



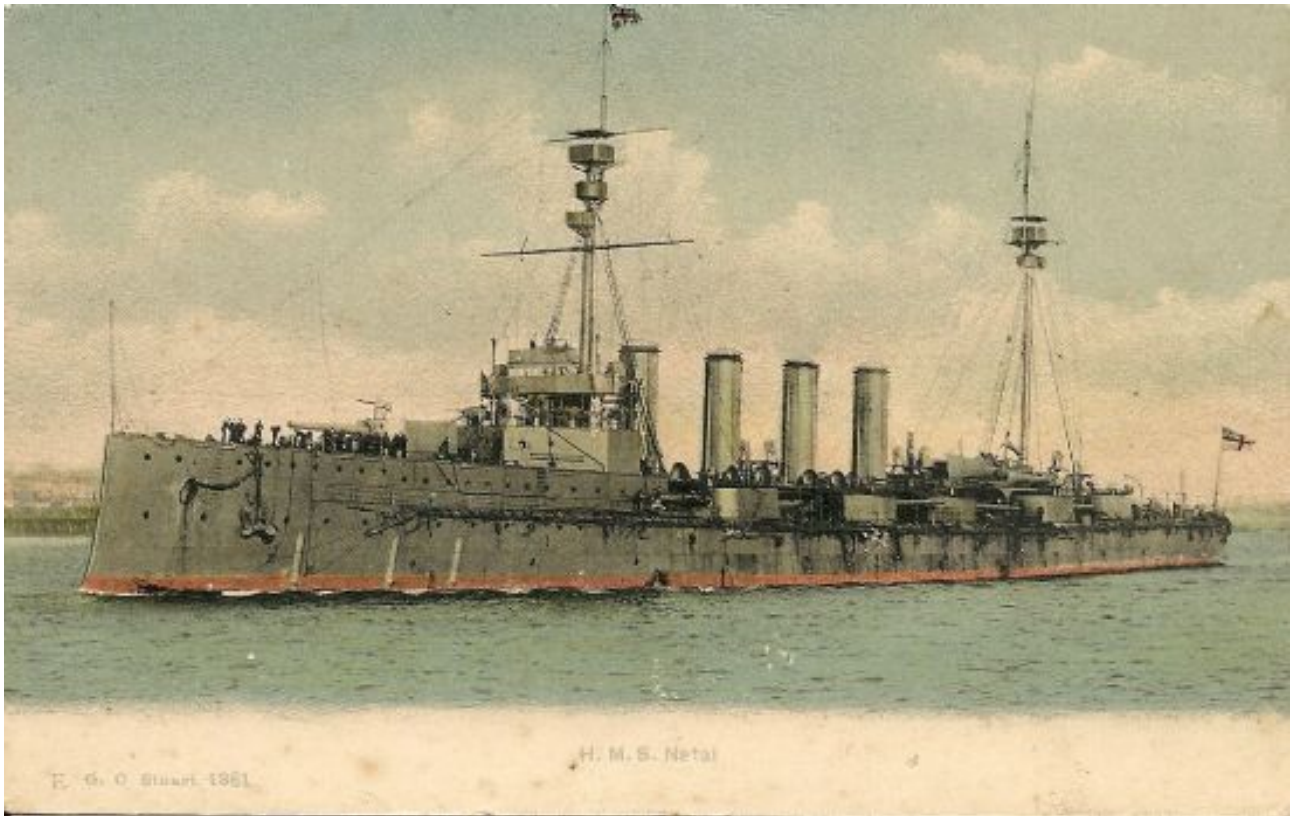
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Internal explosion sinks HMS Natal

During the afternoon of the 30th December 1915, HMS Natal, under the command of Captain Eric Back, blew up at anchor with a great loss of life including nine men and boy sailors from Northern Ireland.



Cromarty held a commemoration day on 30th September 2015, the 110th anniversary of the launch of H.M.S. Natal. Each of the fifteen H.M.S. Natal graves in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's section of the Cromarty Cemetery were marked with a blue ribbon. Pupils from Cromarty Primary School placed a single red rose at each grave.



An early colour photograph in pre-funnel ring days.
Probably about 1908/9.

HMS Natal was a 'Warrior Class' heavy cruiser of 13550 tons. She was launched in 1905 and had an interesting history before the First World War.

In 1914 she joined the Second Cruiser Squadron, which by 1915 was based in the Cromarty Firth, in the north of Scotland.

In the years before the First World War, the Cromarty Firth became a major naval base. The entrance to the Cromarty Firth was through a narrow channel between two headlands known as the Sutors. The small town of Cromarty was built on the landward side of the Sutors and the town was justifiably proud of its position and association with the Navy.



Many postcards were published showing the town with the fleet either in the Firth or between the Sutors.

HMS Natal got her name because the funds required to build her came from Natal Province. The ship was completed in 1905 and had a displacement of 13,550 tons. She was re-commissioned at Sheerness on 17/09/1912.

On 30/12/1915. The Natal was lying in the Cromarty Firth with her squadron under the command of Captain Eric Back RN. Shortly after 3.20pm, and without warning, a series of violent explosions tore through the ship.

The captain was hosting a film party aboard and had invited the wives and children of his officers, one civilian friend and his family, and nurses from the nearby hospital ship Drina to attend. A total of seven women, one civilian male, and three children were in attendance that afternoon.



From Invergordon looking towards Cromarty.

Shortly after 1525, and without warning, a series of violent explosions tore through the rear part of the ship. Within five minutes she capsized, a blazing wreck. 390 men, more than half of the ship's company, 11 women and children and two dockyard workers died either from the explosions or in the freezing water of the Cromarty Firth.

It is not known what caused the explosions. Sabotage by German agents was suspected but never proved. With her hull still visible at low water it was Royal Navy practice on entering and leaving Cromarty right up to the second World War for every warship to sound "Still" and for officers and men to come to attention as they passed the wreck.

The skeleton of the Natal still lies visible in the Cromarty Firth marked by a radar buoy. Many of those who were killed are buried in the Churchyard at Cromarty.

Deterioration of explosives was blamed for the disaster at the time, which happened in the after magazine. The Admiralty court-martial into the causes of her loss concluded that it was caused by an internal ammunition explosion, possibly due to faulty cordite. The Admiralty issued a revised list of the dead and missing that totalled 390 in January 1916, but did not list the women and children on board that day.

Between November 1914 and September 1918, five Royal Naval ships suffered from major internal explosions that led to catastrophic losses.

These ships were:

- HMS Bulwark that blew up on 26th November 1914 whilst moored in the River Medway.
- HM Auxiliary Ship Princess Irene that blew up on 27th May 1915 in Sheerness Harbour.
- HMS Natal that blew up on 30th December 1915 whilst at anchor in the Cromarty Firth.
- HMS Vanguard that blew up on 9th July 1917 whilst at anchor in Scapa Flow.
- HMS Glatton that blew up on 16th September 1918 whilst at anchor in Dover Harbour.

Acknowledgment - HMS Natal, the ship, its story and its end 1905 - 1915. CWGC.

On this Day – December 31

1918



William Leefe Robinson VC died. He was the first to shoot down a German airship over Britain and received the Victoria Cross. Months later he was shot down and taken prisoner. After the war, he was repatriated but, weakened, contracted the Spanish flu.

1939

Allied merchant shipping sunk by U-boats, world-wide from the out break of war to year's end 1939 is 165 ships, equaling 693,557 gross tons. 9 U-boats were lost worldwide in the same period.

Finnish troops destroy yet another Russian division.

New Year's Eve observances in Britain, France and Germany are very subdued due to blackout and noise

restrictions. Most celebrations are held in private homes with the windows shuttered.

German Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels makes a radio address reviewing the official Nazi version of the events of 1939. No predictions are made for 1940 other than saying that the next year “will be a hard year, and we must be ready for it.”

Generalissimo Francisco Franco makes a radio broadcast asking “all Spaniards in this period of depression which follows any war to close the mouths of grumblers and not permit the enemies of the state to take advantage of the situation.”

Japan and the Soviet Union sign an accord on fishing rights in adjacent territorial waters.

1940

British civilian casualties figures for the month: 3,793 killed, 5,244 injured.

Allied merchant shipping sunk by U-boats, world-wide from January to year's end 1940 is 567 ships, equaling 2,771,483 gross tons. 24 U-boats were lost worldwide in the same period.

RAF bombers attack Vlorë on the Greco-Italian front, Rotterdam and IJmuiden in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands, and the German cities of Emmerich am Rhein and Cologne.

Hitler issues a New Year's Order of the Day to Germany's armed forces, declaring “the year 1941 will bring us, on the Western Front, the completion of the greatest victory of our history

1941 All further German attacks against the Crimean fortress of Sevastopol are halted for the winter.

Allied merchant shipping sunk by U-boats, world-wide from January to year's end 1941 is 503 ships, equaling 2,530,011 gross tons. 35 U-boats were lost worldwide in the same period.

Lieutenant General George H. Brett takes command of US forces in Australia.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz is appointed to command the US Asiatic Fleet.

Venezuela breaks off diplomatic relations with Germany, Italy and Japan.

Panamanian cargo ship Ruth Alexander is bombed and damaged by a Japanese flying boat in Makassar Strait. A Dutch Dornier 24 rescues the 48 survivors and the ship was abandoned, finally sinking two days later.

1942



Captain Robert Sherbrooke earns the Victoria Cross in command of the escorts of convoy JW51B. During the

Battle of the Barents Sea his ships fought off the superior German heavy cruisers & all cargo made it to Russia. He continued to direct battle after wounding

In what is to become known as the 'Battle of the Barents Sea', the German pocket battleship *Latzow*, cruiser *Admiral Hipper* and 6 escorting destroyers are intercepted at 9.30am by the British cruisers *HMS Jamaica*, *HMS Sheffield* and five destroyers before they can reach convoy JW-51B.

During the naval exchanges that follow, the Royal Navy loses one destroyer and a minesweeper, which had been searching for stragglers from the convoy,

whilst the Germans lose a destroyer. By Midday the Germans have decided to withdraw and the battle is over.

Allied merchant shipping sunk by U-boats, world-wide from January to year's end 1942 is 1,323 ships, equaling 7,047,744 gross tons. 87 U-boats were lost worldwide in the same period.

The Red Cross are now spending £375,000 per month on food parcels for allied POWs.

After five months of battle, Emperor Hirohito allows the Japanese commanders at Guadalcanal to retreat.

1943

1 RIrF in Castel di Sangro:

1430 Sleet turning to snow as convoy advanced into mountains.

1700 Snowing heavily by now. Blizzard developing. Troops de-bussed and marched from one mile south of Rionero.



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Allied merchant shipping sunk by U-boats, world-wide from January to year's end 1943 is 588 ships, equaling 3,042,371 gross tons. 242 U-boats were lost worldwide in the same period.

Russians retake Zhitomir, 80 miles East of Kiev.

The Battle for Razabil in the Arakan begins between British and Japanese forces.

1944

Brigadier Scott, 38 Irish Brigade, Italy, 31 December 1944, wrote

"On New Year's Eve, we somehow drifted into quite a riotous party at Brigade HQ. I was rung up after midnight by the General, who, overcome by the thought of many previous Hogmanies, was celebrating in Highland style at Divisional Headquarters.

"After exchanging the compliments of the season, he invited me to listen to rival music played down the telephone by a piper of the Argylls. Members of the 8th Argylls joined our party & feeling that if they could not find a Scottish party, an Irish one was the next best thing.

"At midnight, the Bosche also decided that something was necessary to mark the occasion and he fired off everything

he had straight into the air. It was a magnificent display of fireworks and much appreciated by both sides."

Allied merchant shipping sunk by U-boats, world-wide from January to year's end 1944 is 251 ships, equaling 978,892 gross tons. 252 U-boats were lost worldwide in the same period.

Rocheft is back in U.S. hands. Third Army launch new counter-offensive near Bastogne. At about 11pm the Germans launch their 'Nordwind' offensive towards Strasbourg.

Hungary declares war on Germany.

1946

President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

Royal Irish Rifles 1914-1918

The Regiment raised 21 battalions for the Great War and lost over 7,000 all ranks killed and suffered some 18,000 wounded.

Three Victoria Crosses were awarded for conspicuous bravery - R. Quigg, W. McFadzean and E. De Wind - and the Battalions' exploits gained their Regiment the following

Battle Honours

MONS, LE CATEAU, Retreat from Mons,
MARNE 1914, Aisne 1914, La Bassée 1914,

MESSINES 1914 '17 '18, Armentières 1914,
YPRES 1914 '15 '17 '18, Nonne Bosschen,
NEUVE CHAPELLE, Frezenberg, Aubers,
SOMME 1916 '18,
ALBERT 1916, Bazentin, Pozieres, Guillemont, Ginchy,
Ancre Heights, Pilckem, Langemarck 1917,
CAMBRAI 1917,
ST QUENTIN, Rosières, Lys, Bailleul, Kemmel, Courtrai,
FRANCE AND FLANDERS 1914-18, Kosturino, Struma,
MACEDONIA 1915-17,
SUVLA, Sari Bair,
GALLIPOLI 1915,
GAZA, JERUSALEM, Tell'Asur,
PALESTINE 1917-18.

Roll of Honour – December 31

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

HMS NATAL

+GOODMAN, Francis Pasteur

RN. 1st Class Boy. J/37781. HMS Natal. Died 30/12/1915.
Age 17. Killed by internal explosion of vessel in Cromarty
Firth. Born Keady, Co. Armagh 09/04/1898. Son of Thomas
and Jane Goodman, Quadrant St., Belfast. ADM
188/722/37781

+McCONKEY, William

RN. Stoker 1st Class K/20038. HMS Natal. Died 30/12/1915. Age 20. Killed by internal explosion of vessel in Cromarty Firth. Son of Margaret McConkey, Enniskillen St., Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 11

+McKEE, Henry

RN. AB. SS/3388. HMS Natal. Died 30/12/1915. Age 25. Internal explosion of vessel in Cromarty Firth. Enrolled 13/09/1910 for 5 and 7 years. War service in Pembroke and Natal (03/04/1914 - 30/12/15). Born Belfast 16/09/1891. Son of John and Elizabeth McKee, Beaumont Lodge, Malone Rd., Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial. ADM 188/1097/3388

+McKEOWN, Thomas

RN. Carpenters Crew. M16047. HMS Natal. Died 30/12/1915. Born Cookstown. 05/05/1892. Youngest son of Samuel McKeown, Burn Road, Cookstown. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 12. Cookstown WM. First Presbyterian Cookstown RH PCI - RH. ADM 188/1050/16047

+NEWELL, Thomas

RN. Stoker I. SS114489. HMS Natal. Died 30/12/1915. Age 21. Born Belfast. Son of Thomas and Mary Jane Newell, Lackagh St., Belfast. His brother William RMLI died in HMS Formidable. Samuel of same address served in RN and survived the war. Chatham Naval Memorial).

+STRATTON, John W F

RN. Armourer's Crew. M4210. HMS Natal. Died 31/12/1915. Age 20. Born Belfast 18/10/1891. Son of William and Mary Jane Stratton, Park Road, Portadown. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 12. Armagh Road, Portadown - PCI RH.

Family memorial Dundonald cemetery. Portadown WM.
ADM 188/1026/4210

+TAYLOR, Nathaniel

RN. Engine Room Artificer (4th Class). M768. HMS Natal.
Died 30/12/1915. Age 22. Born Banbridge 01/06/1893. Son
of Robert and Susan Taylor of Rookvale, Katesbridge.
Shanrod Masonic Lodge. Banbridge. Chatham Naval
Memorial, Panel 11. RBAI WM. Magherally - PCI RH. ADM
188/1019/768

+WALSH, William

RN. Stoker 1st Cl. HMS Natal. Died 30/12/1915. Age 26.
Killed by internal explosion of vessel in Cromarty Firth.
Spamount St., Belfast

+WOODNEY, Robert

RN. Boy 1st Class. J/39160. HMS Natal. Died 30/12/1915.
Age 17. Boy service from 20/05/1915. Enrolled 26/04/1916
for hostilities. In Impregnable and Natal (21/09/1915 -
30/12/1915). Born Belfast 26/04/1898. Son of Robert and
Elizabeth Woodney, Queensland St, Belfast. Commemorated
at Clonallon Church of Ireland Parish churchyard,
Warrenpoint. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 6. ADM
188/725/39160

1915

+IRWIN, James Mackenzie

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6446. Died 31/01/1915.
Aged 19. It was reported in the Newtownards Chronicle
newspaper that Rifleman James Irwin went to the Front on

03/12/1914 and served with the Royal North Downs (4th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles). James Irwin was born in Dublin; lived in Kingstown, Co Dublin and enlisted in Newtownards. He was a son of James M. Irwin of Dublin. When he was in Newtownards he resided with Mrs Ledgerwood at 73 Greenwell Street, Newtownards. Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Belgium (Grave B. 35). Newtownards and District WM. St Mark's C of I Parish Newtownards RH Church

1916

+HARVEY, John

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 17790. Died of disease on 31/12/1916. Aged 38. John Harvey was 35 when he enlisted on 17/09/1914 in Belfast. After training at Clandeboye he went to England where he became ill and was hospitalised. He recovered and was posted to the 18th Btn Royal Irish Rifles.

Rifleman John Harvey went to France on 22/11/1915 where he served with the 12th Btn and again he became seriously ill. Suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis Jock Harvey was hospitalised in England and later in Forster Green Hospital Belfast. Rifleman John Harvey was discharged from the Army on 14/05/1916 because he was deemed to be no longer fit for active service.

Ex-Rifleman John Harvey died of consumption on 31/12/1916 and on 02/01/1917 he was accorded a full military funeral. The coffin was wrapped in the Union Jack and the band of the 10th Royal Irish Fusiliers under Drum Major F. May played funeral marches on the way to Movilla

Cemetery. The services in the house and at the graveside were conducted by the Rev J.A.F. Young of Second Newtownards Presbyterian Church.

John (Jock) Harvey was born on 25/10/1878 in Little Francis Street, Newtownards. A son of William and Mary (nee Service) Harvey who were married on 08/05/1866 in Newtownards C of I Parish Church(St Mark's). They had thirteen children. The Harvey family lived at 9 Upper Movilla Street, Newtownards.

Jock Harvey worked as a house painter and decorator before the outbreak of WW1 and he and Martha McManus from Newtownards were married on 11/05/1906 in Second Newtownards Presbyterian Church. The Harvey family lived at 77 Mark Street Newtownards and they had at least four children. Jock was a brother of Private David Harvey. 241092.

Newtownards Movilla Cemetery, Newtownards.
Newtownards and District WM. Second Newtownards
Presbyterian Church RH

1917

+COPE, G

Royal Irish Rifles. 16th Btn. Rifleman. 438. Died 31/01/1917. Age 19. Son of James and Mary Elizabeth Cope, of 60, Skipton Street, Belfast. Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, Belgium

+CROOKS, Samuel

RN. AB. 224561. HMS Thunderer. Died in Plymouth Naval Hospital 31/12/1917. Enrolled 01/11/1903 for 12 years. Age 32. Born Newtownards 01/11/1885. Son of Andrew and Jane (nee Arnold) Crooks, Balfour St., Newtownards. Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth. Second Newtownards Presbyterian Church RH. Newtownards WM. ADM 188/396/224561

+SANDES, David

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 20139. Died 31/01/1917 of bronchitis. Age 23. He contracted dysentery at Gallipoli. Youngest son of James and Catherine Sands. Born on 07/09/1893. One of nine children, all born in Dungannon. The family lived at Mullaghanagh, on the outskirts of Dungannon. His father was a farm labourer. David worked on the Ranfurly Estate in Dungannon. Groove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, France. Dungannon WM. St Anne's C of I Parish Church WM

1918

+ARBUCKLE, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 7789. Died 31/01/1918. Memorial in Londonderry newspaper. Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium

+MILLIKEN, James

Royal Irish Rifles 12th Battalion, attached Royal Flying Corps. 2nd Lieutenant. Died 31/12/1918 in an aeroplane

crash at Turnberry, Scotland. Age 26. He was employed as a motor mechanic when he enlisted, serving under the name Milligan. He had previously been a member of the Queen's University Training Corps and at the time of enlistment, was living at "Oatlands", Carnmoney. He initially served with the Royal Engineers (Inland Water Transport) and the 1st Btn Royal Irish Rifles. He embarked for France on 29/09/1916 and was appointed to a temporary commission with the 20th Royal Irish Rifles on 15/10/1917. A medical report dated 23/06/1918 stated that James had been "blown up twice between March 21st and 31st 1918. He was 9 days in No. 2 Stationary Hospital. He has been through the most heavy fighting." James was born on 24/07/1892, the son of Samuel and HESSIE G MILLIKIN, Ballyclare and later of "Scouthush", Carrickfergus. Ballylinney Old Graveyard, Northern Ireland. QUB WM

+MOORE, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Rifleman. 12084. Died 31/01/1916. Born in Belfast. Son of William Moore. His father was granted a war gratuity 20/03/1916, revised 08/11/1919. Sucrerie Military Cemetery, Colincamps, France. Hillsborough WM

1920

+HAUGHEY, David

Royal Engineers. Sapper. WR/503462. Died 31/01/1920. Age 45. Son of Robert John and Agnes J. Haughey, of 23, Donaldson Crescent, Woodvale, Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

1939

+DEMPSEY, Robert

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 2nd Btn. Private. 2967616. Died 31/12/1939. Aged 40. Son of Robert and Margaret Dempsey, of Ballymena. Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. West Presbyterian Church, Ballymena RH

1942

+CRANSTON, William

RN. Assistant Steward. D/LX 28347. HMS Bramble. Died 31/12/1942. Age 25. Lost on a Russian convoy. One year's service. Prior to joining up he had been employed for 11 years by the Milford Clothing Company. Father of two small children. Husband to Eleanor Cranston, Moscow St., Belfast. Son of David and Rachel Cranston, Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 29/01/1943). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 72

1944

+McCONNELL, Thomas

Royal Artillery. 7th Coast Regiment. Gunner. 6977741. Formerly a Royal Inniskilling Fusilier. Died 31/12/1944. Aged 26. Japanese POW. His wartime unit, 7th Coast Regiment RA, was first formed on 01/04/1933 from elements of Malaya Coast Defences. The Regiment was lost to the Japanese and was officially placed in suspended animation. Son of James and Jeannie McConnell, of Londonderry,. Kanchanaburi War Cemetery. Thailand

+MOORE, David

RAF. Flying Officer. 55507. Died 31/12/1944. Aged 28. Son of William and Mary Moore, of Belfast. Family headstone, Kilroot graveyard.

+WEIR, Samuel Joseph

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1081810.172 Sqdn. Age 21. Died 31/01/1944. Age 21. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Weir, Craigmore, Bessbrook. Runnymede Memorial, Surrey. Bessbrook WM

VETERANS

ASPELL, Robert Clyde

RN. Petty Officer. J10797. Boy service from 26/01/1911. Enrolled 24/01/1912. Re-engaged 23/06/1923. Served to 31/12/1927. War service in Foresight, Egmont RND (Port Said), Duke and Vivid. 'Detained by Bolsheviks and taken to Baku, May 1918'. Born Belfast 24/01/1894. Leopold Street, Belfast. Rosemary St - PCI RH. Woodvale - PCI RH. ADM 188/668/10797

BLACKWOOD, James Jenkins

RN. Officers' Steward III. L7959. Enrolled 03/12/1915 for hostilities. Demobbed 31/12/1918. Service in Vivid, Suffolk and Cordelia. Clerk. Born Armagh 05/12/1894. ADM 188/1003/7959

BURNS, Peter

RN. Stoker I. SS104972. Enrolled 29/04/1907 for 5 and 7 years. Served to 27/04/1912. Joined RFR 28/04/1912. Served 15/07/1914 - 31/12/1918, in Caesar, Pembroke and

Idaho (P61). Born Belfast 13/03/1889. ADM
188/1110/104972

BYERS, Richard William

RN. AB. SS3478. Served from 31/12/1910. War service in
Vivid I, Warspite, Delphinium, Victorious II, Colleen, Hecla
and Gibraltar. Demobbed 28/12/1919. Born Belfast
14/11/1892. ADM 188/1097/3478

DILLON, Joseph Albert

Royal Irish Fusiliers. Sergeant. Born: 26/03/1890 in Lurgan.
Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Dillon, of 5 Princes Street,
Lurgan. Died: 31/12/1939 in Belfast. Lurgan Cemetery

JACK, David Erskine

FAA. MCB. Born 31/12/1922. Son of AP Jack, Stranmillis
Pk., Belfast

MACAFEE, Thomas Cecil Haig

RM. Colonel. CBE. 2nd Lieutenant 1935. Lieutenant
1937. Major 1952. Born 31/12/1918. Campbell College
2447. Brother of 2203. Army, Dec., 1936. School Prefect.
1st XV, 1936-37. Shooting VIII, 1936. C.S.M., O.T.C. **Moin
Avon, 15 Hawthornden Road, Knock, Belfast.** Clonallen,
Armagh.

TODD, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th (S) Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 18836.
Born Comber 11/07/1896. Son of Henry Todd and Margaret
Todd (nee Mawhinney). Enlisted 17/09/1914 Comber -
Wounded Somme 01/07/1916 - Taken POW 16/04/1918.

Returned home 30/11/1918 - Discharged 07/03/ 1919.
Awarded BEM 1957. Died 31/12/1974.

VETERANS HMS NATAL

The following from Northern Ireland served in HMS Natal during WW1

ANDERSON, Leonard

RN. Stoker I. SS114471. Enrolled 19/07/1913 for 5 and 7 years. War service in Natal, Pembroke II and Chatham. Demobbed 08/02/1919. Joined RFR 09/02/1919. Born Belfast 10/07/1895. ADM 188/1120/114471

CLARKE, John

RN. Stoker I. SS109175. Enrolled 19/08/1909 for 5 and 7 years. War service in Natal, Pembroke II, Falmouth, General Wolfe and General Crawford. Records cease 16/08/1916. Born Belfast 31/08/1888. ADM 188/1115/109175

DAVIS, William John

RN. Chief Stoker. 310428. Enrolled 17/07/1906 for 12 years. War service in Blake (Natal), Diligence and Woolwich. Served to 13/12/1927. Born Belfast 21/06/1888. ADM 188/507/310428

FITZSIMMONS, James Henry

RN. AB. J1190. Enrolled 12/07/1910 for 12 years. War service in Natal, Pembroke I, Warrior and President. Invalided 09/06/1917. Born Hollywood 12/07/1892. ADM 188/649/1190

HEENAN, David Norwood

RN. AB. SS4346. Enrolled 27/07/1915 for 5 and 7 years. War service in Natal, Boyne, Wellington, Pembroke I, Royal Arthur and Royal Oak. Served to 25/03/1919. Joined RFR 26/03/1919. Born Belfast 27/01/1895. Oberon Street, Belfast. Rosemary St - PCI RH. ADM 188/1098/4346

MACAFEE, Thomas Cecil Haig

RM. Colonel. CBE. 2nd Lieutenant 1935. Lieutenant 1937. Major 1952. Born 31/12/1918. Campbell College 2447. Brother of 2203. Army, Dec., 1936. School Prefect. 1st XV, 1936-37. Shooting VIII, 1936. C.S.M., O.T.C. **Moin Avon, 15 Hawthornden Road, Knock, Belfast.** Clonallen, Armagh.

McCULLOUGH, Edward

RN. Stoker I. K9969. Enrolled 10/01/1911 for 12 years. War service in Pembroke II, Natal, Prince George and Indomitable. Served to 10/01/1923. Born Lisburn 29/06/1891. ADM 188/886/9969

McKEOWN, Peter Henry

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. K16385. Enrolled 23/01/1909 for 12 years. War service in Natal, Pembroke II, Egmont (Marguerite, Geranium and Asphodel). Served to 18/02/1921. Born Belfast 13/04/1890. ADM 188/899/16385. See also SS107921. ADM 188/1113/107921

McNEILL, Samuel

RN. ERA III. M11935. Enrolled 09/02/1915 for hostilities. Pembroke II, Attentive I, Natal and Terror. Demobbed 11/02/1919. Born Portrush 26/09/1893. Macilvennon,

Portrush. Portrush Masonic Lodge 108. Ballywillan - PCI
RH. ADM 188/1041/11935

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