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Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge

Poisoned gas attacks at Second Battle of Ypres



By the end of the day the 16th (Irish) Division lost 442 men gassed by German troops.

In the late afternoon of 22 April 1915, German forces attacked Allied lines in the north of the Ypres Salient, an area where Allied lines were surrounded on three sides by German-held territory. The Germans discharged poison gas towards the trenches between Langemarck and the Yser Canal, manned by the two remaining French Divisions in the Ypres sector. They were forced to retreat, leaving a gap of more than four miles on the left flank of the nearest British Army forces – the Canadian Division.

During the night Canadian units improvised a series of scattered outposts across the breach before the Germans renewed their assault on Canadian lines at dawn on 24 April, again using gas. By the afternoon, they had advanced beyond St Julien. Fighting continued during the following

days before Allied forces withdrew to a new line, barely three miles from Ypres. Heavy fighting continued in early May on the Frezenberg Ridge before the largest German gas attack yet seen led to the capture of ground at Bellewaarde Lake.

After 33 days of fighting, there was no decisive German breakthrough but the Salient was now much smaller and even more vulnerable to German artillery bombardment.

Between 22 April and 31 May 1915, British Empire casualties amounted to more than 59,000 men killed, wounded or missing.

For the next two years, trench raids, sniping and artillery fire continued every day as British Empire servicemen fought to hold their ground and German troops strove to drive them from it. By 1917, British Empire forces were suffering thousands of casualties – wounded, missing and killed – every month.

[Ypres Menin Gate Memorial](#) bears the names of some 54,400 servicemen of the British Empire who died in the Ypres Salient and have no known grave. More than 12,000 of those commemorated here died in April and May 1915.

[Seaforth Cemetery](#) is the final resting place of 148 servicemen of the British Empire of which more than 20 remain unidentified all of whom are believed to have died during the second battle of Ypres in April 1915.

Some 100 servicemen of the 2nd battalion, Seaforth Highlanders regiment are buried in the cemetery.

THE CALL OF COUNTRY.

Recruit Works Passage Across Atlantic

A private in one of the new service battalions in England writes:—"I am now in the ——— regiment for three years or the duration of the war. I left Texas on 19th March, working my passage as a coal trimmer on board a vessel carrying cotton to Liverpool. I stowed away until we were 24 hours out, so the captain just had to give me a passage across. We arrived in Liverpool on 7th April, fortunately without meeting any submarines, and I enlisted next morning."

THE ULSTER DIVISION.

The following classes of recruits are required for the Ulster Division:—

(1) Pioneer Battalion	221
(2) Cyclist Company	7
(3) Royal Engineers:—	
(a) Field Company—	
Saddlers	5
Platelayers	6
Electricians (Special for Search-	
lights)	2
Motor Mechanics	2
Coopers	1
Tailors	1
Shoeing and Carriage Smiths	8
Wheelwrights	1
(4) Army Service Corps—	
Bakers	20
Butchers	25
Saddlers	5

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CURTAILMENT OF PUBLIC-HOUSE HOURS.

Military Order Issued in Newtownards

The local traders of Newtownards received an unexpected visit from members of the local police force on Saturday afternoon, and were informed that Colonel Day, as the competent military authority for the North of Ireland, had issued an order that all licensed premises in Newtownards must be closed each day from 6 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of the sale of all intoxicants until further notice. Spirit-grocers will be permitted to keep their premises open for the sale of non-intoxicants, groceries, and provisions only.



Roll of Honour – April 27

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+CARSON, William

Royal Irish Fusiliers 1st Btn. Private. 5749. Died 27/04/1915. Age 23. Son of William and Margaret Ellen Carson, of Dollingstown, Lurgan. Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, Belgium

+CASTLES, Edward Abram

Royal Irish Fusiliers 7th Btn. Sergeant, 6125. Died 27/04/1915. Age 36. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Served in the South African Campaign. Son of William John and Sarah Castles, of Derryadd, Lurgan, Co. Armagh; husband to Rachel Frances Castles, of 5, Barrack St., Armagh. Vermelles British Cemetery, France

+MAGILL, John

1st Bn Royal Irish Fusiliers. D Coy. Private. Died 27/04/1915. Aged 23. Born Dervock. Youngest son of the late James and Ellen Magill, of Lurgan. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France

+McDERMOTT, Francis

Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 14th Btn. Sergeant.757. Died 27/04/1915. Age 18. Son of Edward and Mary McDermott. Native of Armagh, Ireland. Courtney's and Steel's Post Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+TONER, Terence

The King's (Liverpool Regiment). 4th Btn. Private. 13316. Died 27/04/1915. Age 35. Son of Felix and Mary Anne Toner, of Lislea, Newry. Ypres (Mennin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

1916

+CAIRNS, Robert

RN. Stoker 1st Class. K/14000. HMS Russell. Died 27/04/1916. HMS Russell, a Duncan-class battleship, which was detached from the Grand Fleet on 06/11/1915 and despatched to reinforce the British naval squadron in the Dardanelles. HMS Russell participated in the evacuation of Cape Helles from 07/01/1916 - 09/01/1916 and she was the last battleship of the British Dardanelles Squadron to leave the area. After the conclusion of the Dardanelles campaign, HMS Russell stayed on in the Mediterranean and was steaming off Malta early on the morning of 27/04/1916 when she struck two sea mines that had been laid by the German submarine U-73. A fire broke out in the aft part of the ship and the order to abandon ship was passed. After an explosion near the aft gun turret, she took on a dangerous list but sank slowly, allowing most of the crew to escape. A total of 27 officers and 98 ratings were lost. Robert Cairns enrolled 02/02/1912 for 12 years. War service in Blenheim

(Savage), Sutej, Pembroke III and Russell (20/07/1914 - 27/04/1916). Born Belfast 23/04/1893. The fifth child of Robert (a factory mechanic) and Ellen Cairns, Greenmount Street, Belfast. Abingdon St., Belfast. Great Victoria Street - PCI RH. Malta (Cappuccini) Naval Cemetery. IMR. ADM 188/894/14000

+CARDY, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6751. Died 27/04/1916. Husband of Lydia Cardy, of 107, Mark St., Newtownards. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St Eloi, France

+CASSIDY, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 26658. Died 27/04/1916. Age 26. Son of Thomas Cassidy, of Bridge St., Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France.

+COLEMAN, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 13437. Died 27/04/1916. Age 20. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Coleman, of 27, Crosbie St., Bangor, Co. Down. Loos Memorial, France

+COLLINS, Newton Henry

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 27/04/1916 during the Battle of Hulluch. Born in 1889, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Collins of Laghey, County Donegal. He taught as an assistant at Cookstown Academy where he was described as extremely popular with the teachers and

pupils. He received his commission with the Inniskilling Fusiliers in March 1915 and was for a time stationed in Londonderry before being posted to recruiting officer with the 5th Inniskillings at Magherafelt. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France. Cookstown WM

+COOKE, Joseph

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Private. 14841. Died 27/04/1916. Age 23. In 1911 Joseph was working as a butcher. Son of Robert and Letitia Cooke, of Church St., Newtownhamilton, Co. Armagh. Loos Memorial

+CORRIGAN, W M

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 23673. Died 27/04/1916. Son of Francis Corrigan, of Kiliaparth, Holywell, Belcoo, Co. Fermanagh. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France.

+DOLOUGHAN, Frederick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (16th Irish), 7 Btn. Private. 26293. Died 27/04/1916 from gas poisoning at Hulluch. Age 19. On the 27/04/1916 the 16th Irish and 15th Scottish were in the trenches at Hulluch near Loos. In the morning the Germans released 3,800 cylinders of Chlorine - Phosgene gas along a 1.9 mile front, the 16th Irish and 15th Scottish were caught in the blanket of gas resulting in large casualties. In the 2 days the 16 had 442 killed and the 15 had 107 killed. The total casualties were 1,980 killed or suffering the effects of gas poisoning. On the 29th the 2nd wave of gas was released but the wind changed and brought it back to the German lines and the attack was abandoned. Frederick was born in October 1896. Son of Samuel and Mary Ann

Doloughan, Ballysallagh, Dromore, Co Down. He enlisted September 1915 and disembarked in France February 1916. Philosophe British Cemetery Mazingarbe France. Dromore WM

+FARRELL, Patrick

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 8183. Died 27/04/1916. Age 25. Son of Rose Farrell, of Bloomfield Avenue, Ashdale St., Belfast; husband to Mary Farrell, of 1, Stephens Lane, Lower Mount St., Dublin. Loos Memorial, France

+FAY, Michael

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 9th Bn. Private. Died 27/04/1916. Age 27. Son of Thomas and Kathleen Fay, of 22, Dromara St., Belfast. Loos Memorial, France

+GAVIGAN, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 21305. Died 27/04/1916. Age 26. Son of James Gavigan, of Clyhore, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Franc

+GORMAN, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn.. Private 11924. Died 27/04/1916. Aged 21. Son of William and Elizabeth of 119, Walmer Street, Ballynafeigh, Belfast. In 1911 he was working in a confectionary works as a labourer. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France. St Jude's C of I Parish, Belfast, WM

+GRIBBEN, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 3912. Died 27/04/1916. Age 32. Son of Mrs. John Burns of Holm Terrace, Dromore; husband of Annie Gribben, of Gallows St., Dromore, Co. Down. Arras Memorial, France

+HALL, W J

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Rifleman. 4764. Died 27/04/1916. Age 32 years old. Husband to Rebecca Jane Hall, of 17, Sandy Row, Lurgan. Bethune Town Cemetery, France

+IRVINE, Samuel

2 RIR. Rifleman. 5531. Died 27/04/1916. Aged 46. Born in Lisburn, he lived on the Low Road. An old soldier who had served in RIR before the war, he was a keen footballer and athlete. He played for the Wesley team which won the Alliance Trophy, Lisburn League and Steel and Sons' Cup and for a time for Queens Park, Glasgow appearing for them in a friendly fixture against Linfield in Belfast before the war. Enlisting at Lisburn. A widower, he was survived by three young children who appear to have been looked after by his parents. He was the son of the late William and Ann Irvine of 114 Fort Street, Low Road, Lisburn. Family death notices in the Lisburn Standard 26/05/1916. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloy, France

+KELLY, Edward

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Serjeant. 20659. Died 27/04/1916. Age 20. Born Whiteabbey 17/09/1895. Enlisted Belfast. Previously served with Connaught Rangers (3498). Son of Edward and Isabella (nee Foy) Kelly. His mother

later lived in the Whitehouse area. Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos, France

+LEDDY, Peter

Leinster Regiment. 2nd Btn. Private. 3207. Died 27/04/1916. Born in Kells, Co. Meath. In 1911 Peter was living with his widowed mother in Kells. Brother of Mr. B. Leddy, of Jerrettspass, Goragh, Co. Armagh. Ration Farm (La Plus Douve) Annexe. Belgium

+LOFTUS, Patrick

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 8th Btn. B Coy. Private. 16673. Died 27/04/1916. Age 27. Son of Patrick and Ellen Loftus, of 10, Panton St., Belfast; husband to Margaret Loftus, of 17, Spittal St., Tipperary. Loos Memorial, France

+McAROW, James

North Irish Horse, A Sqdn. Private. 164. Medaille Militaire (France). Died 27/04/1916. Age 26. Born on 24/12/1889 at Mulrod, Derrybrusk, Fermanagh, the first child of farmer Michael McArow and his wife Bridget (nee Maguire). He enlisted in the North Irish Horse on its creation at Newbridge on 06/07/1908 (No. 164), probably having also served in its predecessor, the North of Ireland Imperial Yeomanry.

McArow embarked for France with A Squadron on 17/08/1914, playing a role in the retreat from Mons and advance to the Aisne. In October 1914 he and fellow Horseman Private Colquhoun were awarded a French decoration, the Medaille Militaire, "in recognition of their gallantry during the operations between 21st and 30th August".

At the end of October he became ill and was sent home to recover. While there he was interviewed by the Belfast News-Letter:

WITH THE NORTH IRISH HORSE.

Story of a Bayonet Charge.

Private McArow, of Tamlaght, near Enniskillen, who was decorated with the Medaille Militaire by the French Government for distinguished service and valour, has been invalided home with rheumatic fever.

In the course of an interview with our correspondent, he gives particulars of an exciting encounter which the North Irish Horse had during the retreat from Mons. One very dark night they were pegging down their horses in [a] garden, preparatory to retiring for the night's rest in some hay lofts, when suddenly bullets whistled overhead. Lord Cole, who was in command, shouted to Lieutenant Hughes: "Get your men out, Hughes." The men readily responded, and fixed bayonets. They advanced through a field of vegetables in the direction from which the sound of firing came, and then heard the cheers of the 2nd Inniskillings and Cameron Highlanders as they charged the enemy. Lord Cole ordered the charge, and the North Irish Horsemen answered with cheers, and rushed forward along with the infantry. The Germans did not wait, but took to their heels. The Horse then retired that night a further ten miles, escorted by the two foot battalions, and thus gained a short respite from the pursuing Germans. Private McArow says – "Lord Cole is grand, and so are all our officers, and we would follow them anywhere. There was only half our lot covering the retreat from Mons, the other half acting as escort to General

French.”

(Belfast News-Letter, 6 November 1914)

After he recovered McArow returned to his squadron in France. In September 1915 his period of service expired, but rather than opt for a discharge and return home, he signed-on for the duration of the war. In April 1916 he once again became ill, this time with ‘spotted fever’, a tick-borne disease. He was evacuated to the 19th Casualty Clearing Station at Doullens, but died on 27 April 1916. Private McArow was survived by his brother John and sister Sarah. His mother had died in 1900 and his father in November 1915. His sister was married on 03/05/1916, at about the same time as news of James’s death would have reached home. Son of Michael and Bridget McArow, of Mulrod, Co. Fermanagh. Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No 1, France

+McCLELLAND, Alexander

Royal Irish Rifles. 4th Btn. Rifleman. 7610. Died 27/004/1916. Age 18. Sandy McClelland served with the 4th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Machine Gun Section) and he was killed in Sheriff Street, Dublin on 26/04/1916 (Civil Records) or on 27/04/1916 (CWGC Records). On his death certificate it is recorded that he died of ‘gunshot wounds received in rebellion’. Rifleman McClelland’s funeral was on 01/05/1916 to the family burying ground in Greyabbey. Two days after the first anniversary of Sandy’s death, his father James McClelland died of valvular heart disease (aged 61) and he was interred beside his son. Sandy was born on 26/01897 in the townland of Balligan, Kircubbin. Son of James and Agnes McClelland (nee Ledlie, sometimes Ledley) who were married on 26/04/1881 in Balligan C of I

Church, Innishargie. Rifleman Sandy McClelland is commemorated in Kircubbin C of I Parish Church (Holy Trinity). Family grave headstone in Greyabbey Cemetery

+McGOWAN, Bernard

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 24179. Died 27/04/1916. Age 18. Son of Margaret McGowan, of 43, Walker's Place, Londonderry, and the late Edward McGowan. Loos Memorial, France

+McGOWAN, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Private. 14707. Died 27/04/1916. Age 38. Husband to Rebecca McGowan, of 7, Alfred St., Waterside, Londonderry. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, France

+McLEAN, William James

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 21886. Died 27/04/1916. Age 18. Son of Jane McLean, of 43, Osborne St., Belfast, and the late William James McLean. Loos Memorial, France

+MOORE, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 3216. Died 27/04/1916. Aged 32. Born Liscolman 1884. Son of George and Annie Moore, Liscolman, Co. Antrim. Husband to Mary Ann Moore. Lived in Port Glasgow. Enlisted at Greenock, Renfrewshire. Brother of R. Moore, Royal Irish Rifles, K.I.A. 09/05/1915. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St-Eloi. Billy Parish Church RH

+MURPHY, John

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 16600. Died 27/04/1916. Age 19. Son of Malacky and Lizzie Murphy, of 8, New Lodge Place, Belfast. Loos Memorial, France

+O'KANE, Francis

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Private. 23037. Died 27/04/1916. Aged 30. Son of Christopher O'Kane, of McCay's Court, Castlederg, Co. Tyrone. Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+O'NEILL, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Private. 20502. Died 27/04/1916. Age 19. Born on 16/02/1897 in Stewartstown. He was the second of thirteen known children, twelve surviving. His father was a servant and labourer. John O'Neill worked as a farm labourer. He disappeared one weekend early in 1915 and enlisted. Son of John and Rose O'Neill, of Aughacolum, Stewartstown. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France, Stewartstown WM

+O'REGAN, W

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 26952. Died 27/04/1916. Age 23. Son of John and Kate O'Regan, of 8, St. John's Place East, Larne. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France

+WARD, Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 18306. Died 27/04/1916. Age 22. Son of Mrs. Margaret Gormley, of

Ballinacross, Dunamanagh, Co. Tyrone. Loos Memorial, France

1917

+CREIGHTON, James

Machine Gun Corps, 87th Coy. Lance Corporal. 21390. Died 27/04/1917. Age 36. Born on 06/12/1880. He was one of seven children. The family lived in Coagh. His father was a carpenter. James enlisted in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in Cookstown, being given the Service No. 9559. He later transferred to the 87th Company of the Machine Gun Corps. He was seriously wounded in April 1917 and taken to Etaples General Hospital where he died of his wounds. Son of John and Elizabeth Creighton, of Coagh, Co. Tyrone. Etaples Military Cemetery, France. Coagh WM. Tamlaght School RH

+JAMIESON, E

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Lance Corporal. 5563. Died 27/04/1917. Son of the late Edward and Fanny Jamieson, of Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

+MANN, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Private. 27233. Died 27/04/1917. Age 35. Son of Samuel Mann, of 58, Esmond St., Shankill Rd., Belfast. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+McCALL, Samuel

Royal Scots Fusiliers, 6th/7th Btn. att'd. 170th Coy Royal Engineers. Private. 12896. Died 27/04/1917 of wounds at Number 33 Casualty Clearing Station. Age 23. He left his

effects to his sister Marjory McCall. Son of Nathaniel and Sarah McCall, of Drumnacanver, Keady. Bethune Town Cemetery, France

+McCORMACK, W

Canadian Army Medical Corps, 13th Field Amb. Private. 651808. Died 27/04/1917 of wounds in No 23 Casualty Clearing Station at Lozinghem, France. He was a blacksmith. After emigrating to Canada he continued to work as a blacksmith until he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Son of Thomas and Annie McCormack of Darton, Tynan, Armagh. Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, France

+NOBLE, David

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 28153. Died 27/04/1917. Age 23. Son of James and Mary Jane Noble, of Urblerlagh, Victoria Bridge, Co. Tyrone. Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Belgium

1918

+BOGGS, Robert Herbert

Leinster Regiment, 2nd Btn. formerly Connaught Rangers (4682). Private. 18027. Died 27/04/1918. Born near Strabane. He formerly served with the 6th Connaught Rangers (4682). Enlisted Belfast. Son of James and Sarah E Boggs of 1 Ben Eden Terrace, Greencastle, Belfast. Cinq Rues British Cemetery, Hazebrouck, Nord, France

+CONWAY, Peter

Royal Garrison Artillery, "V" 8th Trench Mortar Bty. Gunner. 40345. Died 27/04/1918. Aged 25. He had a twin sister, Mary. He had four sisters in all. Only son of Elizabeth Conway, of Aughacarnaghan, Toomebridge, and the late Patrick Conway. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+BOGGS, Robert Herbert

Leinster Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. 18027. formerly Connaught Rangers, 4682. Died 27/04/1918. Son of James and Sarah E Boggs of 1 Ben Eden Terrace, Greencastle, Belfast. Cinq Rues British Cemetery, Hazelbrouck, France

+HOBBS, Thomas Henry

Royal Irish Rifles. Private. 228298. Died 27/04/1918. Born: Belfast. Lived: Boundary Street, Belfast. Enlisted: Belfast. Milltown RC Cemetery

+JOHNSTON, W

Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 65279. Died 27/04/1918. Age 19. Son of William and Lizzie Johnston, of Belfast. Sandpits British Cemetery, Fouquereuil, France

+McMANN, Joseph

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 1938. Died 27/04/1918. Age 19. Son of William and Lizzie McMann, of 16, Klondyke St., Belfast. New Irish 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. Hautmont Communal Cemetery, France

+RAINEY, J

Labour Corps, 17th Coy. Private. 364473. Died 27/04/1918. Husband to M. E. Rainey, of 15, James St., Snugville St., Belfast. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

+SHAW, A

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Rifleman. 952. Transf. to 760th Coy. Labour Corps (376251). Died 27/04/1918. Age 42. Son of Robert Shaw, of Belfast. Esquelbecq Military Cemetery, France

1921

+BAILEY, Arthur

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 15306. Died 27/04/1921. Son of Thomas Bailey, of 5, Barnwall Place, Waterside, Londonderry. Glendermot C of I Churchyard

1940

+BOYD, John

Royal Artillery, 3 Searchlight Regt. 12 Bty. Gunner. 1473533. Died 27/04/1940. Age 22. Son of Robert and Margaret Boyd, of Belfast. Dunkirk Town Cemetery, France

+FOX, George

RN. Stoker 1st Class. D/KX 87377. Died 27/04/1940. Age 29. HM Submarine Sterlet. Joined up in 1936. Served with the China Squadron for three years. He was home on Easter leave in 1940 before re-joining Sterlet a small diesel-electric S class submarine armed with twelve torpedoes. It had a crew of 39 under the command of Lt. Gerard Haward who at 30 years of age was one of the younger submarine commanders in the Royal Navy. Sterlet sailed on 8th April for Skagerrak patrol during German invasion of Norway. The details regarding the loss of the vessel are still uncertain. On the 12/ 04/1940 Sterlet attacked unsuccessfully, a convoy of three German cargo ships defended by a destroyer, and on the 14th torpedoed German gunnery training ship 'Brummer' off Jutland, where she sank next day. Sterlet may have been sunk in the counter-attack by the escort. Other possibilities include depth-charged by minesweeper 'M.75' on the 17th or 18th, by anti-submarine trawlers 'UJ.125', 'UJ.126' and 'UJ.128' on the 18th, or mined in a field laid on the 8th. All 41 crew were lost. George had a brother serving in the BEF in France and two elder brothers who served throughout WW1. He was an enthusiastic member of Mullavilly Boy Scouts and Laurelvale Football Club. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 29/06/1940). Son of William and Elizabeth Fox, Turtle's Row, Mullavilly, Tandragee. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 41

1941

HMS DIAMOND

Diamond, a destroyer, was sunk by German aircraft attack during the evacuation of Greece. There were no survivors.

+DOHERTY, William Albert

RN. Able Seaman. D/SSX 28588. Died 27/04/1941. Age:19. HMS Diamond. Son of Jeremiah and Isabel Doherty, Killeter, Co. Tyrone. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 46

+FRENCH, Albert

RN. OS. D/JX198121. HMS Diamond. Died 27/04/1941. Age 26. Two weeks earlier his brother Herbert French was a survivor of HMS Rajputana. Son of John and Agnes French, Randalstown. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 49

+LAVERY, John Caldwell

RN. AB. C/SSX 20986. Died 27/04/1941. Age 20. HMS Diamond. Son of Richard and Rebecca Lavery. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 19/12/1941). Chatham Naval Memorial

+SHANKS, James

RN. AB. Gunner. Died 27/04/1941. HMS Diamond was attacked and sunk by German aircraft near Malta. Brother of George Shanks who was serving aboard S.S. Empire Masefield when, on 13/01/1942, the ship was attacked and bombed by enemy aircraft off Yorkshire. George, like his brother, was Killed in Action however the ship stayed afloat and he was buried in Acklam Cemetery, Middlesborough. Sons of Matthew and Elizabeth Shanks, of Whiteabbey. James is named on Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 45.

+WILLS, Ernest

RN. Petty Officer. D/JX 132813. Date of Death: 27/04/1941. HMS Diamond. Son of William and Margaret Wills, Lisburn. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 45. Lisburn WM

1941

+ALLINGHAM, W J

RAFVR. Squadron Leader. 77332. Died 27/04/1941. Age 56. Son of James and Elizabeth Allingham; husband of Louise Isabella Annie Allingham, of Middleton, Lancashire. Family Memorial, Dundonald Cemetery

+COLEMAN, Joseph

RN. Ordnance Artificer 4th Class. HMS Wryneck. D/MX 57686. Died 27/04/1941. Age 29. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Coleman, Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 54. Belmont Presbyterian Church, Belfast, RH

1942

+CREELMAN, Joseph

Royal Ulster Rifles, 1st Bn. London Irish Rifles. Second Lieutenant. 176952. Died 27/04/1942. Aged 22. Faculty of Arts 1938 - 40 QUB. QUB. Son of John and Elizabeth Creelman, Belfast. Knockbreda Cemetery. QUB WM

+GLASS, John Lyle Taggart

RNR. Lieutenant Paymaster. Died 27/04/1942. Age 27. HMS Corfu - an armed merchant cruiser which had been owned by P & O prior to requisitioning, she was with the Eastern Fleet in the Indian Ocean from March to August 1942. Lyle Glass served with P & O prior to enlisting. Had been torpedoed off Iceland 1941. His brother Thomas, a solicitor, served with the Eighth Army. Lyle was the thirteenth old boy of Bangor Grammar School to die in the war. Born 11/06/1914. Son of George Francis and Mamie Anderson

Glass, Farnham Pk, Bangor. His mother died suddenly in May 1945, 13 days after the war ended. His death had impacted upon her and she would say, "No body, no funeral, no grave". Tribute in Bangor Spectator 09/05/1942. Bangor Grammar School. Mombasa (Mbaraki) Cemetery

+MARTIN, John Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 6978915. Died 27/04/1942. Aged 22. Son of Hugh and Catherine Martin, of Waterside, Londonderry. His brother Henry also fell. Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar

1943

+HERON, William John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Serjeant. 6978607. Age 21. Died 27/04/1943 east of Tanngoucha in an action involving A and C Companies of the 6th Btn. In an attempt to seize high ground in the Gollcah Gully in Tunisia, advancing troops came under very heavy and accurate machine gun and mortar fire as they assaulted crest after crest. The battalion suffered significant casualties in this action. Son of John and Annie Heron, of Coagh. Medjez-El-Bab Memorial, Tunisia. Coagh WM

+MAGEE, Herbert

Irish Guards, 1st Btn. Guardsman. 2719655. Died 27/04/1943. Aged 25. Son of Edward and Agnes Magee, of Newcastle, Co. Down. Massicault War Cemetery, Tunisia. Newcastle WM

+MALONE, Robert

Irish Guards, 1st Btn. Company Sergeant Major. 2716873. 2716873. Died 27/04/1943. Age 34. At the outbreak of the war 1st Btn. Irish Guards were London based. In March 1943 the battalion was deployed in North Africa. Born 19/11/1908 in the Brookeborough area. Son of Henry and Elizabeth Mary Malone; husband to Jeannie Malone, of Little Heath, Potters Bar, Middlesex. Massicault War Cemetery, Tunisia. Fivemiletown WM

+MEGAW, Thomas James

Irish Guards, 1st Btn. Guardsman. 2718459. Died 27/04/1943. Thomas had been training for the police service when he was persuaded to join the Irish Guards around 1937-38. He was the only son of Robert and Mary Megaw. He had one sister. They lived at Hillview, Moneymore. Thomas was the husband of Florence Elizabeth Megaw. They had two children. They lived at Crossnarea, Moneymore. Medjez-El-Bab Memorial, Tunisia. Cookstown War Dead Book

+McMULLAN, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Lance Corporal. 6983769. Died 27/04/1943. The Skins' third attack on high points north of the road to Medjez el-Bab started with an artillery barrage on Kef el-Senach at 1130am on 27 April. Kef el-Senech which is about 1,200 feet above sea level. It consisted of four separate high points, all of which were held by the Germans. The battalion took two of the four by midday. It suffered a total of 13 fatalities on 27 April including Lance Corporal McMullan. Son of Robert James McMullan and Isabella McMullan; nephew of John Cairns, of

Newport, Hillsborough, Co. Down. Medjez-El-Bab Memorial, Tunisia

+NUGENT, Patrick Edmund Charles

Grenadier Guards, 5th Bn. Lieutenant. 176733. Died 27/04/1943. Aged 22. During the Second World War two Nugent brothers, Patrick and John, served with the 5th Battalion, Grenadier Guards which was raised in 1941, served in North Africa and Italy and disbanded in 1945. Patrick was the first of the two brothers to die. John died on 02/10/1944. Patrick Edmund Charles Nugent was educated at Eton College. He joined the Grenadier Guards and was killed in action during the Allied offensive on Axis positions in Tunisia, as the Allies prepared for the final drive towards Tunis. The war in North Africa came to an end in May 1943 with the defeat of the Axis forces. Lieutenant Patrick Nugent was initially reported as *Missing in Action* and it was some time before his body was recovered. Patrick Edmund Charles Nugent was born on 04/11/1920. Son of Maj. the Rt. Hon. Sir Roland Nugent, Kt., J.P., D.L., and of Lady Nugent (nee Ramsden), of Portaferry. Massicault War Cemetery, Tunisia. Eton College. Ballyphilip C of I Parish Church, Portaferry

+PETERS, George Clare

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 51 Sqdn. Sergeant. 657052. Died 27/04/1943. Age 32. Son of Richard and Catherine Peters, of Belfast. Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany

+RICE, Kevin Gabriel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 6th Btn. Fusilier. 5436998. Died 27/04/1943 east of Tanngoucha during the Skins' attack on Kef el-Senach. Age 22. Son of John and Rose Rice, of Belfast. Medjez-El-Bab Memorial, Tunisia.

1944

+BRYCE, Thomas

Royal Artillery. 8th HAA Regt. 22 Bty. Gunner. 1822516. Died 27/04/1944. Aged 36. Husband to Mrs Bryce, Hillside Ave., Kilsyth, Scotland. Calcutta (Bhowanipore) Cemetery, Kolkata, India. Regimental RH, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. Named in Order of Memorial Service in St Mark's Akyab, Burma on 31/03/1945, held in memory of those in the Regiment who died in the Arakan Campaign 1942 - 45.

+YEAMAN, Richard George

RAFVR. 2957 Squadron. Leading Aircraftman. 1350724. Died 27/04/1944. Aged 27. It was reported in the 06/05/1944 issue of the Newtownards Chronicle that he died on 27/04/1944 as the result of a bullet wound. Born on 30/07/1916 in Carrowdore. Son of William James Yeaman and Sarah Ann Yeaman, of Newtownards. William James Yeaman worked as a labourer and during the Great War he served with the 11 Btn, Royal Irish Rifles. He was awarded the Military Medal. Carrowdore Christ Church Churchyard, Carrowdore. Newtownards WM. St. Mark's C of I Parish Church, Newtownards RH

1945 HMS Redmill

HMS Redmill was part of 2nd Division, 21st Escort Group. On 27/04/1945 Redmill was sighted by U-Boat U-1105 approximately 25 miles west of Mayo. Two torpedoes were fired with both hitting Redmill and blowing the stern off the ship which fortunately stayed afloat.

+MURRAY, Thomas

RN. Stoker 1st Class. D/KX 103032. Died 27/04/1945. Age 35. HMS Redmill. Son of Thomas and Sarah Murray; husband to Margaret Murray, Bangor. Brother of Joseph, RAF, SEAC and brother-in-law of Denis Pearce, Eighth Army. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 94

+PATTERSON, Crawford

RN. Able Seaman. D/SSX 28921. Died 27/05/1945. Age 28. HMS Redmill. Son of Robert and Elizabeth Patterson, of Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 94

+SIMS, William John Cleverley

RN. Stoker First Class. C/KX 158450. Died 27/04/1945. Age 21. HMS Redmill. Three years' service. Son of Harry and Vera Sims; husband to Margaret Sims, of James St., Shankill Rd, and Sydenham, Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 11/05/1945). Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina.

VETERANS

ALLISON, Richard Sydney

RNVR. Surgeon-Commander. Foundation member of QUB Services Club. RBAI. MD QUB 1921. Surgeon Probationer in WW1. Served in HMS Acorn, a destroyer, in the

Mediterranean. Also served WW2. Surgeon - Captain. VRD. Appointed in October 1939 to RNAH Newton Abbot as medical specialist. First account of 'Blast Injuries to Chest' 1940. 1941 i/c Neurological Ward, RNAH Barrow Gurney (Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital for RN). 1942 appointed to staff of Medical Director General to devise means for retaining ratings with peptic ulcer in the service who otherwise would be invalided. Established special gastric units in HMS Goodson and Ferret, the crews of which ships were employed in maintenance, shore and harbour duties although living on board in a special mess. (Quarterly Journal of Medicine). Promoted Acting Surgeon-Captain 1944 to Royal Naval Hospital, Stonehouse as SMO i/c Medical Division and additional as Medical Consultant to Western Approaches Command. On Admiralty Board of Naval Medical Consultants. Promoted Surgeon-Commander December 1949. Served in the Ulster Division post war and in HMS Caroline. Author of history of HMS Caroline. Born 15/05/1899. Died 27/04/1978

GIBSON, nee Johnson, Cecily

WRNS. Radio operator. Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides NI. Wife of Rt Hon Sir Maurice Gibson, Lord Justice of Appeal in Northern Ireland. Both killed by PIRA 27/04/1987. Age 66.

POHORYLES, Manfred

RAFVR. F/Lt. BSc 1942 QUB. In 1947 Manfred Pohoryles an aeronautical engineer from Poland was resident in London. His wife's name was Thea [Pohoryles]. They were granted naturalisation. Thea died in Montreal on 27/04/2003. A member of the Jewish congregation she had family also in Israel and the USA.

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