim, he enlisted at Lisburn. He was the son of John and Catherine Brown, (nee Britton), who lived at 22 Cottage Row, Lambeg, and may have been a brother of John Brown (11 RIR). On the 9 April a letter appeared in the Standard from, "a few Lisburn chaps at the front" who had been involved in the fighting at Neuve Chapelle. The signatories were Riflemen R. Smith, Sharkey, Cree, and Brown of 1 RIR and Private Love of the ELR. They had written to express their sympathies with the family of Jack Kirkwood who had died on the 23 March. Private Love (or Lovie as he appears on Lisburn War Memorial) was probably Henry Topping who seems to have been using his mother's name. Five weeks later on the 14 May another letter from "the lads of Lisburn now at the front" appeared. In it they thanked "the girls of the Railway Hotel Lisburn" for comforts they had sent out. By the time that it was published, Henry Topping, East Lancs, Robert Smith and Henry Brown who were all signatories, were dead. None has a known grave and like Henry Brown, Henry Topping and Robert Smith are commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. One implication of these letters is that groups of men from the town who served in different battalions actually met, presumably when they were off duty. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium, panel 9.

**+BYRES, William**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9342. Died 09/05/1915 at Aubers Ridge. Born in Banbridge. Banbridge . Lived in Paisley Renfrewshire Scotland. Son of Hugh and Hester Byres. Ploegstreet Memorial. Belgium. Banbridge WM

**+CAMPBELL, Joseph**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 9408. Died 09/05/1915. Age 22. Son of John and Gertrude Campbell, of 15 Mountain View Street, Ligoniel, Belfast. Le Trou Aid Post Cemetery, Fleurbax, France

**+CLEGG, Fred**

East Lancashire Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. 19538. Died 09/05/1915. Brother of James Clegg, of 14, Baltic Avenue, Antrim Rd., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

**+COATES, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Lance corporal. 9176. Died 09/05/1915. Born in Lisburn, he enlisted at Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

**+CROZIER, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 6080. Died 09/04/1915. Age 32. Born in Banbridge. Husband to Jeannie Crozier (nee Loney), 127 Bellevue Street ,Shankill Road, Belfast. Father of 2 children. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Banbridge WM

### **+CUNNIFFE, Michael**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 8553. Died 09/05/1915. Age 26. Brother of Mrs. Mary Keenan, of 9, Lepper St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

### **+DOAK, Hugh**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. C Coy. Private. 10063. Died 09/05/1915. Age 20. Youngest son of the late James and Matilda Doak, of 11, Trilton Place, Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

### **+DOYLE, Patrick**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 6397. Died 09/05/1915. Age 28. Disembarked in France on 19/12/1914. Born in Armagh. Son of Catherine Doyle, of 44, Ton St., Belfast, and the late Michael Doyle. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+FITZPATRICK, Francis**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 9553. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 22. Son of Hugh and Alice Fitzpatrick, of Donaghmore Rd., Dungannon. Francis had a brother, Bernard Fitzpatrick, who was also killed in WW1 in Gallipoli on 21/08/1915. Ypres Town Cemetery Extension, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Dungannon WM

### **+FLECK, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 1332. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 31. Son of Mrs. Mary Jane Fleck, of 59, Circular Rd., Larne. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Larne WM

### **+GILLILAND, John**

Guards Machine Gun Regiment, 4th Bn. Private. 1082. 09/05/1918. Age 25. Son of Elizabeth and the late John Gilliland, of Belfast. Bois-Guillaume Communal Cemetery Extension, France

### **+HAREN, Francis**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 9773. Died 09/05/1915. Age 25. Son of Mrs. Alice Haren, of Abbey St., Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

### **+HAVERON, James**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 18367. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 16. Born Monkstown. Son of Patrick and Sarah (nee Hamill) Haveron, of 52, Glynn Rd., Larne. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+HAWTHORNE, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 5241. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 18. Son of Thomas and Emily Hawthorne, of 7, Factory View, Banbridge. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

### **+LA NAUZE, George Mansfield**

Royal Irish Rifles. 4th Btn. attd. 1st Btn. Lieutenant. Died 09/05/1915. Age 23. Brother of Lieut. William La Nauze who died a week later on 16/05/1915. Son of Thomas Storey La Nauze and Edith Emma La Nauze (nee Deering)

who were married on 08/10/1885 in Bailieborough Church of Ireland Church, Co Cavan. Thomas La Nauze, a gentleman from *Manor Highgate*, Co Fermanagh was a son of Thomas La Nauze, a Church of Ireland Clergyman. Edith Emma Deering was a daughter of William W. Deering, also a Church of Ireland Clergyman. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+MADDEN, William**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 7681. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 32. Born in Muckamore. Lived in Whiteabbey. Enlisted Belfast. During the war his brothers Felix and John Henry served in the Royal Navy. Son of the late Patrick Madden and of Jennie Madden (Stepmother), of 9, River St., Whiteabbey. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+MAGILL, James**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9149. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 20. Son of James and Annie Magill, of 50, Mayflower St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+MAHAFFEY, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 5995. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 26. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahaffey, of 69, Urney St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+MARTIN, John Sinclair**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. D Coy. Lieutenant. Died 09/05/1915. Age 19. Disembarked in France in March 1915. The Newry Reporter of 27/05/1915 stated - he always worshipped when at Laurel Hill where his grandfather had

been minister of that church for over 50 years. Son of Edith S. Martin, of 14, College Gardens, Belfast, and the late Robert T. Martin. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

Tullyallen Presbyterian Church RH

**+MAXWELL, William Leigh,**

RM. Lieutenant Colonel. Headquarters Staff , 2 Brigade RND. Served in the Antwerp Expedition as Brigade Major under Major General Paris. He was killed in action at the Dardanelles 09/05/1915. He was twice mentioned in despatches - Antwerp and Gallipoli. Served in South Africa war 1900 - 01, China 1901 - 1903, India 1902 - 1909. Son of Mr David A Maxwell formerly of Belfast. Methodist College, Belfast and RMC Sandhurst. Skew Bridge Cemetery.

Methodist College Belfast RH

**+McCALLUM, Robert Henry**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 8774. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 27. Son of Andrew and Sarah McCallum, of 26, Cuba St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

**+McCOUBRIE, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Serjeant. 5922. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 31. Husband of Mrs. Sarah McCoubrie, of 4, Roxburgh St., Ballymacarrett, Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

**+McGEADY, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. D Coy. Lance Corporal. 8683. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 30. Son of James McGeady, of 23, William St., Londonderry. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+McCREEDY, John**

2 RIR. Rifleman. 6272. Died 09/05/1915. Born in Lisburn, he enlisted at Belfast. Ypres, Menin Gate, Memorial, Belgium.

### **+McDONNELL, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8711. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 24. Son of John McDonnell, of 8, Murdoch St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+McGRADY, Hugh**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 7045. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 19. Son of Hugh V. and Jane McGrady, of 50, Raglan St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+McKIBBIN, John Hill**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Corporal. 6079. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 22. Son of James and Mary McKibbin, of 47, Robert St., Newtownards. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+McLAUGHLIN, Arthur**

Royal Irish Rifles. 3rd Btn. attd. 1st Btn. Lieutenant. Died 09/05/1915 during the charge at Fromelles. Age 20. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant (on probation) in August 1914, he arrived in France on 18/03/1915. Educated at Monkton School, Bath, in 1913 he commenced studies at Jesus College, Cambridge. He was a keen sportsman taking part in rowing and rugby. Arthur's father was a builder and contractor. Arthur's brother Sir Henry McLaughlin KBE, born in 1876, was a director of the family firm. During the war



he was appointed Director General for Recruitment for Ireland. He had played soccer for Cliftonville Football Club. A brother William was a Major with the Royal Irish Rifles. Their brother George had died in 1900 during the Second Boer War. Son of William Henry McLaughlin, D.L., and Emily Sophia (nee Dobbin) McLaughlin of Macedon, Whitehouse, Co. Antrim. The family home Macedon was the most prestigious house in the area. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Jesus College, Cambridge WM

### **+McLAUGHLIN, Hugh**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 10053. Died 09/05/1915. Age 25. Son of Hugh and Annie McLaughlin, of 3, Upper Nassau St., Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

### **+McMAHON, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 7502. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 20. Son of James and Elizabeth McMahan, of 25, Short Strand, Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial Hainaut, Belgium

### **+McMEEKIN, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 4912. Died 09/05/1915. Thomas McMeekin (born Ballymena, enlisted Belfast) was killed in action at the Battle of Aubers Ridge. Ploegsteert Memorial Hainaut, Belgium

### **+McNABNEY, Hugh**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9274. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 25. Son of Margaret Nabney, of 42, Central St.,

Ballymacarrett, Belfast, and the late Thompson Nabney. Ploegsteert Memorial, panel 9, Hainaut, Belgium.

**+MILLAR, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 7417. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 17. Son of Matilda Freel (formerly Millar), of 14, Harrison St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

**+MILLIGAN, Richard**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 8863. Died 09/05/1915. Age 30. Disembarked at Gallipoli in March 1915. Born in Scotland as were some of his siblings. One of eleven children of William and Margaret Milligan of Laurelvale Tandragee and later of 41, Mourneview St., Portadown, Co. Armagh. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+MOLLOY, Michael**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 8476. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 25. Main Street, Strabane. Son of Daniel and Ellen Molloy, of 13, Inglestone St., Greenock. Two brothers Private John James, Dublin Fusiliers, and Thomas, Garrison Artillery. Ploegsteert Memorial Hainaut, Belgium

**+MOORE, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 1798. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 24. Born Mosside 1892. Brother of Rifleman William Moore, Royal Irish Rifles who died 27/04/1916. Lived in Port Glasgow. Enlisted at Greenock, Son of George and Annie Moore, Liscolman. Husband to Agnes Laverty McPherson,

117 Bouverie Street, Port Glasgow. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Billy Parish Church RH

**+MORGAN, Robert**

Canadian Infantry. 19th Btn. Private. 643673. Died 09/05/1917. Age 25. Born near Ballynure on 31/05/1891. Emigrated to Allandale, Canada during April 1914. Enlisted in the 157<sup>th</sup> Btn of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in May 1916 at Barrie, Ontario. At this time his mother was living at Mossley. Son of William and Rachel (nee Sharpe) Morgan, of 52, Ottawa St., Belfast. Vimy Memorial, France. Jordanstown C of I Parish Church WM

**+MORRIS, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 7276. Died 09/05/1915. Husband to Rose Morris, of 15, Cinnamond St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

**+MURTAGH, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Corporal. 8871. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 29. Born Newry, enlisted in Newry. Son of John and Ann Murtagh, of Lisnatieerney, Loughbrickland. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Banbridge WM

**+NABNEY, Hugh**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9274. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 25. Son of Margaret Nabney, of 42, Central St., Ballymacarrett, Belfast, and the late Thompson Nabney. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

**+NEVILLE, James**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 1662. Died 09/05/1915. Disembarked in France on 21/04/1915. Born in Forkhill, Co. Armagh. Son of William and Ann Neville of Shean, Forkhill who in 1911 were living in Church Lane, Dundalk.

Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+NORRIS, William James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 10419. Died 09/05/1915. Brother of Francis Norris, RIF, died 11/04/1917. Sons of Mrs. Marget McElroy, of 107, Church Street East, Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

### **+NORWOOD, James**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8463. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 25. Son of Robert and Mary Ann Norwood, of 37, Willow St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+O'HANLON, Patrick**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 6445. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 24. Son of James and Mary O'Hanlon, of 8, Monaghan Row, Newry. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+OWENS, James**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8287. Died 09/05/1915. Age 25. Born in Jordanstown on 16/03/1890. He was an Army Reservist and a member of the UVF. He had worked for the Belfast shipbuilders, Workman, Clark and Company. Enlisted at Lisburn. He was injured in October 1914 at Neuve Chapelle. Son of James, a bricklayer, and Mrs. Annie (nee Smith) Owens, of 58, North Boundary St., Belfast. Husband to Elizabeth (Lizzie) nee Thompson of 18

Esmond St., Belfast. They married on 25/12/1912 in St Ann's C of I Church, Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+PYPER, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5383. Died 09/05/1915 at Hill 60, Ypres. Aged 19. Enlisted Dromore, Co. Down, in the 5th Royal Irish Rifles (Reserve). Saw action at Mons, Neuve Chapelle. Born Banbridge. Lived at Rampart Street Dromore with his mother and brother Samuel. Son of Margaret. Brother of Mrs. Olive Horner, of 13, Old Row, Mossley, Co. Antrim. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Dromore WM. Dromore Parish Church WM

### **+QUINN, J P**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. A Coy. Corporal. 5780. Died 09/05/1915. Age 29. Son of Hugh and Sarah Quinn, of 72, East St., Newtownards. Ration Farm Military Cemetery, La Chapelle- D'Armentieres, Nord, France

### **+RIDDELL, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Btn. C Coy. Lance Corporal. 6502. Died 09/05/1915. Age 43. Served in the South African Campaign. Husband to Ellen Riddell, of 2, Bathurst Court, Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

### **+RILEY, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 4543. Died 09/05/1915. Member of Lurgan UVF. Son of John and Anne Riley 42 George Streer Lurgan. Ploegstreet Memorial. Belgium. Lurgan WM

### **+SMYLIE, George**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8448. Died 09/05/1915 at Rouge Bancs. Aged 25. Born Ballyclare 09/04/1888. Enlisted Belfast. Brother of William, Royal Irish Rifles 12<sup>th</sup> Btn who died on 17/12/1915. Son of the late Alexander and Mary Smylie, of Mossley, Carnmoney. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium, Ballyclare WM. Carnmoney C of I Parish Church WM

### **+SPENCE, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 7172. Died 09/05/1915. Age 32. Husband of Annie Spence, of 22, Stanhope St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+STITT, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 13561. Died 09/05/1915. Born in Portadown. Brother of William and Michael Stitt, Segoe, Portadown. Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium. Magheragall Parish Church WM

### **+SWEENEY, Patrick**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9419. Died 09/05/1915 in action during the Battle of Aubers Ridge close to Festubert. Age 23. Patrick and his twin brother James were born at Ballygillen, near Ballinderry Bridge, Co. Londonderry. The family later moved to Co. Antrim. Son of James and Margaret Sweeney, of Ballybracken, Ballynure. It is likely that the family were members of the Parish of Ballygowan and Ballyclare. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Cookstown WM

### **+TODD, Robert James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9241. Died 09/05/1915. Age 19. Nephew of Susan Keeves, of 27, Jennymount St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+TOHILL, Peter**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 6915. Died 09/05/1915. Age 30. Peter Tohill was the son of Hugh and Elizabeth Tohill of Stewartstown, County Tyrone. There is some dispute as to whether Peter was born in Belfast or Londonderry. When he enlisted in Banbridge he did so under a false name. He used the name of Patrick O'Neill on his enlistment and it is stated that Patrick O'Neill was born in Belfast, but according to Commonwealth War Graves details, he was born in Londonderry. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+TOPPING, Henry**

B Company 2 ELR. Private. 9443. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 26. Born and living in Lisburn, he enlisted at Portadown. Son of Mrs. Alice Lovey of 45 Young Street, Lisburn. Listed on Lisburn War Memorial as Private H. Lovie, his mother's name. Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium, panel 9.

### **+UPTON, The Hon. Eric Edward Montagu John**

King's Royal Rifle Corps. 2nd Btn. Captain. Adjutant. Died 09/05/1915. Age 30. Twice Mentioned in Despatches. Educated at Eton and entered Royal Military College, Sandhurst in January 1904. Commissioned as a Second

Lieutenant in the King's Royal Rifle Corps on 16/08/1905, he served in India. In October 1908 he was promoted to Lieutenant and to a Captaincy in November 1914. On 09/05/1915 the Northants Regiment was held up by machine-gun fire and barbed wire. Captain Upton went forward with two leading companies which got within 30 yards of the wire. Men were falling rapidly and Captain Upton was killed by machine gun fire (Unit War Diary). Eric was the eldest son of Henry, 4th Viscount Templetown and Viscountess Templetown, daughter of 10th Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham. Eric's brother Henry Augustus Mountjoy Heneage Upton, born at Castle Upton, Templepatrick, was an officer with the East Kent Mounted Rifles. The Belfast News Letter of 29/05/1915 carried a report of a Memorial Service in Templepatrick Parish Church. The Rector, the Reverend Charles Frederick James Newell spoke of how news of Captain Upton's death had brought distress to the village where he was well known and respected. The village would remember him as a fine young fellow who was good natured and had a pleasant word for everybody. He quoted Eric's commanding officer - "as he lay on the ground there was a smile on his face". Rue-des-Berceaux Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoué, France. Eton College RH. St Patrick's C of I Parish Church, Templepatrick

### **+VEAGE, Charles Lewis**

Australian Infantry, 15th (Queensland). Private. 507. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 25. Enlisted in Bundaberg Queensland 28/09/1914. Landed Anzac Cove 25/04/1915. The 15th (Queensland) were on the lefthand flank but as the advance



stalled under heavy fire from the Turks they had to withdraw. Later the 15th helped shore up the line in the positions around the "Pope's Hill and "Russell's Top" getting ready for a new attack on the 1st May. It was during this attack Private Veage was reported missing later confirmed as having been killed on the 9th May 1915 The 15th had 160 killed or wounded. Born in St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands, 28/08/1890, Charles was the eldest son of David and Mary(nee Johnson) Veage, Cross, Rathfriland, Co Down. He was employed as a Farm Labourer. Left for Australia on 10/11/1911 on the SS Zealandia (White Star Line) from Liverpool. Lone Pine Memorial for the Missing, Gallipoli, Turkey. Queensland Memorial. Australian National WM, Rathfriland WM

### **+WALLACE, William Henry**

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5888. Died 09/05/1915 at Hill 60 Ypres. Age 25. Enlisted in Ballykinlar Camp in the 5th Royal Irish Rifles (Reserve). On 06/08/1914 40 Territorial Reserves left Dromore Railway Station for the Western Front, attached to the 2nd Royal Irish Rifles with the British Expeditionary Force. In action at Mons, Neuve Chapelle. Both William and his father were accomplished fiddle players and musicians and played at various venues. Both were members of Waringsford Rising Star LOL 545. Born 10/10/1890 in Tullynisky, Waringsford, Dromara, Co. Down. Son of William Henry and Sarah Wallace ( nee Cherry). Spoilbank Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium. Dromore WM. Waringsford Orange Hall WM

### **+WEBSTER, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1<sup>st</sup> Btn. Rifleman. 9594. Died 09/05/1915. Age 21. Born in Armagh 09/07/1893. He enlisted with the Royal Irish Rifles as a regular soldier in 1911. He was returning from India when he contracted tuberculosis and was discharged from service. His death was not recorded by the CWGC but a case was put forward and a CWGC headstone was placed at his grave. Son of Thomas and Margaret Webster, of Armagh. St Mark's C of I Churchyard, Armagh

### **+WHYTE, James**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1<sup>st</sup> Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 8738. Died 09/05/1915. Aged 27. Brother of Mrs. Elizabeth Beattie, of 17, Glentoran St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

## **1916**

### **+CLARKIN, John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 20931. Died 09/05/1916. Age 33. Son of John and Mary Clarkin, of Belfast; husband of Mary Clarkin, of Conway St. Belfast. Bethune Town Cemetery, France

### **+IRVINE, Thomas Andrew**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Corporal. 13661. Died 09/05/1916. Age 22. Thomas was a section leader of the Ulster Volunteer Force. Born on 02/05/1894 in Ranenly, Fivemiletown. He was one of at least twelve children. They were a farming family. Son of John James and Eliza A. Irvine, of Ranenly, Fivemiletown. Beauval Communal Cemetery, France. Clogher WM. Fivemiletown WM. St

John's Church, Fivemiletown RH. Timpany LOL 899  
Memorial tablet

### **+KIRKWOOD, George**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 15085. Died 09/05/1916. Age 22. Son of Mary and the late James Kirkwood, of Belfast. Forceville Communal Cemetery and Extension, France. Castleton Presbyterian Church, Belfast

**1917**

### **+BELL, Hugh**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. B Coy. Private. 24681. Died 09/05/1917. Age 19. Brother of Mary and Harriet Bell, of 90, Dromore St., Banbridge. La Laiterie Military Cemetery, Belgium

### **+BOYLE, Thomas**

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 12th Btn. Private. S/ 4955. Died 09/05/1917. Age 25. Son of Hugh Boyle, of 97, Nelson St., South Side, Glasgow, and the late S. Boyle. Born at Belfast. Doiran Memorial, Greece

### **+ELKIN, William**

RNR. Seaman. HMS Skijack. Died 09/05/1917. Son of Robert and Martha Ekin, Portrush. Family memorial Ballywillan cemetery, Portrush.

### **+McFARLAND, J J**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 29797.

Died 09/05/1917. Age 22. Son of Andrew and Mary McFarland, of Barnaclaken, Edemey, Co. Fermanagh. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France  
**1918**

**+BOYD, Charles**

Royal Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 9235. Died 09/05/1918. Age 30. Charles sailed to France with the 3rd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles on 20/12/1914 and after sometime involved with the hardship of trench warfare contracted an illness, spent 30 days in hospital and was then sent to a hospital in England for further treatment. Charles was discharged home to Belfast on the 20/03/1916 due to decease contracted on active service. Nephew of Agnes and Mary Boyd of 41 Ewarts Row, Belfast. Shankill Graveyard, Belfast.

**1921**

**+ARMSTRONG, Alexander**

Canadian Infantry, 144<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Private. 830031. Died 09/05/1921. Aged 44. Born Carrickfergus. Lived Ormeau Road, Belfast. Alexander was the son of Thomas and Margaret Armstrong of the Commons, Carrickfergus. Husband to Margaret Barkley Armstrong of 44 River Terrace, Ormeau Road, Belfast. Winnipeg (Brookside) Cemetery – Mil 290

**+MARTIN, Ronald,**

RNVR. FAA. 819 Squadron. Sub Lieutenant (A). Died 09/05/1943. Age 22. HMS Archer. Ronald was flying a Swordfish embarked on HMS Archer on convoy escort duty when the aircraft went into the sea killing him and his two

crew members. Only son of Dr and Mrs S E Martin of Newry and Salisbury. Lee-on-Solent Memorial, Bay 4.

**1944**

**+KIRWAN, Patrick Lionel**

Royal Engineers, attd. 8th Indian Division. Lieutenant Colonel. O B E. 34470. Died 09/05/1944. Aged 38. Son of Maj. Lionel Edward Kirwan and Evelyn Kirwan; husband of Alayne Lindsey Kirwan nee Collyer, of Ballycastle. They lived at Glen Court in Park Road, Camberley. Alayne continued to live in Camberley after his death and in 1948 she was married again with Lewis David Malcolm Patterson. He was an Officer in the Royal Signals Corps. She died on 14/04/1950 (aged 35). Cassino War Cemetery, Italy.

**1945**

**+FREELAND, Albert Edward Robert**

Army Catering Corps, attd. 1 Airlanding Lt. Regt. Royal Artillery. Private. 5727266. Died 09/05/1945. Aged 26. Son of Alexander and Elsie Dorothy Freeland; husband to Bridgid Freeland, of Ballycastle. Brockley Cemetery Memorial Wall, London, (RC Ground)

**+GOURLEY, Daniel**

Royal Navy. Leading Telegraphist. D/JX 308886. Died 09/05/1945. Aged 23. H.M.M.G.B. 2009. Son of Daniel and Martha Gourley, of Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial

**+HENRY, David**

Pioneer Corps. Private. 13031097. Died 09/05/1945. Aged 45. Husband to Lizzie Jane Henry, of Tobermore. Kilcronaghan Church Of Ireland Churchyard. Tobermore. Magherafelt WM

### **+SWEENEY, Charles Ratmond Patrick**

Royal Ulster Rifles, 1st Btn. Major. MC. 74698. Died 09/05/1945 in a road accident after the German surrender on the north flank had taken place. Whilst escorting a German Admiral back to Kiel, the car left the road and crashed into a tree. He had left the 2nd Btn The Royal Ulster Rifles at Merlo in January 1945 to become one of Field Marshal Montgomery's liaison officers. He had served under Montgomery in Palestine and in France in 1939. Montgomery penned an appreciation of Charles Sweeney who was an orphan. On 13/05/1945, by special request of the Field Marshal, a burial party of four officers, twelve men and four buglers from 2 RUR travelled to Tactical Headquarters, 21st Army Group, to assist at the funeral when Major Charles Sweeney was buried at Becklingen War Cemetery, Niedersachsen, Germany

## **VETERANS**

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Terrace, Ormeau Road, Belfast. Died 09/05/1921. Age 44.  
Winnipeg (Brookside) Cemetery

**ESDALE, Samuel**

RN. Act ERA. M32210. Enrolled 24/06/1918 for hostilities. In  
Victory II and Venerable. Demobbed 20/02/1919. Born  
Coleraine 09/05/1896. ADM 188/1082/32210

**HAMILTON, Archibald (Archie)**

He may have lived originally at Galvally, Portstewart. He  
was living at Garden Avenue when he died on 09/05/1963;  
funeral to Agherton Cemetery. He is commemorated on the  
Roll of Honour in Agherton Parish Church.

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Regiments Royal Artillery (TA), as Hon. Chaplain to RNR and as Chaplain to

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