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## St Julien Dressing Station Cemetery

**St. Julien Dressing Station Cemetery is located 6 Kms from Ypres and contains 428 WW1 burials of which 180 are unidentified. The Germans used poison gas in this area for the first time on 22/04/1915**



## In the wake of war

St. Julien was within the Allied lines from the late autumn of 1914 until April 1915. The Germans used poison gas here for the first time on 22 April, but the village was held by the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade until a second gas attack two days later. It was recaptured by the 39th Division in early August but passed into German hands again on 27/04/1918. St Julien was finally retaken by the Belgian Army on 28 September.

The Dressing Station Cemetery was begun in September 1917. By March 1918, the cemetery consisted of Plots I, III and part of Plot II, and contained 203 graves, but it was severely damaged by shell fire in the summer of 1918. The cemetery was increased after the Armistice when graves

were brought into Plots II and IV from the battlefields surrounding St. Julien.

There are 420 First World War servicemen buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 180 of the burials are unidentified, but there are special memorials to 11 casualties known or believed to be buried among them.

The cemetery was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield and William Harrison Cowlishaw.



**Soldiers washing themselves on the edge of a water-filled shell crater at St. Julien (29th Division Sector).**



A number of war-grave crosses are around the crater. Photo dated 13/03/1918. The cross between two soldiers marks a grave of Sapper Frank Barnard Bush Vickery 496359 of the 475th Field Company RE, killed in action on 16/08/1917 at the age of 31. He was a son of Job and Eliza A. Vickery, of 19, Cheriton Place, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol; husband to the late Emily Hunt Vickery. After the war, his remains were not identified and he is now commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial. - IWM photo



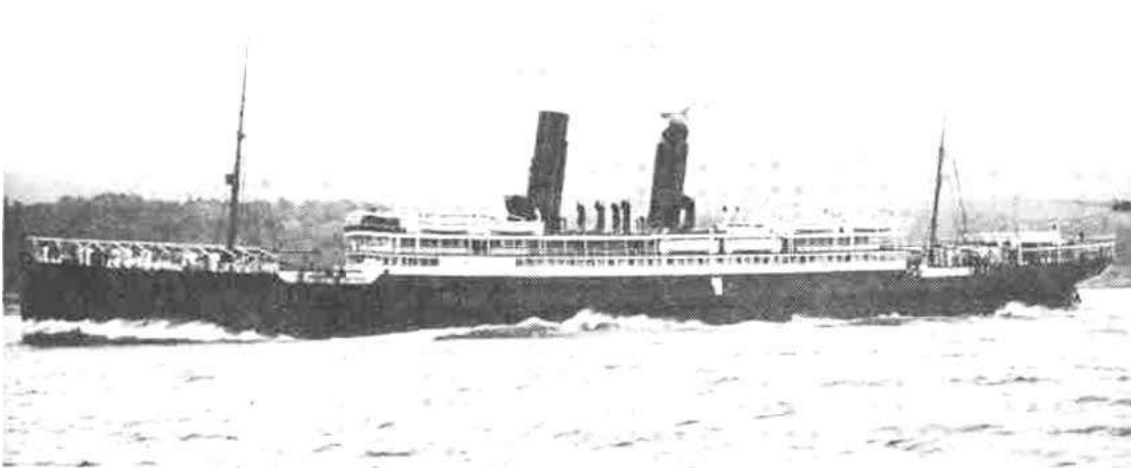
**A French Renault FT-17 tank, serial number 3151, on the road near St. Julien, 2 October 1918. © IWM Q 49087**

# On this Day – December 4

**1914**

The French strengthen their hold on Vermelles, and capture Langemarck in Belgium.

**1916**



"Caledonia" (Anchor Line), defensively armed, torpedoed in Mediterranean by German submarine after she attempted to sink the U-boat U65 by ramming. The submarine was slightly damaged. The commander of the steamer, Captain Blaikie, was made prisoner by the Germans, and its feared that he will be hanged. He was interned in Friedberg and Augustabad. Caledonia was one of four passenger ships which transported troops to Gallipoli. Caledonia was torpedoed 125 miles Ex S from Malta, Mediterranean Sea, carrying mail from Salonica to Marseilles, owned by Anchor Line (Henderson Brothers) Ltd-Glasgow

## 1917

Bourlon Wood is evacuated by the British.

## 1939

The German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee sinks the liner Doric Star off the western coast of South Africa.

## 1940

Greeks capture Premeti, Pogradec and the Albanian port of Sarande.

F4F-3 Wildcat fighter enters service with US Navy.

## 1941



Temperature falls to -31°F (-37°C) on Russian Front. The German army's assault on Moscow grinds to a halt as

temperatures plunge. The attack stalls just five miles from the outskirts of the Soviet capital.

The Japanese Embassy in Washington begins to leave, destroying code books and personal files in the process.

Chicago Tribune and Washington Times-Herald publish news of classified unapproved US Victory Program war plans, leaked to the papers by isolationist Sen. Burton Wheeler, creating cries of warmongering among isolationists.

In Libya, the German army under General Rommel retreats to Gazala

## **1942**

The U.S.A 5th Air Force launches its first raid against the Italian port of Naples.

German forces in Tunisia capture Tebourba.

President Roosevelt cancels Depression-era Works Progress Administration (WPA).

US Ninth Air Force, based in Egypt, bombs Naples (Rommel's supply port) in first US attack on Italy

## **4th December 1943 near San Vito:**

"The Faughs & the London Irish set about the Bosche at first light. At first, 3 tanks; then 8, 20 & finally 40 waddled over the Feltrino. We had lately been meeting quite a few of the enemy 90th Light Division & they fought stubbornly all day."

"The Faughs had the stiffest fighting near the coast & had a fair amount of casualties – among them, most unfortunately,

Tommy Wood, who was a veteran from the very first days in North Africa – a fine leader & a most gallant chap. His death was a sad blow to everyone.”

## **1943**

Tito's Partisans set up a provisional government in the liberated part of Yugoslavia.

Units of the German 11th Army begin an offensive to eliminate the Soviet bridgehead at Kerch in the eastern Crimea.

The second Cairo conference opens with Churchill, Roosevelt and the Turkish President Inonu.

Bolivia declares war on all the Axis powers.

US submarine Sailfish sinks Japanese escort carrier Chuyo off Japan, 1250 killed.

## **1944**

Athens is now under martial law.

Italian partisans liberate Ravenna in first major planned partisan attack in Italy.

British Fourteenth Army begins major offensive in Burma, crossing Chindwin River.

## **1945**

The U.S. Senate votes to allow the USA to join the UN and to permit the UN to use American forces to preserve peace and security.





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# Roll of Honour – December 4

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1915**

**+KERNAGHAN, Thomas James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10660. Died 04/12/1915. Aged 20. Son of Thomas Kernaghan, of Annaloughan, Augher, Co. Tyrone. St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France

**+MILLIGAN, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 7161. Died 04/12/1915. Age 33. Native of Co. Armagh. Son of William and Jane Milligan; husband to H. Milligan, of 40, Cavendish St., Glasgow. St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France

**+WRIGHT, S**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 6th Btn. Private. 10095. Died 04/12/1915. Age 33. Born at Belfast. Son of Mrs. Catherine Wright. Dorian Memorial, Greece

**1916**

**+BEVERLAND, Charles Ferris**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 04/12/1916. Age 22. He was captured by the Germans and died of wounds in a German hospital. Member of the Queen's Training Corps 1915 - 16. His brother Jack fought in Gallipoli and was awarded the Military Cross. Sullivan Upper School. Furniture apprentice. Youngest son of Robert and Sarah Beverland (nee Herd), Alexandra Park, Holywood. HAC Cemetery, Ecoust - St. Mein. Holywood WM. St Philip & St James Parish Church, Holywood WM

**1918**

**+DICKSON, Almond Colebrook**

Royal Air Force. Private 2nd Class. 308970. Died 04/11/1918. Age 34. Son of the late Comdr. W. R. Dickson, A.N., and Mrs. P. M. Dickson, of Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A.;

husband of Martha Dickson, of Murlough, Newcastle, Co. Down. Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery, Kent

### **+KERR, Robert William**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. Died 04/12/1918. Age 30. Enlisted into the 6th (Enniskilling) Dragoon Guards which was part of the 36th (Ulster) Division. Men attached to mounted regiments had to adapt to the modern weapons of warfare. Robert was batman to a senior officer of the 36th and was later attached to the Army Service Corps and then was transferred, joining other members of the Inniskillings, in the North Irish Horse (Royal Irish Fusiliers). It was during the German Spring Offensive which began on the 21st March 1918 and in the early hour 0440 they launched a bombardment on the British line at St. Quentin of mustard, tear and chlorine gas. A few hours later the enemy sent in the elite storm troopers shielded by the smoke of a previous mortar and artillery attacks, with the Irish regiments taking the full force of the attack. On 23/03/1918 Robert Kerr was taken prisoner by the Germans and sent to various camps and in the course of time he became ill with inflammation of the lungs and a disease of the heart, he died on 04/12/1918, in a Hamburg hospital, after the Armistice which brought about the end of the war. Son of William John and Catherine Kerr, of Beag, Derrygonnelly, Enniskillen. Hamburg Cemetery, Germany

### **+SAVAGE, J**

Royal Army Service Corps, att'd. 2nd Field Survey Coy., Royal Engineers. Driver. T/26056. Died 04/12/1918 at Military Hospital, Herne Bay. Born on 06/06/1889 in Strand Street, Hollywood. Son of William Thomas and Margaret

(nee McDowell) Savage of 11 Strand Street, Hollywood. They were married on 13/02/1888 in St Anne's C of I Church, Belfast. Brother of Rifleman 13/18737 William Savage. Nephew of Rifleman 12417 Joseph Cosgrave Savage. His remains were removed from his father's residence for interment in Hollywood Cemetery. Hollywood C of I Parish Church (St Philip & St James) RH. CWGC headstone at Galway family grave in Hollywood Cemetery

### **+STINSON, John**

Worcestershire Regiment. 17th Btn. Serjeant. 64417. Died 04/12/1918. Dungannon. St Andre Communal Cemetery, Nord, France



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**1940**



**+ASCOUGH, Walter**

Irish Guards. 2 Btn. Guardsman. 2719124. Died 04/12/1940. Aged 19. Son of William Walter and Olive Ascough, of Bushmills. Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey.

**+RIDLEY, Richard Herbert**

RNVR. Lieutenant (A). Died 04/12/1940. Age 26. HMS Kestrel. Bangor. Bridgnorth cemetery, Shropshire

**1942**

**+HOUSTON, Thomas Jackson**

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Force. Sergeant. 3051. Died 04/12/1942. Aged 29. B.A. (Cantab.), B.Sc. QUB. Son of John K. Houston and of Elizabeth Oliver Houston (nee Jackson); husband to Margaret Emilie Sloane Houston (nee Bayne), of Edinburgh. Stanley Military Cemetery, Hong Kong

**1943**

**+HENDERSON, Stanley James**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 13011982. Died 04/12/1943. Aged 33. Son of Robert and Edith Henderson, of Belfast; husband to Henrietta Grace Henderson, of Belfast. Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy

**+SMILLIE, John William**

2nd Bn. The London Irish Rifles. Royal Ulster Rifles. Rifleman. 7019584. Died 04/12/1943. Aged 35. Son of William John Smillie and of Mary Smillie (nee McGowan), of Ballymena. Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. West Presbyterian Church, Ballymena RH

**+TREANOR, Peter John**

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. The London Irish Rifles.  
Rifleman. 2721340. Died 04/12/1943. Son of Owen and  
Rose Treanor, of Crossmaglen. Sangro River War  
Cemetery, Italy

**1946**

**+McCLATCHEY, Herbert Henry** Royal Canadian Airforce.  
Warrant Officer Class 1. 836. Died 04/12/1946. Age 57. Son  
of Robert and Marjorie McClatchey of Tandragee; husband  
to Elizabeth McClatchey of Ottawa, Canada. {Inecrest  
Cemetery, Ottawa

**VETERANS**

**BROWN, Maurice Nicholas de Cormier**

RN. Commander. OBE 1945. Special Entry RN 1927. Lieut.  
(E), 1933. HMS Foresight, 1939-40, HMS Bedouin, 1940,  
HMS Wayland, 1942-45. Lt. - Cdr. (E), 1941; Cdr. (E),  
1945. B 04/12/1909. Son of Rev TB Brown, The Rectory,  
Newtownards. Campbell College 1877.

**GALLAGHER, Patrick**

RN. Served 1934 - 48. Joined HMS Ganges. In war served  
in HMS Norfolk, county class heavy cruiser, and was  
involved in hunt for the Bismark in 1941. Later served in  
HMS Norfolk on Arctic convoys. Received the Arctic Star on  
04/12/2013 when he was aged 94. From Limavady.  
Resident of Glasgow. Brother of Hugh Gallagher. Limavady  
RNA RH

**McCLUNE, William James**

RN Rear Admiral. CB. BSc, 1941 QUB. Born 04/12/1921.  
Retired to Bath Avon

**WILSON, Crawford Linham Law**

RN. Surgeon-Lieutenant. In destroyers and mine  
sweepers. Born 04/12/1890. Son of Rev. Prof. S. Law  
Wilson, D.D., College Park, Belfast. Medical practitioner.  
Campbell College 835

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