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Tournai Communal Cemetery

Tournai Communal Cemetery is located in Belgium. The Cemetery is located in the south-west district of Tournai and contains 873 burials.

Tournai was captured by the German II Corps on 23 August 1914, in spite of resistance from a French Territorial Brigade, and the town remained in German hands until it was entered by the 47th (London) and 74th (Yeomanry) Divisions on 8 November 1918. The 51st (Highland) Casualty Clearing Station arrived on 14 November and remained until 20 July 1919. During the occupation, the German sick and wounded were nursed in the "Asile", whilst the Commonwealth and Allied were cared for in the Hopital Notre-Dame. The (Southern) Communal Cemetery, in the Faubourg-St.Martin, was used and extended by the Germans, although the graves were later regrouped by nationality and some were brought in from other cemeteries in a wide area around Tournai.

There are 689 WW1 Commonwealth burials and 52 WW2 burials. There are also 117 Russian burials, all of men who died as prisoners of war. Almost all of the 52 Second World War burials in the extension date from May 1940 and the withdrawal of the British Expeditionary Force ahead of the German advance.

On this Day – December 28

1916

The Germans make determined attacks on the Mort Homme front (Verdun).

1922

HMS Rodney and HMS Nelson were laid down on Tyne and Mersey. They were nicknamed the Cherry Trees as they

were cut down under the terms the of Washington Treaty. They were the only Royal Navy battleships to carry main armament in triple turrets and the only ones with 16 inch guns.

1939

First flight of the XB-24 Liberator, at Lindbergh Field, San Diego, the prototype for what will be America's most-produced four-engine bomber of the war.

The German submarine U-30 spotted the British battleship HMS Barnham west of the Butt of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides and hit it with a torpedo.

Four crew members were killed but the Barham was able to make it back to Liverpool where it underwent six months of repairs. Barham had taken part in the Battle of Jutland in WW1. See Veterans in today's Roll of Honour below.

The British Minister of Food W.S. Morrison announced that starting January 8, rationing would be expanded to include butter, bacon, ham and sugar.

1940

Mussolini asks Hitler for support, to help the bogged down Italian forces with their offensive against the Greeks in Albania.

As food becomes scarce in Italy, the Italian government announces that in extreme cases people caught hoarding food might be executed.



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1941

General Wavell takes over command of the British forces defending Burma and India.

Lieutenant General Thomas Jacomb Hutton assumed command of Burma Army.

US authorizes first contingent of Navy Construction Battalions: the “Seabees.”

Japanese paratroopers land on Sumatra.

The British cargo ship Volo was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Egypt by German submarine U-75. The destroyer HMS Kipling chased the U-boat down and sank U-75 with depth charges.

1942

The Japanese withdrawal from Buna ordered.

In the face of the continuing Soviet offensive toward Rostov-on-Don, Army Group A is ordered to withdraw its forces from the Caucasus.

Sterilization experiments on women at Birkenau begin.

General De Gaulle welcomes Giraud’s appointment and calls for French unity.

1943

The British military mission arrives in Turkey to discuss the supply of arms and troops as agreed at Cairo. However, the Turks make surprising new demands, which cannot be met.

The Eighth Army and Canadians take Ortona, Italy after fierce house-to-house fighting.

In Naples, US Army opens mass delousing stations for civilians to control typhus epidemic.

The Battle of the Bay of Biscay was fought between British and German warships. The result was a victory for the Royal

Navy as two German torpedo boats and the destroyer Z27 were sunk with no British losses in return.

1944

U.S. troops gain ground against the Ardennes salient.

Corrie ten Boom is released from Ravensbrück concentration camp due to a clerical error; she would later write *The Hiding Place* about her experiences. Musical *On the Town* premieres on Broadway.

1945

The United States Congress officially recognizes the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll of Honour – December 28

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+McLAUGHLIN, Thomas

Royal Naval Brigade. RND. Chief Petty Officer. Clyde Z/245. Nelson Battalion. Died 28/12/1915. Age 27. Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. He was killed in action, at Achi Baba, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey. Formerly served 6 years RNVR, re-enlisted 17/09/1914 ; Collingwood Battalion 'A' Company 1st Platoon 04/02/1915 - 04/06/1915 GSW right elbow, joined/transferred to Nelson Battalion 15/08/1915 - 28/12/1915. Rated Leading Seaman 12/10/1914, Petty Officer 28/11/1914, Chief Petty Officer 18/09/1915. Born

28/11/1888. His father James McLaughlin from Coleraine lived in Glasgow; and his uncle and aunt, Thomas and Kathleen Millar, lived in the Orange Hall, Portstewart. Brother of Mrs. Martha McQuarrie, Apsley Street, Partick, Glasgow, Lanarkshire. Resided with sister. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey, Panel 8. Coleraine WM. ADM339

1916

+CRYMBLE, John Gordon

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Princess Victoria's. Second Lieutenant. Died 28/12/1916. Age 19. Born on 04/02/1897 at 17 Rossmore Avenue, Belfast. He was the only child of Samuel Gordon Crymble and Elizabeth Emily (nee Agnew) Crymble who were married on 12 /11/1895 in May Street Presbyterian Church Belfast. Samuel Gordon Crymble, a solicitor from Belfast was a son of Matthew Crymble, a music seller. Elizabeth Emily Agnew from Belfast was a daughter of Samuel Agnew, a tea merchant.

The Crymble family lived at 17 Rossmore Avenue, Belfast and, when they resided in Bangor, they lived at 37 Queen's Parade. John Crymble was educated at RBAI and then at Queen's University Belfast, Faculty of Medicine 1914 - 15. Member of the Training Corps 1916. He enlisted into the 19th Royal Fusiliers (2nd Public Schools Battalion) on 16/03/ 1915, and was commissioned into the Royal Irish Fusiliers on 05/08/1916. In France from 14/11/1915. John joined the 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers on 07/10/1916 and was posted to B Company. He died of wounds on 28/12/1916, in Number 2 Casualty Clearing Station having been hit by a shrapnel bullet in the right leg on 22/12/1916. Son of Samuel Gordon Crymble and Elizabeth Emily Crymble (nee



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Agnew), College Green, Belfast. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Queen's University Belfast WM. Royal Belfast Academical Institution (RBAI)

+WILSON, D

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Rifleman. 16060. Died 28/12/1916. Age 30 years old. Husband of Mrs. E. Montgomery (formerly Wilson), of 56, Centre St., Whiteinch, Glasgow. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

1917

+CHERRY, John

Royal Munster Fusiliers. 6th Btn. A Coy. Private. 6340. Died 28/12/1917. Age 30. Son of Patrick Cherry. Jerusalem Memorial, Israel and Palestine

+CORRIGAN, Thomas Patrick

Royal Munster Fusiliers. 6th Btn. Private. 6965. Died 28/12/1917. Age 20. Native of Lisburn. Son of Patrick and Bridget Corrigan, of 71, Herbert St., Crumlin Rd., Belfast. Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine

+MACBRIDE, HN

Royal Garrison Artillery, Antrim (S.R). Gunner. 285573. Died 28/12/1917. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

+McVEIGH, William John

Royal Munster Fusiliers. 6th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 28/12/1917. Age 24. Son of James and Alice M. McVeigh, of Cookstown, Co. Tyrone. Enlisted in Aug., 1914. Wounded three times in France. Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine

+O'HAGAN, Jim

Royal Munster Fusiliers. 6th Btn. Private. 5216. Died 28/12/1917. Age 27. Brother of Denis O'Hagan, of 15, Eden Terrace, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine

1919

+WHITE, Thomas

Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Private. 3/32163. Died 28/12/1919. Transferred to (702990) 6th Coy. Labour Corps. Son of James and Mary J White. Born in County Tyrone about 1892. Before enlisting, Thomas worked for Samuel Smith, Union Place, Dungannon. Private Thomas White was with No. 6 Labour Company of the Labour Corps (Service No.

702990) for a time. He was transferred to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. He had been gassed in France on 05/06/1915. He was sent to the Reading Hospital in England to recover. By February 1916, Private White was in Salonika, Greece, writing to his mother who was living in Beechvalley, Dungannon. Ration Farm Military Cemetery, La Chapelle-D'Armentieres, Nord, France

1940

+CHAMBERS, William

RAFVR. Sergeant. 745628. Died 28/12/1940. 106 Sqdn. Runnymede Memorial. 502 (Ulster) Squadron WM, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

+SHARP, Leslie Mark

RAF. Pilot Officer. 85241. Died 28/12/1940. Aged 23. 96 Sqdn. Son of Mark and Annie Sharp of Belfast. Carnmoney Jewish Cemetery

1942

HM Tug St Issey

+BRADY, Alexander

RN. AB. D/JX 182442. HM Tug St Issey. Died 28/12/1942. Aged 29. St Issey was a steam tug. It was attacked by U-617 on 28/12/1942 off Bengazi. 36 members of crew were lost. Three years' service. A brother served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Son of William and Ellen Brady, Cargill St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 15/01/1943). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 64

+MORTON, Samuel

RN. Stoker 1st Class. D/KX 132552. HMS. St Issey. Died 28/12/1942. He is commemorated on the Bushmills WM together with his brothers Albert who died during WWII and John who died during WWI. He had sixteen siblings. Son of Robert and Elizabeth nee Kerr Morton, Ballytober, Bushmills. Plymouth Naval War Memorial. Bushmills WM. Dunluce Parish WM

+KANE, Samuel

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 6977922. Died 28/12/1942. Age 27. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Kane; husband to Emma Kane, of Portadown. Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia

+KYLE, Norman

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Fusilier. 7043678. Died 28/12/1942. Age 21. Fusilier Kyle was killed during the Faughs' operations around Goubellat on 27-29 December 1942. Son of Annie Kyle of Carnmoney, Co. Antrim. Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia

+MONTGOMERY, James Peden

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Fusilier. 6979320. Died 28/12/1942. Age 22. Son of Jean Montgomery; husband of Margaret Montgomery, of Belfast. Medjez-el-Bab Memorial, Tunisia

+WALSH, George Henry

RAF. Sergeant. 657583. Died 28/12/1942. Age 25. Son of J.Walsh and Elizabeth Nelson Walsh of Banbridge.
Banbridge Cemetery

1944

+BLACK, Harold Gibson

RAFV. Sergeant. 1517655. Died 28/12/1944 Aged 23. Son of Harold Eveleigh Black and Agnes Black of Whitehead.
Carnmoney Cemetery

+BRIDGWOOD, John William

RAFVR. Pilot Officer. Died 28/12/1944. RAFPE 1942 - 43
QUB. Alamein Memorial, Egypt. QUB WM

+RAINEY, John

Royal Corps of Signals. 1 Indep. Troops Sig. Sec. Serjeant. 2323856. Died 28/12/1944. Aged 28. Son of Henry A. and Ann Jane Rainey, of Omagh. Geel War Cemetery, Antwerpen, Belgium

VETERANS

AUSTIN, Cecil William Stead

RAFVR. Flight Lieutenant. 'Bunny' Austin participated in the Battle of Britain. Spitfire pilot. QUB Med 1938. Dentist. Served with 504 Squadron at R.A.F. Ballyhalbert. During his service he flew two of the Spitfire aircraft which had been purchased by the people of Northern Ireland through the

Belfast Telegraph Spitfire fund - These being named "Enniskillen" and "Down". During his active service he was shot in the leg. He appeared in a local television documentary called "Tailwind". He was the father of local radio personality Wendy Austin. Born 17/01/1920, Londonderry. Son of Glover E. Austin and Mary C. Austin. Died 28/12/2008, aged 88. Londonderry City Cemetery.

BALL, Winifred M F

WRNS. MCB. Born 28/12/1921. Son of Samuel Ball. Melrose St., Belfast

BARR, Joseph

RM Artillery. Gunner.10463. HMS Barham. Jutland. Enlisted Glasgow 28/04/1903. War service in Columbine and Iron Duke. Re-engaged 13/03/1915. Discharged 16/09/1922. Born 28/12/1883. Woodbine Terr., Coleraine. New Row - PCI RH. ADM 159/81/10463

DALES, Herbert Calvert

RNVR. Sure - Lieutenant. Born Lisburn 17/10/1919. Campbell College 2465. MB BCh BAO QUB 1942, MRCS and FRCS 1948, MCh 1951, MD 1972. After junior appointments in Belfast he joined the RNVR. On demobilisation, in 1946, he returned to demonstrate anatomy in Belfast, passed the FRCS, and became a lecturer in surgery. In 1955 he was appointed consultant surgeon to Belfast City Hospital and Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast. In 1963 he visited St Mary's to study the vascular surgical techniques of Charles Rob and Felix Eastcott, and on his return pioneered the use of gusset grafts for aortic reconstruction. In the early days these were made up by his theatre sister from terylene. Unfortunately,

he developed a sensitivity to latex gloves, which was complicated by infection and he took early retirement in 1979, at the age of 60. He had married Frances Audrey née Pope, another Belfast graduate, in 1950. They had two daughters. After retirement he and his wife went into general practice in Torquay, where they could enjoy their hobby of sailing. He died on 28/12/2001

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