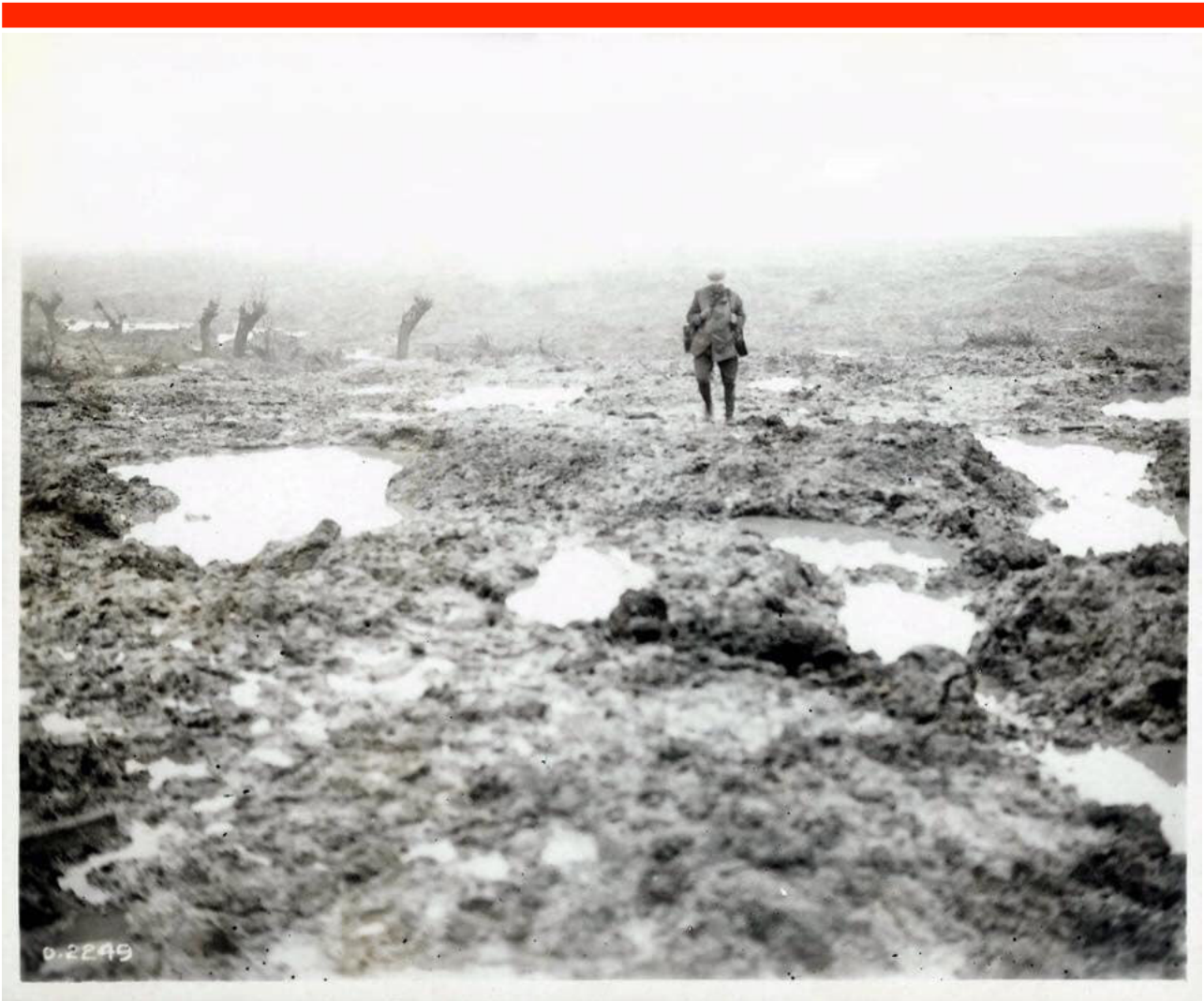




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**August 17, 1917 - The Battle of Langmarck, the 3rd Battle of Ypres was fought in horrendous ground and weather conditions. Enemy machine gunners caused heavy casualties to 36th Ulster and 16th Irish Divisions. It was their second worst day of the war. The most costly battle to that of July 1916 on the Somme**



## **Singapore Memorial, Malaya**

### **VJ 2020 - Carrickfergus and Larne aircrew died together over Burma**

Sergeant Trevor Barkley Boyd - 1145139 - Royal Air Force Reserve, was born in Greenisland, Carrickfergus in 1922. He was killed in the air on a bombing run over Burma on 23rd/24th February 1944 aged 22.

Trevor was the son of Edgar and Margaret Jessie Boyd of Greenisland and like many others in Northern Ireland during the war enlisted with the Royal Airforce Reserve. He was assigned to a B-24 Liberator bombing crew as one of the 11

man crew. On the evening of 23/02/1944 he and the B-24 crew of BZ951 were on a bombing mission en route to Sinde in Burma when the aircraft was lost in the sky due to an explosion. Records on the event are vague but it appears that the entire crew were lost and none of the men were ever recovered for burial. The entire crew including Trevor are remembered on the Singapore Memorial, Malaya on column 43 .The crew included another County Antrim man, flight Sergeant David Nelson from Larne.

### **+BOYD, Trevor Barkley**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1145139. Died 23/02.1944. Age 22. Son of A. Edgar and Margaret Jessie Boyd, of Greenisland. Singapore Memorial, Malaya, Column 435.

### **+NELSON, David**

RAF. Flight Sergeant. 533351. Died 23/02/1944. Aged 26. Killed in the air on a bombing run over Burma on 23rd/24th February 1944. On the evening of 23/02/1944 he and the B-24 crew of BZ951 were on a bombing mission en route to Sinde in Burma when the aircraft was lost in the sky due to an explosion. Son of Hugh and Nancy Nelson, of Ballyhampton, Larne. Singapore Memorial, Malaya, Column 435.

## **Simple heroism and dogged fighting against overwhelming odds - Primate's Tribute at Stronge memorial service**

**Contemporary newspaper report - A memorial service for the late, Lieutenant James Matthew Stronge, Royal Irish Fusiliers, and of all friends, especially of the Ulster**

**and Canadian Divisions, who had laid down their lives in the war, was held in Tynan Parish Church.**

Many members of the Audience wore mourning armlet's with the initials "J. S." , embroidered thereon. Colonel Fitzgerald and Captain McElwaine represented the Irish Fusiliers. The officiating clergy were his Grace the Lord Primate, Canon Tichbounne, Rev. N. St. G. Sides, and. the Rector, Rev. W. H. Fitzmaurice. The "Last Post " was sounded from the chancel by -bugler of the 10th Royal Irish Fusiliers, under Bandmaster F. May. The collection was in aid of the funds of the Ulster Volunteer Hospital. Miss Hannah McMaster presided efficiently at the organ.

**"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"**

The Lord Primate based his address on the words "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" -Rev. 22nd Chap., 10th verse. He said to-day they were face to face with a conflict and a cross, and the only thing that gave them comfort and hope was the assurance of the crown of life. In two memorable engagements the men of the Ulster Division had won undying fame not only for their own province but for the whole of Ireland. First of all on the 1st July last year at Thiépval, and on August 16th this year at what you they might call the fourth battle of Ypres, their province had lost thousands of their noblest and best, and the Division on both occasions tried to do the impossible. In between. In between these two dates there came the splendid fight at Messines, in which the men of Ulster helped to carry the flag to successful victory. One great war correspondent spoke of the recent battle in these words :-

"For simple heroism and dogged fighting against overwhelming odds there has been no finer effort by any British troops since the war began." It was in that fight that their beloved comrade, Sir James Stronge, fell, wounded unto death, after bringing up through shot and shell the supplies of water, food, and munitions that the men sorely needed.

## Lieutenant Stronge

He (his Grace) had read the testimony of officers and men alike to his patience, resourcefulness, and courage, One who had a right to speak said that Lieutenant Stronge never set his men a task to do that he would not gladly do himself. So considerate, so thoughtful of others, so whole-hearted in everything he did in his short life, the gallant young officer seemed to have compressed the work of fifty years and more. Thank God for the record of such a life! And with Lieutenant Stronge's name that day they linked all those Ulstermen who had taught them by their lives and death the glory of sacrifice, of service, of duty and honour, more especially the men whose names were registered on the roll of honour of that parish. In conclusion, his Grace said it was a noble thing for their men to have offered their services in this war for God against the devil than to have rested quietly at home. They were all proud of their Ulstermen who had gone forth to save the world.

Lieutenant James Matthew Stronge was killed in action during the "Third Battle of Ypres" otherwise battle of



"Langemarck," 16th August, 1917. James was the only son of James Henry Stronge, Baronet, and Ethel Margaret Strong nee Burges, of Tynan Abbey, Tynan, County Armagh. Deceased was twenty-six years of age, and is interred in Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No.3, Belgium.

Lieutenant James Matthew Stronge is locally commemorated on the Armagh City War Memorial.

Lieutenant Stronge's headstone epitaph reads:- " MORS JANUA VITAE." which translates to "Death is the door of life."

## On this day - August 16

**1914**

A 25-year-old drifter from Austria named Adolf Hitler enlists to fight in the German Army's 16th Bavarian Reserve

Infantry. Before the war is over, he'll be awarded two Iron Crosses and be promoted to corporal.

## 1916

The French take a system of German trenches near Belloy-en-Santerre (southern Somme) on a front of 1,300 yards. A reported 1,300 German prisoners captured.

## 1917

At 04:45 AM the 36th (Ulster) & 16th (Irish) Divisions commenced an attack on a series of strongly fortified German Positions east of Ypres in what became known as The Battle of Langemarck. This was one of the phases of the Third Battle Of Ypres. Between the 2nd August & the 18th August the total casualties for the 36th would mount to around 4'400. This would be the last time the two Irish Divisions would fight side by side.

The Allies attack on a 9 mile front N of the Ypres-Menin road, over Steenbeek River, capturing all objectives. British carry Langemarck. On the high ground N of the Menin Road the Germans press back the British from ground won earlier in the day.



**Fr. Willie Doyle from Dublin was killed at Passchendaele** having run “all day hither and thither over the battlefield like

an angel of mercy". He was chaplain to the 16th Irish Division but was loved by men of all faiths.

## 1941



Stalin issued Order No. 270, anyone attempting to surrender instead of fighting on must be destroyed and their family members deprived of any state welfare and assistance.

## Roll of Honour – August 16

***Representing their comrades who died on this day***

### 1915

“Failure to dislodge the Turkish force at the Dardanelles at the first attempt should have resulted in withdrawal but the allied command insisted on another assault and this saw the first “New” Irish Division , the 10<sup>th</sup>, pressed in to service at ANZAC Cove and Suvla Bay. They fought bravely under very difficult conditions - heat, thirst, hunger, flies and the ever-[resent stench of

unburied bodies which lay in ravines throughout the battlefield. Eventually in December troops were withdrawn. Churchill was removed from the Cabinet and 3,500 10<sup>th</sup> (Irish) Division were among the dead”.

**+CROOKSHANK, Arthur Chichester**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 7th Btn. D Coy. Corporal. 14156. Died 16/08/1915. Age 21. Born 58 Ypper Mount St., Dublin on 01/04/1894. Son of Mr. C. H. Crookshank, K.C., and Elizabeth Henrietta (nee Stokes) Crookshank who later lived at Woodbank, Whiteabbey. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Irish Bar WW1 Memorial, Belfast

**+DEVLIN, Robert**

5th Royal Irish Regiment. Private 2794. Formerly Private 11168, Royal Irish Rifles. Died 16/08/1915. He enlisted 27/08/1914 and was posted as Private 11168, Royal Irish Rifles. On 15/01/1915 he was transferred and posted into, as Private 2794, Royal Irish Regiment. On 15/03/1915 he was appointed (unpaid) Lance Corporal and on 22/06/1915, at his own request, reverted to Private. He served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force from the 08/07/1915 until his death. Born 27/02/1895. Son of David and Martha Devlin, who in 1901, were living at 25, Raby Street, Ormeau Road. In 1911 he was living with his parents and siblings at 28, Walmer Street, Ormeau Road, Belfast and he was an apprentice joiner. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. St Jude's C of I Church, Belfast, WM

**+DUNN, Frederick James**

5th Bn. Royal Irish Regiment. Private. 3114. Died 16/08/1915. Aged 33. Husband to Edith Mary Dunn, of 1, Manor Terrace, Clewer Green, Windsor. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+ELLIOTT, Thomas Cecil Moore**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers. 7th Bn. D Coy. Private 10650. Died 16/08/1915. Age 22. Portora Royal School 1907 - 1911. In the 1<sup>st</sup> XV 1910 - 11. Then to TCD. He joined the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He was one of five Portorans to die at Gallipoli. On the night of 15/16 he was fighting against a Turkish counter-attack. The Dubliners were at a severe disadvantage beneath the crest of a hill, for the Turks were well-armed with hand grenades which they lobbed over the Crest. Captain Poole Hickman the CO of D Company was ordered to lead a bayonet charge over the crest of Kirec Tepe Sirti in a desperate attempt to hold the position. He was killed immediately he came out into the open, and of the men who followed him only four returned alive. Son of John, a solicitor, and Margaret Elliott, of Bowling Green, Strabane. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Portora WM

**+FLOYD, Charles**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 11367. Died 16/08/1915. Born in Shankill, Co. Antrim, he enlisted at Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+GIBSON, Robert J**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 13093. Died 16/08/1915. Age 32. Husband of Agnes L. Gibson, of 26, Brennan St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+HARKINS, Francis**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. Lance Corporal. 13921. Died 16/08/1915. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+JEFFERS, James**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 11838. Died 16/08/1915. Son of James and Sarah Jeffers, 26 Fowlers Entry, Portadown, Co. Armagh. Portadown News: 13th November 1915: "Mrs. Jeffers, Fowlers Entry, Portadown, is anxious to hear news concerning her husband, Private James Jeffers, who has been posted wounded and missing since September 16th. He was serving at the Dardanelles". Helles Memorial, Turkey

**+McGONIGAL, Thomas**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 5th Btn. Private. 14284. Died 16/08/1915. Age 26 years old. Son of Fredrick and Eliza Jane McGonigal, of Tobermore. Hill 10 Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+NEESON, James**

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Private. 5308. Died 16/08/1915. Age 23. Born at Ballylummin, Ahoghill. By 1911 he was living in Ballynure working as a farm servant. Prior to enlistment he worked at Ballyclare Green. Enlisted Belfast having previously served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (13001). Son of Thomas and Ellen (nee Morgan) Neeson, of Ballybeg, Ahoghill, Ballymena. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Ballyclare WM

**+OLIVER, Robert**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 11210. Died 17/08/1915. Age 27. Son of Mary E. Oliver, of Bangor, Co. Down, and the late Capt. Gilbert Oliver; husband to Margaret Oliver, of 9, Chater St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+ROBB, William**

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Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private.12345. Died 16/08/1915. Age 21. Born Ballyhenry 08/10/1893. Enlisted in Bothwell, Scotland. Son of William Robb and Charlotte (nee Graham) Robb, of Carnmoney, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Carnmoney Presbyterian Church RH

### **+SMYTH, Thomas McIntyre**

7th Seaforth Highlanders. Private. S/1943. Died 16/08/1915. Born at Dungall, Clough, and enlisted in Johnstone, Scotland. Le Touret Memorial.

### **+WARNOCK, Hector Adolphus Hugh**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 4th Bn. attd. 1st Bn. Died 16/08/1915. Aged 22. Son of Mrs. M. I. Warnock, of Glenalla, Clogher, Co. Tyrone, and the late Hugh Warnock, M.D. Achiet-le-Grand Extension, Pas de Calais, France

### **+WILSON, Alexander Simms**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private.12717. Died 16/08/1915. Age 21. Son of William and Elizabeth Wilson, of 140, Earl St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

## 1916

### **+BRUCE, Robert**

The King's (Liverpool Regiment), 13th Btn. Private. 24049. Died 16/08/1916. Born at Cloghogue, Duneane (There are two townlands named Cloghogue. Cloghogue, Duneane is near Toome/Toomebridge and Cloghogue, Drummaul is near Ahoghill) on 08/02/1882, the son of farmer William and carpenter's daughter Sarah Ann Bruce, nee Stewart, both of Cloghogue, Duneane. He enlisted in Manchester. Thiepval Memorial

### **+McCABE, John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 7th/8th Btn. Lance Corporal. 18513. Died 16/08/1916. Age 21. Son of Bernard McCabe, of 46, Primrose Hill, Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

### **+WHITLEY, William George**

King's (Liverpool Regiment), 13th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1916. Age 22. QUB Training Corps 1915. Son of Henry and Annie Whitley, of "Florida," Ardenlee Parade, Belfast. Guillemont Road Cemetery, Guillemont, Somme, France.

## 1917

## The battle of Langemarck lasted from 16 to 18 August 1917.

### **+ADAIR, George**

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn, Rifleman. 2243. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. He lived in Crumlin, and was a member of Ballynadrenta LOL 1059 in Glenavy and of the UVF. He enlisted at Randalstown and served in D Company 11 RIR, embarking with them for France from Bordon Camp in October 1915. Son of Mary Adair, of Seacash, British, Crumlin, Co. Antrim, and the late James Adair. Widower and railway worker (plate layer) James Adair had married Mary Richardson, a servant, in Antrim's 2nd Presbyterian Church on 27/12/1892. The couple had had six children by the time of the 1911 census. George was their eldest surviving son and had been born on 20/01/1896 at Fountain Street, Antrim. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium

### **+ ADAMS, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Corporal. 16150. Died 16/07/1917. Age 26. Son of Henry Adams, of Muckamore; husband of Maggie Adams (nee McGrubb), of Church St., Antrim. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

### **+ADAMS, William James Alexander**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Corporal. 16150. Died 16/08/1917. Age 26. Born Dunadry. A gardener, he was a member of the UVF. Enlisted Belfast. His brother Harry (Henry) also served. Son of Henry Adams, of Muckamore; husband to Maggie Adams (nee McGrubb), of Church St., Antrim. They married in First Antrim Presbyterian Church on 24/09/1913. Parents of David and Kathleen. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. First Antrim Presbyterian Church WM

### **+AGNEW, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Rifleman. 5037. Died 16/08/1917. Wounded in August 1916. Born in Belfast and living in Dunmurry (or Belfast), he enlisted at Lisburn, possibly in 2 RIR, and later served in 7 RIR (5037). Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium

### **+AGNEW, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 42470. Died 16/07/1917. Age 19. Son of Samuel and Maria Agnew, of 147, Dee St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+ALLEN, G**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 23847. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of William and Rebecca Allen, of Londonderry. Brandhoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

**+ANDERSON, Alex**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 15285. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Son of Mr. R. Anderson, of Boden Fort, Ballymoney. Alex Anderson was born in New Hampshire, England on 24/12/1892. He was married with two children. One son named Michael and one daughter named Elizabeth. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

**ANDREWS, David**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 16168. Died 16/07/1917. From Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+ANDREWS, Frank**

Royal Irish Fusiliers 9th Btn. Private. 24735. Died 16/07/1917. Age 40. Brother of David Andrews, of Magherana, Waringstown, Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+ANDREWS, Joseph Hamiton Millar**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 21. Son of James and Martha Andrews, of "Glenmont," Templemore Park, Londonderry. Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+ARMSTRONG, John Leslie**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 16175. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Son of William and Emily Armstrong, of Erin View, 179, Clifton Park Avenue, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+AYRE, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. D Coy, Rifleman. 1281. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 28. Born in Kirkinnola, Co. Antrim, he lived in Glenavy or Crumlin, Co. Antrim. A member of the Orange Order in Glenavy. He enlisted at Lisburn, embarking for France from Bordon Camp in October 1915. He was wounded on the Somme on 01/07/1916. Son of James Ayre of Glenavy. and husband of Rachel Ayre of Hill Street, Crumlin. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium

**+BAKER, Walter**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 6916. Died 16/08/1917. Born in Lisburn, he lived in 10 Seymour Street in the town and was employed by Mr. Connor a cabinet maker. A member of the Church Lads' Brigade and the Temperance Silver Band, he enlisted at Belfast. He embarked for France in October 1915 and was home on his first leave in July 1917 five weeks before his death. He had two uncles and two cousins on active service. An only son, his mother and stepfather lived at 10 Seymour Street, Lisburn. Bridgehouse Cemetery, Langemarck, Belgium

**+BALMER, Joseph**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Corporal. 13986. Died 16/07/1917. Age 24. Son of Margaret Balmer of Mullavilly, Portadown. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+BAMBER, Robert**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Trench Mortar Bty. Fusilier. Died 16/07/1917. His commanding officer wrote that he was struck by a shell and killed instantly. "He was a good boy and a brave soldier". Born Ahoghill.

**+BARR, Patrick**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 4th Btn attached to 11th Btn. Drummer. 2208. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 33. Son of James and Sicilly Barr, 21, Waterloo Street, Derry. Husband of Jane Barr, Eden Place, Derry. Son-in-law of Mrs McGinley, 11, High Street, Derry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Londonderry Diamond WM

**+BARR, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 26. Distinguished Conduct Medal. Died 16/07/1917. Age 31. Pre-war he was a polisher in the firm of T Procter and Son. He enlisted on the outbreak of war and went with the very first contingent to Clondeboye Camp near Bangor. He was soon made Sergeant and moved with the Ulster Division to France. When he was promoted to Company Serjeant Major, he took part on the famous attack on the Schwaben Redoubt on 01/06/1916. He was partially buried by a shell but despite this continued to lead his men. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in 1917 for this action. Son of Solomon and Elizabeth Barr, of Dromore St., Banbridge; husband of Sarah Barr, of 80, Reilly St., Banbridge. They had two daughters. Solomon had been sexton of the parish church for many years. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Seapatrik Parish Church RH, Banbridge

**+BAXTER, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 40854. Died 16/08/1917. Age 28. Enlisted in the North Irish Horse on 07/06/1916, together with his older brother Ernest. He was issued regimental number 2191. He trained at the regiment's Antrim reserve camp until November 1916, when he and around 100 other North Irish Horsemen, including his brother, volunteered to transfer to the Royal Irish Rifles. The formal transfer took place on 7 December (Baxter was issued regimental number 40854), and on that day the men embarked for France. There they were posted to the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, joining it on the Somme front on 12 December. On 16/08/1917 Baxter's battalion took part in the Battle of Langemarck, part of Third Ypres. The battalion war diary for the day listed 27 other ranks killed, 7 wounded and missing, 170 wounded, and 63 missing. Rifleman Baxter was one of men killed in action that day. One record states that he was working as a stretcher-bearer at the time. Born at The Hermitage, Waringstown, County Down, the second of four children of National School teacher Francis Baxter and his wife Anna Maria (née McCandless). The family later moved to nearby Donaghcloney. In the 1911 Census he was living at Donaghcloney, County Down, with his parents and three siblings. Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+BEATTIE, John James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Sergeant. 18319. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 32. Born in Hillsborough, he enlisted at Belfast. Husband to Sarah Beattie of Ballynahinch Street, Hillsborough, and son of James and Elizabeth Beattie of Lisburn Street, Hillsborough. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+BEATTIE, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Private. 40637. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 19. Enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Antrim between 3 and 6 November 1915 (No.1794). At the end of December 1916 he was one of forty North Irish Horsemen who volunteered to transfer to the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (No. 40637). They embarked for France on 09/01/1917 and were posted to the 10th Battalion, joining it at Ploegsteert Wood on the Ypres front. Beattie's battalion was on the Ypres front at the beginning of the Third Ypres offensive in August 1917. It is likely that Beattie was wounded at this time. He was evacuated to a casualty clearing station, but died on 16 August. Born on 13/06/1898 at 9 Rosewood Street, Belfast, son of cloth passer Archibald Beattie and his Swiss-born wife Emma (nee Maurer). By 1915 the family was living at 132 Mountcollyer Street, Alexandra Park, Belfast, the father working as a clerk for the York Street Flax Spinning Company. William was serving an apprenticeship in the Grove Weaving Company and, according to a

newspaper report, "was an enthusiastic member of the 47th Belfast Company Boys' Brigade (St. Silas's), being one of the first recipients of the King's Medal". Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

**+BELL, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 12/4850. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bell, of 44, Mill St., Larne. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+BELL, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9955. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Enlisted Ballymena. Son of Alexander and Catherine Bell, of Broughshane, Ballymena. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+BILL , John Alexander Patterson**

Royal Irish Rifles. 18th Btn. attd. 12th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. A Queen's undergraduate, on the outbreak of war, Jack Bill enlisted as a Private with the Royal Army Medical Corps before receiving a commission in the 18th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles in April 1917. Jack Bill was attached to the 12th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, when he was killed, aged 22, on 18/08/1917 during the Battle of Langemarck (Third Ypres)

Two of his fellow officers reported thus:

2nd Lt Branningan – "Mr Bill was hit before he got right over and his body was seen in front of our wire. Mr Bill was a great friend of mine."

2nd Lt Stokes – "This officer was last seen about map ref. D 19 b 10 90. He was lying on the ground apparently wounded in the groin or lower abdomen. Rifleman Matthews went out to dress him but was himself killed in the act of doing so, and it is supposed that the same bullet also hit Mr Bill. The men had by this time started coming back and Mr Bill was left behind apparently very seriously wounded."

The location identified is very close to Gallipoli Farm, just to the south of the Wieltje - Gravenstafel road. Jack Bill's body was not recovered

Jack Bill was born 08/07/1895 in Edinburgh, the son of Samuel Alexander and Grace Bill, who were missionaries. His grandfather was John Bill, a builder, of Downshire Park, Cregagh. Samuel Alexander Bill (born in Belfast, 1864; died in Nigeria, 1942) was raised in Ballymacarrett Presbyterian Church.

The 1901 Ireland Census return for 77 Upper Newtownards Road indicates that Jack Bill (aged 5) was living with his paternal grandfather and grandmother, John and Betsy Bill. The Fitzroy Avenue church magazine, The Courier, records that Jack Bill and his sister resided with the family of the Rev. William Colquhoun whilst their parents were in the mission field. John Bill entered RBAI in January 1907 and, in 1910, he briefly left to board at a school in County Cavan. While at RBAI, he was a member of the cricket first XI and the rugby first XV, until an accident cut short his sporting career. He also took part in the school's "dramatic entertainments".

The family's address when Jack died is recorded as the Mission House, Qua Iboe, Southern Nigeria – the 1911 Ireland Census records that Grace, Emma and Jack Bill lived at 61 University Street and the return is annotated to the effect that the Head of the Household was "absent in Qua Iboe, West Africa". It had been Jack's intention was to follow his father as a missionary in Qua Iboe, an aspiration that was to be denied by the Great War.

After leaving RBAI, John went to Queen's University, Belfast, having been awarded the Drennan Exhibition, which was given to the First Literary Scholar of RBAI students in their first year.

Son of Samuel Alexander and Grace Bill, of Mission House, Qua Iboe, Southern Nigeria. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. QUB WM, RBAI WM

### **+BIGGART, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 1420. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of John and Mary Ann Biggart, of Bendooragh, Ballymoney. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+BLACK, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th/10th Btn. Corporal. 23853. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of James and Margaret Black, of Vianstown Road, Downpatrick. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+BOYD, Alexander**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Serjeant. 17303. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Born Whiteabbey 14/11/1897. Son of William John Boyd and Mary (nee Meneely) Boyd, of 107, East Bread St., Belfast. Native of Whiteabbey, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

### **+BOYD, Robert**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14000. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 43. Son

of Robert and Mary Jane Boyd, of Newry Rd., Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+BOYD, William Graham**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. RBAI. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1914 - 15. He joined the 17th (Reserve) Royal Irish Rifles on 06/04/1915, subsequently being commissioned into the Royal Irish Fusiliers on 23/08/1915. Both he and his brother joined the 9th Battalion in April 1916, William serving with C Company. He was promoted to Lieutenant on 23/02/1917. William was killed by shellfire on 16th August 1917, at the age of 21, when leading his platoon into battle at the Battle of Langemarck (3rd Ypres). In all, the battalion suffered 456 casualties that day. Corporal O'Neill of the 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers wrote "Lt Boyd's platoon was immediately on my right during the advance at a strong point known as "Gallipoli". I regret to state that a shell burst just above our heads and several of us were wounded. I went to where I saw Lt Boyd laying and found that he was mortally wounded and he died soon after. I certify that the above is a true statement of how this splendid officer died at the head of his platoon." In the months following William's death, his mother wrote a number of letters regarding the fate of her son. As no body had been found, she wondered whether it was possible he had survived, perhaps being taken prisoner by the Germans. After the receipt of Corporal O'Neill's letter above, she wrote "I thank you for your letter and enclosure from Corp O'Neill in regards to the fate of my dear son. I wonder did Corp O'Neill see him dead or does he only think he died soon after he saw him. I have had several letters from soldiers who say they saw him badly wounded and think he died, but none saw him dead. The strange part is where is his body, as the British took back again 3 days after where his body was lying and the Red Cross say if the Germans buried him they would send word to the Red Cross Office. It is queer no trace can be found and the director of graves cannot locate his grave. One man wrote that he saw him wounded when they were going forward at 5 o'clock and coming back at 8.30 he saw him again and he was still living so between all reports I do not know what to believe." William's body was never recovered. Son of the late Rev. RH Boyd and of Sarah Louisa Boyd, Fitzroy, Carrickfergus. Tyne Cot Memorial. RBAI WM

**+BLAIR, John Kirkwood**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 17275. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Son of Hugh and Elise Blair, of 57, Candahar St., Ormeau Rd., Belfast. Native of Holywood. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

**+BOYD, A**

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Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Serjeant. 17303. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20 years old. Son of William John Boyd, of 107, East Bread St., Belfast. Native of Whiteabbey, Belfast. Tyne Cot Cemegtery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+BOYD, Robert**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14000. Died 16/08/1917. Age 43. Son of Robert and Mary Jane Boyd, of Newry Rd., Armagh. Tyne Cot Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+BOYLE, Frederick**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th/8th Btn. Lance Corporal. 20098. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Son of Jane Boyle, of 68, Walmer St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+BRENNAN, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 17303. Died 16/08/1917. Born and lived in Carnmoney. Son of Mrs Margaret Seaton of Carnmoney. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Carnmoney Presbyterian Church RH

### **+BROWN, James R**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Lance Corporal. 14013. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of James and Elizabeth Brown, of 23, Avenue Rd, Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+BROWN, James Samuel**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 18121. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 19. Son of William James and Matilda Brown, of The Rooks, Hamiltonsbawn, Co. Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+BROWN, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 16270. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25 years old. Brother of James Brown, of Burn Hill, Newry St., Banbridge. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

### **+BROWN, Laurence Crawford**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Second-Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Eldest son of Robert and Mary Crawford Brown, Donaghmore, and grandson of Sir Wm. Crawford. Lawrence was born about 1895. He was educated at the Royal School Dungannon and the Technical College, Belfast. He came home and volunteered and served with the R.A.M.C. attached to the Ulster Division. Captain M'Connell, C.F., his chaplain, who was home from

the front on seven days' leave, and who had held a service for the men before they went into battle on the 16th. Captain M'Connell spoke of the first time he had met Laurence Brown, when he and his brother were privates in the R.A.M.C. two years ago. He had been struck by his gentle, kindly disposition, and thought how well he was suited to this branch of the service. His desire was, however, to be in the fighting ranks, and he soon obtained a commission. He could at any time have got what the soldiers call a "soft job" as an intelligence officer, owing to his thorough knowledge of French and German, but he would not ask for this. It was only when those who had this knowledge were ordered to give in their names that he entered that department. Even then he returned from headquarters the night before the attack to lead his men once more. He was sent with a small detachment to find out the situation at a critical moment, and was, as might be expected, in front of his men when he was struck by a sniper's bullet. He only took a moment to steady himself, then waved on his men, and a few seconds later had passed into the Great Beyond. A great deal of information is available because his mother published her memoirs. Tyne Cot Memorial, West Vlaanderenland, Belgium. Dungannon WM. Castlecaufield PCI RH

#### **+BROWN, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 16270. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Pre-war he worked in the Banbridge Weaving Company. He was on the reserve list at the outbreak of war. He had served a number of years in the Royal South Down Militia. He was wounded on 01/07/1916 and returned to the front just before Christmas 1916 rejoining his old battalion. He was involve in an attack at Langemarck on 16/08/1917. Son of Hugh and Margaret Brown, Rathfriland St., Banbridge and brother of James Brown, of Burn Hill, Newry St., Banbridge. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Seapatrck Parish Church RH, Banbridge

#### **+BROWN, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 14/14124. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Son of James and the late Isabella Brown, of Belfast. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery, Belgium

#### **+BROWNE, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. att. 109th Trench Mortar Battery. Private. 27583. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Born on 17/02/1897 at Cornamuckla townland, near Brookeborough, Co. Fermanagh. A farm labourer, William enlisted in November 1915 and joined the battalion in France early in 1916 being posted to A Company. He was commended by the Battalion Medical

Officer for his actions as a Stretcher Bearer at the Somme on 01/07/1916. William was posted to 109th Brigade Trench Mortar Battery on 14/08/1917 and was killed in action with a number of his comrades two days later at the Battle of Langemarck, when the dugout they were sheltering in was destroyed. Son of the late James Browne, of Skeagh, Brookeborough, and of Charlotte Browne, of Tonawalla, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Brookeborough WM where William's uncle, also named William is commemorated on the same memorial having succumbed to typhoid whilst serving as a Sergeant with the Inniskillings in South Africa during the Boer War.

**+BRUCE, Robert**

The King's (Liverpool Regiment), 13th Btn. Private. 24049. Died 16/08/1916. Enlisted Manchester. Born and lived in Taylorstown, Co. Antrim. Son of William Bruce. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

**+BURKE, Edward Henry Maunsell**

London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles), 9th Btn. Rifleman. 393073. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Born at Drumkeen, Ballinamallard. He had a sister and two brothers and they had a governess, Eliza Crowder who was an aunt of Captain Eric Bell VC. Edward entered Portora Royal School in 1907. After leaving school he lived in Finchley, London. He enlisted as a private in the London Regiment, 28<sup>th</sup> Btn and went to France on 14/02/1915. He was later transferred to the 9th Btn. The Battalion took part in the battle of Hill 60 near Ypres, between 17 and 21 April 1915. The hill was eventually taken but with great loss to the battalion. Son of Henry Anthony and Dorothea Maunsell Burke, of Drumkeen, Ballinamallard, Co. Fermanagh. His father was a Sub Sheriff and land agent. He was chairman of the Lough Erne Drainage Board and died in 1942. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Portora RH

**+BURNS, Edward**

Royal Irish Rifles. 7th Btn. Corporal. 4654. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. (Served as Brown). Son of Susan Burns, of 30, Little Georges St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+BURROWS, F**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 23724. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 19. Son of Joshua Burrows, of Gillis Rd., Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CALLAGHAN, George**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14117. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 20. Died 16/08/1917. Son of William George and Lucinda Callaghan, of Hamilton's Bawn, Co. Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CAMPBELL, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. attd. 109th Light Trench Mortar Bty. Private. 23647. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of William and Elizabeth Campbell, of Ruskey, Aghadowey, Co. Londonderry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CARLISLE, William**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Rifleman. 1060. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Robert and Sarah Bella Carlisle, of 101, Bloomfield Avenue, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+CARROTHERS, John Samuel**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Born 03/02/1899 at Farnaght, Tamlaght, Lisbellaw. He attended Lisbellaw Primary School and Lisbellaw Presbyterian Sabbath School before going to Portora Royal School, Enniskillen. In 1914 he went to Dublin and became a clerk in the Irish Land Commission. In 1915 he enlisted as Private 8406, applied to join the OTC on 15/12/1915, and was accepted into the Inns of Court in London.

He was granted home leave on 21/04/1916 and arrived in Dublin on the 24<sup>th</sup>., the first day of the Easter Rising. He sought refuge in the Ship Street Military Barracks. He was not actively involved in suppressing the rebellion and returned to England on 02/05/1916.

In September 1916 he was sent to Fermoy Barracks in Cork, completed his training on 19/12/1916, and commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Btn. He was sent to Ebrington Barracks, Londonderry on 16/01/1917.

Posted to C Company 8<sup>th</sup> Btn. 16<sup>th</sup> (Irish) Division, he went to France on 28/02/1917. On August 16, Jack was wounded in his knee and was being brought to a regimental aid post by two stretcher-bearers, when they were hit by an exploding shell. Their bodies were never found.

Subsequent correspondence between the regiment and the family stated he had been recommended for the MC.

The letters which Jack wrote home to his mother and sisters were compiled into a book, "Memoirs of a young lieutenant", by his nephew, Samuel Carrothers.

Son of Samuel G. and Margaret Jane Carrothers, of Farnagh, Tamlaght, Co. Fermanagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Portora WM

**+CARSON, Richard**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 24849. Died 16/08/1917. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CASSELLS, Joseph**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 17421. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Born Tamnaghvelton, Co. Armagh on 07/12/1896. Enlisted Whiteabbey. Son of Robert and Alice (nee Griffith) Cassells, of 2, Main St., Whiteabbey. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Whitehouse Parish Church RH

**+CHERRY, James Alexander**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Serjeant. 14039. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Son of Agnes Cherry, of Violet Vale, Dublin Rd., Lisburn, and the late James Cherry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CHRISTIE, Thomas Henry**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 1115. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Born Oldstone, Muckamore on 30/04/1892. Prior to enlisting he was working as a painter and resident at Muckamore. Son of William Henry Christie and Mary (nee Johnston) Christie; husband to Sarah Jane Christie, who after Thomas' death lived at Cottonmount, Mallusk, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Antrim WM

**+CLARKE, James**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Rifleman. 494. Died 16/08/1917. Knockbracken, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+CLEMENTS, William Hunter**

Royal Inniskillings Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Educated at the Lisburn Intermediate School, he was employed in the Ulster Bank when the war broke out. He enlisted in the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and took part in the landing at Sulva Bay and the fighting at Chocolate Hill in Gallipoli. He was subsequently posted to Salonica before

being recommended for a commission and sent home for training. He was commissioned into the 11 RInF. Son of Andrew Clements, LL.D., and Margaret B. Clements of 28 Knutsford Drive, Cliftonville, Belfast, and formerly of Annahilt, Lisburn, and nephew of James Hunter C.E. of Antrim Road, Lisburn. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium

**+CLULOW, James Ernest Ivor**

North Irish Horse. RAC. Sergeant. Died 16/08/1917. Son of Pte. Joseph Clulow, Royal Irish Fusiliers, and of Eleanor Clulow, of Portadown.

**+CLULOW, Joseph**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private.26914.Died 16/08/1917. Husband to Eleanor Clulow, of Edgarstown, Portadown. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CONNELL, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 40862. Died 16/08/1917. Enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Limavady in October 1913 (No.869). He embarked for France on 20/08/1914 as part of C Squadron, seeing action in the Retreat from Mons and Advance to the Aisne. At some point in the next two years he returned home, either wounded, sick or injured, before rejoining the regiment at its Antrim reserve. In November 1916 Connell, together with around 100 other North Irish Horsemen, volunteered to transfer to the Royal Irish Rifles (No.40862). They embarked for France on 7 December, where they joined the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, on the Somme front. On 16/08/1917 Connell's battalion took part in the Battle of Langemarck, part of Third Ypres. Rifleman Connell was among the missing, and his death was later officially accepted. He is likely to be the John Connell born on 23/04/1892 at the Limavady workhouse, County Londonderry, son of labourer Samuel Connell (who had died six months earlier) and his wife Sarah (nee Kilmurry or Kilmurry). Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CORDNER, Stewart**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 22809. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of the late Richard and Mary A. Cordner, of 5, Sandy Row, Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CORRIGAN, Edward**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 5754. Died 16/08/1917. Age 32 years old. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Corrigan, of 6, Grove St., Low Rd.,

Lisburn; husband of Mrs. Catherine Corrigan, of 8, Grand St., Low Rd., Lisburn. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CORRIGAN, William John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Lance Corporal. 23046. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of Patrick Corrigan, of Rock Dunbar, Enniskillen. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+CORRY, James Alexander**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 1088. Died 16/08/1917. Age 26. Son of Agnes Corry, of 93, Rugby Avenue, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+COUSINS, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Rifleman. 16355. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Son of Eveline Cousins, of 131, Madrid St., Mountpottinger, Belfast, and the late John Cousins. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+COWAN, Joseph**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn, A Coy. Rifleman. 7242. Died 16/08/1917. Born in Blaris, he lived in Lisburn where he was employed in the combing department at Hilden Threadworks. Enlisting in Lisburn at the start of the war he embarked for France from Bordon Camp in October 1915. Reported missing on the Somme on the 16.7.16 and later as wounded, he recovered in Mill Road Infirmary Hospital, Liverpool before returning to the Front. Eldest son of Thomas and Mary Cowan of 9 McKeown Street, Lisburn. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+COWDY, Harold Evans**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Member of the Training Corps 1916. The Portadown News of 25/08/1917 reported, "Second Lieutenant Harold Cowdy killed in action on 16th inst., was the only son of Mr William Cowdry, BA, and Mrs Cowdy of Rathowen, Portadown. He received his commission in October 1916 through the Belfast University Contingent of the Officers' Training Corps, and proceeded to the front in December last. In civil life Second Lieutenant Cowdy took an active part with his father and grandfather in the business of William Cowdy & Son handkerchief manufacturers, Portadown. He was about 20 years of age. A young man of many excellent qualities he was esteemed by all who knew him." No known grave. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial Panel 140, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium

**+CRAWFORD, Robert**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Private. 29137.  
Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Nephew of William Crawford, of Drumlaghy,  
Florence Court, Enniskillen. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-  
Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CROMIE, William John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Lance Corporal. 17506. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20.  
Son of Sarah Cromie, of Ballybundon, Killinchy. New Irish Farm Cemetery,  
Belgium

**+CROSSAN, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. C Coy. Private. 31169. Died 16/08/1917.  
Age 29. Son of Neal and Martha Crossan, of 200, Bishops St., Londonderry.  
Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CROWE, Agnew**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14<sup>th</sup> Btn. Lance Corporal. 794. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 19.  
Enlisted in Belfast. Son of Pat and Mary Crowe, Glenhead, Glenwherry. Tyne  
Cot Memorial, Belgium. Glenwherry Presbyterian Church RH

**+CULBERT, Samuel**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. C Coy. Serjeant. 14098. Died 16/08/1917. Age  
21. Son of Benjamin Culbert, of 73, North St., Lurgan, and the late Elizabeth  
Culbert. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CULL, James Herbert**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Bn. Lance Corporal. 14260. Died 16 /08/1917. Tyne  
Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+DALZELL, Hugh**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 24114. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dalzell, of 76, Paris St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-  
Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+DAVIDSON, Duncan**

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Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Bn. attd. 109th Trench Mortar Bty. Rifleman. 16427. Died 16/08/1917. Age 26. Son of Thomas C. Davidson, of 3, South View Cottages, Rugby Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+DAWSON, Edward**

Royal Irish Rifles. 7th Btn. Rifleman. 9206. Died 16/08/1917. Age 35. Son of William Edward Dawson, of 7, Bleakley St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+DOHERTY, William John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Serjeant. 4476. Died 16/08/1917. Age 40. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Served in India and in the South African Campaign. Husband of Sarah Doherty, of Tullywest, Saintfield. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+DIXON, John Harvey**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. B Coy. Lance Corporal. 14396. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Dixon, of 51, Ormeau Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+DORRIS, Henry**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Corporal. 17584. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Son of Elizabeth Dorris, of 12, Bootle St., Belfast, and the late Henry Dorris. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+DOUGLAS, Richard**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Rifleman. 116446. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of John and Hannah Douglas, of 24, Malone Avenue, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+DRAFFIN, Samuel**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 24947. Died 16/08/1917 at the battle of Langemarck. First enlisted with the Royal Field Artillery, serving as a gunner (128029) with 35 Reserve Battery. Born at Kirkston, Cookstown. In 1901 Samuel (6) was living with his uncle Andrew Boal at 4 Drumgar, Tynan. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

**+DRENNAN, Daniel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Lance Corporal. 17590. Died 16/08/1917. Born Whiteabbey 05/02/1897. He was a member of the UVF. Enlisted Whiteabbey. His brother George was wounded but survived the war. An uncle David Drennan also serving with the Royal Irish Rifles fell on 01/09/1916. Son of George and Annie (nee McGarrel) Drennan, Glenview Gardens, Whiteabbey. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

**+DUNLOP, Nathaniel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Rifleman. 5700. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 20. Born at Craigs, Cullybackey and enlisted in Ballymena in February 1916 at the age of 18 years and after training in Carrickfergus and Newtownards, proceeded to France in April. Prior to enlistment he was in the employment of Mr. A. Harbison, Cullybackey, as a carpenter. Signaller Dunlop was a member of the UCF Sabbath School and was awarded prizes for regular attendance extending over 10 years. Son of John Dunlop, Loan, Cullybackey. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Cullybackey UF Church.

**+EGAN, Charles**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. A Coy. Private. 21432. Died 16/08/1917. Age 33. Husband to Sarah Egan, of 10, Donegal Place, Londonderry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+ELLISON, Frederick John Gwynn**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. attd. 13th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 20. Son of the Rev. W. F. A. and Mrs. Ellison, of The Observatory, Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+FENTON, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 25582. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of Mrs. Sarah Kirk, of Millbrook St., Newtownstewart, Co. Tyrone. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+FLACK, David William Barnett**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Lance Corporal. 939. Died 16/08/1917. Age 32. Son of the late John Flack; husband of Rachel Annie Flack, of 5, Ailsa Terrace, Holywood Rd., Strandtown, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+FLEMING, Thomas McNeice**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 3076. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Born Aughnamullan, Killead, on 14/12/1896. Enlisted Randalstown. Lived in Belfast. Son of George and Elizabeth (nee McNeice) Fleming, of 15, Mountcashel St., Belfast. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

**+FRAME, James**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 24907. Died 16/08/1917. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+FULLERTON, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Rifleman. 1011. Died 16/08/1917. Age 34. Enlisted in Newtownards. Born on 909/02/1883 in Kircubbin. Son of Thomas and Mary Fullerton (nee Cooper) who married on 24/12/1880 in Second Ballywalter Presbyterian Church. Thomas Fullerton from Ballyfrench was a son of William Fullerton, a shoemaker. Mary Cooper from Ballywalter was a daughter of John Cooper, a mason. The Fullerton family lived at 26 Court Street, Newtownards. Thomas Fullerton worked as a shoe and boot-maker and later as a carter. He and Mary had at least eight children. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Newtownards and District WM. Greenwell Street Presbyterian Church Newtownards RH.

**+GARRETT, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Rifleman. 10554. (Formerly S/19159 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders). Died 16/08/1917. He enlisted in Paisley but came from Tamneybrack. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Buckna Presbyterian Church.

**+GIBSON, Thomas John**

Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9<sup>th</sup> Btn. Private. 13602. Died 16/08/1917 during the Battle of Langemarck. Age 23. Son of Wilson and Sarah Gibson. Thomas was born about 1894 in Coagh. By 1911, his mother had died and the family had moved to Derry, between Newmills and Coalisland. Thomas Gibson went to Finner Camp to enlist in the 9th Battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. His father had died by August 1916 when Private Thomas Gibson was reported as seeing three Germans working a machine-gun. He attacked them single-handed and killed them all with his clubbed rifle, thereby saving many lives. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Coagh WM. Newmills WM. Dungannon WM (as TG Gibson).

**+GIFFIN, David**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. A" Coy Service. Private. 17297. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 22. Son of Elizabeth Giffin, of 1, Rokeby Green, The Mall, Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+GIHON, William**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. B Coy. Lance Corporal. 14701. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Son of John and Jane Gihon, of 5, Adela Place, Antrim Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+GILMOUR James**

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. Rifleman 17721. Died 16/08/1917 at the Battle of Langemarck. Aged 21. James Gilmour enlisted in Holywood. Born on 09/05/1895 in the townland of Ballydavey and he was a son of Hamilton Gilmour and Mary Gilmour (nee McMullan) who were married on 26/02/1889 in Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church. The Gilmour family lived at Bertha Row, Rockport, Craigavad. Hamilton Gilmour worked as a labourer and he and Mary had at least six children. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Memorial Plaque in Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church and in the Belfast Book of Honour

**+GOURLEY, John Alexander**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 2462. Died 16/08/1917. Nephew of Mary A. Gourley, of 14, Meeting St., Dromore, Co. Down. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+GOWAN, Samuel**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 11493. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gowan, of 28, Harrybrook St., Crumlin Rd., Belfast. Twice previously wounded. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+GRACEY, Thomas**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Corporal. 23378. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Son of Robert and Selina Gracey of Kilmore. Prior to enlisting Thomas worked with his father as a carpenter. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+GRAHAM, William**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Lance Corporal. 23215. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of Andrew and Emma Graham, of Crann, Middletown, Co. Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+GREENE, David**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 7th/8th Btn. Private. 22583. Died 16/08/1917 as a result of disease. Son of James and Mary Greene, the brother of Mary Anne, Alice, John, James, Thomas, William Joseph and Peter of Bleary, Portadown. Soldiers Wills: David Greene: In the event of my Death I leave all my belongings to my Mother Mrs Mary Green Bleary near Portadown Co. Armagh, Ireland. Signed 22583 Pte D Green, 7/8 Royal Irish Fus. 10/4/17. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No 3, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+GREER, William**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 21405. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 26. Son of Joshua and Mary Greer, of Cladybeg, Newtownhamilton, Co. Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+GRIBBEN, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Private. 43223. Died 16/08/1917. Born and living in Lisburn, he was a hairdresser by occupation, and shortly after the outbreak of war enlisted at Belfast in the Connaught Rangers (69777). Subsequently transferred on request to 7 RInF. He was involved in the fighting at Guillemont and Ginchy on the Somme in 1916 before "contracting fever" and coming home for a few weeks. Also involved at Messines on the 07/06/1917. His brother Trooper Samuel Gribben of the Inniskilling Dragoons was at home on leave at the time of his death. William was the eldest son of the late Charles Henry Gribben, a hairdresser, of Dublin Road, Lisburn, and Catherine Gribben of 5 Manor Street, Longstone, Lisburn. His brother Trooper Samuel Gribben of the Inniskilling Dragoons was at home on leave at the time of his death. Tyne Cot Memorial Zonnebeke, Belgium

**+GRIBBIN, W**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Lance Serjeant. 4787. Died 16/08/1917. Age 35. Husband of Margaret Anna Gribbin, of Hillsborough Rd., Dromore, Co. Down. Hodge Crater Cemetery, Belgium

**+HAGGAN, Edward Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 17812. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of Mr. T. Haggan, of Castle St., Carrickfergus. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+HALL, George Wasson**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Rifleman. 2012. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Isabella Hall, of 288, Old Lodge Rd., Belfast, and the late David R. Hall (R.I.C.). Potijze Chateau Grounds Cemetery, Belgium

**+HALL, Robert**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 22770. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Son of Samuel and Eliza Ann Hall, of Aghavoory, Fivemiletown. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+HALL, William David**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 27412. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Thomas and Mary Jane Hall, of Reaskcor, Castlecaulfield, Co. Tyrone. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+HAMILTON, Bruce**

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. C Coy. Serjeant. 16568. Died 16/08/1917. Age 28. Son of the late John and Emily Charlotte Hamilton, of Glencoe House, Dromore, Co. Down. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+HAMILTON, John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14282. MM. Died 16/08/1917. Age 18. Son of William J and Sarah Hamilton of William Street., Lurgan. John was one of four brothers who enlisted during the war; his brother Joseph (14283) was wounded on 01/07/1916, James (14288) was killed in action 01/07/1916; Albert (17950) survived the war.

Lurgan Mail: 24th March 1918:

Military Medal for Lurgan Soldier.

Intimation has been received that Private John Hamilton, 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers (son of Mr W. J. Hamilton, William Street, Lurgan) has been awarded the Military Medal. In adding his congratulations to those of the Divisional and Brigade Commanders, the Battalion Commanding Officer Colonel S. W. Blacker D.S.O. points out that

“This well merited reward has been conferred for Conspicuous Gallantry and devotion to duty in securing and rescuing wounded men from a neighbouring division from “No mans land” on the morning of February 19th, 1917.”

**+HAMILTON, Samuel**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 10981. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Son of Henry and Mary Hamilton, of 12, Albert Place, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery, Belgium

**+HANLEY, David**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 999. Died 16/08/1917. Age 26. Son of Agnes Hanley, of 65, Mountview St., and the late Tom Hanley; husband of Liliias Hanley, of 10, Rosapenna St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+HARE, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. Lance Corporal. 17832. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of James and Margaret Anna Hare, of Killinchy St., Comber, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+HARKNESS, Alexander Duff**

New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Wellington Regiment. 2nd Btn. Private. 31267. Died 16/08/1918. Age 28. Son of Adam and Margaret Harkness of Drumconvis, Coagh. He emigrated to New Zealand in 1914. He enlisted with the Wellington Regiment in 1916. After training he arrived back in England in January of 1917. Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, France. Coagh WM. Coagh Presbyterian Church RH

**+HAWTHORNE, John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 18065. Died 16/08/1917. Born in Bradford, Yorkshire. By 1911 the whole family was living at Timascobe, Armagh. He was a brother of Joseph Hawthorn (240284) who died on 26/10/1917. Son of John Hawthorn. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

**+HAYES, Frank Gordon**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 7th/8th Btn. Lance Corporal. 24047. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Frank and Annie Hayes, of 83, Ogilvie St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+HENRY, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. attd.109th Trench Mortar Battery Corporal. 16589. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Born in Cookstown on 21/10/1896. His father was a labourer. The family moved to Belfast. By 1911, Thomas had left school and was employed as a card lacer. Thomas enlisted in Belfast. Son of Robert and Elizabeth Henry, of 88, Mount Pottinger Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Cookstown WM

**+HILL, Adam Cyril Darley**

Royal Irish Rifles. 7th Btn. 2nd Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 19. Born in Northern Bank House, Grafton Street, Dublin on 05/12/1898 to Edwin Darley Hill and Deborah Hill nee Overend. Educated at St Columba's College, Dublin. On 11/10/1915, Adam joined Northern Bank at Falls branch. His address is at Deramore Drive, Belfast. On 02/12/1915, Adam volunteered and enlisted into the 19th Bn. (Cadet Company), Royal Irish Rifles as a Private. On promotion to 2nd Lieutenant he was posted to the 4th Bn. (SR) Royal Irish Rifles. He was attached to the 7th Bn. Royal Irish Rifles and fought in battles at Wytschaete, Messines (1917) and Ypres (1917) before being reported as missing on 16th August 1917. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium. Memorial in St. Columba's College Chapel, Whitechurch, Dublin. A brass memorial plaque to Hill is also installed in St Thomas' Church of Ireland, Eglantine Avenue, Belfast. Oak Lectern memorial St Nicholas Parish Church, Carrickfergus.

**+HILL, Alexander**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Private. 16448. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Son of Samuel and Cathrine Hill, of Dunaverny, Ballymoney. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+HILL, William Quintus Ewart**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 16595. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Son of John and Catherine Hill, of 8, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+HOUSTON, David**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Corporal. 9574. Died 16/08/1917. Age 27. Husband to Nellie Houston, of 35, Wapping Lane, Londonderry. Larch Wood (Railway Cutting) Cemetery, Belgium

**+HUEY, Alexander**

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 801. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. His brother James also fell. Son of William Huey and Rose Huey (nee Orr), of Ballycraigagh, Co. Antrim. His brother James also fell. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+HUNTER, Thomas John Allan**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Lance Corporal. 29649. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of William and Margret J. Hunter, of Drumkee, Coalisland. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium. Dungannon WM

**+HUNTER, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Private. 14874. Died 16/08/1917. Age 40. Son of the late William and Mary Ann McBride Hunter, of Tandragee, Portadown, Co. Armagh; husband to Elizabeth Hunter, of 1103, Dumbarton Rd., Whiteinch, Glasgow. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+HUTCHINSON, William**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Bn. A Coy. Private. 18044. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Son of Mrs. C. Hutchinson, of Cloughan, Woodview, Co. Armagh, and the late Henry Hutchinson. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+HYLANDS, Jarvis**

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. Rifleman. 11. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Son of Alexander and Mary Hylands, of Moygannon, Donacloney, Lurgan, Co. Armagh; husband of Mary Emily Hylands, of 63, Seapatrick, Banbridge. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Seapatrick C of I Parish Church, Banbridge RH

**+IRWIN, William James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. RBAI WM

**+JAMISON, David**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 657. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 20. Son of Robert Jamison of Greenvale Street, Ballymena. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Harryville Presbyterian Church RH

**+JOHNSTON, Alexander (Sandy) Johnston**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Private. 40880. Formerly North Irish Horse. 2131. Military Medal. Died 16/10/1917. Born 12/10/1896 at Sturgan, near Camlough, County Armagh, second child of farmer Charles Johnston and his wife Isabella (nee McClean). He enlisted in the North Irish Horse in March 1916 (No.2131).

## Remembrance Ni, August 16

In November 1916 Johnston, together with around 100 other North Irish Horsemen, volunteered to transfer to the Royal Irish Rifles. They embarked for France on 7 December, where they joined the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, on the Somme front. On 16/08/1917 Johnston's battalion took part in the Battle of Langemarck, part of Third Ypres. The battalion war diary for the day listed 27 other ranks killed, 7 wounded and missing, 170 wounded, and 63 missing.

Rifleman Johnston was one of those killed in action that day. Initially reported as wounded, then as wounded and missing, it was announced that he and some others in the battalion had been awarded the Military Medal "for gallantry in action East of Ypres between 15/8/17 – 17/8/17". The *Belfast News-Letter* later reported that: A communication, which was addressed to Rifleman Johnston from the War Office, and which was forwarded to his mother about the time she received the intimation of his death, shows that he was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty on 15th and 16th August last. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+JOHNSTON, Edward**

Royal Irish Rifles. 7th Btn. Lance Corporal. 9228. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Husband to Ruth Johnston, of 20, Derg St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

### **+JOHNSON, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 20401. Died 16/08/1917. Son of Mary Johnson, of 3, Earnest St., Rosemount, Londonderry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

### **+JOHNSTON, Edward.**

Royal Irish Rifles. 7th Btn. Lance Corporal. 9228. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Husband to Ruth Johnston, of 20, Derg St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

### **+JOHNSTON, Henry**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. No. 4 Coy. Company Serjeant Major. 11074. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Medaille Militaire (France). Enlisted in 1908 aged 15, with his father's consent. On 30/09/1913 he was discharged after 5 years and 81 days of service. He re-enlisted and went to France on 05/10/1915. Son of David and Elizabeth Johnston, of Lisnamallard, Omagh, Co. Tyrone; husband of Annie Johnston, of Drumbanagher, Jerretspass, Co. Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+JOHNSTON, Herbert Curry**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Sergeant. 22761. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Battle of Langemarck. Youngest of three sons of Mr. David Johnston J.P., of Grace Hall in Lurgan. Herbert's brother Lieutenant Ernest Johnston served with the South Staffordshire Regiment and was killed on the Somme 10/07/1916. His second brother David Percy Johnston served with the Royal Engineers and gained a commission as a Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery. In November 1915 Herbert joined the Cadet Corps of the 10th (Reserve) Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers based at Brownlow House. (The previous occupants, the 16th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles had landed a month before in France with the 36th (Ulster) Division. Herbert transferred to the 9th Btn., Royal Irish Fusiliers. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

**+JOHNSTON, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 19572. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Born in Antrim and enlisted there. A gardener, he was a member of the UVF. Son of John and the late Jane Johnston, of Massereene Lodge, Antrim. Tribute by his Commanding Officer in Belfast News Letter of 07/09/1917. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Antrim WM. All Saints C of I Antrim WM.

**+JOHNSTON, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. Rifleman. 19038. Died 16/08/1917 during action at Langemarck. Age 20. Enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the Great War. He was wounded in action during the Battle of the Somme. Born on 14 /03/1897 in Ballywalter. Eldest son of Thomas and Mary Ann Johnston (nee Murphy) who were married on 31/12/1891 in Ballywalter C of I Parish Church. Thomas Johnston was from Ballywalter. Mary Ann Murphy, a servant from Ballywalter, was a daughter of William John Murphy, a fisherman. The Johnston family lived at The Warren, Springvale, Ballywalter. Thomas Johnston worked as an agricultural labourer and he and Mary Ann had at least twelve children including two sets of twins. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium. Ballywalter and District WM. Holy Trinity C of I Parish Church, Ballywalter. Family grave headstone in Whitechurch Cemetery Ballywalter.

**+JOHNSTON, William J**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 22152. Died 16/08/1917. Age 34. Husband of Margaret Johnston, of 9, Upper Charleville St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+KEARNEY, Patrick**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 12354. Died 16/08/1917. From Irish St., Armagh. He worked in the iron works in Coatbridge, Scotland before enlistment. In September 1914 he and his brother William joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Service Btn Royal Irish Fusiliers. Another brother James served in the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force and was wounded twice. A fourth brother served in the Australian Imperial Force, and a fifth in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Patrick was with the 10<sup>th</sup> Irish Division during the fighting in the Dardanelles and took part in the evacuation of Gallipoli before going to France and Belgium. At the time of Patrick's death his brother with the Australian Imperial Force was in hospital severely wounded in both legs. His mother was residing in Navan St., Armagh. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

**+KEARNEY, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8214. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. In 1911 Thomas was a flax worker. He had four brothers and a sister. Son of Patrick and Mrs. E. Kearney, of 4, Railway St., Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+KEENAN, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 27270. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Brother of Mr. J. Keenan, of Raceview, Enniskillen. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+KELLY, Hugh**

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 266. Died 16/08/1917. Age 28. Prior to joining the Army, Hugh Kelly worked as a shipyard labourer and for Robert Milling (Merchant and Undertaker) in The Square, Comber. Enlisted in Belfast. He was wounded on 14/02/1917 and again during the Third Battle of Ypres. Born on 12/06/1889 in the townland of Ballyminstra, Comber. Son of Henry and Margaret Kelly (nee Scott) who married on 02/01/1880 in Newtownards Registrar's Office. Henry Kelly (aged 20) from Ballyminstra was a son of Henry Kelly, a labourer. Maggie Scott (aged 18) from Magherascouse was a daughter of John Scott, a dealer. The Kelly family lived in the townlands of Moneyreagh, Ballykeel, Lisbane, Lisbarnett and Ballyminstra and then in the Crescent, Comber and Railway Street, Comber. Henry Kelly worked as a farm labourer and he and Margaret had at least nine children. Hugh Kelly was husband to Sarah Kelly, of Bridge St., Comber. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Comber and District WM. Second Comber Presbyterian Church RH

**+KELLY Joseph B**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 43227. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Enlisted Belfast. Son of Patrick Kelly and Maria Vaughan, his wife. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+KELLY, Robert**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Lance Serjeant. 27250. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Son of Robert and Ellen Kelly, of 18, Mountjoy St., Londonderry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+KENNEDY, Arthur**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 815. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 27. He had been wounded at the Somme on 01/07/1916. His brother RJ Kennedy died in action in that battle and another brother, George, was wounded. Son of James and Jane Kennedy, of Craigs, Cullybackey. Lived at Broughdone, Cullybackey. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Cullybackey UF Church.

**+KENNEDY, Hugh Victor Strain**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1914-1915. Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 138

**+KENNEDY, John**

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 107th Coy. Private. 24808. Died 16/08/1917. Age 27. Son of James and Elizabeth Kennedy, of 8, Westcott St., Connswater, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+KERR, Joseph**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Private. 22741. Died 16/08/1917. Born in Coalisland. Joseph enlisted in Dungannon. It is believed the Private J Carr listed on the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers panel of the Dungannon War Memorial is this man. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium. Dungannon WM

**+KERR, William**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Rifleman. 18022. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of the late Thomas and Jane Kerr, of Whiterock, Belfast. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

**+KNOX, Armour John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 40886. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Born 14/03/1895. Son of Armour and Matilda Anne Knox (nee McCarter), of Lenamore, Gortin, Co. Tyrone. He grew up in Lenamore and by 1911 was working as a farm servant to farmer Samuel McFarlane. Knox enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Antrim in late November 1915 (No.1937). In November 1916, together with around 100 other North Irish Horsemen, he volunteered to transfer to the Royal Irish Rifles (No.40886). They embarked for France on 7 December, where they joined the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, on the Somme front. On 16/08/1917 Knox's battalion took part in the Battle of Langemarck, part of Third Ypres. His death was later officially accepted. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+KNOX, James Huston**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 30699. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 20. Son of Alexander and Margaret Knox, of Bridge St., Kilrea, Co. Derry. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+LEADER, Hamilton**

Royal Irish Rifles. 7th Btn. Lance Corporal. 8975. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Over 9 years service. Son of William and Elizabeth Leader, of 26, Bentham St., Donegall Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+LENNON, Alexander**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 18362. Died 16/08/1917. Born in Armagh and lived in Killylea. In 1911 Alexander (13) was an orphan living with Mr and Mrs James Allen at Navan, Armagh. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

**+LOWRY, James**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Bn. Rifleman. 891. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 19. Born Ahoghill. Enlisted Ballymena. Son of Thomas Lowry, of Fenagh, Cullybackey. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+LOWRY, Robert Ernest**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Rifleman. 2897. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of William and Margaret Lowry, of 212, Grosvenor Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+LUNDY, Patrick**

Royal Irish Rifles. 7th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 10339. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Son of the late Arthur and Sarah Lundy; husband of Catherine Lundy, of 27, Anderson St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+LYNAS, Hugh**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 12/27169. Died 16/08/1917. Age 35. Son of Hugh and Jane Lynas, of Bangor, Co. Down; husband to Mary Lynas, of 48, Welland St., Connswater, Belfast. White House Cemetery, St Jean-les-Ypres, Belgium

**+MAGEE, John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14459. Died 16/08/1917. Age 32. Son of the late Henry and Harriett Magee, of Ballyworkan, Portadown; husband to Margaret Magee, of Laurel Vale, Tandragee, Portadown. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+MAGOWAN, Andrew**

M.M. Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Lance Corporal. 18058. MM. Died 16/08/1917. Age 18. Son of Margaret Magowan, of 63, Parkmount Terrace, Portadown, Co. Armagh and the late William Magowan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+MARSHALL, G E**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 47088. Died 16/08/1917. From N Ireland. Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium

**+MARTIN, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Private. 27924. Died 16/08/1917. Age 35. Son of James and Jane Martin, of 9, Brandy Avenue, Londonderry; husband to Martha Jane Martin, of Keelogs Ahilly, Buncrana, Co. Donegal. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Londonderry Diamond WM

**+MAWHINNEY, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th (Service) Btn. (1st County Down Volunteers). Rifleman. 401. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. James was born in 1896 at Magheralin, Co. Down, the eldest son of James and Mary Jane Mawhinney, nee McGarrell. He enlisted in the Royal Irish Rifles at Banbridge and **Just**



**Before VJ Day, which marked the end of the conflict against Imperial Japan during the Second World War, on August 15, 1945, the aircrews of 820 Naval Air Squadron were flying from a British carrier to attack airfields in mainland Japan.**

embarked with them for active service in October 1915. Attached to the battalion's D Company, he was wounded in the advance of 1 July 1916. Following convalescence, he rejoined the battalion and was killed in action at the Battle of Langemarck 16/08/1917. Like the majority of those from the battalion who fell that day, he has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing. Son of James and Mary Jane Mawhinney, of Lymacmain, Maralin, Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McATEER, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn.(YVC) C Coy Rifleman.18181. Died 16/08/1917. Following convalescence, he rejoined the battalion and was killed in action at the Battle of Langemarck 16/08/1917. Like the majority of those from the battalion who fell that day, he has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing. Son of James and Mary Jane Mawhinney, of Lymacmain, Maralin, Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McATEER, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn.(YVC) C Coy Rifleman.18181. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Son of Hugh and Margaret McAteer, of 4, Ariel St., Belfast. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

**+McATEER, John**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 17424. Died 16/08/1917. Age 26. Son of Patrick and Mary McAteer, of 26, King St., Newry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McAULEY, Hugh Butler**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Private. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 22. Son of James and Elizabeth Macauley. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Castlerock Parish RH

**+McAULEY, David John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Corporal. 340. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 33. Born 1884 Ballycastle. Son of Michael John and Martha McAuley, Mill Cottage, Woodspeen, Newbury, Berkshire. Tyne Cot Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Ballycastle WM

**+McBURNEY, James Wilson**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Battalion. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. RBAI. On 01/10/1914 he joined the QUB OTC. On 22/06/1915, at the age of 16 years 10 months, he joined the 17th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, before applying for a commission in 1916. transferring to the 14th. He was posted to Drogheda during the Easter Rising in 1916 and then spent some time at the Curragh. He finished his training at Fermoy in the 7th Cadet Battalion. He obtained his commission in September 1916 and was posted to the 20th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles at Newtownards. He went to France as a Platoon Commander with the 14th Battalion in December 1916. Jim fought at the Battle of Messines in June 1917 and survived. Jim was killed in action on the first day of the Battle of Langemarck (3rd Ypres). In a letter to Jim's parents

Second Lieutenant J Riddy wrote 'He was a brave and good comrade and most cheerful under all circumstances. Since I joined the regiment we were the closest friends and a truer friend I never wish to have. Jim and I slept in the same tent before the attack and he seemed to know something would happen to him for he asked me to write and, if I could, to bring him back to a dressing station in case he was hurt but I thought he was joking. He was in good form before the attack. I was on his right flank. He went forward at the head of his men and did splendid work and showed a fine example of Irish pluck, leading and cheering his men on against fearful odds and machine gun fire. He was first at the enemy strongpoint but got shot in the chest before getting in. Although dying fast he urged the men on and his last words were, 'Tell my father and mother I died at the head of my men fighting for my country.' The Rev John Knowles, Presbyterian Chaplain, said that just as Jim had given the order for his men to rush the enemy position he was shot. In

spite of the loss of their leader his men carried out his last command. They captured the position and took ten prisoners. Born 09/08/1897. Brother of Engineer Lieutenant Edward Wilson McBurney. Son of Thomas and Anna McBurney, Moatville, Comber. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. RBAI WM. Comber WM. Comber PCI

**+McCAMMOND, Archibald**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Corporal. 14539. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of Mr. W. J. and Jane McCammond, of 16, Monaghan St., Milford, Co. Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McCANN, Alexander**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 22780. Died 16/08/1917. Son of James and Mary McCann, of 3 Atkinsons Avenue, Portadown. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

**+McCANN, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 25083, Died 16/08/1917. Son of Joseph and Elizabeth McCann, Long Commons, Coleraine, husband to Minnie McCann. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

**+McCARTNEY, William James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn, Sergeant. 1255. Died 16/08/1917. Born in Purdeysburn, he enlisted at Dublin. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium

**+McCAULEY, Hugh**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 24955. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of James and E. McCauley, of Daisyhill, Upper Articlave, Co. Derry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McCLELLAND, James Arthur**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of William and Margaret McClelland of Cottown. Ballygrainey, Co. Down. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McCLINTOCK, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers/Trench Mortar Battery, 10th Btn. Private. 29938. Died 16/08/1917. James McClintock, 5, Harding Street, signed the Ulster Solemn League and Covenant (September 1912) pledging resistance to Home Rule for Ireland. Born County Donegal. Enlisted Londonderry. Son of Alexander and Sarah Jane McClintock, Ardagh, St Johnston, County Donegal. Adopted son of Moses McConnell, 5, Harding Street, Londonderry.

New Irish Farm Cemetery, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Londonderry Diamond WM.

**+McCORMICK, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn (YVC). Rifleman. 7524. Died 16/08/1917. Born Donegore 18/11/1893. Lived for a time in Holywood, Co. Down. He worked as a gardener. Son of William and Agnes (nee Mawhinney) McCormick. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Antrim WM. St John's C of I, Donegore, RH

**+McCULLAGH, Alexander Henry**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. attached to 109 Trench Mortar Battery. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Before the war he had been studying for the Civil Service and was a student at Connell's Academy, Belfast. He received his commission through the Cadet Force, Fermoy on the 19/12/1916, proceeding to the front on the 16/02/1917. He was the eldest son of William McCullagh of 45 Ponsonby Avenue, Antrim Road, Belfast who was principal of Upper Ballinderry National School. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium

**+McCULLOUGH, David**

Royal Irish Rifles 14th Btn. Rifleman. 11702. Died 16/08/1917. Age 36. Husband to Mrs. Sarah McCullough, of 11, Meenan St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

**+McDONALD, Hugh**

Royal Irish Rifles 13th Btn. Rifleman. 16744. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Son of George Francis and Margret McDonald, of Gallows St., Dromore, Co. Down. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

**+McDOWELL, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn, Rifleman. 9247. Died 16/08/1917. Age 28. Born in and enlisted at Lisburn. Son of Joseph and Jane McDowell of 95 Ballynahinch Road, Lisburn. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McEVOY, Hugh**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 27934. Died 16/08/1917. Age 26. Son of William and Bridget McEvoy, of Cross, Kilcoo, Co. Down. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McEVOY, James Joseph**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Lance Serjeant. 20673. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19 years old. Son of James J. and Annabella Cosgrove McEvoy, of 41 and 43, Berry St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McEVOY, William John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 3701. Died 16 August 1917. Age 24. Son of Thomas J. and Annie McEvoy, of 55A, Agnes St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McFAWN, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Private 15833. Died 16/08/1917. Son of Samuel McFawn, 29 Fountain Place, Londonderry. Londonderry Diamond WM

**+McGAFFIN, William John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 24734. Died 16/08/1917. Age 29. Son of James and Sarah McGaffin, of Knocknamuckley, Lurgan. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

**+McGIFFIN, Stewart**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 3501. Died 16/08/1917. Age 18. Son of James and Ellen McGiffin, of Minorca Place, Carrickfergus. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McGIRR, Michael**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 65764. Died 16/08/1917. There is a conflict of sources regarding regiment. CWGC states what is shown here. Local sources at Armagh state he served with the Royal Fusiliers 2nd Btn. (London Regiment) and that prior to joining them he had served with the Army Service Corps. His Medal Card shows him as living in married quarters at Victoria Barracks, Belfast. Following his death the Armagh Gazette said he had seen a good deal of active service, had been known as Mick, was engaged in the victualling business and lived in Lower English Street. Died 16/08/1917. Poellcapelle British Cemetery, Belgium.

**+McGIRR, Michael**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. A Coy. Private. 16831. Died 16 /08/1917. Age 19. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McGirr, of Feaugh, Newtown Butler, Co. Fermanagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+McGOWAN, David Caldwell**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 21201. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Born Donegal. Son of Joseph and Margaret McGowan, of 5, Bonds Place, Waterside, Londonderry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Londonderry Diamond WM

**+McGRANN, David**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. MM. 7963. Died 16/08/1917. Age 36. Son of John and Elizabeth McGrann, of 40, Brown St., Lurgan; husband to Mary McGrann, of 10, Castle Lane, Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+McGRATH, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th/8th Btn. Private. 20371. Died 16/08/1917. Son of James Doherty, of 132, Main St., Strabane. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+McILROY, Harry**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Private. 23187. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 25. Brother of Samuel McIlroy, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), 9th Btn. Acting Sergeant. 17614 & 63215 who died of pulmonary tuberculosis on 18/02/1920. Son of Mrs. Taylor, of Fenagh Cottage, Craigs, Cullybackey. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McKEE, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 26224. Died 16/08/1917. Age 37. Son of the late Jeremiah and Sarah McKee, of Tyrone; husband to Elizabeth McKee, of 48, Spencer St., Middlesbrough, Yorkshire. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McKENDRY, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 27940. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Charles and Eliza McKendry, of Toberhead, Castledawson. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McKENNA, Joseph**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. C Coy. Corporal. 13000. Died 16/08/1917. Age 31. Joseph was born about 1886 in Shankill, Belfast. His father Patrick was a butcher. The 1911 census lists Joseph as age 24 living

with his wife Ellen at 23 Burlington Street, Dock Ward, (Belfast). He was working as a butcher. Eldest son of Patrick and Catherine McKenna, of 122, New Lodge Rd., Belfast; husband to Ellen McKenna, of 3, Union Place, Dungannon. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McKEOWN, T**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11<sup>th</sup>. Btn. Private. 29811. Died 16/08/1917. Son of William McKeown, of Garvaghey, Ballygawley, Co. Tyrone. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

**+McKERNAN, Edward**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Serjeant. 21108. Died 16/08/1917. Age 35. Husband of Annie M. McKernan, of 8. Devonshire St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McKIBBEN, Joseph**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 6612. Died 16/08/1917. From Holywood. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+McKINNEY, Alexander**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 28393. Died 16/08/1917 during the Third Battle of Ypres. Age 19. Alexander McKinney was the son of Alexander and Rachel McKinney. His father died a month before he was born. His mother died during childbirth. Alexander McKinney was an orphan from the day he was born in the Loup. He enlisted in Omagh, joining the 8th Btn, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and after training he was sent with the draft to France in the autumn of 1916. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Moneymore WM

**+McKINNEY, George**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Lieutenant. Previously Lance Corporal 1055 R Ir R. Died 16/08/1917. Frim Straid, Ballynure. An account of a memorial service in Straid Congregational Church and a tribute by his Regimental Chaplain were published by Larne Times on 29/12/1917. Son of Robert James McKinney, 7 Lismain St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Ballyclare WM. Straid Congregational Church RH. Joymount Presbyterian Church, Carrickfergus, RH

**+McKINNEY, James**

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Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Rifleman. 3742. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 20. He was raised in Ballymena Union (workhouse) and 'boarded out' with Hollingers of Ahoghill. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, Belgium. Ahoghill Church of Ireland RH

### **+McKNIGHT, William Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. D Coy. Serjeant. 19086. Died 16/08/1917. Age 36. Son of the late William and Margaret McKnight; husband of the late Sarah: McKnight, of Newry St., Kilkeel. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+McMASTER, Charles**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. attd. Trench Mortar Bty. Captain. MC. Died 16/08/1917. Age 35. Son of John and Mary McMaster, of Rose Lodge, Bloomfield, Belfast; husband to Maude Evelyn McMasters, of Mount Royal, Banbridge. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+McMULLAN, Adam**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. B Coy. Private. 14569. Died 16/08/1917. Age 30. Son of Adam and Ellen McMullan, of 120, Park Rd., Portadown. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+McNEILLY, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 381. Died 16/08/1917. Born Ballypalady, Templepatrick 28/03/1896. Enlisted Ballyclare. Son of John, a farm labourer, and Sheba (nee Wiley) McNeilly, of Ballyearl, Carnmoney. They had six children. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Ballyclare WM. Templepatrick Presbyterian Church RH

### **+McSORLEY, Edward**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 23572. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Son of James and Catherine McSorley, of Millbrook St., Newtown Stewart, Co. Tyrone. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+McSTAY, Joseph**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 24699. Died 16/08/1917. Enlisted in Stirling, Scotland. He lived with his aunt Annie McStay at Mullabrack, Markethill. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium. First Presbyterian Church Markethill WM

**+McTEAGUE, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. attd. 9th Btn.. Serjeant. 24329. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Thomas Patrick McTeague, of 7 Edward St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McVEIGH, Henry**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Serjeant. 18277. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Son of James McVeigh, of Derriaghy, Dunmurry, Co. Antrim; husband to the late Fanny McVeigh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+MILLIGAN, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Serjeant. 23183. Died 16/08/1917. Son of William and Jane Milligan. John was born in Tullyrusher, County Tyrone on 04/12/1894. His father died when he was 14. John worked as a clerk. He enlisted in Cookstown. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium Dungannon WM. Newmills C of I RH

**+MILLS, David,**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman.139. Died 16/08/1917. Born at Ballymarlow and enlisted in Ballymena. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

**+MILLS, Henry Greer**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. A Coy. Lance Corporal.18479. Died 16/08/1917. Age 27. Enlisted in Holywood. Born on 15/08/1889 in Knocknagoney. Son of John and Anne (Annie) Jane Mills (nee Greer) who were married on 2 March 1887 in St Philip & St James C of I Parish Church, Holywood. John Mills from Church View, Holywood was a son of John Mills, a labourer. Anne Jane Greer from Windsor Avenue, Belfast was a daughter of David Greer, an Army surgeon. The Mills family lived at 23 Spencer Street, Holywood and later in the townland of Ballycultra. John Mills worked as a gardener and he and Annie had three children. Prior to the outbreak of the Great War Henry Greer Mills worked as a gardener and he was a bellringer in Holywood St Philip & St James C of I Parish Church, Holywood . His address was *Culloden Cottage*, Marino. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Holywood and District WM. Holywood Orange Lodges Memorial Plaque, and in Holywood Parish Church of Ireland Church (St Philip & St James). Church Bell Ringers' Memorial Book 1914 – 1918 (Book 2).

**+MONAGHAN, William**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Bn. Private. 23300. Died 16/08/1917. Age 32. Brother of John Monaghan, of Corkley, Tassagh, Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+MONTGOMERY, Allan**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 15634. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. He had previously been wounded during the Battle of the Somme in July 1916. He had been commended for awards on three occasions, including the Military Medal. Born Freemanstown, Donegore on 02/12/1892. He worked for Young and Anderson of Donegall St. Belfast. He was a member of the Orange Order and of Freemasons Lodge 28 (Royal) Antrim. His brother Daniel Robert Montgomery served with Canadian Infantry, was wounded and subsequently discharged in August 1918. Son of Robert and Annie E. Montgomery, of The Cottage, Castle St., Ballymena. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Wellington Street Presbyterian Church, Ballymena, RH

**+MONTGOMERY, Robert**

Canadian Infantry, 16th Btn. Sergeant. 420082. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Montgomery, of 58, Hillview St., Old Park Rd., Belfast. Lievin Communal Cemetery Extension, France

**+MOORE, William**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917 Age 24. Campbell College 1905 - 12. Faculty of Arts 1912 — 14. Joined Training Corps on 08/11/1915. He was commissioned in 1914, after graduating from QUB. He had initially joined the 10th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers (RIF) in January 1916. Until May 1917 he served as a bombing instructor and was stationed in Newtownards where he was well known in the local community. He was involved in the suppression of the May 1916 Easter Rising. In June 1917, he was posted to France to join the 9th Battalion. He went to France and on 15/06/1917 he wrote a letter to his mother from the 36th. (Ulster) Division Base Depot at Le Havre. In it he intimated that he was going to the Front with the 9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers in 108th Brigade of the 36th. (Ulster) Division. The last letter that he wrote was to his father and it was dated 14/08/1917. In it he said that he was soon to be in action again and that he might not be able to write very much for a while. 'Whatever happens, don't worry', he wrote. He died in the battle for Passchendaele. Born 13/12/1892. Son of Elizabeth R. Moore, of Ashley House, Albert Bridge Rd., Belfast, and the late Dr. A. P. B. Moore. Dr Archibald Pollock Bailie Moore and Mrs Elizabeth Rogers Moore (nee Stevenson) were married on 10 April 1889

in Maghera Presbyterian Church, Co Londonderry. Both of William's parents were born in Co Londonderry. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

### **+MORRISON, Cyril Aubrey**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. formerly North Irish Horse. Rifleman. 40933. Died 16/08/1917. Age 18. Born on 06/06/1897 at 26 Woodvale Avenue, Belfast, son of commercial traveller William Todd Morrison and his wife Madeline Maggie Todd (nee McCready). He was grandson of linen manufacturer James Morrison of Keady, Armagh. By 1911 the family was living at Atlantic House, 101 Limestone Road, Belfast. Soon after, Morrison was employed as an apprentice electrical engineer at the shipbuilder Workman Clark.

Morrison enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Belfast on 24/08/1914 (No.1028), though aged just 17. He embarked for France on 04/05/1915, probably as part of D Squadron. In 1916 he was seriously injured by a kick from a horse and was evacuated home for treatment. After he recovered he rejoined the North Irish Horse at Antrim. In November 1916, together with around 100 other North Irish Horsemen, Morrison volunteered to transfer to the Royal Irish Rifles (No.40933). They embarked for France on 7 December, where they joined the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, on the Somme front. In early 1917 Morrison was wounded, possibly during the attack in the sector in front of Bouchavesnes from 4 to 8 March, during which the 1st Battalion took significant casualties. However he recovered soon after and rejoined his battalion.

On 16/08/1917 Morrison's battalion took part in the Battle of Langemarck, part of Third Ypres. The battalion war diary for the day listed 27 other ranks killed, 7 wounded and missing, 170 wounded, and 63 missing. Rifleman Morrison was among the missing. His death was later officially accepted. Son of William Todd Morrison and Madeline M. Morrison, of Atlantic House, 101, Lintlestone Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+MORROW, George**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 23606. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of James H. Morrow, of 22, Church St., Newtownards. Links with Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+MORROW, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 1916. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. From Ballywilliam, Crossgar. Son of Thomas R. and Christiana Morrow, of 63,

Ormeau Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+ MORTIMER, Henry Mortimer**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 19th (Service) Btn. C Coy. formerly North Irish Horse. Rifleman. 40933. Died 16/08/1917. Age 18. Henry and his twin brother Harold were born on 19/02/1898 at Thomas Street, Portadown, County Armagh, son of relieving officer Joseph Mortimer and his wife Margaret Jane (nee Levingston). (A 'relieving officer' is an official appointed by a parish or union to administer relief to the poor.) Mortimer enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Portadown between 2 and 15/09/1916 (No.2267). However the following month he transferred to the Royal Irish Fusiliers (No.24909). In 1916 or early 1917 he embarked for France, where he joined the 9th (Service) Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers, and was posted to C Company. On 16/08/1917 Mortimer's battalion took part in the Battle of Langemarck, part of Third Ypres. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+MOYNAGH, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th/8th Btn. D Coy. Private. 20676. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of John and Bridget Moynagh, of Blessingbourne, Fivemiletown. Tyrone. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+MULHOLLAND, Edward**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Lance Corporal. 27824. Died 16/08/1917. Husband of Mary Mulholland, of Inishatieve, Carrickmore, Co. Tyrone. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+MULLEN, Hugh**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Lance Serjeant. 27764. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Nephew of Emma Caldwell, of Cross Glebe, Coleraine. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+MURPHY, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. A Coy .Serjeant. 8263. Died 16/08/1917. Age 28. Born 20/07/1888 Culcavey Co .Down. Son of Mary Ann (nee McGuiggan) Murphy, of 8, Lawyer St., Sandy Row, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+MURRAY, Daniel**

Royal Irish Regiment, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 18128. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Husband to Mrs. A. Murray, of 40, Barrack St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+MURRAY, Patrick**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 2980. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. (Served as Berney). Son of Francis and Teresa Murray, of Foremass, Sixmilecross. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+MURRAY, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 292. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, of Ballyblack, Newtownards. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+MURRAY, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 292. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Born in the townland of Drumawhey. Fourth son of James and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Murray (nee Cameron) who were married on 28/04/1879 in Ballyblack Presbyterian Church. The Murray family lived in the townlands of Drumawhey and Ballyblack, Newtownards. James Murray worked as a road contractor and farmer and he and Elizabeth had twelve children. Prior to the outbreak of the Great War Samuel Murray lived with two of his sisters, Maggie and Bella, at 99 Greenwell Street in Newtownards. After the outbreak of the Great War Samuel Murray was engaged in munitions work and he joined the Army in May 1917. After three months training he was drafted to France in August 1917 and after two weeks at the base he was sent up to the front line. It was reported in the Press that he went over the top at Langemarck on his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday and that Rifleman Samuel Murray (No. 20/292) was killed in action that day. In fact, he was killed in action some eight days before his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. At that time his brother Sydney was also on active service with the Royal Irish Rifles. Sydney Murray was shot in the eye, the bullet coming out through the back of his head. He survived the Great War but spent the remainder of his life in hospital at Downpatrick. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Newtownards and District WM. Ballyblack Presbyterian Church RH

**+NESBITT, Francis**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Serjeant. 5124. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Son of Harriet Nesbitt, of 20, Agnes St., Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

**+NEVIN, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14<sup>th</sup> Btn. Acting Company Sergeant Major. 15696. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 22. Ballymena Observer, August 31, 1917 - "Sergeant William Nevin, Royal Irish Rifles, was a native of Ballymena and formerly resided at Clonavon. He is the eldest son of Mr. Samuel Nevin, now of Chadwick Street, Belfast. His father was for some time a tailor in the employment of Messrs. Barclay and Crawford, Ballymena and his grandmother, Mrs. Nevin resides in Mill Street, Ballymena. He returned to the front in May last after recovering from wounds received in action on 1st July 1916. He was previously in the employment of Lafayette, Donegal Place, Belfast, as a photographer and was a member of the original YCVs. and of Clonavon, Ballymena". Son of Mr. And Mrs. S. Nevin, Finaghy Park, Belfast. His wife lived at Mill Street, Ballymena. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

**+NOBLE, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 17778. Died 16/08/1917. Age 41. Son of the late Samuel and Mary Noble, of 21, Brook St., Omagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+OSBORNE, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Lance Corporal. 2248. Died 16/08/1917. Age 30. Born Tannaghmore at Drummaul on 12/03/1887. Enlisted Randalstown. Son of the late Martha Osborne. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Second Randalstown Presbyterian Church RH

**+PAISLEY, George**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 19719. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Son of William and Isabella Paisley, of 20, Ulsterdale St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+PATTERSON, Harold Jamison**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 16931. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Mr. J. W. and Margaret Patterson, of 5, South Parade, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+PATTERSON, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 18618. Died 16/08/1917, the first day of the Battle of Langemarck. Age 24. John Patterson was born around 1893/1894 in Barrow-in-Furness and he was a son of William and Eliza Ann Patterson (nee Gillespie). The Patterson family lived in England before they moved to Belfast in the early 1900s where they lived at 35 Lomond Avenue. William Patterson worked as a ship's painter and he and Eliza Ann had eleven children. John Patterson worked as a ship's joiner and he enlisted in Belfast. Son of Mrs. E. Patterson, of 16, Dufferin Avenue, Bangor. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Bangor and District WM, Royal British Legion (Bangor Branch) Memorial Plaque and in the Comrades of the Great War (Bangor Branch) Album in North Down Museum

**+PATTERSON, Richard George Graham**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14596. Died 16/08/1917. Son of Robert and Margaret Ann Patterson, of Kilmore, Portadown. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+PROCTOR, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Serjeant. 18594. Died 16/08/1917. Born on 01/07/1881 in Dingwall, Ross-shire in Scotland. A son of John and Barbara Proctor (nee McDonald). John Proctor worked as whiskey brewer and then as a whiskey distillery manager and he and Barbara had thirteen children. The Proctor family lived in Scotland and Ireland – in Bushmills, County Antrim; in Dublin and in Comber where they lived in Bridge Street and Killinchy Street. Reflecting their Scottish roots the name of their house in Killinchy Street was *Dalvourne*. James Proctor and Mary Jane Niblock were married on 17/12/1910 in Comber Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church. Mary Jane Niblock aged 21 from Ballystockart was a daughter of John Niblock, a farmer. The Proctor family lived in Railway Street, Comber. James and Mary Jane Proctor (nee Niblock) had at least one child: John - born 25/12/1910 in the Maternity Hospital, Belfast. James Proctor worked as a commercial clerk and then as a brewer before he enlisted in Comber. He was wounded in action on 07/02/1916. He returned to active service. His brother Hugh also served with the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Comber and District WM; Comber Masonic Lodge No. 46 RH; First Comber Presbyterian Church RH

**+PROCTOR, William**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 10/23071. Died 16/08/1917. Before enlisting he was employed as a factory worker. Son of William J Proctor of Albert Place, Armagh. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

**+PURDY, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Rifleman. 18643. Died 16/08/1917. Age 27. Son of Margaret Purdy, of 22, Canal St., Lisburn. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+QUINN, John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. B Coy. Private. 14625. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Son of John and Caroline Quinn, of 1, Mandeville Terrace, West St., Portadown. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

**+REA, Herbert Finlay**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. RBAI. Before the war he was an accountant with Messrs. H. B. Brandon & Co., Belfast. Son of the late Mr. John Rea (Ann Street) and Mrs. Rea, Dalzien, Annadale, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. RBAI WM

**+REA, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Lance Corporal. 3/8834. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 20. Enlisted in 1915 at Renfrew, Scotland, where he was employed. He had been about nine months at the front. Son of Matthew and Hanna Rea, Drumcrow, Carnalbanagh. Tyne Cot Military Cemetery, Belgium. Carnalbanagh Presbyterian Church RH

**+REAVIE, Wilfred Lawrence Stewart**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers. 3rd Btn. attd. 2nd Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Born on 02/01/1897 at Jarvis Street, Portadown, County Armagh, son of poulterer John Reavy and his wife Mary (nee Brown). Wilfred was educated at the Methodist School, Portadown. At the outbreak of war he was working as a clerk in the offices of the Daisy Hill Nurseries, Newry. He enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Portadown on 03/09/1914 (No.1124), overstating his age by two years.

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On 01/11/1914 he was appointed unpaid lance corporal. On 1 December was promoted to corporal. Reavie embarked for France on 01/05/1915 with D Squadron of the North Irish Horse. He was made acting sergeant on 24 July and confirmed in that rank the following month. On 23/10/1916, after a month's course of instruction at the 3rd Army Infantry School, Reavie applied for a commission in the 9th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers. His commanding officer Lord Cole, supporting the application, wrote that "He is well educated, keen and capable of commanding men."

Reavie departed for England in December and on 8 January 1917 reported for duty at the No.3 Officer Cadet Battalion, Bristol. On 26/04/1917 he was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant and posted to the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Soon after he was sent to France and attached to the 2nd Battalion, then part of the 16th (Irish) Division, on the Ypres front.

On 16/08/1917 Reavie's battalion took part in the Battle of Langemarck, part of the Third Ypres offensive. The battalion war diary recorded that from 15 to 17 August it lost 19 officers and men killed, 79 wounded, 13 gassed, and 21 missing. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Portadown WM. Portadown Methodist Church WM

### **+REID, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Sergeant.8360. Died 16/08/1917.Aged 31. Born at Ballymarlow and enlisted in Ballymena. Son of James Knox Reid and Grace Reid of Knockboy, Broughshane. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. 2nd Broughshane Presbyterian Church RH

### **+REID, William John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Serjeant.15841. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Son of William John and Mary Ann Reid, of 6, New North Queen St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+RITCHIE, William Morgan**

Royal Irish Rifles,13th Btn. A Coy.Rifleman. 114. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20 years old. Son of Charles Hanston Ritchie and Lucy A. Ritchie, of 5, Eblana St., Belfast. Native of Bloomfield, Belfast. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

### **+ROBINSON, John Thomas**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Lance Corporal. 26174. Died 16/08/1917. Age 27. Born Greencastle, Co. Antrim, on 24/03/1890. Enlisted Belfast having served previously in the Army Cyclist Corps (7555). He was working as a

tram conductor. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth (nee McCrea) Robinson. Husband to Mary Elizabeth (nee Wood) Robinson, of 4, Ardgreenan Place, Belmont Church Rd., Belfast. They married in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast on 11/03/1913. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

**+ROBINSON, Thomas**

Royal Engineers, 150th Field Coy. Sapper. 64354. Died 16/08/1917. Age 32. Husband of Edith Robinson, of 44, Tennent St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+ROBINSON, William John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. DCM. 40839. Died 16/08/1917. He went to the front in December 1916. Son of Joseph Robinson of Rathkeel, Broughshane. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. 1st Broughshane Presbyterian Church RH

**+ROSS, Arthur J**

Royal Irish Rifles. 5th Btn. attd. 1st Btn. Captain. Died 16/08/1917. Husband of Mrs. Arthur Ross (now Lady Una Ross), of Old Court, Strangford. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+SAVAGE, John Graham**

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn., Rifleman. 2365. Died 16/08/1917. Age 24. Born in Holborn Street, Bangor on 07/11/1893. Son of James Hamilton Savage, a carpenter, and his wife Mary (nee Graham) and was the third of their four children. John's older brother Alexander was a Sergeant in the Royal Irish Rifles. His father James became a successful building contractor and the family moved to Mount Herald, on the Ballyholme Road. He eventually became an elected Councillor and JP. On the outbreak of war John enlisted in Belfast. He was working in a dressing station when it took a direct hit from a shell and most of the medical staff and patients were killed. The loss made a great impact on the family and they placed a memorial notice in the paper every year for over 40 years (Belfast Newsletter, 17 August 1954). In November 1954 his father bequeathed a bed in John's memory in Bangor Hospital. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Family memorial in Bangor Cemetery

**+SCARLETT, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Private. 28298.

Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Son of James and Ellen Scarlett, of Drumboghena, Legahelly, Belturbet, Co. Fermanagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+SCOTT, Alexander**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Private. 16994. Died 16/08/1917. Age 42. Son of Alexander and Margaret Redmond, of 4, Ballymoney St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+SEAMAN, Charles**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Private. 28143. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of William and Ellen Seaman, of Gorteen, Wheathill Blacklion, Co. Fermanagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+SEYMOUR, William Matthew**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. On leaving RBAI, he was a member of the Queen's University Training Corps from 01/11/1915 to 21/01/1916 and was working as a bank clerk when he enlisted with the 10th Btn, Royal Irish Fusiliers, a reserve battalion. He received his commission on 19/12/1916. He transferred to the 9th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers and was killed in action on 16/08/1917, Private Brady of the battalion reported: "He was in command of VIII platoon. He was a young man and I knew him well; he was fair and very nice and well liked by everyone. I saw him during the attack; we were well over the ridge to the left of St Julien. I was only 10 yards off him when I saw him killed outright by a piece of shrapnel. I was wounded very shortly afterwards. I have heard since that we took our objective that morning but got driven back again, so perhaps the Germans would get his body." Son of William and Lydia Seymour of 56 Glen Road, Andersonstown, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. RBAI WM

**+SMILES, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 36. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1916. "Third son of the late Mr. W. H. Smiles, of Belfast Ropeworks, and Mrs. Smiles, Westbank, Strandtown, and a grandson of Dr. Samuel Smiles, of "Self-Help" fame. Deceased, who was thirty-six years of age, married Miss Beryl Pirrie, daughter of the late Mr. John Barbour Pirrie, of the Barn, Carrickfergus. He was a brother of Captain W. Alan Smiles, Royal Irish Rifles, who was killed in action in the battle of the Somme on 10th July, 1916, and of Lieutenant-Commander W. D. Smiles, D.S.O., Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, who has served with distinction in an Armoured Car Section in France, Belgium, Persia, Roumania, and Galicia." A brother Captain William Alan Smiles, Royal Irish Rifles. died in the war. He

has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. Another brother Walter Dorling Smiles served as Lieutenant-Commander with the Royal Naval Air Service and was awarded the DSO in May 1918. Son of Mrs. Lucy Smiles, of Strandtown, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. RNYC WM, Sydenham WM.

**+SMITH, Albert**

Rifleman, 14th Batt., Royal Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 17005. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Albert enlisted with the 14th Btn, (YCV) entering France in October 1915 and was killed in action at Passchendaele in August 1917. His brother John, who served with the 15th Btn, was taken prisoner and released after the Armistice. Albert was born at Partick, Glasgow, in 1895. His father John, from Maze, Lisburn, was a shoemaker who moved to Glasgow where he worked for the Belfast and Glasgow Boot Company. It was there he married his wife Elizabeth. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Family memorial, Bangor Cemetery.

**+SMITH, John William Raphael Smith**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Private. 40917. Formerly North Irish Horse. 2108. Died 16/08/1917. Born on 01/07/1897 at 19 Adam Street, Belfast, son of Scottish-born parents Joseph Cowan Smith, a joiner, and his wife Janet (nee Robson). Enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Antrim between 8 and 11 February 1916. In November 1916 Smith, together with around 100 other North Irish Horsemen, volunteered to transfer to the Royal Irish Rifles. They embarked for France on 7 December, where they joined the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, on the Somme front. On 16/08/1917 Smith's battalion took part in the Battle of Langemarck, part of Third Ypres. The battalion war diary for the day listed 27 other ranks killed, 7 wounded and missing, 170 wounded, and 63 missing. Rifleman Smith was one of those initially reported as wounded, then soon after as wounded and missing. Later on, his death was officially accepted as having taken place 'on or since' 16/08/1917. Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission register gives Smith's date of death as 6 September 1917. This is may be a clerical error. Other records, suggest that 16 August is much more likely. The 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles was well behind the lines on 6 September.

**+SMITH, Samuel**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Serjeant. 14926. Died 16/08/1917. Born in Toome, Co. Antrim. Brother of Richard. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+SMYTH, Gordon Dill Long**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Bth. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Gordon Smyth had attended Royal School Dungannon, Foyle College and RBAI before enrolling to study medicine at QUB 1914 - 15. It was at Queen's that he renewed his friendship with Eric Erickson Craig, a fellow medical student who had also attended Foyle College. Gordon Smyth had joined the Training Corps in November 1914 and Eric Craig joined the unit in November 1915. Eric Craig received his commission in December 1915, being initially attached to the 20th (Reserve) Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles before leaving for France in July 1916. Gordon Smyth received his commission in January 1916 and was transferred from the 20th Battalion to the 13th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles on 20th June 1916. Gordon and Eric both paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. In a letter dated 05/09/1916, Gordon reports that, whilst at Lewis Gun School, "I ran into M'Clinton and Stewart of North." The former was Arthur Norman McClinton of Windsor Park, who also belonged to Fitzroy Avenue Presbyterian Church, and the latter was Albert Lewis Stewart – both McClinton and Stewart had also been educated at RBAI and had represented Ireland in Rugby Union. Gordon Smyth survived his friend by less than a year. He was killed in action during the Battle of Langemarck (3rd Ypres). Son of F D Smyth, 111 University Street, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Foyle College WM, RBAI WM

**+SMYTH, Thomas James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 1526. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Samuel and Sarah Smyth, of 2, Railway St., Dunmurry. Potijze Chateau Grounds Cemetery, Belgium

**+SMITH, Samuel**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Sergeant. 14926. Died 16/08/1917. Born at Toome and enlisted in Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Wellington Street Presbyterian Church, Ballymena RH

**+STEELE-NICHOLSON, Alfred Francis James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 5th Btn. attd. 1st Btn. Captain. Died 16/08/1917. Age 31. Born on 05/11/1885 in Ballow House, Bango. A son of James and Maria Steele-Nicholson (nee Macartney, sometimes McCartney) who were married on 30/10/1870 in Culdaff C of I Parish Church in Co Donegal. The Steele-Nicholson family lived in Falmore House, Co Donegal and in Ballow (sometimes Balloo) House, Bangor. James Steele-Nicholson described himself as a 'gentleman' and he and Maria had at least twelve children. At least five of the children were baptised in St. Comgall's C of I Parish Church,

Bangor. James Steele-Nicholson died on 04/05/1899 in Ballow House (aged 80). Maria Steele-Nicholson died on 01/10/1926. The Steele-Nicholson family gained military distinction through Brigadier-General John Nicholson who was on active service between 1839 and 1857 in the Anglo-Afghan and Anglo-Sikh wars and the Indian Mutiny. Alfred Francis James Steele-Nicholson and William Herbert Hamilton Steele-Nicholson were grandsons of George Augustus Chichester Macartney of Holywood House, Co Down and their great-uncles, John and Arthur Macartney, were killed in action at the Khyber Pass during the Second Afghan War. Alfred Francis James Steele-Nicholson attended Bangor Grammar School. He moved to the United States of America and returned in early 1915 to run a timber and creosoting business. On obtaining his commission on 15/06/1915 he was appointed to the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Irish Rifles and on 06/06/1916 he joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. He was appointed acting Captain on 12/08/1917. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium; Bangor and District WM; in the Comrades of the Great War (Bangor Branch) Album; on the Memorial Plaques of RBL Bangor Branch, St. Comgall's C of I Parish Church, Bangor; Bangor Grammar School.

#### **+STEENSON, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Private. 14123. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Son of Thomas and Isabella Steenson, of 21, Church St. Warrenpoint, Co. Down. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

#### **+STEVENSON, Alfred Aubrey Ferguson**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn (YCV). Sergeant. 17012. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Aubrey was born 13/10/1895 in Belfast. He had 5 brothers and 2 sisters – the family lived on the Woodstock Road, Belfast – they later moved to The Mount. Aubrey became an Apprentice Moulder when he left school. When the war started he joined the Young Citizens Volunteers, which later became the 14th Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles. Aubrey's elder brother Robert who served with the Royal Engineers, died in Mesopotamia, in May 1918. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

#### **+STEVENSON, Ernest Augustus**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 40919. Died 16/08/1917. Age 29. Born on 20/05/1888. Son of Joseph Stevenson and his wife Ruth Jane (nee Hewett), of Laurel Avenue, Derrytrasna, Lurgan. Stevenson enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Hollywood, County Down, in April or May 1914 (No.943). In November 1916 Stevenson, together with around 100 other North Irish Horsemen, volunteered to transfer to the Royal Irish Rifles (No.40919). They

embarked for France on 7 December, where they joined the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, on the Somme front. In early 1917 Stevenson was wounded, possibly during the attack in the sector in front of Bouchavesnes from 4 to 8 March, during which the 1st Battalion took significant casualties. The wound, however, was not severe, and he was able to rejoin his battalion soon after. On 16/08/1917 Stevenson's battalion took part in the Battle of Langemarck, part of Third Ypres. He was one of those reported as killed in action that day. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+STEVENSON, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Private. 14492. Died 16/08/1917. Age 21. Son of Samuel and Maggie Stevenson, of Rockfield Terrace, Racecourse, Londonderry. TTyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+STEVENSON, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 40847. Formerly North Irish Horse.1828. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. In some records his surname is spelt Steenson. Born on 09/01/1891 in South Street, Newtownards. A son of Thomas and Agnes Stevenson (nee McDowell) who were married on 22/12/1888 in Regent Street Methodist Church Newtownards. The Stevenson family lived at 67 South Street, Newtownards. Thomas Stevenson Senior worked as a woollen weaver and he and Agnes had four children. Prior to the outbreak of the Great War Thomas Stevenson worked as a grocer's assistant. In November 1916 Stevenson, together with around 100 other North Irish Horsemen, volunteered to transfer to the Royal Irish Rifles. They embarked for France on 7 December, where they joined the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, on the Somme front in 25<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the 8<sup>th</sup> Division. On 16/08/1917 Stevenson's battalion took part in the Battle of Langemarck, part of Third Ypres. The battalion war diary for the day listed 27 other ranks killed, 7 wounded and missing, 170 wounded, and 63 missing. Stevenson was one of those listed as wounded and missing, but he was later officially recorded as 'presumed dead'. His brother and sister-in-law, Robert Stevenson (a butter maker) and Ellen Stevenson (nee McKee), who lived in Cleveland, Ohio, USA placed a *For King and Country* notice in the *Newtownards Chronicle*. Son of Mrs. Agnes Stevenson, of 67, South St., Newtownards. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium; Newtownards and District WM; Regent Street Methodist Church, Newtownards RH.

**+STEWART, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 928. Died 16/08/1917. Born Templepatrick and lived in Larne. Son of John and Elizabeth Stewart. Brother of Jeannie Buchan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+STEWART, Joseph**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers. 2nd Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917 near Ypres. Age 26. Born 01/06/1891 in Coalisland, Co. Tyrone. Eldest son of Robert and Essie Margaret Stewart of Gortin, Tullyniskane, Tyrone. Robert Stewart was a miller. The 1910 Ulster Towns Directory records "Stewart, Robert, & Son, corn and wheat millers, Gortin Mills, Coalisland". Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Newmills C of I Parish Church RH. Royal School Dungannon Book

**+STEWART, T**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Lance Corporal. 23194. Died 16/08/1917. Age 22. Son of John and Rachel Stewart, of Keely, Aghadowey, Co. Derry. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

**+STEWART, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 163. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of John Alexander Stewart and Sarah Stewart, of 112, Ravenhill Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+STRONGE, James Matthew**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 26. "Lieutenant James Matthew Stronge, Royal Irish Fusiliers, only son of Sir James H. Stronge, Bart., D.L., Tynan Abbey, County Armagh, Imperial Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Institution, killed, was married so recently as 10th July last to, Winifred, fourth daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel H. G. S. Alexander, of Carrickmore House, County Tyrone, the ceremony being performed by the Lord Primate of All Ireland (Most Rev. Dr. Crozier) at St. Columbkille's Church, Carrickmore. Lieutenant Stronge was a member of the Despatch Riding Corps of the Ulster Volunteer Force, and a Deputy-Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland". Only son of James Henry Stronge, Baronet, and Ethel, his wife, of Tynan Abbey, Tynan. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No 3, Belgium

**Memorial service for the late, Lieutenant James Matthew Stronge**

## Remembrance Ni, August 16

A memorial service for the late, Lieutenant James Matthew Stronge, Royal Irish Fusiliers, and of all friends, especially of the Ulster and Canadian Divisions, who had laid down their lives in the war, was held in Tynan Parish Church on Sunday.

Many members of the Audience wore mourning armlet's with the initials "J. S." ,embroidered thereon. Colonel Fitzgerald and Captain McElwaine represented the Irish Fusiliers.

The officiating clergy were his Grace the Lord Primate, Canon Tichboune, Rev. N. St. G. Sides, and. the Rector, Rev. W. H. Fitzmaurice. The "Last Post " was sounded from the chancel by -bugler of the 10th Royal Irish Fusiliers, under Bandmaster F. May. The collection was in aid of the funds of the Ulster Volunteer Hospital. Miss Hannah McMaster presided efficiently at the organ.

The Lord Primate based his address on the words "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" -Rev. 22nd Chap., 10th verse.

He said to-day they were face to face with a conflict and a cross, and the only thing that gave them comfort and hope was the assurance of the crown of life.

In two memorable engagements the men of the Ulster Division had won undying fame not only for their own province but for the whole of Ireland. First of all on the 1st July last year at Thiepval, and on August 16th this year at what you they might call the fourth battle of Ypres, their province had lost thousands of their noblest and best, and the Division on both occasions tried to do the impossible. In between. In between these two dates there came the splendid fight at Messines, in which the men of Ulster helped to carry the flag to successful victory.

One great war correspondent spoke of the recent battle in these words :-  
"For simple heroism and dogged fighting against overwhelming odds there has been no finer effort by any British troops since the war began."

It was in that fight that their beloved comrade, Sir James Stronge, fell, wounded unto death, after bringing up through shot and shell the supplies of water, food, and munitions that the men sorely needed.

He (his Grace) had read the testimony of officers and men alike to his patience, resourcefulness, and courage, One who had a right to speak said that Lieutenant Stronge never set his men a task to do that he would not gladly do himself. So considerate, so thoughtful of others, so whole-hearted in

everything he did in his short life, the gallant young officer seemed to have compressed the work of fifty years and more. Thank God for the record of such a life!

And with Lieutenant Stronge's name that day they linked all those Ulstermen who had taught them by their lives and death the glory of sacrifice, of service, of duty and honour, more especially the men whose names were registered on the roll of honour of that parish. In conclusion, his Grace said it was a noble thing for their men to have offered their services in this war for God against the devil than to have rested quietly at home. They were all proud of their Ulstermen who had gone forth to save the world.

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Lieutenant James Matthew Stronge was killed in action during the "Third Battle of Ypres" otherwise battle of "Langemarck," **16th August, 1917**. James was the only son of James Henry Stronge, Baronet, and Ethel Margaret Strong nee Burges, of Tynan Abbey, Tynan, County Armagh. Deceased was twenty-six years of age, and is interred in Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No.3, Belgium. Grave Ref. II. F. 22. Lieutenant James Matthew Stronge is locally commemorated on the Armagh City War Memorial. Lieutenant Stronge's headstone epitaph reads:- "MORS JANUA VITAE." which translates to "Death is the door of life."

"We will remember them"

### **+SYMINGTON, George**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Private. 21300. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Symington, of Coolcrannell, Maguiresbridge, Co. Fermanagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+TAGGART, John Mercer**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 19788. Died 16/08/1917. Age 35. Husband to Selina Taggart, of 6, Lagan Side Terrace, Lisburn. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+TANNEY, James**

West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own). 2nd Btn. Private. 42495. Died 16/08/1917. James Tanney was born in Pomeroy and went as a young man to England in search of work. He enlisted in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He arrived in France in 1916 and survived many engagements. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+TAYLOR, Samuel Alexander**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. attd. 109th Trench Mortar Bty. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 32. Brother of John Edmund Taylor, of Tullyherron, Mountnorris, Co. Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+THOMPSON, David**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Rifleman.7868. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of William A. Thompson, of 59, Gaigmore St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+THOMPSON, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Corporal. 17037. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Son of Andrew and Elizabeth Thompson, of 99, Moat St., Donaghadee. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+THOMPSON, John Gunning**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. A Coy. Corporal. 17037. Died 16/08/1917. Age 23. Born on 19 /10/1896 in Back Street, Donaghadee. He was the eldest son and second child of Andrew and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Thompson (nee Gunning) who were married on 12/04/1893 in Donaghadee C of I Parish Church. Andrew Thompson was a son of John Thompson, a labourer. Lizzie Gunning was a daughter of James Gunning, a sailor. The Thompson family lived in Donaghadee, in Back Street, in Union Street, in Mount Street, in Bow Street and at 99 Moat Street. Andrew Thompson worked as a general labourer and he and Elizabeth had at least ten children. John Gunning Thompson enlisted in Donaghadee in 1914 and he served with the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Irish Rifles in 108<sup>th</sup> Brigade of the 36<sup>th</sup> (Ulster) Division. In April 1916, John was home on a short leave from the trenches and later he was wounded in action on 01/07/1916. After he recovered, Corporal John Thompson returned to the fighting line and he was at the Battle of Langemarck. Initially Corporal John Thompson (No. 17037) was reported as wounded and missing in action. Then, in November 1917, it was officially confirmed that he must be presumed to have been killed in action on that date. His brother James Thompson died as the result of enemy action on 05/05/1941. Son of Andrew and Elizabeth Thompson, of 99, Moat St., Donaghadee. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium; Donaghadee and District WM; Donaghadee C of I Parish Church RH. Also commemorated on the family grave headstone in Donaghadee Parish Church Graveyard

**+THOMPSON, Scott**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 4935. Died 16/08/1917. He was a brother of Charles Magee Thompson, RN, who died in HMS Vanguard at Jutland on 09/07/1917. Sons of James and Mary Jane Thompson. Ballymena Observer, August 31, 1917 - "The relatives of Rifleman Scott Thompson, Royal Irish Rifles, who reside at Lisnafillan, Galgorm, have received information to the effect that he was killed in the recent offensive. Rifleman Thompson was formerly employed in the Lisnafillan Bleaching Works. He was previously wounded and, after recovering, returned to the front. His brother Charles (Thompson) was lost in the recent disaster which overtook HMS Vanguard." Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

**+TODD, R**

Royal Engineers, 150th Field Coy. Driver. 64272. Died 16/08/1917. Husband to Mrs. E. Todd, of 48, Wolff St., Belfast. White House Cemetery, St Jean-les-Ypres, Belgium

**+TOPPING, Henry**

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. Corporal. 11/18838. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of Henry and Mary Topping, of 124, Longstone St., Lisburn. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+TOPPING, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. Rifleman. 7281. Died 16/08/1917. Age 45. Husband to Annie Topping, of 27, Millbrook Rd., Lisburn. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+TOSH, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 16059. Died 16/08/1917. Age 40. Husband of Rebecca Tosh, of 11, Windmill Terrace, Londonderry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+VANCE, Brown**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 24582. Died 16/08/1917 during the Battle of Langemarck (Third Battle of Ypres). Age 21. He enlisted in Cookstown under an assumed name, Patrick McFalls. Son of Mrs. Marshall, of Killeefaddy, Magherafelt. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+VANCE, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 19236. Died 16/08/1917 at the Battle of Langemarck. Age 23. Enlisted in Newtownards and went to France on 06/10/1915. Born on 06/06/1894 in Upper Movilla Street, Newtownards. Son of James and Annie Vance (nee McMillan) who were married on 14/04/1884 in Greenwell Street Presbyterian Church Newtownards. The Vance family lived at 19 Greenwell Street and before that at 12 George's Street, Newtownards. James Vance Senior fought in the South African War and then he worked as a labourer. He and Annie had at least eleven children. Three brothers served during the Great War and only Alexander survived. He was discharged from the Army after suffering gas poisoning and being severely wounded – part of one foot was blown off in an explosion and he needed a series of operations to remove shrapnel from his leg. Alexander Vance died in 1965 and was buried in Movilla Cemetery Newtownards alongside his father who died in 1937 and his mother who died in 1938. James Vance was the second of the two brothers to be killed during the Great War and, during the war, at least four of his siblings, his sister-in-law and his niece died of tuberculosis. Prior to the outbreak of the Great War James Vance worked in a factory. He played inside forward for the Ards Football Club and in one newspaper report he was described as having outstanding ability. There was a prediction that James was destined for stardom on the football field. The report stated that 'his ability to shield and control the ball was legendary'. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium ; Newtownards and District WM

**+VERNER, William Martin**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 26375. Died 16/08/1917. Age 18. Son of Samuel and Jane Verner, of 13, Fourth St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+WALKER, Cornwall Nathaniel Brownlow**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Captain. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of Adaline C. Walker, of 103, Fitzroy Avenue, Belfast, and the late Cornwall Walker. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+WALKER, Samuel Hugh**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1917. Age 26. Son of Samuel and Eliza Ann Walker, of 5, Dee St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+WALSH, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Rifleman. 5414. Died 16/08/1917. Age 20. Son of Mrs. Jane Walsh, of 21, Hill St., Lisburn. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+WATSON, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9124. Died 05/07/1917. Brother of Fusilier Dynes Watson (1475) who died 05/07/1916. Son of John and Jane Watson, 20 New St., Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+WATSON, William John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 19298. Died 16/08/1917. Age 27. Enlisted in September 1914. He was wounded at the Somme on 01/07/1916, receiving a gunshot wound to the right arm. Prior to enlisting he was in the employment of the Braidwater Spinning Company. Only son of Robert Watson, Alexander Street, Ballymena and brother of Mrs. Sarah Russell of 6, Henry Street, Harryville, Ballymena. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

**+WEATHERALL, Albert**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 26325. Died 16/08./1917. Age 17. Son of William John and Ann Jane Weatherall, of 10, Kendal St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+WEIR, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Rifleman. 6073. Died 16/08/1917. Age 32. Husband to Elizabeth Weir, of Ballyskeagh, Lambeg, Lisburn. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+WHITE, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 1030. Died 16/08/1917. Age 25. Son of William and Matilda White, of Fernalizcoy, Ballymoney. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+WHITLEY, Andrew**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Rifleman. 9862. Died 16/08/1917. Age 18. Son of Andrew and Kathleen Hopkins, of 73, Byron St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+WILKINSON, Albert**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. C Coy. Private. 24910. Died 16/08/1917. Age 19. Son of John and Elizabeth Jane Wilkinson, of Derrysnaefall, Portadown. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+WILLIAMS, Robert James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Serjeant. 9272. Died 16/08/1917 during the Third Battle of Ypres at Passchendaele. Born in Dundalk, County Louth. Robert lived in Dublin. Robert Williams enlisted in Cookstown. He was the son of Mary Williams. Dochy Farm New British Cemetery, Belgium

**+YEATES, Andrew B**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Serjeant. 16112. Died 16/08/1917. Age 31. Son of the late Henry and Mary Jane Yeates, of Belfast. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

**1918**

**+FRAZER, Willoughby**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 9852. Died 16/08/1918. Age 30. Son of David and Elizabeth Frazer, of 12, Windsor Rd., Lisburn Rd., Belfast. Arneke British Cemetery, France

**+JERVIS, Harry C**

Canadian Infantry, 10th Btn, A Coy. Lance Corporal. 231117. Military Medal. Died 16/08/1918. Aged 27. Born 07/05/1891. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jervis, of Belfast, Ireland. Husband to Annie Jervis, of 302, Irving Road, Victoria, British Columbia. On enlistment he was living with his wife at 10966, 122 Street, Edmonton, Alberta and he was working as a telephone inspector. Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Somme, France. St Jude's C of I Church, Belfast, WM

**+LAVERTY, Joseph**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/08/1918. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1915 - 16. Joseph was a National School teacher. He had held posts at Edenderry in Omagh, Ballinalee, Wilson's Hospitals Endowed School in Westmeath and Newtownards Model School before being appointed principal at Castlerobin National School, Lisburn (just north of Sale's Corner), where he appears to have lived. He married Gretta Diver in Omagh on 22/07/1910. Gretta was also a teacher. She died on 23/07/1913, three years and a day after they were married. She was 26 years old. He was

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KIA in Belgium, a year after first going to the front. Son of James and Margaret Laverty. Brother of W.J. Laverty, York Road, Belfast. He was born in Tobermore on 08/12/1886. Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 138, West Vlanderen, Belgium. Joseph Laverty and Gretta Laverty are named on a family memorial in St Eugenius Church of Ireland churchyard, Cappagh, outside Omagh.

### **+McCLELLAND, Wesley Charles**

North Irish Horse. Private. 71062. Died 16/08/1918. After taking part in the action of the German Spring Offensive of March 1918, the regiment was further reduced when an officer and 13 men were attached to 64th Brigade, 21st Division on 14/08/1918. Two days later Private Wesley McClelland died in action as the division prepared for another attack on the Somme. Born on 31/01/1890 in Cookstown. He was one of twelve children, eleven surviving. His father was a baker and grocer with a shop in William Street. Wesley was a baker also. Wesley enlisted in Cookstown. Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, France. Cookstown WM

### **+SIMPSON, Joseph James**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn Private. 49824. Died. 16/08/1918. Age 29. Eldest son of John and Matilda (nee Kennedy) Simpson. James Simpson was the eldest of six children. He was born on the 09/10/1888 at Ballymully, Moneymore. His father was a farmer. He enlisted at Finner Camp, County Donegal with the 10th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. In the spring of 1918 the Battalion were disbanded and he was transferred to the 1st Btn. Bertenacre Military Cemetery, Fletre, Nord, France. Moneymore WM

## **1919**

### **+ATKINSON, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 3rd Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 23837. Died 16/08/1919. Age 19. Son of William James and Mary Atkinson, of 101, Mountcollyer Rd., Belfast. Carnmoney Cemetery

## **1920**

### **+LYNN, James**

Royal Army Service Corps, 906th Coy. Serjeant. EMT/57074. Died 07/08/1920. Age 37. 906 Company, ASC, was formed in February 1917 and disbanded in June 1922 They served with Ismaila District in Egypt, as Corps Troops with the Desert Mounted Corps, and with North Force. Their role was 52 Auxiliary (Petrol) Company. Born 23/09/1882. Son of James and Elizabeth

Lynn, of Mousetown, Coalisland, Co. Tyrone. His father was a railway porter. Elizabeth was a dress maker. One of four brothers who died on service, two of whom are buried in Belgium, one in France and the fourth in Israel. Haifa War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine (including Gaza). Dungannon WM

## 1940

### **+HUGHES, William Arthur**

RAF. Sergeant (Observer). 563882. Died 16/08/1940. Aged 26. 144 Sqdn. Son of Charles and Alice Hughes; husband to Evelyn Hughes, of Crumlin. Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

## 1941

### **+McGALL, William James**

Royal Artillery, 9 HAA. Regt. 26 Bty. Gunner. 1468990. Died 16/08/1941. Aged 27. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James McGall, of Bellaghy, Co. Londonderry. Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Derry Cathedral WM. Bellaghy Presbyterian Church WM

## 1942

### **+LOGAN, James**

RN. AB. D/SS 35903. Died 16/08/1942. HMMGB 609. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 28/08/1942). Dover (St James) Cemetery

## 1943

### **+SMYTH, Norman**

RAFVR. 88 Sqdn Pilot Officer (Navigator). 155547. Died 16/08/1943. Aged 23. 88 Sqdn. Educated MCB. Born 28/05/1920. Son of James and Elizabeth Smyth, of Belfast. Hesdin Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

## 1944

### **+GILMORE, John**

New Zealand Infantry, 18th Btn. Private. 29318. Died 16/08/1944. Aged 24. Gilmore's 18th Battalion was part of the 2nd New Zealand Division under Lieutenant General Bernard C. Freyberg. They fought in Greece, Crete, the Western Desert, and Italy, playing a prominent role at El Alamein. In April 1941, the 2nd New Zealand Division deployed to Greece. There, they

combined with Australian and British troops as W Force under Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson.

Germany overwhelmed the Allied troops in what became the Battle of Greece. W Force retreated to Crete and Egypt. The final remaining New Zealanders evacuated by 25/04/1941. 291 of their number were killed, 387 wounded and a further 1,826 taken captive. Private John Gilmore was taken prisoner of war. His place of capture was listed as Greece. He likely died in captivity in a German Prisoner of War Camp.

He was a labourer in Wellington before enlisting. Born in Belfast, he was the son of John Gilmore and Margaret Gilmore. 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Charlottenburg, Berlin, Germany.

### **+VINCENT, Leonard John**

Welch Regiment. 1/5th Btn. Lance Corporal. 3962594. Died 16/08/1944. Age 23 . Son of William John and Alice Mary Vincent; husband of Annie Teresa Vincent, of Newry. Raanville War Cemetery, France

## **VETERANS**

### **ARMSTRONG, James Rowan**

RAFVR. Wing Commander. MRCS and FRCS 1938. MB BCh BAO Belfast 1933. MCh 1941. MD 1938.

James Armstrong came from a staunchly medical Belfast family but spent very little of his life in his native province. His father John was a surgeon and sometime Member of Council of the RCS Ireland; his mother Maria, née Rowan, was a doctor, as were three of his brothers and his sister.

James was born on 03/06/1910 in Ballymena, County Antrim. He was Educated at Dungannon Royal School and at Queen's University, Belfast, where he qualified in 1933. His father introduced him to basic surgery, teaching him to exploit his ambidexterity and to operate with equal facility with either hand. After his house jobs he left for London, where he took a number of Junior surgical appointments in smaller hospitals and was inspired by Dickson Wright's operative skill. At Charing Cross Hospital he was orthopaedic registrar with David Trevor, confirming his inclination towards that specialty. After gaining his FRCS in 1938 he was for a time surgical registrar to the Metropolitan Hospital, but having already joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve he was called up soon after the outbreak of war. Much of his war service was at RAF Ely, where as a surgical specialist he developed his

orthopaedics and on the treatment of fractures by bone grafting. He rose to the rank of wing commander.

His first consultant post was at the Royal Waterloo, followed by appointments at the Manor House, the Metropolitan and Lambeth Hospitals. The last named was later taken over by St Thomas's, with which the staff was integrated. His particular expertise was in the management of the prolapsed intervertebral disc by laminectomy. His book *Lumbar disc lesions* was first published in 1952 and went through three editions; he co-authored *Injury in sport* with W E Tucker.

As a sportsman he excelled, playing both cricket and rugby for his university and golf for his County (handicap 2); salmon and trout fishing increasingly occupied his later years. His wife commented that he always selected his house surgeons from among the more sporting types on the grounds that they might be more intelligent and would work harder so that they could have time off. This worked well enough (apart from the odd 'patching up' that had to be done on Monday mornings) until a yachtsman was stranded on the other side of the world and was away for longer than anyone had anticipated!

He was a very private person who could seem austere, declining to take part in any committee work or social activities, but to those who knew him well he was a warm and loyal friend and could be immensely entertaining as a raconteur. He was married twice but had no children. After the dissolution of his first marriage he took good care to teach the lady who was to become his second wife, Patricia Timpson, to be both keen and competent on the golf course and the river before he married her. He died on 16/08/1996 after a long illness. Acknowledgment - Royal College of Surgeons of England, Plarr's Lives of the Fellows

## **BURKE, Aubrey**

Corporal Aubrey Burke (7046114) served in 2nd Battalion, Royal Ulster Rifles during the Second World War. He was the son of William James Burke and Elizabeth Burke of Portadown, Co. Armagh, and the husband of R.C. Burke of 9 Meadow Lane, Portadown, Co. Armagh.

Before joining the Royal Ulster Rifles, Aubrey found himself in trouble as an 18-year-old recruit to the Royal Irish Fusiliers. Along with George Graham, he illegally entered the office of Richard Keown of Ballyhornan, Co. Down. The pair stole a total of £1, 10s. Burke plead guilty and the British Army dealt with proceedings. Mr. Justice Brown returned Burke and Graham to army life, sparing them prison as it was a first offence. Both the young recruits paid the Crown Solicitor a total of £2 each towards legal costs.

In February 1944, Aubrey married his wife who served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service. His brother William Burke also served in the Second World War as a gunner in the Royal Artillery. An older brother Robert Burke was recently discharged and a sister worked in a local N.A.A.F.I.

Corporal Burke returned to the front after the wedding and by June 1944 was in Normandy with 2nd Battalion, Royal Ulster Rifles who landed on D-Day. Under heavy shelling, Burke sustained a back injury. While recovering in hospital, he wrote home to tell the family how he had taken nine prisoners of war the night before the attack.

Corporal Burke died on 16/08/1946 aged 23 years old as a result of a tragic boating accident on the River Bann in Portadown, Co. Armagh. Recently demobilised, Burke had returned to his hometown. On 16/08/1946, he and his 8-year-old nephew Oswald Matchett were on the banks of the river when they spotted two young boys in a small boat. They were 14-year-old Wilson Joyce of Portmore Street and 13-year-old George Ford of Clonavon Avenue. Burke shouted across the river asking for a lift along the river to where his wife awaited in another boat. The four then proceeded down the river in the direction of Seagoe.

Close to the factory of Hamilton and Robb Ltd., the stronger Burke swapped rowing duties with young Joyce. As the two swapped places, the boat overturned. Burke, Joyce, and Ford clung on to the upturned vessel but 8-year-old Matchett disappeared beneath the water. Burke released his hold on the boat, diving under to rescue his nephew. However, the injuries sustained in Normandy left the Corporal a rather weak swimmer.

Aubrey Burke and Oswald Matchett disappeared from sight in an area of thick weeds and concealed mud. Joyce and Ford shouted for help. Factory workers from Hamilton and Robb Ltd. pulled the boys ashore and administered first aid. Employees Herbert Nicholson, William Holland, William Brown, and Evan Jennett dived in the river to begin the search for Burke and Matchett.

By the afternoon, a total of eight boats were partaking in the search coordinated by District Inspector T.P.R. Kenny and Head Constable G. Steele of Portadown R.U.C. Among those involved in the search was Burke's brother William. Their efforts were to no avail, however, and both Aubrey Burke and young Oswald Matchett were drowned in the river.

Corporal Burke's grave is in Old Ground, Grave 1167 of Seagoe Cemetery, Portadown, Co. Armagh. In 2018, his name was a new addition to the Portadown War Memorial, Portadown, Co. Armagh.

### **KANE, George Alfred Kane**

RAMC. OBE, TD. He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1932 but resigned his commission in 1934 to return to dispensing practice in Ballymena and to be medical officer of health.

Dr. Kane served in the army during the second world war and was wounded at Dunkirk. He served in Persia and Iraq and was second hygiene officer Second Army from Normandy to Lunenburg Heath.

He was responsible for the sanitary clearing of Belsen and other concentration camps, for which he was awarded a military OBE. He was also present at the surrender of the German medical services at Lunenburg Heath in 1945.

He returned to general practice and took an active interest in public health matters. For 32 years he was medical officer of the Royal Ulster Rifles, later the Royal Irish Rangers, at the Ballymena regimental depot.

Born 1907; he qualified at Queen's University Belfast 1931; DPH.

Dr. Kane was a keen fisherman, an avid golfer, and a born raconteur, always the life and soul of the party. He died on 16/08/2000 and was survived by his wife, Marion; three sons (two of whom are doctors); and five grandchildren.

### **LASCELLES, John**

RAMC. Captain. QUB MB 1917. WW1. Served E Africa and Constantinople. Born 1892 Downpatrick. Died 16/08/1924 Earlstown, Lancs

### **RANKIN, George**

RN. Stoker First Class. K28828. Enrolled 11/11/1915 for hostilities. War service in Pembroke II, Woolaroo, Vanguard, Victorious, Vivid II and Pelorus. Demobbed 28/09/1919. Born Coleraine 16/08/1896. Park Street. Coleraine, New Row - PCI RH, ADM 188/924/28828

### **WATTERS, Charles**

RN. AB. Age 23. Notified as missing after sinking HMS Gloucester. Later notified as a PoW in Germany. Two brothers serving in RAF. Son of Mr and Mrs Watters, Langford St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 07/06/1941 and 16/08/1941).

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