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**William Gregg from Purdysburn died on this day in 1942 serving with the RAF. His remains rest in Durnbach War Cemetery, south Germany**

The cemetery is about 45 Kms south of Munich. The site was chosen, shortly after hostilities had ceased, by officers of the British Army and Air Force, in conjunction with officers of the American Occupation Forces in whose zone

Durnbach lay. The cemetery contains 2,934 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, 93 of which are unidentified.

The great majority of those buried here are airmen shot down over Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Austria, Hessen and Thuringia, brought from their scattered graves by the Army Graves Service. The remainder are men who were killed while escaping from prisoner of war camps in the same areas, or who died towards the end of the War on forced marches from the camps to more remote areas.

## Roll of Honour – May 5

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1915**

**+ADAMS, John Goold**

Leinster Regiment. 1st/2nd Btn. Captain. Died 05/05/1915. Aged 32. Hill 60, where Captain Adams met his death, was a low eminence two and a half miles south east of Ypres, near Zillebeke, Belgium. It was of tactical importance in WW1, as the summit gave the Germans good observation of the British movements. In April 1915, the British seized the top, but the Germans recovered it on May 5 and retained it until June 1917. Twice again it changed hands before being finally recovered in September 1918.

Captain Goold-Adams had seen much service. Selecting the army for his career in his youth, he duly passed through Sandhurst College, and received his commission in the 1st Leinsters. Subsequently he was accepted for duty in Nigeria, where he remained several years. In the autumn of 1913 he married Miss Irene Biddulph, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Assheton-Biddulph, Moneyguyneen, Kinnity, King's County.

Some time afterwards he went to India on duty, returning home on the outbreak of hostilities to serve in his regiment at the Front. A couple of months before his death he was slightly wounded, but soon recovered in a hospital at Le Havre, and rejoined his regiment.

Captain Goold-Adams was well-known in the city of Londonderry, where he spent his childhood. He was the only son of the Venerable John Michael Goold-Adams, Archdeacon of Derry, and rector of Clonleigh, and Emma (nee McClintock). Brother of Dorothea Georgina Smyth (born May 21, 1881), Ardmore, Londonderry, and Margaret Alice Adams (born April 29, 1887).

At a meeting of the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Council, held on Wednesday, May 26, 1915 the Reverend Canon Warren proposed the following resolution in connection with the death of Captain Goold-Adams:- 'We, the members of the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Council, desire to express our sincere sympathy to the Archdeacon of Derry and Reverend Canon RGS King, and to the members of their families, in their recent sad bereavement caused by the death in war of Captain John Gould-Adams and Second Lieutenant King, and we request our secretary to convey our vote of condolence to them.'

Captain John Goold-Adams' father, John Michael Goold-Adams, was born in Kingston, the son of William Goold-Adams, a physician, and entered Trinity College, Dublin, on November 1, 1870, at the age of sixteen. He was ordained as deacon, on September 12, 1875, in the diocese of Kilmore. The following year he came as curate to the parish of Taughboyne, and from there went to St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry, in 1878, where he remained curate for about three years before being appointed vicar of All Saints Church, Clooney, Londonderry, in 1881. There he stayed until 1914, when the parish of Clonleigh became vacant, and he was appointed its rector. In 1920 he resigned from this post, and in the following year he also retired from the Archdeaconry of Derry, to which he had succeeded Archdeacon Colquhoun in 1914. He died at Liverpool on July 17, 1922. During his lifetime the Reverend Goold-Adams also acted as chaplain to the workhouse and to the troops at Ebrington Barracks in Londonderry. He acted in a similar capacity to the Lord Lieutenant from 1901-1905, to Primate Alexander from 1906 till his death, and to Bishop Chadwick. He was one of the examining chaplains to the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Dr Peacocke, and was canon of St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry, from 1893 till 1914. He married Emma McClintock, daughter of Robert McClintock of Dunmore, Co. Donegal, who predeceased him by about thirty years. His daughter, Dorothea, married a Mr Smyth, of Ardmore, and moved to Argentina. She was visiting her father when he passed away.

Captain Goold-Adams' name is inscribed on St Columb's Cathedral (Church of Ireland) Memorial to the men connected with that cathedral who died during the 1914-18 War, and listed on All Saints' Church (Church of Ireland),

Clooney Parish, 1914-18 Roll of Honour. His name is also recorded on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West Vlaanderen, Belgium, and on the Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

### **+JOHNSTON, Patrick**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8366. Died 05/05/1915. Nephew of Catherine Curran, of 133, Navan St., Armagh. Divisional Cemetery, Belgium

### **+KITSON, Thomas**

Royal Field Artillery. att'd. 31st Heavy Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. Shoeing Smith. 43017. Died 05/05/1915. Born Donegore, Templepatrick on 08/05/1887. Enlisted in Belfast. His brother Alexander (48097) also died during the war on 26/03/1927. Son of James, a blacksmith, and Margaret (nee Nelson) Kitson. Duhallow ADS Cemetery, Belgium. Ballyclare WM

### **+McCORMICK, John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 6399. Died 06/05/1915. Age 42. Son of Bernard and Jane McCormick, of 35, Weaver St., York Rd., Belfast. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France

### **+ORR, Francis**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8298. Died 05/05/1915. Age 29. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Orr, of 278, Crimea St., Belfast. Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard, Laventie, France. Duncairn Presbyterian Church, Antrim Road, Belfast



### **+RAFFERTY, William J**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 8336. Died 06/05/1915. Age 26. Brother of Mrs. M. Lenaghan, of 8, Lower Clonard St., Falls Road St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

### **RICHEY, Robert Edwin**

Canadian Infantry, 2nd Btn. Private. 675965. Died 05/05/1915. Eldest son of the late William Richey and Mrs Richey, Hollymount, Ballydugan, Co. Down.

### **+TAYLOR, Joseph**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 2445. Died 05/05/1915. Joseph Taylor was born in Dungannon about 1867. Joseph and brother William Taylor both served with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers during the Boer War in South Africa. Both men retired from the army to work in Cookstown. Joseph was called back to his old regiment at the outbreak of the First World War. Joseph Taylor and Mary Hayes married on 02/09/1911 in the district of Cookstown. They lived at Coolreaghs, near Cookstown. They had one daughter. Cuinchy Communal Cemetery, France. Cookstown WM. Derryloran Parish Church WM

## **1916**

### **+ANDERSON, James Ross**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 20154. Died 05/05/1916. Age 30. Son of James and Catherine Anderson, of Omagh; husband to Mrs. M. A. Anderson, of 1, Old Market Place, Omagh, Co. Tyrone. Mesnil Ridge Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinsart, France

## **+BURNS, J**

Army Service Corps, 251st H.Q. Coy. 36th Div. Train. Driver. T4/038836. Died 05/05/1916. Age 19. Son of James and Minnie Burns, of Belfast. St Andrew's and Jesmond Cemetery, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

## **+DOUGHERTY, Patrick Joseph**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 3994. Died 05/05/1916. Age 30. Son of the late John and Cecilia Dougherty, of Belfast. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St-Eloi, France

## **+MARTIN, Tom**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Rifleman. 16869. Died 06/05/1916. Age 22. Son of Samuel Alexander and Fanny Martin, of 314, Springfield Rd., Belfast. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, France

## **+McBRATNEY, J H**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Rifleman. 2907. Died 06/05/1916. Age 24. Son of Samuel and Anna B. McBratney, of The Toy, Killyleagh. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, France

## **+McCOLL, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman, 5736. Died 05/05/1916. Age 25. Native of Scotland. Son of Dugald and Elizabeth McColl, of 72, Parkmount St., Belfast. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St-Eloi, France

## **+MORRISON, J**

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6400. Died 05/05/1916. Husband of Catherine Morrison, of 41, Hamel St., Belfast. Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St Eloi, France

## **+WALKER, Jerome L**

Royal Irish Rifles, Lieutenant. Died 05/05/1916. Only surviving son of F. M. Walker, Courtrai, Belgium, and Helen Lennie, late of Cork and Helen's Bay, Co. Down.

## **1917**

## **+AYNSCOMB, Charles Richard**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 14/6607. Died 05/05/1917. Age 20. Native of Heathfield, Sussex. Son of George and Annie Aynscomb, of 52, Richardson St., Ravenhill Rd., Belfast. Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Belgium

## **+POLLOCK, Alexander**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. D Coy. Lance Corporal. 14/15779. Died 05/05/1917. Age 19. Son of John and Maggie Pollock, of 105, Saunders St., Belfast. Native of Govan, Glasgow. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium

## **+SCOTT, John Bertram**

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). 12th Coy. Private. 11663. Died 05/05/1917. 1901 Census return shows John living in Belfast with his parents John and Elizabeth. In 1911 he was a boarder still living in Belfast. These documents state he



was born in County Armagh. Before enlisting he worked as a compositor. His effects were left to his mother. Arras Memorial, France

### **+SHARKEY, J**

1st Bn. Australian Infantry, A.I.F. Private. 2350. Died between 05/05/1917 and 08/05/1917. Age 32. Served as John Devlin. Born in Belfast and educated at Raglan Street School, he emigrated to Australia when he was 29 in about 1914. He lived in Sydney, New South Wales, he was a hairdresser by profession and had served in 2 RIR. He enlisted on the 5.5.15 and served in 1 AIF 2350. Wounded at Gallipoli. Son of James and Jane Sharkey. According to his brother William John Sharkey of 136 Tymond Street, Auckland, New Zealand, who supplied the biographical details to the AWM, "He was one of Ireland's greatest Gaelic footballers." Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Somme, France. Lisburn WM

### **+SNOWDEN, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. C Coy. Corporal. 14/6325. Died 05/05/1917. Age 22. Son of Matthew T. and Mary Snowden, of 14, Carlton St., Belfast. Pond Park Cemetery, Belgium

## **1918**

### **+BALLARD, Claude**

Cameron Highlanders. 5th Btn. Private. S/20035. Military Medal. Died 05/05/1918 in Manchester of pneumonia as a result of wounds. In 1911 Claude (20) a scholar was living with his family at Tullyvallen, Newtownhamilton. The Armagh Gazette of 16/11/1918 reported that the Rev. R J Ballard, late rector of Newtownhamilton, had received from the War

Office the Military Medal awarded to his son the late Pte C Ballard. His brother Pte Robert Ballard also died in service 10/03/1915. Newtownhamilton C of I Churchyard

**+MOORE, John Alexander**

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Rifleman. 11/2371. Died 06/05/1918. Age 19. Son of John and Margaret Moore, of 253, Matilda St., Belfast. Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium

**+RUSSELL, J**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Lance Corporal. 30280. Died 05/05/1918. Age 23. Son of Mrs. Hessie Russell, of 64, Mayo St. Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

**1919**

**+GREER, J**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 3rd (Garr.) Btn.transf. to (390371) 156th Coy. Private. G/26349. Died 05/03/1919. Aged 42. Son of John and Martha Greer, of Banbridge; husband to I. P. Greer, of 22, Colchester St., Belfast. Blargies Communal Cemetery extension. Oise, France

**1940**

**+GILDEA, Thomas James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 6976636. Died 17/05/1940. Age 28. Son of Robert and Hester Gildea, of Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland; husband to Sally Gildea, of Cookstown. Halle Communal Cemetery, Belgium. Cookstown WM

**1941**

**+BERNER, Robert Victor**

RN: Leading Writer. D/MX 60040. HMS Hood. Died 24/05/1941. Age 22. Son of Robert Victor and Catherine Berner, Killyleagh. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 55. Killyleagh WM

**+BROWN, John**

Royal Artillery. 66 LAA Regiment. 175 Bty. Gunner.1465501.Died 05/05/1941. Aged 28. He and Gunner Henry Corry died at Twin Islands, Belfast during the German Luftwaffe air raid. Born on 21/05/1913 in Greenwell Street, Newtownards Son of William and Ellen Brown (nee Cassidy) of Greenwell Street, Newtownards and husband to Sarah (Sadie) Wallace of 80 East Street, Newtownards. The they were married on 12/10/1934 in Newtownards Parish Church (St. Mark's), they lived at 80 East Street, Newtownards and they had three children: Edna, Wallace and Joan. His wife Sadie died on 02/07/1997. John and Henry Corry were buried with military honours in Newtownards (Movilla) Cemetery on 08/05/1941. Newtownards WM. St. Mark's C of I Church, Newtownards. Lord Londonderry's Church Lads' Brigade (CLB) Flute Band, Newtownards.

**+CORRY, Henry**

Royal Artillery. 66 Lt. A.A. Regt. 175 Bty. Gunner.1544177. Died 05/05/1941 with Gunner John Brown\_at Twin Islands, Belfast as a result of a bomb blast during the Luftwaffe air raid on 05/05/1941. Both were buried with military honours in Movilla Cemetery on 08/05/1941. Age 42. Henry Corry was born on 29/01/1899 in East Street, Newtownards. He

was a son of David and Margaret (Maggie) Corry (nee Irvine, sometimes Irwin) who were married on 14/10/1893 in Regent Street Methodist Church, Newtownards. David Corry was a linen weaver from East Street, Newtownards. The Corry family lived at 46 East Street and later at 6 James Street, Newtownards. David and Margaret Corry had at least nine children. Four of their sons died in service in two world wars. Rifleman Robert John Corry (No. 9877) and Rifleman Thomas Corry (No. 4/7253) died in service during the First World War. Sergeant David Corry (No. 3126332), Royal Scots Fusiliers, and Gunner Henry Corry (No. 1544177) died in service during the Second World War. During the Great War Henry Corry served with the 13<sup>th</sup> Btn, Royal Irish Rifles and was held as a Prisoner-of-War in Germany for nine months. He was a member of the Newtownards Branch of the British Legion. Henry Corry worked as a labourer and on 29/03/ 1920 he and Margaret Heaney were married in St. Mark's C of I Parish Church, Newtownards. They had four children. The Corry family lived at 87 East Street, Newtownards and their daughter Ena and son-in-law Robert Snow (on active service) lived in England. Movilla Cemetery, Newtownards. St Mark's C of I Parish Church, Newtownards RH

### **+DENNANT, Eric**

Pioneer Corps. Private. 13058707. Died 05/05/1941. Aged 21. German air raid. Son of Charles and Lucy Dennant. Husband to Kathleen Dennant of Banbridge. Banbridge Cemetery

### **+HAMILTON, John Nelson**

Pioneer Corps. Second Lieutenant. 183105. Died 05/05/1941. Aged 36. German Air Raid on Belfast (died at Eglinton Street Schools). Son of Thomas D and Maude C Hamilton of 5 Waverley Drive, Bangor, and husband to Murial Hamilton of "Moyheelan", Coolmoyne Road, Belfast. Bangor Cemetery

**1942**

**+GREGG, William Humphreys**

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant. 994457. Died 05/05/1942. Age 25. 218 Sqd. Son of James and Margaret M. A. Gregg, Purdysburn. Durnbach War Cemetery, Germany

**+KING, Desmond Robert**

Royal Indian Army Service Corps. Second Lieutenant. Died 05/05/1942. Son of Robert and Florence King, of Enniskillen. Karachi War Cemetery, Pakistan

**1943**

**+ARMSTRONG, Thomas**

RAFVR. Pilot Officer (Navigator). 134072. Died 05/05/1943. 57 Squadron RAF Volunteer Reserve. Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Armstrong of Lisnafillan, Ballymena. Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany.

**+BUCHANAN, Thomas Alexander Stuart**

RAFVR. Sergeant (Wireless Op./Air Gunner). 1123751. Died 05/05/1943. Aged 24. 166 Sqdn. Thomas Buchanan's aircraft was shot down at approx 01.50 hrs on 5th May 1943, between Houten and Schalkwijk. All crew were killed.

Son of Thomas Alexander Osborne Buchanan and Ellen Elizabeth Howe Buchanan, of Dungannon. General Cemetery, Vlagtwedde, Groningen, Netherlands. Dungannon WM. St Anne's Church of Ireland WM, Dungannon

**+COLEMAN, Robin Benjamin Bunch**

Royal Artillery. Lieutenant. 87490. Died 05/03/1943. Aged 33. CWGC record states he was serving with 9 H.A.A. Regt. However local knowledge states he had been posted to another position Ballymena Academy and Campbell College. Son of James and Doris Coleman, of Ballymena. Singapore Memorial, Singapore

**1944**

**+GRAHAM, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Fusilier. 6980079. Died 02/05/1944. Aged 22. Son of Samuel and Mary Graham, of Garvagh, Co. Derry. Beach Head War Cemetery, Anzio, Italy

**+McILWAINE, William Ernest**

RAFVR.Sergeant (Air Gunner).1796516. Died 23/05/1944. Aged 24. 50 Sqdn. Son of Francis and Mary McIlwaine, of Lurgan, Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland. Bergen-op-Zoom War Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands

**Every day is a Remembrance  
Day**



## ***We will remember them***

# **On this Day – May 5**

### **1916**

36th (Ulster) Division - On a beautiful summer's day the 14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (YCV) receive orders that the 32nd Division on their right will make an ambitious trench raid on the enemy lines. The enemy all fired artillery and trench mortars onto the G2 sector (Thiepval Wood) with the 16th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers on our right getting most of enemy attention.

At the Battle of Verdun the Germans gain a foothold on Hill 304.

### **1917**

The French co-operating with the British, on a front of 20 miles north of the Aisne, take the crest of the Craonne ridge, including Chemin des Dames and the capture of 6,000 German prisoners.

Sloop HMS Lavender was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine UC-75 off the coast of Co Waterford, Ireland, south of Mine Head. 22 of her complement of 93 were lost.

## **1918**

Sloop HMS Rhododendron was torpedoed by German submarine U-70 between Orkney and Shetland and sank with the loss of 15 crew.

## **1940**

Germans advance north to Trondheim.  
Norwegian government-in-exile established in London.

## **1941**

Major General Bernard Freyberg VC, is appointed by General Wavell to command approximately 40,000 British, New Zealand, Australian and Greek troops which are stationed on Crete. While a strong force on paper, these troops have virtually no artillery or tanks and are very disorganised after their hurried evacuation from Greece.

Emperor Haile Selassie returns to Addis Ababa 5 years after his country was occupied by the Italians.

## **1942**

Corvette HMS Auricula struck a mine north of Madagascar and sank next day while under tow. No fatalities.

Convoy PQ-15 arrives at Murmansk.

British forces land at Diego Suarez and Antsirene on Vichy French held Madagascar in a pre-emptive strike to stop the Japanese from using it as an advanced base.

The Japanese advance into China along the Burma Road. Japanese troops make amphibious landings against the US-Filipino garrison on Corregidor.

The main Japanese striking force which is built around the carriers Shokaku and Zuikaku, enters the Coral Sea and bombs Port Moresby.

Japanese begin preparations to invade Midway and the Aleutian Islands.

A combined force under Rear Admiral Syfret in HMS Ramilles with Major General Sturges successful landed and took the Madagascan port of Diego Suarez from Vichy French Forces. The text book demonstration of sea, air and land power would set future standards.

## **1943**

British forces break through the defenses of the 5th Panzerarmee to the South of Tunis.

Gurkhas and the Tunis Battle Honour. In early 1943 Allied forces in North Africa were preparing for an assault on Tunis. On May 5th the attack began, with the 1/9GR leading the 5th Brigade of the 4th Indian Division. Suffering only 137 casualties the Division broke the enemy line

## **1944**

The Russians launch their attack the fortress city of Sevastopol in the Crimea.

## **1945**

**38 (Irish) Brigade:** 5th/6th May 1945, CQMS O'Sullivan 2  
London Irish Rifles:

"We moved north in TCVs & passed through Udine. E & H Coys were pushed up on to the Yugoslavian border at Caporetto & Plezzo. Here, with some tanks, we hoped to persuade partisans from Tito's army, who had crossed into Italy, to go back."

## 1945

The home of the German Navy, Kiel, fell into British hands – and with it secrets of new U-boats which may have changed the course of at sea had they entered service.

American and Wehrmacht soldiers join forces to defend an Austrian castle full of captured French dignitaries from a regiment crack SS troops. The Battle of Schloss Itter will be remembered as one of the oddest moments of WW2.

The beginning of the Prague uprising - an attempt by the Czech resistance to liberate the city of Prague from German occupation, and is aided by defecting units of the anti-Bolshevist Vlasov Army. The U.S. Third Army prepares to drive on to Prague. The city was captured by the Soviets on May 9, 1945.

Liberation Day in the Netherlands, the end of 5 years of occupation by Nazi Germany. German forces in the Netherlands officially surrendered to the Canadians, ending the fighting there. The Dutch people had suffered greatly and are forever grateful to Canada who played a leading role in their freedom, together with appreciation of the hospitality of Canada towards the Dutch Royal Family during WW2.

German forces in Denmark surrender.

Admiral von Friedeburg arrives at General Eisenhower's HQ in Rheims. General Blaskowitz, the German C-in-C of the Netherlands, surrenders at a ceremony in the small Dutch town of Wagenungen in the presence of Prince Bernhard. The first British victory salvo of war is fired at 3pm from Montgomery's HQ. Amsterdam is liberated. Eisenhower announces the capitulation of German Army Group 'C', which was covering the front from Linz to Swiss frontier. The U.S. Third Army takes Pilsen, Karlsbad and prepares to drive towards Prague.

Mauthausen concentration camp is liberated.

Reverend Archie Mitchell and his wife and five children discover a deflated Japanese balloon containing a bomb that had been let loose in the West Winds traveling over the pacific to land in Oregon. It killed the wife and children, the only civilian casualties of the war on the continental United States.

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