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## **Admiral McClintock DSO of Ballycarry and Gallipoli**

**He completed 55 years service on this date in 1929 including four years continuous sea duty during WW1**

**Crew members of HMS Laforey which was lost on the day in 1917**



**John William Leopold McClintock. Vice Admiral. CB (01/01/1919). DSO (30/06/1912).**

He was made a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order in a 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. The record states - "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."

He served from 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.

He 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. They married on 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 23

### 1917

The Frank Salisbury painting of **Boy Sailor John Travers Cornwell**, commissioned by the City of London is presented to the Royal Navy. Cornwell was awarded a VC for gallantry at Jutland, at 16 he is the 3rd youngest recipient. The painting is in the church at HMS Raleigh

### HMS LAFOREY

HMS Laforey was the lead ship of her class of destroyer built for the Royal Navy. Launched a year before WW1 began, she was attached to the Dover Patrol. Laforey saw action in several engagements with German torpedo boats,

including the Battle off Noorhinder Bank and the action of 17/03/1917. Laforey was sunk in 1917 by a British mine after escorting several freighters to France. She was named for Francis Laforey, captain of HMS Spartiate at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. See today's Roll of Honour

## 1918

**For the third time in 21 months, the 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers in 108th Brigade, 36th (Ulster) Division was all but destroyed.**

“Blacker’s Boys” - 9th Irish Fusiliers - devotes a whole chapter to the actions fought in the week following the German attack south of the River Somme and the subsequent action against the German second phase attack south of Ypres.

In these actions, 36th (Ulster) Division suffered over 7,200 casualties, of which over 5,600 were missing, most of whom had been captured. This was the highest casualty rate of any division facing the German attack. The 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers lost 46 killed or died of wounds, 142 wounded and an estimated 334 captured. By this stage of the war the Battalion was nothing like that which had landed in France in October 1915. The majority of its men were those who had joined from 2nd North Irish Horse, there was also a fair number of Englishmen—from Yorkshire, Derbyshire and London—and Irish soldiers from all over Ireland, both Catholic and Protestant.

Many of the men killed in the actions fought in March 1918 were later described as falling in the period 21-29 March or



**Kaiserschlacht : the carnage of the battlefield. Dead horses and smashed British limbers and field guns on the Somme front in March 1918.**

on 29 March but neither of these descriptions is wholly accurate. All of those who were killed in action fell between 21 March and the Battalion's last stand at Erches on 27 March. No-one was killed in action on 28 or 29 March but the latter was the first day that the Battalion was able to compile its records of killed, wounded and missing.

## **1919**

8th Congress of the Russian Communist Party re-establishes a five-member Politburo which becomes the center of political power in the Soviet Union. Original members Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky, Joseph Stalin, Lev Kamenev and Nikolai Krestinsky

## 1933

Enabling Act: German Reichstag grants Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers

## 1940

**WITHERS, David** - HMS Exeter. Presentation made to him by local community in **Killyleagh Castle**. (This was after the Battle of the River Plate) - Bangor Spectator 23/03/1940

Germany requires car owners to donate batteries and requires church bells to be melted down.

## 1941

Heavy Luftwaffe attack on Malta leads RAF to withdraw bombers and flying boats.

## 1942

During World War II, the U.S. government began moving Japanese-Americans from their West Coast homes to detention centres.

The British convoy, having escaped serious damage, are approaching Malta. However, it is here that they come under concentrated air attack which sinks 1 freighter and damages another, although the other two freighters make it safely in to the port of Valletta. However, air attacks against the

docks at Valletta made it very difficult to unload.

The Japanese occupy the Anadaman Islands in the Indian Ocean.

Port Moresby is again attacked by Japanese aircraft.

## 1943

**CASTLES, Samuel** - RN. Telegraphist. Awarded Cross of Poland. Brothers serving in Canadian navy and Canadian army - Belfast Telegraph 23/03/1943

Submarine HMS Turbulent failed to return from patrol in the Tyrrhenian Sea, cause of loss (possibly 12-14 March) unknown. All 67 crew were lost.

In the heaviest air raid to date, RAF drops 2000 tons of bombs on Dortmund, Germany.

In the Battle of El Guettar in Tunisia, US infantry manages to defeat German armor.

## 1944

Italian partisan bombing decimates a German SS police unit in Rome, 33 Germans and 10 Italian civilians are killed.

## 1945

**1 RIrF (38 Irish Division)** at the Senio:

"On the 23rd, the Faughs had a bit of excitement on their floodbank. It reached its peak in a fierce hand to hand



Paratroopers of the US 17th Airborne Division discuss the mission before taking off to jump east of the Rhine river, Germany, March 1945.

battle, which lasted about 3 hours with a Bays' tanks being able to give support. They fought off the attack with great spirit."

**+FRASER, John** - RN. Petty Officer Stoker. The only name with this rank in the CWGC records as follows -C/KX.80140. Died 05/03/1945. Aged 34. HMS Golden. Son of Alexander and Lana Williamson Fraser; husband to Christina Cameron Kennedy Park Fraser, of Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Remains interred Sydney War Cemetery, Queensland,

Australia. An uncle, Captain WC Fraser MBE, Merchant Navy, of the Hilhall Rd., Lisburn, also died in the war and his remains interred in Bayeux War Cemetery - Lisburn  
Standard 23/03/1945

Colonel Benjamin O. Davis prepares to fly cover with the 332nd Fighter Group on a bombing mission over Berlin. Davis will later become the first African-American to be promoted to the rank of Major General

The RAF launches a devastating raid (300 bombers) against Hildesheim near Hannover, a small city of little military and industrial importance.

General Montgomery's British Second Army crosses Rhine at Wesel, Germany.

French General Charles de Gaulle grants limited self-government to French Indochina.

The U.S. Third Army crosses the Rhine North of Worms, as the British Second and Canadian First Armies begin their assault across the Rhine above the Ruhr.

The Russian reach the outskirts of Danzig and Gotenhafen.



# Roll of Honour – March 23

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1915**

**+CALDWELL, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8566. Died 23/03/1915. Age 28. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Caldwell, of 22, Mackey St., Belfast. Merville Communal Cemetery, France

**+HIGGINS, Edward**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8239. Died 23/03/1915. Age 22. Born at Belfast. Son of Lawrance and Margaret Higgins, of 130, Beckwith St., Birkenhead. Loker Churchyard, Belgium

**+LAVERY, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 9353. Died 23/03/1915. Age 40. Served in South African Campaign and in India. Native of Banbridge. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France

**1916**

**+CONNOR, Charles**

Royal Field Artillery. 74th Bde. Ammunition Col. Gunner.

80588. Died 23/03/1916. Aged 23. Son of Frederick and Margaret Connor, of 11, Adelaide Avenue, Whitehead. Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France/ Whitehead WM

**+DEVLIN, Patrick**

North Staffordshire Regiment. 8th Btn. Private. 17237. Died 23/03/1916. Age 34 . Disembarked in France July 1915. Brother of Mrs. Mary Ann Kelly, of Glassdrummond, Co. Armagh. Son of Mrs Alice McConville who had remarried after being widowed. Pont-du-Hem Military Cemetery, La Gorgue, France

**+McANALLY, Hugh**

Connaught Rangers, 6th Btn. Lance Corporal. 6/2795. Died 23/03/1916 of wounds in Bellahouston Military Hospital, Glasgow. He had been slightly wounded in the stomach but remained in the field, though assigned only light duties. His condition deteriorated and he was eventually transferred to hospital in Scotland. A telegram reached Mrs McNally from his commanding officer, this stating that her husband was seriously ill and asking that she go over to see him. She went but may have arrived too late. Born 13/02/878 at Cullybackey. Son of Margaret McAnally. Husband to Sarah McKeown, Coach Entry, off Castle Street, Ballymena. Margaret McAnally died aged 63 on 09/12/1906 at Galgorm Street, Ballymena, her son's wife Sarah being with her. St. Mary's (Aughnahoy) Cemetery, Ahoghill Road, Portglenone.

**1917**

**HMS LAFOREY**

**+JOHNSTON, James Alexander**

RN. AB. 235110. HMS Laforey. Died 23/03/1917. Born Belfast 24/11/1889. Killed by mine explosion in Straits of

Dover. Brother of John Johnston, Channing St., Belfast.  
Plymouth Naval Memorial. IMR. ADM 188/417/235110

**+McBRIDE, William**

Stoker 1st Class. K6288. HMS Laforey. Died 23/03/1917.  
Age 30. Mine explosion in Straits of Dover. Enrolled  
01/04/1910 for 12 years. War service in Hibernia, Pembroke  
II, Champion and Laforey (08/03/1917 - 23/03/1917). Born  
Belfast 14/01/1892. Son of Samuel and Sarah McBride,  
Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial. ADM 188/879/6288

**1918**

**+BENSON, David**

47 Machine Gun Corps(I). Private 122848. Formerley of the  
Yorkshire Regiment (45417). KIA in France on the  
23/03/1918. Born at Trummery, near Moira he enlisted at  
Stockton-on-Tees. Metz-En-Couture Communal Cemetery  
British Extension, Pas de Calais, France

**+BREEN, William Henry**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 44. Died 23/03/1918.  
Age 30. Son of James and Annie Breen; husband of Eleanor  
Breen, of I, Sugarfield St., Belfast. Pozieres Memorial,  
France

**+BROWN, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 8th (Service) Battalion (East Belfast  
Volunteers), attached 1st Battalion. Captain. Died  
23/03/1918. Age 23 years. Awarded the Royal Humane  
Society's Bronze Medal and Certificate for saving life from  
drowning at Belfast in September, 1916. Son of Samuel S.

Brown, of 3 Ailsa Terrace, Strandtown, Belfast, and the late Agnes Brown. Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France

### **+CROSSAN, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 911. Died 23/03/1918. Age 30. Husband of Mary Ann Crossan, of 3, Legnavea St., Ligoniel, Belfast. Pozieres Memorial, France

### **+DOUTHART, John**

9th Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, formerly No. 3 Coy. 12th (Reserve) Bn. Private. 27685. Died 23/03/1918. Aged 24. Service Number 27685. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Douthart, of Fairhill Street, Ballycastle. Noyon New British Cemetery, Oise, France. His headstone is beside that of Capt. JF Harvey (Below)

### **+GRAHAM, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 188. Died 23/03/1918. Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France

### **+HAMILTON, Robert**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 15572. DCM, MM. Died 23/03/1918. Age 22. DCM citation - "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he captured an enemy machine-gun and three of its crew, single handed. While holding the line during the following days he rendered valuable assistance in reorganising the company and getting forward supplies of bombs and ammunition, on several occasions under fire. His example and cheerfulness throughout were

magnificent.” (30/03/1918, Northern Whig). Born Dungiven 1896. Son of James and Ellen Hamilton, of 77, Fountain St., Londonderry. Pozieres Memorial, France

### **+HARVEY, John Forsythe**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Bn. Captain. Died 23/03/1918. Aged 24. Son of William and Elizabeth Harvey, of "Inverary", Downshire Rd., Cregagh, Belfast. Noyon New British Cemetery, Oise, France. The headstone beside Capt. Harvey is that of Pte John Douthart, who it is believed from documentary evidence held by the family, was Captain Harvey's orderly, who carried Captain Harvey when he was wounded until both were shot dead.

### **+HERDMAN, William George**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. Died 23/03/1918 of wounds. He was just three days away from his 20th birthday. Eldest child of John and Mary Herdman. William Herdman was born in Killyboggin, Magherafelt, on 26/03/1898. Killyboggin lies south east of Desertmartin. John Herdman was a National School teacher in Killyboggin. William enlisted at Finner Camp, County Donegal. St Souplet British Cemetery, Le Cateau, Nord, France. Desertmartin C of I RH, Magherafelt C of I RH

### **+HUGHES, James**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Company Quartermaster Sergeant. Distinguished Conduct Medal. Military Medal. 4517. Died 23/03/1918. James Hughes was a fruit dealer and widower from John Street, Portadown. He was a pre-war member of the Armagh Regiment, Ulster Volunteer Force. He was also a Special Reservist and on the outbreak

of war he had been mobilised and posted to 1st Btn. Royal Irish Fusiliers, with which he went to France on 22/08/1914. He was wounded in the face in October 1916 and earned a Military Medal in the fighting at the Chemical Works at Roeux in April and May 1917. Posted to the 9th Btn. Royal Irish Fusiliers after he had recovered, he was appointed Company Quartermaster Sergeant in 'A' Company. At Ollezy, on the southern bank of the River Somme, on March 23 the Battalion fought a gallant rearguard action during which Company Quartermaster Sergeant Hughes 'went forward with a Lewis gun and knocked out an enemy machine-gun which was firing on our right flank. When the team was disabled, although wounded himself, he kept the gun in action until reinforcements came up.' So recorded the citation of his Distinguished Conduct Medal. Hughes, having been wounded in this action, was later declared missing in the period 21-28 March and finally declared killed in action on 29 March. He died, in fact, on 23 March, the day of his gallant stand and was buried by the advancing Germans, who recorded the date of his death. He was one of 85 British soldiers buried in March and April in a section of the German military cemetery south of Roye; that section became known as Roye Old British Cemetery. His remains were reinterred in Roye New British Cemetery in 1920.

### **+LEEBURN, Hugh**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Private. 29474. Died 23/03/1918. Born Colinward, Glengormley on 23/09/1889. Enlisted Glasgow. He had worked as a gardener at the Powerscourt Estate, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. Son of Parker and Janet (nee Courtney) Leeburn. Hugh and Elizabeth

Cronly married on 22/11/1915 in Carbury Roman Catholic Church, Co. Kildare. Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France

**+MARKS, James Ganley**

Seaforth Highlanders. Lieutenant. Died 23/03/1918. Age 22. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1914. Enlisted as a private 10/1914, in the Black Watch. Son of James G. and Sophie Marks, "Roselyn," Deramore Drive, Belfast. Lebucquiere Communal Cemetery Extension. QUB WM

**+MAYNE, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Corporal. 27687. Died 22/03/1918. Youngest son of Samuel and Annie Mayne. He was born and lived at Annaghananam, Sandholes, Cookstown. They were a farming family. Savy British Cemetery, St. Quentin, Aisne, France. Cookstown WM, Sandholes Presbyterian Church RH

**+McALISTER, William George**

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Corporal. 10/15194. Died 23/03/1918. Age 36. Born in Tyrone. Son of Robert and Sarah McAlister; husband to Elizabeth McAlister, of 7, Gaffikin St., Belfast. Roze New British Cemetery, France

**+McCLEMENTS, Alexander**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Btns. Rifleman. 17/1300. Died 23/03/1918. Aged 19. Born on 30/03/1898 in the townland of Whitespots, Newtownards. He was the second son of Robert Neill McClements and Ellen McClements (nee McCleery, who were married on 12/03/1896 in Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church. The McClements family lived in the townland of Drumhirk, Newtownards and then in Crawfordsburn. They had seven children. Alexander

McClements attended Bangor Grammar School from 1911 until 1913. He enlisted in Belfast, served with the 14<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Battalions, Royal Irish Rifles. He was killed in action during the retreat from St Quentin. Initially Rifleman Alex McClements was posted as missing in action and in September 1919 it was officially confirmed that he must be presumed to have been killed. A collection of the embroidered postcards that Alex sent home from the Front has been preserved along with other memorabilia – including his medals and his button stick (the device that he used to protect the fabric of his uniform when he was polishing his buttons). Pozieres Memorial,

France. Bangor and District WM. Royal British Legion (Bangor Branch) Memorial Plaque. Bangor Grammar School. Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church RH. Conlig Presbyterian Church RH

### **+McDOWELL, James**

12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. Corporal. 20/160. Died of wounds 23/03/1918. Age 22. He was a son of William and Margaret McDowell, of 22 Erin Street, Belfast. (13/05/1918, Northern Whig). Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France

### **+McGILTON, James**

Royal Irish Rifles. 13<sup>th</sup> Btn. A Coy. then 21<sup>st</sup> Entrenching Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 23/03/1918. Aged 21. Born on 23/05/1896 in Abbey Street, Bangor. Baptised in First Bangor Presbyterian Church. Son of John and Sarah McGilton (nee Green) who were married on 13/10/1887 in Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church. The McGilton family lived at 15 Abbey Street, Bangor and then at 71 Emerald Terrace, Railwayview Street, Bangor. They had seven children. Prior

to the outbreak of the Great War James worked as a grocer's apprentice and he was employed by J.A. Nelson of Gray's Hill in Bangor. He enlisted in September 1915 and went to France with 108<sup>th</sup> Brigade in the 36<sup>th</sup> (Ulster) Division. He was wounded on 01/07/1916 and on 30/10/1917 he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Btn Royal Irish Rifles.

James McGilton was killed in action with the 21<sup>st</sup> Entrenching Battalion near Aubigny and his death was reported in the 20/04/1918 issue of the *County Down Spectator*. At the time it was noted that his brother, Second Lieutenant David McGilton, who served with the Royal Irish Rifles, was being held as a Prisoner of War.

The following week the *County Down Spectator* carried a further article under the headline *Glad News for a Bangor Family*. The report stated, 'Mrs McGilton of Railway View Street has received official news that her son, Second Lieutenant James McGilton, is not killed as erroneously reported but instead is a prisoner of war in Germany'.

Initially reported by the War Office as dead, then reported as not dead, finally it was officially confirmed that James McGilton had been killed in action. Pozieres Memorial, France. Bangor and District WM. Royal British Legion (Bangor Branch) Memorial Plaque. First Bangor Presbyterian Church RH. Family grave headstone in Bangor Abbey Graveyard.

### **+McKENDRY, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd. Btn. Private. 2815. Died 23/03/1918. Born 26/12/1893 at Ballygarvey, near Ballymena and enlisted Belfast. He was the son of Margaret

McKendry. He left his effects to his mother and his will states she lived at 125, Bellevue Street, off Shankill Road, Belfast. Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France

### **+McLEAN, Alexander**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 11332. Died 23/03/1918. Age 22. Brother of Samuel McLean, of 39, Danube St., Belfast. Pozieres Memorial, France

### **+McLEAN, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn. Rifleman. 19987. Died 23/03/1918. Aged 26. Three McLean brothers who were killed during WW1 are commemorated on a headstone in Whitechurch Cemetery, Ballywalter. George Alexander McLean, Royal Field Artillery, died 23/12/1916. William Robert McLean, Cheshire Regiment, died 07/09/1918. The parents of the three McLean brothers were Alexander and Elizabeth McLean (nee Crichton). Alexander McLean was working as a gardener on the Parkhall Estate in the Parish of Muiravonside, Scotland when he and Elizabeth Crichton were married on 16/04/1886 in Fauldhouse Church of Scotland Church, Linlithgow, West Lothian, Scotland. Alexander McLean (aged 26) was born in County Down and he was a son of John McLean (a land steward) and Isabella McLean (nee Wright). Military records show that John McLean served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Btn and also the 1<sup>st</sup> Btn of the Royal Irish Rifles before he was transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn. During WW1 he served in the Balkan theatre of war before being posted to France. He was killed in action during the German Spring Offensive. Pozieres Memorial, France. Whitechurch Cemetery Ballywalter. Holywood and District WM.

### **+McVEIGH, John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 26124. Died 23/03/1918. Born at Ardboe, County Tyrone. He enlisted in Ballymena while his family were living in Draperstown. Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France. Coagh WM

### **+MONTGOMERY, Simpson Hall**

22 Entrenching Battalion. Rifleman. 112. formerly 11th/13th Royal Irish Rifles. Died 23/03/1918. Enlisted Belfast. Born 26/07/1892 at Galgorm Parks, Ballymena. Son of James Gore Montgomery and Margaret nee Haire of Galgorm Parks, Ballymena. Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France. Cuninghame Memorial Presbyterian Church WM, Cullybackey.

### **+MOONEY, Edward**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14<sup>th</sup> Btn. Rifleman. 14/7525. Died 23/03/1918. Aged 22. Born on 26/03/1895 in John Street, Newtownards. Son of James and Mary Eliza (Mary) Mooney (nee Shanks) who married on 01/01/1894 in St Jude's C of I Parish Church, Ballynafeigh, Belfast. At the time of their marriage James Mooney (son of Edward Mooney, a weaver) was living in Newtownards and Mary Eliza Shanks (daughter of Hugh Shanks, a labourer) was living at 7 Somerset Street, Ballynafeigh, Belfast. After they were married James and Mary Mooney lived in John Street, Newtownards and later in Belfast – at 158 Cosgrove Street; at 50 Peveril Street and at 3 Somerset Street, Ballynafeigh. James Mooney worked as an engine driver. He and Mary had six children. After James died of pulmonary tuberculosis in hospital on 13/12/1906 (aged 38) Mary worked as a

charwoman and the family lived at 23 Walmer Street, Belfast. After he left school Edward Mooney worked as a machine minder in a print works. Although Edward is recorded as killed with the 14th R.I.R. he was more than likely attached to a Regular battalion or the 22nd Entrenching battalion, as the 14th was disbanded in February 1918. He was three days short of his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday when he was killed in action. Ham British Cemetery, Muille-Villette, France. Note: Although Edward is recorded as killed with the 14th R.I.R. he was more than likely attached to a Regular battalion or the 22nd Entrenching battalion, as the 14th was disbanded in February 1918.

### **+MOSS, David**

Irish Guards. 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn. Private. 6671. Died 23/03/1918 during the German Spring Offensive. Aged 30. Born on 08/09/1887 in Loughcrew, Oldcastle, Co Meath. Son of Adam Moss (born in County Down) and Mary Jane Moss (nee McCormick, born in County Antrim) who lived at 1 Ballynamona in Co Meath in 1901 and 1911. They were married on 27/03/1871 in Belfast Registrar's Office. Adam Moss from 22 Broadbent Street, Belfast was a son of Adam Moss, a carpenter. Mary Jane McCormick from Legoniel, Belfast was a daughter of John McCormick, a bundler. Adam Moss worked as a carpenter and he and Mary Jane had at least eight children. Prior to the outbreak of the Great War David Moss worked as a labourer. He enlisted in Drogheda, Co Louth and served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn Irish Guards. Arras Memorial in France. Son of Adam Moss of 55 Vi Halton, Bryansburn, Bangor. Arras Memorial in France

## **+QUIGLEY, Henry**

Royal Irish Rifles. 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn. Rifleman. 9583. Military Medal and Bar. Died 23/03/1918. Age 20. Born around 1897/1898, Son of Samuel and Agnes Quigley (nee Cromie) who were married on 19/05/ 1891 in Killinchy Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church. Samuel Quigley, a bachelor from Ballymacashen, was a son of Henry Quigley, a labourer. Agnes Cromie a spinster from Ballyministragh was a daughter of James Cromie. The Quigley family lived in the townland of Balloo, Killinchy. Samuel Quigley worked as a kilnman and he and Agnes had at least five children. Agnes Quigley, died of pulmonary tuberculosis on 30/03/1905 (aged 38). Their father, Samuel Quigley, and Margaret (Maggie) Thompson were married on 24 /04/1906 in Killinchy Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church. Samuel Quigley died of pulmonary tuberculosis at Balloo. In 1911, Maggie Quigley, her children and step-children were living in the townland of Tullycore, Killinchy where her stepson, Henry Quigley, worked as a farm labourer. Henry Quigley enlisted in Newtownards and was posted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn Royal Irish Rifles. He was awarded the Military Medal (Supplement to the *London Gazette* 18/10/1917) and a Bar to the Military Medal on 13/03/1918. Pozieres Memorial, France. Killinchy Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church RH

## **+ROWE, Samuel**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Private. 19170. Died 23/03/1918. Son of Joseph Rowe. He was born in Tamlaght O'Crilly, Upperlands about 1887. Samuel Rowe married Lizzie Porter on 26/06/1915 and they lived in Mullagh, Maghera. Samuel Rowe enlisted in Coleraine. Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France Kilrea WM

## **+SPENCE, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 17/195. Died between 23/03/1918 and 25/03/1918. Age 37. Son of Edward and Margaret Spence, of Collyer St., Belfast; husband to Annie Spence, of 29, Mervue St., Belfast. Pozieres Memorial, France

## **+TAGGART, Joseph**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (Tyrone Volunteers) 9th (Service) Battalion. Private. 29457. Died about 23/03/1918 (See below). Born near Caledon, Co. Tyrone in 1887, Joseph signed the Ulster Covenant opposing Home Rule for Ireland at Brantry, Dungannon, on 28/09/1912. A farm labourer prior to enlisting, Joseph joined 9th Btn. most likely as a replacement for those killed and wounded at the Somme. He was himself wounded at Messines in June 1917 however, the severity of his wounds are unknown. Having re-joined the battalion, Joseph was killed during the German Spring Offensive in March 1918. CWGC records indicate that he was killed between 21-29 March. Research however, indicates that he was most likely killed on 23 March as the Btn. fought a desperate rearguard action near the villages of Aubigny and Brouchy. Joseph's remains were buried along with 12 of his comrades at Ham British Cemetery, Muille-Villette.

## **+TAYLOR, George**

Royal Engineers. 517th Field Coy. Lieutenant. Died 23/03/1918. Age 28. Son of Mrs. Jane Grey Taylor, of 63, Kansas Avenue, Belfast, and the late George Taylor. Assevillers New British Cemetery, France

## **+TEAZ, HOMER NEVIN**

King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 9th Btn. Captain. MC. Died 23/03/1918. Age 23. Theological student. B.A. Liverpool University. In the 1911 Census for Liverpool his father was entered as the Rev. Ezekiel. By 1918 he was in Larne. Son of Ezekiel and Janet S. Teaz, of Larne. Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Larne WM

## **+WHELAN, Timothy**

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 2360. Died 23/03/1918. Age 33 years old. Son of Sarah and the late Timothy Whelan; husband to Sarah Agnew (formerly Whelan), of 14, Fairfield St., Crumlin Rd., Belfast. Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-sur-Somme, France

## **1919**

## **+RADCLIFFE, C**

The King's (Liverpool Regiment). Regiment. Formerly 1st Btn. Royal Irish Fusiliers, Depot. Lance Corporal. 90024. Died 23/03/1919. Age 33. Son of Mary Radcliffe; husband of Ann J. Hillen (formerly Radcliffe), of 11, Gay St., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

## **1920**

## **+WAITE, J**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. Private. 7349. transf. To Labour Corps. 451425. Died 23/03/1920. Age 35. Born Belfast. Son of the late Felix and Sarah Waite; husband to Rachel Waite, of 16, James St., Belfast. Born at Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

## 1941

### **+CAMPBELL, Victor**

RN. Stoker Second Class. D/KX 107842. Died 23/03/1941. Age 19. HMS Bonaventure. Two brothers serving with the Royal Artillery. Son of William and Agnes Campbell, Ewart's Row, Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 10/05/1941.) Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Joint grave 23

### **+McGURRIN, Michael**

Royal Artillery. 31 Field Regt. Gunner. 863757. Died 24/03/1941. Age 26. Son of Thomas and Margaret McGurrin, of Derrylin, Co. Fermanagh. Keren War Cemetery, Eritrea

## 1945

### **+ELKIN, John**

Royal Ulster Rifles, 1st (Airborne) Btn. Rifleman, No. 6985544. Died 23/03/1945. Took part in Operation Varsity (Rhine Crossing). Born in County Tyrone. Son of Thomas and Sarah Jane Elkin of Drumquin, County Tyrone. Reichswald Forest Cemetery

### **+MORROW, Robert John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Fusilier. 6977247. Died 23/03/1945. Age 31. Son of Edward and Sarah Morrow. He was born about 1914. He joined the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers around 1933. He saw service in Palestine, Egypt and India. He went with the Expeditionary Force to France in 1939, served in Norway, and was also in the Dunkirk evacuation. He joined the Commandos on their formation

(around June 1940), Commando Robert Morrow was killed when his boat sank crossing the Rhine. Reichswald Forest Cemetery, Kleve, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.  
Fivemiletown WM

### **+YOUNG, Maurice Edward**

2nd Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Lieutenant. 296607.  
Died 20/03/1945. Aged 24. Son of Edward Anderson Young and Matilda Elizabeth Young, of Bangor, Co. Down, Northern Ireland. Faenza War Cemetery, Italy. Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor

## **VETERANS**

### **BLAIR, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles. Private. 17184. From Cloughfern, Whiteabbey. Won the Military Medal. He served with the Royal Irish Rifles throughout the campaign in South Africa, and also in the Far East. A member of the Orange Institution, he was attached to Cloughfern Loyal Orange Lodge No 899, and was instructor to the local company of the Ulster Volunteer Force. His wife and six children live at Cloughfern. Rifleman Samuel Blair 12th (Service) Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Central Antrim Volunteers) 12/17184, was later transferred to the Labour Corps, ser no. 231743. Samuel survived the war being put on Class 'Z' Reserve 23/03/1919, along with his Military Medal, Samuel was also entitled to the trio of medals, 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medal. Samuel's service is also recorded on the Whiteabbey Presbyterian Church Great War memorial plaque.

### **COATES, Foster**

RAMC. Lieutenant. MCB. QCB MA 1900, MB 1905, BCh BAO MD 1907. Lieutenant 31/07/1917. Post war, Lecturer in Clinical Medicine, QUB. Son of Stanley (Physician and Surgeon) and Elizabeth Coates, Shaftesbury Square, Belfast. Died 23/03/1949, aged 65. Belfast.

### **HAYES, Charles Berry**

Royal Garrison Artillery. Gunner. Campbell College. Queen's University. 1st XV, 1912-13. Long Jump Champion of Ulster, 1913. B.A., LL.B., Q.U.B., 1920. Solicitor; admitted, 1920. Town Solicitor of Lurgan; Solicitor to the Moira Rural District Council; the Lurgan Board of Guardians; and to the Governors of the Lurgan and Portadown District Hospital. Born 29/10/1893, son of Hugh Hayes, Moorfield, Maralin, Co. Down. Died 23/03/1948.

### **HUGHES, Nora**

Auxiliary Territorial Service. Sergeant.W/758. Aged 50. Eldest daughter of John Qua and Eliza Qua of Dobbsland, Templecorran, Co. Antrim. Nora married WJ Hughes of Stockman's Lane, Belfast at All Saints Church, Belfast, in September 1923. In December 1945, the Ulster High Court granted Nora a Decree Nisi on the grounds of her husband's infidelity. Nora and her husband had no children. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina Extension. Died 23/03/1946

### **JEFFREY, Douglas George**

RN. DSO, Croix-de-Guerre, White Eagle of Serbia, St George of Russia. Prior to WW1 he served in merchant

navy with six year's in sail - square rigged. Master's Certificate. Served with Royal Canadian Navy in Second War. Commanded HMTB 050, several Q ships and others. Son of Pastor R Jeffrey, Ardlui, Bloomfield, Belfast. Born 23/09/1885. Died 23/03/1972. Campbell College 419.

**PIRRIE, Robert Reid**

26th Btn, Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Irish). Captain. Also served with RAMC. QUB, TCD and Durham Univ. Born 1894 Belfast. Husband to Grace. Died 23/03/1936

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