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May 15/16 - Festubert the single worst day for Royal Inniskillings Fusiliers losses



The Battle of Festubert took place during May 1915 and was part of a large-scale offensive led by the British Army in the Artois region of France. It was one of a series of attacks by the British First Army and the French Tenth Army, designed as a strategic attempt to exploit the diversion of German troops to the Russian front.



The Le Touret Memorial, at the Military Cemetery in Richebourg, Pas de Calais, France (photo above), is inscribed with 13,479 names on the memorial. Today a total of 245 Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers are listed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission at Le Touret. The majority of these men were lost on one night – the night of the 15/16 May 1915 at the Battle of Festubert.

The Spring 1930 edition of the Inniskillings' magazine, "*The Sprig of Shillelagh*" reports on the unveiling of the "Le Touret Memorial" and refers to the Battle of Festubert - "the Never to be Forgotten 15th of May, 1915, when, at Festubert the 2nd Battalion The Royal Inniskillings Fusiliers, had 700 casualties out of a strength of 1,000, and covered itself with glory".

Now, 100+ years on, it is a battle we hear little about despite it being the single worst day for losses for any Battalion of

the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers throughout the entirety of the First World War.

Sir Frank Fox, in his book, The Royal Inniskillings in the World War, describes the actions of the 2nd Inniskillings at Festubert:

'It was not until the Battle of Festubert, May 15-25, that the Inniskillings were called upon to show again their mettle in attack. On May 12 they had marched through Richebourg to the line, taking over not the trenches, for it would be inaccurate to say there were trenches, but a series of frontline breastworks which had been erected as the best possible means of shelter in that waterlogged country. These breastworks gave little or no protection against the enemy artillery fire, and up to the night of May 15, before the attack opened, the casualties suffered were 6 killed and 40 wounded.

'Repeated efforts had been made since May 9 to win ground from the Germans on this sector. As attacks by daylight had failed, on the night of May 15 a night attack was attempted. On the 2nd Division front, two Brigades were entrusted with the task, the 6th on the right and the 5th on the left. Of the 5th Brigade, the attacking Battalions were the 2nd Inniskillings on the right and the Worcesters on the left. The 2nd Inniskillings devoted D Company on the right and A Company on the left to the assault, holding C Company in reserve to support D, and B Company to support A.

The objectives were to seize the first and second lines of the German trenches and to consolidate in the second line. So far as D Company was concerned, the attack prospered; the first and second lines of German trenches were captured



and C Company moved up to support and to consolidate. On the left, however, things did not go so well.

There, A Company reached the first line but suffered severe loss, and on its left the Worcesters failed to make good. B Company moved up in support, but also suffered severe losses.

The two Companies were obliged to fall back. D Company and C Company were ordered to come back from the second to the first line of German trenches and to consolidate there. This they did, and the Battalion held the position until the evening of the 16th, when it was ordered to withdraw to reserve breastworks.”

Overview of Battle of Festubert

The 2nd Battalion, having been part of the British Expeditionary Force, was stationed in Dover at the outbreak

of the First World War. After receiving drafts of some 700 men from the reserve battalions based in Ireland, they embarked for service on 23/08/1914. The Battalion War Diary starts two days later, on August 25, reporting the men detraining at Bertry at 4:30pm and by 7:45pm they were engaged in battle. And so began the First World War for the Inniskillings.

By the end of April 1915 the battalion had suffered 292 men killed and hundreds more wounded and missing. Drafts were coming in from the Reserve battalions “back home”, but it was a constant struggle to keep numbers up. In early May they were in and around the small village of Richebourg, taking part in various attacks on the German lines that CAM Alexander said could “*only be classed ... as a failure*”. On May 10 they went into billets at Richebourg.

After daylight attacks had failed on May 9, a night attack was deemed to be the best option for a successful break through the German lines. The offensive of the 1st Army was to be resumed on the night of May 15/16. The 2nd Battalion had taken over the front line breastworks on the night of May 12, and before the offensive commenced had already lost 6 men with forty more wounded. Amongst these was 2/ Lt VES Mattocks.

At 11:30pm on the night of May 15, the 2nd Battalion attacked to the right of the 2nd Worcestershire Regiment, supported by the 2nd Oxford & Bucks and the 9th Highland Light Infantry. “A” and “D” Companies attacked to the left and right, respectively, of a cinder track bordered by two deep ditches on either side. Both gained significant ground. “D” Company penetrated the first and second lines of the

German trenches, but “A” Company were cut off after having taken the first line trench due to lack of support from the failed attack to their left flank and severe losses. “B” Company, who were in support of “A” Company, also suffered greivous losses and were unable to provide the much needed assistance in order to ensure success.

“D” Company would hold the Second German Line until the night of May 16 when they were ordered to retreat to the Reserve Breastworks. The following night they were relieved by the 1/1 Gurkhas.

In total 252 Officers and Men of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers are recognised as having lost their lives on May 15 and 16, 1915.

In the following months, reports of the battle appeared in the Sprig of Shillelagh, such as one from Sergeant R Langford who said, harrowingly, *“Many of our wounded were buried by shells in dug-outs where they had been placed for safety”*. In other issues, wives searched for their husbands, and others supplied photographs where their husbands were known to have died for obituaries.

Londonderry's Festubert

Over thirty men associated with the city of Derry/ Londonderry lost their lives at Festubert/Richebourg, France, on Sunday, May 16, 1915. After July 1, 1916, it was the largest catastrophic loss of life on one single day experienced by the city in World War 1.

Although men from both sides of the city's political and religious divide died on this largely forgotten 'Bloody Sunday,' the majority of these men were Catholic soldiers,

and many originated from the area of the city known as the Bogside.

Operation Chastise - Dambuster Raid Gunner from Londonderry.

Richard Bolitho was born on 19 January 1920 in County Londonderry.

His father William Bolitho was from Cornwall and had married local woman Jane Cuthbertson.

Richard joined the Royal Air Force in 1940 and qualified as an Air Gunner.

On attending an Operational Training Unit, Richard was crewed up with Albert Garshowitz, Don Hopkinson, Max Stephenson and Floyd Wile. They were subsequently selected for heavy bomber training and were joined by Frank Garbas and John Kinnear.

Having been posted to 9 Squadron Max Stephenson was killed while flying with another crew so the others were transferred to 57 Squadron at Scampton and assigned to Bill Astell.

Having flown together for the first time on 13/02/1942, just six weeks later they were all posted to the new **617 Squadron.**

At 21.59 on 16/05/1943 "Dickie" Bolitho was Rear Gunner on board Avro Lancaster III ED864 AJ-B which left R.A.F. Scampton as part of the Final Section of the First Wave of aircraft to attack the Mohne Dam in Operation Chastise.

Unfortunately AJ-B flew into electric cables and crashed in flames near Marbeck in Germany with the loss of all on board.

His remains were originally buried in Borken, Richard Bolitho now rests with the rest of his crew in Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany.

Roll of Honour – May 16

Representing their comrades who died on this day

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers from Northern Ireland who died at Festubert

Remembering today the officers and men of the 2nd Btn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers who fought at the Battle of Festubert 15-17 May 1915. In the battle the battalion sustained 650 casualties including 264 killed in action.

+ADAMS, Dominick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 2904. Died 16/05/1915. Age 21. Brother of John Died 09 May 1915.

Son of David and Elizabeth Adams, of 12, Varna St., Belfast.
Le Touret Memorial, France

+ANDERSON, Richard

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3430. Died
16/05/1915. Age 19. Cousin of Catherine Mulholland, of 22,
Edith St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+ARBUTHNOT, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. Private 8172. Died
16/05/1915. Aged 27. In action at the Battle of Festubert.
Born in Stewartstown. Son of William Arbuthnot, of
Creamery Row, Newmills, Dungannon. Le Touret Memorial,
Pas de Calais, France. Cookstown War Dead Book WW1

+ARMSTRONG, John.

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private.10665. Died
16/05/1915. Aged 17. Born in Lisburn, Co. Antrim, he lived
at Oldcastle, Co. Meath, enlisted at Dublin. Son of William
and Kate Armstrong of Lower-Finor, Oldcastle. Le Touret
Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+BAIRD, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private 3630. Died
16/05/1915. Aged 23. Born at Templemore, County
Londonderry, resided in Glasgow, enlisted at Londonderry,.
Son of Mr and Mrs William John Baird, 497, Glasgow Road,
Yokel, Clydebank, Glasgow. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de
Calais, France.

+BEATTIE, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. D Coy. Private. 3350. Died 16/05/1915. Age 21. Son of Robert and Rebecca Beattie, of 29, Kenilworth St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+BINGHAM, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4581. Died 16/05/1915. Age 32. Son of Joseph and Ellen Bingham, of 28, Dundela St., Strandtown, Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+BLACKWOOD, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. Private 2901. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 18. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Blackwood, of 72, Pound St., Belfast. Brother of Lance Corporal John Blackwood, 8th Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers who died 29/04/1916. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+BOYD, Robert James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3932. Died 16/05/1915. Age 22. Born Ballyclare. Enlisted Belfast. Two of his brothers also served. Son of William and Mary Boyd, of Ballyscullion, Toomebridge. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Ballyclare WM

+BROLLY, William John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 7679. Died 16/05/1915. Born Newhill, Ballymoney 17/12/1884. Son of Robert George and Ellen Sophia (nee Caldwell) Brolly of

Balnamore, Ballymoney. William was serving with the Inniskilling Fusiliers at Victoria Barracks when he and Mary Elizabeth Watt married on 25/12/1906 in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast and later lived in 4 Pittsburg St., Belfast. They had three children. William played football for Brantwood and Distillery in the Irish League. William's three brothers served during the war. Samuel also lost his life 25/09/1915. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Ballyclare WM. Castleton (now Alexandra) Presbyterian Church RH. Distillery FC Memorial plaque.

+BRYSON, Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 4700. Died 16/05/1915. Age 30. Son of James Bryson; husband of Susan Bryson, of Knocknahorn, Dromore, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, France

+CAIRNS, Hugh John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 4354. Died 16/05/1915. (Served as H.J. Kearns). son of Hugh and Sarah Cairns. He was born about 1886 in Coalisland. The 1901 census shows the family living in Coalisland. Hugh was 15 years old and working in a factory. His father was a clerk. By the time of the 1911 census, Hugh's mother Sarah had died. Hugh was now working as a railway porter. Hugh John enlisted in Cookstown. Member of Coalisland LOL 93. The CWGC refer to Hugh as 4354 Lance Corporal Hugh John Kearns. This family name is almost certainly spelt incorrectly as both the census and his local church refer to the family as Cairns. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Dungannon WM

+CAMPBELL, Alfred John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 10478. Died 16/05/1915. Age 21. Brother of Mrs. Sarah Jane Hussen, of 4, Conswater St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+CARTY, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 8788. Died 16/05/1915. Age 30. Husband of Nellie Carty, of 8, Ashcroft Place, Waterside, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, France

+CAVES, Edward

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 8155. Died 16/05/1915. Age 28. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Caves, of 76, Cosgrave St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+CASSIDY, Charles,

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private 4436. Died 16/05/1915. Born at Templemore, County Londonderry, enlisted at Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, Diamond War Memorial.

+COLLINS, David

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 7701. Died 16/05/1915. Age 32. Son of Alexander Collins, of 123, Millfield, Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+COLLINS, Francis

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4088. Died 16/05/1915. Age 19. Son of James and Ellen Collins, of Mill

St., Newtownstewart, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial. Pas de Calais, France

+CONNOLLY, Arthur Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 2903. Died 16/05/1915. Age 18. Son of the late Arthur and Mary Connolly, of 2, Grosvenor Place, Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+CRAMPSEY, Michael

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 11757. Died 16/05/1915. Born at Glendermott, County Londonderry, enlisted at Londonderry. He was the brother of George Crampsey, 8, High Street, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+CUNNINGHAM, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3437. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 24. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham, of 148, Main St., Strabane. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+CUNNINGHAM, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. Died 16/05/1915. Strabane. Engaged in battle on 16/05/1915. No news of him since then. Brother of Robert. Strabane. No CWGC ref

+CURRIE, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3514. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 24. Two brothers also died. Sergeant

James Currie 1/6th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, died of wounds in a casualty clearing station on 30/10/1917. He is buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Samuel died on 24/11/1917. John is commemorated at Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+CUTHBERT, Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. B Coy. Private. 3835. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 22. Born at Templemore, County Londonderry, enlisted at Londonderry. Son of Robert Cuthbert, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+DEANE, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal, 3872,. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 21. Son of Mrs Sarah Deane, 13, Nailor's Row, Derry. At the time of Lance Corporal Deane's death, he had three brothers and five cousins serving with the colours. One of his brothers, Private James Deane, Inniskillings, the husband of Mrs Sarah Deane, 11, Nailor's Row, Derry, was wounded for the second time circa April 1918, and spent time recovering in hospital in Glasgow. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+DICKSON, William Richard

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4077. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 22. Son of Richard and Mary Jane Dickson, of Ballysaggart, Dungannon. By the time of the 1911 census, William was working as a saddler. He was still single and living with the family at Lisnahull. He was a member of Holdfast LOL 1620. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de

Calais, France. Dungannon WM. St Anne's Church of Ireland, Dungannon WM

+DOHERTY, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 4425. Died 16/05/1915. Age 42. Son of James and Ellen Duncan; husband of Ellen Duncan, of Townend St., Strabane, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, France

+DOHERTY, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. A Coy. Lance Corporal, 4062. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 33. Son of Charles and Isobel Doherty, and husband to Cassie Doherty, 48, Walker's Place, Londonderry. Corporal Doherty rejoined the colours at the outbreak of the Great War, as a reservist, and saw much heavy fighting. He took part in the Mons retreat. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+DOHERTY, Neil

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4454. Died 16/05/1915. Son of Mary Jane Doherty, 86, Lecky Road, Londonderry. Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+DONALDSON, Henry Victor Sidney

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 10699. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 19. Born in Moville, Donegal. Eldest son of Nixon and Margaret Anne Donaldson, of 8, Orchard Terrace, Enniskillen. His father was a police constable. Henry enlisted in Omagh. He was living in Gortin at the time.

Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Dungannon WM. St Anne's Church of Ireland, Dungannon WM

+DONAGHEY, George

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. A Coy. Sergeant. 2214. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 36. Son of Edward and Bridget Donaghy, 35, Long Tower Street, Londonderry. Husband to Margaret Donaghey, and father of George Donaghey, 3, Quarry Street, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+DUFFY, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 2318. Died 16/05/1915. Age 26. Son of Mrs. Susan Duffy, of Derrygonnelly, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. Le Touret Memorial, France

+DUNCAN, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private .Townsend St, Strabane "Leaves wife and 3 children. 3 brothers in service. Relatives own Duncan's Brewery". No CWGC ref

+DUNCAN, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3571. Died 16/05/1915. "Has been serving at the front for a long period . His brother, Private Hugh Duncan, was killed in action on 16th May." Was an employee of Northern Steam Laundry Company. He was a reservist and leaves a wife and a family. Born Camus, Strabane

+EVANS, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 2693. Died 16/05/1915. Age 21. Son of George Evans, of Dame St., Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, and the late Mary Jane Evans. His brother Harry also fell. Le Touret Memorial, France

+EWINGS, William Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4300. Died 16/05/1915. Age 18. Son of Samuel and Maggie Ewings, of Sixmilecross, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+FEENEY, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4309. Died 16/05/1915. Born at the Longtower, Derry, enlisted at Strabane. Son of Mrs Catherine Feeney, 28, Orchard Row, Derry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+FLYNN, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 31180. Died 16/05/1915. Age 20. Son of Michael and Mary Jane Flynn, of Hill St., Gilford, Co. Down. Arras Memorial, France

+FOSTER, George

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. B Coy. Private. 7852. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 34. He was a reservist and an employee of Northern Steam Laundry Company. Husband to Margaret Foster, of 24, York St., Waterside, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+FRAME, Alfred

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10483. Died 16/05/1915. Born in Bessbrook. By 1911 he was living with William and Elizabeth Porter at Lurgaboy, Hamiltonsbawn. Enlisted in Enniskillen. He disembarked in France in August 1914. Le Touret Memorial, France

+FRANCEY, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. A Coy. Private. 8061. Died 16/05/1915. Age 29. Son of William John and Mary A. Francey, of 21, Paxton St., Belfast; husband to Mary Jane Francey, of 117, Thorndyke St., Belfast. His brother William Francey also fell. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+GALLAGHER, Bernard

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 3966. Died 16/05/1915. Age 22. Son of James and Margaret Gallagher, of Tyrkemaghan, Dunamanagh, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, France

+GALLAGHER, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. E Coy. Private. 13743. Died 16/05/1915. Age 41. Born at Derry, enlisted at Greenock. Private Gallagher served throughout the South African War, and rejoined his regiment at the commencement of World War 1. He had been at the Front since December 1914. Husband to Mrs Sarah Gallagher, 13, Herbert Street, Waterside, Derry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+GARRY, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 2942. Died 16/05/1915. Age 20. Son of Philip and Catherine Garry, of 31, Artillery St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+GLEGHORN, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 9091. Died 16/05/1915. Born in Antrim. Son of David and Jane Gleghorn, Potterswalls. William was in the army reserves at the outbreak of WWI. He was called up for service with the 2nd Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He was a member of the Gwynns Temperance LOL No 419. Williams Brother David who survived the war, was also a member of LOL No 419. Cpl Gleghorn was listed as missing after he took part in the Battle of Festubert on the 16/05/1915. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. First Antrim Presbyterian Church RH

+GORDON, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3192. Died 16/05/1915. Age 28. Son of Thomas and Jeanie Gordon, of 129, Mervue St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+GRAY, Henry

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. 8436. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 27. Came from Canada to enlist. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, of Mourne View, Ballynahinch, Co. Down. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+GRIBBON, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3232. Died 16/05/1915. Stepbrother of William McBride, of 168, Newtownards Rd., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+HAMILTON, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3699. Died 16/05/1915. James was born in Bodoney, near Gortin, Omagh. He enlisted in Cookstown. James had three brothers serving in the army. Charles and Edward were in France and John was stationed in England. Brother of Mrs. Cassie Hampsie, of Irish St., Dungannon. Le Touret Memorial, France. Cookstown WM

+HARRIGAN, Mark

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 7642. Died 16/05/1915. Born at Templemore, County Londonderry, enlisted at Omagh. He was a resident of Ferguson's Lane, and brother-in-law of Madge Harrigan, 4, St Patrick Street, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+HEANEY, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3814. Died 16/05/1915. He was the brother of Bridget Heaney, 56, King Street, Waterside, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+HEGARTY, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4698. Died 16/05/1915. Born at Faughanvale, County Londonderry, enlisted at Londonderry. One of three brothers to serve. His

brother Robert died on 22/05/1915 at Gurkha Bluff, Dardanelles, serving with the 1st Btn. Son of Mrs Elizabeth Hegarty, 4, Ebrington Street, Waterside, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+HENRY, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. D Coy. Private. 2354. Died 16/05/1915. Age 23. Born Ballysaggart, Dungannon 04/07/1891. Enlisted Belfast. Son of John and Mary Henry, of 5, Spinner St., Falls Rd., Belfast. Born at Dungannon, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, France

+HUDSON, Francis

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 18980. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 33. Born in Derryglure, Castledawson. Francis signed the Ulster Covenant in September 1912 in Bridgeton, Glasgow. Husband of Susanna Hudson, of 37, Pentland Place, Bridgeton, Glasgow. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Castledawson WM

+INGRIM, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10726. Died 16/05/1915. Age 19. Son of Mrs. Mary Ingram, of 104, Island St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+JOHNSTON, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6467. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 19. Son of Mrs. Sarah Johnston, of 2, Carew St., Ballymacarrett, Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+JOHNSTON, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 10569. Died 16/05/1915. Age 24. William was born in Moneymore and lived in Magherafelt. He enlisted in Cookstown. Brother of Andrew Johnston, of Coolshiney, Magherafelt. Le Touret Memorial, France. Magherafelt Church of Ireland RH and Desertlyn Church of Ireland RH. Cookstown War Dead Book

+KYLES, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 11096. Died 16/05/1915. Age 18. Son of James Kyles, of Irish Quarters, South Carrickfergus. Le Touret Memorial, France

+LAVERY, Charles

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. Private. 6902. Died 16/05/1915. He was posted as missing in action. Born in Lisburn, he lived in Belfast, enlisted at Lisburn. Husband to Sarah Lavery of 6 Longstone Street, Lisburn who had a letter published in the Standard on the 16/07/1915 enquiring as to his whereabouts. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+LAVERY, Edward

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. Private. 10739. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 18. Born in Lisburn, he lived in Cookstown, enlisted at Lisburn. Son of John Lavery of 10 Old Hillsborough Road, Lisburn. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Cookstown WM. Magheragall Parish WM

+LAWLESS, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 8016. Died 16/05/1915. Age 30. He was one of four children from his father's first marriage. Robert's mother died when he was six. His father remarried. The family lived in Church Street, Cookstown. Robert was a butler for a time. His father was a mechanic. Son of John Lawless, of Cookstown. Le Touret Memorial, France. Cookstown WM

+LAWLOR, James Dominick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 10479. Died 16/05/1915. Born at Ballymacarrett, Belfast. He enlisted in Ballymacarrett. He was living in Cookstown at the time. Le Touret Memorial, France. Cookstown WM

+LAWN, Michael

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4064. Died 17/05/1915 at a Casualty Clearing Station being severely wounded the previous day. Age 21. Michael was born at Urney, County Tyrone, and lived at Blackhill, Cookstown. He worked in Adair's Mill at Greenvale. Lillers Communal Cemetery, France. Cookstown WM

+LOGAN, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10436. Died 16/05/1915. Age 19. Son of Mrs. Margaret Logan, of 57, Glenwherry St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+LONG, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private.4168. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 18. Born at Glendermott, County Londonderry, employed with R. Colhoun, Builder, enlisted at Strabane. Son of Mr Long, 10, Foyle View, and brother of Susan Deeney, Gate Lodge, Braehead, Londonderry. Diamond War Memorial.

+MAGUIRE, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Lance Sergeant.3695. Died 16/05/1915. Son of Mary Anne Maguire, 1, Fulton Place, and husband to Mrs Annie Maguire, 216, Lecky Road, Derry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+MARSHALL, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 7454. Died 16/05/1915. Age 31. Born 1884. Son of William Sarah Marshall 24 Stream Street Newry. Husband to Catherine Marshall, of 47, Stream St., Newry. Le Touret Memorial, France. Newry RH

+MAZE, William James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 2640. Died 16/05/1915. Age 23. Son of Mrs. Martha Maze, of 92, Crimea St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+McCARNEY, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10121. Died 16/05/1915. Age 31. Son of the late Patrick and Margaret McCarney, of Gortmore, Omagh. Le Touret Memorial, France

+McCAW, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. Private. 11600. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 23. He was the only son of William and the late Mary Jane McCaw nee Vogan. Along with three sisters they resided at, 45 Cumberland Street, Shankill, Belfast. The Northern Whig on 4th June 1918, recorded, 'After three years waiting on news regarding his son, it is now reported that he was believed killed on the date he was reported missing.' Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

+McCONNELLOGUE, Henry (Harry)

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Signaller. 7239. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 27. He was the eldest son of James and Catherine McConnellogue, and brother of Miss May McConnellogue, 189, Lecky Road, Londonderry. He was also the brother-in-law of Robert Starrett, 30, Sloan's Terrace, and other members of his family resided at 107, Foyle Road, Derry. Private McConnellogue had been at the Front since August 1914. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+McDERMOTT, Mark

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 12125. Died 16/05/1915. Age 43. Son of Patrick and Mary McDermott, of Newtownbutler, Co. Fermanagh. Le Touret Memorial, France

+McDOWELL, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 11161. Died 16/05/1915. Age 19. Son of Robert and Maria McDowell, of 14, Frankfort St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+McGEE, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 18769. Died 16/05/1915. Age 46. Son of James and Mary McGee, of Callagheen, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh; husband of Maria McGee (nee Margess). Le Touret Memorial, France

+McGEOWN, Hugh

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4294. Died of wounds in Boulogne Hospital 16/05/1915. Aged 40. A career soldier enlisted 1892 aged 17 in Waringstown in the 83rd Foot Royal Irish Rifles 2648. Re- enlisted in Finner Camp Donegal in the 2nd Royal Irish Fusiliers at the outbreak of the Great War. Born in Shankill Place, Lurgan in 1875, the son of Elizabeth McGeown. Husband to Mary McGeown, of 22, Thomas St., Lurgan. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Lurgan WM

+McGINTY, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. A Coy. Private. 10448. Died 16/05/1915. Age 21. Son of William McGinty, of The White Hart, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. Le Touret Memorial, France

+McGONIGLE John Johnstone

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. D Coy. Sergeant. 9565. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 26. Born at Templemore, County Londonderry, enlisted at Omagh. Son of Robert and Eliza Jane McGonigle, 39, Bellevue Avenue, Londonderry.. Husband to Beatrice L. McGonigle, Newpass Lodge, Rathowen, County Westmeath. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial Christ Church (Church of Ireland), Londonderry, World War 1 Memorial.

+McGOWAN, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. Private. 2255. Died 16/05/1915. He was a resident of 46, Ferguson Street, and a brother-in-law of Patrick McIntyre, 10, Donegal Place, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+McGRATH, Joseph

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 9702. Died 16/05/1915. Age 23. Son of Mrs. Margaret McGrath, of 128, Roseberry Rd., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

+McGUINNESS, Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. B Coy. Private. 17759. Died 16/05/1915. Age 19. Born and enlisted in Lisburn. He was the son of John and Mary Ann McGuinness of 34 Barnsley Row, Lisburn. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Cushendun PCI RH

+McHUGH, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. B Coy. Private. 6998. Died 16/05/1915. Born at Londonderry, enlisted at Glasgow. Son of Andrew and Barbara McHugh. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

+McILREE, Alexander

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4304. Died 16/05/1915. Alexander was born at Annahavil near Cookstown and worked for Alexander Barclay at Drapersfield before joining the Inniskillings in November 1913. He was one of eight boys from the same family to join up for service during the First World War. Le Touret Memorial, France. Cookstown WM. Ardtrea Parish Church WM

+McKNIGHT, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 7802. Died 16/05/1915. Age 26. Son of Thomas and Margaret McKnight, of Dernacogy, Fivemiletown. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

+McLAUGHLIN, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3857. Died 16/05/1915 died in hospital of wounds and gas poisoning (sustained at Festubert). Aged 23. He enlisted in the Inniskillings about six months before his death, and had only been in the firing line a couple of weeks. Youngest son of John and Roseane McLaughlin, of 3, Eglinton Terrace, Londonderry. Husband to Mrs McLaughlin, 1, Carlisle Pass,

Derry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+McLEOD, Daniel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 2189. Died 16/05/1915. Age 34. Born at Templemore, County Londonderry, enlisted at Glasgow. Son of Daniel and Anne Jane McLeod, and brother of Catherine McLeod, 39, Rossville Street, Derry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+McMULLAN, Robert Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10887. Died 16/05/1915. Age 20. Son of Thomas and Sarah McMullan, of Downpatrick Rd., Crossgar, Co. Down. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+McNABB, Frederick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 8431. Died 16/05/1915. Age 35. Son of the late Patrick and Rose McNabb, of Main St., Trillick, Kils Kerry, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+McNALLY, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 2536. Died 16/05/1915. Born in Ballymaguigan, County Londonderry, Samuel McNally was living in Londonderry when he enlisted at Finner Camp, County Donegal. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Castledawson WM

+McNAMEE, Henry

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3740. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 21. Born at Drumkeen, County Donegal. He came to Derry as a child, enlisted there. Son of James and Mary McNamee, 4, Nailor's Row, and brother-in-law of Mary J. McNamee, 7, Nailor's Row, Derry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+McNULTY, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3908. Died 16/05/1915. Son of Robert McNulty, 20, Stanley's Walk, and husband to Mrs Mary Ann McNulty, 16, Fulton Place, Londonderry. Brother of Sarah Baldrick, 47, Rossville Street, Londonderry. Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+McVEIGH, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4557. Died 16/05/1915. Husband to Margaret McVeigh, 19, Albert Place, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+MOLLOY, Bernard

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4306. Died 16/05/1915. Son of Edward Molloy, 28, Walker's Place, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+MONTGOMERY, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10861. Died 16/05/1915. Age 23. Son of James and Martha Montgomery,

of 160, Snugville St., Belfast. Brother of Private James Montgomery, 1910, of the North Irish Horse who died 17/06/1919. La Touret Memorial, France

+MORGAN, John Jospeh Leo

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Lieutenant. Mentioned in Despatches. Died 16/05/1915. Born at Newtownards on 28/01/1884 where his father was a Sergeant in the Militia, John enlisted in the Royal Irish Rifles as a Bugler in 1902 and served with the Regiment's 1st Btn in India and Burma for many years. In 1914, he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant. and posted to 2nd Btn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, arriving in France on 28/11/1914. He was mortally wounded at Festubert whilst bringing messages back from the front line as communications had broken down. His brother, Captain Samuel Valentine Morgan (2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles), died 10/08/1917. Aged 37). Husband to M. M. Morgan, of 37, York Rd., Aldershot. Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Second Lieutenant John Joseph Leo Morgan and his brother, Captain Samuel Valentine Morgan, are commemorated on a family memorial in the Movilla Cemetery in Newtownards

+MORRISON, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 10581. Died 16/05/1915. Born at Milford, County Donegal. He came to the city of Londonderry at the age of three. Enlisted Londonderry. Brother of Andrew Morrison, 25, Lewis Street, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+MOWBRAY, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Sergeant. 4662. Died 16/05/1915. 915. He was a member of Ebrington Presbyterian Church, Londonderry, and brother of Mr Robert Mowbray, 88, Glendermott Road, Londonderry. He was also brother-in-law of Alexander Mills, 6, Orchard Row, Londonderry. Sergeant Mowbray was a well-known and popular figure in football and athletic circles in the North West, being a member of the old North End team. He was the battalion gymnasium instructor, and took a prominent part in the athletics of the battalion. He had over twenty-one years' service, spending fifteen years in India and some time in Egypt. He was in India at the time of the South African War, and accompanied one of the later drafts to the Transvaal. He had the South African (Queen's) Medal, with two clasps; The North West Indian Frontier Medal, with two clasps; and the Meritorious Service Medal. He was only a month out in France when he was killed. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+MULHOLLAND, Edward

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 3413. Died 16/05/1915. Age 23. Son of Edward and Lizzie Mulholland, of Donaghanie, Beragh, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, France

+MULLAN, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10474. Died 16/05/1915. Age 20. Son of Mrs. Alice Mullan, of 26, Artillery St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+MULLIN, George

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 4446. Died 16/05/1915. Age 20. Son of William and Ellen Mullin, of Castle St., Omagh, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, France

+NELSON, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3108. Died 16/05/1915. Age 20. Son of Mrs. Emily Nelson, of 40, Mount Pottinger Rd., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

+NORRIS, David

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn Private. 4149. Died 16/05/1915. Age 19. Son of Mrs Matilda Norris, 68, Glendermott Road, Waterside, Londonderry, and William Norris – who possibly died on September 27, 1909, and was buried in Glendermott Burying Ground. He was a member of the Murray Club of Apprentice Boys of Derry, and the first member of that Club to be killed in the 1914-18 War. At a meeting of the Murray Club held in the Apprentice Boys of Derry Memorial Hall, on Friday, June 4, 1915, it was proposed 'that the Secretary be instructed to forward a letter of sympathy to the relatives of the late Bro. David Norris of Glendermott Road, who was killed in action at the Front. Put to the Club and passed in silence by the members standing.' Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+NUGENT, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. Private. 11162. Died 16/05/1915 at Festubert . Brother of Private Robert Nugent,

1st Btn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who died of wounds
15/02/1917. From Percy Street, Belfast. Le Touret Memorial,
Pas de Calais, France

+O'KANE, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 7315. Died
16/05/1915. Aged 32. Son of Thomas & Catherine
(McKeown) O'Kane, Garvagh. Le Touret Memorial. Pas de
Calais, France

+O'RORKE, Robert James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 6762. Died
16/05/1915. Born in Monkstown, Co. Antrim on 08/03/1880.
On 28/02/1911 he and Margaret Ellen Gilliland married in
Connsbrook Congregational Church. Enlisted in Finner
Camp, Donegal. Le Touret Memorial, France

+OWENS, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3620. Died
16/05/1915. Age 24. Born on 30/04/1892 at Lissan,
Cookstown. He was the one of six children, five of whom
were boys. Son of John and Katherine Owens, of Litteran,
Moneymore. Le Touret Memorial, France. Cookstown WM.
Moneymore WM

+PATTERSON, Ernest

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3015. Died
16/05/1915. Age 19. A Special Reservist. Son of Robert and
Sarah Patterson, of 27, Denmark St., Belfast. Le Touret
Memorial, France

+PATTON, William John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3411. Died 16/05/1915. Eldest son of Thomas and Margaret Patton. He was born in Shankill, Belfast on 17/03/1893. William moved to Newmills when he was young and was brought up by his grandfather. He enlisted in Belfast. Nephew of Mrs. Sarah Meneilly, of 145, Snugville St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Newmills C of I WM, Newmills LOL 183 Dungannon RH

+PEDLOW, William John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 7470 . Died 16/05/1915. Age 35. Husband to Elizabeth Pedlow, of Kimbolton Cottages, Tandragee, Portadown, Co. Armagh. Le Touret Memorial, France

+QUINN, Thomas John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 2592. Died 16/05/1915. Age 38. Son of Mrs. Kathleen Quinn, of Killmore, Maguiresbridge, Co. Fermanagh. Le Touret Memorial, France

+QUINN, Thomas John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 17782. Died 16/05/1915. Age 34. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas John Quinn, of Tattyreagle, Omagh. Touret Memorial. Pas de Calais, France

+QUINN, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 11610. Died 16/05/1915. Age 18. Son of John Thomas Quinn, of 17, Distillery St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+REID, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. D Coy. Private. 7452. Died 16/05/1915. Age 39. Son of William and Mary Reid, of Knockmiller; husband to Rose Ann Reid, of Knockmiller, Douglas Bridge, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, France

+ROBERTSON, Charles

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 18196. Died 16/05/1915. Born Cushendun. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Cushendun PCI RH

+RUSH, Andrew

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 3820. Died 16/05/1915. Age 19. Son of Andrew and Margaret Rush, of 68, Kennedy Row, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, France

+SCOTT, Archibald

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 9831. Died 16/05/1915. Son of Archibald and Emily Scott, 66, Fountain Hill, Waterside, Londonderry. Corporal Scott was one of five brothers who served, the others being Samuel, Charles, David and Gordon. Samuel was killed at the Somme in July 1916. David, whose wife resided in Coleraine, wrote home

to his father, in the same month, stating that he had been wounded for the second time.

Corporal Archibald Scott's father, Archibald (senior), was a former member of the Londonderry Harbour Police, and an employee for twenty-three years of Messrs. McCully, Waterside. He was very well known in the city of Londonderry generally, and in the Waterside in particular, and also amongst the farming community in the North West, with whom he had business dealings. Born in the Ballyarnett district, Archibald (senior) took a very keen interest in cricket, and was an ardent follower of the game in the city of Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial, Glendermott Parish Church World War 1 Memorial

+SHARKEY, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 9003. Died 16/05/1915. Age 27. Son of John and Jane Sharkey, of Muleaghmore, Omagh. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+SHAW, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. C Coy. Private. 10684. Died 16/05/1915. Age 20. Born 24/07/1894. At Crampton Court, Carrickfergus. Enlisted Portadown. His brother James was wounded serving with the West Surrey Regiment. Son of Mrs. Margaret Shaw, of 25, Office St., Whiteabbey. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Whitehouse Parish Church RH.

+SHEEHAN, Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4311. Died 16/05/1915. was born at the Longtower, Derry, enlisted at Strabane, and died at Festubert on May 16, 1915. He was the son of Edward Sheehan, 9, Howard Place, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, France. Diamond WM, Londonderry. Glendermott Parish Church World War 1 Memorial

+SMYTH, Michael

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 4153. Died 16/05/1915. Age 20. Son of Robert and Ellen Smyth, of Dooratt, Donemanagh, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+SPEERS, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3585. Died 16/05/1915. Age 28. Eldest son of James and Catherine Speers. Born on 10/02/1885 at Carnteel, near Aughnacloy. He was the oldest of at least four children. By 1911, James was living with his brother and sister in Mill Street, Aughnacloy. The two brothers were working as general labourers. James married Sarah Slavin. They lived in Mill Street, Aughnacloy. Husband of Sarah McDee (formerly Speer), of Mill St., Aughnacloy. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+SPEERS, William James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 7181. Died 16/05/1915. Age 30. Husband to Mary Ann Speers, 19, Main Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland, and brother of Miss Martha Speers, Cuthbert Street, Waterside,

Londonderry. He was also the brother-in-law of Annie R. Deans, Ashcroft Place, Londonderry, and possibly a member of both Clooney Hall Methodist Church and Waterside Presbyterian Church, Londonderry. William Speers was called up as a reservist in August 1914. His name was read out at a memorial service held, in St Columb's (Church of Ireland) Cathedral, Londonderry, on Sunday, July 30, 1916, to pay homage to the memory of the men of the city of Derry, who had died, or were presumed dead, during the second year of the First World War. Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+STEWART, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3785. Died 16/05/1915. Le Touret Memorial. Pas de Calais, France

+STEWART, William McCreadie

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4456. Died 16/05/1915. Age 17. Son of John and Mary Stewart, of New Market St., Coleraine. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+TAYLOR, Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3543. Died 16/05/1915. Age 27. Patrick and Mary Taylor were twins born on 09/11/1887 in the Moneymore area. By 1901 his mother was a widow. They lived in Killybaskey, Lissan. Patrick was a labourer. Son of Mrs. Sarah Taylor, of Drumeen, Moneymore. Le Touret Memorial, France. Moneymore WM

+TEAGUE, Charles

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 3959. Died 16/05/1915. Age 22. Son of Mrs. Maggie Teague, of Fountain Lane, Omagh, Co. Tyrone. Le Touret Memorial, France

+WALSH, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4292. Died 16/05/1915. Age 18. Son of Patrick Walsh, of 5, Waterside, Strabane. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

+WATSON, W D

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 3764. Died 16/05/1915. Age 25. Son of Mrs. Bella Watson, of Donaghane, Beragh, Co. Tyrone. Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Cuinchy, France

+WAUGH, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Sergeant. 7873. Died 16/05/1915. Age 34. Enlisted in Belfast in the 1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. To France with the British Expeditionary Force attached to the 2nd Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in September 1914. Born 13/12/1880 at Castlereagh, Belfast. Son of the late John and Ann Jane (Vance) Waugh. John died in 1886 aged 44, Ann Jane remarried 1893 Joseph Blakeney 55 Epworth Street Belfast. In 1901 Thomas was living at 60 Templemore Avenue Belfast and employed as a Apprentice Riveter in the "Shipyard ". Husband to Margaret (Maggie)(nee Kernaghan) Waugh Ardaraugh Post Office

Ballykeel Rathfriland Co Down. Father of a daughter Ann Jane Vance Waugh born 1913. Le Touret Memorial, France

+WHITE, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10379. Died 16/05/1915. Age 21. Son of Mrs. E. White, of 1, Havelock Cottage, Ormeau Rd., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+WILLIAMSON, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 3677. Died 16/05/1915. Age 20. Son of Henry Williamson, 8, Alma Place, and grandson of Mr William Gallagher, 34, Bishop Street, Londonderry. He was also a nephew of Robert Gallagher, 2, Victoria Street, and brother of Lily Williamson, 26, Abbey Street, Londonderry. He was formerly in the employment of Messrs. J. & R. Montgomery. A brother, Private Harry Williamson, served at the Front with the Army Service Corps. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+WILLS, Robert John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. Private. 11601. Died 16/05/1915 at Festubert. Aged 23. Born in Dublin, he lived in Lambeg. Before the war was employed by James Duff and Sons of the Old Hillsborough Road, Lisburn. He enlisted at Lisburn. Son of John and Annie Wills of 45 Old Hillsborough Road, Lisburn. Both his father and brother were serving at the front at the time of his death. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+WRAY, Private Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4687. Died 16/05/1915. Age 20. Son of Charles and Catherine Wray, 49, Long Tower Street, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+WRIGHT, George

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. B Coy. Private. 9055. Died 16/05/1915. Age 28. Born in Aughnacloy about 1887. George Wright enlisted in Belfast. Husband of Isabella Rhodes (formerly Wright), of 11, Brick Row, Framwellgate Moor, Durham. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Dungannon WM

+WYLIE, William Smyth

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 9319. Died 16/05/1915. Age 25. Son of William James and Sarah Wylie, of 43, Lecale St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

Note - An excellent account of 2nd Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers at the Battle of Festubert is to be found in Michael Nugent's 'It Was An Awful Sunday', published by Reveille Press in 2015. Michael's great-uncle James Nugent was among the dead and is mentioned in the Roll of Honour above; he was only 17.

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+ARMSTRONG, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10665. Died 16 /05/1915. Age 17. Born in Lisburn, Co. Antrim, he lived at

Oldcastle, Co. Meath. Enlisted at Dublin. Son of William and Kate Armstrong, of Lower-Finor, Oldcastle, Co. Meath. Le Touret Memorial, France

+BOYD, William

Scots Guards, 2nd Btn. Private. 4124. Died 16/05/1915. Aged 31. It has been suggested that William has some connection with Ballyscullion near Toome. Son of the late John Boyd, of Edinburgh; husband to Margaret Boyd, of Home Farm, Belhaven Estate, Wishaw, Lanarkshire. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+BECKETT, William

Scots Guards. 2nd Btn. Private. 10341. Died 16/05/1915. Leaving 2 boys aged 3 and 4yrs and a young wife. Grandfather of Kay Connell. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+GRAY, Henry

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 8436. Died 16/05/1915. Age 27. Came from Canada to enlist. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Gray, of Mourne View, Ballynahinch, Co. Down. Le Touret Memorial, France. Ballynahinch WM

+HEGARTY, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4698. Died 16/05/1915. His brother Robert died on 22/05/1915 serving in Gallipoli with 1st Btn. Another brother Thomas was also serving with the regiment. Son of Mrs Elizabeth Hegarty, 4,

Ebrington Street, Waterside, Londonderry. Le Touret Memorial, France

+HILLAN, Matthew

Gordon Highlanders. 1st Btn. Private. S/3487, Died 16/05/1915. Born at Londonderry, enlisted at Glasgow. 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, were based in Plymouth with 8th Brigade in 3rd Division when war broke out in August 1914. They proceeded to France on 14/08/1914, landing at Boulogne.

They saw action at Mons and the rearguard action at Solesmes, and after taking heavy casualties at Le Cateau, they transferred to Army Troops, on September 12/09/1914. They returned to 8th Brigade on September 30.

On December 14/12/1914, the 1st Gordons were engaged in a failed attack on Maedelstede Farm.

The Battalion War Diary states that May 1915 began 'quietly' with, heavy shelling on the 6th, which killed 3 and wounded 5. By May 11, the Brigade was ordered to relieve the 13th Brigade in front of Hill 60. Located around three miles south-east of Ypres, it was not a natural feature. The Hill was made from the earth removed during the construction of the railway line nearby. Because it was a small area of raised land in an extremely flat landscape, it had strategic importance in the battles in the Ypres Salient.

The evening that the 1st Gordon Highlanders took over the section of the front facing Hill was described in the Regimental Official History.

The scene was ghastly. In the trenches still lay the bodies of men killed by the gas the week before.

The Gordons buried them and retrieved hundreds of rifles, previous at the moment when there were hardly enough at home to equip drafts for the front. Over their left shoulders the troops could see by day the columns of smoke, by night the glow, of big fires burning in Ypres. Shelling was almost continuous, night and day.

By mid-May, patrols carried out at Hill 60, with bombing continuing and parapets blown in. Matthew Hillman is named on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

+KENNEDY, Campbell

6 RIR. Corporal. 11283. Died 16/05/1915 in Salonika. Involved in the landings at Sulva Bay on the Gallipoli peninsula, he was wounded in the fighting at Chocolate Hill. Born in Lisburn and living in Lambeg, he enlisted at Lisburn. Third son of Alexander and Sarah Kennedy of 11 Lambeg Road, Lisburn. On 29/12/1916 a letter from him written in Salonika, to the secretary of the Hilden-Lambeg Work Association appeared in the Standard. In it he thanked them for comforts he had received. "Just a few lines to thank you and all the workers of the Hilden-Lambeg Association for the parcel especially the cigarettes and cocoa, and also socks. You just seem to know what we need here and as it is from Lisburn, we always welcome it more when we know we are not forgotten by those we have left behind". Exactly a month after he was killed, a death notice published in the Herald at the request of his parents included the following poem, "I loved him in secret, I loved him for years, For him came my smile, for him fell my tears; But sorrow and

suffering will shade my brow, For his memory is all that is left for me now. But the hardest part is yet to come, When the heroes do return, And I miss among the cheering crowd, The face of my dear loved son". Struma Military Cemetery, Greece

+La NAUZE, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 4th Btn. att'd. Royal Irish Fusiliers. Lieutenant. Died 16/05/1915. Age 19. Son of Thomas Storey La Nauze, of Manor, Highgate, Co. Fermanagh. His brother, Lieut. George Mansfield La Nauze, Royal Irish Rifles, also fell (09/05/1915). Son of Thomas Storey La Nauze and Edith Emma La Nauze (nee Deering) who were married on 08/10/1885 in Bailieborough Church of Ireland Church, Co Cavan. Thomas La Nauze, a gentleman from Manor Highgate, Co Fermanagh was a son of Thomas La Nauze, a Church of Ireland Clergyman. Edith Emma Deering was a daughter of William W. Deering, also a Church of Ireland Clergyman. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+McCONNELL, Herbert Isaac.

Born in Maralin, Co. Down, he enlisted at London and served in RAVC Depot, Woolwich (Private SE/2136). He died at "home" on the 16/05/1915 age 51 and is buried in Birmingham (Lodge Hill) Cemetery, Warwickshire, plot B10, row 4, grave 341. He was the son of Arthur and Elizabeth McConnell of Moira, Co. Down, and husband to Elizabeth Eva McConnell of 28 Taylor Street, Newtown-on-Ayr.

+MULHOLLAND, Robert

Royal Scots. 8th Btn. (Lothian Regt.). Private. 7395. Died 16/05/1915. Age 28. Born in Drummahaul, Randalstown on

03/08/1886. Enlisted 1913 in Peebles, Scotland, where he was living. Son of Robert and Martha (nee Lynn) Mulholland, of 1564, Locust Avenue, Long Beach, California, U.S.A. Le Touret Memorial, France. Peebles Civic WM. Scottish Episcopal Church of St Peter, Peebles

+ORR, William (Willie)

Highland Light Infantry. 2nd Btn. D Coy. Private. 7938. Died 16/05/1915 from wounds received in action at Festubert. Aged 22. Private Orr had been at the Front since September 1914, and writing to his father on May 11, 1915, before he was wounded, he stated: 'We have had a pretty exciting time of it since I wrote you last. You need not tell me about German treachery after what I have seen this last couple of days. Yesterday the Germans set fire to a wounded man who was unable to get back to our trench.'

William Orr's cousin, Private Samuel Orr, Highland Light Infantry, in a letter to his father, Andrew Orr, Albert Place, told how his cousin received the wounds from which he eventually died. 'I am sorry,' he said, 'to tell you that Willie has been wounded. We had a very hard time, but played our part well. Poor Bill was put out just at the start.

'It was on Sunday, 16th May, at dawn, we made for our place. We were in file, and I was in front of Willie. 'We were coming through a house to a road of about nine hundred yards, which led to our trench. The shells were bursting all over us as we advanced through this house. 'A shell just came behind me, and caught Willie and a couple of the boys in our section. The ones behind them attended to Bill and the other two.

‘It was a sore blow to me to have to fight all the day knowing that Bill had fallen, but I got through it, and I thanked God when we finished. We had only six left in our section, and no officers left in our company. I have a lot more to tell you, but perhaps if I wrote it the Censor would not pass the letter, and I want you to get it as soon as possible.’

Samuel Orr may have escaped without a scratch on the above occasion, but he was wounded later on that year (the news was conveyed on a postcard to his father dated September 25, 1915). He went out to the Front at the commencement of the Great War as a private, and was promoted to corporal on the field.

At the beginning of January 1915, a letter, which he had written to his mother, was published in the Londonderry Sentinel: ‘I was pleased to hear that my two brothers have joined the army [one brother, Lance Corporal Thomas Orr, served with the 10th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers]. We spent a very happy Christmas here singing round a big fire. We received Queen Mary’s Christmas gift on the 26th; it was a beautiful one. I am trying to send it home. I have also got a pipe, which, if God spares me, I will take home to my father. On the 24th we also got a photo of the King and Queen. I am sending it home, too. It was very nice and thoughtful of the King and Queen to remember us so suitably. Wishing all at home a happy New Year.’

William was the eldest son of William Orr, 19, Carlisle Road – who possibly died on February 14, 1917 – and cousin of Samuel Orr, 16, Albert Place, Londonderry. Private Orr was possibly a member of the Congregational Church, Great James Street, Londonderry, and definitely belonged to Churchhill Loyal Orange Lodge 871. The name of William

Orr was read out during a memorial service held in St Columb's (Church of Ireland) Cathedral, Londonderry, on Sunday, August 1, 1915, to commemorate the officers and men of the city of Derry, who had died during the first year of the Great War. Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Diamond War Memorial.

+SLACKE, Roger Cecil

The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) att'd. 2nd Bn., The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Major. Mentioned in Despatches. Died 16/05/1915. Son of Sir Owen Randal Slacke CB. His brother Captain Charles Owen Slacke of the Royal Irish Rifles died at the Somme on 01/07/1916. There were family links to Newcastle, Co Down, where the Rev William Randal Slacke, had served as Rector of St John's Parish Church. Guards Cemetery, Windy Corner, Guinchy. Newcastle WM

+SLOANE, H

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 4th Btn. Private. 3426. Died 16/05/1915 at Purdyburn Fever Hospital of Meningococcal Meningitis. Aged 16. Enlisted on 04/01/1915 giving his age as 16 but he was only 14. While at Carrickfergus Barracks he was taken ill and transferred to Purdyburn Fever Hospital. Born at Drumcree 18/10/1900. Three months after his birth his mother died. Son of William John and Mary (Flavell) Sloane, of Ballinagone, Portadown. Drumcree C of I Churchyard. Portadown WM. Drumcree Parish Church WM

+STEWART, William McCreadie

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4456. Died 16/05/1915. Age 17. Son of John and Mary Stewart, of New Market St., Coleraine. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

1916

+O'CONNOR, Christopher

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7430. Died of wounds in Red Cross Hospital, Wimborne, Dorset, 16/05/1916. Severely wounded in France, died of septic poison and dysentery. Aged 44. A career soldier and a veteran of the Boer war and India, he re-enlisted in Portadown in the 6th Royal Irish Rifles at the outbreak of the Great War. Born in Belfast. Husband to Margaret O'Connor of 18 Castle Lane, Lurgan. Father of 3 children. Buried with full military honours. Dougher Cemetery. Lurgan WM

1917

+BELSHAW, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 9430. Died 16/05/1917. Son of Sarah Jane Belshaw, of 105, Matilda St., Belfast. Struma Military Cemetery, Greece

+CLEMENTS, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 26101. Died 16/05/1917. Age 19. Son of Mrs. Mary Clements, of 13, Wensley St., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

+GIBSON, Thomas John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 13602. Died 16/08/1917 during the Battle of Langemarck. Age 23. Enlisted Finner Camp. Son of Wilson and Sarah Gibson. Thomas was born about 1894 in Coagh. By 1911, his mother had died and the family had moved to County Londonderry, between Newmills and Coalisland. His father had died by August 1916 when Private Thomas Gibson was reported as seeing three Germans working a machine-gun. He attacked them single-handed and killed them all with his clubbed rifle, thereby saving many lives. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Coagh WM, Newmills WM, Dungannon WMI (as TG Gibson).

+MALONE, William Adolph

13 ChR. 2nd. Lieutenant. Died 16/05/1917. Aged 30. Born on 11/04/1887, he was an old scholar of Friends' School, Lisburn and of Belfast Royal Academy. Son of John and Margaret B. Malone of Entroya, Fort William Park, Belfast. His brother 2Lt. Bristow M. Malone 9RIrF was reported as missing and subsequently KIA on the 16/08/1917. Ypres, Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium, panels 19 and 22.

+THORPE, Alfred Victor

Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11428. Died 16/05/1917. Age 38. Son of the late James and Mary Thorpe, of Belfast. Struma Military Cemetery, Greece

+TRUESDALE, J

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11558. Died 16/05/1917. Age 23. Son of William and Ellen Truesdale, of 70, Moyola St., Belfast. Struma Military Cemetery, Greece

1918

+MOON, John

RN. Leading Stoker. 300050. HMS Egmont. Died 16/05/1918. HMS Egmont was a Base Ship in Malta. He died of a fractured spine on 16/05/1918 following an accident onboard HMS Mimosa. He was a labourer when he joined the Royal Navy. Enrolled 04/03/1902 for 12 years. Served to 07/03/1914. Joined RFR 08/03/1914. War service in Pembroke, Vivid II, Essex, Mimosa, Colleen, Hannibal and Egmont. He was serving in HMS Vivid II when the war started. From 01/11/1917 he served in Egmont. Born Dungannon 16/09/1878. Married Rachel Reid on 27/12/1904. Ruth St, Duncairn Gds., Belfast. Cupuccini Naval Cemetery, Malta. Derryloran Parish Church, Cookstown RH. Newington (North Belfast) - Presbyterian Church RH. ADM 188/487/300050

1919

+IRWIN, William Thomas

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Lance Corporal. 29440. Died of diabetes 16/05/1919 at the UVF Hospital Belfast. Enlisted in Portadown 25/04/1916 aged 17 (having given his age as 19) and joined the 10th Royal Irish Fusiliers (reserve) at Newtownards. Promoted to Lance Corporal August 1916 ,to Corporal May 1917 and transferred to the

20th (Reserve) Royal Irish Rifles 20/427 in June 1917. The Battalion had a company of young soldiers that were proven to be under age from across the 36th Ulster's reserve battalions that were trained until old enough for active duty in France. William became an instructor at training camp because of his ability to work with the younger soldiers. He later transferred back to the Royal Irish Fusiliers in March 1918 into the 10th Reserve 29440. With the amalgamation of the Reserve Battalions they moved to England and then France . William Irwin arrived at (A) infantry camp 14th March. The German Spring Offensive had just started and the 36th Ulster Division suffered heavy casualties, the reserves were sent forward as reinforcements, William was transferred into the 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers (D) company on the 10th April and immediately in action near Messines and captured and held prisoner on the 12/04/1918 after only 2 days at the front). He was taken to Dulmen POW camp, in Westphalia, Germany. Repatriated back to England on 06/01/1919 and finally home. While at home he fell ill and had to be admitted to hospital and transferred to the UVF Hospital Belfast on 05/02/1919 but died of diabetes in hospital on 16/05/1919. Born 22/01/1899. Son of Robert and Mary Sarah (Minnie) Irwin 90 Edward Street Lurgan. Shankill Cemetery, Lurgan. Lurgan WM

1940

+CHRISTIE, William James

Royal Artillery. 1 LAA Bty. Gunner.1426879. Died 16/05/1940. Aged 20. Kain Communal Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium. Ballymoney WM

+FULTON, Robert

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7011706. Died 16/05/1940. Aged 33. Son of Archie and Rose Fulton, of Dervock, Co. Antrim. Leuven Communal Cemetery, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium. Ballymoney WM

+HAMILTON, William Harkness

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7015181. Died 16/05/1940. Aged 20. Son of Robert and Christina Hamilton, of Belfast. Leuven Communal Cemetery, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium

+McCARTHY, William John

RAF. Aircraftman 2nd Class. 625295. Died 16/05/1940. Aged 23. 139 Sqdn. Son of William and Annie McCarthy, Belfast. Floing Communal Cemetery, France

1941

+McLEAN, John James

Royal Artillery. 9 HAA Regt. 24 Bty. Gunner. 1455100. Died 16/05/1941. Aged 23. Alexandra (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Derry Cathedral WM

1942

+BAXTER, Joseph P

RN. Stoker First Class. D/KX127841. Died 16/06/1942. Age 28. HMS Badsworth. Married just before he joined RN 15 months previously. Son of Robert and Mary Baxter; Spamount St., Belfast; husband of Margaret Baxter,

Paddington, London. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 24//07/1942). Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery.

1943

+BOLITHO, Richard

RAF.617 Sqdn. Gunner. Died 16/05/1943. Dam buster raid. Son of William and Mrs Bolitho. Co Londonderry. See page 7 above. Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Germany.

1944

+BELL, Edmund

Royal Ulster Rifles. London Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7021342. Died Between 16/05/1944 and 17/05/1944. Aged 22. Son of Edmund and Maria Bell, of Belfast. Cassino Memorial, Italy

+DONALDSON, William John

Royal Ulster Rifles. London Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Sergeant. Died age 21 on 16/05/1944, during 2 LIR's successful assault on the German defensive strong points at Sinagoga. From the war diaries, it appears that L/Sgt Donaldson had travelled to North Africa with 2 LIR and was wounded during the bitter fighting near Bou Arada, Tunisia in the early part of 1943. He was hospitalised in Algeria but would re-join the battalion on the mainland of Italy in the early part of 1944 as they prepared to join in the prolonged series of battles near Monte Cassino. From a notebook sent back to William's family, it is further clear that he served with 17 Platoon (H Company) under the command of Lt Michael

Clark MC, who would also be killed at Sinagoga. Son of Robert and Elizabeth Donaldson. William was brought up in a small village called Moneynick, near Toome, on the north side of Lough Neagh. At the outbreak of war, he joined up with the London Irish Rifles in Northern Ireland. Cassino Memorial, Italy

+SMITH, Charles

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Fusilier. 6980688. Died 16/05/1944. Son of Charles and Mary Smith, of Londonderry. Cassino War Cemetery, Italy.

1946

+ENNIS, Robert

Royal Ulster Rifles. Rifleman. 7019553. Died 16/05/1946. Age 50. Son of Robert and Kathleen Ennis; husband to Mary Ellen Ennis, of Belfast. Also served in the 1914-18 War. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina Extn.

1947

+HANNA, Thomas

RN. Able Seaman. D/JX182781. Died 16/05/1947. Age: 27. HMS Drake. Son of William and Minnie Hanna, of Hillsborough; husband to Kathleen Hanna, Lisburn. Interred St Malachi Church of Ireland Churchyard, Hillsborough. Grave 334.

VETERAN

TODD, John

RN. MCB. BSc 1931 QUB. Professor of Mathematics,
Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. Born
16/05/1911. Son of William R Todd, Norfolk Drive, Belfast

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