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March 7, 1936 A major step on the way to WW2



On this day in 1936 Hitler sends German troops into the Rhineland, breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

On this Day – March 7

1916

Destroyer HMS Coquette struck a German mine off Clacton-on-Sea and sank with the loss of 22 men.

HM Submarine E5 was lost with all hands (31 officers and men) off the Dutch coast, reasons unknown. Her wreck was discovered in 2016.

1936



Hitler sends German troops into the demilitarised Rhineland, breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

1941

British and Commonwealth troops begin to arrive in Greece. German Jews ordered into forced labour.

U-47, commanded by top ace Gunther Prien, hero of Scapa Flow, is sunk by the British Destroyer HMS Wolverine.

In convoy OB-293 off Iceland, U-99 and U-47 sink British whaling factory ship Terje Viken, one of the largest ships

sunk in war at 20,000 tons.

Actor James Stewart is inducted into US Army.



1942

Force H, consisting of HMS Argus and HMS Eagle (Photo above) and supported by a number of destroyers, sets sail for Malta with a number of Spitfires on board. Fifteen Spitfires were flown off when Force H came within range of the Island.

The Government of the Dutch East Indies flees Java for Australia.

The Japanese occupy Rangoon, Burma.

1943

A new wolfpack, codenamed 'Raubgraf' (Robber Baron), is created in the central North Atlantic. It will operate between

the 7th and 20th March 1943 and includes U-84, U-89, U-91, U-435, U-468, U-600, U-603, U-615, U-621, U-638, U-653, U-664, U-758. Immediately the wolfpack attacks convoy ON-168 which is traveling between North America and the UK. One ship is damaged and abandoned on the 7th March, to be finally sunk on the 12th March for 6,537 gross tons.

1944

The Japanese begin the Imphal-Kohima offensive from northern Burma into Assam, India.

U.S. Marines secure Los Negros.

In reply to Arab protests, the U.S. says that the idea of a Jewish state has no official sanction.

1945

The U.S. 9th Armored Division makes a surprise dash across the undestroyed Rhine bridge at Remagen, establishing a crucial bridgehead on the East bank.

Roll of Honour – March 7

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+CAMPBELL, Henry

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 7867. Died 07/03/1915. Eldest son of William and Mary Jane Campbell.

Born on 01/11/1884 in the Desertcreat area of Cookstown. He was an agricultural labourer. He was married with two children. Henry Campbell was a reservist and was called up in August 1914. He enlisted in Cookstown and was almost immediately sent to the front. He died from wounds at Rouen. St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France

1916

+BEATTIE, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. (Central Antrim Volunteers). Lance Corporal. 18860. Died 07/03/1916. Aged 35. Lance Corporal Beattie was an old soldier having served in the Army for 8 years, 7 of these years being spent in service in India. On the outbreak of the Great War he had again enlisted. He was an enthusiastic member of the Harryville Company of the Ulster Volunteer Force. Prior to enlistment he was employed as a van driver to Gordon and Esler of Broughshane Street, Ballymena. Born 25/05/1882 at Bridewell Court, Ballymena. Son of James and Ann, nee McVeigh; husband to Maria, of 91 Queen Street, Ballymena. They had married in Ballymena Methodist Church on the 30/01/1909 and had two children.

Lance Corporal Beattie's widow received a letter of sympathy from his platoon commander W.B. Stuart which stated: "Dear Mrs Beattie, I deeply regret that it is my duty to inform you of the death of your husband. I quite realise that I can do very little towards reducing your great sorrow for you, but at the same time I should like you to know of the high esteem Major Dixon and officers and men of C Company held your husband. He was a section commander

in my platoon, and a more capable and reliable non-commissioned officer for the post I have never had. It may of some small comfort to you to know that he suffered no pain, his death being instantaneous as he was shot through the head. He was the first man of C Company to give his life for his country and as such will always be remembered by everyone in the company. Yours sincerely W.B. Stuart”

Mrs Beattie also received a heart-felt letter of sympathy from the Reverend W. Jasper Robinson, Wesleyan chaplain with the 108th Field Ambulance, 36th Ulster Division.

It stated “You have already heard no doubt of your dear husbands death on the field of battle. He was killed by a sniper’s bullet, dying almost instantaneously. The sad event happened on the 7th March and your dear husband’s body lies in a little military cemetery very near the firing line. The place is carefully marked; a neat cross will be placed in position at the head of the grave and the cemetery will always be kept in good order after this awful war is over. I sympathise very, very deeply with you in your sad loss. I knew your late husband pretty well, and look back upon him with some satisfaction to a very straight talk we had together on matters of the soul. I liked him greatly and deplore his loss. He was a good soldier, he won the opinion of those with whom he served and he has given his life in a noble cause, which he nobly served. May God comfort, bless and sustain you and your little ones.” Hamel Military Cemetery, Somme. Ballymena WW1 WM

+DUFF, Walter Shaw

RN. Stoker I. K/9746. HMS Coquette. Died 07/03/1916. Age 23. Mine explosion in North Sea. Enrolled 28/12/1910 for 12 years. War service in Actaeon (Coquette) 08/11/1913 -

07/03/1916. Born Belfast 06/12/1892. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Duff, Old Park Rd., Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 17. ADM 188/886/9746

+ LESTER, R

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 3rd Btn. Private. 24979. Died 07/03/1916. Born and lived in Belfast. Londonderry City Cemetery.

+McHUGH, Hugh

Royal Army Service Corps. Driver. T4/161298. Died 07/03/1916. Aged 32. From Coleraine. Enlisted Belfast 1899. Born Sligo. Married with 5 children. Lived in Moville



Gouzeaucourt British Cemetery - Gouzeaucourt village was captured by the 8th Division on the night of 12-13 April 1917. It was lost on 30 November 1917 in the German counterattack at the end of the Battle of Cambrai, and recaptured the same day by the 1st Irish Guards. It was lost again on 22 March 1918, attacked by the 38th (Welsh) Division on the following 18 September, and finally retaken by the 21st Division on 8 October. The cemetery was begun in November 1917, taken over by the Germans in 1918, and used again by Commonwealth forces in September and October 1918, but the original burials are only 55 in number. It was enlarged after the Armistice when graves were brought in from other cemeteries and from the battlefield of Cambrai. The cemetery now contains 1,295 burials and commemorations of the First World War. 381 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 34 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Another special memorial records the name of a soldier buried in Gouzeaucourt Communal Cemetery in May 1917 whose grave was destroyed by shell fire. The cemetery was designed by Sir Herbert Baker.

1917

+ALLEN, Samuel.

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Rifleman.18/1199. Died 07/03/1917. Aged 34. Born in Lisburn, he enlisted at Belfast in 11 RIR and embarked with them for France from Bordon in October 1915. Wounded on the Somme on the 01/07/1916 he was subsequently transferred to A Company 12 RIR. Son of Edward and Mary Allen of Lisburn and husband to Agnes Boyd, formerley Allen, of 39 Ardoyne

Road, Belfast. St. Quentin Cabaret Military Cemetery,
Belgium

+HALL, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 40842. Died
07/03/1917. Age 26. Enlisted at Antrim. Born 1891. From
Cootehill, Co. Cavan. Son of Mary (nee Robertson) and
William Hall of Garvagh. Grandson of Robert Robertson.
Sailly-Saillisel British Cemetery, Somme, France. Garvagh
WM

+HAMILTON, George

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 18/1088. Died
07/03/1917. Age 24. Born on 29/04/1891 in Donaghadee.
Brother of Rifleman Hans Hamilton (18/998) who died
12/08/1917, aged 24, and Rifleman Robert Hamilton
(18/932) who died 27/06/1918, aged 22. Eldest son of
Robert and Margaret (Maggie) Hamilton (nee Maxwell) who
were married on 07/04/1890 in Donaghadee Parish
Church. The Hamilton family lived in the townland of
Hogstown and later at 30 Moat Street, Donaghadee. Robert
Hamilton worked as a general labourer and he and Maggie
had at least eleven children. George Hamilton worked as a
general labourer before he enlisted on 22/11/1915 in
Donaghadee. St Quentin Cabaret Military Cemetery,
Belgium. Donaghadee and District WM. Donaghadee
Church of Ireland Parish Church

+McCLUGGAGE, William Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 12/5941. Died
07/03/1917. Age 19. Cousin of Lt. William McCluggage. He
was also killed in action on 7 March 1917. Son of Robert



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and Jane McCluggage, of Carnduff, Larne. St Quentin Cabaret Military Cemetery, Belgium. Glynn village WM. Ralloo Presbyterian Church RH. Family memorial in the graveyard at St John's Church of Ireland, Glynn

1918

+STERLING, Samuel Young

Irish Guards. 1st Btn. Private. 12465. Died 07/03/1918. Age 20. Faculty of Medicine QUB 1914 - 15. Son of Mary J. Sterling, Cedar Avenue, Belfast, and the late James Sterling. Brompton Cemetery, London. QUB WM

1921

+TOAL, J

Royal Engineers, 55th Field Coy. Driver. 1853833. Died 07/03/1921. Age 40. Born at Lurgan. Son of James Toal; husband to Mary Toal, of 16, Seventh St., Belfast. Haidar Pasha Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

1942

+KANE, Bryan Desmond Uprichard

Royal Horse Artillery, 104 (Essex Yeomanry) Regiment. 2nd Lieutenant. 235313. Died 07/03/1942 of an illness at 9th General Hospital, Cairo, Egypt. Aged 27. Born in 1915 and known as "Mick", he was the son of Captain Richard Rutledge Kane, MC, a member of a well-known Belfast family. Kane's father was the 4th Resident Commissioner of the Solomon Islands Protectorate from 1921 to 1929. His mother was Ethel Emma Kane (née Thurston). Educated 1925-1932 at Sydney Church of England Grammar School, Sydney, Australia, he returned to the United Kingdom by the mid-1930s and married Rita Jones in Chelmsford, Essex in 1939 while serving in the Territorial Army. He was a keen sportsman playing rugby for Chelmsford's 'A' team before the outbreak of WW2. Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt. Family memorial, Belfast City Cemetery.

+MADDEN, John

Royal Artillery. 1 HAA Regiment, 1 Battery. Gunner. 1058272. Died 07/03/1942 while home on leave. Aged 37. Born 19/09/1905. Son of J. Madden and Martha Madden of Derrybeg, Co. Donegal; Husband to Martha Madden of

Dungiven. They had a son named Edward Madden born on 19/10/1935. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina Extension

+MAGUIRE, Daniel

Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), 1st Btn. Rifleman. 3245212. Died 07/03/1942. Age 25. Son of Thomas and Margaret Maguire, of Kilfennan, Londonderry. Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar

+MAXWELL, George

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 30th Btn. Fusilier. 6983289. Died 07/03/1942. Age 41. 30th Btn Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers formed in Larne, on 24/12/1941 from soldiers in 5th (Home Defence) Btn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Born 20/08/1901. Son of John Maxwell and Margaret Maxwell of Woodvale, Belfast. George's father John Maxwell died on 404/11/1920 at the UVF Hospital, Craigavon House, Belfast. Less than 10 years later, George's brother John Scott Maxwell died on 05/10/1930 at the same hospital. George was husband to Agnes Maxwell of Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina Extension

+O'BRYAN, Thomas Patrick

Royal Artillery. 4 HAA Regt. Gunner. 822371. Died 07/03/1942. Aged 30. Husband of Sara O'Bryan, of Londonderry. Pembroke Military Cemetery, Malta

+O'CALLAGHAN, Edward Joseph

Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) 1st Btn. Rifleman. 3245819. Died 07/03/1942. Age 25. Son of John and Hannah O'Callaghan. Rangoon Memorial, Lurgan WM

1945



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+NICHOLL, David

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 614 Sqdn.

Sergeant. 1306360. Died 07/03/1945. Son of James and Annie Elizabeth Nicholl; husband of Annie Evelyn Nicholl, of Newtown Hamilton, Co. Armagh. Malta Memorial, Malta

VETERANS

GIMLETTE, George Hart Desmond

IMS. Lt. Colonel. St Thomas' Hospital and QCB. MRCSE 1877. Surgeon IMS March 1879. Promoted to Lt. Colonel.

Served to 1910. Rejoined 11/09/1914. Served 1914 - 18. PMO Hospital ship Sicilia, France, Gallipoli, Egypt and Iraq. Born 1855. Son of Assist. Surgeon Hart Desmond Gimlette, RN. Died 07/03/1930, Swansea.

McCONNELL, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 9th (Service) Btn. West Belfast Volunteers). Lewis Gun Section. Rifleman. William was placed on Class 'Z' Reserve 07/03/1919. Having earned the trio of medals, 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medal. His parents received a postcard from William, who had been officially reported killed in action on 1st July, stating that "he is a prisoner of war. He had been wounded in the thigh, which was since operated on in a German hospital, and he is almost well again." Rifleman McConnell was 20 years of age and the second son of Mr. William McConnell, 6, Mountcashel Street, Belfast. He was placed on Class 'Z' Reserve 7th March, 1919. Having earned the trio of medals, 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory medal.

McNEECE, Thomas Frederick

AMS. Colonel. Royal School Dungannon. QUB 1873. LRCP LRCS 1879. Captain AMS 1880. Surgeon Lt Colonel 1900. Colonel 1907. Served Sudan 1898 and 1914 - 18. ADMS 1st Mounted Div, Central France. Born 1857. Son of Rev James and Mrs Catherine McNeece, Clonfeacle Parish, Co. Tyrone. Husband to Emily. Died 07/03/1936, Castlecary, Co. Donegal

Enrolled on this day

ANDERSON, Henry Crawford Orr

RN. Seaman. J67516. Enrolled 07/03/1917. In Vivid I and Carnarvon. Invalided 07/08/1918. Born Newtownards 16/06/1896. ADM 188/782/67516

BEATTIE, John

J68235. Enrolled 07/03/1917 for hostilities. War service in Pembroke and Wildfire. Served to 25/09/1919. Born Belfast 04/02/1898. ADM 188/783/68235

BUCHANAN, Frederick

RN. Seaman. J67525. Enrolled 07/03/1917 for hostilities. War service in Vivid I, King Alfred and Gorgon. Demobbed 13/06/1919. Born Belfast 12/12/1892. ADM 188/782/67525

BURWOOD, Alexander William

AB. 234049. HMS Thunderer, Jutland. Enrolled 07/03/1907. War service in Vivid, New Zealand, Prince George and Thunderer (24/05/1916 - 02/06/1919). Joined RFR 03/06/1914. Served to 10/06/1921. Born Belfast 07/03/1889. ADM 188/415/234049

CARLISLE, Joseph Henry

RN. Leading Seaman. 231170. Boy service from 17/06/1904. Enrolled 07/03/1906 for 12 years. War service in Dominion, Pembroke I and Hecla. Demobbed 02/03/1919. Born Belfast 07/03/1888. ADM 188/409/231170

DOGGART, Edmund Horzman

RN. AB. 222643. HMS Warrior, Jutland. Enrolled 07/03/1905

for 12 years. War service in Warrior (01/07/1913 - 13/06/1916), Vivid and Glorious. Demobbed. Joined RFR 28/07/1919. Born Belfast 07/03/1887. ADM 188/392/222643

DOUGLAS, John

RN. AB.203916. Boy service from 07/03/1899. Enrolled 16/02/1901 for 12 years. Served to 15/03/1913. Joint RFR 14/03/1913. Served 02/08/1914 - 03/03/1919. In Jupiter, Vivid I and Carysfort. Born Ballymacarrett 16/02/1883. ADM 188/354/203916

FORRESTER, Patrick

RN. Stoker I. K31519. Enrolled 07/03/1916 for hostilities. In Victory II, Woolwich and Columbine. Demobbed 17/02/1919. Born Feeney, Co. Londonderry 02/07/1883. ADM 188/930/31519

FORSYTHE, Alexander

RN. Stoker I. SS113442. Enrolled 07/03/1916. In Victory II, Woolwich and Columbine. Demobbed 17/02/1919. Born Belfast 02/01/1895. ADM 188/1119/113442

NUMMY, Hugh

RN. Telegraphist. J83513. Boy service from 29/01/1918. War service in Impregnable and Ganges. Enrolled 07/03/1920 for 12 years. Served to 17/02/1929. Born Newry 07/03/1902. ADM 188/814/83513

SCOTT, Archibald Patrick

RN. Stoker II. K49856. Enrolled 07/03/1918 for hostilities.

War service in Victory II and Venerable. Demobbed
10/04/1919. Born Londonderry 26/06/1896. ADM
188/965/49856

Completed service

BEST, Samuel Leslie

RN. AB. SS3951. Served in Pembroke, Queen, Wallington
and Dolphin. Served 23/05/1915 - 07/03/1919. Joined RFR
08/03/1917. Born Belfast 13/12/1893. ADM 188/1097/3951

BRUCE, George

RN. Leading Seaman. 203923. Boy service from
09/03/1899. Enrolled 20/07/1901 for 12 years. Served to
22/09/1913. Joined RFR 13/09/1913. War service in Jupiter,
Severn, Vigorous, Vivid I and II. Served 06/08/1914 -
07/03/1919. Born Belfast 23/09/1899. ADM 188/354/203923

CHAMBERS, William

RN. Leading Seaman. 233445. HMS Ajax, Jutland. Enrolled
08/08/1906 for 12 years. In Ajax 15/10/1913 - to demob on
07/03/1919. Born Ballymoney, 08/08/1888. First Ballymoney
- PCI RH. ADM 188/413/233445

DALGLISH, Robert

RN. AB. 222644. Boy service from 17/09/1902. Enrolled
22/05/1904 for 12 years. War service in Gibraltar, Vivid I and
Carysfort. Demobbed 07/03/1919. Joined RFR 08/03/1919.



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Born Belfast 21/05/1886. ADM 188/392/222644.

HART, Hugh

RN. AB. 219299. Boy service from 16/01/1902. Enrolled 05/11/1904 for 12 years. War service in Colleen, Vivid and Glorious. Demobbed 06/03/1919. Joined RFR 07/03/1919. Born Belfast 05/11/1886. ADM 188/385/219299

JOSS, Edward

RN. Stoker First Class. SS111416. HMS Shannon. Jutland. Enrolled 25/10/1911 for 5 and 7 years. Served in Shannon 19/06/1915 - 06/03/1919, and Pembroke. Joined RFR 07/03/1919. Born Belfast 02/10/1893. ADM

188/1117/111416

KENNEDY, Alexander

RN. AB. J44093. Enrolled 15/09/1915 for hostilities. Served in Pembroke I, Cyclops, Hecla, Apollo, Boadicea and Prince George. Demobbed 07/03/1919. Born Bellaghy 06/09/1896. ADM 188/735/44093

KERR, Richard

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. 311195. Enrolled 21/01/1907 for 12 years. Demobbed 07/03/1919. Joined RFR 08/03/1919. War service in Bonaventure (03/12/1913 - 15/09/1916), Dolphin and Fearless. Born Newtownards 01/08/1887. ADM 188/509/311195

KEYS, William John

RN. Stoker I. SS109440. Enrolled 27/11/1909 for 5 and 7 years. War service in Prospering, Pembroke II, Cyclops, Woolwich (Botha), Greenwich Attentive and Actaon. Demobbed 07/03/1919. Joined RFR 08/03/1919. Born Belfast 19/09/1890. Thorn Street, Belfast. Fountainville - PCI RH. ADM 188/1115/109440

LEE, Joseph

RN. AB. SS4081. Enrolled 21/08/1912. War service in Vengeance, Humber and Boadicea. Joined RFR 07/03/1919. Born Ballymena 08/05/1893. ADM 188/1098/4081

LOGAN, Patrick

RN. Carpenters' Crew. M15381. Enrolled 09/09/1915 for hostilities. Service in Victory II, Fisgard, Dido, Leander and Woolwich. Demobbed 07/03/1919. Born Dungannon 07/10/1891. ADM 188/1048/15381

McADAMS, George

RN. Stoker First Class. SS109176. HMS Shannon. Jutland. Served from 20/08/1909 - 06/03/1919. In Shannon 09/09/1913 - 06/03/1919. Joined RFR 07/03/1919. Born Belfast 25/05/1891. ADM 188/1115/109176

McCANN, Joseph Patrick

RN. AB. 229803. HMS Superb. Jutland. Enrolled 20/01/1904 for 12 years. Joined RFR 07/03/1919. Re-engaged 27/07/1920. War service in Superb (06/05/1913 - 07/03/1917) and Blonde. Born Ballymena 22/11/1886. ADM 188/406/229803

McKEE, William

RN. Stoker First Class. SS112835. HMS Calliope. Jutland. Served 06/09/1912 - 25/02/1919. War service in Pembroke, Shannon, Calliope (04/05/1915 - 07/03/1918) and Superb. Born Belfast, 11/05/1893. ADM 188/1118/112835

McKIMM, John

RMLI. Private. 998. Portsmouth Division. Enlisted 23/07/1915. RM Brigade 04/12/1915 - 31/01/1919. Wounded, Prisoner. Demobbed 07/03/1919. Born Templemore, Londonderry, 20/03/1890. Son of Margaret

McKimm, Ballynagard, Culmore, Co. Londonderry.
Ballyarnett - PCI RH. ADM 159/204/998

MOFFATT, James

RN. Petty Officer. 234090. HMS Collingwood. Jutland.
Enrolled 31/08/1906 for 12 years. Served to 07/03/1919. In
Collingwood 06/12/1912 - 07/03/1919. Born Belfast
31/08/1888. ADM 188/415/234090

MOON, John

RN. Leading Stoker. 300050. B/5663. Enrolled 04/03/1902
for 12 years. Served to 07/03/1914. Joined RFR
08/03/1914. War service in Pembroke, Vivid II, Essex,
Mimosa, Colleen, Hannibal and Egmont. Served to
01/11/1917. Born Dungannon 16/09/1878. ADM
188/487/300050

RUSSELL, William

RN. AB. 219446. Boy service from 11/02/1902. Enrolled
13/02/1904 for 12 years. Served to 07/03/1919. War service
in Blake (Rifleman and Larne), Vulcan and Hecla. Born
Londonderry 13/02/1886. Miller St., Londonderry. Carlisle
Road - PCI RH. ADM 188/385/219446

TATE, James Herbert

RN. AB. 229946. Enrolled 26/03/1906 for 12 years. War
service in Cornwall, Vivid I, Pelorus, Adamant, Europa I, H2
and Dolphin. Demobbed 07/03/1919. Born Lisburn
26/03/1888. ADM 188/406/229946

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