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Duhallow Advanced Dressing Station

Duhallow Advanced Dressing Station is believed to have been named after a southern Irish hunt. There are 1,544 Commonwealth casualties of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery, 231 of the burials unidentified. The cemetery contains many graves of the artillery and engineers and 41 men of the 13th Company Labour Corps, killed when a German aircraft dropped a bomb on an ammunition truck in January 1918

On this Day – February 11

1914

Edward Carson responded to H. H. Asquith's intention to enact a Home Rule bill for Ireland: “I say this to my nationalist fellow countrymen... you have never tried to win over Ulster. You have never tried to understand her position.”

1916



Light cruiser HMS Arethusa was badly damaged by a German mine off Felixstowe, then ran aground and was wrecked while under tow. It is supposed that sixteen or

seventeen men who were in the stokehold when the vessel struck were killed outright, from a compliment of 318.

Ballymena Observer - "Squadron Sergt. Major D.A. Cathcart, an experienced non-commissioned officer of the Royal Scots Greys, has, for service in the field, been specially promoted to a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal West Kent Regt. and joins the 1st battalion. He is a grandson of the late Mr. James Cathcart of Slatt and a brother of John Cathcart of Alfred Street, Ballymena." - Ballymena Observer

1938



HM Naval Base Singapore, also known as HMS Terror was inaugurated. At the time it boasted the largest dry dock in the world and the 3rd largest floating dock and could store enough fuel to supply the entire Royal Navy for 6 months.

1940

Soviet troops finally breach the Mannerheim line, forcing the Finns to withdraw to a secondary defense line. After suffering heavy losses in the past months, the Soviets achieved a breakthrough through the Finnish lines. The Soviets had approx. 460,000 soldiers, 3,000 tanks and 1,300 aircraft deployed on the Karelian Isthmus.

The Soviet Union and Germany sign a treaty to exchange Soviet raw materials for German manufactured goods.

1941

Germany activates the newly formed Afrika Korps. Hitler designates Erwin Rommel as commander.

Former GOP presidential candidate Wendell Willkie testifies in favor of Roosevelt's Lend-Lease Bill in Congressional hearings.

Hanover is bombed by the RAF.

British forces advance into Italian Somaliland in East Africa.

Three Stirlings of No. 7 Sqn carry out the first RAF four-engined bomber attack against oil depots in Rotterdam.

1942

The Channel Dash (Operation Cerberus). At 23.00 hours, Admiral Ciliax orders his squadron, which includes the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the cruiser Prinz Eugen, to leave Brest and dash through the English Channel for the safety of Kiel in Germany.

Japanese troops cross the river Salween in Burma. This caused concern for the commander on the 17th Indian Division, Lieutenant General John Smyth, who felt that his troops might be cut off. He urged Burma Army commander,

Lieutenant General Hutton to allow him to withdraw across the river Sittang. However, he was ordered to hold firm on the river Bilin.

The US Army occupies Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao in Dutch West Indies with permission from Free Dutch.

US Army begins construction on Camp Stoneman in Pittsburg, California.

US War Production Board takes DuPont's supply of nylon. In Montréal, French-Canadians riot against conscription plans.

1943

General Dwight D. Eisenhower is placed in command of all Allied armies in the Europe.

1944

German relief forces are now just 10 mile from the Korsun pocket.

Americans troops at Cassino are relieved by Indian and New Zealand forces. The allies are pushed back to final defence line at Anzio.

The Australians take Rooke Island between Huon and New Britain.

1945

The Red Army the encirclement of the fortress city of Kastrin on the Oder.

The meeting of the President Franklin Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Marshal Joseph Stalin in Yalta, adjourns.

On way home from Yalta, Roosevelt meets with kings Farouk of Egypt, Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, and Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, but is unable to convince them to allow Jewish settlement in Palestine.

Roll of Honour – February 11

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1916

+SMILEY, Samuel T

RNR. Sub-Lieutenant. HMS Arabis. Died 11/02/1916. Age 35. Son of Samuel and Jennie Smiley, 18, Chichester Avenue, Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 18. Larne WM. Fortwilliam Park - PCI RH

+WIGHTMAN, Henry

RN. Stoker 1st Class. K21030. HMS Arethusa. Died 11/02/1916. Age 21. Born Belfast. Son of Isabella Gillespie (formerly Wightman), Glentoran St., Belfast, and the late Robert Wightman, Newcastle St. Chatham Naval Memorial.

1917

+STAINER, A H

Dorsetshire Regiment. 5th Btn. Private. 18172. Died 11/02/1917. Husband to Charlotte E. Stainer, of Primrose Villa, Shore Rd., Belfast. Etaples Military Cemetery, France

1918

+JOHNSTON, J

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. Private. 41107. Died 11/02/1918. Age 22. Son of John and Sarah Johnston. Grand-Seraucourt British Cemetery, France

+McCOY, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 3/9987. Died 11/02/1918. Age 40. Son of Thomas and Esther McCoy. Born at Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

+MOUTRAY, A

Royal Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 15522. Died 11/02/1918. Age 43. Husband to Mary Moutray, of 25, Annadale St., Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

1919

+DEMPSTER David

RAF. Second Private. 308611 Died 11/02/1919. Aged 19, in Fifehire Military Hospital. The cause of his death is on record as 'suffocation caused by carbon monoxide fumes from a boiler'. Born on 21/03/1899 at 6 Glentoran Street, Belfast. Son of John and Agnes Dempster (nee Millar, sometimes Miller) who were married on 25/11/1889 in Newtownards Registrar's Office. John Dempster from Ballycreely, Comber was a son of John Dempster, a labourer. Agnes Millar from McConnell's Row, Comber was a daughter of Archibald Millar, a postman. The Dempster family lived in Belfast in Empress Street, Glentoran Street and Sherwood Street. They had seven children. Their mother, Agnes Dempster, died of nephritis on 21/03/1903 (aged 37). She died on David's fourth birthday.

Their father, John Dempster, died of bronchitis on 25/12/1914 (aged 50). He died at 4 Sherwood Street, Belfast and his son Alex was with him when he died. David's remains were brought home for burial in Comber New Cemetery

+JOHNSTON, Archibald Mason

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Lance Corporal. 17973. Died 11/02/1919. Age 44. Archibald was badly wounded on July 1. After intensive treatment at several places he was eventually brought home. He never fully recovered from his wounds and eventually died on February 11, 1919. His funeral took place with full military honours to Larne cemetery and many of his old comrades from the 12th Btn RIR formed a guard of honour at his grave. His remains were interred in the family grave in Larne Cemetery and his name is commemorated on a headstone. Son of Mrs. Ellen Duff, of 34, Carson St., Larne; husband to the late Mary Catherine Johnston. He was a member of First Larne Presbyterian Church. Larne New Cemetery. Larne WM

+McMANN, Patrick

Royal Garrison Artillery. 22nd Heavy Bty. Private. 3903. transf. to (633150) 995th Area Employment Coy. Labour Corps. 633150. Belfast. Died 11/02/1919. Age 42. Son of Peter and Margaret McMann, of 1, Matilda St., Belfast. Longueau Communal Cemetery, France.

1940

+McCREA, JAMES

Royal Scots Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 3127816. Died

11/02/1940. Aged 29. Janval Cemetery, Dieppe, Seine-Maritime, France. Dungannon WM

1942

+CHEATLEY, George Johnston

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant. 748222. Died 11/02/1942. Aged 24. 269 Sqdn. Son of David Gallagher Cheatley and Sarah Cheatley; husband of D. H. Cheatley. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 73. 502 (Ulster) Squadron WM, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

+HUMPHRIES, Joseph

RAFVR. Sergeant. 751540 . Died 11/02/1942. Age 21. 502 Sqd. Son of Mr. And Mrs. W. Humphries, of Belfast. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 86.

+MATHERS, Thomas Seth

RAFVR. Sergeant (Pilot). 1112782. Died 11/02/1942. Aged 27. 118 Sqdn. Son of Archibald and Elizabeth Mathers; husband to Mollie Mathers, of Belfast. Ringwood Cemetery, Hampshire

1944

+WRIGHT, George Henry Wright

Royal Engineers. Lieutenant. Died 11/02/1944. Age 20. Son of Samuel and Matilda Wright, of Newtownhamilton, Co. Armagh and had obtained Science Bursarships at Trinity College, Dublin. Minturno War Cemetery, Italy. Family headstone Warrenpoint First Presbyterian Church Graveyard

VETERANS

BURGESS, William J

Rifleman William John Burgess, 14/3416, D Company 14th (Service) Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Young Citizen Volunteers). Enlisted 23/01/1915, (age 21) trained at Randalstown Camp and Seaford Camp, England, landed in France 05/10/1915. Wounded on the opening day of the Somme Offensive otherwise known as the battle of "Albert," 101/07/1916. He lost his speech and hearing through shell-shock, and was in hospital in Glasgow. He was discharged 11/02/1919 (age 25) with Silver War Badge No. B121436, and disability recorded as gunshot wound left forearm. Born 17/10/1893, he was the youngest son Henry and Margaret Burgess (nee Wilson), of 180 Ainsworth Avenue, Belfast. William resided with his brother Thomas Henry of 26 Ruskin Street, Belfast.

WITHERS, Samuel Henry

RAMC. Lt Colonel. CMG. RBAI. QCB MB 1889. Lieutenant, Jan 1892. Major Jan 1904. Lt Colonel Feb 1914. Served NW Frontier India 1897 - 8, S Africa War 1899 - 02, 1914 - 18. Born 1863, Comber. Son of Robert Withers. Died 11/02/1942

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