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Caterpillar Valley Cemetery

Caterpillar Valley Cemetery on the Somme. Here the dead from the fighting around Longueval and High Wood are buried, alongside the memorial to New Zealand's Missing from the battle.



On this day – July 16

1916



On the night of the 16th–17th July 1918 The Russian Royal Family is brutally murdered.

At Verdun the French make small advances west of Fleury.



1928

This week in 1928, the first Last Post ceremony took place under the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing. Many people in Ypres wanted to give thanks for the sacrifices that had been made in World War One and begin a daily tradition of remembrance in the location.

1940

Hitler issues Directive No.16, orders for the planning of Operation Sealion, the invasion of Britain. Twenty divisions are earmarked for the invasion, but the Luftwaffe must gain air superiority first. All plans are to be ready by mid-August.

Destroyer Imogen sinks in Pentland Firth after collision in fog by the British light cruiser HMS Glasgow.

Japanese Cabinet resigns under army pressure.

Vichy France revokes citizenship of naturalized Jewish citizens.

1941

Army Group South traps 20 Russian divisions in a pocket at Uman.

Vichy France bans Jews from practicing as lawyers.

Lt. Yakov Dzhugashvili, Stalin's son, is taken prisoner by Germans—he will die as POW in April 1943.

1942

Nazi's round up 2,887 Jews of Paris are rounded up and sent to Drancy Internment Camp at the Vélodrome d'Hiver for deportation to concentration camps.

US Navy forms Task Force 61, Solomons Expeditionary Force, under Vice Adm. Frank Fletcher, and Task Force 63 over all Allied land-based planes in Southwest Pacific, under Rear Adm. John McCain.

Australian 24th Battalion attacked Point 24 near El Alamein, Egypt in failure, suffering 50% casualties. Meanwhile, German tanks attacked along the Ruweisat Ridge, unable to break the lines held by Indian 5th Infantry Brigade, British 2nd Armoured Brigade, and British 22nd Armoured Brigade.

1943

Canadians forces take Caltagirone, 40 miles inland from Syracuse. The Americans take Agrigento, before beginning their drive for Palermo. The British finally secure Primosole bridge and Montgomery advances on Catania.

t Kursk, Russia, Germans halt offensive on Hitler's order.

Theophil Wurm, bishop of Württemberg, writes Hitler to protest deaths in camps.

1944



Major-General Gale takes the C-in-C General Montgomery on a battlefield tour showing a French midget tank Chenillette Tractor used by the Germans for towing made by Renault

The Brody pocket begins to form in the northern Ukraine, trapping 40,000 German troops.

The Eighth Army captures Arezzo and reaches the Arno river.

Sixth Army Group (US Seventh Army & French First Army) formed under Lt. Gen. Jacob Devers for Operation Anvil, the

invasion of Southern France (later named Operation Dragoon).

Lt. Cdr. Goodwin of New Zealand escapes Japanese POW camp in Hong Kong, swims to mainland China, the only man to escape from Hong Kong.



1945

The cruiser USS Indianapolis sails from San Francisco on a top secret mission to the tiny South Pacific island of Tinian. In the warship's hold is a deadly cargo: the Hiroshima bomb. At 5.30 am, the first atomic bomb is exploded at a test site in Los Alamos, USA.

Roll of Honour – July 16

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1916

+ALEXANDER, John

Leicester Regiment, 8th Battalion. Second Lieutenant. Died 16/07/1916. Age 24. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1915 - 16. His brother Robert (RIR 13th Battalion) also fell in the war. Son of Maria Alexander, Drumbeg, Dunmurry, Co. Antrim, and the late Thomas Alexander. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. QUB WM

+CAMPBELL, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 1096. Died 16/07/1916. Age 17. Son of Susan and the late Robert Campbell, of 99, Chief St., Belfast. Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No 1, France

+JOHNSTONE, Archibald

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14371. Died 16/07/1916 from wounds at Hamel. Archie was born at Dumfries. In 1901 he was seven years old and living with his uncle and aunt, James and Margaret Woods at Killylea, Tynan. St Sever Cemetery, Roluen, France. Killylea C of I WM

+McALISE, Thomas

8th Bn. Black Watch (Royal Highlanders). Corporal. 3/2958. Died 16/07/1916. Born Ballintoy area. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+McGAHEY, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 10959. Died 16/07/1916. Son of William McGahey, 43 Fountain St.,



Londonderry.

**Roses -
'Amber
Queen' and
'Lily
Marlene' at
the CWGC
Caterpillar
Valley
Cemetery.**

Londonderry
Diamond WM

**+PATCHELL,
William Neville**

Royal Fusiliers,
20th Btn. Private.
5435. Died

16/07/1916. Age 25. Son of William Anderson Patchell and
Alice Louisa Patchell, of 45, Malone Avenue, Belfast.
Theipval Memorial, France

+SLOAN, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman.10110. Died
16/07/1916. Nephew of Mrs. Grace Harrison, of 28, Albert
Bridge Rd., Belfast. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France

+STEWART, Eric Hilton

Royal Fusiliers, 20th Btn. Corporal. Died 16/07/1916. Age 21. Born in Belfast on 15/07/1895. Armagh Royal School. Eric joined Northern Bank on 05/10/1913 in Head Office. Transfers to Shaftesbury Square (1913) and Head Office (1914) followed. On 'Ulster Day', Saturday, 28/09/1912, Eric signed the Ulster Covenant at Cliftonpark Church Lecture Hall. In September 1914, Eric volunteered and enlisted into the Royal Fusiliers (Public Schools and Universities Bn.) as a Private with Service Number FS5676. His first theatre of war is recorded as France from 15/11/1915. Son of Harry Hilton Stewart, Bank Clerk and Anna Mary Maude (nee Young) Stewart, of Chattenden Chichester Park, Belfast. They had married on 11/05/1893 at St. Barnabas Church, Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+WALKER, John

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 4923. Died 16/07/1916. Husband to Rose Anne (Annie)Walker, nee Parks, of Sandy Row (Claytown), Lurgan. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

1917

+AGNEW, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 14th Btn Rifleman. 42470. Died 16/07/1917. Age 19 enlisted in the RWF in Dec 1915 and. and transferred to 14th RIR in Feb 1917. Son of Samuel and Maria Agnew, of 147, Dee St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+ANDREWS, David

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 16168. Died 16/07/1917. From Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+ANDREWS, Frank

Royal Irish Fusiliers 9th Btn. Private. 24735. Died 16/07/1917. Age 40. Brother of David Andrews, of Magherana, Waringstown, Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+ANDREWS, R

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 19/28. Died 16/07/1917. Age 21. From Belfast. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+ARMSTRONG, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Rifleman. 6929. Died 16/07/1917. Age 21. Son of Isabella Armstrong, of 27, Ashdale St, Connswater, Belfast, and the late James Armstrong. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+ARMSTRONG, John Leslie

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 16175. Died 16/07/1917. Age 24. Son of William and Emily Armstrong, of Erin View, 179, Clifton Park Avenue, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+BALMER, Joseph

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Corporal. 13986. Died 16/07/1917. Age 24. Son of Margaret Balmer of Mullavilly, Portadown. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+BAMBER, Robert

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Trench Mortar Bty. Fusilier. Died 16/07/1917. His commanding officer wrote that he was struck by a shell and killed instantly. "He was a good boy and a brave soldier". Born Ahoghill. Son of Susan Bamber, Springwell Street, Ballymena. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+BARR, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 26. Distinguished Conduct Medal. Died 16/07/1917. Age 31. Pre-war he was a polisher in the firm of T Procter and Son. He enlisted on the outbreak of war and went with the very first contingent to Clondeboy Camp near Bangor. He was soon made Sergeant and moved with the Ulster Division to France. When he was promoted to Company Serjeant Major, he took part on the famous attack on the Schwaben Redoubt on 01/06/1916. He was partially buried by a shell but despite this continued to lead his men. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in 1917 for this action. Son of Solomon and Elizabeth Barr, of Dromore St., Banbridge; husband to Sarah Barr, of 80, Reilly St., Banbridge. They had two daughters. Solomon had been sexton of the parish church for many years. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Seapatrik Parish Church RH, Banbridge

+McMILLAN, William

RNR. Leading seaman. 2855C. SS Henry R James. Died 16/07/1917. Age 39. Son of Annie M McMillan, Schomberg St., Carrickfergus. Husband to late Sarah McMillan, Carrickfergus. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 27

+NORNEY, Thomas Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 3286. Died 16/07/1917. Aged 22. Son of William Norney, of 115, Millfield, Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+STEWART, John

Royal Garrison Artillery, 90th Siege Bty. Gunner. 132066. Died of wounds sustained on 16/07/1917. Aged 28. Son of John and Annie Stewart, of Church St., Antrim. He was a member of Thornhill LOL 651. Canada Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Antrim Methodist Church WM, Antrim District Orange Order WM

1918

HMS ANCHUSA

+CATHCART, Robert

RN. Stoker 1st Class. K6681. HMS Anchusa. Died 16/07/1918. Aged 24. Served in HMS Bellerophon. He joined up at the age of sixteen and had served eight years. Anchusa was torpedoed. Born Ballymena 06/04/1892. Son of David and Agnes Cathcart, Tullygarley, Ballymena. Plymouth Naval Memorial. St. Patrick's Parish Church RH. First Ballymena - PCI RH. ADM 188/880/6681

+CHAMBERLAIN, Henry Neville

RNR. Lieutenant. Died 16/07/1918. Age 31. Serving on HMS Anchusa, a mine-sweeping vessel, which was torpedoed by a German submarine, U54, off the North Coast of Ireland. The majority of the eighty officers, men & boys were lost. HMS Anchusa was launched in 1917, an Anchusa Class Convoy Sloop, also known as a

Fleet Sweeping Sloop, Flower Class. The Royal Navy Flower Class consisted of 39 vessels, deliberately built to designs which gave them the look of merchant ships, so that as well as mine-sweeping, they could serve as Q ships at need. HN Chamberlain lived in Carrickfergus before joining the Royal Navy. Born Carrickfergus 1887. Son of the Rev George and D M Chamberlain of The Rectory. Brother of Rev AP Chamberlain, Rector of Castledawson. Brother in law of Rev CG Manning, CF, MC., later Archdeacon of Down. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 29. RBAI WM. Carrickfergus WM, Castledawson WM. IMR



New Zealand's Tomb of the Unknown Warrior at the National War Memorial in Wellington.

The body was exhumed from Caterpillar valley cemetery and repatriated in 2004



1918

+ENGLISH, Maurice Graham

RNAS, RFC. RAF. Lieutenant. Died 16 /07/1918. Aged 20. Initially served in the RNAS, joining in early 1916.

Commissioned as an observer in 1917. After the 01/04/1918 merger of that branch with the RFC he served as a lieutenant in 202 Squadron of the 61st Wing of the newly-formed RAF. He flew with English flying ace Lieutenant Lionel Arthur Ashfield, as well as Lieutenant N. H. Jenkins in an Airco De Havilland 4 (A7868). Not long before his death, he was wounded while engaged in perilous photographic work over Ostend.

On 16 /07/1918, Lieutenant English's Airco De Havilland 4, serial (A7868), was shot down while returning from Bruges by Vizeflugmeister Hans Goerth over the village of Zevekote in West Flanders, Belgium. The twenty-year-old, who had been acting as observer, died in the aerial combat, as did

the pilot Lieutenant Ashfield. During World War I, the German flying ace Hans Goerth was credited with seven aerial victories. The downing of English's de Havilland was the third of seven victories for Goerth.

Maurice English was the second son of John Graham English and his wife Ellen "Nellie" Jane English, Marlborough Street, Londonderry. A native of the city, he was born in the second quarter of 1898 and attended Foyle College. He was with Brown's Engineering Works before he joined the service. He was a member of the First Derry Presbyterian Church. Interred at the Ramscappelle Road Military Cemetery near Nieuwpoort in West Flanders. Diamond WM, Londonderry. First Derry - PCI RH

1919

+BARLOWE James Alexander Bell

19th Btn. Royal Irish Rifles. Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant. 17230. Died 16/07/1919 aged 23. Joined up at Belfast on 15/09/1914 aged 19 years and was posted to Finner Camp, County Donegal into the Royal Irish Rifles.

His occupation prior to enlistment was a typist and he was living with his parents at 49 Cliftonville Road, Belfast. He went up through the ranks very quickly. 23/02/1915 he was a Lance Corporal, 14/04/1915, Corporal, 07/07/1915, Sergeant, and on the 29/11/1915 he was the rank of Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant. All this time he was in England.

On 15/06/1918 he embarked Folkestone and disembarked at Boulogne the same day. He was then admitted into hospital at Etaples the same day suffering from mild influenza. On the 22/06/1918 he was transferred to 6

Stationary Hospital, Le Harve. He was discharged from hospital on the 28/07/1918 fit for war service on to Base Depot, Le Harve. On 27/02/1919 he was demobilized to his home at Craigavad.

Unfortunately on his way home he was taken ill and he died of tuberculosis at his home, Grangefield, Craigavad. He was born at Stewartstown County Tyrone. He was the only son of James Alexander and Martha of Dundiven, Craigavad. Donaghendry Church of Ireland Churchyard, County Tyrone. Glencraig, Holy Trinity WM

1940

+HANNA, William John

RN. Able Seaman. C/JX144129. HMS Phoenix. Died 16/07/1940. HMS Phoenix was a P Class Submarine. It is believed that Phoenix was struck by an Italian Torpedo in the Mediterranean. The Parthian Class submarine was launched in 1929. She was the eighteenth warship of the Royal Navy to use the name. She served on the China Station from her commissioning until the start of WW2. Phoenix was then relocated to the Mediterranean Sea and was sunk by the Italian torpedo boat Albatros. Son of William John and Elizabeth Hanna, of Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial.

1943

+TURKINGTON, William John

Royal Armoured Corps, 12th Royal Lancers. Trooper. 7908314. Died 16/07/1943. Age 23. Son of William James Turkington and Margaret Turkington; husband of Ruth

Turkington, of Liverpool. Tripoli War Cemetery, Libya. Named on Moy WM

1944

+SOMMERVILLE, John

6th Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers. Fusilier. 1501047. Died 16/07/1944. Aged 26. Son of John and Agness Sommerville; husband to Abagail Sommerville, of Lisburn. Banneville-la-Campagne War Cemetery, Calvados, France

1945

+COLQUHOUN, David

RN HMS Sultan. Petty Officer Stoker. C/K62803. Died 16/07/1945. Age 50. Son of James Gardner and Rebecca Jane Colquhoun, of Belfast. Jakarta War Cemetery, Indonesia

+CURRIE, David

RAFVR. Aircraftman 1st Class. Died 16/07/1945. Age 22. Son of Margaret Currie, Belfast. Singapore Memorial, Column 454, Singapore

+FINNEY, Thomas

Pioneer Corps. Private. 6982893. Died 16/07/1945. Son of the late Thomas Finney and Margaret Patterson (formerly Finney) of 46 Moltke Street, Belfast. Husband to Kathleen May Finney of 22 Moltke Street, Belfast. Glenalina Extension, Belfast City Cemetery

1946

+McCAMON S

Royal Army Service Corps. 247 Motor Boat Company.
Driver. T/14654897. Died 16/07/1946. Padua War Cemetery,
Padova, Veneto, Italy. Dungannon WM

VETERANS

HOGG, Henry Sydney

RNVR Surg Lt. MD 1939 QUB. MCB. Born Belfast
08/05/1916. Died 16/07/1990, Somercotes, Derbyshire,
England. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Marion Hogg,
Eglantine Ave., Belfast. Husband to Margaret Evelyn Cowan
1922 - 1997. Post war Somerotes, Derbyshire

HYNDS, Frederick Robert Armstrong

Royal Ulster Rifles. 1st Btn. C Coy. Major. 134847. Military
Cross. Major Hynds was born in Belfast on the 26/01/1903.

The citation for his MC award states -

“Gallantry and outstanding courage when in close contact with the enemy. Near Ste Honorine on 7th June 1944, whilst commanding a Company which was under heavy and concentrated fire for about nine hours, this officer displayed the highest quality in personal leadership, in that he, on numerous occasions and with total disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to both small arms and concentrated artillery fire in order to encourage and steady his men in the most critical stage in the battle, and also to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. This act was an

inspiration to his men and set a magnificent example. The position was held until evacuation was finally ordered.

“On the 9th June Major Hynds assisted in organising the evacuation of wounded from the Regimental Aid Post at Longueval. On this occasion, the Regimental Aid Post was under close and accurate rifle fire and again with total disregard to his personal safety he would not seek cover until all his men had been evacuated.”

Major Hynds was wounded in early July and evacuated from the battlefield. He died, aged 80, in Belfast on the 16th July 1983.

LOVE, George

RNAS. ACM II. F17290. Enrolled 26/06/1916 for hostilities. In President II including Queensferry, Lee-on-Solent and Dunkirk. Transferred to RAF 31/03/1918. Born Coleraine 16/07/1880. Lismurphy, Coleraine. Terrace Row - PCI RH. ADM 188/594/17290

McCANN, Ivy Jean

WAAF. MCB. Born 16/07/1921. Daughter of William J McCann, Richhill. Post war. Married 1947 John R L Williams, Liverpool. Resided London.

McCLENAGHAN, Joseph

RN. MCB. Born 16/07/1920. Son of David McClenaghan, Vistoria Rd., Belfast. Post war business, Birmingham

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We will remember them

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