



remembrance ni

15 Instonians died at the Somme on July 1

There was not an aspect of society in Northern Ireland upon which the Battle of the Somme did not impact.

15 Instonians, former pupils of Belfast city-centre school, the Royal Belfast Academical Institution, died on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. 703 past pupils served in WW1, 132 or more gave their lives in the struggle.



The 15 Instonians killed on that one day reflected life in Belfast city. The son of Samuel Cleland Davidson, founder and owner of the Sirocco Engineering Works in East Belfast, Captain James Cleland Davidson was killed, aged 29. Second Lieutenant Ernest George Boas was the youngest Instonian to lose his life, aged 19 years.

ROLL OF HONOUR

INSTONIANS AT THE FIRST DAY OF THE SOMME

+BOAS, Ernest George

Royal Irish Rifles. 5th Btn. attd. 13th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 19. Son of May L. Boas, of 31, Sans Souci Park, Belfast, and the late Ernest A. Boas. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+DAVIDSON, James Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. attd. 108th Coy. Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Captain. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 39. Son of Samuel Cleland Davidson, of Seacourt, Bangor, who founded and owned Sirocco Engineering Works, Belfast. Serre Rd., Cemetery, No.2. Somme, France. RBAI WM

+ELLIOTT, Thomas Brignall

Royal Irish Rifles. 10th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916 during the attack on the German fifth line at the Schawben Redoubt. Aged 29. Son of Thomas and Annie Elliott, of "Sandown", Chichester Park, Belfast. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+HAMILTON, Robert Victor

Royal Irish Rifles. 9th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 24. Son of James and Matilda Hamilton, of 7, Charnwood Avenue, Belfast. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+HEWITT, Holt Montgomery

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). 109th Coy. Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 29. Son of James H. and Jeannie D. Hewitt, of 97, Mornington Park, Bangor. His brothers William Arthur Hewitt and Ernest Henry Hewitt also fell. Mill Road Cemetery, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+HEWITT, William Arthur

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 23. Son of James H. and Jeannie D. Hewitt, of 97, Mornington Park, Bangor. His brothers Ernest Henry Hewitt and Holt Montgomery Hewitt also fell. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+HOLLYWOOD, Arthur Carson

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 24. The telegram announcing his death arrived one day apart from that announcing the death of his brother. Son of Elizabeth Hollywood and the late James Hollywood. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+HOLLYWOOD, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 18th Btn. attd. 12th Bn. Second Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 23. Son of Elizabeth Hollywood and the late James Hollywood. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+KING, WILLIAM

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 18030. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 33. Son of the late James and Mary J. King, of Belfast. Theipval Memorial , Somme, France. RBAI WM

+McCULLOUGH, Joseph Craig

Royal Irish Rifles. 9th Btn. Rifleman. 15241. Died 01/07/1916. Mill Road Cemetery, Theipval Memorial , Somme, France. RBAI WM

+MOORE, Thomas George

Royal Irish Rifles. 17th Btn. attd. 8th Bn. Second Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 24. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+NEILL, James Dermot

108th Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 29. Son of Sharman D. and Annie S. Neill, of Ardmoyle, Cultra. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+O'FLAHERTY, Douglas Hill

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Captain. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 36. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hill Hale O'Flaherty, of Belfast; husband to Beatrice O'Flaherty, of 31, Myrtlefield Park, Belfast. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+POLLOCK, Paul Gilchrist

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 15780. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 20. Son of John and Marion J.F. Pollock, of Duncairn, Antrim. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. RBAI WM

+RAMSEY (Ramsay), John

1st Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Corporal. Died 01/07/1916. Had been wounded at Sulva Bay, Dardanelles in 1915. No CWGC reference. RBAI records. RBAI WM

Instonians remember

In memory of the former members of the school who died, Instonians sports clubs added the colour puple to their traditional gold and black colours.

Director and men from local linen company

Thomas Greenwood Haughton was a director in the Frazer & Haughton linen company whose principal mill was in

Cullybackey, County Antrim, died leading men from their home village at the Somme.

Lieutenant Thomas Greenwood Haughton of the 12th Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles (Central Antrim Volunteers) was killed in action July 1st, 1916, near Thiepval, in the battle of the Somme.

The final death toll for the 12th Rifles as a result of the first day's battle on the Somme was a truly appalling figure of 153 officers and men. Few in the battalion escaped without one kind of physical wound or another. It is doubtful if any escaped what we now know as post traumatic stress syndrome.

While the vast majority of casualties in the 12th Rifles were drawn from the rank and file, the percentage of officers killed and wounded was extreme.

Before the First World War broke out Tommy Haughton, a director of the family iron company Frazer & Haughton, was commander of E. Company, U.V.F., in Cullybackey. When war was declared he at once offered his services and had been at the front since October, 1915. Lieutenant Haughton was an able and enthusiastic officer and very popular with his brother officers and men.

He was killed in action on the 1st July 1916 at the Battle of the Somme whilst leading his men to attack German trenches during the advance of the Ulster Division. He was just one of many young subalterns who led their men into action that hot July morning.

Lt. Haughton had already sent several letters home to the next of kin of soldiers in his unit who had been killed or

wounded in the months leading up to the Somme. Now it was his brother officers who had to tell young Haughton's relatives in Cullybackey of how he met his death..

One such letter was sent by Lt. Robbie Hanson, a Larne man also serving with the 12th Btn.

He wrote to Lt. Haughton's brother, Samuel:

Dear Sammy - I know Dempster Wilson has written to you about Tommy, but I just want to write a line and say how awfully sorry I am for you all. I have lost practically all my best friends, and can, perhaps, realise just a little what his own people are suffering.

Tommy died like a hero leading his men in a grand charge for the German lines. I think he would have liked that death best. His name will never be forgotten by his friends in the battalion.

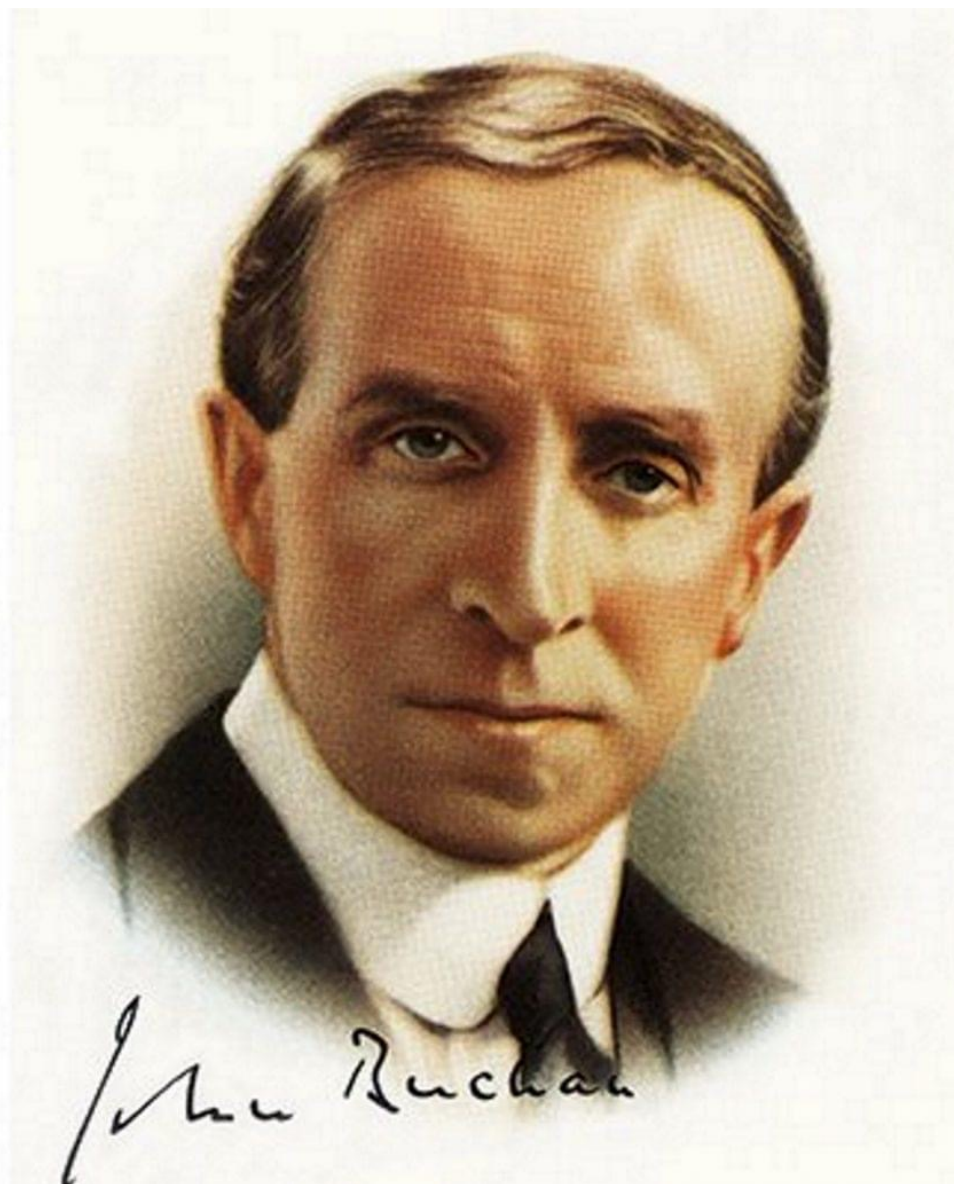
I went up the night before last with the adjutant to try and find him but we couldn't get out, the shelling was too heavy. The adjutant and I both got hit but not badly.

If I can find out any more or get up there again I'll let you know.

Lt. Robbie Hanson, 12th Royal Irish Rifles

It was not the only letter received by Sam Haughton. Another had come from a Ballymena soldier, Rfn. Jack Anderson of Princes Street who himself was wounded in the attack.

Anderson, who had worked in Kane's Foundry in Harryville before the war, had been 'batman' to Lt. Haughton. On



Tribute by John Buchan

“North of Thiepval the Ulster Division broke through the enemy trenches, passed the crest of the ridge, and reached the point called the Crucifix, in rear of the first German position. For a

little while they held the strong Schwaben Redoubt (where), enfiladed on three sides, they went on through successive German lines, and only a remnant came back to tell the tale. Nothing finer was done in the war. The splendid troops drawn from those Volunteers who had banded themselves together for another cause, now shed their blood like water for the liberty of the world.” - John Buchan

receipt of the letter, **Sam Haughton** felt moved to publish its contents in the 'Ballymena Observer'.

He told the editor:-

"I quote freely from a letter which has drawn a veil of comfort over the great sorrow of our loss, in the hope that those same words may help many another aching heart throughout this countryside.

My brother's servant, Rfn. Jack Anderson, has written home from a hospital, Lonaghan Lodge near Sheffield and gives a wonderful account of what took place.

He was in my brother's platoon which met such deadly machine gun fire. Rfn. Anderson actually reached the German lines but, as he puts it, so few of his comrades were left that he immediately missed my brother.

Regardless of the ruthless fire he went back into the open and after searching for some time, found his officer. Bending over his master to bandage his wounds, he himself was hit and I now realise intensely with what justice Tommy often said that Anderson was 'one of the best'.

Having done everything he could and realising that all need for human aid was passed, Rfn. Anderson thought of his own hurts.

No medals or words can repay in full such things and we can but hope that the inner knowledge of real self sacrifice brings with it an ample measure of recompense."

When news that he had been killed reached his native district, there were expression of deep regret from all in the area, and on the 16th July 1916 a memorial service in his memory was held in the Craigs Parish Church.

Whilst living at the family home in Hillmount, Lieutenant Haughton was a regular attender at Divine service in the Craigs Parish Church and was closely associated with the

work of the parish, acting for a number of years as churchwarden.

Lieutenant Haughton was a director in the firm of Messrs. Frazer and Haughton, Hillmount, and such was the esteem in which he was held that the employees considered it but right and proper to erect a memorial in his memory. This was in the form of a brass mural tablet, along with a brass book rest presented by the Rev. H. C. Townsend, B.A., rector of Craigs Parish Church and dedicated by the Rev. W. H. A. Lee, M. A., on Sunday 6th May 1917.

The inscription reads:-“To the glory of God, and in memory of Thomas Greenwood Haughton, Lieutenant, 12th B. Royal Irish Rifles, who was killed in action July 1st, 1916, near Thiepval, in the battle of the Somme, France, aged 25 years. When killed he was leading his men in a most gallant manner towards the German trenches. This tablet is erected by the employees in Hillmount Bleach Green.”

Thomas Greenwood Haughton, was the son of Mr Thomas Haughton J. P., and Catherine Isabel Haughton, Hillmount. He was educated at Edgbaston Preparatory School, Birmingham, and St. Edmund's School, Oxford.

He was laid to rest in the Hamel Military Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel, Somme, France.

ROLL OF HONOUR - CULLYBACKEY

+HAUGHTON, Thomas Greenwood

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 25. Son of Thomas Wilfred and Catherine Isabel Haughton, of Hillmount, Cullybackey. Cullybackey. Hamel

Military Cemetery, Somme. Memorial lectern in Craigs Parish Church

+KENNEDY Robert James

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Rifleman. 630. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 28. Son of James and Jane Kennedy, Hillmount, Cullybackey. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Cullybackey UF Church

+McCARTNEY Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 6357. KIA 1st July 1916. Born USA, enlisted Ballymena. Lived Hillmount, Cullybackey. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Cuningham Memorial, Pres. Church WM.

+McCOLLEN (McCollam?), Andrew

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Rifleman. 655. MIA 1st July 1916 (date of death given as 2nd July). Born Craigs, enlisted Ballymena. Lived Main Street, Cullybackey. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Cullybackey UF Church.

+RICE, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Private. KIA 1st July 1916. Lived Craigs, Cullybackey, enlisted Ballymena. Parents at 29 Glu Street, Paisley. Connaught Cemetery, Somme

+SMYTH, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Corporal. 19211. KIA 1st July 1916. Son of John Smyth, Craigs. Lived Cullybackey. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

The local cadet unit enabled the research of their local area.

ULSTER DIVISION BRAVERY

VC's ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SOMME

+Captain Eric Norman Frankland Bell, 9th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

For most conspicuous bravery at Thiepval, on 1st July, 1916. He was in command of a trench-mortar battery, and advanced with the infantry to the attack. When our front line was hung up by enfilading machine-gun fire, Captain Bell crept forward and shot the machine-gunner. Later on, upon no less than three occasions, when our bombing parties, which were clearing the enemy's trenches, were unable to advance, he went forward alone and threw trench-mortar bombs among the enemy. When he had no more bombs available he stood on the parapet, under intense fire, and used a rifle with great coolness and effect on the enemy advancing to counter-attack. Finally he was killed rallying and reorganizing infantry parties which had lost their officers. All this was outside the scope of his normal duties with his battery. He gave his life in his supreme devotion to duty.

+Lieutenant Geoffrey St. George Shillington Cather

Lieutenant Geoffrey St. George Shillington Cather, 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers (Ulster Division). For most conspicuous bravery near Hamel, France, on 1st July, 1916. From 7 p.m. till midnight he searched "No Man's Land", and brought in

three wounded men. Next morning, at 8 a.m., he continued his search, brought in another wounded man, and gave water to others, arranging for their rescue later. Finally at 10.30 a.m. he took out water to another man, and was proceeding farther on when he was himself killed. All this was carried out in full view of the enemy, and under direct machine-gun fire and intermittent artillery fire. He set a splendid example of courage and self-sacrifice.

+Private William Frederick M'Fadzean, 14th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles

For most conspicuous bravery near Thiepval Wood on 1st July, 1916. While in a concentration trench, and opening a box of bombs for distribution prior to an attack, the box slipped down into the trench, which was crowded with men, and two of the safety pins fell out. Private M'Fadzean, instantly realizing the danger to his comrades, with heroic courage threw himself on the top of the bombs. The bombs exploded, blowing him to pieces, but only one other man was injured. He well knew his danger, being himself a bomber, but without a moment's hesitation he gave his life for his comrades.

Private (afterwards Sergeant) Robert Quigg, 12th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles

For most conspicuous bravery, near Hamel, France, on 1st July, 1916. He advanced to the assault with his platoon three times. Early next morning, hearing a rumour that his platoon officer was lying out wounded, he went out seven times to look for him under heavy shell and machine-gun

fire, each time bringing back a wounded man. The last time he dragged one in on a waterproof sheet from within a few yards of the enemy's wire. He was seven hours engaged in this most gallant work, and finally was so exhausted that he had to give it up.

On this day – July 1

1914



The Royal Naval Air Service was formed from the Naval Wing of the Royal Flying Corps.

1915 VC for Sergeant James Somers, 1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (29th Division).

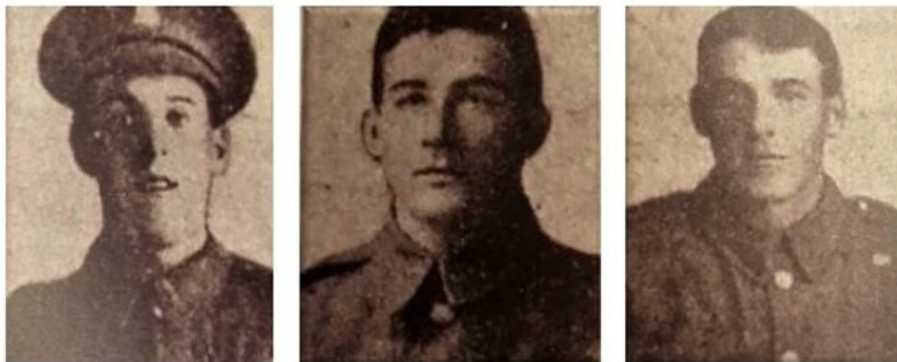
“For most conspicuous bravery on the night of July 1-2, 1915, in the southern zone of the Gallipoli Peninsula, when, owing to hostile bombing, some of our troops had retired from a sap, Sergeant Somers remained alone on the spot until a party brought up bombs. He then climbed over into the Turkish trench and bombed the Turks with great effect. Later on he advanced into the open under heavy fire, and held back the enemy by throwing bombs into their flank until a barricade had been established. During this period he frequently ran to and from our trenches to obtain fresh supplies of bombs. By his gallantry and coolness Sergeant Somers was largely instrumental in effecting the recapture of a portion of our trench which had been lost.”

Sergeant Somers was subsequently invalided out of the army and died in 1918.

1916



On the morning of Saturday 1st July 1916, Drummer Jack Downs of the 10th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, sounded the 'Advance' of the 36th (Ulster) Division at the Battle of the Somme.



At the Battle of the Somme, the three Donaldson brothers from Comber, Co. Down, went over the top. Serving with B Company 13th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, all three brothers, John, James, and Samuel were killed in action. They have no known grave

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment lost 650 out of 750 men in 10 mins at the Somme.

1940

In the first 6 months of the year, German U-boats have sunk 900,000 tons of Allied shipping.

German troops occupy Jersey and complete the capture of the Channel Islands, the only British territory ever captured by Germany during World War 2. The French government of Marshal Petain moves from Bordeaux to Vichy. Germany asks the USA and other neutrals to withdraw diplomatic missions from Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Norway. British milk price maximum is raised to 4d a pint.

Marshal Balbo is replaced by Marshal Graziani as C-in-C of the Italian forces in Libya.

1941

Icelandic-American exchange of letter respecting defense of Iceland.

Coal deliveries to all establishments in Britain limited to one ton per month.

RAF starts daylight air offensive over Northern France, English Channel and Occupied Europe.

German armoured forces of Panzergruppe 4 of Heeresgruppe Nord cross the Dvina and capture Riga, while units of Panzergruppe 2 of Heeresgruppe Mitte reach the Berezina near Borisov.

Auchinleck becomes C-in-C of the Middle East.

Wavell becomes C-in-C, India. The Axis recognises the Japanese backed government of China.

1942

German troops capture Sevastopol, Crimea, in the Soviet Union.

Rommel captures 2,000 prisoners from the El Alamein 'box' but loses 18 of his 55 remaining tanks.

1943

Hitler addresses the generals taking part in the imminent operation 'Citadel' at Kursk.

1944

The invasion of southern France is fixed for the 15th August. Since D-Day, the Allies have landed 920,000 troops, 177,000 vehicles and 600,000 tons of supplies and equipment. In the 24 days of fighting, they have lost 62,000 men killed, wounded and missing. Beginning of the Bretton Woods Conference convened to deal with postwar financial and economic problems. The establishment of the International Monetary Fund for Reconstruction and Development is announced.

The Fifth Guards Tank Army of the 3rd Belorussian Front takes Borisov, less that 50 miles North East of Minsk.

The Japanese Imphal-Kohima survivors are encircled at Ukru.

1945

The U.S. 2nd Armoured Division from Halle enter Berlin in accordance with the four-power agreement over the division of Germany into zones.

The Australian 7th Division lands at Balikpapan on South East coast of Borneo after a 15-day bombardment.

Roll of Honour – July 1

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+McGIRR, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 2694. Died 01/07/1915. Age 20. Son of Thomas and Bessie McGirr, of Pound St., Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+WHITLEY, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 12122. Died 01/07/1915. Age 18 years old. Son of Eugene and Elizabeth Whitley, of Moy, Co. Tyrone. St Lawrence Churchyard, Overpeover, Cheshire

1916

+TODD, George

RN. AB. 200339. HMS Good Hope. Died 01/07/1916. Age 31. Son of Thomas and Sarah Todd, Back Ginns, Whitehaven, Cumberland; husband of Kathleen Todd, of Tully Branigan, Newcastle, Co. Down. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 3.

+WEBB, Gilbert Watson

Royal Irish Rifles, attached Royal Flying Corps, 22 Squadron. Captain. Died 01/07/1916. Age 26. Campbell College. Architect and designer. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1909 - 10. Gazetted as a Cadet, promoted to 2nd Lieutenant from the Training Corps, 15/08/1914. Seconded as a 2nd Lieutenant to the RFC from the Special Reserve, Royal Irish Rifles, 22/04/1916. Son of Richard Thomas and Blanche Louise Webb, Rath House, Knock, Belfast. His brother, Captain Karl Watson Webb, served with the Royal Garrison Artillery. Both had signed the Ulster

Covenant in 1912. Interred Achiet-Le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension. Strandtown WM. NIFC WM

1917

+McFARLAND, John

RNAS. Chief Petty Officer III. F/2863. Armoured Car Division. DSM. Medals of 2nd, 3rd and 4th Classes of the Order of St. George (Russia). Died 01/07/1917. Age 36. He was killed in action at Brzezany, Russia (in what is now Western Ukraine). He is mentioned by name in the despatch of Commander Locker-Lampson for this action, who wrote: 'I would also venture to bring to the notice of their Lordships the work of the following Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers: C.P.O. John MacFarland (killed) F.2863; P.O.M. John Harrison F.2893; George Gardner, F.9891; John Marshall McEwan (wounded) F.10029. These were volunteers who assisted Lieut.-Commr. Smiles to repair the roads under very heavy fire during the attack on Brzezany'. Enrolled 28/12/1914 for hostilities. Born Maha, Co Tyrone 06/06/1882. Son of William and Jane McFarland; husband to Mary M. E. McFarland, Northumberland St., Belfast. Pozan Memorial, Poland. IMR. ADM 188/565/2863

1940

+FULTON, John

Royal Artillery, 3 Searchlight Regt. 11 Bty., Gunner. 1473529. Died 01/07/1940 of wounds in Bradford. Age 23. Son of Jonathan and Christine Fulton, of Belfast. Carnmoney Parish Church (Church of the Holy Evangelists) Churchyard.

1941

+BOAL, William James

RNVR. FAA. Prob T/ Sub-Lieut (A). DCM. 755 Squadron based at HMS Kestrel, Worthy Down, Winchester. Died 01/07/1941. Age 47. Whilst serving as a pilot instructor there was a collision with another plane. Served in the ranks of 9th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers as a signaller in WW1. DCM 01/01/1919, St Quentin, France. Son of Robert and Jane Boal. Robert Boal, also army, served in Gibraltar, Egypt, Malta, South Africa, WW1. Husband to Margaret Boal, Tobermore. Family memorial St Columba's Church of Ireland graveyard, Draperstown.

1942

+SANDS, John

RAF. Warrant Officer (Observer). 522945. Died 01/07/1942. Aged 23. 223 Sqdn. Son of Peter and Elizabeth Sands, of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Alamein Memorial, Egypt

1944

+GIBSON, William

1st Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment. Private. 5725299. Died 01/07/1944. Aged 30. Son of William Gibson and Jane Gibson of Belfast. Bayeux War Cemetery, Bayeux, Normandy, France. Family memorial, Belfast City Cemetery.

+MARKS, William James

RAFVR. Sergeant (Flight Engineer). 1676946. Died 01/07/1944. Aged 20. 100 Sqdn. Son of William and Isabel Marks, of Dungannon, Co. Tyrone. La Ferte - St. Cyr

Communal Cemetery, Loir et Cher, France. Dungannon WM

+STEVENSON, Joseph K

Royal Artillery. 81st Heavy AA Battery. Bombardier.
1450401. Died 01/07/1944. Age 29. Son of Mr. William
Stevenson, 28 Railway Street, Ballymena. Salerno War
Cemetery, Italy

1945

+COREY, Hugh

RAFVR. Aircraftman 2nd Class. 1501806. Died 01/07/1945.
Aged 32. Son of Bernard and Mary J. Corey, of Brackaville,
Co. Tyrone. Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt. Dungannon
WM

***A Roll of Honour is being researched and compiled
for
the Battle of the Somme***

+ABBOTT, William Robert

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 108th Coy. Private. 17676.
Died 01/06/1916. Age 26. Son of Thomas and Maggie
Abbott, of 15, McKeown St., Lisburn. Theipval Memorial,
France

+ABRAHAM, Absalom

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 13974. Died
01/07/1916. Age 19. Son of Mary Ann Abraham, of 36,

Henry St., Portadown, and the late George Abraham.
Brother of Private James William Abraham who fell on
01/07/1916 and Thomas Robert Abraham also lost in the
war. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+ABRAHAM, James William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 20292. Died
01/07/1916. Son of Mary Ann Abraham, of 36, Henry St.,
Portadown, and the late George Abraham. Brother of
Private Absalon Abraham who also fell on 01/07/1916 and
Thomas Robert Abraham also lost in the war. Thiepval
Memorial, Somme, France

+ABRAHAM, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 27369. Died
01/07/1916. Age 27. Son of Thomas and Margaret Jane
Abraham, of Currin, Ballinamallard, Co. Fermanagh.
Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+ABSOLOM, Harris Lee Moore Absolom

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Lance Corporal. 17117. Died
01/06/1916. Age 20. Son of George and Belle K. Absolom,
of Killiney, Bangor. Mill Road, Theipval, France

+ADAIR, Edward

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Private. 27059. Died
01/07/1916. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Newtownards WM.

+ADAIR, James

Royal Irish Rifles, D Coy.13th Btn. Rifleman. 16149. Died 01/07/1916. Age 36. Husband to Mary Jane Adair, of 24, Seapatrick, Banbridge. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+ADAIR, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Private. 14849. Died 01/07/1916. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+ADAMS, Charles

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman.13969. Died 01/07/1916. Age 19. Son of M. Robinson (formerly Adams), of 49, Lisburn Rd., Belfast, and the late James Adams. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+ADAMS, David

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Lance Corporal. 15269. Died 01/07/1916. Age 23. A brother of David Adams, Lance Corporal William Adams, was wounded on 08/05/1916, and spent time in hospital recovering. Both brothers were members of the Glendermott Branch of the U.V.F. Son of William and Agnes Jane Adams, of Ardmore, Drumahoe, Co. Derry. Thiepval Memorial, France. Glendermott Parish Church WM

+ADAMS, Ernest

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. D Coy. 22623. Died 01/07/1916. Age 22. Enlisted Nov., 1914. Son of Charles J. and Mary Adams, of 21, Willowfield Drive, Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, France

+ADAMS, Ralph

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 17121. Died 01/07/1916. Age 17. Born 02/08/1898 at Lisburn, to James and Susan Adams (nee Nicholson), of 31, Market Lane, Lisburn. In 1901 he was residing with his parents and siblings at 17 Kilmakee, Derrlaghy, Co. Antrim. Brother of Samuel, Edward, and Elizabeth. At the time of his death his mother, Mrs. Susan Adams, lived at 31, Market Lane, Lisburn. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Hillsborough WM

+ADAMSON, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 16160. Died 01/07/1916. Age 20. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Adamson, of Scarva Rd., Banbridge. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+ADAMSON, Joseph

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 14. Died 01/07/1916. Age 23. Son of Mrs. Margaret Adamson, of Ferguson's Row, Banbridge. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+ADDIS, Robert

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn., Private. 13972. Died 01/07/1916. Son of Margaret Ann Addis, Husband to Lottie Addis of 70 Queen Street, Lurgan. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+AGNEW, Andrew

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 6122. Died 01/07/1916. Age 28. Pre-war was an employee of the British

Aluminium Company, Ltd., Larne Harbour. Andrew's two brothers Robert and William along with their brother-in-law all served in A' Company of the same battalion. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Gardenmore Presbyterian Church Larne WM

+AGNEW, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Rfm. 587. Died 01/07/1916. 31 Lawyer St, Belfast. Theipval Memorial, France

+AGNEW, Joseph McCann

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Rifleman. 16. Died 01/07/1916. Age 19. Son of James Graham Agnew and Elizabeth Agnew, of 19, Ravenscroft St., Belfast. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+ALEXANDER, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 22807. Died 01/07/1916. Born 03/06/1897 at Ballyrobert as Robert Joseph Alexander to Robert and Mary Jane Alexander (nee Lyle). From 1901 - 1911 residing with his parents and siblings at Ballyrobert, Co. Antrim. Husband to Sara Jane, (nee Tollerton). They married 09/11/1911 at Upper Clonaneese Church, Killeeshill, Co. Tyrone. His residence at the time of marriage was Mullycar, Co. Tyrone. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Hillsborough WM

+ALLEN, Henry Stewart

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, "A" Coy. 10th Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 15277. Died 01/07/1916. Age 35. Son of William John and Martha Allen, of 120, Spencer Rd.,

Londonderry; husband of Margaret Allen, of 21, Dungiven Rd., Waterside, Londonderry. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+ALLEN, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Private. 20954. Died 01/07/1916. Age 19. Son of William and Rebecca Allen, of 10, Victoria St., Londonderry. Connaught Cemetery, Theipval, France

+ALLEN, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman.17143. Died 01/07/1916. Age 20. Son of James Allen, of 28, John St. Lane, Newtownards. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Newtownards WM

+ALLEN, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman.422. Died 01/07/1916. Age 40. Husband to Annie J. Alexander, of Blackskull, Donaghcloney, Co. Armagh. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

+ALLEN, William James

Royal Irish Fusiliers, B Coy. 9th Btn. Private. 20531. Died 01/07/1916. Age 29. Born Portadown 1887. Came from U.S.A. to enlist. Son of James and Susan Allen, of 40, Bridge St., Portadown; husband to the late Sarah Allen. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Moy WM

+ANDERSON, Benjamin

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Rifleman. 588. Died 01/07/1916. Age 28. Born 04/12/1888 to James and Margaret nee

Pinkerton Anderson. He and Annie McDowell married on 28/10/1907 in St Anne's Parish Church. At the time of Benjamin's death, they had four daughters under the age of nine and Annie and the children later returned to her parents' home at 113 Mountcollyer Road in Belfast. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Midland Railway WM

+ANDERSON, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 20. Died 01/07/1916. Age 20. Mrs. Margaret Kelly, of 25, Derry St., Belfast. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+ANDERSON, James

Missing 01/07/1916. He enlisted on the outbreak of the war and was formerly employed as a clerk at the Old Bleach Linen Company, Randalstown. LOL 359. Son of James A. O. and Mary A. Anderson, of Shanes Cottage, Randalstown. Brother of Rifleman WH Anderson who also died on 01/07/1916

+ANDERSON, J H

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Corporal. 16842. Died 01/07/1916. Age 25 years old. Son of John and Margaret Anderson, of Ivy Cottage, Portora, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. Native of Knocknalosset, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan. Mill Road Cemetery, Theipval, France

+ANDERSON, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Private. 14744. Died 01/07/1916. Age 23. Born in Dungannon. Worked in Tillie's, Duncreggan as a gardener. Son of Thomas and Margaret

Anderson, of Springtown, Londonderry. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Holdfast LOL 1629 Dungannon RH

+ANDERSON, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Private. 15290. Died 01/07/1916. Age 26. Son of the late James and Hessie Anderson, of Bell House Lane, Coleraine; husband to Martha Anderson, of Ballynacally, Blackhill, Coleraine. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+ANDERSON, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Rifleman. 16153. Died 01/07/1916. Age 43. He was wounded in November 1915, but recovered and returned to the front. Robert was born in Drumglass, Dungannon about 1874. Robert later moved to Belfast. Robert was a sawyer in the employment of Thomas Dickson & Sons in Belfast. Robert Anderson and Catherine Davidson were married on 18/04/1892 in Belfast. They lived at Crimea Street and had at least seven children. Robert was a sawyer in the employment of Thomas Dickson & Sons in Belfast. Theipval Memorial, France. Dungannon WM, Holdfast LOL 1620,

+ANDERSON, Robert Henry

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 16873. Died 01/07/1916. Born 10/04/1886 Scotch St., Dungannon. Son of James, a plumber, and Margaret Anderson (nee Henry). Robert and Mary Anne Ferguson married in Drumglass C of I on 20/07/1908. He was a flax dresser living in Beechyvalley. They had a son James, born 23/08/1908/ Robert's parents later moved to Harrisburg St., Belfast. His brother William was taken prisoner of war at Theipval on

02/07/1916. Another brother James was wounded. Both survived the war. Mill Road Cemetery, Theipval, Somme, France. Dungannon WM. First Dungannon PCI RH. Whitehouse PCI RH. Holdfast LOL 1620, Dungannon, RH

+ANDERSON, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. A Coy. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8563. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 26. Son of Thomas Anderson, of Ballywitticock, Newtownards. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Newtownards WM

+ANDERSON, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Rifleman. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 19.

+ANDERSON, William Henry

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Rifleman. 19376. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 21. Born in Broughshane on 07/12/1894, worked as a clerk at the Old Bleach Linen Factory, Randalstown and he enlisted in Antrim. He was the youngest son of James A. O. and Mary A. Anderson, of Shanes Cottage, Randalstown. James was then employed by Lord O'Neill. His wife's maiden name was Mary Ann Thompson. James Anderson was a former policeman, an ex-RIC Sergeant, who had been stationed at Portrush, Ballymoney and Broughshane. All four of his sons served in the forces during WW1. William Henry and his brother Samuel A served in the Royal Irish Rifles. Albert and Robert James Anderson served in the CEF. Albert (Service number 192165), a policeman living in Toronto, was severely wounded in the left shoulder while serving at Vimy Ridge with the 15th Battalion, Canadian Infantry and he was

eventually returned 'medically unfit' to Canada. 751406
Private Robert James Anderson, a store manager, joined
the 118th Battalion and served with the 2nd Pioneers. He
lived in London, Ontario with his wife Christina V Anderson.
Contalmaison Chateau Cemetery, Somme, France.
Randalstown Old Congregation PCI RH

+ANDERSON, William James

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 716. Died 01/07/1916.
Aged 19. Son of William James Anderson, of 5, Prospect
Terrace, Banbridge. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+ANDERSON, W H

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Rifleman. 19376. Died
01/07/1916. Aged 21. Born Broughshane 07/12/1894. Son of
James A. O. and Mary A. Anderson, of Shanes Cottage,
Randalstown. Brother of James Anderson who went missing
on the first day of the Somme and was never found. He
enlisted in Antrim on the outbreak of the war and was
formerly employed as a clerk at the Old Bleach Linen
Company, Randalstown. Contalmaison Chateau Cemetery,
France. Randalstown (Old Congregational) Presbyterian
Church RH

+ANDERSON, William James

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 716. Died 01/07/1916.
Aged 19. Son of William James Anderson, of 5, Prospect
Terrace, Banbridge. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+ANDREWS, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th. Btn. Rifleman. 16166. Died
01/07/1916. Born at Hillsborough to John Andrews of Maze,

County Down. Brother of Mrs Sophia Smyth, Mrs Annie Alexander, Mrs Sydney Kirk and Joseph. Connaught Cemetery, Thiepval, France. Hillsborough WM

+ANDREWS, John Walker

Royal Engineers, 150th Field Coy. Sapper. 64417. Died 01/07/1916. Age 32. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Andrews, of 17, Elswick St., Belfast. Theipval Memorial, France

+ANGUS, Blair

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 17155. Died 01/07/1916. Son of Alexander Angus, of 20, Albert St., Bangor, Co.Down. His brothers James and Robert also fell. Robert was Lance Corporal in 2 Btn. Royal Scots. He died 09/07/1916. James was a private with Canadian Infantry, 29th Btn. He died 11/09/1916. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France.

+ANGUS, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 116172. Died 01/07/1916. Age 22. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Angus, of Warren Rd., Donaghadee. A I F Burial Ground, Flers, France

+ANSELL, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Rifleman. 195. Died 01/07/1916. Some registers list him as John. Born Antrim. Enlisted Belfast. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+ARCHER, William John

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 13958. Died 01/07/1916. Age 19. Son of William and Ellen Archer, of 17, Conduit St., Belfast. Serre Road Cemetery No 2, France

+ARMSTRONG, Alexander

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Company Sergeant Major. 14016. Died 01/07/1916. Age 26. Son of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Armstrong, of Killamardon, Ballinamallard, Co. Fermanagh. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+ASHLEY, Claude

Northumberland Fusiliers, 15th Btn. attached. 22nd (Tyneside Scottish) Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Age 21. Member of the QUB Training Corps, June 1915. Only son of Frederick Ashley, Wandsworth Rd., Belfast, and the late Annie Ashley. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France.

+ATKINSON, Eric

Royal Army Medical Corps, 60th Field Amb. Private. 30170. Died 01/07/1918. Age 28. Son of John and Elizabeth Atkinson, of Belfast. Plaine French National Cemetery, France

+ATKINSON, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Lance Corporal. Died 01/07/1916. Age 28. Enlisted Belfast 1915. Born Carrickfergus. Husband to Wilhelmina Atkinson. 3 Convention Street, Belfast. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Carrickfergus WM

+ATKINSON, Thomas Joyce

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. B Coy. Major. Died 01/07/1916. Age 38. He was a member of the well-known Atkinson family of Eden Villa, Bachelor's Walk in Edenderry, Portadown. He was born in 1878 and graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, M.A., LL.B., T.C.D. A solicitor and then barrister. Son of Wolsey Richard and Alice Atkinson. Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, France

+AULD, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 17162. Died 01/07/1916. Age 23. Son of Andrew Auld, of Comber, Co. Down; husband of Marget Auld, of Craigantlet, Newtownards. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France.

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+BACON, Robert (Bobbie)

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th (Service) Btn. (Derry Volunteers). Lance-Corporal. 15303. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 27. He volunteered for active service in September 1914; 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. Bobbie served in France and was awarded the 'Certificate for Gallantry'. Husband to Maggie (nee Daly), of Cross Lane, Coleraine. His father, Robert (fisherman), and step-mother, Lizzie, lived at Teresa Terrace (Heathmount), Portstewart. Theipval Memorial,

Somme, France. Portstewart WM, Agherton Parish Church
WM and RH, IMR Memorial Record

+BAILIE, James

Royal Irish Rifles, A Coy.12th Btn. Rifleman.17219. Died
01/07/1916. Age 30. Son of William and Isabella Bailie, of
Listooder, Crossgar. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France.
Ballynahinch WM

+BAILIE, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Lance Corporal.18867. Died
01/07/1916. Age 22. Son of John and Anne Bailie, of
Portaferry. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+BAIRD, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Lance Corporal. 23628.
Died 01/07/1916. Age 21. His brother William served and
survived. Son of Hugh and Martha Baird, of Shanreagh,
Limavady. Connaught Cemetery, Theipval, France

+BAIRD, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private.13998. Died
01/07/1916. Age 41. Son of Charles and Susan Baird, of
Lurgan; husband of the late Susanna Baird, of Lurgan.
Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, France”

+BALLANCE, Thomas John

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Lance Corporal.18870. Died
01/07/1916. Age 20. Son of William and Susanna Ballance,
of 13, Stanley Terrace, Harbour Rd., Kilkeel. Theipval
Memorial, Somme, France

+BARNHILL, David

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 11th Btn. Lance Serjeant. 14673. Died 01/07/1916. Son of Mrs. Margaret Barnhill, of 174, Connsbrook Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast. Theipval Memorial, France

+BARR, W

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 10th Btn. D Coy. Private. 21243. Died 01/07/1916. Age 19. Son of William and Hannah Barr, of Ballybritten, Aghadowey, Co. Londonderry. Connaught Cemetery, Somme, France

+BARRETT, John

13th Bn. Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Lance Corporal. 728 . Died 01/07/1916. From Ballykelly, Banbridge, his name is incorrectly spelt as Barnett on the Thiepval Memorial and in CWGC records. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Donaghcloney WM

+BAXTER, John Edward

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 14063. Died 01/07/1916. Age 22. Son of Isabella Baxter, of 63, Windsor Rd., Belfast, and the late Thomas Edward Baxter. Theipval Memorial, France.

+BELL, Eric Norman Frankland VC

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. attd. 109th Light T.M. Bty. Captain. Died 01/07/1916. Aged 20. V C. Son of Capt. E. H. Bell, of 22, University Rd., Bootle, Liverpool. Native of Enniskillen, Ireland.

Citation - An extract from "The London Gazette", dated 26th Sept., 1916, records the following

"For most conspicuous bravery. He was in command of a Trench Mortar Battery, and advanced with the Infantry in the attack. When our front line was hung up by enfilading machine gun fire Captain Bell crept forward and shot the machine gunner. Later, on no less than three occasions, when our bombing parties, which were clearing the enemy's trenches, were unable to advance, he went forward alone and threw Trench Mortar bombs among the enemy. When he had no more bombs available he stood on the parapet, under intense fire, and used a rifle with great coolness and effect on the enemy advancing to counter-attack. Finally he was killed rallying and reorganising infantry parties which had lost their officers. All this was outside the scope of his normal duties with his battery. He gave his life in his supreme devotion to duty"

+BREENE, Thomas Frederick

Royal Warwickshire Regiment. 1st Btn. Lieutenant. Died 01/07/1916. Age 28. Son of T. J. and Mary Breene, of 99, Fitzroy Avenue, Belfast. Theipval Memorial, France - more in process.

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ELLIOTT, Robert Cyril Hamilton Glover

Rector of All Saints, Belfast, then Dean of Belfast and later Bishop of Connor. From Dublin and TCD, he served as a Chaplain throughout WW1. He became a high-ranking chaplain in the Orange Order. He is shown here disembarking from a flight to France to participate with fellow veterans in a memorial service for the fallen at the Somme.

BOYD, Robert McNeill

Chaplain to the Forces 1915 - 1919. Educated at St Andrew's College and Trinity College, Dublin. Ordained in 1912, to the assistant curacy of Fiddown. From 1915 to 1919 he was a Chaplain to the Forces. He served in France from May to October, 1915, in Egypt for a short time and then for nearly three years, as Senior Chaplain in Salonika where he was awarded the Military Cross and Mentioned in Despatches. In Salonika, he contracted Malaria and he was invalided out of the Army in 1920. He then held incumbencies at Ballingarry and Shinrone after which (1936 to 1945) he was Dean of St Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe, . He was Bishop of Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert and Kilmacduagh from 1943 until 1945, when he was translated to Derry and Raphoe. Born 12/02/1890. Died 01/07/1958

CLARKE, Samuel

RN. AB. RNPS. Served 14/07/1942 - 01/07/1946. HMS Northern Gift. Belfast

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