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23 from NI lost in sinking of HMS Goliath off Gallipoli

HMS Goliath was torpedoed by a Turkish destroyer while she was at anchor in Morto Bay off Cape Helles. 570 of

the 750 men aboard were lost when the ship sank after an explosion. Two lost in Goliath, Boy First Class Alfred Henry Gadd and Stoker First Class Hector Hiles, had Newtownards links. At least 23 men from N Ireland were lost and 73 from all Ireland.

At the start of World War I the major navies had significant numbers of pre-dreadnought battleships which, though in many cases only eight or ten years old, had been rendered wholly obsolete by the commissioning of HMS *Dreadnought* in 1905. This, the first turbine-driven, all-big gun, battleship, mounted ten 12” guns, compared with the almost universal armament of four 12-inch guns for the average pre- dreadnought, and set the model for all subsequent capital ships.

By the outbreak of war in 1914 large numbers of “dreadnoughts” – the name had already come to symbolise a type – were in service in the larger navies. Putting obsolete pre-dreadnoughts into a battle-line which would have to face much more powerfully-armed dreadnoughts was likely to be little short of suicidal.

HMS *Goliath* was a Canopus class pre-dreadnought battleship that served off the east coast of Africa and on the Dardanelles in the early years of the First World War. Like the rest of her class, at the start of August 1914 she joined the 8th Battle Squadron of the channel fleet, helping to cover the passage of the BEF to France. She remained with the channel fleet for longer than her sister ships. In late August she was used to ship the Plymouth battalion of Marines to Ostend.

In September she was dispatched to the East Indies station, to help escort the Indian army to the Middle East and east Africa. On 30 October she arrived at Mombasa with the Indian Army expedition to German East Africa, but she then needed repairs before she could continue, forcing the expedition to proceed without the support of her guns. By 28 November she had been repaired and was able to take part in the bombardment of Dar-es-Salaam, but she then needed to go to the Cape for a further refit.

She was repaired by 25 February 1915, when Admiral King-Hall sailed in her from the Cape to German East Africa. She reached Mafia Island, off the Rufiji Delta, on 7 March. Admiral King-Hall wanted to keep her at Mafia Island, to guard against the danger of a breakout by the *Königsberg*, a serious danger during a period of high tides, but on 25 March he was ordered to shift his flag, and she was ordered to go to the Dardanelles.

Her journey took her through the Suez Canal, where she was initially expected to stay for a time, but on 12 April she was ordered to proceed directly to the Aegean, where she was needed to support the Gallipoli landings. On 25 April she formed part of the First Squadron, used to support the landings at the tip of the peninsula. On the next day she was used to help the evacuation of "Y Beach", the only one of the initial landings to fail. On 29-30 April she was briefly detached to defend the Suez Canal against an expected Turkish attack, but was recalled when French ships were sent to Suez.

On the night of 12-13 May, HMS *Goliath* and HMS *Cornwallis* were chosen to support French troops on the right of the Allied line. The *Goliath* anchored off Morto Bay.

On the same night, Lieutenant-Commander Firle, a German officer serving with the Turkish fleet, got permission to take the destroyer *Muavenet-I-Millet* (600 tons, top speed 33 knots, armed with three torpedo tubes, built in 1909) through the straits to attack the Allied battleships. Aided by the fog, he got within torpedo range of the *Goliath* before he was spotted and challenged. He first three torpedoes, and then escaped to safety.

The first torpedo hit the *Goliath* by her forward 12in turret. She then began to list to port. The second torpedo hit by the forward funnel. The ship continued to turn over, and was nearly on her beam ends when the third torpedo hit near her aft 12in turret. She then turned turtle, floated upside down for a couple of minutes and then sank bows first. Of the 750 men then serving on her, 570, including Captain Shelford, were lost.

Roll of Honour – May 13

Representing their comrades who died on this day

HMS Goliath

+BERINGER, William Ernest

RN. Stoker 1st Class. 309949. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Aged 28. “The Admiralty have notified the relatives of William Beringer, High-street, who was on board

HMS Goliath, which has been sunk at the Dardanelles with a loss of 500 lives, that they are sorry that his name does not appear in the list of saved." Enrolled 25/04/1906 for 12 years. Served in Acheron, Pembroke II, Bulwark, Duncan, St. George, Tyne, and Goliath (09/12/1913 - 13/05/1915). Born Newtownards 21/11/1886. Third son of Frederick and Elizabeth Berringer, High St., Portaferry. They had at least seven children. Another son, Frederick, also died in the war serving with Canadian infantry. Their brother John who survived served in the Merchant Navy. Ballyphilip C of I Parish Church RH. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 11. ADM 188/506/309949

BLAIR, Charles

RN. Leading Stoker. 309280. Enrolled 03/12/1905 for 12 years. Served to 21/04/1911. Joined RFR. Served 13/07/1914 - 14/03/1919. War service in Prince George, Goliath, Hyacinth, Talbot and Vivid II. Born Belfast 02/08/1886. ADM 188/505/309280

+BROWN, William James

RN. 227825. HMS Pegasus. Died 20/09/1914. Enrolled 02/05/1905 for 12 years. War service in Pegasus, Goliath, Hyacinth, Challenger and Vivid I. Born Londonderry 22/05/1887. ADM 188/402/227825

+DENNIS, John Joseph

RNR. Seaman gunner. 5771A. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Age 22. Action off Cape Helles, Dardanelles. Two other Derry men lost - John Doherty RN and Robert Hutchinson RM. He was engaged for over four years with the Cunard Company, and his last position, before being

transferred to Goliath, was wireless operator on the Aquitania. Aquitania was the third in Cunard Line's "grand trio" of express liners, preceded by the RMS Mauretania and RMS Lusitania, and was the last surviving four-funnelled ocean liner. Born in Larne. Son of James and Mary Dennis, Clooney Terrace, Waterside, Londonderry. Native of Larne. His father, James, was born at Armagh around 1865/66, worked as a railway engine driver for the Midland Railway, died 01/04/1919. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 8. Londonderry, The Diamond WM

+DOHERTY, John

RN. Leading Seaman. 197551. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Age 34. Son of John and Bridget Doherty, Daisy Hill Cottages, Boom Hall, Culmore Rd., Londonderry. Plymouth Naval Memorial. Londonderry, The Diamond WM

+GADD, Alfred Henry Victor

RN. Boy 1st Cl. J27246. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Aged 17 years 11 months. His death was widely reported in Newtownards papers. His Newtownards connections are traceable over three generations. Two others from Newtownards were lost in Goliath - Wm Beringer and Hector Hiles. Alfred was the son of Alfred and Katherine Gadd, Winchmore Hill, London. Grandson of Thomas Cleland from Killyleagh and Marianne Brown who were married in Regent Street Presbyterian Church, Newtownards. Newtownards WM

+HARKNESS, Alexander

RMLI. Private. PLY/11869. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Age 29. Enlisted 07/10/1902. War service in Caesar,

Magnificent and Goliath (17/08/1914 - 13/05/1915). Killed in action with Turkish destroyer in Dardanelles. Born 29/12/1884. Native of Ballygarvey, Co. Antrim. Son of John and Mary J Harkness, from Knockboy, Co. Antrim, resident Winchester St., Belfast. ADM 159/150/11869

+HILES, Hector

RN. Stoker 1st Class. SS109881. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Aged 35. Killed in action with Turkish destroyer in Dardanelles. Born Comber 01/07/1887. Son of Thomas Hamilton Hiles and Anna Maria Hiles (nee Carson), Mill St., Comber. Husband of Catherine Hiles, Derwent St., Belfast. Married in Dundela Presbyterian Church. Photo in Belfast Telegraph 18/6/1915. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 11. Comber Parish Church WM. Megain Memorial - PCI RH. Comber WM. IMR. ADM 188/1115/109881

+HOLLAND, Charles

RNR. Stoker. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Killed in action with Turkish destroyer in Dardanelles. Belfast

+HUTCHINSON, Robert

RMLI. Private. 10742. Plymouth Division. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Age 32. Served 13/03/1903 - 09/04/1913. Joined RFR 10/04/1913. War service from 13/07/1914 in Hannibal and Goliath (29/17/1914 - 13/05/1915). He had been in a previous engagement off the German South West African Coast in Goliath. Born Coagh, Co Tyrone, 22/03/1883. Son of Robert and Fanny Hutchinson, Creggan Road, Rosemount, Londonderry. Plymouth Naval Memorial. Great James Street - PCI RH. Cookstown WM. Londonderry, The Diamond WM. ADM 159/78/10742

+HUTCHINSON, Robert

RMLI. Private. 10742. Plymouth Division. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Served 13/03/1903 - 09/04/1913. Joined RFR 10/04/1913. War service from 13/07/1914 in Hannibal and Goliath (29/17/1914 - 13/05/1915). Born Coagh, Co Tyrone, 22/03/1883. Son of Robert and Fanny Hutchinson, Creggan Road, Rosemount. Plymouth Naval Memorial. Great James Street - PCI RH. Cookstown WM. Londonderry, The Diamond WM. Coagh WM. ADM 159/78/10742

+JONES, John

RNR. 1035U. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Age 42. Husband to Charlotte Jones, Sugarfield St., Belfast. Photo in Belfast Telegraph 25/6/1915. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 10

+JONES, Robert

RNR. Stoker. 2249T. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Age 43. Husband to Margaret Jones, Hurst St., Sandy Row, Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 10. IMR. Belfast Corporation RH.

+KELSO, James

RN. AB. J8992. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Age 22. Boy service from 25/07/1910. Enrolled 10/03/1911 for 12 years. War service in Hecla, Vivid I, Defiance and Goliath (01/08/1914 - 13/05/1915). Born Kilkeel 10/03/1893. Kilkeel, Co. Down. ADM 188/664/8992

+LEE, Thomas

RN. Stoker. 1661U. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915.
Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 10. Belfast Cathedral
Mission, Mariners' Church RH

+McANALLY, John

RNR. Stoker. 1744U. HMS Goliath. Died 13/5/1915. Age 45.
Son of John and Catherine McAnally, of Belfast; husband to
Mary McAnally, Linen St., Belfast. Photo in Belfast
Telegraph 26/6/1915. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel
10. Shankill Rd Mission - PCI RH. IMR

+McDOWELL, Robert John

RNR. Stoker. 2644S. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Age
22. Son of James and Letitia McDowell, Leopold St.,
Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 10

MILLAR, Thomas

RN. Stoker I. K12636. Enrolled 22/09/1911 for 12 years.
War service in Goliath, Victorious, Pembroke, St., George,
Wellington, Crescent and Polyanthus. Born Carrickfergus
05/06/1893. ADM 188/892/12636

MOORE, William

RN. Stoker First Class. SS109144. Enrolled 06/08/1909 for
5 and 7 years. Served to 25/06/1919. Joined RFR
26/06/1919. War service in Pembroke II, Aboukir, Goliath
and Victorious. Born Belfast 12/05/1891. ADM
188/1115/109144

+O'DONNELL, Hugh

RN. Stoker I. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Killed in action with Turkish destroyer in Dardanelles.

+SIMPSON, Gordon Douglas

RNR. Seaman. 5753A. HMS Goliath. Died 12/05/1915. Age 24. Gallipoli. Son of William (solicitor) and Kathleen Simpson, Russell St., Armagh and later of 35, Highfield Rd., Rathgar, Dublin Remembered on the family grave memorial in St. Mark's Church of Ireland churchyard, Armagh. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 10

+WARNOCK, Thomas

RNR. Stoker. 1079U. HMS Goliath. Died 13/05/1915. Dardanelles. Survived by wife and five children. North Ann St./Marine St, Belfast. Photo in Belfast Telegraph 18/06/1915. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 10. Rosemary Street - PCI RH. Belfast Cathedral Mission, Mariners' Church RH



On this Day – May 13

In the newspapers

Belfast Newsletter, 13 May 1915

TROOPS' VISIT TO BALLYMONEY.

A squadron of the Inniskilling Dragoons, in charge of Major Strettell, and a detachment of the 36th Divisional Cyclists' Company, commanded by Lieutenant Warman, arrived in Ballymoney yesterday at mid-day. Flags were displayed

from all the principal buildings and most of the houses in honour of the visit. The Dragoons were quartered in the Town Hall and the Protestant Hall and the cyclists in the Y.M.C.A. premises. The party proceeds en route to Magilligan this morning.

Northern Whig, 13th May 1918

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. 13th May 1918, Northern Whig

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.

Northern Whig, 13th May 1918

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. 13th May 1918, Northern Whig

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

Northern Whig, 13th May 1918

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. Note - 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). Note - Rifleman Dyer was 36 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.

On this Day - May 13

1916

Monitor HMS M30 was set ablaze by shore batteries in the Gulf of Smyrna with the loss of 4 men. The guns were Austro-Hungarian howitzers operating in support of their Ottoman allies. M30's crew scuttled the wreck using demolition charges on 28 May.

At the Battle of Verdun the Germans attack north-east of Mort Homme with little success.

1940

The Labour Party Conference in Bournemouth gives support to Churchill's government by 2,413,000 votes to 170,000. Neville Chamberlain resigned after pressure from Labour members for a more active prosecution of the war and Winston Churchill became the new head of the wartime coalition government. Chamberlain gave Churchill his unreserved support. Ernest Bevin was made minister of labour and recruited workers for the factories and stepped

up coal production. Lord Beaverbrook, minister of Aircraft Production increased production of fighter aircraft.

Three days into The Battle of France, upon his very first entrance into the House of Commons as Britain's new Prime Minister, Winston Churchill gave his famous "Blood, toil, tears and sweat" speech in the House of Commons.

A soon to be legendary orator, this was the first of several speeches that would make Churchill one of the most famous men in History, including his "We shall fight on the beaches" and "This was their finest hour" speeches.

His words were as follows:

"We are in the preliminary stage of one of the greatest battles in history.... That we are in action at many points—in Norway and in Holland—, that we have to be prepared in the Mediterranean. That the air battle is continuous, and that many preparations have to be made here at home.

I would say to the House as I said to those who have joined this government: I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat. We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering.

You ask, what is our policy? I will say: It is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us; to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark and lamentable catalogue of human crime. That is our policy. You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: Victory. Victory at all

costs— Victory in spite of all terror— Victory, however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there is no survival."

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Queen Wilhelmina and the Dutch royal family arrive in London.

Supported by waves of Luftwaffe Stuka dive-bombers, the two German Panzer Korps of Heeresgruppe B establish bridgeheads across the Meuse river, tearing a 50-mile gap in the French defenses between Dinant and Sedan. The 7th Panzer Division (Rommel) is the first division across. Dutch troops withdraw to their second and final line of defense on the Amsterdam-Rotterdam-Utrecht line.

1941

German aircraft begin to operate over Iraq in support of the rebellion by anti-British Iraqi forces.

1942 The British Chiefs of staff approve a major raid against the French port of Dieppe. Initially code-named 'Rutter', the plan had been under consideration since March by Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Chief of Combined Operations,

who wanting to explore the problems of an opposed landing on the French coast.

The siege of Leningrad continues. Tanya Savicheva, a young girl, writes in her address book, "Mummy 13th May at 7.30 morning 1942. The Savichevs are dead, all dead, only Tanya remains." Her book also lists the death of her brothers, grandmother, and two uncles. Evacuated to Gorky on the Volga, Tanya herself dies of chronic dysentery in the summer of 1943.

1943

For the first time in the war, the British now claim more German prisoners than the Germans have British.

The Royal Navy begin the bombardment of Pantelleria Island, between Tunisia and Sicily.

Marshal Messe, the Italian C in C of Tunisia, surrenders to Montgomery.

1944

The allies take Sant' Angelo and Castelforte, thereby opening the way to Rome. Jail Hill and other key Kohima features are recaptured by the British.

1945

The British Royal Family and allied military leaders attend a thanks giving service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Crown Prince Olav, some members of the exiled government and the head of the allied mission, Gen. Sir Andrew Thorne arrive in Oslo.

The commander of German naval forces, arrives at Felixstowe to sign the unconditional surrender of all boats under his command.

The last pockets of German resistance in Czechoslovakia are crushed by the Red Army.

U.S. troops capture Del Monte air base on Mindanao. The Australians clear the Wewak peninsula in New Guinea.

38 (Irish) Division - 1200 Russian Divisional Commander arrived at Brigade HQ to settle the agreement of the temporary boundary. Lt Col HEN Bredin DSO MC represented the Army & Brigade Commander at the conference.

After discussions, the Russian delegates were entertained to lunch.

Winston Churchill praised “the temper and instinct of thousands of southern Irishmen, who hastened to the battlefield to prove their ancient valour” in the Second World War.

However, Churchill also criticised Ireland's neutrality in the war - “With a restraint and poise, we never laid a violent hand upon them, which at times would have been easy and quite natural, and left the de Valera Government to frolic with the German representatives to their heart's content.



Roll of Honour – May 13

1915

+GILCHRIST, John James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 3658. Died 13/05/1915. Age 29. Brother of Mr. R. S. Gilchrist, of Darne St, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. Le Touret Memorial, France

+GILL, Daniel Lawrence

11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars. Private. 6646. Died 13/05/1915. Age 28. Husband to Sarah A. V. Gill, of 56, Westmoreland St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+GRIMASON, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 6234. Died 13 / 05/1915 at the Battle of Frezenberg (2nd Ypres). John was in a group assembling in a wood waiting to go into the trench line when a shell exploded killing John instantly and

wounding 6 of his comrades. Age 17. Enlisted 07/10/1914 in Portadown. Before the war he was employed in Lutton's building firm at Carleton St, Portadown. His brother Able Seaman George Grimason, 235183, Royal Navy died 09/10/1915, aged 27. Both are commemorated on Portadown War Memorial, St Mark's Parish Church War Memorial. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Salters Grange C of I WM

+LENNOX, Alexander

East Lancashire Regiment, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 9484. Died 13/05/1915. Age 25 years old. Son of Alexander Lennox, of 53, Matilda St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+McCANN, Owen

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 10838. Died 13/05/1915. Age 23. Son of Francis and Sarah Ann McCann, of 16, Edward St., Lurgan. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+McILWAINE, Joseph Hughes

Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 8th Btn. Private. 1145. Died 13/05/1915 of gun shot wounds at Alexandria on the Hospital Ship St. George. Age 24. Enlisted Leongatha on 01/10/1914. Son of John and Sarah (nee Hughes) McIlwaine, of Carnmoney and later of Leongatha, Victoria, Australia. Born at Castlegore, County Antrim on 20/03/1891. Chatby Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Alexandria, Egypt

+MILLS, J

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8513. Died 13/05/1915. Age 24. Son of the late James Mills, of Belfast. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France

1916

+BROWN, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 9437. Died 13/05/1916. Aged 34. John was born in Belfast about 1882. John Brown enlisted in Glasgow. Son of John and Christina Brown, of Magherafelt; husband to Agnes Brown, of 4, Glenpark Terrace, Eastfield, Cambuslang, Glasgow. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St-Eloi, Pas de Calais, France

+MITCHELL, Arthur Gorman

Royal Irish Rifles. 5th Btn. attd. 2nd Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 13/05/1916. Age 19. Son of Arthur B. Mitchell (Lieut. Col. R.A.M.C.) of 18, University Square, Belfast. Escoivres Military Cemetery, Mont - St Eloi, France

+O'HARA, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. C Coy. Serjeant. 5353. Died 13/05/1916. Age 31. Son of James and Mary Ann O'Hara, of 12, Lower California St., Belfast; husband to Elizabeth O'Hara, of 11, Arnon St., Belfast. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St-Eloi, France

+SMITH, Patrick Jos

Leinster Regiment, 7th Btn. Private. 2913. Died 13/05/1916. Age 23. Nephew of Sarah McAlister, of 23, Hamill St., Belfast. Bethune Town Cemetery, France

1917

+HOGARTH, Herbert Plunkett

Royal Engineers. 7th Signal Coy. Corporal. 75307. Died 13/05/1917. Herbert volunteered and enlisted into the army. He was in France from 24/11/1915. Herbert was serving as a Despatch Rider when he was killed in action. Born in 1895 in Newcastle upon Tyne to Herbert Hogarth and Annie Plunkett Hogarth. They married on 29/11/1894 at St. Andrew's Church of Ireland, Dublin. Annie Hogarth died at Belturbet on 23/09/1898 at Cavan. In 1911, Herbert is living in house 29.1 Antrim Road, Clifton Ward, Belfast with his grandfather and aunt Georgina. His occupation is recorded as a Bank Clerk. Educated at the Belfast Royal Academy, Herbert joined the Belfast Banking Company and served in Western and Portadown branches. His grandfather signed the Bankers Guarantee and gave his address as 20 Antrim Road, Belfast. Vraucourt Copse Cemetery, Vaulx-Vraucourt, Pas De Calais, France. Belfast Royal Academy WM

+McKENNA, Joseph

Royal Garrison Artillery. 161st Heavy Bty. 11821. Gunner. Died 13/05/1917. Disembarked in France in May 1915. Presumably redeployed to Salonika. From Navan St., Armagh. His wife and family were residing in Irish Street, Armagh. Karasouli Military Cemetery, Greece

1918

+McGERR, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. 4th Coy. Private. 20812. Died 13/05/1918. Age 29. Enlisted Randalstown. Disembarked France in October 1915. He worked as a beetler in the local linen mill. Son of Robert and Sarah McGerr, of Milltown Mills, Benburb, Co. Tyrone. Duhallows A D S Cemetery, Belgium

+PRIESTLY, John Arthur

Royal Marine Light Infantry. 5353. PLY/15258. Died 13/05/1918. Age 27. Son of Samuel Priestly, of 371, Woodstock Road, Belfast. Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth

+SHIELDS W

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. B Coy. 2nd Btn. Private. Age: 26. Died 13/05/1918. 15996. Son of Ross and Isabella Shields, of 6, Moat St., Londonderry. Potijze Chateau Wood Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium

+THOMPSON, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. C Coy. (C.A.V.). Rifleman. 12/19228. Died 13/05/1918 of pneumonia. Age 19. John Thompson deployed to the Western Front with the Ulster Division in October 1915. He was wounded on the 1st of July on the first day of the Somme offensive. He was captured during the German spring offensive on the 21/03/1918. At the time of his death his brother Robert was serving with the Army Service Corps in Egypt. John was son of Thomas and Rachel Thompson, 23 Clarence Street, Ballymena. Prior to enlistment he was employed with Smith



and Co, Ballymena. Niederzwehren Military Cemetery, Kassel, Germany. Ballymena WM

+WILLIAMSON, J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. A Coy. Private. 28889. Died 13/05/1918. Age 24. Son of John and Mary Jane Williamson, of Londonderry; husband of C. Lee (formerly Williamson), of 22, Emerson St., Londonderry. Polijze Chateau Wood cemetery, Belgium

1919

+GLENN, William John

NZ Rifle Brigade, 2nd Battalion. Lance Corporal. 44718. Born 02/12/1875 (Ulster). Died 13/05/1919. Age 43. William from Auckland had emigrated to New Zealand in 1908. He joined the NZ Expeditionary Force in 1916 and served in

France. He was admitted to No. 2 NZ General Hospital in Walton in Oct 1918, suffering from influenza. Discharged in December, his health never fully recovered, and he died just 5 months later of heart failure. Son of William and Mary Glenn, who still lived in Ireland at Aghadowey, County Londonderry. His siblings included Miss JF Glenn, Mrs

Charlotte Hutchinson, and Miss Mary Glenn. Aghadowey (St. Guaires) Church of Ireland Churchyard (Photo above) includes three WW1 graves

1941

+HEAL, Hubert Victor

RN. Stoker 1st Class. P/K 58480. HM Submarine Undaunted. Died 13/05/1941. Age 39. HMS Undaunted (Lt. James Lees Livesey, RN) sailed from Malta on 29 April 1941 for a patrol near Tripoli, Libya. She was due to return to Malta on 11 May but she failed to do so and was declared overdue on 13 May. Husband to Martha Heal, Portrush. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 55

1942

+ORR, David

RN. AB. D/SSX 26643. Died 13/06/1942. Age 22. HMS Farouk. Four years service. Son of Mr and Mrs J Orr, Central St., Bangor. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 10//07/1942). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 65

1943

+MISKELLY, Robert

Royal Artillery. 85 Anti-Tank Regt. Gunner. 843143. Died 13/05/1943. Aged 29. Singapore Memorial, Singapore.
Ballymoney WM

+STEWART, William

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Corporal. 6975608. Died 13/05/1943. Age 33. Son of Patrick and Hannah Stewart; husband to Lucy Georgena Stewart, of Bearney, Co. Tyrone.
El Alia, Algeria

1944

+SAUNDERSON, Christopher William Joffre

RAFVR. Flying Officer (Air Gunner).157140. Died 13/05/1944. 76th Sqdn. Died while taking part in a mission to attack railway marshalling yards at Hasselt, Belgium with RAF 76 Squadron. He was on board Handley-Page Halifax MX575 MP-W that took off at 2225hrs on 12/05/1944 from RAF Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorkshire. The mission was far from successful. The Royal Air Force lost 9 Halifax bombers and 1 Lancaster bomber. Many of the bombs dropped missed their targets and landed in open fields. Oberleutnant Frederick Tober of 8/NJG2 shot down the Mark III bomber over Hadschot near Geel, Belgium. The plane crashed near the hamlet at 0037hrs on 13/05/1944. Son of Captain W. R. Saunderson MC and Mrs. Saunderson of Rosebank, Cushendall Road, Ballymena. Schoonselhof Cemetery, Antwerp, Belgium. St. Mary's Church of Ireland WM, Donnybrook, Dublin.

VETERAN

ALDWELL, Basil Willington

RNVR. Pilot. Enlisted 20/11/1940. 788 Squadron FAA at HMS Lanka (RN base, Colombo, Ceylon); 15/02/1943 - 09/1943; 803 Squadron FAA (army cooperation in East Africa); 00/09/1943 - 02/1944; pilot, 797 Squadron FAA at HMS Ukussa (RN Air Station, Katakurunda, Ceylon); 06/02/1944 - 21/06/1944; pilot, 810 Squadron FAA in HMS Illustrious (aircraft carrier). Captured Port Blair, Andaman Islands; together with observer S.Lt (A) RM Gubther, RNVR, 21/06/1944 - 26/08/1945 POW in Japanese captivity at Ofuna near Tokyo 13/07/1944 - 26.08.1945). 10/1945) - 07.1946 no appointment listed. TCD. Born 23/04/1920 Lurgan. Brother of Lt.(E) Thomas Derek Aldwell, RN who died in a FAA aircraft crash at St Merryn (Also known as HMS Vulture and HMS Curlew) on 13/09/1950. Married, two daughters, one son. Died 13/05/1996.

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