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Westminster Abbey and the Band of the Royal Marines.

Cpl. David Donaghy M.M., Passchendaele officer's brave batman

Colonel Macrory of 10th Inniskillings returned from leave to the horrors of Passchendaele. His batman (an officer's servant which was seen by many as a 'cushy' job), David Donaghy, accompanied him as he reconnoitred the shambles of the heavily shelled front lines and in the process they lost their way ending up in no-man's-land.

They were spotted and a German sniper shot Macrory in the thigh and badly wounded him. He thought that all was lost as he couldn't make it back, but Donaghy dragged him through the horrors of no-man's-land to the British lines.

For his bravery, Cpl Donaghy was presented with a gold watch by Colonel Macrory, but as there were other reasons connected with the incident (possibly due to Colonel Macrory's possession of documents which could have been valuable to the enemy if captured), no citation for a bravery award was submitted.

Colonel Macrory would never command the battalion again so Donaghy ended up out of a job and was posted to the 109th Trench Mortar battery. However 7 months later Cpl Donaghy would show his bravery again by rescuing his commanding officer, 2Lt J.T.M Bennett and this time was awarded the Military Medal.

On this day – August 11

1916

36th (Ulster) Division Major Gen Nugent takes over temporary command of 5th Corps from Lt Gen Fanshawe who takes command of 14th Corps. Ulster Division Casualty figures are released from the 3rd -9th August, 1 Officer, 7 wounded, 3 soldiers killed & 55 wounded

1942

The Fleet Carrier HMS Eagle was torpedoed by U-73, 65 Miles south of Majorca. During 1942 Eagle had transported 183 Spitfires to Malta. She sank in only 8 minutes with 928 of her 1,160 crew being rescued by her escorts.

1943

Escort Carrier H.M.S. Pursuer docked at Airport Wharf next to Sydenham Airfield, Belfast with a cargo of American fighter planes.

1945

The Allies formally accepted the Japanese offer of surrender which would become effective on 15th August. The Second World War, which had claimed 450,900 British dead, would soon be over. (photo next page)



Roll of Honour – August 11

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+BOYLE, Bernard

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 7443. Died 11/08/1915. Age 42. Husband to Margaret Boyle, of 7, Ross Place, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+BRIZZELL, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 11416. Died 11/08/1915. Age 20. Son of Martha Brizzell, of 12, Trafalgar St., Belfast, and the late Samuel Brizzell.. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+CANAVAN, Patrick

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 10541. Died 11/08/1915. Age 28. Son of Edward and Brigid Canavan (nee McKenna); husband to Mary Teresa Canavan, of 36, Servia St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+CASSIDY, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn. 11527. Died 11/08/1915. Age 27. James was born about 1888 in Aughnacloy, County Tyrone. James Cassidy enlisted in Belfast. Son of Rose Ann

Cassidy, of 131, New Lodge Rd., Belfast, and the late Thomas Cassidy. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

+COOLEY, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 7369. Died 11/08/1915. Age 49. Son of Robert Cooley; husband of Elizabeth Cooley, of 22, Bow St., Cullingtree Rd., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+DONALDSON, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11456. Died 11/08/1915. Age 40. Served as CALDWELL. Husband to Sarah Donaldson, of 23, Tates Row, Greencastle, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+EDGAR, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11141. Died 11/08/1915. Age 25. Husband to Isabella Edgar, of 6, Disraeli St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+GRIBBEN, Francis

Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11149. Died 11/08/1915. Quay Lane, Larne. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Larne WM

+HAIRE, David

Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11058. Died 11/08/1915. Age 21. Son of Agnes Mc Allister (formerly Haire), of Dromore St., Rathfriland, Co. Down, and the late Robert Haire. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+JOHNSTON, Joseph A

Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11246. Died 11/08/1915. Born in Lisburn, he enlisted at Belfast. He was the brother of Mary Johnston of 176 Cambrai Street, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli. Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+LAIRD, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 10585. Died 11/08/1915. Age 22. Son of Eliza Laird, of 11, Pernau St., Belfast, and the late Richard Laird. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+McGARVEY, John James

Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn. Serjeant. 11099. Died near The Farm, Anzac, on 11/08/1915. Age 38. Son of Thomas McGarvey. He was born about 1877 in the Cookstown area. John McGarvey enlisted with the 6th Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles in Dundalk, County Louth. He was living in Belfast at the time. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Cookstown WM

+McQUISTON, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11195. Died 11/08/1915. Age 19. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James McQuiston, of 91, Clementine St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+SPURR, George Albert

King's Royal Rifle Corps, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 11141. Died 11/08/1915. Age 37. Husband to Elizabeth Spurr, of 75,

Clementine St., Belfast. Cambrin Churchyard Extension,
France

+SYMINGTON, Charles

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11234. Died
11/08/1915. Age 30. Born in Cookstown on 03/01/1879. His
mother's maiden name seems to have been Purvis. All his
siblings were born in Cookstown apart from Joseph who
was born in Dungannon in 1881 and John, who was born in
Belfast in 1884. Charles Symington enlisted in Belfast where
he was living. Brother of Mrs. Margaret Hughes, of 55,
Rockville St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including
Gallipoli). Cookstown WM

+VANCE, Joseph

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11474. Died
11/08/1915. Age 24. Son of Catherine Vance, of 2, Irvine St.,
Ballyhackamore, Belfast, and the late James Vance. Helles
Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

1916

+BLACK, W

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14590. 10585.
Died 11/08/1916. Age 33. Son of George and Catherine
Black, of Ardstraw, Newtownstewart. Portsmouth (Kingston)
Cemetery

+MARTIN, J

Royal Irish Regiment. 6th Btn. Private. 2345. Died
11/08/1916. Husband to Josephine Martin, 24 Ann St.,

Londonderry. St Patrick's Cemetery, Loos, France.
Londonderry Diamond WM

+MAXWELL, Ralph

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Sergeant. 13268. Wounded on the Somme on 01/07/1916, he died of his wounds in London on 11/08/1916, aged 27. Born in Belfast on the 06/05/1889, he enlisted at Belfast. Buried in Derriaghy parish church graveyard "with full military honours" in the same grave as his grandparents, parents, aunt, uncle and cousin, he was the son of Ralph Maxwell who died on 10/05/1918 aged 63, and Jane Maxwell who died on 25/06/1949 aged 93. His parents lived at 88 Everton Street, Belfast.

+MOLLOY, William James

Royal Garrison Artillery. 119th Heavy Bty. Ammunition Col. Gunner. 29021. Died 11/08/1916. Age 30. Son of Mary Molloy, of 30, Fountain Place, Londonderry. Varennes Military Cemetery, France. Londonderry Diamond WM

+REILLY, James Henry

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 137th Coy. Private. 12830. Died 11/08/1916. Age 23. Son of Mary Reilly of Belfast, and the late John Reilly; husband to Isabella Reilly, of 75, King St., Belfast. De Cusine Ravine British Cemetery, Basseux, France

1917

+ALEXANDER, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th (Service) Btn (2nd County Down) (Pioneers). Rifleman. 16/422. Died 11/08/1917. Aged 40.

The battalion was working on road and trench repair near Wieltje, Belgium in the opening phase of the Third Battle of Ypres. William and four of his comrades died in action on this date, probably by shellfire. He embarked for France in October 1915 and served at the Somme and Messines. He was married with five children when he enlisted in 1915. Prior to enlisting he was employed as a Damask Weaver. Husband to Annie J. Alexander, of Blackskull, Dromore, Co. Down. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Donaghcloney WM, Donaghcloney PCI WM, Blackskull Orange Hall RH

+ASHFIELD, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 29900. Died 11/08/1917. Age 19. Hugh was wounded at the Battle of Pilckem Ridge and taken to a Casualty Clearing Station. Son of Hugh and Annie Ashfield. Hugh was born about 1899 in Killymoon, Cookstown. Hugh's father was a carpenter. Both parents had died by the time Hugh was just 11 years old. He enlisted in the army at Omagh and went out with a draft of men after the Battle of the Somme. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Cookstown WM, St Luran's Church RH. Coagh Presbyterian Church RH

+BARRON, Robert James

Royal Irish Rifles 16th Btn. Rifleman. 1159. Died 11/08/1917. Carrickfergus. Ypres, Menin Gate Memorial, Belgium

+CRESWELL, J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 22907. Died 11/08/1917. Age 40. Son of Andrew and Jane Creswell, of Londonderry; husband to Cassie Creswell, of Ardlough, Londonderry. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+DARLING, Ronald H

Royal Irish Rifles 16th Btn. Lance Corporal. 1159. Died 11/08/1917. Age 19. Son of John Singleton Darling, M.D., of Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+FLYNN, William George Acheson

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 18981. Died 11/08/1917. Aged 22. Born about 1895 and raised in Laurencetown, County Down. William's mother Sarah died when he was very young. He was raised by his aunt. Prior to enlisting William was employed in the Lisnafillan Works, near Ballymena. His father was a manager of Lisnafillan Bleaching Works. William Flynn was a member of the U.V.F. William enlisted in Ballymena. He was the first man to enlist from the Galgorm Company. Son of William George Wade Flynn, of Glenbank, Ballysillan, Belfast, and the late Sarah Flynn. Ballymena Observer, August 31, 1917 - "Notification has been received from Mr. J. Flynn, formerly manager of Lisnafillan Bleaching Works, and now of Upperlands, Co Londonderry, that his son, Rifleman William Flynn, has been killed in action. Rifleman Flynn was a member of the UVF and was the first man to enlist from the Galgorm Company. He went to the front with the Ulster Division and prior to enlisting was employed in the Lisnafillan Works."Ypres

(Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Ahoghill Church of Ireland RH

+GAULT, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Lance Corporal. 1217. Died 11/08/1917. Age 41. Shot by a sniper while mending a forward trench. He died of his wounds at a clearing station. Robert fought in the Somme offensive and was gassed in September 1916. Robert also fought at Passchendaele. Robert was born at Torkins farm, Carntall, Co. Antrim, on 10/07/1881 to Mary Jane and John Gault. He was married twice and had 6 children. Husband to Sarah Gault, of Ballygallough, Ballyclare. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.

+GIBSON, Wesley

Royal Navy. Able Seaman. D/JX 149209, H.M. Submarine Parthian. Died 11/08/1917. Age 23. Son of Robert James Gibson and Margaret Gibson, of Lurgan. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 79

+HALE, Neason Henry

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 40841. Died 11/08/1917. Age 22. Son of William John and Annie Rose Hale, of Envoy Lodge, Ballymoney. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+JOHNSTON, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th (Service) Btn. Rifleman. 538. Died 11/08/1917. Youngest son of Alexandra and Mary Johnston, Saul-street, Downpatrick. LOL 359. Wieltje Farm Cemetery

+McCREIGHT, George Edward

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) 41202, formerly 7846, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Died 11/08/1917. He was born in Portsmouth, Hampshire. Son of George and Eliza McCreight, of 50, Jameson Street, Ormeau Road, Belfast, and husband to Margaret nee Slingo, 15, Harrow Green, Leystonstone, London. In 1911 he was living with his wife at 44, Bellbrooke Place, Harehills, Leeds and he was a police constable. Etaples Military Cemetery, France. St Jude's C of I Church, Belfast, WM

+McGOWAN, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. A Coy. Lance Corporal. 19689. Died 11/08/1917. Age 22. Son of Joseph and Margaret McGowan, of 5, Bond's Place, Waterside, Londonderry. Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Belgium

+McKEE, William Dickson

Royal Irish Rifles 12th Btn. Lieutenant. 1159. Died 11/08/1917. Age 37. Mentioned in the London Gazette for services rendered in Ireland, 1916. Son of the late Samuel McKee, of 35, Cyprus Park, Bloomfield, Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+NELSON, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 1157. Died 11/08/1917. Age 42. Husband to Mrs. J. E. Nelson, of 2, Dickson St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+OGILBY, Joseph

Royal Irish Rifles 12th Btn. Rifleman. 7505. Died 11/08/1917. Age 26. From Larne Times 25/05/2006 - "Joseph Ogilby, then aged 26, died 11th August 1917 at Passchendaele, Belgium. 'Josie'. was born on 10/07/1891. He was one of eight children in the family of Alan & Jane Ogilby (nee Beggs, Kilwaughter, Larne), Waterfall Rd, Carnlough; the family had previously moved from Carrickfergus. Alan had sought work in the limestone industry around Glenarm. Joseph signed the Ulster Solemn League and Covenant at Carnlough Town Hall on 28/09/1912. Five of the six boys served in the naval service but Joseph, a talented artist, opted for the 12th RIR. He was the only one killed". Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. He is also commemorated on the roll of honour in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. A memorial notice was placed by the family in the Larne Times 10/08/1918

+PATTON, L

Royal Irish Rifles. 10th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 15732. Died 11/08/1917. Age 32. Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Patton, of Belfast; husband of Evelyn Patton, of 55, Abingdon St., Belfast. Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium

+SANLON, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Fusilier. 11646. Previous service - Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 983. Died 11/08/1917. Had served in the army in Burmah and the Andaman Islands. He had been discharged on 13/11/1914 for misconduct and re-enlisted with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers on 27/08/1914. Born Mallusk 14/02/1888. Son of

William and Margaret Sanlon. Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Belgium

+SMYTH, Isaac

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 15957. Died 11/08/1917. Age 23. He was seriously wounded on 01/11/1916 and evacuated to base hospital on the 4th. He rejoined the battalion on the 18/06/1917 and was wounded again on the 10/08/1917 and "killed at dressing station" the following day, 11/08/1917. This possibly suggests the station was shelled. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Smyth, of 11, James St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+STEVENSON, John Martin

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 16034. Died 11/08/1917. Age 26. Member of the Ulster Volunteer Force. Son of William John and Jane Stevenson, of Lomond, Myroe, Co. Derry. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

+STEWART, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 1733. Died 11/08/1917. Age 24. Husband to Anna H. Stewart, of Booton, Ballymoney. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery, Belgium

+WALKER, William Alexander

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 19823. Died 11/08/1917. Age 27. Brother of Mrs. Sarah McMichael, of Leckpatrick, Ballymagorry, Strabane. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

1918**+BELL, Robert Rea**

Royal Scots, 5th/6th Btn. Private. 46396. Died 11/08/1918. Age 20. Son of Thomas and Rachel Bell, of Belfast. Bouchoir New British Cemetery, France

+BROWN, William

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. Private. 41451. Died between 11/08/1918 and 12/08/1918. Age 23. Assistant Librarian, Central Library, Belfast. Son of John and Sarah Brown, of 51, Lichfield Avenue, Bloomfield, Belfast.

William Johnston Brown was born on 13 February 1895 at 60 Solway Street, Belfast, the second of two children of time-keeper John Brown and his wife Isabella (formerly Mitchell, nee Johnston). William's older sister Martha had died just six weeks after she was born, and his mother died of typhoid fever before his second birthday. In 1902 his father was married again, to Sarah McMahon. The couple had two children in the next seven years.

By 1911 Brown was living with his father (chief timekeeper at Belfast Harbour), step-mother, half-brother and half-sister, at 51 Lichfield Avenue Belfast, and working in Belfast's Central Library as an assistant librarian.

Brown enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Antrim on 10 November 1915 (No.1839). He embarked for France on 11 August 1916, where he was posted to D Squadron, which was then part of the 1st North Irish Horse Regiment, joining it in the field at Humbercourt on 30 September.

In September 1917 the 2nd North Irish Horse Regiment was dismounted and most of its men, together with some surplus to the needs of the 1st Regiment, were transferred to the 9th (Service) Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers – which was renamed the 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion. Brown was one of the men transferred for the 1st Regiment – on 20 September. He was issued a new regimental number, 41451, and posted to C Company.

Brown saw action with the 9th Battalion in the Battle of Cambrai in November and December 1917. On 12 December he reported to the field ambulance suffering from trench feet, but he was able to rejoin the battalion before the month was out. He was granted leave from 8 to 22/01/1918.

On 24/03/1918, during the retreat from St Quentin in the German spring offensive, Brown sustained gunshot wounds to his left thigh and right foot. He became separated from his battalion and was initially reported as missing. Brown was treated at the 46th Casualty Clearing Station and 62nd Field Ambulance, then the 72nd and 74th General Hospitals and 13th Convalescent Depot at Trouville in France.

After recovering from his wounds Brown rejoined his battalion in the field on the forward slope of Mont Noir on high ground known as Meulenhout, on 19 July 1918. On the night of 11 August a large patrol attempted a raid on German-held Shoddy Farm. They got to within thirty yards of the farmhouse when attacked from behind by a German patrol. Grenades were thrown by the Germans and hand-to-hand fighting ensued. Eventually the raiders made it to safety, with some casualties. Brown was brought in, badly wounded, but he died soon after.

Brown was initially buried in the Wolfhoek British Cemetery, St Jans-Cappel, about 200 metres south-west of the hamlet of Wolfhoek (map reference 28.M.26.c.0.0), the location marked with a cross. In 1919 his body, and those of the others buried there, were exhumed and re-buried in Mont Noir Military Cemetery, St Jans-Cappel, France

1942

HMS EAGLE

HMS Eagle was an early RN aircraft carrier. She spent time in the Indian Ocean at the outbreak of the war and was transferred to the Mediterranean in May 1940, where she escorted convoys to Malta and Greece. After completing an extensive refit in early 1942, the ship made trips delivering fighter aircraft to Malta to boost its air defences in the first half of 1942. Eagle was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-73 on 11/08/1942 while escorting a convoy to Malta during Operation Pedestal.

+HOLLAND, Albert

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. P/KX77069. HMS Eagle. Died 11/08/1942. Age 35. Operation Pedestal. He enlisted aged 18. He was the lightweight boxing champion of the navy in 1933 and 1934. Only son of John and Lena Holland, Arundel St., (late of Donegore St.), Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 28/08/1942). Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 67

+WEAD, James Richard

RN. Leading Stoker. P/KX 96121. Date of Death: 11/08/1942. Age: 21. HMS Eagle. Son of James Edward

and Daisy Wead, Cregagh. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 68.

1942

+HOLLAND, Albert

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. P/KX77069. HMS Eagle. Died 11/08/1942. Age 35. Operation Pedestal. Son of John and Lena Holland, Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 67

+JEFFREY, John Haggan

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1062344. Died 11/08/1942. Age 20. 218 (Gold Coast) Sqdn. Born on 14/08/1921. Inchmarlo and RBAI. Civil Service entrance. NI Ministry of Finance. He enlisted in June 1940 and began training in January 1941. He took part in many RAF bombing raids over occupied Europe. On 11/08/1942 he was an Observer on board Short Sterling W7568 HA-D of 218 Squadron. The crew took off from RAF Downham Market, Norfolk at 2240hrs on a night-time bombing raid over Mainz, Germany. Soon after take-off, the starboard outer engine caught fire and the bomber came down at Brandon, Suffolk. Pilot Officer J Abberton also died as a result of this incident. The remaining five crew members had baled out uninjured. Eldest son of John Jeffrey and Sarah Jane (Saidie) Jeffrey, 55 Malone Ave., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery. RBAI WM

+MILLIKEN, Thomas Eric

RN. Petty Officer Steward. D/LX 21430. Died 11/08/1942. Age 29. HM Submarine Thorn. Thorn (Lt Cdr R G Norfolk+), 07/07/1942, Eastern Mediterranean, 30 miles from Gavdos

Island off SW Crete - by depth charges of Italian destroyer escort 'Pegaso'. Attacking steamer 'Istria' sailing from Benghazi, spotted by escorting Ju.88 aircraft, depth-charged and believed sunk by 'Pegaso'; all 60 crew lost (SW Crete patrol). Served nine years in destroyers and after Dunkirk served in submarines. Son of John and Georgina Milliken, Saintfield Rd., Newtownbreda. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 01/01/1943). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 72

1943

+GIBSON, Wesley

RN. Able Seaman. D/JX 149209. HM Submarine Parthian. Died 11/08/1943. Age 23. In May 1943 HMS Parthian (Lt. M.B. St. John, RN) sank several Italian sailing vessels while operating in the Aegean. HMS Parthian (Lt. Cyril Astell Pardoe, RNR) is presumed mined in Adriatic late July/early August 1943. Having sailed from Malta on 22/07/1943 for patrol west of Greece in the southern Adriatic. She was ordered to patrol off Otranto on 26/07/1943. She was again given a new area to patrol on the 28th. She was reported overdue at Beirut on 11/08/1943. Most likely she was mined off Brindisi. The date given as lost (11/08/1943) is the date she was reported missing. Son of Robert James Gibson and Margaret Gibson, Lurgan. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 79, Lurgan WM

+McCAIG, James Victor

RN. Leading Steward. D/LX 26009, Died 11/08/1943. Age 23. H.M. Submarine Parthian (N 75). The submarine saw extensive usage in the Mediterranean, sinking Italian and Vichy French submarines off North Africa. After a refit in the United States of America in late 1941, it took on supply

operations carrying aviation fuel and ammunition. Born 12/09/1919. James was a keen sportsman before the outbreak of WW2, He played football for Moatview F.C. in the Harryville area of Ballymena. Son of James McCaig and Rose Margaret McCaig (née McMillan) of 4 Edward Street, Ballymena. Plymouth Naval Memorial

+TOWNSEND, John Eric James

RAFVR. Flying Officer. 130317. B E M. Died 11/08/1943. Aged 33. 200 Sqdn. Husband to Ruby K. Townsend, of Belfast. Malta Memorial, Panel 6, Malta

1944

HMS ALBATROSS

Built as a seaplane tender. The loss of aircraft carriers provided a renewed role for Albatross. It was initially based in South Africa for patrol and convoy escort duties in the southern Atlantic, then was relocated to the Indian Ocean in mid 1942. From late 1943 to early 1944, the vessel underwent conversion into a "Landing Ship (Engineering)" to support the Normandy landings, and was used to repair landing craft and other support vessels off Sword and Juno Beaches. Albatross was torpedoed in October, but survived to be towed back to England and repaired. Albatross was badly damaged on 11/8/1944 by a U boat action.

+GRAY, William Joseph

RN. AB. D/SSX 31287. Died 11/08/1944. HMS Albatross. "Dolly" Gray was described as "a likeable Irishman with strong political opinions" - Bill Forster, Holywell House Publishing, quoting his father who served with him in HMS

Venomous on Atlantic convoys from the base in Londonderry. Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 86

+HOY, Robert James

RN. Stoker 1st Class. D/KX 95518. Died 11/08/1944. Age 23. HMS Albatross. Was at sea since leaving school. Brother Jim serving in Far East. Son of Robert James and Daisy Elizabeth Ada Hoy, Newtownards. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 90. Newtownards WM

+McFETRIDGE, John McDonald

RN. Stoker Second Class. D/KX 598770. Died 11/08/1944. Age 20. HMS Albatross. Brother served with Canadian forces. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. McFetridge, Mackey St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 08/09/1944). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 90

+O'DOHERTY, John

RN. Ordinary Seaman. D/JX 649835. Died 11/08/1944. Age 28. HMS Albatross. Son of James and Sarah O'Doherty, of Londonderry. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 88. Londonderry Diamond WM

1944

+IRELAND, Thomas

Royal Army Service Corps. 282 General Transport Company. Driver. T/7007689. Formerly Royal Ulster Rifles. Died 11/08/1944. Aged 44. Driving an ambulance which was hit by an artillery round killing him. Son of William and Ellen Ireland and husband to Margaret Ireland. Stanley Lane off York Street, Belfast. Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France

+McCALLAN, Peter

Irish Guards, 3rd Btn. Guardsman. 2723871. Died 11/08/1944 in heavy fighting as part of the Guards Armoured Division move between Caumont L'Evente and Vire, as part of the Normandy Campaign. Aged 25. Born on 25/05/1919 in the Pomeroy area. Son of James and Brigid Ann McCallan, of Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone. St Charles-de-Percy War Cemetery, France

+POTTS, Arthur

Irish Guards, 3rd Btn. Guardsman. 2724063. Died 11/08/1944. Aged 21. Son of Stewart and Annie Potts, of Lisburn. Brother of RN Stoker Stewart Potts who died on 14/02/1942 at HMS Sultan, Singapore. Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Lisburn WM

+WATT, Robert James

Irish Guards. 3rd Btn. Guardsman. 2719513. Died 11/08/1944. Aged 25. The Ballymena Observer recorded: "Guardsman Robert J Watt, killed in action in Normandy, was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watt, Cross, Moorfields. He was 22 years of age and single. He joined up in November 1939 and subsequently served with the Commandos for a period of 16 months before transferring back to his old regiment. Prior to joining up he was in the employment of Mr. George Allen, grocer, Bridge Street, Ballymena." Son of Samuel and Matilda Watt, of Moorfields, Co. Antrim. Tilly - sur - Seulles War Cemetery.

1945

+LILLY, Wilson

RAFVR. Aircraftman 2nd Class. 1028484. Died 11/08/1945. Aged 22. Son of William and Ellen Lilly, of Larne. Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia

+McCANDLESS, Joseph Robert

RAF. Aircraftman 2nd Class. 539798. Died 11/08/1945. Aged 28. Son of Hugh and Agnes J. McCandless, Dromore, Co. Down. Singapore Memorial, Column 456, Singapore

VETERAN**BOWDEN, Patrick George**

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