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# The lawyer and policeman who were in naval forces on D Day

# Thomas Quin King became the President of the Law Society.

On D-Day he was an RNVR Lt. Commander who had qualified as a solicitor in June 1941. He served in Landing Craft Infantry Squadrons and at the D-Day landings saw action at Juno Beach, Normandy. He ended his service as

Lieutenant Commander. Aged 21 he joined as an ordinary seaman and shortly afterwards was posted for officer training, as a sub-lieutenant and then a lieutenant.

Tom King graduated in Law at QUB in 1937. He had taken first place in the final law examination and was awarded the gold medal. He was an early member of the Belfast Solicitors' Association and later became a member of the Council of the Law Society and was elected its President in 1955.

At that time he was the youngest ever President of the Society.

Despite his active involvement in his practice and the Law Society, Tom found time also to participate in a number of other activities.

He was a member of the Council of the Belfast Old Instonians Association and its President, a member of the Board of Governors of The Royal Belfast Academical Institution, a member of the Committee of the Belfast Association for the Blind, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Trustee Savings Bank of Northern Ireland. He was President of QUB Services Club in 1982. Tom died on 28/09/2002

## James Stewart served in the Royal Navy from 1941 - 46.

James took part in Operation Fuller in one of the MTB's sent out to intercept the Brest Squadron when they forced the channel in Feb. 1942. (Operation Cerberus - which was to return them to German "home waters").

He also made some of the early PQ runs to Russia, and was part of the naval component of the Bruneval Raid, the

aim of which was to capture German radar parts and operatives.

Night actions fought against E Boats in the Channel off the Texel and D-Day were taken in their stride.

In May 1945 he was mustered as a member of a boarding party which took several U-boats from Loch Ryan to Lisahally on the Foyle.

Known as "Bob", he was one of four brothers who served in the war, two of whom did not return. James - died when his



Memorial in Derry Cathedral to Edward George Harvey, Wiltshire Regiment and Royal Flying Corps who died on this day in 1915. See Roll of Honour

Halifax was shot down in Sept. 1943. He is buried on Ameland, and Donald who died in Japanese hands in April 1944 having been a POW since the fall of Hong Kong.

James joined the RUC in 1946 - serving until 1976. He was severely injured by a booby trap bomb following his retirement. On recovery he returned to work for the NI Police Authority until his retirement in 1982.

A native of Londonderry, he died in 1988.

# On this Day - June 16

1915

The British advance north of Hooge (Ypres)

1916

The Witness - a weekly newspaper published mainly for the Presbyterian community reported in issue of 16/06/1916.

Brevet-Major the Honourable H. R. Atkinson, Connaught Bangers, whose appointment as an instructor of the School of Musketry has been gazetted, is a son of Lord Atkinson, Lord of Appeal, in England, and a former M.P. for North Londonderry. Brevet-Major Atkinson was mentioned in despatches last year by Lord French, and was granted his

present rank in recognition of his distinguished service in the field.

Lieutenant Norman Mee, Canadian Infantry, who has been reported wounded, is a son of Mr. W. H. Mee, J.P., secretary of the Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, and was promoted from the ranks two months ago for service in the field.

Amongst those who went down with H.M.S. Indefatigable was Captain Charles F. Sowerby. He was a brother-in-law of Lady Mabel Annesley, Castlewellan, and his brother, Lieutenant Gerald Sowerby, who married Lady Mabel in 1914, also served in the navy.

Lieutenant J. E. Gibson, Royal Irish Fusiliers (Armagh Volunteers), who has been wounded, is a son of Mr. John Gibson, merchant, High Street, and Dromana, Portadown.

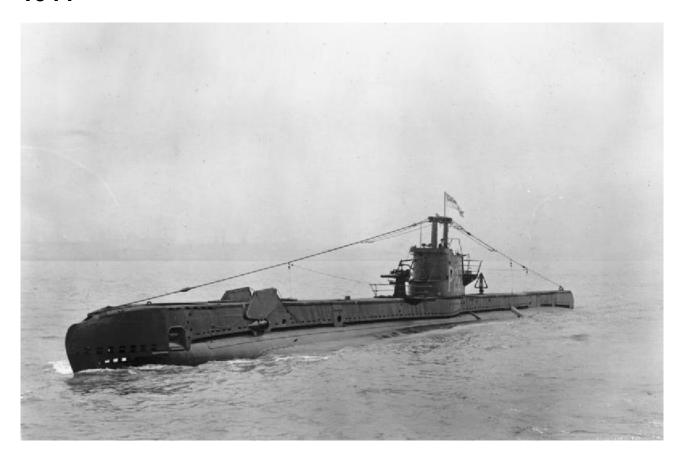


He joined the Ulster Division in December, 1914, and was promoted lieutenant in September, 1915.

# 1942 HMS Hermione above was torpedoed

Light cruiser HMS Hermione was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine U-205 south of Crete while returning to Egypt from Malta convoy duty. 88 of her crew were killed, 498 were rescued by accompanying destroyers.

#### 1944



Submarine HMS Sickle was lost in the eastern Mediterranean on or around this date, presumed sunk by German mines. All 49 aboard died. One man of her complement survived, having been taken POW by the Germans on 4 June.

U.S. Marines land on Saipan. The 24-day campaign to capture the island leaves tens of thousands dead but puts Tokyo within striking range of American B-29 bombers.

# **Roll of Honour - June 16**

# Representing their comrades who died on this day

#### 1915

#### +BRIEN, John

Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 13545. Died 16/06/1915. Age 35. Husband to Mary C. Doherty (formerly Brien), of 46, Colinward Street, Springfield Rd., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +CONDON, Patrick

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 6545. Died 16/06/1915 near Hooge. Born at Rathcormack, Cork. In 1911 he and his family were living at Tullyglush, Keady. In his will he left all to Mrs Mary Condon, 34 Livingstone St., Addiewell, West Calder, Midlothian, Scotland. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +COTTER, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5849. Died 16/06/1915. Aged 35. Born in Aughnacloy, County Tyrone about 1880. He lived in Belfast and was employed by Belfast tramways. He was a reservist and enlisted in Belfast. Rifleman William Cotter was killed in action on the Western

Front at the Battle of Bellewaarde on 16/06/1915. He was wounded early on the morning of the 16th, but refused to go to the dressing station, and later on in the day a shell exploded close to his trench which caused it to fall in and Rifleman Cotter was buried in the debris. Brother of Mrs. Mary Hunter, of 7, Copperfield St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

# +CURRAN, David

2nd Australian Light Horse. Trooper. 2809. Also referenced No. 45,1st Reinforcements, Australian Flying Corps. Died 16/06/1915. Aged 20. Officially reported as having died whilst a prisoner of war in Turkish hands, from fever in a hospital near Mosul, Mesopotamia. Twin son of Mrs. Curran and the late Samuel Curran, the Mallard, Downpatrick, County Down. CWGC entry - Son of Mathew and Margaret W. Curran, of Post Office, Grahamstown, New South Wales. Jerusalem War Cemetery

# +DAVISON, JS

Royal Engineers. 59th Coy. Sapper. 19729. Died 16/06/1915. Age 25. Son of Thomas and Agnes Davison, of Lake Glen, Andersonstown, Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

# +DUNCAN, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 3571. Died 16/06/1915. Age 25. Son of the late James and Ellen Duncan, of Meeting House St., Strabane; husband of Minnie Duncan, of Ballyfatton, Sion Mills. His brother, Private Hugh Duncan, was killed in action on 16th May. Helles Memorial,

Turkey (including Gallipoli) Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

#### +FITZSIMMONS, Patrick

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. G Coy. Rifleman. 6322. Died 16/06/1915. Age 35. Husband of Bridget Fitzsimmons, of 9, Raphael St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

# +FITZSIMMONS, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5510. Died 16/06/1915. Age 20. Son of Mrs. Ellen Fitzsimmons, of 37, Skipton St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### **+HARVEY**, Edward George

Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment and Royal Flying Corps, Captain. Died 16/06/1915 in action near the Belgian village of Hooge. Aged 32.

Eldest son of James George Morewood and Nora Elizabeth Harvey, Creglorne, Londonderry, and brother of Mr James M. Harvey. He was a grandson of Commander Edward Harvey, RN, Culdaff, County Donegal.

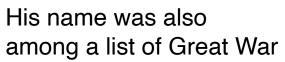
Educated at Foyle College, Captain Harvey was only eighteen when he enlisted in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He served with them in South Africa, and subsequently as a sergeant in India, where he obtained his commission in the Wiltshire Regiment in 1905.

He was, in 1913, seconded for service with the Royal Flying Corps, in which he was, in 1914, promoted flight commander, and subsequently captain in his regiment, to which he returned at the end of that year, and joined its 1st

Battalion at the Front in February 1915. Captain Edward George Harvey was at the head of his company leading an

attack on the third line of German trenches on 06/16/1915, when he was mortally wounded.

His name was read out during a memorial service held in St Columb's (Church of Ireland)
Cathedral, Londonderry, on Sunday, 01/08/1915, to commemorate the officers and men of the city of Derry, who had died during the first year of the Great War.





dead, associated with Foyle College, Londonderry, read aloud during that College's annual prize giving ceremony, held on Thursday,19/12/1918. A brother, William Francis Harvey, served in the Great War with the Canadian forces, but died afterwards at Victoria, British Columbia, on 25/03/1922, aged 28.

Captain Edward George Harvey's cousin, Major F. H. Harvey, East Yorkshire Regiment and younger son of Colonel Edward Harvey, Royal Engineers, figured in a list of honours included in Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's despatch around January 1917, having been awarded the DSO. At that time Major Harvey was serving on the

Headquarters Staff of the Fifth Army, commanded by General Sir Hubert Gough. He served throughout the Boer War, and took part in the engagements of Colenso and Spion Kop. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Diamond WM, Londonderry. St Columb's Cathedral (Church of Ireland) WM to the men connected with that cathedral who died during WW1.

#### +HENDERSON, William Arnold

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. C Coy. Corporal. 6528. Died 16/06/1915 at Hooge.. Age 22. Son of Robert and Mary Henderson, of 19, Eighth St., Shankill Rd., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +JOHNSTON, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 6467. Died 16/06/1915. Age 19. Son of Mrs. Sarah Johnston, of 2, Carew St., Ballymacarrett, Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +JOHNSTON, John R

Royal Irish Rifles.1st Btn. Rifleman. 4717. Died 16/06/1915. Age 21. Son of Samuel and Mary Johnston, of 5, Linenhall St., Banbridge. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

#### +KERTLAND, Edwin Blow

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 3rd Btn. attd. 2nd Btn. Royal Irish Rifles. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/06/1915. Age 19. Son of Edwin Happer Kertland and Meta Blow Kertland, of Dunnimarle, Knockdene Park, Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +KING, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5559. Died 16/06/1915. Age 47. Son of James King, of 35, Eight St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

# **+LAPPIN**, Daniel

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5047. Died 16/06/1915. Age 22. Brother of William Lappin, Royal Irish Rifles, who died 24/06/1915. Son of William and Jane Lappin, of 12, Millview, Chapel Hill, Lisburn, Co. Antrim. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +LOUGHLIN, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5921. Died 16/06/1915. Age 25. Son of the late Robert and Mary Loughlin; husband to Roseann Loughlin, of 32, Clandeboye St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +MAYES, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 5714. Died 16/06/1915. Age 18. Son of James and Ann Jane Mayes, of 42, Methuen St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

#### +McGREEVY, Patrick

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Corporal. 5078. Died 16/06/1915. Age 20. Son of Nicholas and Mary McGreevy, of Ballyalton, Downpatrick, Co. Down. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +McILROY, William

Royal Irish Rifles 2nd Btn. C Coy. Lance Corporal. 9223. Died 16/06/1915. Age 31. Son of the late William McIlroy; husband of Elizabeth McIlroy, of 31, Aberdeen St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +McKEOWN, John

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6768. Died 16/06/1915. Age 41. Son of John and Jane McKeown, of 20, Church St., Newry. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +McKEOWN, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5722. Died 16/06/1915. Age 22. Son of Douglas McKeown, of 9, Corlig St., Belfast; husband of Ellen McKeown, of 59, Conlon St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +McKENZIE, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 10217. Died 16/06/1915. Age 18. Son of George McKenzie, of 80, Convention St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +MORGAN, George

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 7017. Died 16/06/1915. Age 30. Son of the late Albert and Elizabeth Morgan; husband of Jane Morgan, of 13, Chamberlain St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

# +MULLAN, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5542. Died 16/06/1915. Age 29. Son of the late Henry and Catherine Mullan; husband of Ellen J. Beattie (formerly Mullan), of 10, Genoa St., Grosvenor Rd., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +MURRAY, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. C Coy. Corporal. 6095. Died 16/06/1915. Age 24. Son of Mary Murray, of 20, Seaforde St., Belfast, and the late James Murray. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

# +OWENS, Joseph

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 51189. Died 16/06/1915. Age 32. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Served in the South African Campaign. Son of William and Ellen Owens, of 84, Hill St., Gilford, Co. Down. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +SIMPSON, William

Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), 6th Btn. Private.1396. Died between 15/06/1915 and 16/06/1915. Born in Dungannon. Husband to A. Simpson, of 8, Alpine St., Stonefield, Blantyre, Glasgow. Woburn Abbey Cemetery, Cuinchy, Pas de Calais, France. Blantyre WM

#### +SMYTH, John Joseph

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5221. Died 16/06/1915. Age 19. Son of Edward and Isabella Smyth, of

49, Edward St., Lurgan. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

# +SPRATT, William John

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 5018. Died 16/06/1915. Age 27. Son of William John Spratt, of 56, Canal St., Lisburn. Ploegsteert Memorial. Belgium

#### +THOMPSON, John

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 4601. Died 16/06/1915. Age 27. Son of Isabella Thompson, of Cromkill, Ballymena. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### +VINT, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6253. Died 16/06/1915. Age 31. Son of James and Mary Ann Vint, of 18, High St., Newry. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

#### 1916

#### +KELLY, Joseph

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Lance Corporal. 19994. Died 16/06/1916. Enlisted Liverpool. Born in Armagh, later lived in Liverpool. He left his effects to his aunt Elizabeth J. Whiteside. Bois-Carre Military Cemetery, Haisnes, France

#### +McDOWELL, Joseph

Royal Irish Rifles. 7th Btn. Rifleman.1819. Died 16/06/1916. Age 28. Brother of John McDowell, of 26, Wallace's St., Newtownards. St Patrick's Cemetery, France

#### +McKINNEY, D

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 17721. Died 16/06/1916. Husband of Rachael McKinney, of 19, Stanley Walk, Londonderry. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazzingarbe, France

#### 1917

#### +MITCHELL, Thomas James

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 4184. Died 16/06/1917. Age 22. Son of George and Mary Mitchell, of 86, John St., Lurgan. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

#### 1918

#### +CURRIE, W H

RAF. 55th Squadron. 2nd Lieutenant. Killed in action,16/06/1918 in a fight with German aeroplanes. He joined the army previous to the outbreak of war and later transferred to the RAF. His younger brother was a POW in Germany. Son of the late Mr. William Currie, Clonard Gardens, Belfast. Husband to Mrs. W. H. Currie, Drumrankin, Cullybackey. Charmes Military Cemetery, Vosges, France.

# +ELLISON, Sydney Wright

Royal Air Force, 28th Squadron, 4th Wing. Lieutenant. Died 16/06/1918. Age 19. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1917. Son of Thomas Harlow and Ethel Ellison, Ockbrook, Derbyshire. Montecchio Precalcino Communal Cemetery

#### 1940

#### +McCULLAGH, Patrick

Durham Light Infantry, 6th Btn. Private. 4034223. Died 16/06/1940. Aged 21. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCullagh, of Plumbridge. Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France

#### +SPRAY, Hugh Andrews

Royal Artillery. Gunner.1465681. Died 16/06/1940 while en route to England to receive treatment for his wounds. Aged 23. Husband to Agnes Spray of Glenfarne Street, Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery

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

#### +McKENNY, Patrick

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1014114. Died 24/04/1942. Aged 23. 114 Sqdn. Son of Thomas and Margaret McKenny, of Dromore,

Co. Tyrone; husband to Marjorie Dawson McKenny, of Manchester. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 88

#### 1944

#### +CLACK, Basil Alfred

RAFVR. Flying Officer. 152041. Died 16/06/1944. Age 20. RAFPE 1941- 42 QUB. Son of Sidney Alfred Lawrence Clack and Frances Kate Clack, of Whiteman's Green, Sussex. Escoublac - La - Baule War Cemetery, France. QUB RH

#### +HUGHES, John

RAFVR. 61 Sqdn. Sergeant. 1120984. Died 16/06/1944. Age 28 years old. On the evening of 15/06/1944, Sergeant Hughes, Wireless Operator on an Avro Lancaster (Serial Number ME783) took off from Skellingthorpe near Lincoln, on a night raid. The target was Chatellerault, in the north west of France. For an unknown reason the aircraft failed to return. All the crew died. Born16/02/1916. He was one of at least seven children, all born in the Tobermore area. Son of Thomas and Charlotte Hughes, of Tobermore, Escoublac-la-Baule War Cemetery, St Nazaire, Loire-Atlantique, France. Tobermore WM, Tobermore Baptist Church RH

#### +McKAY, James Leo

Durham Light Infantry, 2nd Btn. Private. 4467178. Died 16/06/1944. Aged 32. Son of James and Susan McKay, of Drumquin, Co. Tyrone. Kohima War Cemetery, India

#### **VETERANS**

#### LOGAN, Andrew

Corporal (15707), 10th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (the Derrys). He volunteered for active service in September 1914 (aged about 19 years); before enlisting he was a member of the Portstewart Company, Coleraine Battalion, North Derry Regiment, Ulster Volunteer Force. The Derrys trained at Finner Camp, County Donegal, and Seaford, Sussex, and arrived at the Western Front in October 1915. Andrew served in France and was taken as a prisoner of war by the Germans in 1918. His parents, Mr. James (fisherman) and Mrs. Violet Logan, lived at The Cottages, Coleraine Road, Portstewart. Andrew died on 16/06/1964. His grave is in Agherton Cemetery. He is commemorated on Portstewart Presbyterian Church's RH and Presbyterian Church in Ireland, RH.

#### WILBOND, Robert

RNVR. Surgeon Captain. Londonderry Academical Institution. Queen's College Belfast, Edinburgh University 1912. Civil Surgeon S Africa Field Force and to Belfast Garrison. Born 1870, Woolwich. Son of QM James Wilbond, RA. Died 16/06/1965

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