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Last Post sounding at the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres

Two Royal Navy officers honoured for actions on this day

Distinguished Service Cross for Ballymena RN officer
Lieutenant Charles Gage Stuart in sinking of German

cruiser Dresden

Charles Gage Stuart was a Lieutenant in HMS Glasgow. The Ballymena Observer reported, "Lt. Charles Gage Stuart, RN, was presented on Wednesday, by the King, at Buckingham Palace, with the Distinguished Service Cross for 'meritorious service in connection with the sinking of the German Cruiser 'Dresden' on March 14th, 1915.

"Lt. Stuart is a son of Mr. William Stuart C.E. of Mount Earl, Ballymena and a brother of 2nd Lt. W. G. B. Stuart of the 12th Btn Royal Irish Rifles (Central Antrim Volunteers), and 2nd Lt. Stuart, North Irish Horse. He is also a nephew of the late Rear Admiral Leslie Stuart CMG and served with that officer in HMS Vengeance on the China Station during the Russo-Japanese war (1904 - 05).

"Lt. Stuart's seniority as Lieutenant dates from 1st April 1909. When the war broke out he was serving on the cruiser Glasgow, on the south-east coasts of America. He was in the action with Von Spee's squadron on November 1 in which the 'Good Hope' and the 'Monmouth' were sunk. The 'Glasgow' got away damaged on that occasion but lived to fight another day and Lt. Stuart had the satisfaction of being on board his ship in the engagement in which the Dresden was sunk on March 14th." - Ballymena Observer, 02/18/1916. He lived at Mount Errol, Ballymena. He is named on St. Patrick's Parish Church RH.

Distinguished Service Order for Ballycarry RN officer, Captain John William Leopold McClintock

On 14 March 1916, the following notice - 29507 - was issued:

“In recognition of services rendered by Officers of the Eastern Mediterranean Squadron between the time of the landing in the Gallipoli Peninsula in April, 1915, and the evacuation in December, 1915 - January, 1916

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appointment of the undermentioned officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:
Captain John William Leopold McClintock, R.N. Was in command of H.M.S. "Lord Nelson," and inflicted severe damage on the enemy in the operations of last May. Is mentioned for having handled his ship most ably.”

A naval career in a naval family

In time the Captain became a Vice Admiral. CB (01/01/1919). DSO (30/06/1912). Served 26/07/1874 - 23/03/1929. Promoted Commander 01/01/1905; Captain 30/06/1912. He served continuously at sea during the First World War. Commanded the new battleship HMS Lord Nelson (from 30/04/1914) at the Gallipoli landings and from July 1916 commanded HMS Dreadnought. From December

1916 he commanded HMS King George V. Captain of HMS Conqueror 10/06/1918 - 11/01/1919.

He became Commodore at the Royal Navy Barracks at Portsmouth in 1920, Director of Naval Artillery and Torpedo at the Admiralty in 1919 and Director of the Mobilisation Department at the Admiralty in 1923. He went on to be Commander of the 3rd Light Cruiser Squadron in 1924 and President of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich early in 1929 before his death a few months later. He won the Humane Society's medal for a gallant attempt to save a seaman's life in November 1907.

Second son of Vice Admiral Sir Leopold McClintock, whose efforts resulted in the discovery of the fate of the Franklin Expedition in the 19th century. A channel in the Arctic is named in honour of Vice Admiral McClintock.

Husband to Hon. Rose Anne Mary O'Neill, daughter of Lord and Lady O'Neill of Shane's Castle, Randalstown.. Married 15/01/1920. JWL McClintock, Born 26/07/1874. Died 23/03/1929. Redhall House, Ballycarry. Memorial in St John's Parish Church, Templecorran, Ballycarry.



On this Day – March 14

1936

Adolf Hitler tells a crowd of 300,000 that Germany's only judge is God and itself.

1939

The Nazis dissolve the republic of Czechoslovakia.

1941

Japanese fighters raid Chengtu, China in longest range for fighter operation of war to date.

1942

US troops arrive in Australia in force.
Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrives in Mindanao, after evacuating from Corregidor on Roosevelt's orders.

1943

Gen. Henri Giraud restores representative government in French North Africa, suppresses Vichy organizations.



1943

German armoured forces recapture the city of Kharkov. It is considered as the last great victory of German arms on the Eastern Front. The German offensive cost the Red Army an estimated 90,000 casualties, German losses around 11,000.

The Krakow Ghetto is liquidated.

The Royal Navy Submarine Thetis, now renamed Thunderbolt is sunk by the Italian corvette Cicogna, off Sicily all 68 crew lost. HMS Thetis, sunk during trials 1 June 1939 killing 99 on board.

1944

The British are forced to withdraw towards Imphal in Assam,

while fighting a bitter rearguard action.

In Burma, Japanese cut road from Tiddim north to Imphal; Indian troops are unable to retreat.

1945

US Third Army crosses the Moselle, Southwest of Koblenz. Germans counterattack to recapture the oilfields near Lake Balaton come to an end. The Red Army cuts all communications between Koenigsberg and the German forces fighting in the Braunsberg pocket.

RAF Bomber Command makes its first use of the 22,000lb 'Grand Slam' bomb, wrecking the Bielefeld viaduct.

The US 15th Air Force, taking off from Italian airfields, launches a heavy raid (500 bombers) against Regensburg, while the RAF attacks Wuppertal with 400 aircraft.

On Luzon, a force of Filipinos led by US Col. Russell Volckmann, who refused to surrender to the Japanese in 1942, takes San Fernando.

First US infantry arrive in China, the Mars Task Force, ferried by the Air Transport Command.

U.S. troops begin mopping up on Iwo Jima and launch heavy attacks in the North of the island.

Ramparts Cemetery, Ypres

Ramparts Cemetery was begun in November 1914 with French soldiers being laid to rest here.

At that time a detachment of the French Army was positioned in Ypres and on the Allied Front Line to the north and north-east of the city. French soldiers were using the protection of the fortified ramparts to provide shelter and



living spaces near to the Lille Gate.

From February 1915 to April 1918 Ramparts Cemetery was used by Commonwealth Forces.

Most of the 1915 casualties buried here were killed in February, March and April and then in July and August of that year. The casualties from 1917 include a number of Australian and New Zealand soldiers.

After the Armistice in November 1918 the French graves were removed from Ramparts Cemetery. The French soldiers would most likely have been reburied in a French National Military Cemetery.

There are 198 Commonwealth graves in the cemetery, of which 188 are identified casualties. The cemetery was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield. Walter McCurry of Belfast is one of them. See Roll of Honour below.



Roll of Honour – March 14

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+BARRETT, Norman James

RNR. Sub Lieutenant. Died 14/03/1915. Age 21. Brompton Hospital, London. Third son of James Hunter Barrett JP and Eleanor Jane Barrett of Church Rd., Holywood, and later of Seaview, Queen's Parade, Bangor, County Down. The family later moved to *Leysfield*, Regent's Park Road, Church End, Finchley, London.. Norman was the first of three brothers to die in the war. Ernest was the second and Knox the third. Norman James Barrett was born on 16/04/1894 in *The Highlands*, Ballymenoch and he was a son of James Hunter Barrett JP (born in County Donegal) and Eleanor Jane Barrett (nee Hughes, born in County Down) who were married on 13/11/1884 in Saul C of I Parish Church, Co Down. An ex-Royal Irish Constabulary policeman, James Hunter Barrett was Clerk of the Petty Sessions in North Down and he and Eleanor Jane had five children. Bangor WM. Royal British Legion (Bangor Branch) Memorial Plaque. Bangor Masonic Lodge No. 286 RH. Bangor C of I Parish Church (St Comgall's) RH. Family memorial in Bangor Abbey, St Comgall's Churchyard. Underneath his inscription is the following. "When thou passest thru the waters, I will be with thee. Home is the sailor, home from the sea."

+BEATTIE, Thomas

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10360. Died 14/03/1915. Age 28. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Beattie; Stepson of Anna Eliza Beattie, of Newry St., Markethill, Co. Armagh. Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. First Markethill Presbyterian Church WM

+MADDEN, Francis

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 9973. Died 14/03/1915. Aged 35. Born Dungannon. Served as Campbell. Arrived in France with the Fusiliers on 19/12/1914. Son of the late James Madden; husband to Josephine McIntyre (formerly Madden), of 2, Salisbury Square, Edinburgh. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Dungannon War Dead.

+McCREADY, Fleming

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 10663. Died 14/03/1915. Age 34. Enlisted in Glasgow. Second son of Barbara McCready, of Tobermore, and the late Fleming McCready, a postman. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+McCURRY, Walter Tennyson

RAMC. Lieutenant. Attached 1st Btn Norfolk Regiment. MiD. Died 14/03/1915. Age 22. RBAI. QUB M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. 1915. Member of OTC. He joined the Special Reserve of Officers in the RAMC. Mobilised 05/08/1914. Posted to serve on the medical staff of the 15th Field Ambulance, entering the war with them on 20th August. Walter took four days leave in the UK at Christmas then shortly after he

returned to the front lines he was attached to the 1st Bn. Norfolk Regiment as their medical officer. In a letter to his father he wrote: "Above all things don't worry. If you keep bright and smiling it will do mother a lot of good. Don't be downhearted. My risks are very small compared with those of the fighting men, but I want to prepare you for this - I may soon be sent as medical officer to a regiment. This may mean more exposure, but the danger is not much increased. One, however, should look at these things not through narrow personal spectacles, but take a broader, patriotic view. You cannot make omelets without breaking eggs. You cannot have the prosperity and comfort that Britain now enjoys, and for which she has in the past shed blood, without losing, without losing lives. And so I come to my point - that instead of worrying about the whole skin of one's relatives at the front people at home should rather think of the ultimate result of this war, and be prepared, if necessary, to lose their friends." Walter was killed whilst tending to wounded when the battalion came under heavy shell fire. He was the eldest son of Joseph and Jessie Graham McCurry of Belfast Bank House, Shankill Rd., Belfast. Ramparts Cemetery, (Lille Gate), Ypres.

+McKEEVER, J

Royal Irish Rifles, 4th Btn. Rifleman. 7189. Died 14/03/1915. Son of Mrs. C. McKeever, of 34, Plevna St., Belfast. Milltown Roman Catholic Cemetery, Belfast

+MORGAN, Francis

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 10112. Died 14/03/1915 at Neuve Chapelle. Son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Morgan, Scotch-street, Downpatrick. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

+O'HAGAN, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 8618. Died 14/03/1915. Age 29. Son of John O'Hagan, of 44, Frederick St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+SHERRY, Francis Augustine

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8470. Died 14/03/1915. Age 24. Son of John and Mary Anne Sherry, of Clooney Rd., Londonderry. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France

+SLOAN, Matthew

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 5933. Died 14/03/1915. Age 23 years old. Son of Thomas Sloan, of Killean, Flurrybridge, Newry. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+THOMPSON, Alexander

Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 6805. Died 14/03/1915. Age 19. Son of Mrs. Margaret Thompson, of 86, Walton St., Crumlin Rd., Belfast. Brother of Margaret and Lilly. Tuileries British Cemetery, Belgium

1916

+WEIR, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8192. Died 14/03/1916. Age 21. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weir, of 133, Victoria St., Lurgan. Rue-du-Bois Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, France

1917

+BOWMAN, Hugh David

Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 2nd Btn. Corporal. S/17481. Died 14/03/1917. Age 29. Husband of M. A.Bowman, of 7, Rockdale St., Belfast. Bazra Memorial, Iraq

+SMYTH, G

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Rifleman. 18/173. Died 04/03/1917. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

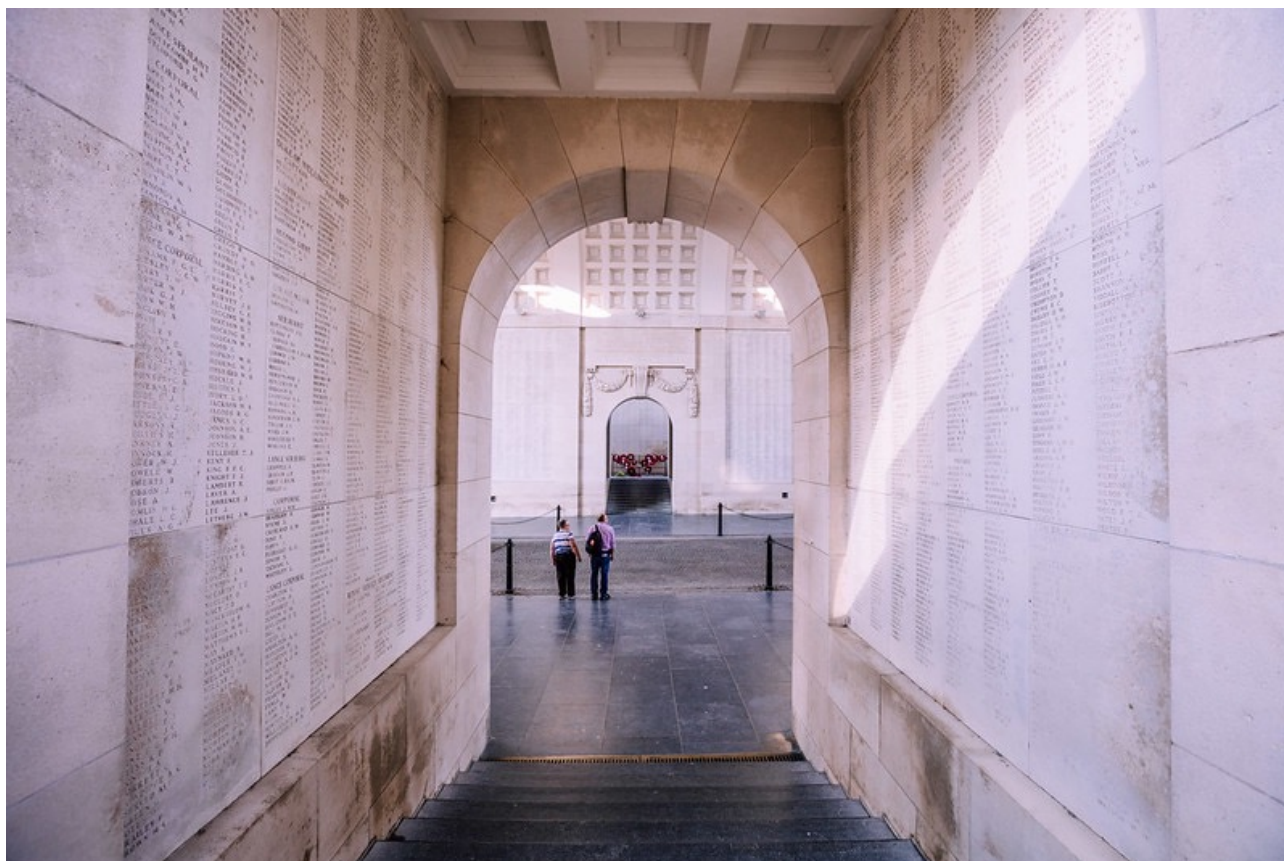
1918

+DONNELLY, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn, C Coy. Private. 3/11264. Died 14/03/1918. Aged 20. Son of John and Mary Jane Donelly, of Gortnashra, Coalisland. Ramleh War Cemetery, Rabat. Dungannon WM

+McKENNELL, Thomas

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment). Private. 522752. Died 14/03/1918. A graduate of TCD. He was employed as a school teacher before emigrating to Canada where he worked at the Toronto Customs House. He enlisted in 1915. A brother served in the NI Horse. He was a member of Cameron LOL 613, Temple RBP 292, and Cooke's Presbyterian Church. Son of John and Sarah Jane McKennell, of Killylinn, Allistragh, Armagh. They had nine children. Thelus Military Cemetery,



France. First Armagh Presbyterian Church WM, Salters Grange C of I WM

+MILLAR, Daniel

Canadian Field Artillery, 10th Brigade, 68th and later 35th Battery. Gunner. 339201. Died 14/03/1918. He enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force on 23/08/1916 at Vancouver, British Columbia, and embarked for England in January 1917. Dan was sent to France in May 1917 and was posted to the 10th Brigade. He was seriously injured by a gas shell on 09/03/1918 at Vimy, near Arras, and died of gas poisoning at Number 3, Australian General Hospital, Abbeville. Before WW1 Dan had emigrated initially to Philadelphia, America, and then to Canada. Prior to enlisting he and his wife, Hilda Amanda nee Monson, lived in the North Lonsdale area of North Vancouver, British Columbia, where he was a grocer. He was born on 15/03/1885 and his parents, William Alexander and Jane Millar (nee Martin),

lived at Heathmount, Portstewart. His uncle, Thomas Millar, lived at the Orange Hall, Portstewart. Abbeville Communal Cemetery, France. Portstewart's WM, Agherton Parish Church's WM, Agherton Parish Church RH, IMR

[Names engraved on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres](#)

+TAYLOR, Charles Victor

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Corporal. 16/570. Died 14/03/1918. Age 20. Son of William James and Matilda Taylor, of Belfast. Grand-Seraucourt British Cemetery, France

1920

+ARMSTRONG, WJ

Royal Army Service Corps. Private. M/320012. Died 14/03/1920. Age 23. Son of William Armstrong, of 20, Memel St., Belfast, and the late Margaret Jane Armstrong. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

+McCREEDY, Robert

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Private. 19494. Died 14/03/1920. Age 30. Born in Belfast. Son of Jane Eliza McCreedy and the late John McCreedy; husband to Margaret Jane McCreedy, of 16, Caledon St., Belfast. Shankill Graveyard, Belfast

1940

+HAMILTON, Robert George

RN. Able Seaman. P/SSX 19719. Died 14/03/1940. Age: 21.

HMS Eagle. Son of George and Elizabeth Hamilton,
Newtownards. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 38.
Newtownards WM

+McBRIDE, Thomas Moreland

Pioneer Corps, 109 Coy., Aux. Mil. Private. 2197555. Died
14/03/1940. Age 19. Son of William John and Rachel Mary
McBride, of Downpatrick. Bayeux War Cemetery, France

1941

+BRIGHTON, Charles Edmund

RAF. Leading Aircraftman. 639024. Died 14/03/1941. Aged
19. Nephew of Mrs. M. G. Wiltshire of Fivemiletown.
Fivemiletown Church of Ireland Churchyard. Dungannon
WM

1944

+KYLE, Hubert

Royal Artillery. 5 HAA. Regt. 7 Bty. Regt. Gunner. 833155.
Died 14/03/1944. Aged 33. Japanese prisoner of war. Died
of acute colitis in Sakurajima Prisoner of War camp. Born in
Clogher/Fivemiletown area. Son of Robert and Jennie Kyle,
of Clogher, Co. Tyrone. Yokohama War Cemetery, Japan.
Clogher WM

1945

+HART, Peter

West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), 1st Btn.
Lance Corporal. 1552800. Died 14/03/1945. Age 26. Son of
Cornelious and Mary Hart, of Newry; husband to Margaret
Patricia Hart, of Newry. Taukkyan War Cemetery,

VETERANS

HENRY, Thomas

Rifleman. 2/2428 12th (Service) Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Central Antrim Volunteers). Thomas, from Ahoghill, Co. Antrim enlisted on 02/12/1914 and embarked with the battalion to France on 05/10/1915. He remained with the battalion through the war and was captured on 21/03/1918 with the vast majority of the battalion. He was imprisoned at Cassel and Mannheim POW camps before being repatriated after the Armistice. The time as a POW took its toll on Thomas' health and he was transferred to Class Z Army Reserve on 14/03/1919 with the Medical Grade B3.

MARTIN, Robert Henry

RM Artillery. Sergeant. 1161. Enrolled Belfast 01/11/1915. Discharged 20/02/1919. Born Coleraine 14/03/1897. Son of Thomas Martin, Ardbana Terrace, Coleraine. First Coleraine - PCI RH. ADM 159/97/1161

MISKELLY, William James

RN. AB. Armourer. J22084. Enrolled 14/03/1914 for 12 years. War service in Foresight, Adventure, and Vivid. Transferred to Armourer's Crew 19/11/1914. Born Belfast 14/03/1896. Ballymaccarrett Masonic Lodge, Belfast. ADM 188/691/22084

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