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## The Thiepval Memorial on the Somme Battlefields

1914 - On this day after being refused free passage to France, Germany invaded



Belgium. Violating the Treaty of London, this brought Britain into WWI. By the conflict's end, Britain and her colonies had suffered 3+ million casualties.

## On this day – August 4



**On this day 04/08/1914, Germany declares war on Belgium and invades. Britain declares war on Germany in response.**

**4th August 1917 Belfast Newsletter**

**RI RIFLES**

**Ulster Division Rank and File Fatalities**

**Rifleman Hugh Nicholson**, 15711, 10th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, Age 33, Son of Hugh and Ellen Jane Nicholson, nee Montgomery, Hugh's Daughter Eleanor is listed as next of kin, 30 Ferndale Place, Lisburn Road, **Belfast**. Rifleman Nicholson was killed in action on 1st July, 1916, on which date he was reported missing. He was a member of the South Belfast Regiment, U.V.F., deceased is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France.

**Rifleman Charles Nixon**, 17/1829, B' Company 10th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, Age 19, Son of Margaret Ann Nixon, of 13, Curzon St., **Belfast**, and the late William John Nixon. Rifleman Nixon who had been missing since 1st July, 1916, was killed on that date. He was a member of the South Belfast Regiment U.V.F., and prior to enlistment was a sorting clerk in the G.P.O., deceased is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France.

**Rifleman Mark Nutt**, 15703, 10th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, Age 20, Son of Mrs. Jane Nutt of 36 Ulsterville Gardens, **Belfast**. Rifleman Nutt is presumed to have been killed on 1st July, 1916, on which date he was posted missing. He was a member of the South Belfast Regiment U.V.F., deceased is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France.

## 1942

Stalin issued Order No. 227, ordering "Not a step back!". In the first three months, blocking detachments shot 1,000 penal troops and sent 24,000 to penal battalions.



**1942** - The Soviet driver of a KV-1 heavy tank rammed his vehicle into a German 88 mm Flak gun



**1942** - North Africa. Grant tanks from 22 Armoured Brigade.



**1943** - the USAAF launched Operation Tidal Wave, an air attack on nine oil refineries around Ploiești, Romania. The



operation ended in one of the costliest for the USAAF with 53 aircraft and 660 aircrewmen lost.



**1944** - La Romola, Italy. German Tiger tank captured intact by New Zealand 22 Battalion.



**1944** - Vassy area, France. Shermans passing Churchills



**1944** - Villers Bocage area, France. Royal Engineers searching for mines near a knocked out German Panther tank



**1944** - Florence, Italy. Liberation.

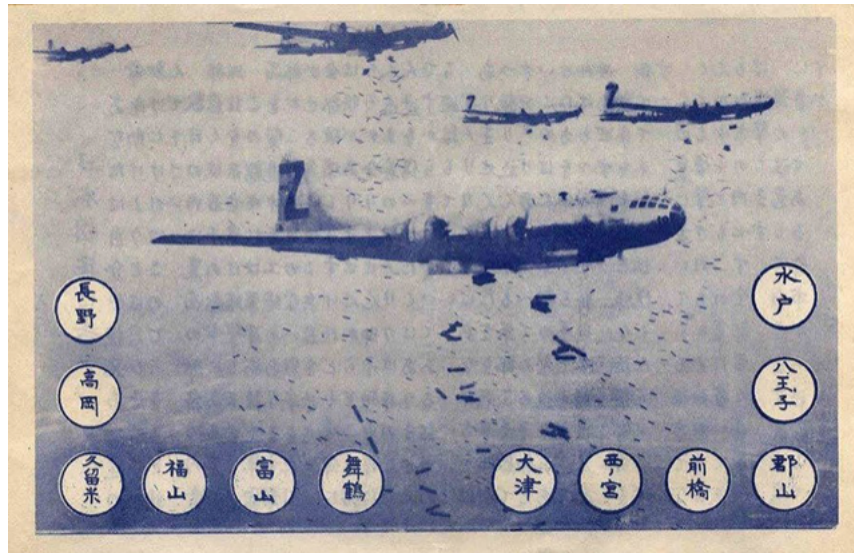




**1944** - Polish resistance movements begin the Warsaw uprising. The uprising ended in the destruction of Warsaw with over 150,000 killed civilians. The Poles had hoped for support from the Soviets who were 20 km away from the city. They gave no assistance



**1944** - Anne Frank and her family were arrested in Amsterdam by men of the Grüne Polizei. In October or November 1944, Anne and her sister Margot were transferred from Auschwitz to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where they died, probably of typhus.



**1945** - American bombers dropped hundreds of thousands of leaflets over 11 Japanese cities, warning civilians of upcoming devastating bombings.



**1945** - Over 800 US B-29 heavy bombers dropped 6,145 tons of bombs and mines on Japan. The cities of Hachioji, Mito, Nagaoka and Toyama were the main targets of this operation. All 4 suffered extensive damage and 99% of buildings in Toyama were destroyed.





**1945** - Loa Kulu Massacre, Borneo, Japanese soldiers beheaded 144 Dutch prisoners, only after they had been forced to watch their wives being hacked to death with swords, and their children hurled down a mine shaft where all of the bodies were eventually dumped

**And there is more...**

**1940**

The Italians begin their invasion of British Somaliland, East Africa. Using some 25,000 troops, they push the small British garrison back towards the port of Berbera.

**1941**

The Magic intercept of Toyoda's "encirclement" message to Berlin, that Japan and Germany will encircle their enemies, Russia and India.

The US Far East Air Force (Philippines) activated under

Major General Lewis Brereton.

The United States commits to send arms to USSR

## **1942**

Advance units of 4th Panzer Army cross the Aksay river in their drive toward Stalingrad.

The British government charges that Mohandas Gandhi and his All-Indian Congress Party favour “appeasement” with Japan.

## **1943**

U.S. bombers drop 153 tons of bombs on Kiska, Aleutian Is., a new one-day record.

U.S. troops are halted by fierce opposition at Furiano River and at Troina, Sicily.

The Red Army retakes Orel, as German 9th Army withdraws towards Bryansk, to avoid encirclement.

## **1944**

An RAF Gloster Meteor pilot T. D. Dean becomes the first pilot to destroy a V-1 flying bomb, when he tips the pilotless craft’s wing, sending it off course.

A purge of the German Army is announced. In northern France, the allies take Rennes, Evrecy and Esqutsy.

The 19th Panzer Division crosses Poniatowski Bridge in Warsaw, as the fighting ceases in the suburb of Praga. The Red Army forces a bridgehead across the Vistula at Baranov.

Florence is evacuated by German forces.



Anne Frank and family arrested by Gestapo in Amsterdam, then sent to Auschwitz. Anne and her sister Margot are later sent to Bergen-Belsen where Anne dies of typhus on

**1945**

Aircraft from a U.S. carrier task group, cruisers and destroyers attack a Japanese convoy and other shipping in the Chichi Jima area, Bonin Is.

## Roll of Honour – August 4

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1915**

**+BRADY, J**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman.1569. Died 04/08/1915. Age 21. Son of James and Bridget Brady, of 10, King's Court, Lancaster St., Belfast. St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France

**+CAMPBELL, Andrew**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 4496. Died 04/08/1915. Age 28. Son of Robert and Elizabeth Campbell, of 3, Dixons Close, Tower Rd., Londonderry. Glendermott C of I Churchyard, Londonderry

## **+DIXON, H**

Royal Army Medical Corps. Private. 53357. Died 04/08/1915. Husband to Hannah Dixon, of 5, Verdun Terrace, Ballygomartin Rd., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

## **+HUTCHINSON, William James Henry**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 11824. Died 04/09/1915 in Malta after service in Gallipoli. Known as James, he was born in Richill on 31/05/1893. His mother died in childbirth and his father moved to Glasgow leaving James and his sister Mary/ In 1911 when James was 17 he was living with his aunt Mary Hewitt and his cousins in Ballynahinch, Richill. They were members of the Congregational Church. Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta

## **+McDONALD, Mark William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 4th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Accidentally drowned while on active service on 02/08/1915. Age 19. He attended Campbell College, Belfast from 1910 to 1914; Allison's House.1147. Son of Dr Mark and Mrs May McDonald, of Portaferry, Co. Down. Glenarm New Cemetery. Ne Obliviscaris.

## **+KELLY, Patrick**

Royal Garrison Artillery, No. 2 Depot. Gunner. 17692. Died 04/08/1915 of peritonitis in hospital at Weymouth. Born Derrymacash, Co. Armagh. Lived in Lurgan, enlisted Portadown. Husband to Ellen Kelly, of Leitrim, Randalstown. Randalstown Roman Catholic Churchyard

## **1916**



## **+ADAMS, A**

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Rifleman. 13944. Died 04/08/1916. Age 21. East Belfast Volunteers. Son of James and Annie Adams, and brother of Florence Adams, 15, London Road, Belfast. Grandson of the late Sergeant William Guiney, Dromore, County Down. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

## **+ARMSTRONG, W J**

Canadian Machine Gun Corps. 4<sup>th</sup> Coy. Private. 412992. Died 04/08/1916. 10 Donnybrook Gardens, Belfast. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

## **+CUNNINGHAM, Thomas Andrew**

2nd Australian Light Horse. Trooper. 1400. Died 04/08/1916. Aged 27. A carpenter from Raffrey, Co. Down enlisted in the Australian Army in Brisbane. He served with the 2nd Australian Light Horse Regiment in Egypt and was killed in action barely a year later defending the Suez Canal. Son of David and Alice Cunningham, of Ballywooden, Crossgar, Co. Down, Ireland. Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt

## **+FULTON, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Rifleman. 8/6172. Died 04/08/1916. Age 24. Born in Kinallen, Co. Down, he lived at Dromore, Co. Down, and enlisted at Belfast. Son of John Fulton of Kinallen, Dromara, Co. Down. Ration Farm (La Plus Douve) Annexe, Heuvelland, Belgium

**+ROBB, Terence**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Lance Corporal. 20908. Died 04/09/1916. Born 20/07/1883 in Maghereagh, Drummaul. He was living in Ballygrooby when he enlisted in Randalstown in August 1915. Son of Hugh and Nancy (nee Wilson) Robb. Terence and Elizabeth Fitzpatrick married on 14/11/1905 in Randalstown Roman Catholic Church. They had six children. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

**+STEWART, J**

Seaforth Highlanders, 5th Btn. att'd. 185th Tunnelling Coy. Royal Engineers. Private. 4227. Died 04/08/1916. Husband to Mrs. M. Stewart of 88. Island St., Belfast. Louez Military Cemetery, Duisans, Pas de Calais, France

**+STRAIN, J**

Royal Field Artillery, 82nd Bty. Gunner. 44805. Died 04/08/1916. Age 27. Son of John and Margaret Ann Strain, of 33, North Thomas St., Belfast. Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq

**1917**

**+CATHERWOOD, Hugh**

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Rifleman. 1760. Died 04/08/1917. Age 22. Son of Sarah Jane and the late Hugh Catherwood, of Belfast. Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France



**+COEY, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 7<sup>th</sup> Btn. Awarded DCM October 1916. Born Loughbrickland, Co. Down. Husband to Margaret Catherine (nee Boyle) of Dromore. Died 04/08/1917. Dromore Cathedral Church yard. Dromore Cathedral RH

**+ELLIOTT Joshua**

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn, A Coy. Lance Corporal. 17602. Died 04/08/1917 as a result of shell-fire during heavy enemy bombardment. Aged 30. His brother Sergeant Francis James Elliott, 2nd Btn, Royal Irish Rifles, died of wounds on 07/08/1917. Son of Joshua and Mary of 12, Sullivan Street, Holywood, County Down. Born at Craigavad. Potijze Chateau Wood Cemetery, Belgium. Holywood WM. Holywood Parish Church RH

**+GREER, James**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 23783. Died 04/08/1917. Aged 21. Son of John and Margaret Greer, of Rathfriland. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+McCRACKEN, James.**

Royal Irish Rifles, 15<sup>th</sup> Btn. Rifleman. 408. Died 04/08/1917. Born and living in Maralin, Co. Down, when he enlisted at Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, Belgium, panel 40.

**+ORR, William.**

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Sergeant. 432. Died 04/08/1917. Age 40. Born in Ballymacarrett, Co. Down, he was a member of the UVF and Maze Masonic Lodge. He enlisted in Belfast. Son of Alexander and Sarah Orr and

husband to Robina Orr of 33 Belvoir Street, Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, Belgium

**+THOMPSON, Edward James**

Australian Infantry, 60th Btn. Private. 3638. Died 04/08/1917. Born Ballywattick, Ballymoney. A labourer, he enlisted 03/01/1916 in Bromeadows, Victoria. Son of Florence Beatrice Thompson, 17 Peel Street, Collingwood. VC Corner Australian Cemetery and Memorial, Fromelles, France. Australian WM

**+WALSH, John Herbert**

Royal Irish Rifles. 15<sup>th</sup>. Btn. Rifleman. 1840. Died 04/08/1917. Born 05/11/1894 at Corcreeny, Co. Down to John and Agnes (nee Watson) Walsh. Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.

**1918**

**+SMYTH, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 18790. Died 04/08/1918. Lived in Carnmoney. Enlisted Mossley. Taken prisoner of war on 27/03/1918. Son of Catherine. Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium

**1942**

**+FENWICK, James**

Pioneer Corps. Private. 13007344. Died Between 27/07/1942 and 04/08/1942. Age 49. Husband to Cassie Fenwick, of Aughnacloy, Co. Tyrone. Brookwood 1939 - 45 Memorial, Surrey. Dungannon WM

**1943**

## **+LOUGHREY, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Lance Corporal.  
6976602. Died 04/08/1943. Age 33. Son of Peter and Ellen  
Loughrey, of Castlederg, Co. Tyrone. Catania War  
Cemetery, Sicily, Italy

**1944**

## **+CLULOW, James Ernest Ivor**

Royal Armoured Corps, North Irish Horse. Sergeant.  
7902378. Died 04/08/1944 when under heavy shellfire near  
Arezzo, Italy. Age 28. Pre-war James – known as Jimmy –  
was a member of the Portadown Pipe Band and worked at  
Atkinson's Factory in the town. Jimmy wrote home while  
serving in Italy with North Irish Horse telling his family of a  
visit to Rome.

Son of Joseph Clulow and Eleanor Clulow (née Quail) of  
Portadown. James' father Private Joseph Clulow died on  
active service on 16/08/1917 while serving with the Irish  
Fusiliers. His young son was not yet 1 year old. After the  
death of her husband, Eleanor married a Mr. Graham and  
lived at 25 David Street, Portadown, Co. Armagh.

After James Clulow's death on active service, his mother  
received a letter from his Commanding Officer: "I know very  
well how much your son had the interests of the Regiment  
at heart and how proud he was to belong to it. He will be  
missed very much by all ranks and it is very sad to think that  
he will not be there after the war to join the Regimental  
Association, which we are all determined to start."

Another letter came from Major A.R. Booth in Armagh - "He  
was with me for the first two years in Enniskillen and



Portrush and I know what a sterling character he was. He was always cheerful and willing and was such a reliable chap and the type that will be badly missed.” Area War Cemetery, Italy. Portadown WM

### **+ORR, Ronald Mervyn**

RNVR. Sub-Lieutenant. GM. Sub-Lieutenant 04/08/1944. Posted 28/02/1944 - 10/1944 to Department of Unexploded Bomb Disposal, Admiralty (HMS President) for duty outside Admiralty. 08/11/1944 HMS Royal Edward (port party, Dieppe - borne on the books of HMS Odyssey, accounting base for naval parties. (There is little in public provenance about HMS Odyssey. Some sources claim it was a hotel in Devon for Combined operations. It is not included in the normal list of ships, nor was it a regular shore establishment.) G M gazetted 13/03/1945. Awarded for port clearance, “for gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty. Conducted underwater clearance of hospital ship berth Avant Port, Dieppe on 12/10/1944.” Died 08/11/1944. Age: 22. His George Medal was posthumously presented to his next of kin. Elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Orr, Armoy. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 30/03/1945). Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery, Hautot-sur-mer. Ap Sci, QUB 1939. QUB WM

### **+WILLIAMSON, Thomas Henry**

Royal Ulster Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7019939. Died 04/08/1944. Aged 22. Born 1922 William James and Eliza Jane (nee Donnelly) Williamson, of Lisburn. Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery, Calvados, France

**1946**

### **+LOWE, Robert**

Royal Artillery. Gunner. 1523940. Died on 04/08/1946. Aged 44. 548 Battery, 158 (M) Heavy Anti Aircraft Regiment. Son of William J. Lowe and Mary Lowe; Husband to Agnes Lowe of Belfast. Carnmoney Cemetery East

## VETERAN

### **MARSHALL, Kenneth Harrod**

RN. Lieutenant (S). Navy List 1943. HMS Terror 1949. Born 15/11/1920. Son of A T Marshall, Kensington Rd., Knock, Belfast. Died 04/08/2000. NSW, Australia

# Every Day is a Remembrance Day

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