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After the war, Joan Mary Cattanach trained as a dress designer at the Paris Academy of Fashion in London. Today is the anniversary of her death in 2017

NI WRNS who plotted D-Day landings

A Northern Ireland Wren who plotted the D-Day landings in a secret underground tunnel lived until she was 92.

Former dress designer Joan Mary Cattanach passed away peacefully at Kingfishers care home in New Milton on July 7, 2017.

The mother-of-two was born in Rosario de Santa Fe in Argentina, a daughter of George Apperson and Dorothy Boyd from Belfast.

After the family returned to Belfast, Joan attended Richmond Lodge School and then went to boarding school at Queenswood in Hertfordshire, only for her education to be cut short in 1939 when war broke out. She returned to Ireland to attend a Parents' National Educational Union (PNEU) school in Tynan House and in 1941 volunteered to work in the Forces Canteen.

As Belfast came under attack from Luftwaffe raids, Joan joined the Women's Royal Naval Service - better known as the Wrens - as soon as she was able to in 1941 and was stationed in Belfast Castle, plotting the ship movements from the Clyde to the Atlantic by positioning model ships on a huge glass mapping table.

Afterwards, she said: "The Operations Room was a large room upstairs, which had windows along one wall.

"There was an office on the right, behind a glass screen, and another long room on the left housed the teleprinters, where we spent a lot of time receiving information from the Liver Buildings in Liverpool, Greenock and, I think, Orkney.

"We had a big glass-topped map table in the centre of the room and we placed tiny 'boats' according to the positions we had been given, moving them with long-handled rakes just like they show it in old films.



"We plotted convoys from the Clyde to the Atlantic as well as everything else at sea."

Joan met her husband Alexander Cattanach (Sandy) when her father was running the wartime Officer Training Course at Queen's University Belfast. She

was set up with a blind date and he was rather shocked to find out that she was his Commanding Officer's daughter.

In April 1944 Joan was sent with three others to HMS Forward in Newhaven to reinforce it in preparation for D-Day.

"Our job involved surveillance of everything that moved on, under or over the English Channel, from Dungeness to Selsey Bill," she said.

"I arrived at work expecting to do my normal shift, only to be told that we were all to be locked in for 48 hours. It was D-Day and we were to plot the landings. Any communication with the outside was forbidden.

"This put me in a fix: my boyfriend, Sandy, had just returned from India. We had planned a romantic reunion at Haywards Heath station. All staff were given amphetamines to help us to stay alert and awake. I decided not to take mine, as the first girl who did leapt up and danced on the plotting table!

"I did take time to think of Sandy. He had waited for me, but after an hour he decided I'd stood him up and turned to go. As he said, 'I realised there were a lot of planes about and that something must be happening'."

In November 1944 Joan returned to Belfast Castle until she was demobbed in August 1945.

After the war she trained as a dress designer at the Paris Academy of Fashion in London and worked for James McCaherty in Belfast designing pattern layouts for garments. Upon marrying Sandy in 1945, she moved to Glasgow where she supported her husband through his medical studies by working for Sol and Philip Harris who made clothes for Marks & Spencer.

The family lived in Scotland, then Crewe, and Joan was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 1956. She underwent a total thyroidectomy and radical new treatment with radioactive iodine at New End Hospital and went on to live to 92.

Sandy took over a one-man practice in New Milton in 1957 which he initially ran from the family home and they lived

there until he retired in 1984. In 1971 he opened one of the first purpose-built health centres in the country.

Joan was an excellent sculptor, jewellery maker and china restorer and donated all her earnings from china restoration to Oakhaven Hospice, where Sandy was to spend his last days until he died of cancer in 2008.

Joan was survived by her two daughters Sue and Siriol, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her funeral took place at the Woodland Burial Ground at Hinton, Dorset.

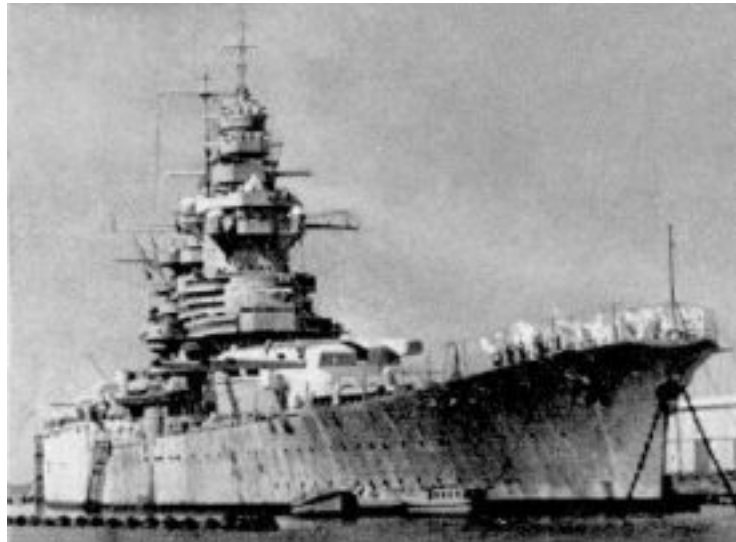
Acknowledgments - Linda Stewart, Belfast Telegraph

On this day - July 7



1917

The official formation of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and the first time Women were fully enrolled in the Armed Forces. Photo above.



1940

A French naval squadron that has sought refuge at Alexandria is disarmed and interned by the British Navy. Italy allows French Mediterranean bases to remain armed. At Dakar, French West Africa, British torpedo bombers damage French battleship Richelieu when she refuses to surrender.

1941

Under the pretext of defending the western hemisphere against Axis incursions, the U.S. 1st Marine Brigade is landed in Iceland to relieve the British garrison that has been there since the previous year.

1942

Operation 'Rutter' is again delayed. The date for the attack is now postponed until the 19th August. However, General Montgomery calls for the attack to be cancelled because too many people know about it, but General Paget and Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten and General Paget insist the attack should be mounted.

Two pro-German spies, Jose Key and Alphons Timmerman are hanged at Wandsworth prison.

4th Panzer Army enter Voronezh, 150 miles to the east of Kursk. Army Group A begins its offensive in to the Donets Basin. The STAVKA (Red Army High Command) creates the Voronezh Front under General Rokossovsky and is to cover the widening gap between the Bryansk and South-West Fronts.

Himmler grants permission for sterilization experiments at Auschwitz.

China makes a plea for the allied forces to make the Pacific rather than Europe the focus of action. The Chinese cite that they have been under attack by the Japanese since 1936, long before the European nations went to war.

1943

Off the coast of Brazil, U-185 (Kptlt. Maus) sinks 3 merchant ships.

Adolf Hitler makes the V-2 missile program a top priority in armament planning.

The German forces engaged at Kursk are still unable to achieve a major breakthrough in the face of stiffening Soviet resistance, which is reinforced by the arrival of strong tank

and infantry reserves. Lt. Hartmann of II/JG 52, downs 7 Soviet aircraft near Kursk, bringing his total since the start of the offensive to 22.

China enters the seventh year of 'The Double Seven War', which started on 7/7/1936.

1944



450 heavy RAF bombers carry out a saturation raid (2,300 tons) on the German defenses in and around Caen. 1,129 USAAF bombers attack aircraft factories and oil plants in the Leipzig area.

Attacks by the US Seventh Army in the Carentan area of the Cotentin peninsula are blunted by violent German counter-attacks.

RAF Bomber Command operations:

Night ops, July 6/7th, Thursday night and early Friday.

Minor Ops:-

33 LNSF Mosquitoes to Scholven/Buer and 3 to Mezieres railway junction.

100 Group sent out 6 Intruder and 16 V1 patrols (6 V1s shot down).

4 Stirlings gardening off the Belgian and Dutch coasts.

All returned safely.

Total Effort for the 24 hours:- 613 sorties for the loss of 1 aircraft (0.2%) plus 5 more written off in crashes back in England (but as the Command knew where they were, they weren't counted as "lost"!

23 of our airmen paid the ultimate price and 1 was injured. There were no PoWs or evaders.

Vice-Admiral Nagumo and General Saito, commit suicide as the Japanese position on Saipan deteriorates.



Roll of Honour – July 7

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1916

+ADAIR, Robert Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5818. Died 07/07/1916. Born Monkstown 10/12/1897. Enlisted Belfast. Son of Francis, a sailor and Matilda (nee Mulholland) Adair. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+ADDISON, Robert

Royal Army Medical Corps, 108th Field Amb. Private. 50842. Died 07/07/1916. Age 23 years old. Enlisted Jan., 1915. Son of William and Ellen Addison, of 87, Grove St. East, Belfast. Dranoutre Military Cemetery, Belgium

+BARNETT, Daniel Rea

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 17231. Died 07/07/1916. Age 20. He died four days after a gunshot wound to the head. Born in Ballyduff on 13/03/1896. He had been employed by W. Smith & Son, Union St., Belfast. Son of Robert and Agnes (nee Rea) Barnett, of Ballhyduff, Carnmoney, Belfast. St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France. Ballyclare WM. Carnmoney Presbyterian Church RH

+BLAYNEY, Bernard

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 4633. Died 07/07/1916. Born Downpatrick. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Downpatrick WM

+BRENNAN, James

Royal Engineers, 38th Field Company. Corporal. 18108. Died 07/07/1916. Age 25. Son of Samuel and Margaret Brennan, of Woodburn, Carrickfergus. Dtruma Military Cemetery, Greece

+COATES, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8205. Died 07/07/1916. Age 31. Son of Margaret Coates, of 24, Argyle St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, France

+COLSTON, J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Serjeant. 24940. Died 07/07/1916. Son of William Colston, of Cloncoohy, Co. Fermanagh. Bethune Town Cemetery, France

+COMMACK, Edward

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 8968. Died 07/07/1916. Age 30. Son of Margaret Commack, of 220, Leopold St., Belfast, and the late James Commack. Theipval Memorial, France.

+CUNNINGHAM, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Rifleman. 8/14268. Died 07/07/1916. Age 21. Son of Thomas and Rebecca

Cunningham, of 47, Glenbrook Avenue, Belfast. Etaples Military Cemetery, France

+DUFFY, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 5600. Died 07/07/1916. Age 36. Husband of Maggie Duffy, of 2, Ormond Place, Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, France

+FURPHY, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 10838. Died 07/07/1916. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Name added to the Lurgan War Memorial in 2018

+GRATTAN, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Serjeant. 238. Died 07/07/1916. Age 32. Son of William and Mary Grattan; husband of Ellen Grattan, of 36, Meadowbank Place, Belfast. London Cemetery and Extension, Longueval, France

+HILLIS, John

Royal Engineers, 150th Field Coy. Driver. 64326. Died 07/07/1916. Age 24. Son of William John and Elizabeth Hillis, of 32, Lawther Place, Belfast. Albert Communal Cemetery Extension, France

+HYNDMAN, Val

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Captain. Died 07/07/1916. Age 29. Son of James Hyndman. of "Lisanore," Antrim Rd., Belfast. Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France

+LAVERY, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 7 Btn. Private. 6041. Died 10/07/1916. Born 22/08/1875 at Ballylucas, County Down to Arthur and Anne Lavery. Enlisted at Downpatrick. Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos, France.

+LOVE, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14515. Died 07/07/1916. Age 27. Son of Joseph and Dolly Love, of Tullyrone, Castlederg. Abbeville Communal Cemetery, France

+LOWRY, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6776. Died 07/07/1916. Age 19. Son of William and Agnes Lowry, of 8, Bloomfield St., Connswater, Belfast. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+LUNDY, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 561. Died 07/07/1916. Enlisted 1914 but was discharged for desertion. He re-enlisted and disembarked in France 04/10/1915. He died with Rifleman WG Stack (below) acting as stretcher-bearers when they were shelled. Son of Hugh and Mary Anne Lundy, Tullylish, Banbridge. Theipval Memorial, France.

+McDONALD, Thomas

Royal Garrison Artillery. 101st Siege Bty., Gunner. 67686, Died 07/07/1916 of wounds received on 02/07/1916. Thomas had been in the army for nine months when he was killed. Born 17/07/1896. Son of carpenter Robert James

McDonald and Lila McLaughlin, of Ballymena. The couple had married in Ballymena RC Chapel on 07/11/1885 and lived at 7, Larne Street, Ballymena. Carnoy Military Cemetery, France.

+McGREECHAN, Robert James

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 7605. Died 07/07/1916. Age 32. Born Ballycullen, Newtownards, 14/11/1885. Son of Robert James and Mary (nee Johnston) McGreechan. Husband of Catherine (nee Mawhinney) McGreechan, of Dunadry. In 1916 she was living at Gordon's Row, Milebush, Carrickfergus. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.



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**Tyne Cot
Cemetery and
Memorial**

+McROBERTS, Alexander

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6916. Died 07/07/1916. Age 18. Native of Ballymacarrett. Son of Malcolm and Agnes McRoberts, of 22, Welland St., Newtownards Rd., Belfast. Ovillers Military Cemetery, France

+ROSS, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 13455. Died 07/07/1916. Age 34. Served 12 years in Royal Field Artillery in India; also in the South African campaign. Son of the late George and Mary Ross, of Ballynafeigh, Belfast; husband to Frances Ross, of 77, Ardenmoor St., Belfast. Puchevillers British Cemetery, France

+RUSSELL, William James

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 593. Died 07/07/1916. Age 24. Son of William and Annie Liza Russell, of 30, Central St., Belfast. Theipval Memorial, France

+SCOTT, A

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Rifleman. 13572. Died 07/07/1916. Employee of the Giants' Causeway Electric Tramway Co. Son of Mrs. Isabella Scott, of Belfast. St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France. Commemorated in Dunluce Parish Church

+SPEERS, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles. 18th Btn. Rifleman. 18/556. Died 07/07/1916. Enlisted Clondeboye September 1914.

Husband of Eleanor McCullum (formerly Speers), of 21, Main St., Bushmills. St John's C of I Churchyard, Dunluce

+STACK, William George

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 969. Died 07/07/1916. Age 30. He was a member of the local Secession Congregation (of which the Rev. Geo. Laverty, M.A., was pastor), and a member of the Orange and Black Institutions. In a letter to his sister, Captain C. D. Chase says that he was killed on the night of the 7th July, when he and another man named Rea were called to act as stretcher-bearers—a very dangerous and responsible job. The company was being badly shelled at the time, and both Rea and Stack went as "walking cases" to the dressing station. There was great confusion in the darkness in the trenches that night, and though he was returned as wounded, it now appeared that he was hit again on the way down and killed. Six other men were killed that night, including S. Lundy. of Poyntzpass. Son of William G. and Jane Stack, of Tyrones Ditches, Poyntzpass. Theipval Memorial, France.

+THOMPSON, Alfred Maurice

RAMC. Captain. Attached 7th Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed in action, the day before his 31st birthday, on 07/07/1916. He had stopped to attend the wounds of the battalion adjutant, some 80 yards in front of his own lines in Mash Valley, just north of the village of La Boisselles. He was using a waterproof sheet to drag the adjutant back to within a few feet of the trenches, when he was fatally wounded by shrapnel. He was recommended for the Victoria Cross for his actions that day, having previously been mentioned in dispatches. Alfred was born on 08/07/1885 in Brussels, the

son of Alfred and Florence C Thomson of 9 Osborne Mansions, Northumberland Street, London, and later of "Breowra", Marlborough Avenue, Belfast. He lived in Belgium until the age of 7. Educated at RBAI, QUB (MB, BCh, BAO 1909), Kings College. He was a physician and living at Napsbury, St Albans, when he joined the RAMC. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+WATERFIELD, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. 5758. Died 07/07/1916. Born in Wales and raised in Leicester. Son of Jacob and Jane Waterfield, Leicester. Husband to Annabella (nee McConnell) Waterfield from Tullyawe, Belleeks, Co. Armagh, whom he met working in Newry. Annabella died in 1955, aged 83. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+WORTHINGTON, David

Royal Engineers, 150th Field Coy. Sapper. 57633. Died 07/07/1916. Age 22. Husband of Evelyn Worthington, of 12, Ballymoney St., Old Park Rd., Belfast. Theipval Memorial, France

1917

+BOYD, Brian

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 07/06/1917. Age 19. Son of William A. and Lizzie M. Boyd, of 10, Cyprus Gardens, Belfast. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension Nord, France

+COSTELLO, Manus Alexander

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Private. 28450. Died 07/07/1917 near Ypres. Age 28. Manus Cushley was the youngest son of Patrick and Jane Cushley. He was born on 16/02/1888. He was the youngest of at least eleven children, all born in the Bellaghy area. Sometime between 1901 and 1911 the family changed their name to Costello. Manus was a tailor. Manus Costello was living in Omagh when he enlisted in Londonderry. Son of Patrick and Jane Costello, of Bellaghy. La Laiterie Military Cemetery, Belgium. Castledawson WM

+FARR, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusilier. 9th Btn. Private. 12/29655. Died 07/08/1917. Age 32. Son of Robert and Annie Farr. Robert was born in Drumglass about 1882-86. The 1901 census records Robert as age 15. The family were living at Claggan, Crossdernot, Tyrone. In 1910 Robert married Ellie. They had a child they named William John Farr. By 1911, 26 year old Robert was living with his new family at Roughan, Tullyniskane, Tyrone. A brother had been killed in the South African campaign more than 15 years previously. He had another brother, George Farr, who died at the Somme in 1916. When the news reached home that George was "missing believed killed" the third brother, Robert, immediately volunteered for the same battalion. Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Dungannon WM. Newmills C of I Parish RH

+LINDSAY, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Lance Corporal. 2210. Died 07/06/1917. Age 21. Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lindsay, of

Main St., Crumlin, Co. Antrim. Spanbroekmolen British Cemetery, Belgium.

+McBRIDE, Samuel

Northumberland Fusiliers, 3rd Btn. Lance Serjeant. 50042. Died 07/07/1917. Age 44. Husband of Jane McBride, of 98, Portallo St., Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

+PATTON, W

Durham Light Infantry, 22nd Btn. Private. 17460. Died 07/07/1917. Age 38. Son of John Patton, of 53, Cambrai St., Belfast. Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery, Belgium

1918

+DONLEAVY, William Stephen

AB. HMT Bendigo. Died 07/07/1918. Age 26. HMT Bendigo, ex Ben Lomond, sunk by submarine action off Kinsale. Son of the late George and Cathleen Donleavy, Ferris Point Lighthouse, and Ballylumford Cottage. Brother of Mrs. Barlowe, 24 Station Road, Larne.

+FULTON, James

Army Service Corps, Station Staff Supply Coy. Corporal. S3/030877. Died 07/07/1918. Age 40. Son of Henry and Mary Fulton, of Lisburn Rd., Belfast; husband of Margaret Fulton, of 38, Brookland St., Lisburn Rd., Belfast. Kirechkoi-Hortckoi Military Cemetery, Greece

+GILFILLAN, David Simpson

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 29203. Died 07/07/1918. Age 24. Son of John and Sarah Gilfillan, of 2

Mark St., Portrush. Chauny Communal Cemetery British Extension, France

+WHITE, William

Royal Army Medical Corps. Private. 54192. Died 07/07/1918. Husband to Emma White, of 20, Sylvan St., Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

1919

+McELROY, Alfred George

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Lance Corporal. 7498. Died 07/07/1919. Age 22. Son of John and Mary Louisa McElroy, of 13, Downshire Rd., Bangor, Co. Down. Aldershot Military Cemetery.

1944

+BRADLEY, George

Royal Ulster Rifles. 2nd Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 7014121. Died 07/07/1944. Age 23. Landed on Sword Beach on D-Day, 6th June 1944 and spent the following month engaged in the Battle of Normandy. Son of George Bradley and Susan Bradley of Belfast, Co. Antrim, and husband of Brigid Bradley of Tassagh, Co. Armagh. Ranville War Cemetery, Normandy, France

+DEMPSTER, Edward

Royal Ulster Rifles, 1st Btn. Airborne trained. D Coy, 19 Platoon. Corporal. 7012285. Died 07/07/1944. Born in Belfast. Son of James and Byers Dempster; husband to

Betty of Westfields, Hereford. Remembered as a fine footballer. Hermanville War Cemetery

+HARRISON, John

Royal Armoured Corps. Queen's Own Hussars. Trooper. 409184. Died 10/07/1944. Age 27. He had 9 years' service. He became a Prisoner of War during the Italian campaign and was held at PG49, Fontanellato, Parma, Italy. On 08/09/1943 Commandant Colonel Eugenio Vicedomini opened the camp gates following the Italian surrender. Around 600 Officers and members of the Allied Forces walked out to freedom. It is unclear whether Trooper Harrison was one of the 600. A newspaper report from 1945 suggests he was returning from fighting between Partisans and German forces at his time of death. By this stage of the war, he had 9 years' service. He was the son of Thomas A. Harrison and the stepson of Margaret Harrison of 264 Ravenhill Avenue, Belfast. The villagers gave Harrison a public funeral at Bedonia Cemetery, Emilia-Romagna, Parma, Italy. His Commonwealth War Graves Commission grave is at Staglieno Cemetery, Genoa, Italy

+KENNEDY, George Kennedy

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 7047367. Died 07/07/1944. Aged 25. Son of James and Ellen Kennedy, of Lisnaskea. Co. Fermanagh. Naples War Cemetery, Italy.

+REID, Gordon

A.A.C. Parachute Regiment, 7th Btn. Private. 14410593. Died 07/07/1944. Aged 20. Parachuted into France 06/07/1944. Aim was to secure the Eastern flanks of the British landings and to secure the village of Benoville and

subsequently the area around Ranville. Reid had previously parachuted into France on a joint operation with the Special Air Service. Leading the SAS unit was Lieutenant Colonel Paddy Mayne. Five other Ulster men also made the drop including Pat Garstain and Tot Barker. After a successful mission, Cookstown man Tot Barker needing hauling on board the plane by Mayne under heavy enemy fire. Son of John and Elizabeth Reid, of Cookstown. Ranville War Cemetery, Calvados, France, Cookstown WM. Molesworth PCI WM

+TROTTER, James Wesley

A.A.C. The Parachute Regiment, 5th Btn. 7047440. Private. Formerly Royal Ulster Rifles. Died 07/07/1944. Aged 20. Son of James B. and Fanny J. Trotter, of Grangemore, Armagh. Bayeux War Memorial

1945

+CARDWELL, Thomas Harry

Royal Artillery, 136th Field Regiment. Sergeant. 1091991. Died 07/07/1945. Age 30. Son of William James and Sarah Cardwell. Husband to Elizabeth Cardwell of Dungannon. Rangoon War Cemetery, Myanmar. Dungannon WM, St Anne's C of I WM

1946

+PARKE, Matthew

RAF. Warrant Officer. 543666. DSM. Died 07/07/1946. Aged 26. Son of Joseph C. Parke and Mary Parke of Ballymagroarty. Accidentally Killed (Family Memorial)

VETERANS

Rev Fr Francis Browne, chaplain to the Irish Guards during WW1 passed away on 07/07/1960. Browne, a noted photographer, took photos of soldiers during the war and took the last photos onboard the Titanic before it sank. His remains were interred at Glasnevin Cemetery.

BURGESS, Hugh

RAF. MCB. Born 07/07/1922. Son of Alex Burgess, Sainfield. Post war teacher, Carr, Lisburn.

CHRISTIE, Richard

RN. Stoker First Class. SS112296. Enrolled 05/06/1912 for 5 and 7 years. Served to 15/04/1919. Joined RFR 16/04/1919. War service in Triumph, Vivid, Mimosa, Primrose and Colleen. Born Larne 07/07/1892. ADM 188/1118/112296

CLARKE, Patrick

RN. AB. J73519. Enrolled 07/07/1917 for hostilities. Served in Pembroke, Centaur and Curacco. Demobbed 19/02/1919. Born Newry 12/02/1892. ADM 188/794/73519

COLVILLE, James

RMLI. Private. 17219. Plymouth Division. Enlisted 08/09/1914. Served in Royal Arthur, Cyclops, Colleen, Victory V, and Thunderer. Discharged 07/07/1920. Joined RFR 08/07/1920. Born Bangor 09/08/1897. Son of William James and Margaret Colville, Wolesley St, Belfast.

Crescent - PCI RH. Malone Golf Club RH. ADM
159/160/17219

CURRY, Samuel

RN. AB. J74230. Boy service from 07/07/1917. Enrolled
17/08/1917 for hostilities. War service in Impregnable, and
Warspite. Served to 01/06/1928. Born Belfast 17/08/1899.
ADM 188/795/74230

GRAHAM, George

RN. ERA IV. M13820. HMS Tiger. Jutland. Enrolled
08/06/1915 for hostilities. Demobbed 20/02/1919. War
service in Pembroke, Tiger (07/07/1915 - 08/07/1916) and
Marshall Ney. Born Limavady 07/06/1892. ADM
188/1045/13820

IRVINE, John

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. 300940. Enrolled 07/07/1902 for
12 years. War service in Pegasus, Hyacinth, Vivid II,
Sandhurst and Tamar. Served to 12/09/1922. Born Belfast
07/01/1884. ADM 188/488/300940

KERR, Andrew

Rn. Stoker I. K48729. Enrolled 24/01/1918 for hostilities.
Vivid II and London. Demobbed 28/05/1919. Born Belfast
07/07/1894. ADM 188/964/48729

KERRY, Robert

RN. Stoker I. K21565. Enrolled 02/12/1913 for 12 years.
War service in Pembroke II, Jason, Dolphin, Vulcan,
Cormorant and Bonaventure. Invalided 07/07/1921. Born
Belfast 22/11/1895. ADM 188/910/21565

McCLURE, David William

RN. Armourer. M4208. Enrolled 19/03/1912 for 12 years.

Served to 07/07/1922. War service in Pembroke, Gibraltar, Newcastle, Dominion and Diamond. Son of John and Mary McClure, Castle St., Portadown. Born Portadown 18/08/1890. ADM 188/1026/4208

McDOWELL, James Thomas

RN. Wtr. M18386. Enrolled 10/01/1916 for hostilities. In Pembroke I, Acteon, Commonwealth and Lord Nelson. Demobbed 06/06/1919. Born Limavady 07/07/1894. ADM 188/1054/18386

McMURRAY, Robert

RN. Stoker I. K44154. Enrolled 07/07/1917 for hostilities. Pembroke II, Crescent and Agamemnon. Demobbed 05/09/1919. Born Bangor 04/05/1892. 28 Dufferin Avenue.



RAINEY, William Alexander

Squadron Leader. DFC. Bill Rainey was born at Bushmills on 15/12/1910 to John Alexander Rainey, Cycle Maker and Jane Rainey nee McBride who had married at Bushmills on 26t/08/1908. Bill joined the Belfast Banking Company. He joined the RAF for service in WW2. The London Gazette (1943) records a W A Rainey with Service Number 123607. He attained the rank of Squadron Leader and as a Bomber Pilot he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. His citation reads: "_This officer has consistently displayed the utmost courage, fortitude and devotion to duty in many hazardous operations against enemy targets by day and night_." The Belfast Telegraph of 13/05/1949 reports that W A Rainey passed his Final examinations of the Institution of Bankers in Ireland. His community service was recognised in 1960 when he was made a Justice of the Peace (JP) for County Antrim. He also holds the Gold Badge, the highest award of the RAF Association for outstanding service. Rainey is recorded in the 1956 and 1966 annual accounts of the Belfast Banking Company as being manager of Ballymena branch. In sport, Rainey represented Ulster in tennis and hockey and he was a single handicap golfer at Royal Portrush Golf Club. Bill Rainey died on 10/07/1978. His remains rest in Ballyclug Churchyard, Ballymena, where the cremated remains of his son, Christopher Alexander Rainey (1936 to 1988) have also been placed.

SCOTT, James

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. K14629. Enrolled 11/04/1907 for 12 years. War service in Diamond, Pembroke II, Victory I and Monmouth. Demobbed 07/07/1919. Joined RFR 02/02/1920. Born Belfast 02/12/1887. ADM 188/896/14629

SCROGGIE, David

RMLI. Private. 19531. Portsmouth Division. Enlisted

07/07/1916. In Hindustan 20/06/1917 - 11/02/1918 and Furious 15/03/1918 - 31/12/1918. Demobbed 12/12/1919. Born Belfast 26/02/1899. Eighth Street, Belfast. Argyll Place - PCI RH. ADM 159/195/19531

WATSON, William

RMLI. Private. 16658. Plymouth Division. Enlisted 15/04/1914. War service in RM Brigade 28/06/1916 - 02/03/1917, Vivid and Dunkirk. Served to 07/07/1921. Born Lisburn 19/07/1896. Sister resident at Seymour St., Lisburn. Husband to Harriett Watson, Heigham, Norwich. First Lisburn - PCI RH. ADM 159/159/16658

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