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The Bombing of Londonderry

On 16th April 1941, the City of Londonderry was bombed by the Luftwaffe.

Aerial mines were dropped by the Luftwaffe and aimed at the Royal Naval Maintenance Yard at Pennyburn landed in Londonderry.

However, both came down outside the city, one in a sandpit close to St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn, and the second exploded in the Buncrana Road area of the City above the British Legion houses in Messines Park, a small development named after the First World War Battlefield at the Somme and home to a number of Ex-Servicemen and their families.

Five houses were demolished completely and many more were damaged. Thirteen bodies were recovered from the rubble in the immediate aftermath and a fourteenth was found some weeks later.

Thirteen people between the ages of 10 months and 60 years were killed and are listed here:

Ellen Collins, 21 years, 55 Messines Park James Collins, 60 years, 55 Messines Park

William Alexander McFarland, 44 years, 57 Messines Park - see today's Roll of Honour

Ita Murray, 13 years, 59 Messines Park

Kathleen Murray

Mollie Murray 39 years, 59 Messines Park

Philomena Murray, 10 years, 59 Messines Park

Sheila Murray, 10 Months, 59 Messines Park

William Murray, 50 years, 59 Messines Park

Bridie Richmond, 14 Months, 61 Messines Park

John Richmond, 53 years, 61 Messines Park

Owen Richmond, 18 years, 61 Messines Park

Winifred Richmond, 45 years, 61 Messines Park.

The only damage in the city was to the roofs of some buildings inside the city walls which were damaged by fragments of the shells fired by the four 3.7-inch guns that were the sole defence of the city at the time.

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After the Raid

Local newspaper The Derry Journal held off publishing the story until Friday 18/04/1941. They focussed on stories of survival such as the 12 year old boy blown out of his bed but left uninjured or 14 year old Daniel Diggin who survived in a pile of rubble.

Another survivor was Stephen Rabbitt who owned a shop near Messines Park. He ran into the kitchen of his home with his parents. They all escaped injury while the blast destroyed the shop and other parts of the house. Bertie Downie also had a shoemaking business nearby. He would later talk to BBC Radio Foyle in April 2001 about his experiences and the loss of his home. Mr. Downie was well-known in the area and the Royal Ulster Constabulary asked him to help identify the bodies of his neighbours.

Hundreds of people fled the area around Messines Park and from around Derry. The road to Buncrana, Co. Donegal saw a steady traffic of evacuees but fortunately, the Luftwaffe would not target Derry again for the rest of the war.

Neither of the aerial mines dropped by the Luftwaffe and aimed at the Royal Naval Maintenance Yard at Pennyburn landed in the city of Londonderry. Both came down outside the city, one in a sandpit close to St Patrick's Church, Pennyburn, and the second exploded above the British Legion houses in Messines Park, demolishing five houses completely and damaging many more. Thirteen bodies were recovered from the rubble in the immediate aftermath and a fourth was found some weeks later.

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On this Day – April 16

1915

The Witness

Compliment to Second Lieutenant R. W. M'Connell

Second Lieutenant R. W. M'Connell, who was recently gazetted to a commission in the King's Own (Royal Lancaster) regiment, 30th Batt., was entertained and presented with a sword of honour by the office-bearers of Megain Memorial Church, at a social meeting held in the lecture hall on Thursday night last. After tea Rev. Dr. M'Kean was called to the chair. He warmly commended the step taken by Lieut. M'Connell, and expressed the hope that he would be enabled to strike a blow for truth and righteousness, and be spared to return from the war crowned with honour. Mr. Thomas Johnston, representative elder, in presenting the sword, referred to the large number who had gone forth from their congregation to serve their King and country.

Second Lieut. M'Connell expressed his sincere thanks for the sword, which he valued more than he could express, as coming from the office-bearers of his father's congregation, the congregation in which he was born and brought up. He

regarded it as an expression of their approval that he had done his duty. It was through no love for fighting that he had chosen temporarily the army for his profession, but simply because he felt it to be his duty. He had little experience yet of military life, but his stay at Peterhouse College, Cambridge, where he had been training for the past month, was pleasant and profitable, though the work was arduous. He hoped to join his regiment at Kingsbridge, Devonshire, on Tuesday, and he trusted that if ever called upon to wield the sword he would use it as they would have him.1917.

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1940

British and French troops make landings at Namsos. British troops are landed in the Faeroe Islands.

Belfast Blitz 15th-16th April 1941

Easter Tuesday

On the 15th April 1941 at 22.45 the air raid sirens sound.

Lord Haw-Haw announced that Belfast was going to get some Easter Eggs, shortly after 150 Luftwaffe bombers leave northern France their target Belfast.

The bombs rained down on the city and the all clear sounded at 05.00 . The raid left 900 dead 150 injured 55000 houses badly damaged and a 100 000 left homeless. A number of air raid shelters got direct hits including the shelter at Percy Street which was hit by a land mine killing 30 and severely wounded others. One of the dead was Mary Jane Mells 2 Brown's Lane Lurgan she was 65 years old and the wife off Frank A Mells. She is commemorated on the civilian dead memorial at St George's Chapel Westminster Abbey & Lurgan War Memorial. Most of the victims are buried in mass graves in Milltown Cemetery & Belfast City Cemetery.

Also on the night of the 15th-16th Newtownards Airfield was bombed and 13 young Soldiers Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers were killed.

1941

London suffers through the heaviest blitz of the war. Parliament buildings and St. Paul's Cathedral suffer damage, and more than 2,250 fires are touched off by incendiary bombs.

First US Lend-Lease food arrives in Britain.

British destroyers sink all eight ships in an Axis convoy off Tunisia; 1800 killed.

1942

An official inquiry into British bombing policy is setup under Mr. Justice Singleton. This was the result of a debate between Churchill's two top scientific advisors, Lord Cherwell and Sir Henry Tizard. Cherwell, supported by the Air Ministry, drew up a list of 58 German cities and towns whose destruction would knock Germany out of the war. Tizard argued that less emphasis should be put on the bombing of Germany and more on using the aircraft in the Battle of the Atlantic.

King George VI awards the George Cross to Malta, after more than 2,000 air raids.

Japanese Imperial GHQ Naval Order No.18 is issued. This orders Admiral Yamamoto, C-in-C of the Japanese Combined Fleet to draw up plans for Operation 'Mi', the capture of Midway and the Aleutian Island, a plan that had originally been suggested by Admiral Yamamoto during March. The Japanese make landings on Panay Island. The US aircraft carrier Lexington, sets sail from Pearl Harbor, with orders to link up with the Yorktown in the Tonga Islands and then head, under the command of Admiral Fletcher to the Coral Sea.

German Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt appointed commander of the Atlantik Wall defenses.

1943

The Royal Navy's Destroyer Pakenham and two Italian destroyers are sunk in naval engagements in Sicilian Channel.

London Irish Rifles 'ON THIS DAY'

2nd Btn London Irish Rifles served overseas for 800 days, about 450 in the “front line”. Full Btn strength was c.800 - 400 in the 4 rifle coys. 2 LIR had 340 men killed & over 1000 more wounded or captured. On one single day in Jan 1943, they suffered more than 250 casualties:

16th April, 1 RIrF – KEF EL TIOUR. 1943

0000 A thick mist had come, reducing visibility to a few yards.

1000 The mist lifted & the enemy put in attack on A Coy. Lieut Trousdell was wounded in this action.

Died on this Day: Capt Jefferies MC, Cpl Addey, Cpl Flowers, Fus Grice, Fus Henry

1944

Yalta in the Crimea is captured by the Russians.

The battleship USS Wisconsin (BB-64), is commissioned at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Three Japanese blow up a 300ft suspension bridge on the Silchar track.

The destroyer USS Laffey survives horrific damage from attacks by 22 Japanese aircraft off Okinawa.

16th April 1944, MONTE CASTELLONE:

1 RIrF - One OR killed by stray MG bullet at extreme range.

6 Innisks - Patrol to Phantom Ridge returned; suffered 4 casualties.

2 LIR - 12 enemy mortar bombs on right forward coy.

Died on this Day: Fus Williamson, Fus Ashfield, L/Cpl Marzorati.

1945

38 (Irish Brigade). 2 LIR: 0600 2 PoWs brought into Bttn HQ. Identification – 40 Jaeger Regiment, 42 Jaeger Regiment. 1800 Bttn warned to be at 1 hrs notice from 0430 hrs 17 April. 1900 30 reinforcements arrive to make up E Coy. Died on this Day: Rifleman William Devlin from Glasgow.

In northern Holland the Canadians take Harlingen, 50 miles Northeast of Amsterdam and occupies Leeuwarden and Groningen. The US First Army captures Solingen and Wuppertal.

The US 7th Army reaches Nuremburg.

General Carl Spaatz of the US Strategic Air Forces in Europe declares the strategic air war is over—only tactical targets remain.

Soviet troops cross Oder river begin their final attack on Berlin.

Hitler issues the last Order of the Day to the Eastern Front, saying 'He who gives orders to retreat . . . is to be shot on the spot' as the 1st Belorussian Front and the 1st Ukrainian Front start the final offensive on Berlin from along the Oder-Neisse line.

Off the Hela peninsula in the Baltic, the German liner Goya is torpedoed by a Russian submarine, killing 6,500 wounded soldiers and refugees.

The British take Taungup in Southwest Burma, thereby depriving the Japanese of their last coastal supply base. U.S. landings begin on Ie-shima Island and three airfields are taken. Colditz was liberated.



Roll of Honour – April 16

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+MURPHY, Peter

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 17938.
Died 16/04/1915. Age 30. Son of Peter and Mary Murphy, of
Hawkswood, Swanlinbar. Enniskillen. Bethune Town
Cemetery, France

1917

+REA, William

Canadian Infantry, 73rd. Private. 193913. Died 16/04/1917.
Aged 37. Son of Thomas and Margaret Rea, Balteagh,
Portadown. Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France.

+ROBB, David John

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. Rifleman. 19190, Died
16/04/1917. Age 28 years old. Son of William and Martha
Robb, of Clonallan, Warrenpoint. Longuenesse (St Omer)
Souvenir Cemetery, France

+ROONEY, Edward

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 4/7566. Died
16/04/1917. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. United
Co-operative Baking Society RH

1918

+ANDERSON, Archibald

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Formerly of the 10th Inniskillings (Derry Volunteers). Private.15293. Died 16/04/1918. Age 22. Son of James and Hessie Anderson, of Bellhouse Lane, Coleraine. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.

+BENNETT, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 1103. Died 16/04/1918. Age 25. A member of South Down UVF. Enlisted in Brownlow House Lurgan. Worshipful District Master of Rathfriland Orange Lodge Joseph Joblin Hall recruited local UVF members to join the 16th Royal Irish Rifles. The 16th lost 5 that day during the “Spring Offensive” in Belgium. All are buried in Canada Farm Cemetery Belgium side by side.Son of John and Jane Bennett, of Cross, Rathfriland. Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium. Rathfriland WM

+BIRNEY, George

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. 18877. Died 16/04/1918. Born 22/05/1888 in Arva, Co Cavan, lived in Armagh and enlisted in Ballywalter. Son of William Birney who was born in Co Cavan and Ann Birney (nee Kiernan) who was born in Co Leitrim. William Birney and Ann Kiernan were married on 11/12/1882 in Killoe Parish Church of Ireland Church, Co Longford. They had at least seven children. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium; Greyabbey and District War Memorial at Greyabbey Parish Church of Ireland Church (St Saviour's) and on a headstone in Greyabbey Old Graveyard.

+CROOKS, Charles Edward

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Corporal.19446. Died 16/04/1918. Age 22. Son of John and Esther(nee Purvis)

Crooks, of 61, Mill View, Muckamore, Co. Antrim, after moving from Moneymore. Charles Edward was employed as a cotton folder. Brother of Jack Crooks, WW2 veteran and teacher in Dungannon RS. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium Co. Down. Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium.

+LAW, Frederick James

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 19446. Died 16/04/1918. Age 22. Son of James and Annie Law, of Moira, Co. Down. Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium. St. John's Church of Ireland WM, Moira



Ulster Tower and Mill Cemetery seen from the air. The Cemetery was constructed over the Schwaben Redoubt, a German strong point overrun by the 36th Ulster Division. Many of the stones are laid flat due to subsidence. There are 1304 burials, 815 unknown.

+McCLURE, George

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Bn. Rifleman. 62. Died 16/04/1918. Age 24. Son of John and Jane McClure, of Hillsborough. Native of Moira. Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium. St. John's Church of Ireland WM, Moira

+McGARRELL, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 3/5709. MM. Died 16/04/1918. Age 21. Born June 1897 at Ballela son of Thomas & Mary Jane McGarrell, Lurganbane, Dromore Co Down. The family moved to Ednego and William was educated at Tullyglush National School. Left school at 15 and became a trainee mechanic at Hamilton & McBride Bleaching Factory Dromore. Then he went to Scotland and worked in a munitions factory, returning home and enlisted in the 14th Royal Irish Rifles (YCV) in Belfast 02/03/1916. After initial training he was posted to France with the 36th Ulster Division in May 1916. Awarded the MM 27/06/1917 for "Conspicuous Bravery in the Field of Battle". Transferred to the 2nd Royal Irish Rifles after the disbandment of the (YCV) February 1918. Wounded on the 15th late evening and died of wounds about a hour later on the 16th at Dressing Station. Duhallow (ADS) Advance Dressing Station Cemetery, Belgium. Dromore WM

+McGRATH, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 373. Died 16/04/1918. Age 30. Son of Mary Ann McGrath, of 64 Connaught Street, Belfast. Canada Farm Cemetery, France

+SHAW, William Lindsay

Royal Engineers, 228th Field Coy. Major. Died 16/04/1918. Age 32. Son of Martin McKnight Shaw and Jane Elizabeth Shaw, of 13, Chlorine Gardens, Belfast; husband to Beatrice Margaret Shaw, of 32, Milton Park, Highgate, London. Duhallow ADS Cemetery, Belgium

1940

+TURNER, Charles Henry

Royal Ulster Rifles, 6th (H.D.) Bn. Warrant Officer Class II (C.S.M.) MC. D/24706. Died 16/04/1940. Aged 64. Son of Thomas and Louisa Turner; husband to Ellen Turner, of Belfast. Carnmoney Cemetery

1941

Service fatalities Newtownards airport bombing

On the night of the 15th -16th Newtownards Airfield was bombed. The 70th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers was a "Young Soldiers" battalion, but not all the 13 fatalities were "Young Soldiers". The youngest was 16, the oldest was 34, seven were under 20 years of age, and their average age was 22.

+BELLAMY, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 70th Btn. Fusilier. 6983155. Died 16/04/1941. Aged 28. Newtownards Airfield. Sutton-in-Ashfield Cemetery, Nottinghamshire, England.

+BURKE, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 70th Btn. Fusilier. 6982708. Died 16/04/1941. Age 18. Son of George and Annie Burke, of Braehead, Londonderry. City Cemetery, Londonderry

+CARLISLE, Alexander

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 70th Btn. Lance Corporal. 6984668. Died 16/04/1941. Newtownards Airfield. He has no known grave. His name is on the Brookwood 1939-1945 Memorial, Surrey, England. Panel 11, Column 2

+COPLING, Andrew

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 70th Btn. Fusilier. 6984669. Died on 16/04/1941. Age 16. Died in German Air Raid at Newtownards Airfield. Son of Ernest Victor and Jane Copling of Dromore. Dromore Cathedral Churchyard

+FULTON, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 70th Btn. Fusilier. 6984727. Died 16/04/1941. Age 17. Son of William Moffet Fulton and Julia Fulton, of Markethill. St Luke's C of I Churchyard, Belleek

+GRAHAM, George

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 70th Btn. Fusilier. 6982035. Died 16/04/1941. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

+HIGGINS, Daniel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 70th Btn. Fusilier. 6980100. Died 16/04/1941. Newtownards Airfield. Movilla Cemetery, Newtownards,

+LOVE, Leslie

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 70th Btn. Fusilier. 6984566. Died 16/04/1941. Aged 34 Newtownards Airfield. Movilla Cemetery, Newtownards, Husband to Frances Gertrude Love of Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England. Carlton Cemetery, Nottinghamshire

+McFARLAND, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 70th Btn. Fusilier. 6984390. Died 16/04/1941. Age 19. Son of Alexander and Elizabeth Margaret McFarland, of Clogherney. Clogherney C of I Churchyard

+McFARLAND, William Alexander

Ulster Home Guard. Sergeant. Died 16/04/1941. Age 44. Son of Alexander McFarland and Annie McFarland of 16 Hawkins Street, Derry/Londonderry. Husband to Elizabeth McFarland at 57 Messines Park, Derry/Londonderry at the time of the Luftwaffe attack on the city.

+McNEILL, Ernest

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Fusilier. 6982560. Age 17. Died 16/04/1941. Age 17. Son of John and Margaret McNeill of Craigmore, Bessbrook. St. Luke's Church Of Ireland Churchyard, Mullaghglass County Armagh. Bessbrook WM

+McMURRAY, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 70th Btn. Company Quartermaster Serjeant. 6983653. Died 16/04/1941. Age 27. Son of George and Annie McMurray, of Bessbrook; husband of Susan Elizabeth McMurray, of Bessbrook. Bessbrook Methodist Cemetery

+PENFOLD, Alfred

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 70th Btn. Warrant Officer Class II (C.S.M.).6392875. Died 16/04/1941. Age 36. Husband to Annie Penfold, of Waterside, Londonderry. Glendermott C of I Churchyard and New Cemetery

+SLAVIN, Henry

Royal Ulster Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman.7018428. Died 16/04/1941. Aged 33. Possibly as a result of the Belfast Blitz. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina Extension.

+WRIGHT, Matthew

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 70th Btn. Fusilier. 6984533. Died 16/04/1941. Age 36. Son of Matthew and Mary A. Wright, of Coleraine. St Mary's C of I Churchyard, Macosquin

On Monday 05/03/2012 a Memorial to the soldiers who were killed during the Air Raid was unveiled and dedicated in the War Memorial Garden at Court Square, Newtownards

1941

+BROWNE, William Thomas

RAF. Sergeant. 527866. Died 15/04/1941 whilst home on leave. Age 25. Sergeant Browne was a fatal casualty of the Luftwaffe's Easter raid on Belfast. He was living with his parents William Thomas Browne Sr. and Annie Browne at 22 Walton Street, Belfast at the time of the raid. William Browne and his mother Annie Elizabeth Browne both died as a result of the raid. Annie Elizabeth Brown's grave is in the Glenalina Extension of Belfast City Cemetery

+FULTON, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 70th Btn. Fusilier. 6984727. Died 16/04/1941. Age 17. When aged 16, and against his parents' wishes, Hugh Fulton enlisted in Armagh. His brother David was already serving with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and his brother William was in the Fleet Air Arm. Although Hugh was underage his parents decided not to sign him out – because of his absolute determination to enlist. Son of William Moffat Fulton and Julia Fulton (nee Chambers) of Tandragee Road, Markethill, Co. Armagh. St. Luke's Church of Ireland Churchyard, Carrickananny Road, Belleek, Co. Armagh.

+McFALL, Leo Carty

RAF. Aircraftman 2nd Class. 650035. Died 16/04/1941. Aged 19. 113 Sqdn. Son of Leo and Sarah McFall, Belfast. Alamein Memorial, Column 245, Egypt

+McGENNITY, William Henry

Royal Ulster Rifles, 70th Btn. Rifleman. 7015448. Died 16/04/1941. Aged 36. Based at Palace Barracks, Holywood. Son of William H. McGennity and Isabella McGennity, of Belfast. William's wife, Bridget had begged him to come home to be with her and the children so he got a pass out of the Barracks for the night of 15/16 April 1941. William, Bridget (27) and their children Annie (4), Margaret (3) and Robert (16 Months) were all at home in 75 Holmdene Gardens, Belfast when it was hit by a bomb in a blitz on Belfast. Only Annie was pulled from the rubble and survived with her mother, father, sister and brother being killed. Milltown RC Cemetery, Belfast

+SLAVIN, Henry

Royal Ulster Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 7018428. Died 16/04/1941. Aged 33. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina

1943

+HENRY, Isaac

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 7047221. Died 16/04/1943. Age 32. One of five members of the battalion to die on this day. Born 05/07/1910 at Magheraglass, Cookstown. He was a steel erector. He went to live in Coventry with his wife. He was conscripted in 1940. Son of Robert and Annie Henry, of Cookstown; husband to Margaret Henry, of Cookstown. Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. Cookstown WM

+WILSON, George Joseph

RAFVR. Sergeant (Wireless Op./Air Gunner). 1383005. Died 16/04/1943. Aged 23. 460 (R.A.A.F.) Sqdn. Son of Spear and Catherine Caroline Wilson, of Portadown. Durnbach War Cemetery, Bayern, Germany

1944

+MAGILL, James Henry

Seaforth Highlanders, 1st Btn. Private. 6985007. Died 16/04/1944. Age 25. Husband to Kathleen Magill, of Lurgan. Rangoon Memorial. Lurgan WM

VETERANS

DALE, John McClure

John McClure Dale Jnr. died at sea after his ship was torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel nine nautical miles (17 km) south south east of the Owers Lightship on the 16/04/1918. He had just finished his apprenticeship in the merchant service when war broke out and he enlisted as one of the earliest volunteers in Kitchener's Army. John served in France with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 11th Btn.(17456) and was so badly wounded that he was discharged.

After a period of recuperation John Dale joined the Naval Auxiliary Service. He was serving in the Merchant Marine as 2nd Mate on torpedoed SS Hungerford. Although he managed to get away in a small boat, John is believed to have died from exposure. He was the only son of John Dale and the late Mrs Dale of Drains Bay, Cairncastle, Larne. His remains were interred in Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery. He is also named on Cairncastle PC WM

SS Hungerford had been built in Bremen, Germany in 1913 and was owned at the time of her sinking by The Shipping Controller (G. Heyn & Sons). On April 16/04/1918, SS Hungerford was on a voyage from Havre to New York in ballast when she was sunk by the German submarine UC-75, commander Walter Schmitz.

Eight lives were lost. They were: John McClure Dale, (26), Second Mate; Percy Brown (28), Greaser; James Thomas Clark (36), Fireman and Trimmer; W Hitchings, Fireman; Thomas Jenkins (27), Greaser; Joseph Martin (39), Leading

Seaman (no. 7648A); Donald Victor McFarlane (25), Third Engineer (He was born at Lanark and was the husband of May McFarlane (nee Booth), of Cumberland Hotel, 11, Dock St., Belfast.); and Alfred James Rice (26), Junior Second Engineer Officer. Rice was the son of Laurence and Agnes Rice (formerly Edmonds), of 107, Ogilvie St., Belfast and had been born at Newtownards.

LONG, William Murdock

WW2. RAF BSc 1942 QUB. MCB. Born 16/04/1921/ Son of William Long, Eglantine Gds, Belfast. Central Research Establishment

MORRISON, John

Royal Ulster Rifles. Corporal . 6985537. POW Number: 278259. Stalag 357. Oerbke, Lower Saxony

Sources differ - Born in Ballymoney or Glasgow 16/04/1909. John had previously served in North Africa before he was captured on 09/02/1944 in Italy. He became Prisoner of War 278259 being detailed at Stalag IV B.

This was one of the largest P.O.W. Camps in Germany. It was east of the River Elbe about 30 miles North of Dresden. Corporal Morrison was there for about seven weeks before being sent to Stalag 357 which was East of Fallingbommel.

Following the war he lived the rest of his life in Ballymoney.

MORRISON, Samuel McGowan

2nd Lieutenant Samuel McGowan Morrison was born at Elmgrove, Grampian Avenue, Belfast on 16/10/1898 to William Morrison, Schoolteacher and Alice Morrison nee

Jellie. They had married on 08/07/1891 at Killinchy Presbyterian Church.

In 1911 Morrison is living in house 1, Cyprus Park, Pottinger Ward, Belfast with his parents and 3 siblings; Adelaide, Frederick and Jim.

Morrison would have joined the Belfast Banking Company around 1916 and worked in Head Office. His father signed the Banker's Guarantee.

Morrison volunteered and enlisted into the 14th Btn. Cheshire Regiment attaining the rank of Lieutenant and Acting Captain. His first theatre of war is recorded as France from August 1916.

The Belfast News Letter of 31/03/1917 reports his invalided return from France to London with septic poisoning. The Belfast Banking Company 'Roll of Honour' booklet records Morrison as being 'wounded in action'.

Following demobilisation, Morrison did not return to the bank. He became a medical student at Queen's University, Belfast.

Morrison and Miss Dorothea Maud White married on 16/11/1920 at the Belfast Registrars Office giving his address as Cyprus Park, Belfast and her address as Seacliff Road, Bangor. Morrison and his family moved to work as a Doctor with his address in a register as: 'Rosewarne', Coleford, Gloucestershire, England. He died in Gloucestershire, England on 16/04/1941.

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