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VJ Day and Commonwealth contribution in the Far East

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British, Commonwealth and Allied forces fought across a vast area in the Asia-Pacific Region which meant dividing the area into

different military commands.

In both of these commands Commonwealth forces outnumbered British forces, and they were essential in bringing the war against Imperial Japan to an end.



When we gather to mark VJDay75 in less than two weeks' time, our thoughts will inevitably turn to the 71,000 servicemen and women who never came home.

Above are just some of their resting places, immaculately maintained by the CWGC who ensure that the fallen are remembered and respected.

Whilst VE Day marked the end of the war in Europe in May 1945, many thousands of Armed Forces personnel were still involved in bitter fighting in the Far East.



Victory over Japan would come at a heavy price, and Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) marks the day Japan surrendered on the 15 August 1945, which in effect ended the Second World War.

VJ Day ended one of the worst episodes in British military history, during which tens of thousands of servicemen were forced to endure the brutalities of

prisoner of war camps, where disease was rife and there was a lack of food and water.

It is estimated that there were 71,000 British and Commonwealth casualties of the war against Japan, including more than 12,000 prisoners of war who died in Japanese captivity. More than 2.5 million Japanese military personnel and civilians are believed to have died over the course of the conflict.

As a young Royal Navy officer, the Duke of Edinburgh was present for the Japanese surrender aboard a warship, where he was second-in-command, in Tokyo Bay.

A veteran of the Burma campaign - Captain Sir Tom Moore - encouraged the public to join in the commemorations, describing VJ Day as "the most special day".

Veteran Joseph Hammond, who joined the war when he was just 18, said: "I will be remembering all my comrades who fought with me in the Far East,"

Mr Hammond, who was drafted from Ghana to fight with the 82nd Division in Burma in 1943, said: "Many of us were away from home for several years not knowing what was happening elsewhere in the war and hearing little or nothing from our families.

"I would like to pay tribute to all those who fought in the Far East in extremely tough conditions against a very formidable enemy."

On this Day – August 5

Ulster Motor Ambulance Final Meeting of Committee

Sir Crawford McCullagh presided at the final meeting of the above Committee in the Cit Hall. An interesting statement was submitted reviewing the work of the Committee. It was stated that the Ulster Motor Ambulance Fund was inaugurated at a public meeting convened by the Lord Mayor (Sir Crawford McCullagh) in the City Hall on 26th October, 1914, to raise a fund for the providing motor ambulances for our wounded soldiers. The response to the appeal was immediate and generous, and the movement was taken up with success in many districts. Many ambulance cars were presented, and in addition to these individual and district gifts the general fund of the Committee was well supported. The outcome of the Committee's efforts was the equipment of the Ulster Division Field Ambulances 107th, 108th and 109th with 21 magnificent cars with stretchers, blankets, and all comforts, and in addition the

presentation of one car to Sir Arthur Du Cros, M.P., for his Ambulance Corps, one car to Miss Sinclair for the use of the Ulster Women's Hospital at Lyons, and two cars to the Ulster Volunteer Force Hospital, Belfast. A full equipment of field telephones was also supplied to the Division.

Colonel Craig Acting Director Medical Services, Ulster Division, and Professor Sinclair, now a colonel in the Army Medical Service and consulting surgeon to the Fourth Army in France, wrote letters expressive of appreciation of ambulances already received. The Hon. Treasurer reported that after paying all accounts there was a balance in hands of £41 14s 0d. It was resolved that a balance-sheet be published in the Press and the balance handed over to the Ulster Women's Gift Fund for Prisoners of War. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman, Sir Crawford McCullagh ; to the Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. Frank Workman, J.P. ; W.F. Coates, J.P. ; and W.H. Alexander ; to the Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. E.J. Elliott and Wm. Gibson, M.D. ; and to the Hon. Auditor, Mr. Arthur E. Atkinson, C.A.

5th August 1918 Northern Whig

1918

Five German airships attack East Anglia in the UK. No casualties reported. One airship downed in flames 40 miles off the coast.

1930





90 years ago the CWGC's Cambrai Memorial, Loos Memorial, Pozieres Memorial and Vis-en-Artois Memorial were all unveiled during individual ceremonies held across France. These memorials commemorate over 50,000 WW1 Commonwealth servicemen who have no known grave

1940

U.S. and Vichy France reach Green-Slade-Robert Agreement, an understanding on the status of French warships and aircraft in the French West Indies.

Montreal mayor Camillien Houde is arrested, and charged under the Defence of Canada Regulations. He is imprisoned at Camp Petawawa in Ontario until the end of the war.

Anglo-Polish military agreement signed. Churchill and de Gaulle agree over organization of free French forces. German government announces that in future all citizens will

need an Ahnenpass (Certificate of Ancestry) proving their racial purity back to 1800.

The Italian air force raids Berbera, Aden, Burao and Zeila. Italian troops in Italian Somaliland then occupy Zeila, thereby sealing the border between French and British Somaliland and opening up the coastal track to Berbera.

1941

British and Soviet troops invade Iran from south and north to forestall any German incursions in the wake of the failed coup by anti-British elements in Iraq that was supported by German special forces flown in from Greece.

Vichy limits wine consumption to two litres per person per week.

20 Soviet divisions encircled at Uman, in the Ukraine. German troops conclude the battle of encirclement at Smolensk and take 310,000 Red Army prisoners as the remnants of 16th and 20th Armies surrender.

Romanians begin a 73-day siege of the Black Sea port of Odessa.

1942

Allied convoy SC-94 is sighted by German U-boat in the Atlantic, when a group of 6 ships with 2 escorts get lost from the convoy due to the fog. One ship is sunk, but two U-boats are driven off.

1st Panzer Army captures Voroshilovsk, over 200 miles to the south east of Rostov. The 4th Panzer Army moving northeast runs straight into the Soviet 64th and 57th Armies.

Stalin creates the new Southwest Front out of a part of the forces assigned to Stalingrad Front.

Churchill visits the Eighth Army at El Alamein and decides to replace Auchinleck.

1943

38 (Irish) Brigade - The 2nd Battalion, London Irish Rifles, took part in August 1943 assaults on the stout German defence to the west of Mt Etna. They were acting in support of the 78th Infantry Division, which had planned to cut road contact with Catania.

The 2nd Battalion, London Irish Rifles was allocated the capture of three strategic hills just to the west of German strong points in Centuripe. Their attack was timed in advance of the direct assaults of the rest of the Irish Brigade, with 6th Inniskilling Fusiliers, and 1 Royal Irish Fusiliers fighting up precipitous cliffs into the village. It was successfully done, a famous achievement, and Churchill referred to it the next day in Parliament.

For the next three days 2nd London Irish and 1st Irish Fusiliers, followed the Germans north, crossing the shallow Salso River and the much more dangerous Simeto River despite strong enemy resistance. Significant levels of casualties were suffered by the battalion during these two successful river crossings, and it was around this time that Cathcart was killed.

The men rested for five days thereafter and then continued their advance, attacking Maletto. 2nd London Irish advanced on the right flank of the attack, their objective being Mt Speina and Mt Maletto. The 1st Irish Fusiliers targeted Mt

Capella, and the village of Maletto. This attack on Mt Capella was the last action for the 2nd London Irish battalion in Sicily and they subsequently enjoyed well-earned rest on the north coast of the island.

The Russians take Belgorod and now threaten Kharkov.

Germans evacuate Troina in Sicily after a six-day defense. The Eighth Army takes Catania.

US forces capture Munda airfield in New Georgia.

1944



The Wola massacre began this day. Some 40,000-50,000 Poles were murdered in the Wola suburb of Warsaw by German and fellow Axis collaborators. No one was spared, whole families perished including babies, children, old people, patients in hospitals.

The U.S. XV Corps makes 50kms in about 7 hours, crossing the Mayenne river at Mayenne, while further south the river is reached at Laval.

The Polish Home Army goes onto the defensive in Warsaw, as 60 per cent of city now in its control. The 4th Ukrainian Front is inserted in the Russian line in southern Poland and northern Hungary.

The British capture Tamu, across the Burmese border.

U.S. Aircraft from two carrier task groups, cruisers and destroyers bombard Japanese installations on Chichi Jima and Haha Jima, Bonin Is.

2000



Lt Alec Guinness RN died aged 86. He commanded Landing Craft at the Sicily invasion and went on to become one of Britain's greatest actors, perhaps best known for his role as Obi Wan Kenobi in Starwars



Hedge Row Cemetery. Where there are lots of green woodpeckers to be seen and maybe a close encounter with a young red deer.

Roll of Honour – August 5

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+KEANE, Ernest John

RN. Able Seaman. 225445. Died 05/08/1915 of enteric fever in 21st General Hospital, Alexandria. Age 27. Served in

HMS Egmont, depot ship in Malta (13/10/1913 - 20/10/1914). Served in Blenheim and Adamant (01/11/1914 - 05/08/1915). Born Bangor 07/12/1887. Son of Richard and Elizabeth nee Sumner Keane, Helen's Bay. Brother of Stephen Vincent Keane. Alexandria (Chatsby) Cemetery, Egypt, L82. ADM 188/397/225455

+MULHOLLAND, Frederick

RAMC. Private. 42963. Died 05/08/1915. Lurgan Cemetery

1916

+BOWMAN, Robert Moore

RFA. 81st Brigade. 2nd. Lieutenant. Died 05/08/1916 on the Somme. Age 21. Son of Thomas Kynaston Bowman of 50 Hanover Gate Mansions, Regents Park, London. Carnoy Military Cemetery, France

+BOYLE, John

Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 18th Btn. Private. 2234. Died 05/08/1916 in action on the last day of the Battle of Pozieres. Age 31. Son of James and Mary Martha Boyle, of Mountjoy, Coalisland, Co. Tyrone. John was the oldest of seven children, six surviving. John's father, James Boyle, died in 1897 when John was just twelve years old. By 1911, John, aged 16, and his sister were working as servants in Richhill, County Armagh. John emigrated to Australia. John Boyle enlisted on 29/07/1915 in Sydney, Australia. Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.

+COLEMAN, George Patrick

Royal Canadian Regiment. Private. 477183. Died 05/08/1916. Age 36. He had previously served seven years with the Royal Irish Rifles and a further 2 years in reserve before emigrating to Canada where he worked as a labourer. He re-enlisted on 25/08/1915 at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Son of James and Katherine Coleman; husband of Ellen Coleman, of Derrygortreary, Dungannon. Native of Moy. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Dungannon WM, Moy WM

+DORAN, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles. 7th Btn. Rifleman. 4510. Died 05/08/1916. Brother of Rose Doran, of 16, Chapel St., Newry. Bethune Town Cemetery, France

+McGEARY, John

Royal Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. PS/10100. Died 05/08/1916. Age 18. Son of Francis and Charlotte McGeary, of 31, Islandbawn St., Belfast. Theipval Memorial, France

+SHAW, Edward Lockhart

Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment, 9th Btn. Died 05/08/1916. Age 29. Son of Charles and Esther Shaw, Lurgan. Aveluy Communal Cemetery, Somme, 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

+THOMAS, David

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 19/58. Died 05/08/1916. Age 43. Husband to Mary Thomas, of 57, Sussex St., Belfast. Ration Farm (La Plus Douvre) Annexe, Belgium

1917

+ATKINSON, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 13962. Died 05/08/1917. Age 22. Son of Hugh and Lavina Atkinson, of 19, Mersey St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+BRENNAN, John

Middlesex Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. G/52034. Died 05/08/1917. Son of John Brennan, of 59, McDonnell St., Belfast. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

+COLLIER, David

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 12235. Died 05/08/1917. Age 34. Husband of Annie Collier, of 19, Belvoir St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+CUNNINGHAM, William Andrew

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Corporal. 881. Died 05/08/1917. 330 Shankill Rd, Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+HAGAN, Michael

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Private. 30698. Died at the Battle of Passchendaele on Sunday 05/09/1917. Age 34. Born in Antrim town about 1881. Son of John and Rosie Hagan, of Megargy, Ballymoghgan, County Londonderry; Michael and Agnes McElroy married on 18/01/1910 in Cookstown. They had one child, Edward James Hagan. Potijze Chateau Grounds Cemetery, Belgium

+HOUSTON, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 19563. Died 05/08/1917 at military hospital in Munster. Age 22. Born 11/07/1894 at Taylorstown, Ballyscullion. Enlisted Antrim. Taken prisoner of war, unwounded, at Theipval on 01/07/1916. Son of Stewart and Agnes (nee Fletcher) Houston. Cologne Southern Cemetery, Germany. Randalstown (Old Congregation) Presbytertarian Church RH

+LEWIS, Alexander

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 34. Died 05/08/1917. Born Mallusk 23/04/1895. By 1911 Alexander was living on the Crumlin Rd., Belfast, and working as a flax doffer. Son of James Lewis and Mary (nee Smith) Lewis. Ypres (Menin Gate), Belgium

+MacCOLL, George Edwardes

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Major. Died 05/08/1917 at Wieltje near Ypres. Age 44. RBAI. He enrolled on 06/08/1914 and was commissioned as a Lieutenant. Son of the late Hector and Mary MacColl, of Belfast; husband to Margaret P.

MacColl, of "Towerdene," Bearsden, Glasgow. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. RBAI WM

+McATEER, Patrick

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7303. Died 05/08/1917. Born Muckamore 01/03/1886. Son of Robert McAteer and Mary Anne (nee Quinn) McAteer. Patrick and Mary O'Connor married in the Roman Catholic Church in Ballyclare. They had two children in Ballyclare. After Patrick's death, Mary and the family moved to Scotland, to 29, Milton Row, Denny, Stirlingshire. Dickebusch New Military Cemetery, Belgium

+McCLINTOCK, Samuel Leo

Royal Irish Regiment. 6th Btn. Private. 2912. Died 05/08/1917. Grandson of Sarah Sweeney, 34 Tailors Row, Londonderry. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Londonderry Diamond WM.

+McCOMB, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 9th Btn. Rifleman. 15225. Died 05/08/1917. Age 30. Son of James McComb, of 21, North Howard St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+McFREDERICK, Joseph

Royal Irish Regiment. 6th Btn. Private. 3669. Died 05/08/1917. Age 29. Husband of Mary McFrederick, of 4, Hamilton St., Londonderry. Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Londonderry Diamond WM

+McINTYRE, A

Irish Guards. 1st Btn. Serjeant. 326. Died 05/08/1917.
Husband to Mary McIntyre, of 14, Florence St.,
Londonderry. Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium.
Londonderry Diamond WM

+PATTERSON, Robert John

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd. Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 3977. Died
05/08/1917. Age 28. Husband to Sarah Ann Patterson, 26
Bridge St., Lurgan. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+SHARKEY, Henry McMillen

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 108th Coy, formerly Private
18751 in Royal Irish Rifles. Private. 17737. Died 05/08/1917
of wounds at No 3, Casualty Clearing Station. Age 22. Born
Ballyhenry 14/10/1894. He worked as a machine boy in a
flax spinning mill. Son of Andrew Sharkey and Jane (nee
McMillen) Sharkey, of Carnmoney. Lijssenthoek Military
Cemetery, Belgium

+STOCKDALE, William Barrington

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Corporal. 5913. Died
05/08/1917. Age 29 years old. He was the oldest of at least
four children, all born in the Clogher area. His father was a
law clerk and an auctioneer. William emigrated to America
but returned from New York to enlist in Liverpool. Private
Stockdale initially served with the Lancers (Service No
4711). He was wounded at the Dardanelles, and then three
times in France. William Barrington Stockdale was the son
of William and Martha Stockdale, of Clogher, Co. Tyrone.

Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Clogher WM, St Macatan's Cathedral, Clogher RH

+WITHEROW, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 05/08/1917. Age 25. Brother of Second Lieutenant Alexander Hunter Witherow, Royal Irish Rifles, who died 03/07/1916. Son of Alexander and Margaret Witherow, of Kincull House, Straidarran, Co. Derry. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Banagher Presbyterian Church WM. Magee College, Londonderry WM

1918

+AGNEW, W

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 903. Died 05/08/1918. Age 41. P o W. Son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Agnew, of 18, Westminster Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast. Berlin South-Western Cemetery, Germany

+FISHER, David

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Rifleman. 12258. Died 05/08/1917. Born in Ballymena. Enlisted in Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial (Menin Gate)

+VINT, William Percival

Machine Gun Corps, 6th Btn. C Coy. Captain. Died 05/05/1918. Age 33. Recommended twice for Albert Medal. Educated at Bedford School, and worked nine years in Nitrate Works, Chile, South America. Son of William and



Eleanor Vint, of Belfast.
Lijssenthoek Military
Cemetery, Belgium

1919

+CURRY, Francis

Royal Irish Rifles, 3rd Btn.
Rifleman. 23616. Died
05/08/1919. Age 23. Son of
Thomas and Sarah Curry, of
30, Warkworth St., Belfast.
Belfast City Cemetery

1920

+SCOTT, A

RN. Died 05/08/1920. Family Memorial, Dundonald
Cemetery.

1943

+BOWEN, John

Royal Engineers. 38 Field Coy. Sapper. 2119186. Died
05/08/1943. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick John Bowen, of
Portaferry, Co. Down. Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy

+CATHCART, William

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. London Irish Rifles. Rifleman.
7018987. Died 05/08/1943. Age 22. Son of the late William
(died 1935) and Margaret Stewart Cathcart, nee McIlwaine,

of Tannybrake, Kells, Co Antrim. The couple, both of farming stock, had married in 2nd Antrim Presbyterian Church on the 15/02/1917. His brother David (born 01/12/1917), was employed, as was William, in Templemoyle Dye Works, Kells prior to the war, also served in the Royal Irish Rifles. Their sister was a nurse. The family headstone is in Kirkhill Cemetery, Connor and reads as follows: "1935, Cathcart, erected in memory of William Cathcart, died 22nd July 1935. Also his wife Margaret S. Cathcart, died 13th October 1981. His son William Hugh, killed in enemy action 5th Aug 1943, aged 22, interred in Catania war cemetery Sicily. And his daughter Mary (Molly) died 15th June 1949."

+CROZIER, Thomas Andrew

US Army. 443 Coastal Artillery Battalion. Technician. 32250314. Died 05/08/1943 during the Allied advance in Sicily. Second son of Andrew and Mary Crozier of the Naul, Killylea, Armagh. He emigrated to Canada in 1925 and then moved to the USA living at Rochester, New York. He enlisted with US forces and saw service throughout North Africa. He had been awarded the Purple Heart having been wounded. He had visited home just before the war to see his family. Sicily - Rome American Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy

+HILL, George

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 7043525. Died 05/08/1943 in heavy fighting on the island of Sicily. Age 30. George and his brother William "Billy" Hill both followed their father into the military serving in 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers, and 2nd Battalion, Royal Ulster Rifles, respectively. Sons of William John Hill and Mary Catherine Hill (née McAree) of 38 Dhu Varren Parade, Belfast. William



was a veteran of The Great War with 15th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles and enlisted again for 18 months during the Second World War. Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy.

+HOOKE, Victor

Royal Ulster Rifles. 2nd Btn. The London Irish Rifles. Lance Serjeant. 7012832. Died 05/08/1943. Age 27. Son of James and Sarah Ann Hooke, of Belfast; husband to Sarah Jane

Hooke, of Belfast. Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy

+MORROW, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Lieutenant. 279504. Died 05/08/1943. Age 32. Lieutenant Morrow died from wounds suffered in the assault on Point 708 at Centuripe. Son of David and Annie Morrow, of Killyleagh; husband to Marguerite Morrow, of Killyleagh. Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy

+MULLAN, Joe

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. London Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 7019096. Died 05/08/1943. Age 20. Son of John and Susanna Mullen, of Lambeg. Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy

+ORR, Godfrey

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. London Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 7019509. Died 05/08/1943. Age 24. Son of James and Margaret Orr, of Lurgan. Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy

+PATTERSON, Dawson McIlwaine

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. London Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 7020159. Died 05/08/1943. Age 20. Son of James Patterson, and of Emily Patterson, of Belfast. Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy

+ROWAN, William Erwin

RAFVR. Aircraftman 1st Class. 993604. Died 05/08/1943 as a Japanese POW. Aged 23. William was serving in Singapore when the Japanese invaded in February 1942. When the Japanese took control of the Malay Peninsula the Allies attempted to get to Sumatra and it was there that William Rowan is believed to have been taken Prisoner Of War. Most P.O.W's were held in Uniekampong in Belawan harbour. Son of Thomas and Ellen Rowan, of Ballymena. Brother of Sergeant Thomas Edward Rowan, RAF, who was killed on a mission on 04/06/1942. Chungkai War Cemetery, Kanchanaburi, Indonesia. Ballymena WM. West Presbyterian Church, Ballymena RH

+TRAINOR, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Fusilier. 6985571. Died 05/08/1943. Age 18. The Irish Brigade attack to cross the River Simeto started at 1030 on 5 August and Robert may have been killed then or died of wounds suffered at the battles for Centuripe of the Salso on 3-4 August. Son of



William and Sarah Trainor, of Castledawson. Catania War Cemetery, Sicily, Italy.
Castledawson WM,
Castledawson Memorial Hall, plaque

1944

+DOUGLAS, James

Royal Army Chaplains' Department attd. 5th Bn. Wiltshire Regiment. Chaplain 4th Class. 244123. Mentioned in Despatches. Died 05/08/1944. Age 34. Son of John and Kathleen Douglas; husband of Annie Hildegard Douglas, of

YOUNG SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. W. Trainor, "The Forge," Castledawson, have been notified that their son, Robert Trainor, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, was killed in action in Sicily. Much sympathy is felt for the relatives of deceased who, at the age of 18 years and 7 months, has given up his life in this war for civilisation. He enlisted in December, 1941, when, being a robust young man, he gave his age as 20 years. In May last he volunteered for service overseas, and after a short leave, during which he visited the homeland, he was sent to the Middle East. Prior to his enlistment he had been from the time he left school employed by Mr. T. Millar, Greenhall. His father, Mr. Wm.



Trainor, now a postman in the employment of the G.P.O., served for almost 4½ years in the 10th Royal Inniskillings, two years of his service being in France. He was awarded the 1914-15, General Service and the Victory Medals.

Dunmurry. Tilly-Sur-Seulles War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Photo of headstone next page.

VETERANS

HENSHAW, John

RN. Temporary Leading Seaman. P/JX.227898. DSM.

Citation: "For courage, resolution and skill in a successful attack on an enemy convoy while serving in H.M.S. Jervis".
Second Supplement to The London Gazette of 20/08/1943, Issue 36143, dated 24/08/1943. MCB. Arts 1946 QUB. Born 05/08/1920. Son of Joseph McKeown Henshaw, Whitehead. Brother of Desmond RN. FAA. who died 15/12/1941 in air crash. Post war Art teacher, Dunlambert Secondary School. Cable Rd., Whitehead

LITTLE, Wilson P

RAF. BA. MCB. Born 05/08/1916. Son of Hugh J Little, Linden Gds., Belfast. Post war Principal Teacher, Antrim Secondary School. Belfast Rd., Muckamore

McFERRAN, James Noble

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. C Coy. Central Antrim
Volunteers transferred to Machine Guns Corp 03/02/1917.
Sergeant. MM, MSM

He was wounded in action but the family had no knowledge of that. He was awarded the Military Medal on 05/10/1915 for gallantry in action and the Meritorious Service Medal on 17/06/1918 for gallant conduct in the performance of a military duty.

Born 1877 in Islandmagee, he lived in Dunturkey, Ballynure.

James and Mary Jane Semple married in 1919 and they had one daughter, Margaret. They lived at 'The Old Mill' Ballynure and then at 'Poolside', Carrick Road, Ballynure. He died on 05/08/1959 aged 81 years. Mary Jane died, aged 68, on 12/03/1952 and Margaret died on 27/07/1991. Their remains were interred in the Old Cemetery in Ballynure. The family still has the Bible which was presented to him after the war at the 'Peace Concert' in Ballynure Presbyterian Church church on Friday 21/11/1919

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We will remember them

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