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**City Hall,
Belfast,
VE Day
1945**



Albert Street, Londonderry, VE art

VE Day 2020 - Danny Kinahan reflects

“As I stand in remembrance on this 75th anniversary of the Allies remarkable Victory in Europe Day, I will be remembering a generation or should I say generations, the majority of whom are sadly no longer with us.

“This was a generation that brought me up, and from my own relations and their friends I learned stories of bravery, heroism and daring. It was these very same stories and their high standards that were so much of part my early education of life as they knew it.

“My father, Robin Kinahan joined the 8th Belfast (anti aircraft) Regiment of the Royal Artillery and was sent with the British Expeditionary Force to France at the outbreak of

the Second World War. Their individual batteries were sent to different parts of the battlefield, and so when the retreat to Dunkirk was ordered they had to destroy their guns (a task I know my father had no idea how to complete) and then head for Cherbourg and escape from there, as reaching Dunkirk was no longer possible. Once home their next major role was to sail round the bottom of Africa via Durban, to India and thence to Burma to help defeat the Japanese,



as part of Field-Marshal Slim's forgotten army. Indeed as Adjutant my father had to announce the terrific news of VE day to all his Regiment, and yet, we must remember that that stunning piece of news to them was tempered by the knowledge that they still had to fight on and defeat the Japanese.

“I also think of my uncle Charles, who was a rubber plantation manager in Malaya at the outbreak of the war and joined the Malayan Defence Force only to be captured by the Japanese and forced to spend his war on the River Kwai, at the Emperor’s pleasure. He was very reticent to speak about it and yet his story is even more remarkable. It is very similar to that of the film “The Railwayman“. Uncle Charles spoke Malay and was allowed to trade with the local Thai villages for food and especially fruit and vegetables. However he also risked torture and death daily as he carried radio parts back into the prison camp hidden around his body. These radios were one of the very few means of keeping up morale in those appalling conditions. Uncle Charles even visited the camp after the war and met again with his captors.

“These are the people that we were brought up by, many of whom were reluctant to speak about their experiences wither because of the memories they brought back, or out of modesty.

“Sadly the funerals of so many of them and their colleagues over the past years have meant we lost their guidance but we can remember their bravery through their stories.

“A great friend of my fathers who was a fellow officer in the 8th Belfast and who later was also my father’s best man, fought through 20 miles of the German lines to show my father how to destroy his guns as the Germans advanced. In Burma the same friend won the Military Cross for holding off a Japanese infantry attack using those very same anti aircraft guns by firing them parallel to the ground at their attackers.

“Another friend, a Swordfish pilot, won a DFC for being the plane that critically damaged with its one torpedo the largest Italian battleship and as such took it out of the war.

“Another Friend of my father’s lost his leg or rather part of his leg and was badly gassed at Monte Cassino and yet never complained about it.

“And another in the Royal Navy had to wait deep down in the engine room of his destroyer for the order to ‘reverse thrust’ as the captain on the bridge took urgent action to avoid the deadly dive-bombing of attacking German Stukas.

“Ashamedly when I was younger I took all this for granted. Could we have held our nerve as hordes of screaming Japanese infantry charged? Could we have flown 400 metres in a straight line without deviating whilst all the guns from a battleship we are firing at us and still drop that critical torpedo on target? Could we have ignored the injuries and agonies throughout our lives without complaint? Could we have waited calmly in the belly of the ship waiting for that order knowing that one well-placed bomb was going to sink our ship and drown our colleagues?

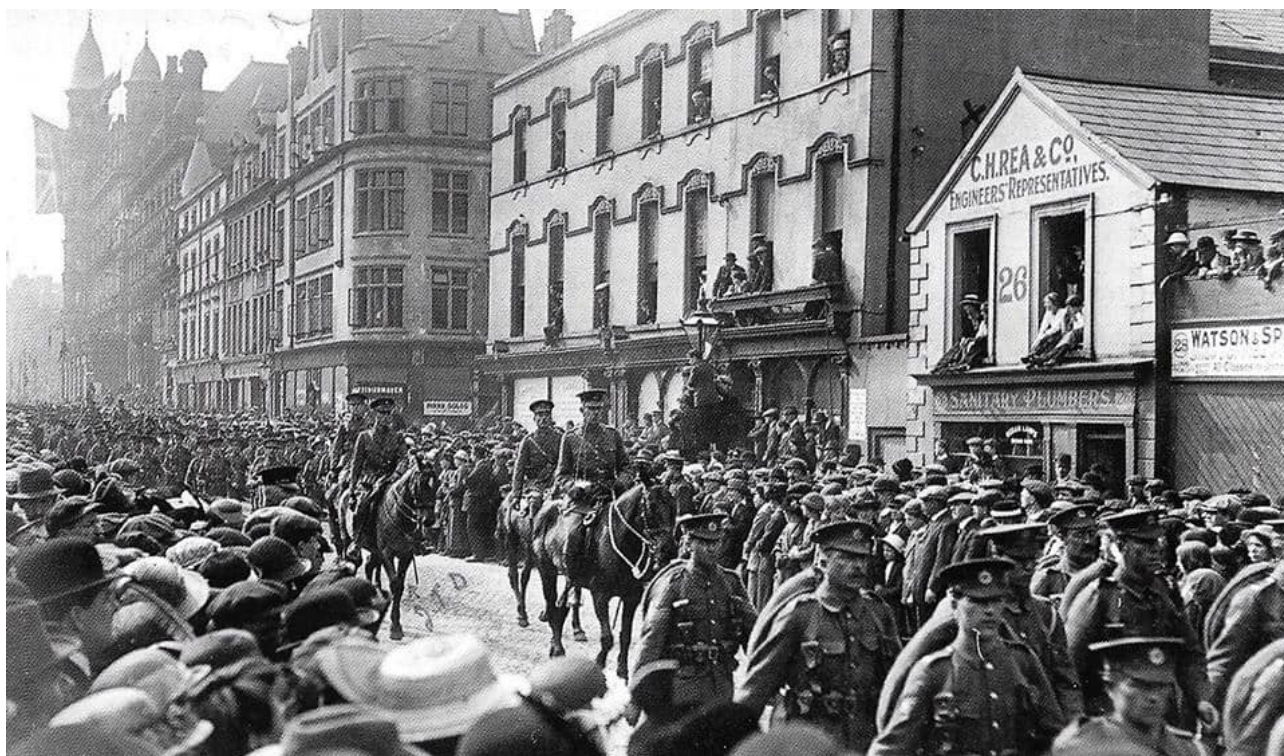
“These are the heroes of a generation we all salute today. There will be so many families with similar stories of heroism whether in the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force or in some other key defence role, not to forget those who served on the Home Front. Whatever their rank or role, this was a generation that we should never forget because they came together to defend our freedom and the freedom of the Nations of Europe. We will remember them.

On this Day – May 8

8th May 1915 Belfast Newsletter

17,000 TROOPS ON PARADE

The three brigades and divisional units on parade will be as near war strength as possible, and will number approximately 17,000 troops, with a limited portion of transport. A brigade at war strength consists of 125 officers and 3,991 other ranks, so the three brigades comprise 348 officers and 11,832 other ranks.



The cavalry consists of 6 officers and 152 other ranks; Pioneers Battalion 30 officers and 1,004 men; Royal Engineers three field companies each of 6 officers and 223 men;

Signal Company, 6 officers and 152 men; Cyclists Company; 8 officers and 103 men; Divisional Train, 26 officers and 708 men; Reserve Park, 5 officers and 229 other ranks.

Several of the units of the Ulster Division exceed war strength, but for the purpose of to-day's parade they have been reduced to their proper establishment.



8th May 1915 Belfast Newsletter

THE 107th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Arrival of Troops in Belfast.

The 107th Infantry Brigade, which arrived in Belfast yesterday, made the journey from Ballykinlar camp by route march, the troops being billeted on Thursday night at Saintfield, Crossgar and Ballynahinch.

Belfast was reached via the Saintfield Road shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon. The South and East



Review of Ulster Division, Kitchener's Army, Belfast, 8th May, 1915.
Publishers—H. & Co., Belfast.

The Irish Fusiliers passing through
Chichester Street.

Belfast Battalions diverged from the route of march, and reached their respective localities before the North and West Battalions, which marched through the centre of the city to North Street, up which the West Battalion proceeded, while the North Battalion passed out of Royal Avenue into Donegal Street and Clifton Street, to Fortwilliam House. Though dust covered, the men looked in the peak of physical condition, and they were heartily greeted as they

swung along at a quick step. Brigadier-General G. H. H. Couchman, accompanied by Brigadier-General Captain E. P. Grant, rode at the head of the Brigade, and Rev. R. Ussher Greer, Chaplain, accompanied the men.

The various battalions were later dismissed, and the men who reside in the city were permitted to proceed to their homes for the night, while others were billeted under the direction of the police as provided for.



Ulster Division, Ambulance Section, Kitchener's Army, passing through Donegall Square N., Belfast, 8th May, 1915.
Publishers—H. & Co., Belfast.

8th May 1918, Northern Whig Ulster Division Captain H.H. Beatty Killed.

Captain Hugh Hogg Beatty, Royal Irish Rifles who was killed in action on 31st March, 1918. He was the second son of Mr. John Beatty, Irish Street, Dungannon, and brother Mr. R. T. Beatty, Queen's University, Belfast.

On the outbreak of war this officer, who was then in business in Cardiff, organised a platoon, and volunteered with them in the Cardiff Commercial Battalion of the Welsh Regiment, and was at once promoted sergeant. After the formation of the Ulster Division he applied for and obtained a commission in the Royal Irish Rifles on 15th March, 1915, was promoted lieutenant on 1st March, 1916, and obtained his company on 23rd February, 1917. He had served abroad almost two years, taking part in the capture of Messines in June last, and being subsequently wounded three times during the third battle of Ypres on 16th August but remained at his post until relieved.

On the death in action of his commanding officer, Colonel Blair- Oliphant, on 28th March, Captain Beatty succeeded to the command of the battalion, but was himself killed three days later. He was educated at Dungannon Royal School, and was a keen Rugby football player.

Captain Hugh Hogg Beatty, 22nd Entrenching Battalion formerly 11th/13th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. He was a son of John and Emily Beatty nee Donnelly, of Irish Street, Dungannon. Deceased was 38 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France.



On this Day – May 8

1915

On the morning of Saturday 8th May 1915, the 10th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers ('The Derrys'), under Lieutenant-Colonel Ross Smyth, marched out of Finner Camp, Co Donegal, where they had been training since September 1914, on their way to their new camp at Randalstown.

The Battalion arrived in Coleraine on Friday 14th May, and after being entertained by Mr and Mrs H T Barrie in First Coleraine Lecture-hall, New Row Lecture-hall, and the Brook Street Schools, the men attended a smoking concert in the Town Hall.

The Battalion remained in Coleraine, where they camped in Anderson Park, until Monday when they continued their march to Randalstown, via Kilrea.

1917

The French attack and capture German trenches beyond Chevreux, near Craonne, and repulse all German counter-attacks.

1940

Opposition censure motion against Chamberlain's conduct of the war; rejected by 281 to 200, but over 30 government MPs vote for it.

German commandos in Dutch uniforms cross the Dutch border to hold bridges for the advancing German army.

1941

During an attack against convoy OB318, U-110 commanded by Julius Lemp suffers serious damage and is forced to surface and scuttle. Unfortunately for the Germans, the scuttling charges failed to detonate, allowing the British destroyer HMS Bulldog to put across a boarding party and seize an enigma machine and other vital secret material. The British put U-110 under tow, but the damaged U-boat later sinks.

The German raider Penguin is sunk by HMS Cornwall off the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean.

1942

Submarine HMS Olympus sank after striking a German mine on departure from Malta. In addition to her own crew Olympus was carrying survivors from HM submarines Pandora, P36 and P39 which had been sunk in air raids on Malta. Of 107 on board, 98 died.

The German 11th Army begins its summer offensive in order to clear the Eastern Crimea. The 11th Army has thirteen Infantry, one Panzer, and one Cavalry division. Luftwaffe support is provided by Fliegerkorps 8 and naval support comes from German E-boats and Italian midget submarines, which attack Russian supply ships reinforcing Sevastopol. The Germans hit Gen. D.T. Kozlov's Crimean Front along Feodosiya Bay and crash through the 44th Army's two divisions, relying on Junkers 87 Stukas to do the damage. The aircraft carriers HMS Eagle and USS Wasp fly off

Spitfires from positions in the Western Mediterranean to reinforce the air defences of Malta.

The Battle of the Coral Sea between the Japanese Navy and the U.S. Navy ends. At about 0800 hours both the Japanese and American carrier groups spot each other and send out attack aircraft. The Japanese succeed in torpedoing the Lexington, which severely damaged and later abandoned, while the Americans disable the Shokaku, which is withdrawn to Truk. Later in the day, the Japanese launch more attacks to destroy the remainder of Admiral Fletchers force, but this had withdrawn out of range.

Japanese troops capture Myitkyina in northern Burma.

1943

6 Innisks in Tunisia: 0500 CO announces that the Bttn will take part in clearing of Tunis. 1400 CO warns Bttn to be prepared for street fighting. 1430 Bttn pass an unbelievable host of Axis PoWs, walking away from Tunis. Died on this Day: Sergeant Frank McAleer DCM

Thousands of Korean-Americans petition to have their status converted from that of enemy aliens to friendly aliens. In December 1943, this is granted.

British forces withdraw from Buthidaung, just inside Burma.

Joint Strategic Plan approved at Cairo: South Pacific to the Philippines (MacArthur); China to Hong Kong (Chiang); Central Pacific to Formosa (Nimitz)

1944

Eisenhower decides that D-Day will be the 5th June.

Rudolf Hess returns to Auschwitz, ordered by Himmler to oversee the extermination of Hungarian Jews.

1945

VE-Day (Victory-in-Europe Day). Germany surrenders unconditionally, and the war in Europe ends. Prime Minister Winston Churchill, whose speeches and broadcasts had given hope and comfort during the darkest hours of the war, announced the news to a joyous nation. He concluded this broadcast in typically robust form: "Advance Britannia! Long live the cause of freedom! God save the King!"

1945, Brigadier Pat Scott - 38(Irish) Division

On this day, at 1500 hrs, Winston Churchill announced the end of the War in Europe at midnight.

This was splendid but we were all too busy to do anything about it. We had had our moment of inward thanksgiving that night on the Po."

2 Inniskillings – UDINE

1500 Most listened to Mr Churchill's broadcast announcing the end of the war with Germany but this seemed unreal & the difficulties, which lay ahead were only too clear. At the end of the broadcast, the bttn carried on in a normal way.

1800 The Regimental Band beat Retreat, which brought much applause from the Italian public.

2030 Most of the personnel not on duty went to see the film, "Two Girls and a Sailor" shown by the mobile film unit. The rest of VE Day was without incident."

The King ordered the Royal Navy to 'Splice the mainbrace' to mark VE Day and the end of WW2 in Europe. Over 50,000 members of the Naval Service and over 35,000 merchant seamen lost their lives during the war.

London Irish Rifles

650 LIR men killed during 1942-45 are named by the CWGC are buried or memorialised at 47 cemeteries in 10 countries outside the UK.

The youngest Rifleman killed overseas was 16 year old, Charles Hamilton (headstone right) from Shantallow near Derry city, and the oldest was 48 year old Michael Foley from Wexford.



160 came from London, 47 from NI and 47 from Eire (RoI), There were also 9 Scots and 18 Welshmen...140 have no address details.

The Royal Observer Corps is stood-down from its war footing and assumes its peacetime role. At this time there were 32,000 observers based at 1,420 posts around the UK.

An RAF Catalina damages U-320 near Bergen off the coast of Norway. The boat is then scuttled by the crew, no hands lost, becoming the final German submarine lost as a result of combat action in World War 2. German unconditional surrender signed in Reims, France on 7th May takes effect fifty-nine minutes before midnight this date (VE Day—Victory in Europe Day). Allied merchant shipping sunk to U-boats, world-wide from January to the end of hostilities is 103 ships, equaling 403,760 gross tons. 120 U-boats were lost worldwide in the same period. For the entire war the allies lost 3,500 ships. equaling 17,467,818 gross tons, whilst the Germans lost 769 U-boats.

In deference to the Russians, the surrender ceremony to the western allies at Rheims of the previous day is repeated before Marshall Zhukov and other Soviet generals at Karlshorst, a suburb of Berlin. After radio appeals early in the day for protection against heavy German shelling, the Prague resistance reaches an agreement with the Germans for the capitulation of the city, as the U.S. 4th Armoured Division from the West and Koniev's troops from the East approach.

The last convoys of German refugees from Eastern Germany arrive in western Baltic ports, ending the largest rescue operation by sea in history. Since the 25th January, a total of 420,000 civilians and wounded soldiers have been evacuated.



Roll of Honour – May 8

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+DUFF, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 6607. Died 08/05/1915. Age 21. Son of David and Cathrine Duff, of 45, Gertrude St., Newtownards Rd., Belfast. Divisional Collecting Post Cemetery and Extension, Belgium

+GILLILAND, Valentine Knox

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Captain. Died 08/05/1915. Born 14/02/1889, at Brook Hall, Londonderry. He was the

youngest of three sons of George Knox Gilliland of Brook Hall, Londonderry. Private tuition,

Valentine was educated at Lockers Park Prep School in Hemel Hempstead and Foyle College in Londonderry before being admitted Trinity College Cambridge in 1907, where he studied Mechanism and Applied Science. He was a keen sportsman and is said to have owned one of the first sports cars in Donegal. Upon his graduation in 1910, Valentine was apprenticed to a London grain merchant. In the spring of 1912, he travelled across Canada to Vancouver.

Whilst at Cambridge Valentine was a member of the Officers' Training Corps and he received a commission into the Reserve of Officers in 1912. He joined the Ulster Volunteer Force and commanded a company within 5th Donegal Regiment. On 10/01/1915, Valentine was posted to the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion The Royal Irish Rifles, in Dublin. He was promoted to the rank of Captain.

A week before the death of Capt Gilliland, news reached the family of the death of his cousin, Lieutenant William Millar Major Gilliland of 2nd Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who was killed in action in the Dardanelles on 30/04/1915. On the day that Capt Gilliland's mother, Frances, learned the news of her son's death, she had received a letter from him informing her that the battalion was going into action. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Trinity College, Cambridge WM

+HOGAN, William Edward

Cheshire Regiment. 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 9242. Died 08/05/1915. Age 24. Son of William and Elizabeth Hogan, of 34, Queensbeary St., Birkenhead; husband to Susan

Hogan, of 98, Beersbridge Rd., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+JOHNSTON, Patrick

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8366. Died 05/05/1915, succumbed to wounds received at the battle of Hill 60. Age 21. He had worked at Umgola factory, was well known in local football circles and was a member of St Malachi's band. Son of Frank Johnston, Navan Street, Armagh and brother of Catherine nee Johnston Daly. Nephew of Catherine Curran, of 133, Navan St., Armagh. Divisional Cemetery, Belgium

+LYNN, Thomas Lynn

King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt., 2nd Btn. Private. 1810. Died 08/05/1915. Ballymoney. Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Ballymoney WM

+MAGEE, Robert Henry

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.(Eastern Ontario Regiment). Private. 528. Died 08/05/1915. An accountant by profession. Enlisted in Ottawa on 20/08/1914. Born Whiteabbey on 13/06/1873. Son of John and Ellen Magee. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+MOORE, John Crawford

Hampshire Regiment. 2nd Btn. Private. 11090. Died 08/05/1915. Age 30. 2nd Btn, Hampshire Regiment were in Mhow, India when war broke out in August 1914 but were immediately sent to England. They were training for service in France and Flanders when orders changed and they were hurried to Gallipoli. They left from Avonmouth on the

29/03/1915, the whole division reviewed by the King, before W and X Companies sailed aboard the HMT Aragon, Y and Z Companies aboard the HMT Manitou. They went via Malta to Alexandria, reached Mudros in April. They subsequently transferred to the steamer River Clyde and landed at Cape Helles, Gallipoli on the 25/04/1915. They were involved in heavy fighting until the evacuation on the nights of the 7th and 8th of January 1916 when they returned to Egypt. John Crawford Moore died early in their struggle on the 08/05/1915. Son of Mary Moore, of 123, Dumbarton Rd., Glasgow, and the late William Moore. Born at Cairncastle, Co. Antrim. Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Larne WM. Cairncastle Presbyterian Church WM

+ORR, David Edward

RMLI. Private. CH/340 (S). Chatham Btn RND. Died 08/05/1915. Enlisted 26/9/14 ; Chatham Battalion MEF 06/02/1915 - 08/05/1915. Son of the late William John and Margaret Orr, Channing Street, Belfast. Cadet QUB OTC 1913 - 15. Helles Memorial. McQuiston Memorial - PCI RH. QUB WM. IMR

+TELFORD, William John

York and Lancaster Regiment, 1st Btn. Private. 18140. Died 08/05/1915. Age 28. Pre-war worked as a linen lapper. Son of Richard and Annie Telford, of Mark St., Milltown, Dungannon. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Dungannon WM, St Anne's C of I Dungannon WM

+TWEEDIE, William

King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt., 2nd Btn. Private. 2719. Died 08/05/1915. Aged 37. Born Benvarden. Son of Liz

Twaddle, Benvarden. Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.
Derrykeighan Parish Church RH

1916

+BROWN, R

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 20928. Died
08/05/1916. Age 20. Son of Catherine and Robert Brown, of
Belfast. Abbeville Communal Cemetery, France

+BROWNE, Llewellyn Albert

Royal Field Artillery, 3rd/7th Trench Mortar Bty. Gunner.
64785. Died 08/05/1916. Age 23. Son of James Browne, of
4, Zetland St., Belfast. Born in King's County. Citadel New
Military Cemetery, Fricourt, France

+BRYARS, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 7892.
Died 08/05/1916. Age 30. Son of Eliza Bryars, of 18, Henry
St., Londonderry. Auchonvillers Military Cemetery, France

+CLOSE, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14506. Died
08/05/1916. Born in Shankill, Belfast, he lived in Lisburn. A
member of the UVF before the war, he enlisted at Finner
Camp, Co. Donegal. Son of Jemima Close of Ballymacash,
Lisburn. Authuille Military Cemetery, France

+CORRIGAN, J J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Private. 23910. Died
08/05/1916. Age 20. Son of Mrs. A. Corrigan, of Cottage

662, Tullyboard, Portaferry, Co. Down. Kilclief Roman Catholic Churchyard, Co. Down.

+DENNIS, Joseph Henry

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 27580. Died 08/05/1916. He died in a heavy bombardment by the Germans after the Inniskillings had carried out a successful night raid on the German lines on 7th/8th May 1916. Age 25. Joseph Henry Dennis was the son of Francis and Margaret Dennis. He was born about 1884. By 1901, Joseph was a farm labourer living near Brookeborough. Joseph Dennis and Margaret O'Hara married on 04/07/1906 in the district of Fermanagh. They lived in Corralongford, near Fivemiletown and had four children. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, France. Fivemiletown WM

+FOX, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 11295. Died 08/05/1916. Age 21. Born in Hamilton, Scotland. Son of James and Ann Fox, Drumadd, Armagh. Thiepval Memorial, France

+HALL, Francis

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. A Coy. Lance Corporal. 84611. Died 08/05/1916. Age 29. Son of James Hall, of 3, Gortmore Terrace, Omagh. Mesnil Ridge Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinstart, France

+KIRKPATRICK, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 11077. Died 08/05/1916. The family details have

been acquired through a process of elimination and deduction. There is no proof that these are correct. Thomas Kirkpatrick was the son of Francis and Isabella Kirkpatrick. He was born on 30/05/1882 in Errigal, County Tyrone. His father died when he was young. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, France.

+LYTTLE, Robert John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 13935. Died 08/05/1916 at 108 Field Ambulance. Age 24. A member of Strifehill L.O.L. No. 628 and a member of the Ulster Volunteers. Born 30/09/1891 in Ballyeglish, Moneymore; second son of William and Eliza Lyttle of Killymoon Blue Doors, Cookstown. Glowing tributes were paid to Private Lyttle by both Lieutenant Colonel Ricardo and Captain Cruikshanks, his Battalion Commander. Forceville Communal Cemetery, Somme, France. Cookstown WM, Moneymore WM, St Lurach's Church RH, Desertlynn C of I RH.

+McGERRIGLE, J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 19358. Died 08/05/1916. Age 21. Son of George and Catherine McGerrigle, of Binnelly, Donemanagh. Forceville Communal Cemetery and Extension, France

+McINTYRE, G

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. D Coy. Private. 11334. Died 08/05/1916. Age 22. Son of William and Catherine McIntyre, of 4, Bootle St., Belfast. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, Somme, France.

+McMULLAN, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 17808. Died 08/05/1916. Age 25. He died in a heavy bombardment by the Germans after the Inniskillings had carried out a successful night raid on the German lines on 7th/8th May 1916. Son of James and Eliza McMullan of Ruskey, Coagh. He was born in Ruskey on 16/03/1889. He was one of eight children. His father was a farm labourer. John became an agricultural labourer. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, Somme, France. Coagh WM

+MOSSEY, Thomas James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. C Coy. Private. 17770. Died 08/05/1916. Age 21. Born 12/08/1895. Son of David and Eliza Mossey, of Augher. He one of five children, all born in the Clogher area. The family lived at Main Street, Augher. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, France. Clogher WM

+NEELY, George

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 9/13887. Died 08/05/1916. Age 19. Enlisted at Finner Camp, Co. Donegal. Born 12/05/1896. Son of James and Matilda Neely, of Summer Hill, Clogher. Authuille Military Cemetery, Authuille, France. Clogher WM, St Macartan's Cathedral WM

+SANDS, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. C Coy. Private. 13890. Died 08/05/1916. Age 23. He died in a heavy bombardment by the Germans after the Inniskillings had carried out a successful night raid on the German lines on 7th/8th May

1916. Before joining the army, Robert was a member of Coagh Company of Ulster Volunteers, and was a member of Drumconvis LOL 794. Robert was born about 1893 in Tamlaght, Coagh, County Tyrone. He was one of ten children. The family lived in Coagh. His father was a labourer. Son of William and Ellen Sands, of Urble, Coagh, Co. Tyrone. Authuile Military Cemetery, Authuile, France. Coagh WM

+WALKER, George

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 16321. Died 08/05/1916. Age 21. Oldest son of Robert and Lucinda Walker, of Lisnaweary, Favor Royal, Augher. Authuile Military Cemetery, Authuile, Somme, France.

1917

+NUNN, Harold Edwin

Norfolk Regiment, 1st Btn. Serjeant. 7849. Died 08/05/1917. Aged 25. Husband to Mrs. A. E. Nunn, of 20, Woodhouse St., Portadown, Co. Armagh. Bois-Carre British Cemetery, Thelus, Pas de Calais, France

+SLEATOR, Robert John

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. C Coy. Second Lieutenant. Died 08/05/1917. He enlisted with the Royal Irish Fusiliers, gained quick promotion and was commissioned in 1916. Son of George and Susanna Sleator, of Ballymacilmurry, Armagh. Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Belgium

+TAFHEY, Laurence

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 7th/8th Btn. Private. 21148. Died 09/05/1917. Age 29. Enlisted Dundalk. Son of Patrick and Ellen Taffey of Creevekeeran, Crossmaglen. Husband to Ellen Taffey. They had children. Elzenwalle Brasserie Cemetery. Elzenwalle Brasserie Cemetery, Belgium

+WILLIAMSON, Samuel

Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 4th Btn. Corporal. 696. Died 08/05/1917. Served for 20 years in the British Army before he took his discharge and emigrated to Australia prior to the war. Corporal Williamson was wounded at the Dardanelles at Gallipoli in Turkey and died of illness. Son of William and Annie Williamson, of "Drumkee," Coalisland. Durrington Cemetery, near Andover in Wiltshire, England.

1918

+BOLTON, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 11/20417. Died 08/05/1918. Born in Lismoye, near Swatragh, County Londonderry. He was captured by the Germans on 20/03/1918 at St Quentin. Subsequent German P.O.W. reports note that he sustained a knee fracture due to a shot through the knee. Private Bolton died as a result of due to general weakness in the auxiliary hospital barracks in Block 1 Zerbst. Zerbst is a town in Anhalt-Bitterfeld, Saxony-Anhalt, Germany. Berlin South-West Cemetery, Germany

+CAMPBELL, Patrick

Royal Irish Fusiliers (Depot). Corporal.10190. Died at home of Pulmonary Tuberculosis 08/05/1918. Age 25. Enlisted in Banbridge 29/12/1908. Charged with desertion 03/11/1911 before going to India. Served in India from 1911 till 14th October 1914 , then to France with the British Expeditionary Force at the outbreak of the Great War. Admitted to No 6 General Hospital Runen France with bronchitis 28/10/1915. Promoted Corporal 07/01/1916. Contracted tuberculosis while in France. Discharged unfit for further service 01/08/1916. Spent a time in hospital in Belfast before returning home where he died. Born 05/06/1892 in Seapatrick, Banbridge, the third son of Hugh and Elizabeth Campbell, 10 Fort Street, Banbridge. St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cemetery Banbridge. Banbridge WM

1940

+KNOX, Francis

Royal Ulster Rifles, 6(HD) Btn. Rifleman. D/24471. Died 08/05/1940. Aged 55. Husband to E. Knox, of Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery

+MATHERS, Ernerson

Royal Ulster Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 7012008. Died / 08/05/1940. Aged 25. Husband to Susan Mathers, of Belfast. Karachi War Cemetery, Pakistan

1942 HM SUBMARINE OLYMPUS

+COLLINS, Albert E

RN. AB. C/JK 208347. Died 08/05/1942. Age 21. HM Submarine Olympus. Two years' service. Before the war

was employed by WA Ross & Sons, mineral water manufacturers. Son of Robert and Alice Collins, Fortuna St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 05/06/1942). Chatham Naval Memorial

+PLANT, Samuel

ERA Third Class. Service Number D/MX 56532. Died 08/05/1942. HM Submarine Olympus. Four years service. Pre-war he was a coppersmith in Vickers' Barrow-in-Furness. Husband to Mrs Ellen Plant (nee Wilton), Linfield Rd., Belfast. They were married 16 months previously on 25/01/1941 at Fisherwick Presbyterian Church. After a four-day honeymoon the bridegroom had to return to active service. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 29/05/1942). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 68

1943

+McALEER, Frank

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Serjeant. 6976983. Distinguished Conduct Medal. Died 08/05/1943. Age 32. It is believed he was killed by a truck in an accident. He was the eldest of at least three children, all born in the Dungannon area. Son of Frank and Elizabeth McAleer; husband to Grace McAleer, of Aldershot, Hampshire. Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Tunisia. Dungannon WM

1944

+BECKETT, John

Royal Army Service Corps, 555 Tank Transporter Coy. Driver. T/103774. Died 08/05/1944. Aged 33. Son of Daniel

Craig Beckett and Mary Beckett, of Portrush. Kirkee War Cemetery, India

+MONTAGUE, James

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 7043810. Died 08/05/1944. Aged 37. Son of Joseph and Catherine Montague, of Belfast; husband to Kathleen T. Montague, of Belfast. Caserta War Cemetery, Italy

VETERAN

CLARK, Henry Wallace Stuart

RNVR. Lieutenant. MBE. Served 1945 - 47. Left school - Shrewsbury - and on 09/01/1945 joined HMS Royal Arthur in Norfolk. Served also as an officer with USC 1954 - 70, and as a Major in the UDR serving until 1981. DL and High Sheriff of County Londonderry. Businessman, yachtsman, author and artist. B20/11/1926. Son of Henry Francis Clark and Emily Stuart. Husband to June Elizabeth Lester Deane. D 08/05/2011. Upperlands, Co. Londonderry.

ENGLISH, William Alexander

RAF. CBE. MCB. Born 08/05/1921. Son of Alexander English, Deramore Ave., Belfast. Post war Imperial Civil Service, Liverpool

HOGG, Henry Sydney

RNVR Surg Lt. MD 1939 QUB. MCB. Born 08/05/1916. Son of Samuel Hogg, Eglantine Ave., Belfast. Post war Somerotes, Derbyshire

McCLEAN, Nathaniel

Born 05/05/1891, Capecastle. Son of John and Letitia Reynolds McLean, Magheramorne. Husband to Emily Jane Scarlett. Died 08/05/1973. Mount Pleasant Cemetery, East Moriches, New York

TOMAN, Richard

HMS Taku, a T class submarine. HMS Taku (Lt.Cdr. V.J.H. Van der Byl, RN) attacked a German convoy on 08/05/1940 with ten torpedoes and torpedoed and damaged the German torpedo boat Mowe (900 tons) east of Denmark in position 56°45'N, 06°12'E. After the attack Taku was depth charged and hunted for over 6 hours. (Lisburn Standard 02/04/1943). One of six brothers who served during the war, four in the Royal Navy. Son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Toman, Hill St., Lisburn.

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