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Roll of Honour - April 30

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915 +CAIRNS, Alex.

4th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force. 1st. COR. Private. 10635. Died 30/04/1915 near Ypres. Aged 22. Born in Lisburn on 03/05/1892. A single man and barber by profession, he enlisted at Valcartier in Canada on the 22/09/1914 aged 22 years and 4 months having had no previous military experience. Fourth son of James and Mrs. D Cairns of 2 Ava Street, Lisburn. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France

+GORDON, Geoffrey

12th (Prince of Wales's Royal) Lancers. Lieutenant. Died 30/04/1915. Age 34. Son of the Rev. Alexander Gordon, M.A. and Clara Maria Gordon (nee Boult), of 35, Rosemary St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+GRIBBEN, Hugh

Royal Dublin Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 9870. Died 30/04/1915 at V beach. Aged 26. Enlisted 10/03/1906 in Downpatrick in the 5th Royal Irish Rifles, aged 17 & 3 months (3982). Transferred to the 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers 12th Btn 12/09/1907. At the outbreak of the Great War the 1st "Dubs" were in Madras India, returning to England before leaving for the Dardanelles. His younger brother Rifleman James Gribben (4812) 1st Royal Irish Rifles died on 01/07/1916 at the attack on Ovillers (Somme). Born 1889 eldest son of the late Hugh Gribben and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kelly; stepson of John Kelly, Mount Street, Dromore, Co Down. In 1901 living at 57 Meeting Street Dromore. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Dromore WM

1916

+GRIBBON, J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Private. 23707. Died 30/04/1916. Husband to E. Gribbon, of Castle St., Rathfriland, Co. Down. Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery, France

+HUGHES, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Private. 20170. Died 30/04/1916. Age 29. Son of William and Margaret Hughes, of Nail St., Belfast; husband to Hanna Hughes, of 5, Roundhill St., Belfast. Loos Memorial, France

+JONES, Francis

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 26543. Died 30/04/1916. Age 23. Born in 1893. From an early age he was raised by his aunt and uncle in Minterburn. He worked as a farm servant. Son of Edward and Elizabeth Jones. Chocques Military Cemetery, France. Dungannon WM

+LAVERTY, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 12th Btn. Private. 16235. Died 30/04/1916. Born in Richill, Co.Armagh. He and his wife Elizabeth also lived there. Finner Cemetery, Ireland

1917

+CAMPBELL, W

Royal Irish Rifles, 4th Btn. Rifleman. 7223. Died 30/04/1917. Husband to Eleanor McCrory (formerly Campbell), of 11, Enniskillen St., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

+CARLETON, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 23217. Died 30/04/1917. Aged 47. Robert was born about 1870 in Tamlaght, County Derry. The 1911 census lists Robert as age 40, working as a servant at house 23 in Moyknock, Kilrea, Londonderry. The census notes that he was married. Robert was living in Portglenone when he enlisted in Kilrea. Son of Mrs. Margaret Carleton, of Tyanee, Co. Londonderry. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Kilrea WM

+LAVERY, Henry

Royal Irish Rifles. 7th Btn. Rifleman. 5723. Died 30/04/1917. Age 24. Son of Mary E. Lavery, of Halliday's Bridge, Hillsborough. Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Belgium

+LINDSAY, F

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Lance Serjeant. 8566. Died 30/04/1917. Tullylish Presbyterian Churchyard, Co. Down

+TERRITT, Patrick Edward

Canadian Infantry, 26th Btn. Private. 743185. Died 30/04/1917. Age 27. Born 20/06/1890. In 1901 the famiy were living in Benburb. His father was a member of the Royal Irish Constabulary. In 1910 Edward emigrated to New

Brunswick, Canada. He enlisted in April 1916. He had been working as a lumberman and living in McAdam Junction, New Brunswick. Son of James and Mrs. Territt, of Blackwatertown, Moy, Co. Armagh. Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension, France

+WILSON, Thomas

Cheshire Regiment, 8th Btn. Private. 36437. Died 30/04/1917. Age 30. His brother Isaiah, Royal Irish Fusiliers died on 01/07/1916. Son of William James Wilson, of Kennedies, Tynan. Basra Memorial, Iraq

1918

+COCHRANE, James A

150th Field Co. Royal Engineers. 64302 Private. 64302. Died 30/04/1918. Aged 26. Born Belfast. Enlisted Coleraine. Son of John A. Cochrane, Camm, Macosquin. Duhallow Cemetery. Ringsend Presbyterian Church RH

+PEDEN, David

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 11029. Died 30/04/1918. Aged 19. The 1st Royal Irish Rifles (107th, 36th Ulster Division) on 30/04/1918 had 7 killed, 5 missing and 6 wounded. Born in Coolsallagh, Quilly, Dromore, Co Down in March 1899, the third son of a family of five. Son of John and Eliza Jane (nee Procter) Peden, Ballygunaghan Blackskull Co Down. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium. Donaghcloney WM

+RODGERS, James

Royal Engineers, 150th Field Coy. Sapper. 64393. Died 30/04/1918. Age 35. Son of James and Agnes Rodgers, of 18, Evelyn Avenue, Belfast; husband to Emily Rodgers, of 20, Hollycroft Avenue, Belfast. Duhallow ADS Cemetery, Belgium

1940

+DODDS, Robert H

HMS Caroline. RNVR. Ordinary Seaman. P/UD/X 1590. Died 30/04/1940. Age 24. HMS Bittern sunk off Namsos harbour, Norway in the ill-fated campaign of 1940 Note below). Husband to Mrs Lily Dodds, Westmorland St., Belfast. Son of Mr and Mrs Hugh and Agnes Dodds, Tyne St., Belfast. Father to two little boys. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 18/05/1940). Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 43

Bittern served in Home waters and off the coast of Norway during the Second World War. She took part in the ill-fated Namsos Campaign of 1940, where she was used to defend allied troop ships entering and leaving Namsos harbour from submarine attacks. The harbour came under regular air attack by the Luftwaffe, and on 30 April, Bittern was spotted and mistaken for an Allied cruiser by a squadron of Junkers Ju 87 dive bombers.

Bittern came under repeated attack from 0700 hours onwards. She was hit repeatedly and severely damaged, being set on fire. Nearby allied ships came alongside and

took the survivors off. When this had been completed, *Bittern* was sunk by a torpedo from the destroyer *Janus*.

1941

+DAVIES, Michael

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Fusilier. Died 30/04/1941. St Patricks Roman Catholic Cathedral, Armagh.

+MUIR, William Edward

Canadian Army Corps of Military Staff Clerks. Sergeant. A/ 99604. Died 30/04/1941. Aged 39. Son of Francis Muir, and of Margaret Muir, of Banbridge; husband to Anne Muir, of London, Ontario. Halifax Memorial, Nova Scotia, Canada

+RUFFELL, Charles

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Fusilier.6980547. Died 30/04/1941. Aged 18. Son of Charles William and Grace Ruffell, of Londonderry. Londonderry City Cemetery.

1942

+BOYCE, Dallas

RAFVR. Sergeant (Wireless Op./Air Gunner). 1023450. Died 30/04/1942. Aged 22. 269 Sqdn. After a year of operations against enemy shipping from RAF Wick, 269 Squadron began transferring to Iceland starting on 12/04/1941, with the last Hudson aircraft arriving on 30 May. Sergeant Boyce was a Crew Member aboard Lockheed Hudson Mk. III, T9391 on a reconnaissance flight to the North of Iceland. One engine failed and the Pilot made a

forced landing North West of Ísafjörður however all of the four Crew members died. Son of John and Rachel Anne Boyce, The Diamond, Portstewart. Reykjavik (Fossvogue) Cemetery. Agherton Parish WM, Portstewart

+KIRKHAM, Stephen George

RAFVR. Aircraftman 1st Class.1180125. Died 30/04/1942. Aged 34. 976 Balloon Sqdn., which provided protection at ports and coastal landing areas. Stephen appears to have died from wounds. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kirkham; husband to Mary Agnes Kirkham, of Hammond St., Moneymore, Co. Londonderry. Heliopolis W

ar Cemetery, Egypt

1943 +DICKSON, Robert

Royal Armoured Corps. North Irish Horse, "C" Sqn. Corporal 7897546. Died 30/04/1943. Aged 35. Son of Thomas and Agnes Dickson, of Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone. Medjez-El-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia

+GREEN, EDWARD

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Fusilier. 6980546. Died 30/04/1943. Aged 30. Son of George and Mary Green; husband of Ellen Green, of Londonderry. Oued Zarga War Cemetery, Tunisia

+LUSK, George Ian Wilson

RAMC. Captain. 173009. Died 30/04/1943. Age 26. M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. QUB. Son of the Revd. John Brown Lusk, B.A., Minister of Glascar, Ballinaskea, Banbridge, (Died

01/06/1939) and Margaret Dewar Lusk. Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar

+TWEED, Robert

Irish Guards, 1st Btn. Guardsman. 2719086. Died 30/04/1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tweed, of Ballymoney. Massocault War Cemetery, Tunisia

1944

+BOYD, Samuel McMaster

RNR. Sub-Lieutenant (E). R145084. HMRT Advantage (His Majesty's Rescue Tug). Died 30/04/1944. Age: 24. The function of His Majesty's Rescue Tugs was to escort convoys and then tow to the nearest point of land any ships that were attacked by U-boats and severely damaged but not sunk. Launched in September 1942 and commissioned in April 1943, HMRT Advantage was a Favourite Class tug built by the Levingston Shipbuilding Company, Orange, Texas, USA and supplied to the Admiralty under the Lend-Lease Agreement. Son of William and Margaret Boyd, Clementine Terrace, Bangor. William and Margaret were married on 16/05/1919 in Ballyhemlin Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church and at that time William described himself as a Private in the Machine Gun Corps (Reserve). Samuel was a member of Shamrock Masonic Lodge 354 in Kircubbin. Bermuda Royal Naval Cemetery.

1945

+McCULLOUGH, John Coard

Royal Engineers. Driver.13098346. Died 30/04/1945 in Newport, Monmouthshire, Wales. Aged 29. He was born in Belfast on 25/11/1916. Son of Gerard "Gerry" McCullough and Mary Ellen McCullough (née Coard) of Belfast. In

December 1937 he married Bridget Brennan of Belfast in Westminster, Middlesex. The couple had 3 children in the early years of their marriage. The family lived at 11 Union Street, Coventry, Warwickshire. John's job was an Aero Fitter's Labourer. By 1941, John moved to Birmingham, Warwickshire. Milltown Cemetery, Belfast.

+MULLIGAN, Francis Xavier

Royal Artillery, 179 Field Regt. Lance Bombardier. 5256357. Died 30/04/1945. Age 30. Son of Peter and Kathleen Mulligan; husband of Ena Maria Mulligan, of Seaford, Sussex. Becklingen War Cemetery, Germany. Bessbrook WM

VETERANS

ADAM, Cecil Thompson Buchanan

RAFVR. Squadron Leader (M). MB, DPH 1937 QUB. Flying Officer 09/0i/1942, London Gazette. 116013. "Former physician Coleraine and Londonderry (b Londonderry 1914; q Queen's University Belfast 1937; DPH), d 30 March 1999. He served in the Royal Air Force during the second world war with postings as squadron leader in India and Africa. After the war Dr Adams worked with the newly formed Northern Ireland Tuberculosis Authority and was responsible for the service in several towns. At the time there were over 14 000 people with tuberculosis out of a population of about 1.3 million. The authority's report was published in 1959 when it was clear that the task to control the disease had been accomplished. Dr Adams then transferred to the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority and continued working in chest medicine. He had a special interest in farmer's lung. He was described as shy and unassuming but was caring

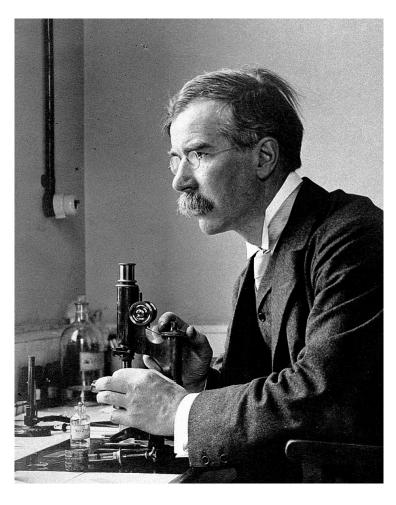
and competent. He leaves a wife, Maud". (BMJ 23/10/1999). Died 30/03/1999

PRICE, William Wynne. Vet died 30/04/1989

Royal Artillery. Anti-Aircraft Regiment. Lance Bombardier. Called up 04/09/1939. William resumed service with the Northern Bank on 19/11/1945. Known as Wynne, he was born at Townparks, Larne on 4th July 1908 to Timothy Lawrence Price, Journalist and Margaret Price nee Williams. In 1911 Wynne (2) lived in house 41, Glenarm Road, Larne with his parents and brother, David Lawrence (6). A servant, Annie Pennie (20) also lived in the house. On 1st December 1925 Wynne joined Northern Bank at Head Office. Transfers followed to Ballymena (1925 - Junior), Head Office (1926), Kilrea (1927 - Junior), Royal Avenue (1931 - 2nd Junior), Head Office (1935) and Londonderry (1936). After resuming service with the Bank, transfers followed until his retirement as Manager, Trevor Hill, Newry on 30/06/1971. The Belfast Telegraph of 15/02/1947 reported on the wedding of Wynne Price to Miss Barbara Elise Macnaughton Blythe at St Patrick's Church, Jordanstown. Records in family papers state: "Wynne and Barbara retired to Warrenpoint, followed by Rostrevor....and much later, back to Warrenpoint." "William was always known by his second name, Wynne. His wife's name was Barbara Elise, not Elsie....as the newspaper wedding article misprinted. They had three daughters, Felicity, Corinne and Brenda. There followed five grandchildren...Benjamin and Ashley, Daniel and Laura, Michael." William Wynne Price died on 30/04/1989.

TAGGART, Joseph

Private Joseph Taggart from Portrush, Co. Antrim. Joseph enlisted in 6th (Service) Battalion Royal Irish Rifles in November 1914, but did not embark for overseas service until 1917 when he arrived at Salonica with 2nd Garrison Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers. Transferred back to 6th RIR, he saw action with them in Salonica and Palestine before transferring to 1st Battalion Royal Irish Regiment on the disbandment of 6th RIR in May 1918. Demobilised on 30/04/1919.



WRIGHT, Sir Almoth Edward

Army Medical Service (AMS). Colonel. KBE. CB. MiD. RBAI. TCD BA, MB 1883. BCh, FRS 1906. Hon FTCD. Demonstrator of Pathology, Cambridge 1887. Army Medical School, Netley 1892 - 1919. Colonel AMS, Oct 1914. Consultant physician in France 1914 - 19. Son of Rev Charles Henry Hamilton

Wright, DD, (Rector of St Mary's, Belfast) and Mrs Ebba Wright. Died 30/04/1947. St Patrick Duns and RCSI RH.

Every day is a Remembrance Day

We will remember them

On this Day - April 30

1915

At the Second Battle of Ypres the Germans attempted advance from St. Julien is repulsed. Chart next page.

1916

German attacks from the Messines Ridge are grounded to a halt by artillery.

1917

William Sanders received the Victoria Cross (VC) for bravery during a German U-boat (submarine) attack on his



ship, HMS Prize, a Q ship. He became the first – and only – New Zealander to be awarded the VC in naval service

1918

The role of the 36th (Ulster) Division Field Ambulances on this day .

108th frontline medical care

109th Gwalia Farm - Regimental Aid Post and evacuating post

110th At Tubby Camp - Divisional Rest station taking in all the sick of the Division

1940

Germans announce they have established communication between Trondheim and Oslo. RAF attack Oslo airfield.

The Lodz Ghetto in occupied Poland is sealed off from the outside world with 230,000 Jews locked inside.

1941

British air raid casualty figures in April: 6,065 killed, 6,926 injured. Bristol, Coventry, Birmingham, Belfast, London and Portsmouth all badly hit. In retaliation the RAF attacks Emden, Kiel, Berlin, Bremen and Mannheim.

All of Greece is under German and Italian occupation. During the campaign, the Greeks lose 15,700 killed and 300,000 prisoners. The British lose 2,000 killed and 10,000 made prisoner, while the Germans only suffer about 2,000 killed and missing.

The Afrika Korps second attempt to capture Tobruk is again repulsed by the Australians.

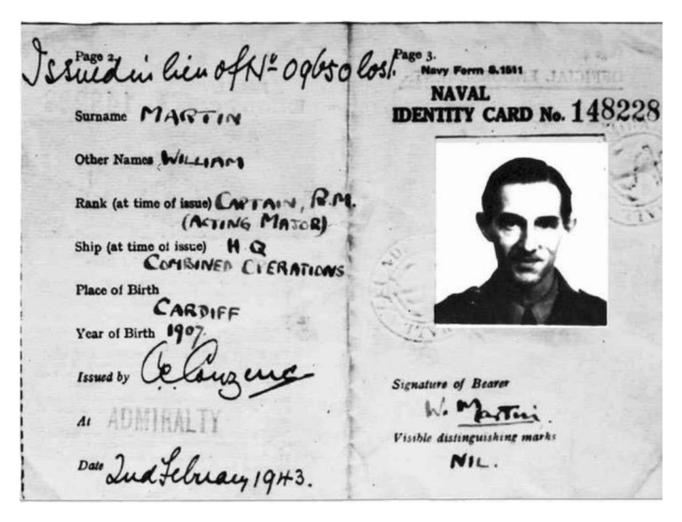
1942

Hitler and Mussolini meet at Berchtesgaden to discuss future axis strategy in North Africa and the Mediterranean, the main objectives being the reduction of Malta and the seizure of the Suez Canal.

Hitler and Mussolini agree that the capture of Malta (Operation Herakles) should take place on the 10th July 1942.

The British 1st Burma Corps completes its withdrawal over the Irrawaddy at Mandalay in Burma.

The US aircraft carriers, Hornet and Enterprise set sail from Pearl Harbor for the Corel Sea under the command of Admiral William 'Bull' Halsey.



1943

The ID card of the man who never was

Operation Mincemeat successfully deceived the Germans to think Sardinia and not Sicily to be invaded. The British

submarine HMS Seraph drops 'the man who never was,' a dead man the British planted with false invasion plans, into the Mediterranean off the coast of Spain.

The 'man who never was' pulled off one of the greatest deceptions in military history—after his death. Photo below.

1945. On this day Hitler commits suicide



As Soviets advance in Berlin, Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun commit suicide in the Führerbunker in the city at 1530hrs and their bodies immediately incinerated with gasoline by SS bodyguards.

1945 - 38 (Irish) Brigade. Brigadier Scott:

"On the afternoon of the 30th, an excellent gymkhana was held by the Division at Copparo. Several of us had been working hard trying to collect decent horses - the Drums & Pipes played during the intervals and the whole thing was a great success."

A Sergeant of the Russian Army plants the Red Flag on top of the Reichstag building at 2.30 pm. As the final Russian assault on Tiergarten begins, Goebbels and Bormann send General Krebs, Chief of the General Staff to the headquarters of Marshal Zhukov with a permit to make an armistice, but Zhukov refuses and demands an unconditional surrender. Troops of the 4th Ukrainian front capture Moravska Ostrava. Fighting continues in Breslau, as the German garrison refuses to surrender.

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The U.S. Third Army liberates 110,000 POW's in the Moosburg area, Northeast of Munich. The U.S. Seventh Army clears Munich and the French takes Friedrichshafen and cross into Austria. The U.S. First



A low flying British Avro Lancaster bomber drops food at the city of Den Haag during Operation Manna, April 1945

Army meet the Russians at Ellenburg, South of Berlin. The British Second Army liberates 20,000 prisoners (two third POW's and one third political prisoners) from Sandbostel camp in northern Germany. 1945.

Allied Norwegian forces capture Finnmark.

The U.S. Fifth Army in Northwest Italy, links up with French troops on the French/Italian border.

The Mexican Air Force's 201 Squadron arrives at Manila. In operations from 4 June, 1945 to the end of the war, the 201 flies 96 combat missions, mostly in support of ground troops. The 201 will be the only Mexican unit to see overseas combat in the country's history.

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