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Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Gallipoli. 1,237 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War are buried or commemorated in this cemetery including one on this day's Roll of Honour

Brothers in arms -

Edward and Richard Buchanan of Derry

Edgar served in both world wars. Richard died serving in World War 1.

Edgar James Bernard Buchanan, DSO, and his younger brother Richard Brendan Buchanan were the sons of Robert Eccles Buchanan and his wife Ethel Maud, (nee Williams) of Londonderry.

Their father Robert was a civil engineer and architect working for the civil service. He was the great grandson of Dr George Buchanan of Fintona, Co. Tyrone and was himself born in Fintona. Both his sons were born in Londonderry.

Edgar Buchanan

Edgar Buchanan, two years older than Robert, was a lieutenant in the Royal Engineers in India and Egypt before returning to England in September 1915. In WW2 he served as Brigadier, Royal Engineers, in the War Office.

He was born on 6th May 1892. At that stage the family lived at Harding Street, Londonderry. They subsequently moved to Templemore Park. Edgar entered Foyle's preparatory school in 1899 where he was later joined by his younger brother Richard.

He completed his education at Portora Royal School before joining the Royal Engineers. As a career soldier he served in India, Mesopotamia, Singapore, Malta, North Africa and Italy. He was wounded on two occasions during the Great War and was awarded the DSO. After the Second World War he was Director of Fortifications at the War Office. His promotion to the rank of Brigadier appears in the Gazette of

14th November 1947. Brigadier Buchanan died at Halesmere, Surrey on 13th September 1979.

Richard Buchanan

Richard attended Foyle College in Derry and Bedford School in Bedford, England from 1909 to 1911. He was enrolled as a medical student at the University of Edinburgh, from October 1911 to September 1914. He passed all his exams except the final, with first class honours, being awarded the Bronze medal for Zoology, Practical Anatomy and Surgery.

On the day after the Great War was declared he applied for a commission, and, having some time previously obtained certificates A and B of the Officers' Training Corps, Medical Unit, was gazetted to a lieutenancy in the Royal Army Medical Corps, Special Reserve, on August 16, 1914.

Finding a few weeks later that he could not be sent on active service until he had received his full medical qualifications, he applied for transfer to the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and was in due course gazetted second-lieutenant, and went into training at Cambusbarron, Stirlingshire.

In May 1915, the Royal Scots Fusiliers 1st/5th battalion left Liverpool for the Mediterranean, arriving at Mudros on the island of Lemnos in the Aegean Sea on 29th May. On 7th June they landed at Gallipoli and engaged in various actions against the Turkish Army.

Richard Brendan Buchanan was killed on 20th June 1915 while in a support trench and was buried on a cliff

overlooking “Lancashire Landing”, one of the beaches on Cape Helles taken by the Lancashire Fusiliers. His permanent grave is in the Lancashire Landing Cemetery at Gallipoli. He was 21. His name is recorded in the University of Edinburgh’s Roll of Honour 1914 – 1919, which was published 1921.

The Queen and Queen

The Queen in question is Queen Victoria. Richard Buchanan’s mother, Ethel Maud Williams, was a daughter of the photographer Thomas Richard Williams, who had a studio in Lambeth and later in Regent St, London. In the 1850s Williams developed a popular business in making high quality stereographic daguerreotypes as a portrait photographer and also made a number of series, including of the Crystal Palace in 1854, and of scenes of English village life. His reputation as a portraitist led to commissions from Queen Victoria for photographic portraits of members of the royal household in the mid to late 1850s.

Dr Brian May, guitarist with Queen amongst his other achievements, has an interest in and is a collector of 1850s stereo photographs. In 2009 he and Elena Vidal published the book *A Village Lost and Found*, including fifty-nine hand-coloured albumen prints on cards made by Williams of scenes in the village of Hinton Waldrist in Oxfordshire, and through their research, revived an interest in this 19th century photographic pioneer.



Brothers in arms -

Alexander and Marcus Tyrrell of Belfast

Two brothers from Belfast were amongst the select group of airmen who died in the First World War.

Alexander (above) and Marcus Tyrrell were educated at Inst.

Alexander came to aviation after service in Queen's Training Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service's Armoured Car Division.

His brother Marcus was commissioned in to the Royal Irish Fusiliers from Queen's University Training Corps, later joining the Royal Flying Corps.

Walter Alexander Tyrrell

RNAS. Petty Officer. 32nd Squadron RAF, Flight Lieutenant. MC. Alexander attended RBAI (Inst) and the Belfast Municipal Technical Institution. He was a member of the Queen's University Training Corps and was working as an apprentice motor engineer. He served in the RNAS (Armoured Car Section) as a Petty Officer from 26/12/1914 to 24/11/1915. During this time, he spent 8 months in France and suffered an injury, when an armoured car crushed his foot. Subsequently he used a specially made boot.

He commissioned into the Royal Flying Corps in July 1917. Alexander was Ireland's fourth ranked air ace, with 17 victories. The first was on 30/10/1917 over Passchendaele, the last two being at 1845 and 1850 on 06/06/1918.

One particular victory, his second, on 11/11/1917 was described thus: "Three 32 Sqn DH5s flown by 2nd Lts Howson, W A Tyrrell and Clayton, were engaged on an OP. At 1000 over Westroosbeke, Clayton & Tyrrell first intercepted an Albatros with a yellow and green fuselage and yellow nose. Clayton was forced to pull out of the fight with a gun jam, but Tyrrell carried on the attack.

"The German began a staggering flutter in a downward direction. As the pilot attempted to pull the stricken Albatros out of the dive, Tyrrell fired again, his bullets striking the pilot's head and the instrument panel in front of him. The Albatros reared upwards before spinning down again. Tyrrell lost sight of his quarry at 300 feet as it fell through and below other circling German aircraft - it was too dangerous to follow. There were no German pilot fatalities on this day. Nevertheless, Tyrrell added this out of control' to his score."

He was awarded the Military Cross, the citation for which read: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one day this officer attacked two enemy triplanes, destroying one and driving down the other out of control. After this he was attacked by two other machines, one of which he forced to land, taking the occupants prisoners. On various other occasions, he has destroyed or driven down out of control enemy machines."

Alexander was killed, at the age of 19, while flying his Fouquerolles SE5a biplane. He was brought down by enemy machine gun fire from the trenches. Born 23/08/1898. Son of John Tyrrell and Jeanie Tyrrell (nee Todd) of Fairview Buildings, Crumlin Road, Belfast, and later Ballyholme. Beauvais Communal Cemetery, Oise, France.

Bangor WM. RBAI WM. QUB WM. First Bangor Presbyterian Church WM.

John Marcus Tyrell

Royal Irish Fusiliers, attached Royal Air Force. Captain. Died 20/06/1918. Age 23. RBAI and QUB where he read medicine and was a member of the Training Corps. He joined the 3rd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers. Marcus was granted two months medical leave on 15/11/1916 on account of "debility and anaemia". He subsequently transferred to the Royal Air Force.

He was killed on 20th June 1918, aged 23, during the course of an attempt to bring his aircraft back to the aerodrome after he had been shot.

Marcus was born on 27th March 1895, the son of John Tyrrell, JP, and Jeanie Tyrrell (nee Todd) of Fairview Buildings, Crumlin Road, Belfast, and later "The Cairn", Ballyholme, Bangor. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. First Bangor Presbyterian Church WM, Bangor WM. QUB WM. RBAI WM

On this Day – June 20

1944

38 (Irish) Brigade in Italy - Lt-Col Horsfall 2 LIR: "Pat Scott came in, saying that he wished to break the news to me greatly – that the general had had an inspiration. He proposed to sail the 2nd Rifles in 'ducks' (DUKWs) down the

10 mile length of Lake Trasimene & land us behind this vexatious opposition.

..There were some mutterings about Napoleon and genius, I referred to the abject speed of the duck, its noise like a traction engine giving birth, and the military problem confronting us when the reception committee gathered with 88s to await our landfall the other end...

..Finally, I said that I thought it would be the likely end of Charles Keightley's career as well as mine ...and yours for allowing it.' Pat grinned, 'I thought I'd try it out on you. I will pass your comments, and mine, on to himself.'



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1943

RAAF Spitfires over Darwin intercepted a formation of 42 Japanese bombers and fighters, shooting down nine bombers and five fighters. This was the most successful



encounter by the RAAF over Darwin, during which Group Captain Caldwell, an ace from the European theatre, shot down his fifth Japanese aircraft. The final air raid on Darwin took place on 12 November 1943.

1944

38th (Irish) Division

Brigadier Scott near Lake Tasimene:

"On 20th June, I went out on a reconnaissance with John Kerr, John Horsfall and Colonel Bob Purvis, the CO of the Canadian tanks. This part of the country afforded most excellent OPs from my point of view..."

Lt-Col Horsfall:

“Pat came in, saying that the general had proposed to sail the 2nd Rifles in ‘ducks’ (DUKWs) down the 10 mile length of Lake Trasimene and land us behind all this vexatious opposition. There were some mutterings about Napoleon and genius, or some such.

Roll of Honour – June 20

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+BUCHANAN, Richard Brendan

1st/5th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. Second Lieutenant. Died 20/06/1915. Aged 21. Foyle College. University of Edinburgh. Son of R. Eccles Buchanan and Ethel M. Buchanan, of Chiswick Lodge, Templemore Park, Londonderry. Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Derry Cathedral WM. *See article above.*

+O'LOAN, J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 2505. Died 20/06/1915. Age 33. Served in the South African War. Husband of Maggie O'Loan, of 3, Gortmore, Omagh. Lancashire Landing Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli).

+McCAUGHEY, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 4503. Died 20/06/1915. Age 21. Husband of Alice McCaughey, of 54,

Deanery St., Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Turkey
(including Gallipoli)

1917

+AULD, Hermon Robert

Army Cyclist Corps. X Corps Cyclist Btn. Private. Died 20/06/1917. Age 22. Son of John and Louisa Auld, of 46, Fitzroy Avenue, Belfast. Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Belgium

+BOYD, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Corporal. 14/3886. Died 20/06/1917. Age 45. Born Carrickfergus. Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Belgium

+EMERSON, Thomas Henry

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 497. Died 20/06/1917. Age 23. Son of William and Agnes Emerson, of 11, Zetland St., Belfast. Native of Culcavey, Hillsborough. Locre Hospice Cemetery, Belgium

+McCARTER, William John

Royal Garrison Artillery, 25th Siege Bty. Gunner. 15834. Died 20/06/1917. Age 31 years old. Son of William John and Marjorie McCarter; husband to Fanny Edith McCarter, of 23, County St., Totterdown, Bristol. Achiet-Le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Derry Cathedral WM

+McCLELLAND, William James

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 481. Died 20/06/1917. Age 19. Son of Moses and Mary McClelland, of 11, Bann St., Oldpark Rd., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+PRESHUR, Matthew

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Rifleman. 18/744. Died 20/06/1917. Age 20. Brother of Rifleman, W Preshur 15/3066, Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. who died 08/09/1916. Son of Elizabeth Preshur, of 57, Langford St., Belfast, and the late William Preshur. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+TURNER, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Rifleman. 14/7188. Died 20/06/1917. Age 21. Son of Alexander and Rose Turner, of Cloughmills, Belfast. Cabin Hill Cemetery, Belgium

+VANCE, William Joseph

Army Service Corps, 699th M.T. Coy. Private. DM2/135594. Died 20/06/1917. Aged 20. Son of Richard and Jennie Vance, of Dungannon Rd., Aughnacloy. Born at Bailieborough, Co. Cavan. Dar Es Salaam War Cemetery, Tanzania

+WATSON, G

Royal Garrison Artillery, 111th Heavy Bty. Corporal. 21555. Died 20/06/1917. Age 30. Husband of Mary Watson, of 11, Schomberg St., Belfast. Voormezeele Enclosure No 3, Belgium

1918

+MOORE, John

RN. AB. J36822. HMS Raglan. Died 20/06/1918. Age 21. Enrolled 07/04/1915 for hostilities. Pembroke II and Raglan (03/06/1915 - 20/06/1918. Born Carrickfergus 08/09/1896. ADM 188/720/36822

+MURDOCK, William Andrew

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Lance Corporal. 15656. Died 20/06/1918. Age 23. Son of Charlotte Murdock, of 6, Canmore St., Belfast, and the late William Andrew Murdock. Berlin South - Western Cemetery, Germany

+TYRRELL, John Marcus

Royal Irish Fusiliers, attached Royal Air Force. Captain. Died 20/06/1918. Age 23. RBAI and QUB where he read medicine and was a member of the Training Corps. He joined the 3rd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers. Marcus was granted two months medical leave on 15/11/916 on account of "debility and anaemia". He subsequently transferred to the Royal Air Force. He was killed on 20/06/1918, aged 23, during the course of an attempt to bring his aircraft back to the aerodrome after he had been shot. Marcus was born on 27th March 1895, the son of John Tyrrell, JP, and Jeanie Tyrrell (nee Todd) of Fairview Buildings, Crumlin Road, Belfast, and later "The Cairn", Ballyholme, Bangor. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. First Bangor Presbyterian Church WM, Bangor WM. RBAI WM

1919

+LEWIS, J

Royal Engineers, Inland Waterways and Docks. Sapper. WR/311769. Died 20/06/1919. Son of John and Jane Lewis, of Belfast; husband of A. Lewis, of 92, Bright St., Belfast. Brookwood Military Cemetery

1941

+DOLAN, Victor Frank Douglas

RN. AB. P/JX 142717. Died 29/06/1941 while undergoing treatment for typhoid in the Civil Fever Hospital, Newtownards. Aged 21. HMS Pegasus attached to HMS Caroline, Belfast. Born on 02/08/1919. Son of Mrs. I Dolan of Southsea, Hampshire. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina Extension

+HOUSTON, William John

RN. Stoker First Class. C/KX 83859. Died 20/07/1941. Age 29. HM Submarine Umpire. HMS Umpire (N82) was a U-class submarine built at Chatham Dockyard and sunk in an accident nine days after commissioning with the loss of 22 men. The submarine was sunk while en route from Chatham to join the 3rd Submarine Flotilla at Dunoon, under the command of Lieutenant Mervyn Wingfield. An armed escort trawler, Peter Hendriks, in the southbound convoy accidentally struck Umpire sinking her in 18 metres of water. Four crew members were on the bridge when the submarine sank. William had eight years service, four in submarines. William's brother James had 7 years service in RN. A founder of Queen Mary Accordion Band. Son of Hugh and Louisa Houston, Bryanstang Cottage, Ballynure, formerly of

Mountcollyer Rd., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 16/08/1941). Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 47

1942

+BAILIE, William Robert

Royal Artillery. Gunner. 1484268. Died 20/06/1942. Aged 31. 5 Bty., 2 Lt. A.A. Regt. Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Lybia

+BLEEKS, William James

RAFVR. Leading Aircraftman. 1035372. Died 20/06/1942. Age 24. Born 28/05/1918. Son of Robert and Elizabeth Anna Bleeks of Hawthorne Cottage, Stewartstown; Husband to Mary Jane Bleeks, of Portadown. He died in a nearby hospital as a result of an accident at RAF Skeabrae, Scotland. He was survived by his children, Roberta May Leonard, and William James Bleeks, Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone. He was the nephew of William T. Bleeks, who was killed in action on 17/10/1918 while serving with the 3rd Indian Division. Seagoe Cemetery, Portadown

+CROMIE, Robert

Royal Artillery. 2 Lt. A.A. Regt. 5 Bty. Gunner. 1476595. Died 20/06/1942 of wounds. Age 33. Robert 'Bobby' died at Tobruk when Axis forces led by Erwin Rommel attacked and captured the garrison. Afterwards, the Chaplain who was with him when he died said that Bobby's final words were: *In peace let me resign my breath and Thy salvation see; I was a guilty sinner, but Jesus died for me.* During the war two of

his second cousins also died in service. Robert (Bobby) Cromie was born on 02/03/1908 in Ballywalter.

He was the only son of Robert and Martha Cromie (nee Semple) of 24 Well Road, Ballywalter and before that they lived in the townland of Ballaghbeg, Kilcoo, Newcastle, Co. Down. Robert Cromie Senior worked as a labourer and he and Martha Semple were married on 13/02/1903 in Ballycopeland Presbyterian Church, Millisle. Robert (Bobby) Cromie was baptised in Ballywalter Presbyterian Church.

Robert (Bobby) Cromie and Edith A. Gibson of Ballywalter Park, Ballywalter were married on 15/04/1936 in Glastry Presbyterian Church and they had a daughter named Sylvia (born 02/07/1937). After the war, Edith and Sylvia Cromie both moved to Canada. Sylvia was a comptometer operator and on 14/08/1957 she travelled from Liverpool to Montreal on board the Cunard steamship *Carinthia*. Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. Ballywalter and District WM. Ballywalter Presbyterian Church RH

+DELANEY, William James

New Zealand Army Service Corps. Driver. 9120. Died 20/06/1942. Aged 36. Son of William and E. J. Delaney, of Ballycarry, Co. Antrim. Beirut War Cemetery, Lebanese Republic

+GIBSON, John Malcomson

Royal Artillery. 5 LAA Regt. 5 Bty. Lieutenant. 126704. Died Between 20/06/1942 and 21/06/1942. Aged 30. Son of James and Mary E. Gibson, of Newtownards. Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya

+WILLIAMSON, William Thomas

Rifle Brigade, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7014270. Died 20/06/1942. Aged 19. Son of John and Annie Williamson, of Lisburn. Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Lybia

1943

+DONALDSON, David Stuart

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1127694. Died 22/06/1943. Aged 20. 7 Sqdn. Son of David Stuart Donaldson and Louisa Nelson Donaldson, of Newtownards, Co. Down. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 147. Newtownards WM

1944

+MOORE, William James

Royal Ulster Rifles. 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 14219689. Died 20/06/1944. Aged 20. Born in County Down. Ranville War Cemetery

+MORGAN, Reginald Norman

Royal Ulster Rifles, 1st (Airborne) Btn. Captain. 176458. Died 07/06/1944. Age 31. Commissioned on 01/03/1941, War Substantive Lieutenant as of 01/09/1942, Temporary Captain as of 15/03/1943, Listed as missing in action as of 07/06/1944. He was last seen leaving Ste Honorine with his platoon after the withdrawal had been ordered. Body found on 11 July when the Battalion re-entered the town. Son of Richard and Emily Morgan, of Belfast, brother of Harry R. and also a cricketer. Bayeux War Cemetery, France

+SMITH, William Henry

Royal Ulster Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 7013455. Died 20/04/1944. Aged 25. He had served for seven years in both Palestine and India. Son of William Henry and Mary Smith of 63 Weir Street, Belfast and husband to Mabel Beatrice Smith of Hereford. Cambes-en-Plaine War Cemetery, Calvados, France.

1945

+MARTIN, Edward

Royal Artillery. 1 Maritime Regiment. Lance Bombardier. 7047144. Died 20/06/1945 after contracting an illness serving on a tanker off the coast of West Africa. Age 28. He enlisted in the Royal Irish Fusiliers in 1940 before transferring to the Royal Artillery. Lance Bombardier Martin had two older brothers also serving; Sergeant C Martin in the Royal Ulster Rifles, and Bombardier S Martin in the Royal Artillery. Son of James Martin and Jane Martin of Clandeboye, Bangor. His funeral took place with full military honours, the coffin carried on a gun carriage. Bangor cemetery

1946

+BELL, W J

Royal Ulster Rifles. Rifleman. 14470725. Died 20/06/1946 Aged 19. Son of William and Jane Bell, of Belfast. Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt

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