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On this Day – February 5

1915

Ballymena Observer - Trooper Robert Mitchell

Trooper Mitchell, son of Mr. Richard Mitchell, Clarence Street, (Ballymena) of the 12th Lancers, is at present in a hospital in England suffering from a slight cold. Before returning to the front he hopes to pay a visit to Ballymena and his many local friends wish him the best of luck.

Mrs. McAteer of Waring Street has received a letter from the King informing her that he has heard with much interest of her five sons in the services.

1940

The Allied Supreme War Council agrees to come to the aid of Finland and Norway - if only to protect valuable Swedish ore from falling to the Germans.

British and French governments agree to land an expeditionary force in northern Norway without regard for Norway's neutrality in order to aide Finland, although it was never carried out.

First sinking of a U-boat by a lone British destroyer: in convoy OA-84 off Land's End, HMS Antelope sinks U-41.

1941

An advanced column of armoured cars from the 7th Armoured Division intercept the Italian retreat about 70 miles south of Benghazi.

Battle of Beda Fomm begins: British and Australian troops encircle bulk of Italian army in Libya.

US Navy designates new class of ship—the auxiliary aircraft vessel (AVG), later known as escort carriers—able to be constructed quickly on merchant ship hulls.

1942

First US C-47 cargo plane lost in combat, strafed by Zeros on Bathurst Island, Australia.

Japanese begin bombarding Singapore from Malaya.

US National Naval Medical Center is established in Bethesda, MD.

US Far East Air Force renamed Fifth Air Force; Caribbean AF renamed Sixth AF; Hawaiian AF renamed Seventh AF; Alaskan AF renamed Eleventh AF.

1943

The Eighth Army first went into action as an army as part of Operation Crusader.



Soldier of the 8th Army stands guard over a German officer in Operation Crusader

Mussolini sacks his son-in-law, Count Ciano from Foreign Ministry and takes control himself.

1944

U.S. troops reach the outskirts of Cassino, but are repulsed. The 'Chindits' begin moving towards Indaw, 100 miles behind the Japanese lines in Burma.

1945

French/British Special Operations Executive agent Violette Szabo is executed at the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Szabo was captured during a mission behind enemy lines

following D-Day, France. Szabo was the second woman to be awarded the George Cross.

Yalta Conference - Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt meet at Yalta to discuss the future of Germany. The “Big Three” discussed whether Germany should pay reparations and how the United Nations would work.

Red Army troops approach Elbing and Marienburg in East Prussia.

RAF balloon command to be disbanded as the air raid threat lessens. 278 V1's have been claimed by balloons.

US Seventh and French Armies link, splitting the Colmar pocket in France.

MacArthur orders a containment in the northern Philippines, as the main effort is directed to the capture of Manila. The Australians land on the Japanese stronghold of New Britain, East of New Guinea.

On the night 4/5 February 1945, the 2nd Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles sent its second patrol across the River Meuse to Hoeken

The patrol's mission was to capture a prisoner. At 2030 hours, Lt Beavan and 10 men paddled into the darkness in the direction of the enemy position at Hoeken.

Shortly after disembarking, the patrol approached an orchard in which they located an MG42 (Spandau) machine-



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Horses, Mules and Donkeys played such an important role in the Great War. Here Mules from a Royal Field Artillery unit takes 18-pounder shells, in a special shell-carrying harness, up to a gun site on the Somme front in 1916.

gun emplacement and then observed the gun team being relieved. Having set an ambush on the track taken by the relieving detachment, the patrol waited; within minutes, two Germans moving on the track were promptly disarmed and taken prisoner. By 2330 hours, the patrol with its two dejected POWs was back in the Battalion area. As one of the prisoners was a company runner and therefore well

informed about the local enemy units and dispositions, the patrol's success yielded very valuable intelligence.

The two prisoners were from the 11th Battalion of 1224 Grenadier Regiment in the 190th Division. The first prisoner was L/Cpl Zimmerman, aged 25 from Mannheim, a five-year veteran who had been wounded in Russia and had been in Holland for three months. The company runner, Grenadier Engel was from Cassel and had been in the army for three years. Both were aware that on the eastern front the Soviets were close to Frankfurt an der Oder and both were convinced that Germany would recover. According to the Interrogation Report, one remarked that Frederick the Great had defeated the Russians, even though Berlin had been lost.

Roll of Honour – February 5

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+McLAUGHLIN, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 9740. Died 05/02/1915. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Dungannon WM

+STEWART, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Rifleman. 13663. Died 05/02/1915. Aged 18. Son of Andrew and Mary Stewart, of 155, Mayo St., Belfast. Lisburn Cemetery



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1916

+BINGAM, Alfred

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Rifleman. 14088. Died 05/02/1916. Aged 18. Son of Thomas and Annie Bingam, of 51, Sugarfield St., Shankill Rd., Belfast. Mailly-Maillet Communal Cemetery. Somme, France

+JONES, Joseph

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 15018, Died 05/02/1916. Aged 34. Son of John and Anne Jones, of Belfast. Mailly-Maillet Communal Cemetery. Somme, France

1918

+SMYTH, T

Royal Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Lance Corporal. 58992. Died 05/02/1918. Age 19. Son of Robert and Frances Smyth, of 27, Peveril St., Belfast. Etretat Churchyard Extension, France

1919

+QUATE, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 3rd Btn. Private. 6014, Died 05/02/1919. Age 40.. Son of Samuel Quate of Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

1920

+HUGHES, Henry

Royal Irish Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. 18112. Died 05/02/1920. Age 22 years old. Son of Henry Hughes, of 13, Parkview St., Old Park Rd., Belfast. Milltown Roman Catholic Cemetery, Belfast

VETERANS

ADDY, David Cyril Baines

RN. FAA. Born 22/02/1926. Died 05/02/1991. Son of JV Addy, Knock Rd., Belfast. Campbell College 2900. RBAI 1941-43.

BAIRD, Alan Duncan

RN. Commander. OBE. Paymaster Cadet 1930. Lieutenant 1935. 1939 Mediterranean, Admiralty. 1941 East Indies,

Normandy. 1944 HMS Birmingham. Mentioned in Despatches. Commander (S). Born 05/02/1913. Died 09/1978. Son of Samuel Baird, Malone Rd, Belfast. Campbell College 1688.

COOPER, William

RN. Carpenter's Crew. M24207. Formerly RNVR. Enrolled 10/04/1917 for hostilities. Served in Victory. 23/11/1917 transferred to MMR as Carp. MTO. Born Belfast 05/02/1892. ADM 188/1066/24207

DEVLIN, John

RN. J92434. Seaman. Enrolled 30/08/1918 for hostilities. In Vivid I. Demobbed 05/02/1919. Born Cookstown 12/04/1898. ADM 188/831/92434

DOWIE, Benjamin

Rifleman (7018457) Benjamin Dowie of Belfast served with the Royal Ulster Rifles during WW2. He died on 05/02/1969 in his home city aged 72. He was the son of Benjamin Dowie and Susan Dowie (née Haycott) of Belfast. In the 1901 Irish census the family lived at Everton Street. There were eight siblings. The 1911 Irish census lists the family at Edenderry Street, Belfast. Street, Belfast, Co. Antrim. Benjamin was a plumber's helper living at Midland Street, Belfast. Roselawn Cemetery, Belfast.

FETERIDGE, James Finlayson

RN. Petty Officer. 235915. Boy service from 05/02/1906. Enrolled 21/01/1908 for 12 years. War service in Blake (Larne), Diligence (Maenad), Vivid I and Carnarvon. Served

to 30/06/1926. Born Belfast 21/01/1890. ADM
188/418/235915

GIRR, John

RN. Seaman. J89091. Enrolled 11/05/1918 for hostilities. In
Pembroke I and Wallington. Demobbed 22/03/1919. Born
Omagh 05/02/1891. ADM 188/825/89091

GREEN, Thomas

RN. Stoker II. K30768. HMS Conqueror. Jutland. Enrolled
05/02/1916 for hostilities. Demobbed 15/08/1919. War
service in Vivid and Conqueror (25/04/1916 - 15/08/1919).
Born 15/05/1887. Aghalee, Co. Antrim. ADM 188/928/30768

HEANEY, James

RN. Stoker II. K46056. Enrolled 20/09/1917 for hostilities.
Pembroke II. Invalided 05/02/1919. Born Belfast
02/02/1896. ADM 188/959/46056

HICKS, George

George Hicks was born on 02/11/1891 at Kinglass,
Kinawley, County Fermanagh, the second of four children of
farm steward and labourer Thomas Hicks and his wife
Margaret (nee Lang).

Hicks enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Enniskillen on
07/08/1908 (No.193 – later Corps of Hussars No.71009). He
was promoted to lance corporal on 08/04/1913, corporal on
07/03/1914, lance sergeant on 15/06/1914 and sergeant on
21/08/1914.

On 20/08/1914 he embarked for France with C Squadron of the North Irish Horse, seeing action on the retreat from Mons and advance to the Aisne. During this time he had a narrow escape when on patrol near the Aisne with two other men of C Squadron, Privates Scott and Moore. According to fellow Horseman Corporal Fred Lindsay.

... they were sent on patrol as far as a ford in the river which, unknown to us, was held by a German force with a machine gun. When the three reached the ford they found a British officer dead across his motor-car and some of his men dead around the car. They were about to dismount to investigate when the machine-gun fired upon them, instantly killing the two troopers. Sergeant Hicks escaped on Moore's horse, his own being shot under him.

Hicks remained with his squadron in France until late in 1917, when it was dismounted and most of the men transferred to infantry. Hicks however was found physically unfit for the rigours of frontline infantry service, and on 25/10/1917 was transferred to the Labour Corps (No.417012).

On 01/06/1918 he was again transferred, to the King's Royal Rifles Corps (No.58590), and was posted to D Company of the recently formed 25th (Service) Battalion (Pioneers). Hicks remained with the battalion until after the Armistice, serving as sergeant and acting company sergeant-major.

He returned home on 05/02/1919 and was transferred to Class Z, Army Reserve, on 6 March that year.

Acknowledgment - The North Irish Horse in the Great War.



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KIRKPATRICK, Albert

Born Armagh, he attended St Mark's Parish School. His family moved to Portadown. He joined the RN on his 16th birthday and began training on the Isle of Man. His pay was a shilling a week.

He was in HMS Spartan when it was sunk in the Anzio operations on 29/01/1944. Whilst at HMS Sea Eagle at Ebrington, Londonderry, he met Isobel, later to be his wife, at a dance. Theirs was the first marriage to be solemnised by Rev. Charles Willoughby as curate of St Columb's Cathedral. Mr Willoughby was later to be rector of All Saints'

Church, Clooney, which has strong RNA links, and he was also Archdeacon of Derry.

After his service with the RN, Albert worked for the GPO (now BT), until his retirement. He was a Past President of the Apprentice Boys of Derry No Surrender Parent Club, Past Master of LOL 1912 and for over fifty years a member of RBP No 237.

He loved animals and never came to the Cathedral on a Sunday without an encounter with Widor, the aptly named Deanery dog. When the Cathedral bells started ringing Widor would bolt across the cathedral grounds to take up station by the gates and wait on his weekly treat from Albert. Father to Pat, Marilyn and Augusta. Died 05/02/2011. Based on an appreciation in St Columb's magazine, March 2011.

LAMONT, Stephen

RN. Signaller. J30292. HMS Dublin. Jutland. Boy service 05/03/1914 - 28/03/1916. Enrolled 18/10/1916 for 12 years. War service in Dublin (29/12/1915 - 05/02/1916), Vivid I, and Tiger. He was slightly injured at Jutland. Served until 24/04/1920. Nephew of William Murphy, New Row, Coleraine. Born Coleraine 18/10/1898. Railway Rd, Coleraine. ADM 188/707/30292

MATTHEWS, Frederick

RN. Stoker I. K50387. Enrolled 05/02/1918 for hostilities. IN Pembroke II and Sentinel. Demobbed 17/02/1920. Born Lisburn 15/10/1897. ADM 188/966/50387

McCABREY, David

RN. Chief Stoker. 307012. Enrolled 05/02/1906 for 12 years.

War service in Pembroke II, Diamond (01/08/1914 - 08/07/1917), Hecla, Apollo and Prince George. Served to 26/01/1927. Born Lurgan 20/03/1885. ADM 188/501/307012

McCABREY, William

RN. Chief Stoker. 309749. Enrolled 05/02/1906 for 12 years. Served to 26/01/1921. War service in Diamond (01/08/1914 - 08/07/1917), Pembroke I, Apollo and Hecla. Born Lurgan 25/06/1887. ADM 188/506/309749

+McCOMB, Hugh

RN. Stoker I. SS100505. HMS Hawke. Died 15/10/1914. Enrolled 05/02/1904 for 5 and 7 years. Served to 05/02/1909. Joined RFR 06/02/1909. In Hawke 05/08/1914 - 15/10/1914. Born Belfast 22/01/1886. Ogilvie St., Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 5. ADM 188/1106/100505

McCONKEY, Thompson

RN. Seaman. 66185. HMS Benbow. Jutland. Enrolled 04/08/1912 for 12 years. Served to 05/02/1919. War service in Vivid, Blake, Jupiter and Benbow (21/11/1914 - 03/10/1918). Born Belfast 04/08/1886. ADM 188/402/227660

McNULTY, John

RND. AB. K.X/478. Enlisted 11/09/1914. Born 05/02/1878. Son of Bernard McNulty, Sheetrim, Crossmaglen, Co Armagh. ADM339

PINKERTON, Samuel Desmond Parkman Cordner

RN. Signaller. J33816. HMS Monarch. Jutland. Boy service

25/01/1915 - 11/01/1917. Enrolled 11/01/1917 for 12 years. Served to 31/03/1920. War service in Impregnable, Vivid I and Monarch (01/01/1916 - 05/02/1920). Born Newry 11/01/1899. ADM 188/714/33816

RITCHIE, William

RNAS. Petty Officer Mechanical. F10109. Armoured Car Division. Enrolled 16/11/1915 for hostilities. In Russia 01/10/1916 - 05/02/1918. Born Bangor 10/04/1899. Quay Place, Bangor. ADM 188/580/10109

SLOAN, Wolsey Cornwall

RNVR. Surgeon-Lieut. Commander. 1940-45. Surgeon-Lieut., R.N., 1926. Born 05/09/1902. Campbell College. BA, TCD 1924. MB BCh 1926. The BMJ of 22/02/1941 reported that he was wounded. Son of Andrew G Sloan, Ballyworkan House, Portadown.

SMITH, George

RN. Petty Officer. 235270. HMS New Zealand. Jutland. Enrolled 24/05/1907 for 12 years. Re-enrolled 24/12/1919. Served to 06/07/1921. In New Zealand 05/02/1914 - 10/02/1919. Born Ardglass, 24/05/1889. ADM 188/417/235270

TURNER, Robert

RN. AB. J75231. Boy service from 20/07/1917. Enrolled 05/02/1918 for hostilities. Powerful and Ramilles. Demobbed 23/02/1919. Born Lisburn 05/02/1900. ADM 188/797/75231

YOUNG, Samuel

RN. Leading Seaman. 224215. HMS New Zealand. Jutland. Boy service. Enrolled 05/02/1903 for 12 years. Joined RFR 09/03/1919. Re-engaged 06/11/1920. In New Zealand 19/11/1912 - 05/11/1920. Born Dundonald, 05/02/1885. ADM 188/395/224215

ADM indicates the reference for Admiralty personnel records.

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