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Campbell College CCF Pipes and Drums at the Ulster Tower as part of their July 2019 Exercise Reflect visiting Old Campbellian War Graves. They also played at the Theipval Memorial.

Stories of the Somme - Dunadry men

Meet three men from Dunadry, a small village in the Six Mile Valley on the road from Belfast to Antrim. One was decorated twice for bravery.



Sgt Robert Jackson of the 12th (Service) Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Central Antrim Volunteers) was awarded a Military Medal for gallantry.

Robert was born at Dunadry, Co. Antrim in 1896 and enlisted in the 12th Rifles at their formation in September 1914. At the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916 the battalion suffered over 400 casualties including 139 killed in action.

Robert was a Lance Corporal at the time and was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry during the battle, being

promoted to the rank of Sergeant shortly afterwards. His award was published in the London Gazette of 9 December 1916.

Robert continued to serve with the battalion and was taken prisoner during the German Spring Offensive of March 1918. He was taken to Prisoner of War Camps at Munster and Cassel and was finally repatriated on 14 December 1918.

As he had enlisted for the duration of the war, Robert was demobilised from the Army on 29 March 1919. On demobilisation, Robert initially relocated to Glengormley, but later emigrated to Canada. In January 1920 in the New Year's Honours List, Robert was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry throughout the war, the award being published in the London Gazette of 30 January 1920.

Father and son

Rifleman James Kirkpatrick 11/19588 and his eldest son Rifleman Samuel Kirkpatrick 11/19589, both served in 11th (Service) Battalion Royal Irish Rifles.

James and Samuel, from Dunadry, Co. Antrim, enlisted on the same day on the formation of the battalion in September 1914 and first saw action at the Somme.

James was 41 years old when he enlisted and Samuel was then 18. Records indicate that Samuel was wounded in October 1916 and on recovery was posted to the 18th (Service) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. He never completely recovered from his wounds and was discharged on 23 November 1917.



His father, continued to serve until he was demobilised in April 1919.

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On this day – July 5

1917

The British line makes slight progress south of Ypres (Ieper).

1918

The Australians advance the line NE of Villers-Bretonneux, SE of Amiens.

1940

Destroyer HMS Whirlwind was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine U-34 about 120 nautical miles west of



Land's End. Her bow section sank immediately while her stern had to be sunk by HMS Westcott. 57 men lost their lives. See David Clendinning from Dundrod in today's Roll of Honour.

British claim 25 German planes downed in a day, the highest total so far.

Reich Minister of Economics Funk outlines 'New Order' for Europe, with forced labor from occupied countries.

Compulsory evacuation of women and children ordered from Gibraltar.

Swiss Gen. Henri Guisan, commander of all Swiss forces, reacts to an appeasement-oriented speech by Federal President Marcel Pilet-Golaz by assembling 650 Swiss military officers in the Field of Rutli – the birthplace of Swiss independence – to make it clear the Swiss Army would resist any German or Italian invasion. "As long as in Europe millions stand under arms, and as long as important forces are able to attack us at any time, this army has to remain at its post." Pilet-Golaz and Berlin react with outrage, but Switzerland remains independent.

Italy bombs the British naval base at Alexandria and the base at Haifa.

1941

Italian motorboats with 33 Italian naval assault troops attempt to enter Valletta harbor on the island of Malta to attack British ships, but are discovered. All eight boats are sunk with 15 men being killed and 18 taken prisoner.

Finnish forces stop at the Tuulos River in Soviet Carelia because their flank is exposed.

Japan announces Indochina protectorate. It begins military occupation of bases July 28 to prepare for attack on Malay. United States, UK and Dominions freeze all Japanese assets.

In the Ukraine, largest tank battle of the war so far begins; Germans will prevail after 4-day battle.

1942

Army Group A breaks out of its bridgeheads on the lower Don, along with the 4th Panzer Army which holds the eastern most of these. Army Group A drives south, whilst 4th Panzer Army attacks east and then north-east to link up with the rest of Army Group B as it advances towards Stalingrad. The South Front under General Malinovsky is being quickly shattered and the remnants are absorbed in to the North Caucasus Front, which is commanded by Marshal Budenny. Despite the lack of supplies and intense heat, the Germans make rapid progress. Further north, the 6th Army attempts to bounce its way across the river Don, but is initially repulsed and so waits for the 4th Panzer Army to arrive.

1943



Photo above -One of the largest tank battles in history begins at Kursk. Red Army losses are staggering, but the Soviets drive the Axis back along a thousand-mile front.

German radio says that Hamburg is still burning (8am), leaving 100,000 homeless. The USAAF bomb the city again in daylight. The allies blitz Essen with 2,000 tons of bombs being dropped.

Benito Mussolini is arrested by order of the Italian King. Marshal Badoglio, a First World War hero becomes Prime Minister, introduces martial law and incorporates the Fascist militia into the ordinary armed forces, thus ending the Fascist regime in Italy. Hitler orders German divisions rushed South in to Italy to disarm their former allies. Allied forces begin to face stiff resistance as they approach Messina.

1944

2,500 USAAF aircraft drop 4,150 tons of bombs on German and American positions near St. Lo, which kill 601 Americans.

The US VII Corps launches 'Operation Cobra' in an attempt to breakout from the southern end of the

Cherbourg peninsula, near St. Lo. The Canadians attack South of Caen. Goebbels becomes the 'Reich Plenipotentiary for Total War'.

Narva is evacuated by the Germans, who take up position along the Tannenberg position to the West. Soviet forces cut the road between Dvinsk and Riga in Latvia. The Second

Tank Army reaches the Vistula, 40 miles West of Lublin.

Lvov is surrounded and Soviet forces converge on Brest-Litovsk.



Allied forces begin a break out of Normandy's bocage country at Saint-Lo. They are soon driving across France towards Paris. But it was not without cost.

1,246 Japanese are killed in a Banzai charge on Tinian, another 3,000 die on Guam.

The British Eastern Fleet pounds the Japanese airfields and port at Sabang on Sumatra.

1945

A Proclamation to the Japanese people is issued by UK, U.S and China from Potsdam, which warns of devastation from the 'final blows' and calls for Japans unconditional surrender.

Roll of Honour – July 5

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+SWAIN, William Steadman

RNVR. RND. AB. Mersey Z/57. Howe Battalion. Died 05/07/1915. Killed in action. Camp shelled. Age 23. Enlisted 08/09/1914. Howe Battalion 'C' Company 09/02/1915 - 05/07/1915. A Ropemaker. Born Belfast 14/04/1892. Son of Henry and Annie Swain, Mumford Rd., Orrell, Bootle, Liverpool. Native of Belfast. Skew Bridge Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli). ADM339RNVR. RND. AB. Mersey Z/57. Howe Battalion. Died 05/07/1915. Killed in action. Camp shelled. Age 23. Enlisted 08/09/1914. Howe Battalion 'C' Company 09/02/1915 - 05/07/1915. A Ropemaker. Born Belfast 14/04/1892. Son of Henry and Annie Swain, Mumford Rd., Orrell, Bootle, Liverpool. Native of Belfast. Skew Bridge Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli). ADM339

+SWEENEY, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 9572. Died 05/07/1915. Age 30. Son of Mrs. Margaret Sweeney, of 2, Connell St., Limavady, Co. Londonderry. St Canice's Roman Catholic Burial Ground, Roe Mill Rd., Limavady

1916

+ANDERSON, DAVID

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 4932. Died 05/07/1916 of wounds received on the Somme battlefield. Age 39. Born at Galgorm Parks, Ballymena on the 24/06/1877 and enlisted in Ballymena. David deployed with the Ulster Division on 05/10/1915. Prior to joining the colours David was employed in the Braidwater Spinning Mill. David was also a member of Braidwater LOL. Son of Adam and Jane (nee Higgins) Anderson, of Ballymena. His sister Martha lived at 9 Bridge Street Place, Ballymena, David is recorded as living at this address in the 1901 and 1911 Irish census. Puchevillers British Cemetery, France. Ballymena 1914 -1918 WM. High Kirk Presbyterian Church RH

+CURRAN, Francis

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 25053. Died 05/07/1916. Aged 20. Son of James and Eliza Jane Curran, of 3, Pim St., Antrim Rd., Belfast. St Marie LeHarve Cemetery, Seine-Maritime, France

+DARRAGH, James Robinson

Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) 6th Btn.

2nd Lieutenant. He had been 'slightly' injured on the 24/06/1917 but succumbed to his wounds on the 05/07/1917. Age 26. One of three brothers to die in WW1 within a few short months. 2nd Lt. James Robinson Darragh, also of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment died 05/07/1917. John McCromie Darragh died 24/12/1916. Their mother Mrs Darragh lived at Alma Terrace, Portadown. Her sons names are on the memorial in 1st Ballymena Presbyterian Church.

+MACCOURT, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Serjeant. 14088. Died 05/07/1916. Age 24 years old. Son of Andrew and Catherine Maccourt, of Moneykee, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh. Douellens Communal Cemetery Extension No 1, France

+McCLINTON, John Stuart

South Lancashire Regiment, 7th Btn. Captain. Died 05/07/1916. RBAI. Member of North Football Club. One of three brothers serving. The others were in the Royal Irish Rifles. Pre-war he worked in his father's business, McClinton & Co, seed merchants, in Victoria Street, Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

+McLOUGHLIN, William

Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment), 10th Btn. C Coy. Lance Serjeant. 14530. Died 05/07/1916. Age 26. Brother of R. McLoughlin, of 45, Newry St., Castlereagh Rd., Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, France

+SWANN, James Arthur

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Bn. Serjeant. 11/19786. Died 05/08/1916. Aged 23. Son of Jane Swann, of Fountain St., Antrim, and the late David Swann. Antrim New Cemetery. Antrim District LOL 13 WM

+WATSON, Dynes

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14755. Died 05/07/1916. Aged 21. Prior to his enlistment, Dynes had been employed as a linen weaver and had been a member of B Platoon, Lurgan, Ulster Volunteer Force. Dynes brother, Rifleman John Watson (9124) was killed in action 16/08/1917. Son of John and Jane Watson, of 20, New St., Lurgan. Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No1, France

+WOODSIDE, Wallace McMullan

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Corporal. 14/16107. Died 05/07/1916. Age 26. Son of John T. Woodside, M.D., and Maria Woodside, of Belfast. Puchevillers British Cemetery, France

+WYLIE, Edward I

Royal Engineers, 121st Field Coy Sapper 64006. Died 05/07/1916. Born Shankill, Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. St Jude's C of I Church, Belfast WM

1917

+CRICHTON, Jack

Canadian Infantry, 4th Btn. Private. 642640. Died 05/07/1917 at a Canadian Field Ambulance. John Crichton

was the youngest son of John and Martha Crichton. He was born on 01/06/1888 in Belfast. The family lived in Belfast but his father was a cloth finisher who worked at various times in Coalisland. John Jack Crichton emigrated to the United States in 1910. Prior to enlisting, Jack was living in Ontario, Canada. He enlisted in December 1915. La Targette British Cemetery, Neuville-St Vaast, Pas de Calais, France

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+HOPE, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. D Coy. Private. 23726. Died 05/07/1917. Age 23. (Served as Hepple). Husband of Mrs. Hope, of 9, Moehans Row, Waterside, Londonderry. Ferme-Olivier Cemetery, Belgium

1918

+CLEMENTS, W

Royal Irish Rifles, 3rd Btn. Serjeant.14302. Died 05/07/1918. Husband of M. Clements, of 64, Egmont St., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

+MARTIN, D

Royal Engineers. Sapper. WR/310237. Died 05/07/1918. Age 30. Born at Belfast. Son of Andrew and Elizabeth Martin; husband to Mary Martin, of Aughagegnan Cottage, Longford. Born at Belfast. Carnmoney Cemetery, Newtownabbey

+MILNE, George

Machine Gun Corps (Motors). (Dunsterforce Armoured Car Bde.). Serjeant. 79585.Died 05/07/1918. This unit emerged from the Royal Naval Air Service Armoured Car Division whose initial recruitment was facilitated by Sir Edward Carson and the UVF. Deployed to France and Belgium and then to Russia . It was later split into Dunsterforce and to what became the Royal Tank Regiment. Dunsterforce was deployed in part to guard the oil wells of Baku from the Turks. George Milne was born in Forres, Scotland. He lived in Bangor and enlisted in Grantham. He worked as a chauffeur for DH Dunseath, Bangor, Co.Down. Chauffeurs and moto-mechanics were the backbone of the RNAS Armoured Car Division. George was the son of Robert John Milne. He and his wife Annette married in Ballyclare Methodist Church and lived at Beatrice Road, Bangor. After her re-marriage Annette Walters (formerly Milne), lived at 23, Ballycon Rd., Ballyclare. Tehran War Cemetery, Iran. Ballyclare WM. Bangor WM. Ballyclare Methodist Church RH

1940

+CLENDINNING, David Alexander

RN. Able Seaman. C/SSX 13199. HMS Whirlwind. Died 05/07/1940. Age 30. Son of Robert Alexander and Agnes Clendinning, Riverside, Glenavy, Lisburn and Whitehead. His father Robert served in 3 RIR in WW1. He died on the 11/11/1920 age 45 and is buried in Dundrod Presbyterian Graveyard. Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 35. Glenavy WM

1941

+HOLLAND, John Charles

Royal Engineers. 128 Electrical and Mechanical Coy. Sapper. 1948387. Died 05/07/1941. Age 20. Son of Thomas J. Holland and Margaret Holland, of Belfast. Manor Road Cemetery, Scarborough

1942

+MOANE, Terance

Durham Light Infantry, 8th Btn. Private. 6026808. Died 05/07/1942. Age 27. Son of Michael and Bridget Moane, of Brookeborough, Co. Fermanagh. Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Brookeborough WM

1944

+KEARNEY, James Joseph

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1233707. Died 05/07/1944 Age 20. 106 Sqdn. Son of Patrick Joseph and Jennie Kearney, of Newton, Portglenone. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 232

+KEENAN, William

Royal Ulster Rifles. 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 7011506. Died 05/07/1944 from a fatal wound brought about by shrapnel near Cambes. Aged 30. 2nd Btn. RUR landed at Sword Beach on D-Day, 6th June 1944 and fought throughout the Battle of Normandy. Born in Dublin and known as Danny, he served in Armagh before the war. His father and an uncle had served in WW1 and a brother was serving in the RAF. Son of Thomas Keenan, and husband to Margaret (nee Matson) Keenan of Callan St., Armagh. La Deliverande War Cemetery, Douvres, Normandy, France.

+PRICE, Norman Leslie

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 6th Btn. Fusilier. 6985307. Died 05/07/1944. Age 21. Son of Emily Price of Belfast. Naples War Cemetery, Italy

1947

+ALLEN, James

Royal Artillery. Gunner. 1519883. Died 05/07/1947. Aged 46. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Allen of Belfast; Husband of Margaret Allen of Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

VETERANS

DAVIS, Major Edgerton

Royal Engineers. Sapper. 1895607. 6 Commando. Private. Born Belfast 05/07/1920. Sapper M.E. Davis was reported missing 26 February 1943 during operations in North Africa (Battle of Steamroller Farm), later found to be a prisoner of

war. P.O.W. 153246. Camp PG66, Capua, Italy. Stalag XV11-B (17B), Gneixendorf, Austria. Stalag XVIII A (18A), Wolfsberg, Austria. Post war member of the Commando Association from County Antrim.

WRIGHT, William Herbert

RAF. MCB. Born 05/07/1921. Son of Herbert Wright, Ravenhill Pk., Belfast. Postwar Company director. Cairnburn Rd., Belfast.

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