



remembrance ni



British High Commissioner pays tribute at Singapore Memorial, Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore, August 15; 2020

Ballymena Gunner died on Burma Siam Railway



For the next week Remembrance Ni will remember some of those from NI who served in the Far East

David Bell was among the many thousands of Allied POWs who died in Japanese camps along the Burma Siam Railway - made famous by the epic movie 'Bridge On The River Kwai'. He was educated at Ballymena Academy and Trinity College, Dublin.

A Lieutenant, he was serving with 148 (The Bedfordshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

The notorious Burma-Siam railway, built by Commonwealth, Dutch and American prisoners of war, was a Japanese project driven by the need for improved communications to support the large Japanese army in Burma.

During its construction, approximately 13,000 prisoners of war died and were buried along the railway.

An estimated 80,000 to 100,000 civilians also died in the course of the project.

The line, 424 kilometres long, was completed by December 1943.

The graves of those who died during the construction and maintenance of the Burma-Siam railway (except for the Americans, whose remains were repatriated) were transferred from camp burial grounds and isolated sites along the railway into three cemeteries at Chungkai and Kanchanaburi in Thailand and Thanbyuzayat in Myanmar.

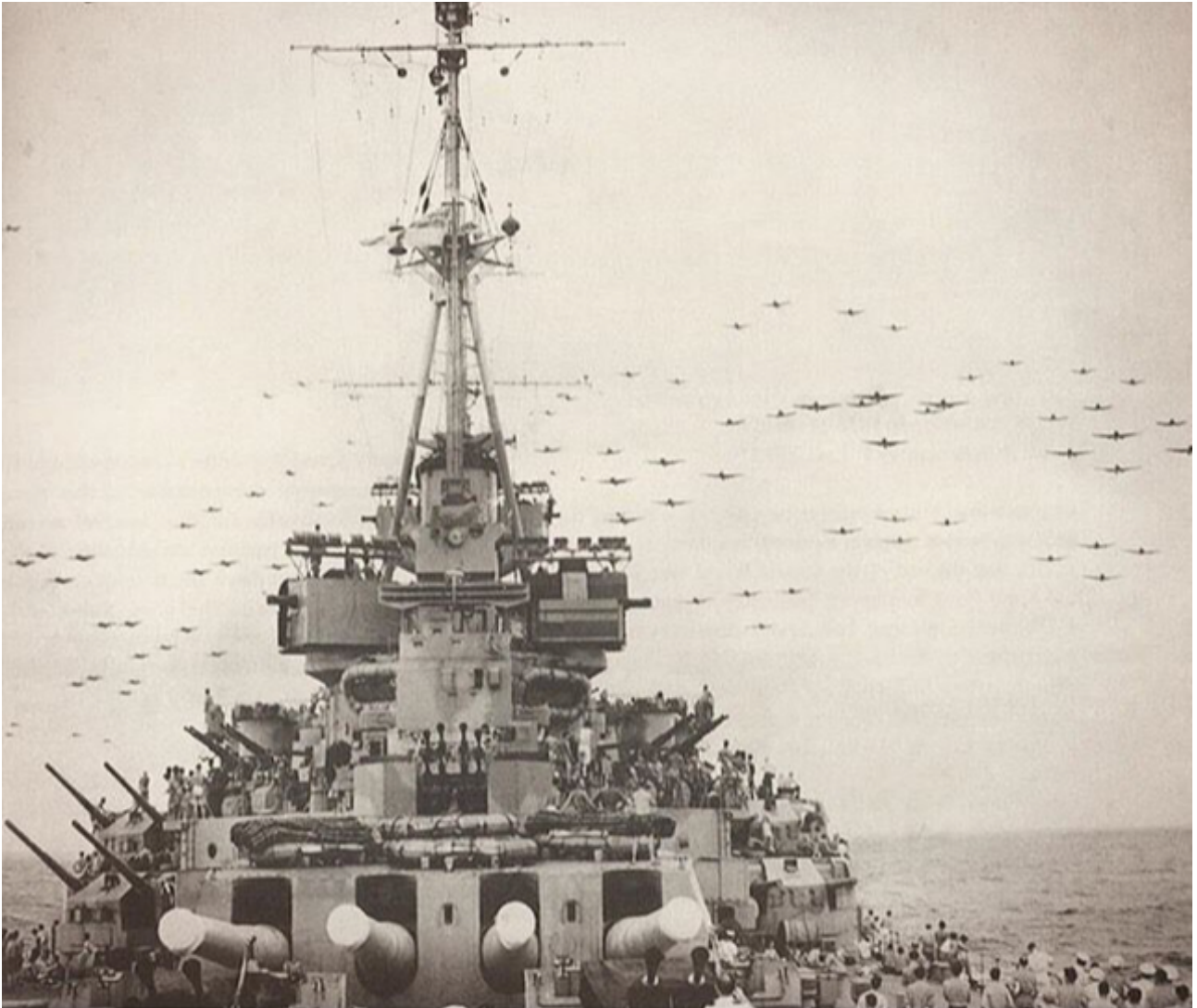
Chungkai was one of the base camps on the railway and contained a hospital and church built by Allied prisoners of war. The war cemetery is the original burial ground started by the prisoners themselves, and the burials are mostly of men who died at the hospital.

There are now 1,427 Commonwealth and 314 Dutch burials of the Second World War in this cemetery.

+BELL, David Dunwoody

Royal Artillery. Lieutenant. 140727. Died 15/12/1942. 148 (The Bedfordshire Yeo.) Field Regt. Ballymena Academy and TCD. Japanese PoW on Burma-Siam railway. Son of Henry Edward and Mary Bell, of Gracehill, Co. Antrim. Chungkai War Cemetery, Thailand

VJ Day - Royal Navy celebration flypast



15 August 1945 - the Japanese surrender and Royal Navy Aircraft celebrate with flypast over HMS Duke of York. This marks the end of major fighting in all theatres of WW2. We should never underestimate the gift of freedom granted to us by this remarkable generation.



Today is Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day, commemorating Japan's acceptance of the Allied demand for unconditional surrender. For Australians, it marked the end of the Second World War.

This painting by artist Harold Abbott shows celebrations for Victory in the Pacific Day at the Australian War Memorial on 15th of August 1945.

Abbott enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in 1941 and served as an official war artist in the Second World War from 1943 to 1945. Harold Abbott (1906–1986) VP Day, Canberra painted in Sydney, 1945. Oil on canvas on plywood. Acquired under the official war art scheme, 1945.

Roll of Honour – August 15

Representing their comrades who died on this day

27 entries in 1915 reflect the cost of the Gallipoli campaign. Likewise those for 1917 reflect the Third Battle of Ypres.

1915

+BAKER, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private.12608. Died 15/08/1915. Age 40. Son of the late Mr. D. and Mrs. M. Baker, of 49, Kenbaan St., Belfast; husband of Mrs. S. Annie Baker, of 32, Kingswood St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+BENSON, Ernest

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private.13176. Died 15/08/1915. Son of David and Agnes Benson, of 36, Era St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+BLOOMER, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 4623. Died 15/08/1915. Aged 32. Born Armagh. In 1901 he was living at Cavanbellaghy, Glenaul. In 1911 he was husband to Mrs.

Henrietta Bloomer, of 228, Matilda St., Belfast. They had two children. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Armagh WM

+BURTON, Robert

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 12202. Died 15/08/1915. Age 22. Son of Agnes C. Burton, of 1, Perry St., Mountpottinger, Belfast, and the late Andrew Burton. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+CAMPBELL, James

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 18218. From Lurgan. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+CONNOR, William H

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 12497. Died 15/08/1915. Age 25. Son of Elizabeth Connor, of 20, Clifton Drive, Belfast, and the late Alexander Connor; husband to Margaret Connor, of Oldpark Cottage, Ballysillan, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+D'ARCY, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5th Btn. B Coy. Lance Corporal. 20392. Died 15/08/1915. Age 34. Son of the late Thomas D'Arcy; husband to Annie D'Arcy, of Belnaleck, Enniskillen. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+DOAK, Frederick William

Connaught Rangers, 5th Btn. Private. 4498. Died 15/08/1915. Son of William and Margaretta Doak; husband to Eleanor McMullan, formerly Doak. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+GARRETT, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 12932. Died 15/08/1915. Husband to Mrs. M. Haslett (formerly Garrett), of 6, Ariel St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+GORMLEY, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 12084. Died 15/08/1915. The Battalion was sent to Gallipoli as part of 29th Division in April 1915. James was reported killed in action during the assault on Kidney Hill at Suvla, on 15th August 1915. One of James comrades returned from Gallipoli and told his family that James had volunteered to bring back some fresh water from a well, where it is thought he was killed by a Turkish sniper. James Gormley was born in Shettleston, Lanarkshire, and was the son of William and Annabella Gormley (nee Breslin) from Dunamanagh, Cloughcorr, County Tyrone. In the early 1900's the family settled in Cookstown. James Gormley was working in Cookstown prior to enlisting with the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Cookstown WM

+GRUBB, Donald James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5 Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 15/08/1915. Age 20. Educated at Wesley College, Dublin, he "was well known in sporting circles, being a first-class swimmer, and a player who was not easily thrown aside in the rugby field". He had entered the linen business sometime before 1914 and joined the QUB OTC on the outbreak of war in 1914. Gazetted to the Inniskillings in September 1914, he was later posted as Signalling Officer

to 5 RInF. He left for the Dardanelles from Basingstoke on 10/07/1915, landing with his battalion at Sulva Bay on 07/08/1915. He was KIA eight days later. His Commanding Officer in writing of Lieut. Grubb says "he met his death while bravely attending the wounded at great personal risk under a very heavy fire". Donald spent a time in Cookstown and worked at the Gunnings factory. Born Belfast 31/05/1895. Only son of the Rev. James and Jessie Grubb, Donegall Square, Belfast, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Cape Helles, Gallipoli, Panel 97. Gunnings Factory WM. QUB WM

+HAGAN, Daniel

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 6th Btn. C Coy. Private. 5112. Died 15/08/1915. Age 26. Son of Mrs. Frances Hagan; husband to Mary Davline Hagan, of 38, Grahame St., Johnstone. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Crumlin Road Methodist Church WM, Belfast

+KANE, James

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Lance Corporal. 5160. Died 15/08/1915. Age 24. Son of Edward and Bridget Kane, of Drumcullion, Ederney, Co. Fermanagh. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+LAURISON, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11138. Died 15/08/1915. Age 20. Son of John and Elinor Laurison, of 101, Charles St. South, Belfast. East Mudros Military Cemetery, Greece

+LYLE, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 11987. Died 15/08/1915. Age 20. Robert Lyle was the son of Alexander and Jane Lyle. He was born 22/11/1894 in Tobermore. His father was a farmer who died in 1904. Robert Lyle enlisted in Glasgow. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Tobermore WM, Tobermore PCI RH

+LYNN, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Bn. Lance Corporal. 13177. Died 15/08/1915. Age 20. Son of James and Elizabeth Lynn, of 162, Spamount St., Belfast. Azmak Cemetery, Suvla, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+McBRIDE, Francis

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. A Coy. Private. 10824. Died 15/08/1915. Age 37. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth McBride, of Omagh, Co. Tyrone; husband to the late Mary Hamilton McBride. Helles Memorial, Turkey, including Gallipoli.

+McCLUNE, William

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 3rd Btn. Private. 1277. Died 15/08/1915 at home. Aged 48. Born in Lambeg, he enlisted at Belfast and served in the RIR (5679). Son of the late John and Elizabeth McClune. Belfast City Cemetery.

+McCOURT, Richard

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. "C" Coy. Private. 11947. Died 15/08/1915. Aged 25. Son of Mrs. Eliza McCourt, of 25, Upper Charleville St., Belfast; husband to the late Charlotte McCourt. Helles Memorial, Cape Helles, Gallipoli

+McGLADE, Francis

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 22071. Died 15/08/1915. He was reported missing in action at Gallipoli on 10/08/1915. It was confirmed by a report in the Glasgow Evening Times on 16/12/1916 that Private Francis McGlade had been killed in action that day. Francis McGlade was the son of Elizabeth McGlade. He was born in Maghera. He enlisted in in Belfast. He had formerly seen service with the Connaught Rangers (3656). Son of Elizabeth McGlade, of 4, Bright St., Townhead, Glasgow. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli. Turkey

+McNULTY, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 5th Btn. Private. 12640. Died 15/08/1915. Age 26. Husband of Sarah Jane McNulty, 6 Charlotte St., Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Londonderry Diamond WM

+MULHOLLAND, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 4656. Died 15/08/1915. Aged 22. Born in Lisburn, he enlisted at Belfast. He was the son of Henry and Mary Mulholland of 47 Milford Street, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

+PENTLAND, Joseph

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Sergeant. 12450. Died 15/08/1915. Aged 35. Born in Donaghcloney, he lived in Hillsborough. Before WW1 he had served with the Gordon Highlanders for ten years and fought with them during the Boer War. Subsequently posted to India, where he developed sunstroke, he was invalided home and pensioned off. A drill instructor in the UVF in Hillsborough, he re-enlisted as a drill instructor in the army at Belfast on

the outbreak of war in 1914. He later volunteered for foreign service and was posted to 6 RIrF. He was husband to Agnes Graham Pentland of Lisburn Street, Hillsborough. They married 14/08/1897 at St Malachy's Church, Hillsborough. At the time of his death, he had two brothers serving in the army in France. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

+RICE, Joseph

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 16974. Died 15/08/1915. Born in Shankill, Belfast, he enlisted at Lisburn. He was the husband of Mrs. Rice of 13 Island Row, Lisburn. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

+SPENCE, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. "A" Coy. Private. 24747. Died 15/08/1917. Age 36. Son of Mary Spence, of 83, Devonshire St., Belfast, and the late John Spence. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France

+STINSON, Hugh

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 12691. Died 15/08/1915. Age 23. Son of Thomas Stinson, of Castlerock. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

+TOLERTON, Lee

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 15/08/1915. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

+TORBITT, William

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 12684. Died 15/08/1915. He was born at Ahoghill and lived in Belfast. Son of Arthur and Agnes Torbitt, of 46, Summer St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

+WALLACE, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 10871. Died 15/08/1915. Age 29. Born Church St., Antrim 11/11/1884. He had worked in the mill and was a member of the UVF. The Ballymena Observer (10/09/1915) reported that William was the first man from Antrim to enlist when war broke out. Son of James (a fisherman) and Lizzie Wallace. Husband to Jane Wallace, of 2, Riverside, Antrim. They married in All Saints C of I Parish Church on 26/12/1910. They had three children - Elizabeth, James and William. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Antrim WM. All Saints' Church WM

+WATSON, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 12248. Died 15/08/1915. Age 18. Only son of James Henry and Margaret Watson, of 16, Beggs St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

1916

+DAVIDSON, T

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. Serjeant. 12716. Died 15/07/1916. Husband to Elizabeth Davidson, of 38, Avoniel Rd., Belfast. Caudry Old Communal Cemetery, Nord, France

+SPENCE, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. A Coy. Private. 24747. Died 15/08/1916. Age 36. Son of Mary Spence, of 83, Devonshire St., Belfast, and the late John Spence. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France

1917

+ALEXANDER, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman 14/1091. Died 15/08/1917 after being wounded in the front line on the day before the start of the Battle of Langemarck. Aged 19. His brother Lance Corporal Robert Alexander (6251) also fell. William Alexander was born on 26/02/1898 in the townland of Cottown, Donaghadee. Son of James and Isabella Alexander, of Ballygraney, Co. Down. Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Bangor WM. Ballygrainey Presbyterian Church RH

+DOWNEY, James

Royal Irish Regiment. 6th Btn. C Coy. Private. 2406. Died 17/07/1916. Age 23. Husband to Margaret Downey, of 3, St. Patrick St., Londonderry. Londonderry (Derry) City Cemetery. Londonderry WM.

+BENNETT, William Henry David

Royal Canadian Regiment, 13th Btn. Captain. Died 15/08/1917. Age 27. Son of W. S. Bennett, Castlecaulfield, Dungannon. He served 5 years with the Royal Irish Constabulary and 1¼ year with the 5th H G. Emigrated to Canada and worked as a relief clerk with C.D.R before enlisting on 23/09/1914 at Valcartier, Quebec. Born 03/01/1890 1890 at Balinode, County Monaghan. Husband to Ida Kathleen of Knockmult House, Macosquin. Mazingarbe Communal Cemetery Extension, Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais. Dungannon WM, Castlecaulfield C of I RH

+BRADEN, Thomas James

Canadian Infantry, 21st Btn. Private. 775445. Died 15/08/1917. Age 30. Son of Martha Braden, of 13, Glentilt

St., Belfast, Ireland, and the late Thomas Braden. Vimy Memorial, France

+BUSBY, Isaac

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Lance Corporal. 870. Died 15/08/1917. Eldest son of William and Martha Busby. Born 01/10/1879 in the Caledon area. They were a farming family. Isaac Busby and Agnes Girvan married on 11/08/1909 in the district of Armagh. It is believed they had one child. Herbert Busby was born on 06/05/1914. In the 1910 Ulster Town's Directory, Isaac is listed as a coachman. Isaac was living in Killylea, Co Armagh when he enlisted in Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Dungannon WM, Caledon Parish Church RH

+COFFEY, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Lance Corporal. 18/1063. Died 15/08/1917. Age 21. Son of John and Mary Coffey, of Killyleagh St., Crossgar. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

+COLEMAN, John

Canadian Infantry, 10th Btn.(Alberta Regiment). Private. 905155. Died 15/08/1917. Age 33. Enlisted in Sarcee Camp, Calgary, Alberta on 14/09/1916 when he was living in Deville, Alberta. Before the war he worked as a clerk. Born at Lisnalinchy on 26/02/1884. Son of Robert and Agnes Coleman of Ballyclare. Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Ballyclare WM. Ballylinney Presbyterian Church RH

+CRAIG, Adam

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 4934. Died 15/08/1917. Age 35. Born in Ahoghill and enlisted in Ballymena shortly after the outbreak of hostilities.. Son of Adam and Elizabeth Craig, of Lisnafillan, Gracehill; husband to Jane Craig and father of five children. Bridge End, Gracehill. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Cullybackey UF Church RH

+DUNLOP, Henry

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 7th/8th Btn. Private. 24572. Died 15/08/1917. Age 21. Son of David and Annie Dunlop, of 32, Frederick Lane, Belfast. Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium

+FRANCEY, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private. 12261. Died 15/08/1915. Age 19. His brother Thomas Francey also fell 16/05/1915. Son of William John and Mary Ann Francey, of 21, Paxton St., Ballymacarrett, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+GRAY, James

Canadian Infantry. 10th Btn. A Coy. Private. M M. 904516. Died 15/08/1917. Aged 32. Born 21/05/1885. He worked in the Ulster Bank before he emigrated to Canada where he lived in Edmonton. He was employed as an accountant before enlisting on 08/03/1916. He embarked for France at Easter 1917. In August he took part in the battle for Vimy Ridge. On August 16 he was officially listed as missing presumed dead. He was awarded the Military Medal for his achievements on on August 16. He had a younger brother

Percy Wilson Gray who was killed on 04/03/1917. Their father died on 29/08/1917. Son of Mary Ann Gray, of Thomas St., Armagh, Ireland, and the late William Gray. Vimy Memorial. Armagh WM

+HATTY, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 17850. Died 15/08/1917. Age 25. Nephew of Maggie Hatty, of Alexander Square, Bushmills. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+HAGGAN, Andrew

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 17814. Died 15/08/1917. Age 21. Son of Andrew and Sarah Haggan, of Davis St., Carrickfergus. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+JOHNSTON, Robert

Canadian Infantry. 8th Btn. Private. 830298. Died 15/08/1917 in a major attack on Hill 70. Age 46. Born 27/08/1880. He emigrated to Canada and in February 1916 he enlisted as a single man in Canadian Expeditionary Force - an indication that he married whilst in GB before going to France. Son of John and Anne Johnston, of Cladybeg, Markethill, Co. Armagh; husband to Hetty Johnston, of Clydebank, Glasgow. Vimy Memorial, France

+KILLIPS, Francis

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 673. Died 15/08/1917. Age 22. Son of John and Margret Jane Killips, of Delamont,

Killyleagh, Co. Down. His brother John Killips also fell. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+McCARTNEY, Andrew

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Lance Corporal. 19092. Died 15/07/1917. Age 23. Son of Samuel and Mary McCartney, of 35, Henry St., Ballymena. Ballymena Observer, August 31, 1917 - "Information has been received by Mr. Samuel McCartney, hairdresser, Henry Street, that his only son, Lance Corporal Andrew McCartney, Royal Irish Rifles, died of wounds received in action in the recent heavy fighting in which the Ulster Division took part.

"Unofficial information received last week by Mr. McCartney stated that his son had been severely wounded, having lost a leg.

"Prior to enlisting in 1914, Lance Corporal McCartney was a fitter in Messrs. Kane Brothers, Harryville.

He was a member of the Rechabite Order, also a member of Ballee LOL and of the RBP." Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+McGUIGGAN, JOHN

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 16751. Died 15/08/1917. From Shankhill, Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+MILLAR, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 3405. Died 15/08/1917. Age 24 . Brother of Mrs. Mary A. Norrell, of 31, Herbert Avenue, Larne. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+PICKERING, William

Highland Light Infantry, 16th Btn. "B" Coy. Private. 30289. Died 15/08/1917. Age 27. He was born about 1890 in Tobermore, the son of James and Elizabeth Pickering who later lived at 30 Canal Street, Port Dundas, Glasgow. Glasgow Western Necropolis.

+SCOTT, John Suffern

Canadian Infantry, 8th Btn. Sergeant. 923. Died 15/08/1917. Son of James Scott of Bellagharty, Ballyronan, Magherafelt. He was born on 15/07/1896. He emigrated to Canada, where he worked as a labourer and was unmarried. He enlisted at Valcartier Camp in Quebec on 21/09/1914. Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, Pas-de-Calais, France. Woodschapel Parish Church RH

+SPENCE, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn."A" Coy. Private. 24747. Died 15/08/1917. Age 36. Son of Mary Spence, of 83, Devonshire St., Belfast, and the late John Spence. Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, France

+WILSON, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 7th Btn. Rifleman. 6072. Died 15/08/1917. Age 37. Husband of Agnes Wilson, of 17, Tyrone St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+YORKE, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Lance Corporal. 19362. Died 15/08/1917. Age 22. Son of Robert and Agnes Yorke, of

197, Upper Meadow St., Belfast. New Irish Farm Cemetery, Belgium

1918

+WATTERS, Hugh Henry

Highland Light Infantry. Private. Died 15/08/1918 at his father's residence in Tamnavalley, Stewartstown due to illness. Age 29. He was born in Tamnavalley, Killycolpy, Tyrone on 02/09/1888. Albany Presbyterian Churchyard, Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone. Stewartstown WM. Albany Presbyterian Church RH

+WATTERS, S

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 10th Btn. Private. S/ 22531. Died 15/08/1918. Husband of Isabella Watters, of 5, Wigton Street, Belfast. Crouy British Cemetery, Crouy-sur-Somme, France

1920

+GRAHAM, J

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 17814. Transf. to (231684) 311th Home Service Works Coy. Labour Corps. 231684. Died 15/08/1920. Age 52. James Graham worked as a plasterer. Rifleman James Graham survived the war but died of uraemic hydronephrosis in the Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast and was buried the following day in Movilla Cemetery, Newtownards. He was the son of James Graham and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Montgomery were married on 20 / 01/1890 in First Newtownards Presbyterian Church. James Graham senior was also a plasterer. Lizzie Montgomery, a

mill-worker from Newtownards, was a daughter of John Montgomery, a labourer. Husband to Elizabeth Graham, of 33, Balfour Place, Mark St., Newtownards. Movilla Cemetery, Newtownards.

1941

+LINDSAY, Louis Edward David

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant. 905091. Died 15/08/1941. Aged 21.102 Sqdn. Son of Edward Louis Herbert and Emily Elizabeth Lindsay, Belfast. Terschelling (West-terschelling) General Cemetery, Netherlands

+McQUIGG, Howard Torrens

RAF. Sergeant (Flight Engineer). 575079. Died 15/08/1941. Aged 19. 35 Sqdn. Shot down at Andervenne which is 10 miles from Lingen-Ems in Germany near Dutch border. It seems there was an underground munitions factory with anti aircraft guns and witnesses said that the plane was on fire and narrowly missed the church spire and a barn before it broke into 3 pieces. Son of William and Annie Torrens McQuigg, of Aghadowey, Co. Londonderry. Reichswald Forest War Cemetery, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

1943

+DOWDS, Robert

RAFVR. Leading Aircraftman. 978632. Died 15/08/1943. Aged 22. 221 Son of Hugh Harper Dowds and Elizabeth Dowds, of Belfast. Malta (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery, Malta

+MAJOR, Richard

RAFVR. 58 Sqdn., 58 Squadron . Sergeant.1074283. Died 15/08/1943, Age 28. Son of Robert and Susanna Major. Runnymede War Memorial, Surrey, England. Gilford WM

1944

+DARLING, Mervyn Howard (Paddy)

Royal Artillery.138 HAA Regt. 437 Bty. Captain. 145933. Died 15/08/1944. Aged 30. Son of James Darling, C.E., and Mary Darling; husband of Irene F. A. Darling, of Tamworth. Tamworth Cemetery, Staffordshire. Portora RS

+McARTHUR, George Alexander

RN. Sick Berth Attendant. D/MX 84738. Died 15/08/1944. Age 21. HM LST 404. Member of the North Belfast Division St John Ambulance Brigade, and a staff sergeant in the Boys Brigade. Son of William and Mary McArthur, of St.Aubyn St.,Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 15/09/1944). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 91

+REEVES, Arthur Heaton

RAFVR Aircraftman 2nd Class.(U/T Pilot). 1808706. Died 15/08/1944. Age 19. RAFPE 1942 QUB. Son of Joseph Heaton and Emma Louisa Reeves, of Woodford Green, London. Harare (Pioneer) Cemetery, Zimbabwe. QUB RH

VETERANS

McCREA, Geoffrey William Creighton

RNVR. Sub - Lieutenant (E). 1940 - 46. Born 15/08/1917. Campbell College 2271. Son of GG McCrea, Eagle Hall, 27 Hampton Pk. Belfast. Post war - Managing Director, Messrs.

E. McCrea & Co. Ltd., Belfast. Home : Ballycraig, 333
Belmont Road, Belfast

McROBERTS, Robert

Robert was a coal trimmer when he enlisted with the 17th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Regimental Number 17/732) on 19/05/1915 and was deployed to France with 15th Battalion in October 1915. During the Somme Offensive, he sustained gunshot wounds to the right side and was treated at 110th Field Ambulance, 29th Casualty Clearing Station, and No 26 General Hospital. In October 1916, he was treated for trench fever and influenza at 110th Field Ambulance for seven days. In early March 1918, he was treated for influenza at 108th Field Ambulance for four days. Robert was also reported as wounded in the War Office Daily List dated 24/04/1918. He remained on the Western Front until February 1919 and was transferred to the Class Z Army Reserve on 15/03/1919 and his character was recorded as "Very Good".

Robert Bryson McRoberts was born around 1882 to Nathaniel McRoberts, a quarryman, and Eliza Jane McRoberts (nee McConnell). His mother died of pulmonary tuberculosis in July 1892, aged 39, and his father married Agnes Russell in March 1893 at Carnmoney Presbyterian Church. In 1901, Robert was a quarry labourer and boarding with his elder brother, James, at Whitewell Village. Robert was a farm labourer when he married Margaret Simms on 21/01/1903 at St Anne's Parish Church, and they were living at Carnmoney Beg in 1911. They later lived at Cottage 3 (414 Whitewell Road). In February 1924, their daughter, Lizzie, was attacked after a dance by Robert Martin of Pittsburgh Street who slashed her throat with a razor

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