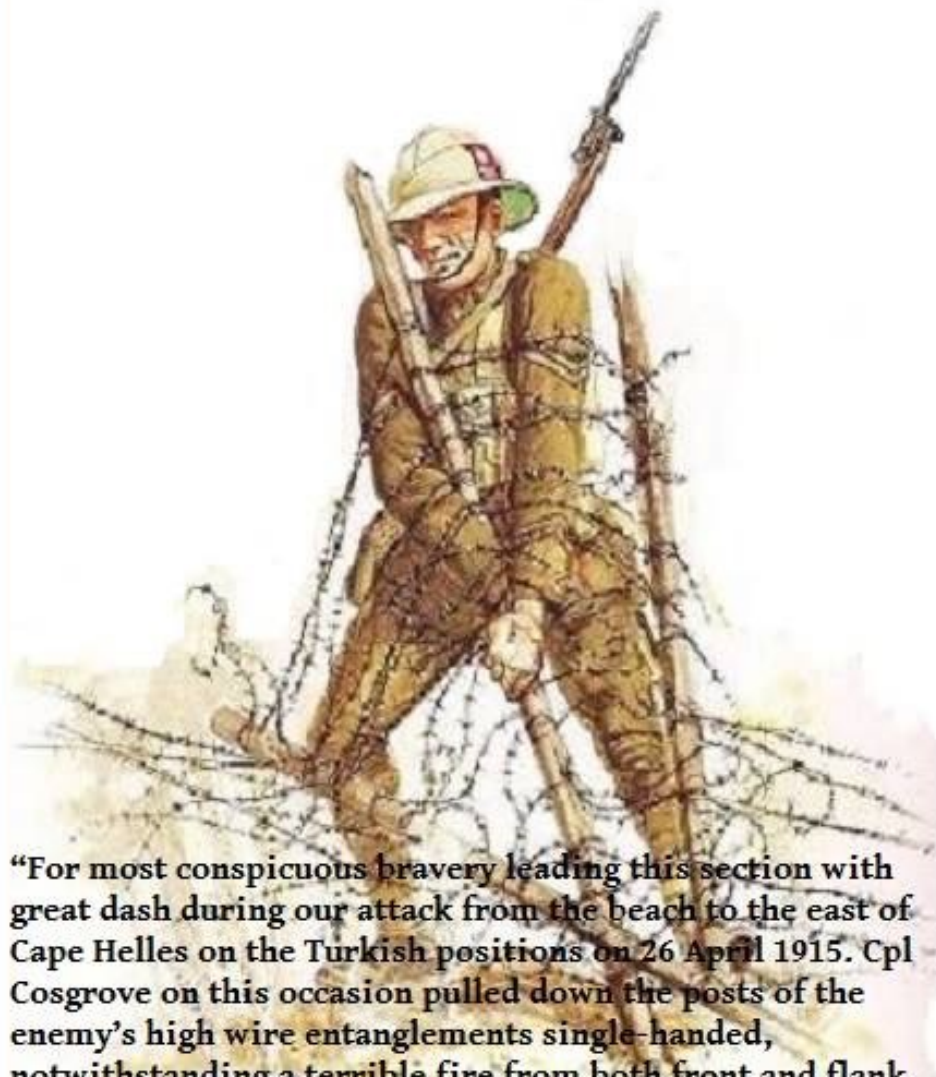




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Irish VC this day at V Beach Gallipoli

William Cosgrove V.C Royal Munster Fusiliers Gallipoli 1915



"For most conspicuous bravery leading this section with great dash during our attack from the beach to the east of Cape Helles on the Turkish positions on 26 April 1915. Cpl Cosgrove on this occasion pulled down the posts of the enemy's high wire entanglements single-handed, notwithstanding a terrible fire from both front and flank, thereby greatly contributing to the successful clearing of the heights."

Irish VC this day at V Beach Gallipoli

William Cosgrove V.C. Royal Munster Fusiliers Gallipoli 1915. Born in Co.Cork in 1888 he joined the Munster Fusiliers in 1909 . He was stationed in India when the war started and in January 1915 arrived in England with his battalion. He was part of the disastrous landing at 'V' Beach Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915. He won the Victoria Cross on the 26th April . He survived the war and left the army in 1935. He died in July 1936.

"His body was conveyed from London to Fishguard by road en route to Upper Aghada, County Cork in Ireland for interment there, in his native place. About five hundred members of the O.C.A. of the R.M.F. Association met the vessel at Penrose Quay and formed a guard of honour as the coffin was taken from the boat to the waiting hearse. The grand salute was also sounded, the guard of honour standing to attention bare-headed. The cortege subsequently left Penrose Quay and proceeded by road to Aghada. Capt. D. D. Sheehan R.M.F. was in charge of the Comrades.

When the remains reached Upper Aghada, the coffin was removed from the hearse and members of the O. C. Association from Cork and his native place shouldered the coffin to the family burial ground at Upper Aghada. A striking and impressive spectacle was the sounding of the Last Post, while the other ex-army men stood to attention. It was stated that it is an unusual spectacle in these days, and many people were visibly moved. When the interment had taken place a beautiful wreath was laid on the grave on behalf of the Association, and this simple ceremony closed

the chapter in the life of a great Irish soldier, "An Irish giant ... a shy man who hated to be fussed over". Old Comrades Association Journal, 1936

In the newspapers - April 26

1915 Northern Whig

MILITARY SPORTS AT BALLYKINLAR

Following the example of their comrades at Candeboye, the men of the 107th Infantry Brigade, stationed at Ballykinlar, participated in a successful sports meeting at the camp on

Saturday afternoon last. The event was favoured with excellent weather, and, in addition to the soldiers present, a number of their relatives and friends took advantage of the facilities offered by the Belfast and County Down Railway to visit the camp and enjoy the sports. The various events attracted a large entry, which was equally representative of each of the battalions in camp, and the rivalry was exceedingly keen. The meeting had the hearty support of the officers of the brigade, several of whom officiated as judges and in other capacities. The following are the details:

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Putting the Weight-1, Rifleman Patterson; 2, Rifleman Bowers.

Throwing the Boom-1, Lance-Corporal McConnell.

Veterans' Race-1, Sergeant Anderson; 2, Sergeant Lewis; 3, Rifleman Bailie.

100 Yards Final-1, Corporal Morrison ; 2, Rifleman Bowers; 3, Rifleman Bailie.

220 Yards Final—1, Sergeant Devlin; 2, Rifleman Stuthers; 3. Rifleman Townley.

Half-mile Race-1, Rifleman Townley; 2, Rifleman Montgomery; 3, Lance-Corporal Atkinson.

120 Yards Hurdle-1, Rifleman McLeish; 2, Lance-Corporal Seammell; 3, Rifleman Heron.

One Mile Race-1, Rifleman Townley; 2, Rifleman Montgomery; 3, Lance-Corporal Atkinson.

Six Mile Race-1. Rifleman Martin; 2, Rifleman Ruddy. B Company won the team race, having five men home.



On this Day – April 26

1915

At the 2nd Battle of Ypres the Germans pierce the British line at Brrodseinde and the British fail to recover St. Julien.

1937



German and Italian warplanes bomb the Spanish town of Guernica. The raid, which leaves 300 civilians dead, will go on to inspire one of history's most famous paintings. (Above)

1940

The British stun the French and Norwegians by deciding to evacuate southern Norway.

1941

The Italian fortress of Dessie, south of Amba Alagi is captured by South African forces.

1942

The RAF again attacks Rostok, this time with 128 aircraft. The Luftwaffe again raid Bath.

Cunningham is forced to order the withdrawal of the 10th Submarine Flotilla from Malta as a result of the intense bombing and because of the mines laid by aircraft and German E-boats.

1943

Axis losses in Africa for first 3 and 1/2 months of 1943 are 66,000 killed, wounded and captured.

1944

Sgt Norman Cyril Jackson, a flight engineer of No 106 Sqn, was awarded the VC for climbing onto his Lancaster's wing to extinguish a fire during a bombing operation to Schweinfurt.

He parachuted to the ground & became a POW. He died on the same day in 1994.

In marked contrast to earlier USAAF efforts, Bomber Command makes a hugely successful attack on the German ball-bearing factories at Schweinfurt.



Above - A soldier from New Zealand poses in the ruins of a village on the Cassino battlefront, Italy

The Greek PM resigns and George Papandreou forms a new government.

The 'Chindits' occupy Indaw.

Japanese fighters attack their first B-29, one fighter is shot down.

Australians troops occupy Alexishafen in New Guinea.

The Army seizes a Montgomery Ward plant in Chicago and reopens it for war production after its board of directors refuses to negotiate with the CIO labor union. Chairman Sewell Avery refuses to leave his office, and still seated in his chair, is carried out to the parking lot, where he bows to workers and enters a waiting limousine.

1945

The first of some 75,000 ex-prisoners of war are flown back to the UK by aircraft of Bomber Command.

German troops at Bremen surrender to the British and Canadians. Allied troops now line the Swiss border from Basle to Lake Constance.

The U.S. Third Army takes Regensburg on the Danube. Goering's fall from grace announced in Germany, General Ritter von Greim is to replace him.

Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, the head of France's Vichy government during World War II, was arrested for treason.

Italian Partisans take Genoa and stage revolt in Milan. The U.S. Fifth Army captures Verona, 20 miles Northeast of Mantua.

The 2nd Belorussian front captures Stettin on the river Oder, while the 3rd Belorussian Front captures the Baltic port of Pillau, 20 miles West of Konigsberg.

General Wenck embarks on the last German offensive to relieve Berlin, but only manages to reach Ferch on the 27th April, before the offensive grinds to a halt.

The remnants of 9th Army are cut off and surrounded in the Halbe pocket 30 miles southwest of Frankfurt am der Oder. The 2nd Ukrainian Front captures Brno, in Czechoslovakia.

Roll of Honour – April 26

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+ARTHURS, James M

Canadian Infantry Service, 10th Btn. Private. 19682. Died 26/04/1915. Aged 38. Born in 1880 in Dungannon, James was a brother of Miss Mary Arthurs, Dungannon. Before re-enlisting, he had previously served over 8 years. He was working as a labourer in Canada before he re-enlisted on 26/09/1914. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Dungannon WM, Newmills C of I Parish Church WM, Newmills LOL 183 RH.

+CAMPBELL, Charles

Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. 1 Btn. Private. 10823. Died 26/04/1915 at Neuve Chapelle. Age 26. Born in

Castlederg. Son of Robert and Martha Campbell, Bridge St, Strabane. Born in Castlederg. Rennin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium

+COLGAN, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 10154. Died 26/04/1915. Age 22. Son of Patrick and Alice Colgan, of Lisanelly Cottage, Lisanelly, Omagh. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+DONNELLY, Patrick

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 11602. Died 26/04/1915. Patrick Donnelly was born in Dublin where he was living when he enlisted in Maryborough, Laois. Private Donnelly has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate in Ypres. It is not known what link he had to the Dungannon area. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Dungannon WM

+FORSYTHE, John.

2 RDF. Private. 7837. Died 26/04/1915. Born in Castlewellan, Co. Down, he lived at Lambeg, enlisted at Belfast. Ypres, Menin Gate, Memorial, Belgium.

+KEWELL, C

2nd Bn. Hampshire Regiment. Private. 8441. Died 26/04/1915. Aged 28. Son of Henry Kewell; husband to Martha Kewell, of 25, Pine St., Waterside, Londonderry. V Beach Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey

+LYNCH, John.

Royal Garrison Artillery. Gunner. 51845. He died at home on 26/04/1915. Born in Lisburn, he enlisted at Clydebank, Dunbartonshire. Aldershot Military Cemetery, Hampshire.

+McCANN, William

1st Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Private. 4502. Died 26/04/1915. From Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+MORROW, Robert

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 10531. Victoria Cross. Died 26/04/1915. Age 24. Born 07/09/1891 in Sessia. Enlisted around 1910. On the outbreak of war he was posted to France. There he acquitted himself with remarkable courage, and on being wounded, the captain commanding his company wrote to Mrs Morrow acquainting her of the affair, and stating that her son was “a man absolutely devoid of fear“. On the 12th April 1915 Private Morrow performed the brave deed for which the Victoria Cross was awarded. On that day fortnight however, he was fatally wounded and died on the field. When Private Morrow fell on the 25th April 1915, he was again engaged in the heroic task of assisting injured soldiers who were exposed to the heavy fire of the enemy. For his gallantry on this occasion, his captain again recommended him for the Victoria Cross. Son of Hugh and Margaret Jane Morrow, of Sessia, Newmills, Dungannon. White House Cemetery, St Jean-les-Ypres, Belgium. Newmills WM, Dungannon WM, VC Memorial plaque, St Anne’s Cathedral, Belfast.

+WEIR, William James

King's Own Scottish Borderers, 1st Btn. Private. 10348. Died 26/04/1915. Enlisted in Glasgow where he was living at the time. Born on 10/12/1890 in Moneymore. He was one of six children. He was the eldest son of James and Margaret Weir. The family lived near Swatragh. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli. Cookstown War Dead Book

1916

+CANNING, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 21104. Died 26/04/1916 from the effects of gas poisoning. Born Belfast. In 1901 aged 23, he was working as a flax sorter and living with his wife Mary (19) and their family in Banbrook Hill, Armagh. In 1916 there were five children and the family lived at Mill Row. Loos Memorial, France

+CUNNINGHAM, JH

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 732. Died 26/06/1916. Age 32. Son of the late James and Sarah Cunningham, of Carrickfergus. Forceville Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

+GOUGERTY, P

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 14444. Died 26/04/1916. Age 29. Son of Jane and the late Matthew Gougerty, of 14, North Derby St., Belfast. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloi, France

+HARE, Henry

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Serjeant. 6745. Died 26/04/1916. Age 40. Husband to R. Hare, of 109, Cupar St., Belfast. Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Dublin

+LAMONT, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Rifleman. 17/1461. Died 26/04/1916. Age 40. Husband to Sarah Jane Lamont, of 21, Buller Street, Old Park Road, Belfast. Louvencourt Military Cemetery, France

+LOWRY, William

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Lance Corporal. 13510. Died 26/04/1916. Age 28. Son of William and the late Mrs. Lowry, of Belfast; husband of Ellen Lowry, of 44, Vernon St., Belfast. Vermelles British Cemetery, France

+McWILLIAMS, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. B Coy. Private. 14359. Died 26/04/1916. Age 47. Born Monkstown 28/12/1868. Husband to Abigail McWilliams, of 13, Glenwherry St., Belfast. They married in Holy Trinity C of I 13/07/1896. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, France

+MULLAN, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 11815. Died 26/04/1916. Documents show he was born in Armagh but he cannot be positively identified. Husband to Norah. Vermelles British Cemetery, France

+REID, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 9574. Died 26/04/1916. Age 24. His brother William also served. Son of Henry and Margaret Reid, of Belfast. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St-Eloi. France

+SMITH, Herbert

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7372. Died 26/04/1916. Age 17. Son of Alfred and Jane Smith, of Belfast. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St Eloi, France

+STEWART, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Rifleman. 4964. Died 26/04/1916. Aged 21. Son of Mrs. Mary Jane Stewart, of 32, Ann St., Lurgan. Vermelles British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

1917

+CLOSE, James

Seaforth Highlanders, 4th Btn. Private. 202712. Died 26/04/1917. Age 32. The 4th Btn Seaforth Highlanders became part of the 51st Highland Division. On 09/04/1917 at 0530 hours the Battle of Arras began and the Division together with the Canadian Corps were tasked with capturing the southern edge of Vimy Ridge and it was here that Private James Close was wounded and transported to a General Hospital where he later died. Son of Hugh and Mary Jane Close, of Braniel, Castlereagh; husband of Lavinia Close, of 254, Castlereagh Rd., Belfast. Etaples Military

Cemetery, France. Named on Milligan headstone,
Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

+CONLAN, Andrew

Northumberland Fusiliers, 26th (Tyneside Irish) Btn. Private. 26/1443. Died 28/04/1917. Age 38. In 1901 he was a postman and living in Dungannon. He later moved to Newcastle-on-Tyne and married. Son of Patrick and Sarah Conlan, of Donaghmore, Co. Tyrone; husband of Teresa Conlan, of 75, Alexander St., Newcastle-on-Tyne. Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, France. Dungannon WM

+MISKELLY, J

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6833. Died 26/04/1917. Age 27. Son of John and Susanah Miskelly; husband to Mary Miskelly, of 4, Bloomfield St., Belfast. St Quentin Cabaret Military Cemetery, Belgium

+WALLACE, A

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 17728. Died 26/04/1917. Husband to F. Wallace, of 70, Bishop St., Londonderry. Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, France
1918

+GRANSDEN, V E

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 26/04/1918. Age 21. Son of Samuel Henry and Lizzie Gransden, of St. Columb's Court, Derry. Minty Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+POLLOCK, R

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Serjeant, 13642. Died 27/04/1918. Age 22. Son of Andrew John and Minnie Pollock, of Artigarvan, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. Hautmont Communal Cemetery, France

1941

+GAMBLE, HUGH

Royal Artillery. 2 Lt. AA Regt. 5 Bty. Gunner. 1476586. Died 26/04/1941. Aged 28. Gunner Hugh Gamble was already in the Army before the outbreak of the Second World War. During the war he served with the Royal Artillery. Initially he was reported as missing in action in Greece. Some seven months later it was officially confirmed that he must be presumed to have been killed in action on 26/04/1941. Born on 20/11/1912. He was a son of David and Jane Gamble (nee Dempster) who lived at 80 East Street, and later in Corry Street, Newtownards. During WW1 David Gamble served as a Private with the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers and he died in a German Prisoner-of-War Camp on 25/08/1916 (aged 31). After Hugh's father David died his widowed mother Jane moved to Whitespots, Newtownards. Hugh Gamble and Mary Ann Miskimmins Melville were married on 17/06/1938 in Groomsport C of I Parish Church and they lived in Murdoch's Lane, Cottown, Bangor. Hugh worked on Murdoch's Farm and he and Mary Ann had two children, Ella and Jean. Ella was two years old when her father died, and Jean was just six months old. Hugh never saw his daughter Jean and she died of

rheumatic fever when she was 16. Athens Memorial, Greece
Donaghadee District WM. Newtownards and District WM

+GRAHAM, William

Royal Artillery. 2 LAA Regt. 5 Bty. Gunner. 148427. Died
26/04/1941. Aged 35. Son of Robert and Mary Graham,
Newtownards. Athens Memorial, Greece

+HULL, Alexander

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th BTN. Serjeant 6973254. Died
26/04/1941. Aged 35. He was born in London in 1906.
Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina Extension

+MOORE, Edward Adam

Royal Artillery. 106 (The Lancashire Hussars) Lt A.A. Regt.
Gunner. 888474. Died between 26/04/1941 and 27/04/1941.
Aged 26. Son of George and Margaret Ann Moore, of
Ganaway, Co. Down, ; husband to Audrey May Moore, of
Gateacre, Lancashire. Athens Memorial, Greece

+PORTER, Thomas

Royal Artillery. 9th HAA Regt. 25 Bty. Gunner. 1455731.
Died 26/04/1941. Son of James Porter, and of Elizabeth
Porter (nee Elliott), of Londonderry. El Alamein War
Cemetery, Egypt. Derry Cathedral WM

1944

+McMULLAN, Thomas

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 7046094.
Died 24/06/1944. Aged 33. Son of Mathew and Elizabeth
McMullan, of Saintfield, Co. Down; husband to Alice
McMullan, of Saintfield. Orvieto War Cemetery, Italy

1945

+McCOY, William

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 7017351.
Died 26/04/1945. Aged 23. Becklingen War Cemetery,
Niedersachsen, Germany

+McGLENNON, Hugh Henry

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7012171. M M. Died
26/04/1945. Aged 30. Son of Patrick and Margaret
McGlennon, of Kircubbin, Co. Down. Becklingen War
Cemetery, Niedersachsen, Germany

+McGRORY, Patrick

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 14424793. Died
26/04/1945. Aged 20. Becklingen War Cemetery,
Niedersachsen, Germany

+NOBLE, William

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7015520. Died
26/04/1945. Aged 27. Son of George William and Edith
Noble, of Belfast. Becklingen War Cemetery,
Niedersachsen, Germany

VETERANS

ADAMS, John

Royal Engineers. 64648. Enlisted Belfast 26/04/1915. Prior to enlisting John worked as a saddler. Born Carrickfergus circa 1879. Resided 7 Warwick's Row, Carrickfergus,

ANDREWS, William

RNVR. Lieutenant. Served in WW1 with Royal Army Ordnance Corps (Capt.) and in RNVR in WW2. Director of John Andrews & Co. from 1916; member of committee of Northern Bank from 1940; a well-known Ulster cricketer; born 25/08/1886, died unmarried, 26/04/1966. Comber. RBAI, QUB 1930

FULLERTON, Alexander Getty

RN. Sub. Lieutenant. Minesweepers. The son of the principal of Ballymena Academy, he commenced medical studies at QUB aged 17. Five months later, aged 18, he enlisted RN. Commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant he served in minesweepers for the rest of the war. In December 1948 he returned to QUB. Rowing cox and outstanding rugby player. He completed the customary junior posts and moved to England in 1953. Specialising in psychiatry he served in Harrison Hospital, Dorchester and then as a modernising Medical Director of Barnsley Hall Hospital. In 1971 he gained his MRC Psych and was elected to Fellowship. Interested in forensic psychiatry, he was a member of the Parole Board. Husband to Kathleen. Retired 1984. Died 26/04/2002, Aged 76.

JOHNSTON, William Samuel

RNVR. Surg.Lt. MB DPH QUB 1940. FRGS Edinburgh. MCB. Born 26/04/1917. Son of William F Johnston, Maryville Pk., Belfast. Post war Shewsbury

SCHOFIELD, Anna "Nan" Elizabeth

Nurse. Anna Schofield was one of the first Australian Army nurses to serve in the Middle East during World War II.

Schofield was born in Ballinderry, County Antrim, to Fortescue Whiteside and Margaret Deane. She was one of six siblings. When her father died at the age of 36, the family moved to Australia, settling in Malvern. After attending Presbyterian Ladies' College, Melbourne, she graduated from training at The Alfred Hospital in 1935, specializing in theatre nursing.

She was in charge of the operating rooms when World War II broke out in 1939. As a member of the army nursing reserve list, she was among the first nurses called for service in April 1940. She was assigned to the 2/1 Casualty Clearing Station all around the Middle East. She set up field hospitals at Gaza, Qastina, Ameriya, and Mersa Matruh, where she treated patients at the Battle of Bardia. She wrote a memoir about her experiences titled Nursing Experiences in the Middle East 1941-1943.

Schofield met Lieutenant-Colonel Victor Schofield in Ipswich, Queensland in mid -1942. They later married and moved to Geelong, raising six children: Elizabeth, John, Robert, Margaret, Ruth, and Jan. When Victor died at age 44, she moved back to Malvern, where she set up the Malvern Nurses Agency with her daughters Liz, Margaret, and Jan.

Anna died on the 26/04/2007 Malvern, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (aged 94 years).

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We will remember them

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