



remembrance ni



The Dunkirk Memorial

- Dunkirk Memorial (left above) stands at the entrance to the British War Graves Section of Dunkirk Town Cemetery in France
- It commemorates 4,500 of the British Expeditionary Force who died or were captured there and have no known

- It was unveiled on 29 June 1957 by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother
- The memorial was designed by Philip Hepworth and takes the form of an avenue of pylons on which the names are engraved
- The great engraved window, depicting the evacuation, was designed and engraved by New Zealand-born John Hutton
- The memorial was completed some 17 years after the events it marks

Dunkirk was the scene of the historic evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from France in May and June 1940. Known as Operation Dynamo, it was the largest evacuation of Allied forces during the Second World War.

Roll of Honour - May 29

Representing their comrades who died on this day
1915

+CLOSE, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 3973. Died 29/05/1915 during heavy shelling near Hooze, Belgium. Age 30. His brother Rifleman Robert Close. 4816. Died 07/05/1915 at Hill 60, 2nd Battle of Ypres. Enlisted Ballykinlar Camp. Son

of Joseph and Elizabeth Close, of Scarva St., Banbridge.
Ploegstreet Memorial to the Missing, Belgium. Banbridge
WM. Seapatrick Parish Church WM

+QUINN, Hugh

Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 15th Btn. Major. Died 29/05/1915.
Age 27. Native of Charters Towers, Queensland. Son of
John and Mary J. Quinn, formerly of Pomeroy, County
Tyrone, and later of 14, Robert St., Spring Hill, Brisbane.
John Quinn emigrated to Australia in 1881. Hugh was a
nephew of Mrs. Flanagan, Church Street, Cookstown, and
Mrs. Lavin, Ann Street, Dungannon. Shrapnel Valley
Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Cookstown War
Dead Book

+McBAY, Alexander

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 9982. Died
29/06/1915. Age 23. Son of Alexander McBay, of 63, Wilton
St., Shankhill Rd., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey
(including Gallipoli)

1916

+BARRETT, Ernest William

Royal Flying Corps. Captain. 29th Squadron. Died
29/05/1916. Age 26. He was educated at Campbell College,
Royal School, Armagh; and Queen's University, Belfast. He
was a noted athlete and a well known cricketer and football
player, as well as a keen golfer. Ernest Barrett spent five
years working on an Australian sheep station and then he
worked as the assistant manager on a large rubber
plantation in Singapore. Shortly after the outbreak of the

Great War he returned to London and gained a commission in the Royal Flying Corps. Captain Barrett was killed on May 29th when on patrol duty, in an attack on two German machines, having the previous day attacked and skilfully outmanoeuvred a Fokker. He was shot in the head during an aerial duel with two German planes. His plane crash-landed behind his own lines and his body was recovered that evening. His funeral was conducted by a Rev Preston, a Church of England Chaplain to the Forces. After this bereavement Ernest's sister Daisy had a very quiet wedding in St Anne's Cathedral Belfast on 28/07/1916. She married Captain RB Purce from Ballymoney who was serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps. Captain Purce was due to return to the front on 4 August having come home on special leave from France for the wedding. The best man at the wedding was Daisy's brother Cadet St Clair Edward John Barrett (10th Reserve Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, Newtownards). Norman was the first of the three Barrett brothers to die during the Great War, Ernest the second and Knox the third. Son of James Hunter Barrett JP and Eleanor Jane Barrett (nee Hughes). Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Bangor Masonic Lodge 286 RH. Bangor WM. Bangor RBL plaque. Bangor Parish.

1917

+BELL, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. Rifleman. 18/924. Died 29/05/1917. Age 19. Enlisted Belfast. Son of James Murdoch Bell, of Ballybracken, Doagh, Co. Antrim, and the late Jane Graham (nee Graham) Bell. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium. Ballyclare WM. Kilbride Presbyterian Church RH

+GREGG, S J

Royal Irish Rifles. 10th Btn. Lance Corporal. 18/446. Died 29/05/1917. Age 41. Allen and Rebecca Gregg, of Newtownards; husband of Margaret Gregg, of 17, East St., Newtownards. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

McCLEAN, Alexander Hinds

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. Rifleman. 18/727. Died 29/05/1917. Born on 13/06/1898 . Third son of Hugh McClean and Ann Surgenor, Bracknamuckley, Portglenone. The couple, Hugh (McLean /sic/) from Mullinsallagh, Portglenone and Ann from Gortfad, Portglenone, had married in 3rd Portglenone Presbyterian Church on 05/12/884. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium. 3rd Portglenone Presbyterian Church RH.

+SWINDLE, John

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 18/908. Died 29/05/1917. Age 24. Son of George and Elizabeth Swindle, of Railway St., Comber. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+THOMPSON, Robert John

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 18/1038. Died 29/05/1917. Age 40. Son of Moses and Elizabeth Jane Thompson, of Arthur St., Hillsborough. Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Belgium

+WALKER, Samuel Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. Rifleman. 18/677. Died 29/05/1917. Age 29. Born in Craigarogan, Templepatrick on 23/02/1888. Enlisted Belfast. Son of William and Agnes Jane (nee Houston) Walker, of Roughfort, Mallusk. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium. St Patrick's C of I, Templepatrick
RH

1918

+BROWN, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 1699. Died 29/05/1918 at Canal Bank near Ypres when a shell exploded in a trench. Ten others who were buried were dug out and survived. Age 20. Enlisted Ayr, Scotland. Brother of Rifleman William Brown. 1815. 11th Btn. who died 02/06/1916. Born 1898. Second son of William and Annie Brown, of Lisnamulligan, Rathfriland. Bard Cottage Cemetery, Belgium. Rathfriland
WM

+HANNA, William James

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 15/2844. Died 29/05/1918. Age 26. Son of William and Fanny Hanna, of Belfast. Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+HUNTER, Jim

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Bn. D Coy. Rifleman. 12/7157. Died 29/05/1918. Age 21 years old. Son of James Douglas Hunter, of 84, Main St., Portrush. Foreste Communal cemetery, France

+McCLEAVE, Edward

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 17/955. Died 29/05/1918. Langford Street, Shankill Rd., Belfast. Canada Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+MOFFATT, W

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Rifleman. 15/12077. Died 29/05/1918. Age 21. Son of Mr. Moffatt, of 9, Ligoniel Rd., Belfast. Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+PRICE, Michael

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 4432. Died 29/05/1918. Age 40. Husband of Margaret Price, of 23, Altear St., Mountpottinger, Belfast. Pozieres Memorial, France

1940

+ARLOW, John

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 7014039. Died 29/05/1940, as 2nd Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles held off enemy attacks during the BEF's retreat that would end at Dunkirk, France. Aged 21. He was the son of James Arlow and Ellen Alana Arlow (née McKenna) of Rathfriland Street, Banbridge, Co. Down. Both his mother and father died in 1938 before the outbreak of WW2. Known as Jack, he was the husband of Minnie Mulligan Arlow of Ballydown Road, Banbridge. Jack was a keen sportsman and played football for Lilybank Football Club. Bleuett Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Banbridge WM. Gilford WM

+BRANDON, Charles Michael

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 7013493. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 27. Born in Kent, he resided in Belfast prior to his enlistment. Dozinghem Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+ELLIOTT, Robert Francis

Royal Engineers, 21 Field Park Coy. Sapper. 1873328. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 22. Son of Thomas and Agnes Elliott, of Mullaghmore, Omagh. Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France

+FULLERTON, Andrew

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7013832. Died between 29/05/1940 and 02/06/1940 during the British Expeditionary Force's retreat to Dunkirk. He was the son of Joseph Fullerton and Mary Fullerton of Loughrans, Gilford, Co. Down. Bleuet Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Gilford WM

+GREEN, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Fusilier. 6980554. Died 29/05/1940. No family details. Londonderry City Cemetery

+HARKIN, Patrick Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Fusilier. 6980150. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 24. Son of Patrick and Catherine Harkin, of Ardstraw, Co. Tyrone. Esquelmelmes War Cemetery. Hainaut, Belgium

+HASLETT, Samuel Quigley

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman.7011727. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 26. Born Londonderry. Woesten Churchyard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+HILL, James

Royal Engineers, 135 Excavation Coy. Sapper.1862933. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 34. Son of Robert and Mary Jane Hill; husband to Helen Hill, of Londonderry. Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France Co. Down. Bleuet Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Gilford WM



+KERR, Andrew

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7011071. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 31. Born in Belfast. Boezinge Churchyard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+KYLE, William Elliott Motherwell

Royal Artillery. Gunner. 788109. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 36. 2 Survey Regt. Son of Robert James Kyle and Isabella Kyle, of Fintona, Co. Tyrone; husband to Mary Kyle. Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France

+LAUGHLIN, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Fusilier. 6977179. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 25. Son of Robert and Rebecca E. Laughlin; husband to L. E. Laughlin, of Londonderry. Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France

+McALPINE, Frederick

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7013683. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 19. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James McAlpine, of Belfast. Boezinge Churchyard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+McDOWELL, Robert

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7012084. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 26. Born Belfast. Boezinge Churchyard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+MIDDLETON, George

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7011627. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 28. Son of John and Annie Middleton;

husband to Annie Middleton, of Belfast. Dunkrk Memorial, Nord, France

+MURRAY, James

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7011091. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 29. Born in Belfast. Resided in Co.Armagh. Boezinge Churchyard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+NELSON, Edward

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7012314. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 31. Husband to Elizabeth Ellen Nelson, of Gravesend, Kent. Hoogstade Churchyard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+QUINN, Charles

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. County Armagh. Hoogstade Churchyard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+ROBINSON, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Fusilier. 6975944. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 27. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Robinson, of Trillick, Co. Tyrone. Leisele Churchyard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+SCOTT, JAMES

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7013196. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 26. Son of Preston and Agnes Scott, of Belfast. Woesten Churchard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+SMITH, Samuel Edward

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 7009692. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 34. Son of Robert Smith from Co. Armagh. Bluet Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+THOMLINSON, Frederick John

Royal Artillery. Lance Bombardier. 1475560. Died between 29/05/1940 and 02/06/1940. Aged 28. 11 Bty., 3 Searchlight Regt. Husband to Eileen Thomlinson, of Castlederg. Dunkirk Memorial Column 9

+THOMPSON, David

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7014034. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 22. Son of William and Elizabeth Thompson, of Belfast. Boezinge Churchyard, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+TURNER, Ross Dickson

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7013150. Died Between 29/05/1940 and 02/06/1940. Aged 20. Son of William and Bella Turner, of Belfast. Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France

+WALLACE, James Thomas

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7013115. Died Between 29/05/1940 and 02/06/1940. Aged 27. Son of William and Bertha E. Wallace, of Belfast. Marquise Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

+WEIR, William

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7013154. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 26. Son of Henry and Catherine Weir, of Belfast. Bluet Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+YOUNG, George

Royal Scots Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Fusilier. 3128307. Died 29/05/1940. Aged 34. Son of James and Annie Young, of Newtownards. Bedford House Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

1941 HMS HEREFORD

Hereward participated in the Battle of Cape Matapan in 03/1941 and helped to evacuate Allied troops from Greece in April. In May the ship sank several small ships of a German convoy attempting to land troops on Crete. Later that month, she was bombed and sunk by German dive bombers as she was evacuating Allied troops from Crete.

+ACHESON, Nicholas Archibald Edward Patrick

RN. Lieutenant. Died 29/05/1941. Age 24. HMS Hereford. Battle of Crete. Born 23/05/1917. Son of Captain Hon. Patrick George Edward Cavendish Acheson and Norah Acheson. Brother of Sub. Lieutenant Michael Ernest Brabazon Acheson. Gosford, Co. Armagh and Chipstead, Surrey. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 45.

+McELWEE, Albert

OS. P/JX198137. HMS Hereward. Died 29/05/1941. Age 21. Son of Albert and Sarah J McElwee, Limavady, Co.Londonderry. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 51.

1941

+WATTS, Arnold

Leicestershire Regiment, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 4856962. Died 29/05/1941. Aged 26. Son of Samuel and Olive Watts; husband to Mary Ann Watts, of Londonderry. Athens Memorial, Greece

1942

+COYLE, James Lawrence

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 6977618. Died 29/05/1942. Aged 27. Son of James and Susan Coyle, of Londonderry. Imphal War Cemetery, India

+HUGHES, John Robert

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant. 968043. Died 29/05/1942. Age 20. 228 Sqdn. lost when his Sunderland crashed. He was reported 'missing - presumed dead. He was born in 1921 in Dundalk but had to come to Northern Ireland with his family after partition. His father had lost a leg on the Somme. Son of John and Barbara Hughes, St James Street, Belfast. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 74

1943

+CROZIER, Andrew Johnston Morrow

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1482489. Died 29/05/1943. Aged 25. Killed/Died on Active Service (Family Memorial). Son of Richard Benjamin and Jeannie Crozier of Finaghy. Lisburn cemetery

+GRAINGER, William

RN. AB. D/JX 212834. DSM. Died 29/05/1943. Age: 21. HM MGB110. DSM awarded for outstanding service, courage and devotion to duty, though wounded, when serving in a MTB in a successful action with German armed trawlers on the night of April 04/05/1943. Brother of Mary Rookes and Josephine Johnston, Ohio St., Belfast. Son of William and Susanna Grainger, Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 11/06/1943, 13/08/1943, 07/04/1944)). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 79.

+KENNEDY, Frederick William

RNVR. FAA. 827 Squadron. Sub Lieutenant (A). Died 29/05/1943. HMS Landrail. Fred was flying a Fairey Barracuda on a simulated torpedo attack against a target ship off Crail in Scotland when it crashed into the sea, on 29 May 1943. He was a member of 827 Squadron, which was temporarily shore-based at Dunino, while working up on new aircraft. A son of William John and Elizabeth Kennedy of Belfast. Lee-on-Solent Memorial, Bay 4

1944

+McCORMICK, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Fusilier. 6984370. Died 29/05/1944. Age 25. Son of Alexander and Annie McCormick, Conyngham Street, Moneymore, and brother of Mrs. Watterson, Urbal Road, Coagh. Cassino Memorial, Italy. Cookstown War Dead Book WW2

VETERAN

ERSKINE, Colin Jack

RN. Naval Airman, Born 29/05/1925. Brother of Lieut - Commander John Thomas Morley. Son of J. Erskine, Budore, Greenisland. Campbell College 2681

On this day - May 29

1913

Death of North Irish Horse private who was a regimental representative at 1911 Coronation

Private Charles Wilson was one of three North Irish Horse representatives from Portadown at the 1911 Coronation.

Charles James Wilson was born on 20/06/1886 at Drumnagoon, Portadown, County Armagh, the fourth of five children of farmer Richard Wilson and his wife Jane Eliza (née McMurray). By the time of the 1911 Census he was living at Drumnagoon with his parents and two surviving siblings – the others had died of tuberculosis in recent years.

Wilson enlisted in the North Irish Horse between 1908 and 1911 (regimental number unknown).

On 17/06/1911 the *Portadown News* reported that:
“Portadown has had three members of the North Irish Horse, whose headquarters are at Belfast, selected to attend at the Coronation. This is very creditable to the Portadown men, as there are only twenty-four chosen to represent the regiment. These local men are – Corporal T Medecalf, Seagoe; Trooper C Wilson, Drumnagoon; and Trooper M. Boyle, Drumcree.

Wilson died of tuberculosis at Drumnagoon on **29/05/1913**.
Some days later the *Portadown News* reported:

On Sunday the remains of Trooper Charles Wilson were removed from his residence in Drumnagoon for interment in Seagoe Cemetery. Deceased was a member of the North Irish Horse, and behind the hearse marched a detachment of the regiment, in charge of Sergeant Major Bleakley. The funeral was the largest that has ever been seen leaving the district. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Archer, B.D., assisted by the Rev. George R. Bloomer, B.A., and before the coffin was lowered, two trumpeters sounded the Last Post.

1915 Belfast Newsletter

THE INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.

Experiences at Dardanelles.

”Private John O' Brien, 1st Battalion Inniskilling Fusiliers, who was wounded at Dardanelles, and is at present in the hospital at St. George's Barracks, Malta, in a letter to his

mother, Mrs. J. O' Brien, Killowen Street, Coleraine, describes the landing of the Allied forces as one of the most terrible scenes of the war. The landing was made in small boats on Sunday morning, 25th April. The boats were hailed by terrific shell and rifle fire, which created such destruction that the water around was red with the blood of brave men. Private O' Brien's boat, like several others, were sunk, and they had to wade through the deep water to the shore. All the time the Turks kept up their fire with terrible effect. On reaching the shore the party rallied, fixed bayonets, and charging, dislodges the Turks."

1916

At the Battle of Verdun the Germans gain a footing north-west of Cumeires, but are repulsed on Hill 304.

1918

A general allied retreat as the Germans sweep over Vregny Plateau and take Soissons. In the centre the Germans gain the heights south of the Vesle and make progress towards the Marne. The allies covering Reims fall back behind the Aisne Canal.

1940

The British destroyer HMS Wakeful is hit and sunk by a torpedo from the German E-boat S30. HMS Grafton which



was nearby try's to rescue the sailors from HMS Wakeful (above), but is itself hit by another torpedo from the same German E- boat and begins to sink. Another British destroyer, HMS Comfort moves up to help, but HMS Grafton fires on her in the mistaken belief that she is a German ship, sinking HMS Comfort. 15 other vessels are also sunk by Luftwaffe Stuka attacks near Dunkirk on this day.

On 29th May 1940 As the Wehrmacht attacked the 2nd Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles of the British Expeditionary Force fought a rearguard action towards Dunkirk.

German 6th Army takes Lille, Ostend and Ypres in western Flanders. Luftwaffe activity increases as the Panzers are ordered to be switched south ready for main battle of France. 47,300 British and French troops are evacuated from Dunkirk today.

1941

During the evacuation of British troops from Crete, a Luftwaffe attack on the cruiser Orion inflicts 200 casualties and sinks British destroyers Imperial and Hereward.

1942

'Fridericus I' is completed as the Russian pocket to the Southeast of Kharkov is finally wiped out and 214,000

Russians captured, along with 1,200 tanks and 2,000 guns destroyed. German casualties in the fighting around Kharkov amount to some 20,000.

Rommel is only 25 miles from Tobruk as a massive tank battle rages in the 'Cauldron'.

The Chinese are defeated by Japanese forces at Kinhwa in Chekiang province south of Shanghai.

1943

The RAF launches a major raid (719 bombers) against Wuppertal, dropping 1,900 tons of bombs and killing 2,450 civilians and claim that half of Wuppertal has been 'wiped off the map'.

1944

The U.S. escort carrier Block Island is sunk by U-549 off the Canary Islands.

Using its maximum range, the US 8th Air Force attacks aircraft production plants at Marienburg and Posen in eastern Germany.

The British reach 'the factory', 10 miles North of Anzio.

The first U.S. armored battle of the Pacific War occurs on Biak, with six tanks being involved. The Japanese manage to force the partial re-embarkation of U.S. forces.

1945

SHAEF in Paris says that there are an estimated 4.25 million displaced persons in the Anglo-American zone, of which only 1.39 million have so far been repatriated, most of these to Western Europe.

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