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# Women of steel

This unique 'women in steel' sculpture in Sheffield is dedicated to those women who worked in the steel industry during the First World War and the Second World War.

## Costly service of sons of the clergy

Two Old Campbellians from Presbyterian Manses died on this date in 1917 and 1918.

John Davis, from Ballynahinch, was was a Church of Scotland minister. He was appointed Minister of the Parish of Buittle, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire in 1905. He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and was attached River Sick Convoy Unit when he died in 1917. He was the son of the Rev. John Davis, of Ballynahinch Manse, Co. Down; and husband to Margaret Davis (nee Kernahan), of "Grasmere," Lansdowne Rd., Belfast. His remains were buried in Amara War Cemetery, in Mesopotamia.

John Kingham Clarke was from Strabane. He volunteered at the outbreak of war, and was for a year and a half in France and through the battle of the Somme with the 36th (Ulster) Division. Having obtained his commission, he was attached to the 16th (Irish) Division, and served through the battle of Cambrai. He volunteered for the RAF, and after training in England returned to France as an observer, where in about two weeks he was wounded. (Northern Whig 25/05/1918). Son of Rev. Edward Clarke, The Manse, Strabane. RAF. 103rd Sqdn. Second Lieutenant. Died 22/07/1918. Age 24. Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, France.

### **Chronicle 22/7/1916**

#### **Bushmills**

The following is a list of the casualties of the men of the North Antrim Regiment, Ulster Volunteers, R.I.R., Bushmills and district:-

Killed - Sergeant Isaac Dean, Privates Charles Esdale, John Cochrane, Aird.

Wounded - Corporal Dan Martin, Aird; Lance-Corporal R. McNabb, Islandcarragh; Privates Charles Hattie, William Hatty; Daniel Laverty, Priestland; Sam Mitchell, William McKeague, William Morrow, Chas. Hughes; B. Hamilton, Ballytober; William Jamison, Giant's Causeway; Sam Carson, Ballyrock; Joe McLaughlin, Revallagh; Alex. Craig, Ballyhunsley; Robert McCallum, Thomas Kennedy, James McConaghy, Stanalane; Jim McGowan, William King (Y.C.V.), William Laverty (Y.C.V.) Priestland

Died of Wounds - Private Isaac Macallister

Missing - Lance-Corporal Sam Mulholland, Revallagh; Lance-Corporal Hugh McCallum, Private James Verner, George Cochrane, Jack McCaughan, Matthew McKay, Ballyclough; Robert Carson, Bushfoot



## On this day – July 22

### 1939

Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini sign “Pact of Steel” forming the Axis powers.

### 1940

British cipher experts at Bletchley Park break the Luftwaffe Enigma code.

Britain officially rejects Hitler’s “peace offer.”

Britain establishes Special Operations Executive (SOE) under Hugh Dalton to support resistance groups in Nazi-occupied Europe.

The XIX Panzerkorps (Guderian) strikes from Abbeville toward Boulogne, Calais and Dunkirk along the Channel coast.

New Japanese cabinet formed with Prince Fumimaro Konoe as Prime Minister.

### 1941

Submarine HMS Union was reported overdue at Malta on this day. She was sunk with all hands (31 men) on or around 20 July by Italian torpedo boat Circe while carrying out an attack on a convoy off Pantelleria Island.

Himmler establishes Norwegian SS on German lines.

British blockade of Vichy France made complete.



Heavy German air attacks on Crete sink the cruisers Fiji, Gloucester and the destroyer Greyhound. The BattleshipsÂ Warspite and Valiant are damaged, but the Royal Navy breaks up German supply convoy.

Fierce fighting continues as British troops begin to pull back from Maleme airfield towards Suda Bay in order toÂ regroup and protect their main point of supply.

British forces capture the last Italian stronghold in southern Abyssinia.

## 1942



The Nazis begin rounding up Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto for deportation and extermination.

The 6th Army and Kleist's Panzer's meets thereby pinching of the Russian salient Southeast of Kharkov. In US, gasoline rationing coupons are issued in 17 Eastern states and rationing begins. Japanese take Buna and Giruwa, New Guinea, beginning battle for Kokoda Trail.

German tanks counterattacked the positions gained by the latest Allied offensive in Egypt, inflicting heavy losses among New Zealand troops. By the time the British 23rd Armoured Brigade arrived, it was bogged down by a minefield as it engaged in battle with German tanks; when the engagement ended, the brigade was practically wiped out.

## **1943**

US Seventh Army takes Palermo, Sicily without opposition.

The Battle of Kursk ends after Hitler withdraws troops to reinforce Sicily.

## **1944**



This day in 1944, Oberst Claus von Stauffenberg is executed after the failed assassination attempt on Hitler and the intended military coup d'état, Operation Walküre.

More than 7,000 people were arrested, of whom they executed 4,980.

## **Irish Brigade arrives in Egypt**

0800 Convoy arrived at Alexandria.

0930 Brigade commences to disembark. 6 Innisks followed by Brigade HQ & 2 LIR. Pipe Band of 2 Innisks played the brigade ashore.

1030 6 Innisks, Brigade HQ & 2 LIR proceeded to Amiriya Camp & arrived there at 1230 hrs.

German SS troops destroy town of St. Gingolph, France.

## **1945**

Montgomery is appointed as C-in-C of the British force of occupation in Germany and a British member of the allied control commission.

‘Sugar Loaf Hill’ on Okinawa is finally taken by U.S. troops after changing hands 11 times in the last few days.

First US troops transferred from Europe arrive in the Philippines.



# Roll of Honour – July 22

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1915**

## **+ARMSTRONG, A**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 4693.  
Died 22/07/1915. Age 19. Son of George and Elizabeth  
Armstrong, of Aughneskew, Maguiresbridge, Co.  
Fermanagh. Chocquess Military Cemetery, France

## **+ARTHUR, WFC**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Ex NIH. Private. 41366. Died  
22/07/1915. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord,  
France

## **+BOWMAN, Samuel**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. C Coy. Private. 2960.  
Age 21. Died 22/07/1915. Son of Isabella Bowman, of 51,  
Witham St., Belfast, and the late Samuel Bowman. Bethune  
Town Cemetery, France

## **+FRANCEY, James**

2nd Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Private. 17487. Died 22 /  
07/1915. Aged 38. Son of William and Ellen Jane Francey,  
88 Queen Street, Ballymena. He enlisted in Hamilton and  
lived in Queenstown. Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de  
Calais. 1st Ballymena Presbyterian Church RH.



**+McCAULEY, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. C Coy. Private. 3724. Died 22/07/1915. Age 22. Son of Mrs. McCauley, of 32, Donegal St., Rosemount, Londonderry. Brother of Thomas McCauley, 3 Glenbank Terr, Londonderry. Chocquess Military Cemetery, France. Londonderry Diamond WM

**+McCLEARY, R J**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Serjeant. 4775. Died 22/08/1915. Age 27. Son of Robert McCleary, of Tonaghmore, Banbridge; husband of Amy McCleary, of Saul St., Downpatrick. Merville Communal Cemetery, France

**+McLAUGHLIN, Thomas**

2nd Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Private. 18136. Died 22 / 07/1915. Aged 36, he was born at Skerry, near Broughshane. Working in shipyard at outbreak of war. Enlisted in Londonderry, and lived in Broughshane. Two brothers were also serving. Son of John and Mary Ann McLaughlin. His wife Annie went to live at 24 Orchard Row, Londonderry. Hinges Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais. Londonderry Diamond WM

**+MURRAY, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 3524. Died 22/07/1915. Was a reservist. From Gortree, Strabane. Born in Ramelton, Donegal. Son of Mrs. B. Murray, of Dunccliffe Fort, Manorcunningham. Bethune Town Cemetery. France

**+WILKINSON, B**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 2988.

Died 22/07/1915. Age 20. Son of Richard Wilkinson, of Maguire's Bridge, Co. Fermanagh; husband of Rose Smyth (formerly Wilkinson), of 135, Old Park Avenue, Belfast. Bethune Town Cemetery, France

## 1916

### **+MILLIKEN, Samuel Blair**

Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 9th Btn. Private. 2769. Died 22/07/1916. Age 28. He had served with the 25th Btn and was propbaly serving with a Machine Gun Company when he died, having qualified as a gunner at the Zeiton (Cairo, Egypt) School of Instruction. His service records also state he had served three years with the Irish Guards and later in their reserves. Enlisted Rockhampton, Queensland 31/07/1915. Born at Bruslee, Ballylinney on 29/06/1888. He was a member of Young's Temperance True Blues LOL 957. He was a bootmaker by trade and was working on a sugar plantation in Queensland. He was aged 21 when he emigrated. His brother Thomas lived in Rockhampton. Son of John, a farmer, and Janet (nee Simms) Milliken, of Bruslee, Ballyclare. Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France . Ballyclare WM. Ballylinney Presbyterian Church RH

### **+ROBB, Victor Harold**

Royal Irish Rifles. 14<sup>th</sup> Btn (Young Citizens Volunteers). Lieutenant. Died 22/07/1916 at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, Middlesex, from wounds received in action on 01/07/1916. (Records differ on the date of death). He received his commission to Second Lieutenant in September 1914 and was promoted to Lieutenant in December of the same year. Son of Kirker and Elizabeth

(nee Beck) Robb. His father, a timber merchant, was born in Templepatrick. By 1911, Victor was living on the Somerton Rd., Belfast and working as an automobile engineer. He helped found Victor Robb & Co, Automobile Engineers and Agents, in May St., Belfast, later moving to Chichester St. His brother Robert (Bertie) Campbell Robb was a Captain in the Royal Flying Corps. It is said Bertie competed in the London Olympic Games of 1908. He survived the war. Victor's sole legatee was Miss Mary Robb. Belfast City Cemetery. Fortwilliam Presbyterian Church, Belfast RH. (Now Fortwilliam and Macrory).

### **+SHEILS, David**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. B Coy. Private. 4645. Died 22/07/1916. Age 24. Son of David and Mary Sheils, of 23, Union St., Waterside, Londonderry. Vermelles British Cemetery, France

## **1917**

### **+DAVIS, John**

RAMC. Attached River Sick Convoy Unit. Private. 84040. Died 22/07/1917. Age 38. Campbell College. Matriculated QUB 26/11/1896. B.A. 1899. He was a Church of Scotland minister who enrolled in RAMC. Appointed Minister of the Parish of Buittle, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, 1905. Son of the Rev. John Davis, of Ballynahinch Manse, Co. Down; husband to Margaret Davis (nee Kernahan), of "Grasmere," Lansdowne Rd., Belfast. Amara War Cemetery, Mesopotamia.

## **1918**

**+ARTHUR, William Frederick Christy**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion. Private. 41366. Died 22/07/1918. Arthur enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Antrim on 15/11/1915 (No.1873). He embarked for France in 1916 or the first half of 1917, where he was posted to either the 1st or 2nd North Irish Horse Regiment. In September 1917 the 2nd Regiment was dismounted and most of its men, together with some from the 1st Regiment, were transferred to the infantry. After training at the 36th (Ulster) Division Infantry Base Depot at Harfleur, the men were formally transferred to the Royal Irish Fusiliers on 20 September and soon after were posted to the 9th (Service) Battalion – re-named the 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion – joining it in the field at Ruyaulcourt. It is likely that Arthur saw action with the battalion in the Battle of Cambrai in November and December 1917, and perhaps also in the retreat from St Quentin from 21 to 28 March 1918 and at Ypres in April that year during the German spring offensive. In the early hours of 22/07/1918 Arthur's battalion attempted a major raid on the German lines, the object being a strong point called Shoddy Farm at Meulenhout, near Bailleul on the Ypres front. Arthur was one of those who took part. By 12.27 a.m. the raiding party had got quietly into position, but fifteen minutes later it was spotted by the enemy, who sent up SOS flares:

“His barrage came down in No Man’s Land and M.Gs opened from the road running N.E. from La Bourse and the house at [Wirral Farm]. On barrage starting the raiding party at once opened L.G. fire and moved forward: at the same time our barrage was phoned for and came down at 12.50 a.m. Throughout the raid there was very heavy fighting, the

enemy garrison being estimated at about 70–100 men with 5 M.Gs. One prisoner and 2 M.Gs were captured, the second M.G. was lost owing to bearer becoming a casualty. Enemy casualties estimated about 30. Our casualties were 2 Officers and 4 O.Rs missing and 11 wounded.”

Arthur was one of the missing. Search parties were sent out but could find no trace of them. The bodies of the four other ranks were located later that year after the area was captured – the Germans had buried them in the grounds of Shoddy Farm, marking each with a cross. After the war all four bodies, including that of Private Arthur, were exhumed and re-buried in the Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension. William Frederick Christy Arthur was born on 14/06/1897 at Dergalt, Strabane, County Tyrone, the seventh of eight children of farmer John Arthur and his wife Eliza Jane (nee Colhoun). By 1911 he was living with his family at Douglas Bridge, Shanonny West, County Tyrone.

### **+BENSON, Samuel**

US Army. 2<sup>nd</sup> Divison, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regt. Private (First Class). Died 22/07/1918. Born about 1887 in Annaghmore, Co. Armagh, he departed Londonderry Port on the ship Columbia and arrived in New York on 12/11/1907. He enetered service from New York. Believed to be Samuel (aged 15) in the 1901 census. Son of Robert, a farmer, and Rachel Benson of Teagy, Annaghmore. Suresness American Cemetery, 123 Boulevard Washington, Suresness, near Paris, France. St Paul's C of I Parish Church, Tartaraghan WM



**+CLARKE, John Kingham**

RAF. Second Lieutenant. Died 22/07/1918. Age 24. 103rd Sqdn. He was educated at Campbell College, Belfast, volunteered at the outbreak of war, and was for a year and a half in France and through the battle of the Somme with the 36th (Ulster) Division. Having obtained his commission, he was attached to the 16th (Irish) Division, and served through the battle of Cambrai. He volunteered for the RAF, and after training in England returned to France as an observer, where in about two weeks he was wounded. (Northern Whig 25/05/1918). Son of Rev. Edward Clarke, The Manse, Strabane. Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, France.

**1919****+STOCKMAN, Johnston**

Royal Army Medical Corps. Private. 126204. Died 22/07/1919. Age 32. Born at Tobermore, Co. Derry. Son of William and Eliza Stockman; husband to Margaret Eadie Watson Stockman, of Crosshouse, Blackford. Blackford Old Churchyard, Perthshire

**1941****+STEWART, Joseph**

RAF. Flight Sergeant. 627588. Died 22/07/1941. Aged 26. Son of Joseph and Margaret Stewart; Husband to Susan E. Stewart, Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina Section

**1942**

**+MITCHELL, Ian Desmond Vance**

Leicestershire Regiment. Captain. 71121. Died July 22/27, 1942 (while a prisoner-of-war in Japanese hands). He was commissioned about four years before his death and was serving on the North West Frontier on the outbreak of WW2. His regiment was then transferred from India to Malaya just after the Japanese entered the war. Twice wounded in the Malayan fighting.

Son of John and Violet Mitchell, 6, Templemore Park, Londonderry. Member of St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry. He was educated at Wrekin College, later going to Sandhurst. He was well known in Londonderry, where he had many friends, particularly in sporting circles. When on leave he organised cricket matches in the city and also took part in football. Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore.

**1943****+JOHNSTON, John**

Royal Ulster Rifles. 1st Btn. The London Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 7013965. Died 23/07/1943. Age 24. Husband to Elizabeth Johnston, of Belfast. Catania War Cemetery, Sicily. Italy

**+RUTHERFORD, Robert Henry**

RAFVR. Flying Officer. 133718. Died 22/07/1943. Aged 20. Stirling W7586, Bomber Command, stalled and crashed while attempting to go round again during a three-engined approach at Stradishall. Crew of six died. Son of Samuel William and Pauline Annie Rutherford of Holywood, County Down. Bangor Cemetery

**1944****+ADAMS, Harold William**

RAFVR. Flight Lieutenant. 118559. Died 22/07/1944. Age 23. 26 Sqdn. Larne Grammar School, Methodist College, Belfast, and Queen's University, where he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He left the University in 1941 to join the RAF. Youngest son of the late Mr. Henry Adams, of the Ulster Bank, and of Mrs. Dorothea Jane Adams, Kirkliston Drive, Belfast. (Belfast News Letter 29/07/1944). One of five brothers educated at Larne Grammar School who served in the war. Interred with military honours at the RAF Cemetery, Brookwood, Surrey. His family was represented by his brother, Mr. Robin W. Adams, Birmingham, and by Dr. and Mrs. John Adams, Dorking. QUB RH

**+CARLISLE, James**

Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Private. 7009586. Died 22/07/1944. Son of Ellen Carlisle; husband of Kathleen Carlisle. Carnmoney C of I Churchyard, Carnmoney Parish Church RH

**+CRAWFORD, Martin**

RCIC, Calgary Highlanders. Private. B/155261. Died 22/07/1944. Aged 34. Brother of Nathaniel, Sergeant Navigator, RAF who died on 31/05/1944 in a training flight from R.A.F. Wigsley in Nottinghamshire. Son of Hugh and Hessie Elizabeth Mary Crawford, of Glenone, Co. Antrim. Bayeux Memorial, Calvados, France

**+JACKSON, Harold David**

R.A.C, Reconnaissance Corps.59th Regt. Trooper. 879415. Died Between 22/07/1944 and 23/07/1944. Age 23. He was originally from Stockport. The rector of Mullabrack Parish Church where his wife sang in the choir, said that he had come into the area as a stranger but became one of us. Son of Harold David and Emma Jackson; husband to Doris Caroline Moore Jackson, of Markethill, Co. Armagh. Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton

## **1945**

### **+WARD, Henry Baxter**

RN. AB. C/JX 544636. Died 22/07/1945. Age 22. HMS Violet, a Flower-class corvette. Son of Thomas Reid Ward and Mary Ward, Cliftonpark Ave., Belfast, Northern Ireland. Durban (Stellawood) Cemetery, South Africa

## **1947**

### **+LUNNEY, Thomas**

RAFVR. Leading Aircraftman.1063465. Died 22/07/1947 of tubercular meningitis as a result of pulmonary tuberculosis. Aged 25. Son of Joseph Lunney and Mary J Lunney of Belfast. Milltown Cemetery, Belfast

### **+WHINNERY, Thomas**

Royal Welch Fusiliers. Fusilier. 7008439.Died 22/07/1947. Aged 43. Son of Hugh Whinnery and Sarah Whinnery of Belfast, Co. Antrim, and husband to Marcella Whinnery (née Murray). Milltown Cemetery, Belfast

## **VETERAN**

### **BLACK, Hugh**

RAF. Served with the Royal Air Force in Burma where he was injured but fortunately survived the war. Hugh was born on 22/07/1906 and lived in lived at Snugville Street, Shankill Road, Belfast. After marriage he lived in Mervue Street. Hugh died in July 1990 at Monkstown, Newtownabbey.

## Every Day is a Remembrance Day

*We will remember them*

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