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John Gillespie Magee, RCAF, receives his wings

Anniversary of famous poem 'High Flight'

Today is the anniversary of the writing of one of the most beautiful poems ever composed – "High Flight," by John Gillespie Magee.

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and
swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew —
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

A few months after creating this lyrical work of art, the brilliant young Spitfire pilot died in a tragic air accident. He was just nineteen. “High Flight” has become the enduring anthem for airmen everywhere.

John Gillespie Magee Jr. was born on June 9, 1922 — the eldest son of the Rev. John Gillespie Magee of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Faith Emmeline Backhouse of Helmington in Suffolk, England. The couple met in China where he was an Episcopalian missionary and she was serving as a missionary with the Church Mission Society.

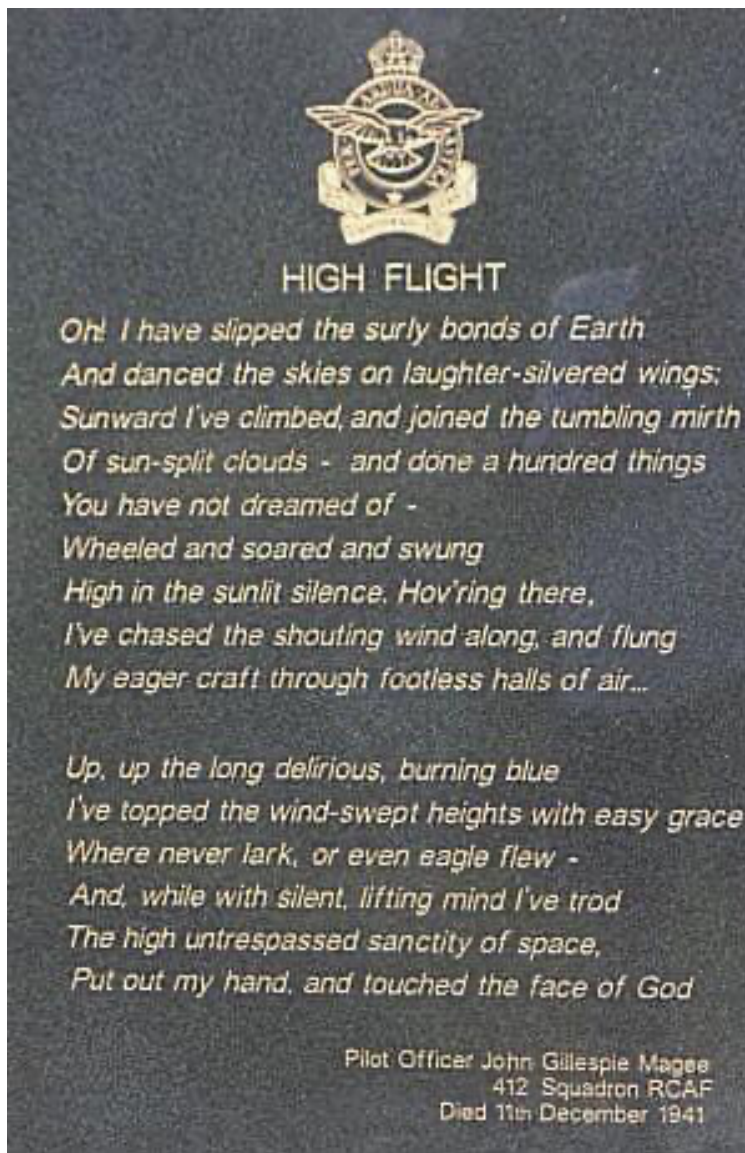
John Senior was an extraordinary man in his own right. Born into a wealthy family, he attended Yale University and then divinity school. After graduation he travelled to China to minister at an Episcopal mission (the American version of the Anglican Church). This became his life's work, and he remained in China from 1912 to 1940.

In 1937 he witnessed the Japanese invasion of Nanking and the subsequent Nanking Massacre. He was a member of the International Safety Zone Committee that saved hundreds of thousands of Chinese civilians. At great risk to his own safety, Magee filmed atrocities perpetrated by Japanese soldiers against the citizens of Nanking. He was later able to smuggle these films out of Nanking, providing evidence of the war crimes that had taken place.

After Magee left Nanking, he returned to the United States and during the Second World War served as Acting Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., across Lafayette Square from the White House. He officiated at the funeral of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in April 1945.

But it is his eldest son who is better known to the world.

John Senior married his wife Faith in 1921, and John Junior was born in Shanghai in 1922.



**A copy of the poem
is on the wall
directly outside the
Station Adjutant's
office JSU Digby.**

John's birth was followed by that of David in 1925, Christopher in 1928, and Frederick Hugh in 1933. Proud of their origins and wanting to provide their sons with knowledge of their Anglo-American roots, the Magees resolved to send the

boys to school in England, and then to university in the United States.

In 1931 their eldest son John, just ten years old, was sent to St. Clare's School, near the family home in Kent, England. In 1935 he was enrolled in the Rugby School in Warwickshire, an institution steeped in English history. (One of his predecessors, William Ellis, in 1873 flouted the rules of football by taking the ball in his arms and running with it, thus inventing the game of rugby.)

John was deeply moved by the honour roll of Rugby students who had fallen in the First World War, and greatly

admired the work of celebrated war poet Rupert Brooke. He was already beginning to show promise as a poet. In 1939 John won the coveted Rugby Poetry Prize for his poem titled: "Brave New World."

Britain entered the Second World War on September 3, 1939. Having travelled to the United States in 1939 on a family visit, John was unable to return to Britain for his final year at Rugby and therefore completed his schooling at the Avon Old Farms School in Connecticut. While there, at the age of 17, he published his first and only book of poems.

It was hoped that John would follow the family tradition of attending Yale, and he was admitted for the 1940 freshman class. The United States had not yet declared war against Germany as had England, Canada and the other Commonwealth countries.

However, John was eager to defend his mother's homeland, a country for which he felt much loyalty, so he crossed the border and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in October 1940. He was one of thousands of young Americans who joined the Canadian forces prior to 1941.

John received his flight training at No. 9 Elementary Flying Training School at RCAF Station St. Catharines, Ontario; followed by No. 2 Service Flying Training School at RCAF Station Uplands near Ottawa.

When John came home on Christmas leave in 1940 to Washington, D.C., his family was impressed with what air force discipline had done for John. He returned to Canada to complete his training, and in June 1941 he earned his wings.

Like so many other young flyers, John made his final visit to his home and family in Washington, D.C. before heading overseas. He was posted to the Royal Air Force No. 53 Operation Training Unit in Llandow, Wales to finish his operational training.

While at Llandow, John flew a Spitfire to an altitude of 33,000 feet. This experience made such an impression on him that it provided the inspiration for his best-known work.

During one of these sojourns into the sky, on August 18, 1941, he wrote “High Flight,” destined to become the most famous aviation poem in the world.

He sent it home in a letter to his parents dated September 3, 1941, with these words: “I am enclosing a verse I wrote the other day. It started at 30,000 feet, and was finished soon after I landed. I thought it might interest you.”

From Wales, John was assigned to the RCAF’s No. 412 Fighter Squadron, which was formed at RAF Digby in England on June 30, 1941. The motto of this squadron was and is *Promptus ad vindictam* (Latin for “Swift to avenge”).

John continued to take part in the daily training exercises that airmen are required to perform, and experienced air combat in the autumn of 1941. In that combat he lost friends to the enemy, and fired on enemy aircraft.

Then on December 11, 1941, tragedy struck. It was not the end that John might have wished – a daring duel with an equally courageous enemy – but rather a terrible accident. Flying his beloved Spitfire above the Lincolnshire countryside during training exercises, another aircraft, also on a training flight, collided with John’s.

Here is a copy of the original poem, in John's handwriting. The original now resides in the Library of Congress.

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John
3.12.41

At the inquiry afterwards, a farmer testified that he saw the Spitfire pilot struggling to push back the canopy. The pilot, John, stood up to jump from the plane but was too close to the ground for his parachute to open, and died on impact. The other pilot was also killed.

Magee is buried at Scopwick Church Burial Ground in Lincolnshire, England. On his simple gravestone are inscribed the first and last lines from his poem:

“Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth –

Put out my hand and touched the Face of God.”

Two of his brothers served with US Forces during WW2. Like his brothers, youngest son Hugh was sent to school in England, returned to the United States for further education and to attend Yale University, and then followed in his father's path and was ordained a priest in England after training at Cambridge. During the past 50 years he has served parishes on both sides of the Atlantic, and currently serves on the staff of St. Paul's Cathedral in Dundee, Scotland.

Article by Elinor Florence who writes at

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On this day – August 18

1914

The Germans occupy Tirlemont in Belgium.

1917

The French counter attack on the right bank of the Meuse and recapture trenches lost on the 16th August.

1940



This day in 1940, German Luftwaffe attempts to completely destroy RAF Fighter Command and break the RAF. This resulted in one of history's largest dogfights which raged in the skies above southern England.

More than 100 planes are shot down in what will be remembered as the "Hardest Day" of the Battle of Britain.

In the end, both sides suffered heavy losses, although the British shot down twice as many Luftwaffe aircraft as they lost.

1942

The Hunt Class Destroyer HMS Berkeley was part of the escorting force for Operation Jubilee commonly known as the Dieppe raid. During an air attack the following day she was hit by two bombs dropped from Focke-Wulf Fw 190s, which broke her keel and killed 13 ratings. As the damage was beyond repair she was abandoned and then scuttled by torpedoes from the escort destroyer Albrighton.

1966

The Battle of Long Tan, now marked as Vietnam Veterans Day.

Their numbers may be thinning but their legend continues to grow. On 18 August 1966, 108 young Australian and New Zealand soldiers fought for their lives against more than 2000 Main Force Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Soldiers in a South Vietnamese rubber plantation called Long Tan.

Sadly 18 young Australians and more than 245 Vietnamese died in the battle.

Today is the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, now known as Vietnam Veterans Day. We pay homage to all the veterans who have served, suffered, and made the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam War.

17 young Australians from D Company, 6th Royal Australian Regiment died in the Battle of Long Tan and 1 Trooper from 1 APC Squadron died nine days later from wounds he

sustained in the battle. 11 of those who died were conscripts / National Servicemen.

60,000 Australians and 3,000 New Zealanders served in Vietnam; 521 Australians and 37 New Zealanders died as a result of the war, and over 3,000 Australians and 187 New Zealanders were wounded.

Roll of Honour – August 18

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+HOY, John

Royal Engineers, 68th Field Coy. Sapper. 41727. Died 18/08/1915. Age 38. Son of John and Isabella Hoy; husband to Annie Hoy, of Matilda St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

+WALLACE, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 10871. Died 15/08/1915. Age 29. Husband of Jane Wallace, of 2, Riverside, Antrim. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

1916

+EKIN, Frederick William

Royal Fusiliers. (City of London Regiment). Old Public School Btn. Private. 4795. Died 18/08/1916. Age 23. He was seriously wounded, having received a gunshot to his arm at the Battle of the Somme on 20/07/1916. He died in Edinburgh War Hospital. He attended Queens University for one year, 1914-1915, and was a Member of Training Corps. The eldest son of John and Annie (nee Hartie) Ekin. Frederick was born on 20/07/1893 in the Shankill area of Belfast. John Ekin was a grocery agent. He died in Edinburgh War Hospital. Belfast City Cemetery. QUB WM, RBAI WM

+HANNA, Dennis

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 7210. Died 18/08/1916. Age 19. "Dennis Hanna, who was a telegraph messenger at the time of the 1911 Census, is believed in our family to be the young telegraph messenger in several of the 1912 photos showing Edward Carson and other leading Unionists signing the Ulster Covenant at Belfast City Hall. If so, he may well have been the only Roman Catholic present." Son of Robert and Annie Hanna, of 62, Anderson St., Belfast. Vermelles British Cemetery, France

1917

+CHRISTIE, Charles MacGillicuddy

Royal Army Medical Corps. 69th Field Amb. Private. 106604. Died 18/08/1917. Age 33. Born at The Rectory, Gortin, Co. Tyrone on 02/02/1884. Son of the Rev. W. J. and Maud Christie nee Watters. They married at Carrick-on-Shannon

on 21/08/1872. The couple had 8 children. Schooling for Christie was at Campbell College, Belfast between February 1900 and April 1902. The 1901 Irish Census records Christie as a Campbell College boarder and his parents, William James Christie (Rector, Church of Ireland, 54) and Florence Margaret (47) and his sister, Frances Maud (13) are living in Moyle Glebe, Co. Tyrone. Christie joined the Belfast Banking Company with his father signing his Bankers Guarantee for him. His address is recorded as The Rectory, Newtownstewart. Christie worked for the Belfast Bank and later for the Canadian Bank of Commerce. By 1911, Christie (27) was boarding at 6, Newington Terrace, Rathmines & Rathgar East, Dublin. Christie was working in College Green, Dublin when he volunteered and enlisted into the Royal Army Medical Corps. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery, No 3, Belgium

+DORMAN, Andrew Arthur

Canadian Infantry, 46th Btn. Private. 291291. Died 18/08/1917. Age 34. Born 20/07/1888 in Belfast, Ireland. His residence was 41A Stratheden Street, Belfast. Resided with his wife Effie L at 3 Richmond Park, 430 Young Street, Manitoba, Canada. He worked as an office clerk. On the 06/12/1915 aged 27 years and 4 months. he joined the 222nd Overseas Battalion at Private 291291. He embarked from Halifax, Canada with 222nd Battalion on S.S. Olympic for England on the 13/11/1916, disembarking at Portsmouth England on the 20/11/1916. From the port of disembarkation, the 222nd were taken to Shoreham by the sea. On 31/12/1916 the 222nd were transferred to the 19th Reserve Battalion, 46th Regiment Canadian Infantry. On the 01/01/1917 the 46th were taken on strength at Seaford.

From Seaford the 46th were posted to Bramshott Military Camp, Hampshire on the 30/05/1917 for embarkation to France the same day. The following day 31st the 46th disembarked and marched into Canadian Infantry Base Depot to await deployment to the front. On 20/06/1917 he was posted to the front with the 46th Battalion and was killed in action the 18/08/1917. (They were known as Suicide Battalion: 46th Canadian Infantry on the Western Front, World War One. There has been a book published about them.) Villers Station Cemetery, Villers-Au-Bois, France. Duncairn Presbyterian Church WM, Belfast

+HOUSTON, William Wylie

Royal Engineers, 226th Field Company. Second Lieutenant. Died 18/08/1917. Age 30. RBAI. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1915 - 16. He was living in Fitzroy Ave, Belfast, and was an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He had worked in three architectural practices before he enlisted. William was killed in action. He, with a party of Royal Engineers, was conducting a working party of infantry to Mill Trench, near Quinchy. They were in a position known as Lunatic Sap, when a pineapple bomb dropped close by. As well as William, Lance Corporal Turner was also killed, and 2 sappers wounded. Born in Ballyearl in 23/02/1887. Son of Thomas and Jane Wylie Houston (nee Wylie), "Lenamore," Jordanstown, Whiteabbey. Native of Carnmoney. Cambrin Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church, Dublin RH, Carnmoney Presbyterian Church RH, QUB WM, RBAI WM

+KNOX, James Huston

9th Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Private. 30699. Died 16/08/1917. Aged 20. Son of Alexander and Margaret Knox, of Bridge St., Kilrea, Co. Derry. Tyne Cot Memorial, West - Vaalanderland, Belgium

+McCABE, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 7th/8th Btn. Lance Corporal. 18513. Died 18/08/1917. Age 21. Enlisted Lurgan. Born in Virginia, Co. Cavan. Worked as a mechanic. Lived with his two sisters and elder brothers at Navan St., Armagh. Son of Bernard McCabe, of 46, Primrose Hill, Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+McKILLEN, Charles

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Lance Corporal. 27036. Died 18/08/1917. Age 18. Son of James and Frances McKillen, of Belfast. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

+MORRISON, Hans

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. Lance Corporal. 6035. Died 18/08/1917. Age 32. Son of Francis and Agnes Morrison, of Meeting St., Ballynahinch. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No 3, Belgium

+O'DONNELL, James

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 7th/8th Btn. Private. 20996. Died 18/08/1917. He had previously served with the Connaught Rangers (4168). He worked for the Great Northern Railway Company. Born Newbridge, Co. Londonderry. Son of

James, a fisherman. Husband to Ellen O'Donnell, Castle St., Antrim. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Antrim WM

+PACE, J

Army Cyclist Corps, X Corps, Cyclist Btn. Private. 7158. Died 18/08/1917. Age 22. Son of the late Henry and Mary Pace, of Belfast. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No 3, Belgium

+PRICE, William Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st. Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 4792. Died 18/08/1917. Age 31. Son of the late John and Sarah Price, of Banbridge. Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Belgium. Seapatricks Parish Church RH, Banbridge

+PUES, F

Royal Irish Rifles. 8th Btn. Rifleman. 360. Died 18/08/1917. Son of Arthur Pues, of Moneydaragh More, Annalong. Brookwood Military Cemetery

+WALLACE, R H

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. C Coy. Company Serjeant Major. 5619. Died 18/08/1917. Age 34. Served in the South African Campaign. Son of Robert and Mary Wallace, of Ballymena. Calais Southern Cemetery, France

+WRIGHT, William John

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Serjeant. 12/19265. Died 18/08/1917. Age 27. Born Pacific Ave., Belfast on 17/06/1889. Son of William John and Elizabeth Wright, of Belfast; husband of Catherine Jane (nee Dubois) Wright, of

Ballycushion, Templepatrick. They married on 17/04/1911 in St Luke's Parish Church, Belfast. They had three sons and a daughter. Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No.3. West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Ballyclare WM. Kilbride C of I RH, St Patrick's C of I Templepatrick RH

1918

+BROWNE, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 4555. Died 18/08/1918. Age 20. Son of William and Margaret Browne, of 35, City St., Belfast. Bertinacres Military Cemetery, Fletre, France

+COURTNEY, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 14252. Died 18/08/1918. Age 25. Son of William and Jane Courtney, of 3, Rowland St., Belfast. Bertinacres Military Cemetery, Fletre, France

+McMULLAN, THOMAS

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 340. Died 18/08/1918 at 62 Casualty Clearing Station, France, from wounds received on 14/08/1918. Age 26. Second son of Thomas and Sarah McMullan; husband to Letitia McMullan, of Pikestone, Downpatrick, Co. Down, and second brother of Mrs. Tate, Cotterhill, Inch, Downpatrick. Arneke British Cemetery, France

+WATSON, Frederick

Canadian Infantry, 7th Btn. Private. 761065. Died 18/08/1918 in the battle of Amiens. Age 39. Born Kilunney,

Armagh. He possibly went to the USA first. His sister in New Jersey was given as his next of kin. He enlisted in Canadian forces in February 1916. His occupation was noted as a labourer and his address as Queen's Hotel, Vancouver. Brother of Mrs. Jeanie Fritz, of Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A. Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, France

1919

+MORRELL, Mary Louise

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. Staff Nurse. Died 18/08/1919. Aged 29. Medaille des Epidemics en Argent, conferred by the President of France. Recorded in The London Gazette - 17th March 1920, which also states, "His Majesty the King, has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the Decorations and Medals in question." Daughter of Samuel and Maria Morrell of Ballywildrick, Co. Londonderry. United Kingdom Book of Remembrance. Dunboe Parish Churchyard

A contemporary newspaper report states -

"A marked demonstration of public sorrow was witnessed at the funeral yesterday to Dunboe Parish Churchyard of Nurse Mary L. Morrell, elder daughter of Mr. Samuel Morrell, Ballywildrick, Castlerock, whose death after a lengthened illness occurred on Monday.

"Aged twenty-nine years, deceased, who had been trained as a nurse in Guy's Hospital, London, joined Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service during the war, holding the rank of lieutenant.

“In April, 1917, she went to Salonika, and it is believed that the climate and the hardships which she underwent there caused the malady which resulted in her death. She returned to England in the autumn of 1918, being sent by the military authorities to Rostrevor, but eventually in February of the present year she came back to the home of her parents, where devoted nursing and the best medical skill were unable to avert the fatal issue.

“The funeral procession yesterday included the children of Articlave National School, and also a large contingent of local soldiers, who had lined the grave with moss and flowers. A firing party of about fifty men of the 1st Dorset Regiment, Londonderry, under Lieutenant L. W. Harwood Renton, attended, and at the graveside fired three volleys. Revs. J. R. Wright and J. G. Keers conducted the burial services.”

1940

+CROMIE, Robert Stevenson

RAFVR. Flight - Lieutenant. 90485. Died 18/08/1940. Aged 32. 615 Squadron. Medical officer killed in the bombing of RAF Kenley. MB, BCh, BAO 1937 QUB. Son of Samuel James Cromie and Sarah Morton Cromie, Ballymoney; husband to Mabel Cromie, M.D., M.M.S.A, Coulsdon, Surrey. Ballymoney Cemetery. QUB RH

1942

+GUY, Hubert

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1096085. Died on 18/08/1942. Aged 22. His Hawker Hurricane fighter crashed in a training accident

near Forfar, Scotland. Son of Francis and Elizabeth Guy of Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery

+LOGAN, James

AB. D/SS 35903. Died 16/08/1942. H.M.M.G.B. 609. Dover (St James) Cemetery (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 28/08/1942).

+REYNOLDS, George Edmund H

RN. Lieutenant. Reported missing 19/08/1942. His mother received a letter from him that he had ben wounded. Had served previously in RN and London police before rejoining RN at outbreak of war. Brother Thomas serving in RAF. Son of Mrs Reynolds, Castle St, Omagh. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 11/09/1942 ; Belfast Weekly Telegraph 23/10/1942).

+WHITESIDE, Charles Alexander

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant (Observer). 1181362. Died 18/08/1942. Aged 23. 113 Sqdn. Son of the Rev. James Whiteside, and of Vemby Whiteside, of Tandragee. Ranchi War Cemetery, India

1943

+BRESLIN, Daniel

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant (Air Gunner).1561437. D F M. Died 18/07/1943. Age 20. Son of Daniel and Bridget Breslin, of Strabane. Strabane Cemetery, County Tyrone

+GILCHRIST, John James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 6979395. Died 18/08/1943. Age 23. Son of Samuel and

Bridget Gilchrist, of Killeter, Co. Tyrone. Delhi War Cemetery, India

+GRAHAM, Henry James

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1029884. Died 18/08/1943. Aged 21. 547 Sqdn. Henry was born in Cologne in Germany in 1922. On 18/08/1943, a Wellington K of 547 Squadron was airborne at Davidstow Moor at 1327hrs, on a Musketry patrol. It was later reported that the aircraft failed to return. The aircraft was shot down by Oblt Herman Horstmann, StKapt 13/KG 40. Son of William John and Aletta Gertrude Graham, of Portobello, Staffordshire. Runnymede Memorial, Surrey, Panel 151. Castlecaufield C of I WM, Dungannon WM

1944

+CONNOR, Desmond William

RAFVR. Flying Officer (Pilot). 132894. Died 18/08/1944. Aged 24. 19 Sqdn. At the time of his death he was flying a Mustang fighter aircraft (III HB827). He was strafing military transport during the afternoon and was hit by flak. The plane crashed into a house. Connor was born at 41 Rathdrum Street, Belfast on 01/02/1920 to Samuel Edgar Connor, Civil Servant and Florence Jane Connor nee Ballentine. They had married on 04/07/1912 at St. Mary Magdalene Church of Ireland, Belfast. Connor joined the Belfast Banking Company on 01/06/1938 and is recorded as working in Dungannon branch. St Desir War Cemetery, Calvados, France

+MacLEISH, Maxwell Herdman

Royal Artillery. Lieutenant. 240224. Died 18/08/1944. Aged 36. 68 Anti-Tank Regt. Son of Alexander Rollo Macleish and

Henrietta Herdman Macleish; husband of Elizabeth Vance Macleish, of Armagh. Banneville-La-Campagne War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Seapatricks Parish Church, Banbridge, WM

+McDERMOTT, William

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant (Navigator/Wireless Op.). 1007187. Died 18/08/1944. Aged 24.19 Sqdn. Son of Robert J. McDermott and Isabella McDermott, of Londonderry. Belgrade War Cemetery, Serbia

1945

+PRICE, Hugh Blackwood

Royal Canadian Army Service Corps. Sergeant. A/22283. Died 18/08/1945. Age 45. Son of William J. Price and Sarah Ann Price, of Lisbane, Co. Down, Northern Ireland; brother of Elizabeth P. Donnan, of Comber, Co. Down. Grove Cemetery, Windsor, Canada

VETERANS

LYTTLE, Joshua

RAMC. Major. MCB. QCB 1872. MD RUI 1878. Served as Hon Surgeon to Shrewsbury Division, St John's Ambulance Brigade. Born 1855. Son of James Lyttle, Maghera, Co Londonderry. Died 18/08/1923, Shrewsbury

MONTGOMERY, Hector Smyth

Royal Navy. Seaman. TS 8045. Born 29/08/1898 at Scotch Hill, Straid. Son of William and Jane Montgomery. Before enlisting he worked as a miner in Straid Bauxite mines

His naval papers show he was a short man (only 5' 4") who went to war when it was almost over on 08/05/1918. He served on three ships, Vivid, Heela and Vairu. He was 'dispersed to shore' on 06/06/1919.

Hector and Margaret Esler married on 04/08/1922 in Christ Church, Ballynure and they made their home in Ballyclare where they had six children, George, Eveline, Minnie, Noel, Gordon and Leslie. Hector died on 18/8/1982 at the Mater Hospital.

ROBERTSON, nee Sheridan, Peggy

WRNS. Served duration of WW2 in UK, S Africa and Egypt. Married Thomas who also served. They lived in Edinburgh. Born 18/08/1915, Lisnooley, Florencecourt, Co. Fermanagh. Celebrated her centenary in Fermanagh. (Impartial Reporter 20/08/2015)

WRIGHT, Peter Paul

RAMC. Lieutenant. Marist College, Dundalk. QUB MB 1914. BCh MD 1919. FRCS Edinburgh 1921. Served in Salonika and Gallipoli. Born 1892 Murroe, Co Limerick. Son of James (RIC Sergeant retired) and Ellen Wright. Died Belfast 18/09/1952. Milltown Cemetery, Belfast

YOUNG, George Vaughan Chichester

RNVR. Lieutenant 1941-42; RNVR. 1942 (June-October); RINVR. 10/1942 - 05/1946. QUB 1939. Campbell College. Solicitors' Final exam (N. Ireland 1st Place), 10/1946; Bar Final Exam. (N. Ireland), 06/1949. Admitted Solicitor (N. Ireland), 11/1946. Called to Bar, N. Ireland, 07/1949. Crown Counsel, Colonial Legal Service, Gold Coast. Born 18/08/1921. Son of HC Young, Aghanloo House, Bellarena.

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We will remember them

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