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Winter at Theipval

Today is Holocaust Memorial Day - On this day in 1943 Soviet troops liberate Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps. By this time, an estimated 2,000,000 persons, including 1,500,000 Jews, have been murdered there.

On this Day – January 27

1916

German attacks repulsed at Neuville and NE Loos.

1919



War torn Kemmel, Ypres salient, under a blanket of snow. The ruined church is visible in the distance. Ex service housing area in Randalstown named after Kemmel.

1939

President Franklin D. Roosevelt approves the sale of U.S. war planes to France.

1940

Hitler personally takes over planning for the invasion of Norway, 'Plan Weser'.

1941

The 7th Armoured Division captures Mechili. Meanwhile the Australians have bumped into strong Italian defences at Derna and so Wavell decides to halt further offensive action until reinforcements and supply can be brought up.

1942

German troops launch a feint attack from Msus, towards Mechili. This successfully deceives the British in to believing that the Germans will attempt cut the coast road far to the east of Benghazi and so they begin to hurriedly evacuate the 4th Indian Division from Benghazi along the coast road.

Japanese troops land at Pemangkat on the west coast of Dutch Borneo.

The Irish Premier, de Valera protests at the arrival of US troops in Ulster. President Roosevelt is said to be amazed by this.

First Japanese warship sunk by a U.S. submarine, when the USS Gudgeon sinks the IJN submarine I-173.

USS Gudgeon

1943

The USAAF makes its first raid on Germany with a force of B-17's and B-24's hitting Emden and Wilhelmshaven in daylight.

1944

The thirteenth heavy raid on Berlin inflicts an estimated 6,000 dead.

The Germans counter-attack the French at Cassino.

Leningraders are told that the blockade has been lifted after 880 days and more than two million Russians killed. The Soviet 1st Ukrainian Front launches an offensive against Luzk and Rovno. Hitler lectures all his eastern front army commanders on National Socialism as the Russians cut off 60,000 men in Korsun Pocket, 100 miles to the southeast of Kiev. Army Group North's commander, Von Kaichler orders the eighteenth army to pull back to the river Luga.

1945

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Russians troops capture Memel on Baltic Coast after the German evacuation, which now leaves the whole of Lithuania in Russian hands. German forces begin evacuating the vital coal mining and industrial region of Upper Silesia.

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Roll of Honour – January 27

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+HADDOCK, Samuel

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 11309. Died 27/01/1915. Age 19. Son of George and Sarah Haddock, 82. Union St., Lurgan. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

1916

+MAGILL, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 9504. Died 19/01/1916. Inniskilling Fusiliers 1st Btn. Corporal. 10015. Died 27/01/1917. Age 26. Son of William Magill, of 97, Melrose St., Belfast, and the late Catherine Magill (nee Wilson). Thiepval Memorial, Thiepval, Somme.

1917

+JAMISON, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 4723. Died 27/01/1917. Born in Maghera. Robert was living in Upperlands when he enlisted in Coleraine. He was for a time with the Royal Irish Regiment. In his will of October

1916, Robert left all to his wife, Mrs Mary Jamison, who was living at Craigview Place, Grangepans, Bo'ness, Scotland. Thiepval Memorial, France. Robert Jamison is listed on the WW1 Roll of Honour at William Clark & Sons Ltd in Upperlands as having died. Wm Clarke & Sons, Upperlands WM

+JOHNSTONE, William Henry

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 1st Btn. Private. 17985. Died 27/01/1917. Age 27. Son of William and Susan Henry Johnstone. William was born in Fivemiletown, about 1890. He enlisted in Glasgow. Husband to Margaret Brown Campbell Johnstone, of 29, Grace St., Anderston, Glasgow. Thiepval Memorial, Thiepval, Somme. Fivemiletown WM

+MAGILL, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Corporal. 10015. Died 27/01/1917. Age 26. Son of William Magill, of 97, Melrose St., Belfast, and the late Catherine Magill (nee Wilson). Thiepval Memorial, France

+McBREARTY, Michael

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 1st Btn. Private. 28834. Died 27/01/1917. Age 20. Son of Michael and Margaret McBrearty, of Cranny, Fintona, Co. Tyrone. Thiepval Memorial, Thiepval, Somme.

+McDOWELL, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 1st Btn. D Coy. Corporal. 8942. Died 27/01/1917. Age 27. Son of William and Jane McDowell, of 25, Nevis Avenue, Belfast; husband of

Gertrude Mary McDowell, of 80, Wood St., Rugby. Thiepval Memorial, Thiepval, Somme.

+McDOWELL, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 27021. Died 27/01/1917. Aged 32. William McDowell was born in Holywood, lived in Crawfordsburn and enlisted in Newtownards. Born on 08/12/1884 in Ballyrobert. A son of Robert and Sarah (nee Bingham) McDowell who were married on 24/04/1879 in Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church. The McDowell family lived in the townlands of Ballyrobert, Ballydavey and Ballymullan. Robert and Sarah had six children. William McDowell and Sarah Patterson married on 21/06/1911 in Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church. They had four children. Private William McDowell remains were buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension (Nord), France. Bangor and District WM; Royal British Legion (Bangor Branch) Memorial Plaque; Comrades of the Great War (Bangor Branch) Album in North Down Museum. Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church RH

+McGAHEY, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 27171. Died 27/01/1917. Aged 23. Son of Henry McGahey, of 89, Saunders St., Newtownwards Rd., Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+McGONIGLE, David

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn, A Coy. Company Serjeant Major. 9535. Died 27/01/1917. Aged 25. Son of Robert McGonigle, of 39, Bellevue Avenue, Londonderry. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+McGREEVY, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 29569. Died 27/01/1917. Aged 19. Son of Mrs. Isabella McGreevy, of 18, Watson St., Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+MURTAGH, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 1st Btn. Private. 27177. Died 27/01/1917. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Dungannon WM

+PORTER, Archibald

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 28661. Died 27/01/1917. Born James St., Ballymena 05/12/1885. His father, also called Archibald died and by 1901 Archibald, his mother, and his sisters were living in Cogry. He was working as a machine boy in Cogry Mill. He moved to Glasgow. He enlisted at Kilsyth. Theipval Memorial, France. Ballyclare WM. Kilbride C of I WM.

+ROBINSON, George

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 1st Btn. Private. 10221. Died 27/01/1917. Age 23. Son of Joseph and Lizzie Robinson, of 2, Cairo St., Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

+SHEILS, John Joseph

RN. Petty Officer First Class. 161948. Died 27/01/1917. Age 42. Born Portaferry. Son of Thomas and Sarah Sheils, Meetinghouse Lane, Portaferry. "An inquest has been held at St. Pancras on John Joseph Shiels, 42, of Portaferry, a first-class petty officer in the Navy. On 19th January 1917, he got leave for the purpose of visiting his home at Portaferry. On Saturday whilst walking along Euston Road

he was seen to stagger and fall, striking his head on the pavement. He was removed to hospital, where he became unconscious, and died in a couple of hours from effusion of blood on the brain. The funeral took place at Portaferry yesterday with naval honours.” Portaferry Roman Catholic Graveyard. Portaferry WM.

1919

+GILMORE, Thomas

Otago Regiment, N.Z.E.F. Private. 82229. Died 27/01/1919. Born on 29/03/1879 in Bellaghy. Thomas and his father were farmers. About 1904, Thomas emigrated to New Zealand. Before enlisting, Thomas Gilmore worked as a station manager in Little River. Thomas enlisted with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (N.Z.E.F.) originally in Christchurch on 13th June 1917. He embarked with his unit from Wellington, New Zealand on 02/10/1918, bound for London. The war ended while Private Gilmore was at sea. He was inoculated on 20/01/1919. He died of a combination of influenza and pneumonia. Thomas was the youngest son of James and Ellen Gilmore. Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire. Castledawson WM

1920

+BOYD, W

Middlesex Regiment. Serjeant. 73. Died 27/01/1920. Age 52. Son of the late David Boyd, of Belfast; husband of Margaret Boyd, of 14, New Trinity Rd., East Finchley. Holy Trinity Churchyard, Finchley

1942

+MALLON, Valentine

Royal Ulster Rifles, 31st Btn. Rifleman. 7019015. Died 27/01/1942. Aged 50. Donaghcloney Old Graveyard. Seapatrck C of I Parish WM, Banbridge

+RUSK, Maurice Patrick

RAFVR. Sergeant (Pilot). 1062426. Died 27/01/1942. 222 Sqdn. Killed in Spitfire Mk Vb, (BL408) near Thornwood, Essex. Drumbeg (C of I) Churchyard

1944

+ADAMS, William John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Fusilier. 6980667. Died 27/01/1944. Aged 23. Son of John Robert and Margaret Adams. Minturno War Cemetery. Brookeborough WM

+McCARROLL, Frederick Gordon

Royal Artillery. Lance Bombardier. 1469237. Died 27/01/1944. Aged 42. 23 Battery, 8th (Belfast) HAA Regiment. Son of William Kyles McCarroll and Nellie McCarroll of Belfast; Husband to Margaret McCarroll of Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

+WYLIE, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. L/Sgt. 6977238. Died 27/01/1944. Aged 29. Son of David and Sophia Wylie, of Aughnacloy, Minturno War Cemetery, Marina di Minturno, Naples

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We will remember them

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