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## VJ 2020 - Inniskillings Battle Honours and Awards



Remembering the actions of our forebears who served in Inniskillings in Burma; for which today's successors in the Royal Irish proudly carry the Battle Honours Burma

1942-1943 and Yenangyaung 1942.

The actions of Fusilier Newman MM, Lt Fairweather MC, and Cpl Scott DCM were acknowledged

## North Irish Horse officer awarded Victoria Cross

Lieutenant - Colonel Richard Annesley West, D.S.O., M.C., North Irish Horse, attached Tank Corps. For most conspicuous bravery, leadership, and self-sacrifice at Courcelles and Vaulx, Vraacourt, France, on 21st August, 1918.

During an attack, the infantry having lost their bearings in the dense fog, this officer at once collected and reorganized any men he could find, and led them to their

objective in face of a heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout the whole action he displayed the most utter disregard of danger, and the capture of the objective was in a great part due to his initiative and gallantry.

On a subsequent occasion it was intended that a battalion of light tanks under the command of this officer should exploit the initial infantry and heavy tank attack. He therefore went forward in order to keep in touch with the progress of the battle, and arrived at the front line when the enemy were in process of delivering a local counter-attack.

The infantry battalion had suffered heavy officer casualties, and its flanks were exposed. Realizing that there was a danger of the battalion giving way, he at once rode out in front of them under extremely heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and rallied the men. In spite of the fact that the enemy were close upon him he took charge of the situation and detailed non-commissioned officers to replace officer casualties. He then rode up and down in front of them in face of certain death, encouraging the men and calling to them, "Stick it, men; show them fight; and for God's sake put up a good fight". He fell riddled by machine-gun bullets. The magnificent bravery of this very gallant officer at the critical moment inspired the infantry to redoubled efforts, and the hostile attack was defeated.

Unfortunately he fell on 02 September 1918. North Irish Horse WM at Belfast City Hall

## On this day – August 21

### 1915

The battle of Hill 60 began at Gallipoli. The attack on Hill 60 was the last offensive action by the Allies prior to the evacuation in December 1915. Like many of the actions fought on Gallipoli, the battle was confused and inconclusive. Today's Roll of Honour reflects the cost.

### 1918

The Battle of Bapaume begins with the British 3rd and 4th Armies attacking on a 10 mile front between Beaucourt-sur-Ancre and Moyenneville and reaching the Albert-Arras Railway.

Lieutenant - Colonel Richard Annesley West, D.S.O., M.C., North Irish Horse, attached Tank Corps. "For most conspicuous bravery, leadership, and self-sacrifice at Courcelles and Vaulx, Vraacourt, France, on 21st August, 1918".

### 1942

The Germans formed bridgeheads across the Don River, the 6th Army was only a few dozen kilometres from Stalingrad.

### 1944





After nine days of heavy fighting Allied forces encircled the remaining German troops in Normandy, better known as the Falaise Pocket. 50,000 German soldiers were taken prisoner. Some other 50,000 German troops escaped the pocket and withdrew towards Northern France and Belgium.

The road to Paris was open to the Allies.



Photo left - Heavy fighting at Hill 262, Normandy. Cut off from reinforcements, and short of ammunition, 1,500 Poles faced 100,000 desperate

retreating German soldiers. For 2 days they held out against furious German assaults until they were finally reinforced.

## VJ Day Evensong - Saturday, 15th August 2020 - Canterbury Cathedral

Wonderful words and music at -  
<https://youtu.be/Y4xJMudYMOY>

## Roll of Honour – August 21

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1915**

### **+BARBOUR, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 19593. Died 21/08/1915. Born Layde, Cushendall. Hill 10 Cemetery, Turkey, including Gallipoli. Ballycastle WM

### **+BONNER, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 4105. Died 21/08/1915. Age 25. Son of Patrick Bonner, of 27, Union St., Waterside, Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli) Londonderry Diamond WM

### **+BOYD, Samuel**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 18423. Died 21/08/1915. Born in Tampaght near Upperlands. He enlisted in Glasgow giving his home address as Grindle, Myroe, Co. Derry which is near Limavady. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

### **+BOYLE, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 10212. Died 21/08/1915. Age 23. Son of Daniel and Elizabeth Boyle, of 9, Duke St., Londonderry; husband to Bridget Fraser (formerly Boyle), of 72, Foxes Corner, Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Londonderry Diamond WM

### **+CARABINE, Patrick**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 10644. Died 21/08/1915. Age 20. Son of Thomas and Annie Carabine, of 135, Cavendish St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

### **+CHAMBERS, Moses**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 18463. Died 21/08/1915. From Queen Street, Lurgan Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

### **+CONNOLLY, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 4712. Died 21/08/1915. Age 19. Son of William and Mary Ellen Connolly, of Carnthrone, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+CULL, Herbert (Bertie)**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 9800. Died 21/08/1915. Age 24. Son of Mary A. Cull, of Grange Terrace, Newtownstewart, Co. Tyrone, and the late James Cull. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+CULLEN, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 6560. Died 21/08/1915. Age 50. Son of John Cullen, of "Fair View," Ann St., Dungannon. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+DALZELL, Robert James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 3202. Died 21/08/1915. Age 18. Son of Mrs. S. Dalzell, of 99, Donegall Rd., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+DEVLIN, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 4434. Died 21/08/1915. Age 19. Son of Mrs Ellen Devlin of 18 Long Tower, Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+DEVLIN, Thomas**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 4442. Died 21/08/1915. Age 17. Born in Coagh on 22/10/1897. By 1911 he was living in Cookstown and working in the mill. He had a twin brother Joseph. Enlisted Omagh. Son of Joseph and Cathrine Devlin, of 40, Mill St., Whiteabbey, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Coagh WM



**+DOHERTY, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 4494. Died 21/08/1915. Age 19. Son of William Doherty, of 12, Eden Place, Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+DYNES, David William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 10747. Died 21/08/1915. Age 19. Son of Valentine and Susannah Dynes, of 4, Rathmore St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+FITZPATRICK, Bernard**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 4426. Died 21/08/1915. Age 20. Born on 18/09/1895 in Dungannon. Before enlistment Bernard worked as a machine hand. Bernard had a brother, Francis Fitzpatrick, who was also died in WW1. Son of Hugh and Alice Fitzpatrick, of Donaghmore Rd., Dungannon. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Dungannon WM

**+GRAHAM, William George**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 3768. Died 21/08/1915. Age 24. Born in Derrylorgan, Co. Tyrone, he enlisted at Cookstown. Son of Mary J. Graham of 12 Milfort Avenue, Dunmurry and the late William Graham, and brother of Corporal Thomas Graham who also fell. The family had lived in Cookstown where William worked as a beetler, as did his father. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Cookstown WM

**+HARPER, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 9546. Died 21/08/1915. Age 25. Son of William and Sarah Harper, of 94, Cottage, Lammy, Omagh. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+HUTTON, Thomas**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 1871. Died 21/08/1915. Age 22. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Hutton, of 60, Strabane Old Rd., Waterside, Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+JACKSON, Isaiah**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 19956. Died 21/08/1915. Age 17. Born and living in Lisburn, he enlisted at Belfast. He was the third son of Joseph and Mary Jackson of 53 Mercer Street, Lisburn. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+JOHNSTON, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 3596. Died 21/08/1915. Age 22. Son of William and Mary Johnston, of 35, Cumberland St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+JORDAN, Percy Thomas**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 3rd Btn. att'd. 1st Btn. Lieutenant. Died 21/08/1915. Age 22. Commissioned in November 1914. Educated at St Columba's College and Trinity College, Dublin. The only son of Canon Rev Thomas

Jordan, D.D. (Rector of Magherafelt, Co. Derry) and  
Marianne G C Jordan, The Rectory, Magherafelt. Helles  
Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey, St Columba's College WM,  
Trinity College, Dublin RH

**+KENNEDY, Joseph**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. 2829, Private. 2829.  
Died 21/08/ 1915. Aged 20. Born in Ballymena and enlisted  
in Belfast. Son of Isabella Kennedy, 6 Disraeli Street,  
Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+KING, Joseph**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 18463 . Died  
21/08/1915. Son of William and Sarah Jane King, of  
Maralin, Lurgan. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including  
Gallipoli)

**+LARMOUR, Samuel**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 8479. Died  
21/08/ 1915. Aged 20. Born in Blaris Co. Antrim, he enlisted  
at Lurgan. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

**+LUNEY, John Alexander**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 9846. Died  
21/08/1915. Born Ballypallady, Templepatrick, on  
09/05/1892. Enlisted Lisburn. Son of John and Maggie (nee  
Graham) Luney, Holystone, Kilbride. Brother of Sarah and  
Samuel. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli).  
Ballyclare WM

### **+LYONS, Robert**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. B Coy. Private. 3496. Died 21/08/1915. Age 28. Son of the late Alexander and Annie Lyons; husband of Martha Lyons, of 126, Cambrai St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

### **+MARSHALL, Robert**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 9691. Died 21/08/1915. Age 25. Robert Marshall joined the Army around 1907 and served in India before the Great War. Son of Robert and Susannah Marshall nee Wallace, of 33, Greenwell St., Newtownards. The Marshall family lived in Movilla Street, Greenwell Lane and Greenwell Street, Newtownards. Robert Marshall Senior worked as a general labourer and he and Susannah had nine children. At least five of their children died in infancy. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey; Newtownards and District WM; Greenwell Street Presbyterian Church RH, Newtownards

### **+McCOLGAN, Hugh**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 7653. Died 21/08/1915. Born Glendermott. Brother of Elizabeth McColgan, Fountain Hill, Waterside, Londonderry, Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Londonderry Diamond WM

### **+McGARVEY, Samuel**

West York Regiment, 9<sup>th</sup> Btn. 10880. Died 23/08/1915. Age 42. Served in Indian Frontier 1897 - 98, South Africa. Nephew of William McGarvey, 6 Upper Violet St.,



Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli).  
Londonderry Diamond WM

**+McGUIGAN, Henry**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 2505. Died 21/08/1915. Age 28. Husband to Annie McCabe (nee McGuigan), of 25, Bow St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+McGUIRE, Nassie**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 3861. Died 21/08/1915. Age 20. Son of James and Bridget McGuire, of 9, Joseph St., Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Londonderry Diamond WM

**+McKEE, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 10339. Died 21/08/1915. Age 22. Son of Mary Jane McKee, of 134, Boundary St., Shankhill Rd., Belfast, and the late William McKee. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+McNAUGHT, David**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 20348. Died 21/08/1915. Aged 19. Enlisted in Omagh. Son of Mrs. Bessie McNaught, of Bellaghy, Co. Londonderry. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+MOORE, James Henry**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 3222. Died 21/08/1915. Age 21. Son of Robert and Catherine Moore, of

57, Ashmore St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

### **+MURPHY, Patrick**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 4608. Died 21/08/1915. Age 18. Son of Patrick and Mary (nee O'Reilly) Murphy. His father had married Mary O'Reilly, of Chapel Street, Cookstown and they went to live in Glasgow. They returned to Cookstown. Patrick found work with Thomas Adair & Sons. He enlisted in Cookstown with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and went to Gallipoli as part of the 29th Division in April 1915. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Cookstown WM

### **+NEILL, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 3450. Died 21/08/ 1915. Aged 45. He enlisted at Belfast at the outbreak of the war. Wounded in Gallipoli on 29/06/1915, he was treated in hospital in Alexandria, Egypt, from where he wrote to his wife saying that he expected to be on his way home by the time she received his letter. Born in Drumbeg, Co. Antrim, he lived at Sandymount, Ballyskeagh, Lisburn. He was employed, like his father before him, by Mr. Charley of Seymour Hill, Dunmurry. Son of Mrs. John Neill of Drumbeg, Dunmurry and husband to Maggie Neill of Sandymount, Ballyskeagh and Lambeg, Lisburn. She only received official confirmation of his death in November 1916. His two sons-in-law both served in the forces during the war. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

**+POOTES, Robert**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 9472. Died 21/08/1915. Born in Lisburn, he lived in Belfast, and enlisted at Ballykinlar. Son of Robert Pootes of 43 Pernau Street, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+PURDY, William Martin**

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 5129. Died 21/08/1915. Brother of Frank Purdy, of 3, Mission Lane, Mill St., Larne. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+RAFFERTY, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 19245. Died 21/08/1915 in action along with Thomas Devlin and William Graham at Scimitar Hill. Age 43. Born in Cookstown about 1872. John enlisted in Newcastle-upon-Tyne while he was living and working there. Son of the late John and Mary Rafferty; husband to Sarah Riley, (formerly Rafferty), of 43, Morrison St., Gateshead. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Cookstown WM

**+ROSS, Robert**

North Irish Horse. Private. 71579. Died 21/08/1915. Age 25. Son of John. and Elizabeth Ross, of 318, Springfield Rd., Belfast. Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, France

**+SAVAGE, John**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 3612. Died 21/08/1915. Age 24. Brother of Mrs. Edith McIlroy, of 32, Wimbledon St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+SEEDS, Thomas**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. B Coy. Private. 3507. Died 21/08/1915. Age 17. Nephew of Mrs. Hamilton, of 13, Crosbey St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+SEYMOUR, William John**

Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 13th Btn. Private. 2018. Died 21/08/1915. Age 27. Born about 1893. Son of Robert John and Emma Seymour, of Crossnenagh, Keady, Co Armagh. It appears the whole family emigrated to Australia where John enlisted in January 1915. Lone Pine Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+SLAVIN, Frank**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 9183. Died 21/08/1915. Age 26. Son of Mrs. Mary Ellen Connolly, of Carnthron, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+STEVENSON, Hugh**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 3330. Died 21/08/1915. Age 21. Son of Alexander and Mary Stevenson, of 61, Methuen St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+THOMPSON, David**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 3113. Died 21/08/1915. Age 18. Son of William and Catherine Thompson, of 14, Dunbar St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)



## **+WRIGHT, John David**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 4429. Died 21/08/1915 in the assault on Scimitar Hill. Aged 20. Son of Mrs. Susan and the late Robert Wright, of Rosegarland, Magherafelt, Co. Derry. John was seven years of age when his father died. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey, Cookstown War Dead Book

## **1916**

## **+BURBY (BUSBY), William**

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 11th Btn. Private. S/ 5140. Died 21/08/1916. Age 16 years and six months. From Dunminning, Craigs, Cullybackey. Theipval Memorial, France. Cunningham Memorial Presbyterian Church RH, Cullkybackey

## **1917**

## **+ABBOTT, Vivian Hartley Church**

Canadian Infantry, 9th Btn. Private. 646187. Died 21/08/1917 during the battle for Hill 70 at Lens. Aged 36. Eldest son of David Charles Abbott and Charlotte Elizabeth Abbott. Vivian was born in Fivemiletown on 05/10/1881. The 1901 census lists Vivian as age 19, living at Military Barracks at The Curragh, Kildare. He served for one year with the South African Army and fought in the Boer War. Vivian and his wife Eleanor Abbott emigrated to Canada. On enlisting, his wife was living in Mission City, British Columbia. Vivian Abbott was working as a surveyor's chainman when he enlisted on 15/06/1916 in Vancouver. Vimy Memorial, Arras, Pas de Calais, Fivemiletown WM

**+DUDDY, Charles**

RN. AB. J.47698. (DEV). HMS Vala. Died 21/08/1917. Age 21. Born Lishally, Derry 16/08/1896. Brother of George Duddy, Shaw Street, Greenock.

**+EASON, Edward**

Canadian Infantry. 47th Btn. Private. 463984. Died 21/08/1917 in the attack on Hill 70 outside the town of Lens. Age 26. Enlisted on 14/08/1915 and went to France in 1916. In 1911 Edward (19) was working as a servant and living at Broughshane. Son of Stephen Eason and of Henrietta Eason, of Barrack St., Armagh. They and their family emigrated and resided at 3940, Quebec St., Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Canadian Cemetery No2 Neuville-St Vaast, France

**+ENTWISTLE, James**

Lincolnshire Regiment, 11th Labour Coy. Private. 45627. transf to (29565) 50th Coy. Labour Corps. Private. Died 21/08/1917. Age 34. Son of Elizabeth and the late Thomas Entwistle, of Belfast; husband of Mary Entwistle, of 62, Argyle St., Belfast. Fosse No.10 Communal Cemetery Extension, Sains-en-Gohelle, France

**+RAMSAY, John**

Canadian Infantry, 29th Btn. Private. 116058. Died 21/08/1917. Age 29. Born in County Tyrone on 14/07/1889. The 1911 census shows his mother Lizzie living in Carntall More, Kilfaddy, Tyrone. She was a widow. John emigrated to Canada. He enlisted on 18/03/1915 in Vancouver. Vimy Memorial, France. Clogher WM

## **+WILSON, James**

Canadian Infantry. 31<sup>st</sup>. Private. 883754. Died 21/08/1917. Age 34. Farming pre-war. Residing at Wittenburg, Alberta. Joined up 27/09/1916 at Calgary, Alberta. Embarked Halifax, 15/12/1916, with 187 Overseas Battalion.

Disembarked at Liverpool 20 February 1916. Transferred to 21st Battalion at Canadian Camp, Seaford, East Sussex. 29 December 1916 admitted into Military Hospital at Seaford with parotitis. Transferred to 10 Western General Hospital, Liverpool for observations. Discharged 21/02/1917.

21/04/1917 he was with his battalion at Canadian Camp at Bramshott, Hampshire getting ready for posting to France that day. 22/04/1917 disembarked at France and marched into Canadian Base Depot. 24/04/1917 they left the depot and marched to join 31st Battalion, arriving at the regiment 06/05/1917. Admitted to No 6, Casualty Clearing Station, Rouen 21/08/1917 with gun shot wounds to face, left arm and leg. He died later that day in the clearing station. Born 03/10/1882 at County Down. Son of Joseph and Ann Jane Wilson, of Ballykeel, Co. Down. Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension, France

**1918**

## **+ELLISON, Charles**

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Corporal. 12/18972. Died 21/08/1918. From Larne. Arneke British Cemetery, France.

## **+FULTON, S**

South Lancashire Regiment, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 32014. Died 21/08/1918. Age 35. Husband of Minnie Fulton, of 48, Glentoran St., Belfast. Locre No 10 Cemetery, Belgium

**+KEENAN, John**

Cameron Highlanders, 11th Btn. Private. 50312. Died 21/08/1918. Age 44. Born at Lochee, Dundee. Enlisted 06/09/1914. Son of Patrick and Jane Keenan, of Belfast. Husband to Mary Ann Keenan. Le Grand Hasard Military Cemetery, Morbecque, France

**+ROBERTS, John Martin**

Cyclists Regiment, 5<sup>th</sup> Btn. North Irish Horse. Private, 71027. Died 21/08/1918. Age 30. Born Summerville, Churchtown Lower, Dundrum on 26/05/1888. Enlisted Downpatrick. Second youngest son of Thomas and Amelia Nixon, the Orange Hall, Downpatrick. Three sons were lost in the war. Edward was lost in HMS Racoon and William with the Royal Field Artillery. Husband to Robina Roberts (nee Crawford). They married 18/09/1912 in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. Queen's Cemetery, Bucquoy, France. Downpatrick WM. North Irish Horse WM at Belfast City Hall

**+ROSS, Robert**

North Irish Horse. Private. 71579. Died 21/08/1918, the first day of the Advance to Victory offensive's attack on the Somme front, probably during the assault on Beaucourt. Son of John, a linen sampler maker, and Elizabeth Ross, Brooke St., Dungannon. He was one of nine children, eight surviving. Prior to the war he living with his family at 318 Springfield Road, Falls, Belfast, and was working as a general labourer in a linen warehouse. Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, Somme, France

**+SINTON, Edwin**



Royal Engineers, 4th. Light Railway Company. Major. MC. Died 21/08/1918, Aged 35. Born in Belfast, he was an Old Scholar of the Ulster Provincial School, subsequently Friends' School, Lisburn. He served throughout the Boer War and afterwards enlisted in the Camel Corps in British East Africa. Before the war, he was manager of the Picture House in Royal Avenue, Belfast, a member of the Royal Ulster Masonic Lodge No. 274 and of the Commercial Masonic Lodge No. 418. He enlisted as a Trooper in the NIH in 1914 and quickly rose to the rank of Sergeant. Commissioned into the RFA, with whom he saw active service, he was subsequently transferred to the 4th. Light Railway Company RE as a Lieutenant and promoted to captain in 1917. Awarded the M.C. in the early summer of 1918, the citation read, "Under very heavy shelling he set a fine example of cheerful disregard of danger, and was of great assistance in evacuating light railway stock and maintaining traffic until the advance of the enemy rendered further work impossible". He was the husband of Mabel Alice Sinton of 54 St. Saviour's Road, St. Leonards, Sussex, the daughter of Major F. Blackwell, RE. They were married in about August 1917 a year before his death. She was a nurse, and in June 1918, was Sister in charge of a Military Hospital at Oswestry in Shropshire. For her services in France she had been mentioned in dispatches in 1916 and was later awarded the Royal Red Cross medal.

A friend and colleague of Edwin Sinton's writing to his wife about his death described how, "It is a terrible blow to everyone of us, and every man of the Company feels it keenly. As for myself, I can hardly realise it. He was my best pal out here, and was simply worshiped by his men, who would have done anything for him, and well he

deserved their trust. I was not beside him at the time of his death as I had gone away two days previously to another detachment. The bomb which killed him dropped a short distance from where your husband and Lieut. O'Sullivan were standing. Death was instantaneous, and you can rest assured he suffered no pain. O'Sullivan was just beside him and they were comrades in death as well as in life. Captain Sinton was very good to me. He was good to everyone, and I think he knew how fond I was of him. It will be a terrible thing for you to bear, but you must keep a stiff upper lip. Many and many a time when we were sitting together he spoke of you – he was always thinking of you. They were buried at 6.30 yesterday evening with full military honours, and lie side by side in a peaceful spot out here. The funeral was most impressive, and his popularity was easily seen when I say that practically every officer of the Light Railway Corps that possibly could be present was there; yes and more that every man from every Company who could get was present, too. We have lost one of the best and straightest men who ever lived”.

Lieutenant Thomas George O'Sullivan, who also served in the 4th Light Railway Operating Company, was the youngest son of the late Dr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan, of Limerick. He was 32 years old. As the letter above describes, the two do “lie side by side”. O'Sullivan too is buried in Villers Station Cemetery, Villers-Au-Bois, about 11 kilometres northwest of Arras, France.

### **+STEVELY, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman.1757. Died 21/08/1918. Age 18. Foster-son of Mrs. Rachel Boyd, of Ballgoma Rd.,

Gloonan, Ahoghill. Bertenacre Military Cemetery, Fletre, France

### **+TONER, James**

Royal Irish Regiment. 2nd Btn. Private. 12164. Died 21/08/1918. Age 20. Son of Peter and Mary Toner, of Brackaville, Coalisland, Co. Tyrone. Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France

**1920**

### **+ADAIR, W**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 25927. Died 21/08/1920. Age 19 years old. Son of Benjamin and Mary Adair, of Drumnanaddy, Blackskull, Dromore. Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq

**1943**

### **+ARMSTRONG, Jeannie Elizabeth**

WRNS. HMS Caroline. Wren. 41491. Died 21/08/1943 of pulmonary tuberculosis at home in Belfast. She served with the Women's Royal Naval Service on HMS Caroline. Daughter of Hamilton Armstrong and Elizabeth Armstrong of 16 Soudan Street, Belfast. Glenalina Extension, Belfast City Cemetery

**1944**

### **HMS KITE**

The Black Swan-class sloop HMS Kite was escorting a convoy to Russia when it was torpedoed by U-344, Captain Ulrich Pietsch, on 21/08/1944. 183 died. Only nine members of the crew survived as Kite sank almost immediately

**+CONROY, William Holt**

RN. Ordinary Telegraphist. D/JX 619388. Died 21/08/1944. Age 26. HMS Kite. RBAI. His brother Lieut WT Conroy had served with an Ulster Light Anti-Aircraft battery since the outbreak of the war. His father was assistant cashier at the City Hall, Belfast. Son of Mr & Mrs WH Conroy, Elmwood Ave., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 29/09/1944).  
Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 88

**+CRAIG, John McKee**

RN. Engine Room Artificer 5th Class D/MX 511289. HMS Kite. Died 21/08/1944. HMS Kite was sunk by U-Boat 344, Captain Ulrich Pietsch. Son of Mr & Mrs WR Craig, Sunnyside St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 29/09/1944). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 89. St Jude's Church, Ballynafeigh, Belfast WM

**+McKEOWN, William**

RN. Telegraphist.D/JX344845. Died 21/08/1944. Age 20. The Black Swan-class sloop HMS Kite was escorting a convoy to Russia when it was torpedoed by U-344 on 21/08/1944. 183 died. Only nine members of the crew survived as Kite sank almost immediately. Son of William and Martha McKeown, Antrim town. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 88.

**+SOMERVILLE, Neil**

RN. ERA 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. D/MX 64784. Died 21/08/1944. Age 26.HMS Kite. Son of Daniel and Annie Somerville, of Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 89.

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**+HUNTER, Andrew**

RN. AB. D/JX 303818. Died 21/08/1944. Age 20. HM MTB 477. He had been employed in the Belfast Rope Works. A brother and uncle served. Son of the late Andrew and Mrs Martha Hunter, Malcolm St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 08/09/1944). Ryes War Cemetery, Bazenville, Calvados, France

**+HUMPHRIES, William J**

RN. Able Seaman. P/JX 421514. Died 21/08/1944. Age 19. HM MTB 477. Brother served in RUR. Father served in RIR in WW1. Son of William John and Lucinda Benison Humphries, Whitewell Crescent, Greencastle. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 08/09/1944). Ryes War Cemetery, Bazenville, Calvados, France

**+THORNBERRY, Edward Windsor**

RNVR. Sub-Lieutenant (A). Died 24/08/1944. Age: 21. HMS Formidable. Son of Joseph G. and Agnes E. Thornberry, Mullaghglass, and Kilkeel. Med, QUB 1941. Lee-on-Solent Memorial, Bay 5. Bessbrook WM. QUB WM

**VETERANS**

**HILLER, Samuel**

Trained at the HMS Caledonia from 21/08/1937 until 03/06/1938 when he was posted to HMS Diomedé followed by HMS Hermes, HMS Royal Oak, HMS Jupiter and finally the Aircraft Carrier HMS Victorious from early 1941 until October 1946. He was discharged from the navy in 1949.

**RHODES, Stanley Jackson**

RNVR. Sub - Lieutenant. 1941 - 45. Born 21/08/1923. Son of SJ Rhodes, The Warren, Donaghadee. Campbell College 2993

**THOMPSON, William Gilmour**

RNVR. Gunner. Civil Servant (War Dept.) 1942 - 45. TCD 1939 - 42. Born 21/08/1913. Son of HVV Thompson, Myrtlefield Park, Belfast. Campbell College 2170

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