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*The Chindit Memorial in Victoria Embankment Gardens was first unveiled in 1990*

## **Chindit Memorial: WW2 'forgotten army' tribute given listed status**

**A memorial to soldiers in the "forgotten army" of World War Two has been given listed status.**

The Chindit Memorial in Victoria Embankment Gardens in Westminster was given Grade II listing to mark 75 years since Imperial Japan surrendered.



**Major General Orde Wingate formed the Chindits for raiding operations against the Imperial Japanese Army**

The special forces unit fought in modern day Myanmar and helped to turn the tide of the war against Japan.

The group were named after Chinthe, a mythical guardian of temples in Myanmar - at the time known as Burma.

The Chindits comprised of troops from the UK, Burma, Hong Kong, India, Nepal, West Africa and the USA.

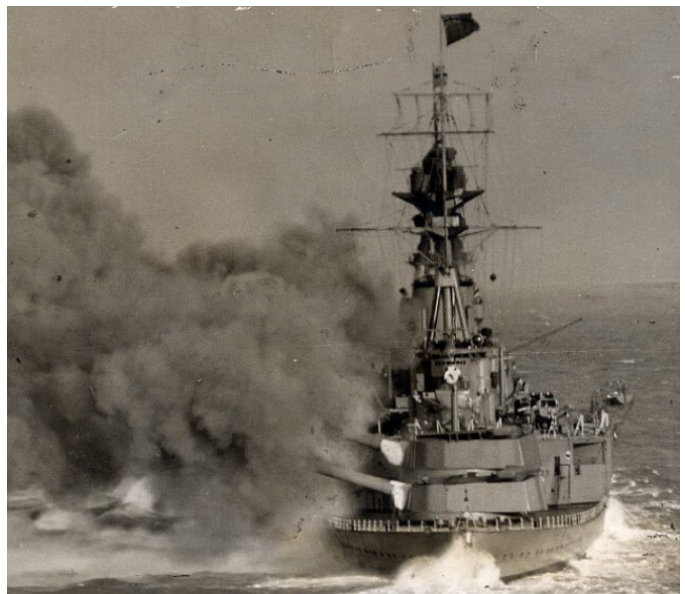
They engaged the Japanese behind enemy lines in Burma and specialised in navigating extremely difficult jungle terrain. Soldiers who fought during the Myanmar campaign have often been referred to as the "forgotten army" as their efforts were largely overlooked by contemporary press.

The Duke of Edinburgh unveiled the memorial, a bronze Chinthe statue supported on a stone plinth, in 1990.

On the front plinth of the memorial is the blue enamel crest of the Chindits Association, as well as a portrait of the groups founder, Major General Orde Wingate.

A separate memorial is housed in the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Claudia Kenyatta, director of regions at Historic England, said: "Memorials that commemorate the Allied forces fighting in the Far East are surprisingly rare in England. We are pleased that the memorial to the Chindit Special Forces in Burma has been listed."

## On this day – August 22



**1918**



she was only 70 ft shorter than the Royal Navy's new aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth

## 22nd August 1918 Northern Whig

### Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

**Rifleman Robert Boomer**, 18/395, D' Company 11th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, previously reported missing now returned as killed in action 1st July, 1916. Born Lancashire, England about 1895, of Robert and Margaret Boomer. Robert Snr. died in 1906 and Margaret later moved to **Belfast**. Margaret and son Robert resided at 20 1/2 Donegall Road, Belfast. It is unclear at present if Margaret remarried. The 1911 census records a Robert Boomer born England and a messenger in a shop, at the Working boys home 27 May Street. Belfast. Rifleman Robert Boomer is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France.

**Rifleman David McIlroy**, 1506, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 30th July, 1918. Son of Mary McIlroy nee Mylholland, and the late David McIlroy, of 11 St. Paul's Street, **Belfast**. Previously of 62 Rowan Street, Belfast. Deceased was 20 years of age and is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, France.

## 1940

Churchill dispatches a heavily armed convoy with 150 tanks to reinforce the middle east.

The first cross-Channel artillery duel—Germans bombard Dover and British reply

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## **1942**

Brazil declares war on Germany and Italy after 16 ships lost to German U-boats, opening airbases to cover Allied shipping and opening the South Atlantic air route; Brazil will be the only South American country to send troops to fight overseas—Brazilian troops will serve with distinction in Italy. The Admiralty announces the loss of the famous submarine Upholder.

The advance of 17th Army toward the Black Sea port of Suchumi west of the Caucasus bogs down.  
Germans reach northern suburbs of Stalingrad.

## **1943**

The Germans evacuate Kharkov.  
German Tenth Army activated in southern Italy under General Heinrich von Vietinghoff.

In the Mediterranean, all fighter groups and medium bomb groups in US Ninth Air Force transferred to Twelfth Air Force (Ninth Air Force is to transfer to England).

## **1944**

The Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm begins four days of attacks on the German Battleship Tirpitz and other shipping in the Alten Fjord, Norway.

The Red Army captures Jassy on the Prut river in the southern Ukraine.

French resistance controls all public buildings in Paris.

US flight nurses arrive in southern France and begin air evacuation of casualties to Italy.

## 1945

U.S. War Office estimates that there are a quarter of a million POW's and civilian internees in Japanese hands at present.

Soviet troops land at Port Arthur and Dairen on the Kwantung Peninsula in China.

MacArthur says the surrender will be signed in the Tokyo area on the 31st August.

In Manchuria, Japanese surrender to Soviets, and the Soviets seize Port Arthur.

Japanese forces at Mille Atoll, Marshalls surrender aboard destroyer escort USS Levy, the first voluntary handover of an island.



JH Marlowe returned from New Zealand in WW1. See 1915

## Roll of Honour – August 22

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

## **1914**

### **+LEWIS, David**

RN. SS/106974. HMS Cressy. Died 22/09/1914. Rathmore St., Belfast. Husband to Rebecca Lewis, Drumfrachar Rd., Greenock. Chatham Naval Memorial.

## **1915**

### **+ADAIR, John Thomas**

Bedfordshire Regiment, 10th Battalion. attached 1st Bn. Border Regiment. Lieutenant. Died 22/08/1915. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1914. Factory manager. John was born in 1884 to Thomas and Elizabeth Adair of Belfast. In 1906-07 he enrolled as a day student to study textiles at Manchester Municipal College of Technology, and lived on Ashton New Road in the city. At the outbreak of war he was a teacher at The Municipal Technical Institute in Belfast. It is not known when John was attached to the Border Regiment, but 1st Battalion arrived in Gallipoli in late April 1915 and took part in many battles. They were involved in an attack on Scimitar Hill on 21/08/1915 during which it is presumed John became a casualty. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Adair, Century St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Manchester Municipal College of Technology Memorial in the Sackville Building, University of Manchester. QUB R

### **+DUNCAN, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Private. 11173. Died 22/08/1915. Age 23 Son of Mrs. Annie Duncan, of 37, Thorndale Avenue, Belfast. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including Gallipoli)





**Secluded in the valley of the River Canche, this is the CWGC Ligny-sur-Canche British Cemetery and contains 80 WW1 burials.**

**+GRAHAM, Vincent**

East Yorkshire Regiment. 6th Btn. Private. 10474. Died 22/08/1915. Age 37. Born 05/01/1878. Son of Charles and Elizabeth. Records show he was born at McCrum's Court as Vincent Grimes. Husband to Alice (nee Ferrie) Glasgow. They married on 08/08/1899. They had five children. Helles Memorial. Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**+HEFFRON, Patrick**

Connaught Rangers, 5th Btn. Private. 3812. Died 22/08/1915. Aged 21. Born in Ballymena. Son of the late





**The stone seats designed by W H Cowlshawm either side of the entrance are a lovely feature at CWGC Ligny-sur-Canche British Cemetery**

Patrick and Mary Ann Heffron. He lived in Liverpool. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

### **+JESS, William John**

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 8926. Died 22/08/1915. Age 25 years old. Son of Joseph and Essie Jess, of 63, Dromore St., Banbridge. Azmak Cemetery, Suvla, Turkey (including Gallipoli). Seapatrick Parish Church RH, Banbridge

**+MARLOWE, Joseph Henry**

Otago Mounted Rifles, N.Z.E.F. Trooper. 9/307. Died 22/08/1915. He was born in Aughnacloy, County Tyrone on 24/08/1888. The family lived in Ravellea, Aughnacloy. Joseph served for a time with the 5th Royal Irish Lancers. He emigrated to New Zealand. Prior to enlistment Joseph worked as a labourer with Wallace County Council. He enlisted in Invercargill on 12/08/1914. He was injured at Gallipoli with a gunshot wound to the leg. Trooper Marlowe was on board the hospital ship, H.M.H.S. Aquitania when he died of his wounds on 22/08/1915, just two days before his 27th birthday. Trooper Joseph Henry Marlowe was buried at sea. Son of Mrs. M. A. Marlowe, of 65, Brougham St., Whitehouse, Belfast. Lone Pine Memorial, North Anzac, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+MURRAY, Henry**

Connaught Rangers. 5th Bn. Private. 4517. Died 22/08/1915. Age 37 years old. Husband of Catherine Murray, of 7, Grove St., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

**+RUSSELL, Thomas**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 16103. Died 22/08/1915. Aged 18. Born and enlisting in Lisburn, he had spent three years in the army in India and served in D Company 1 RInF. Son of Thomas and Mary Russell of Longstone Street, Lisburn. Younger brother of Rifleman William Russell who died on the Somme on 01/07/1916. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

## 1916

### **+ADAIR, Francis**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5766. Died 22/08/1916. Born in 17 Lyle St., off Shankill Rd., Belfast. Son of Francis and Anna Sophia (nee Wilis) Adair. His mother died when he was four years of age. Lived with his grandfather near Ballyclare. Married Mary Weir in Ballynure C of I on 13/01/1913. He enlisted with 2nd Btn. Royal Irish Rifles in Holywood. At the time of his death his father was living at 14 Wimbleton St., Belfast. Lonsdale Cemetery, Authuille, France. Ballyclare WM. Agnes Street Presbyterian Church, Belfast, RH

### **+GORMAN, G**

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 87. Died 22/08/1915. Age 37. Born in Dromara, Co. Down, he lived at Moybrick, (south-west of Dromara), and enlisted at Belfast. Son of Gilbert and Margaret Jane Gorman of Moybrick, Dromara, Ballynahinch. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

### **+HENRY, Hugh**

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. C Coy. Private. 17794. Died 22/08/1916 in Victoria Barracks Military Hospital, Belfast from a cerebral haemorrhage. Age 42. Hugh worked in Ballyclare Bleach Works, pre-war, and was a member of the UVF. Hugh and his twin brother, John, were born at Limnaharry, Ahoghill on 12/02/1872. Son of Robert and Ellen (nee Torbitt) Henry. Hugh and Agnes (nee O'Neill) Henry, of Lee, Ballyclare married in Woodburn Presbyterian

Church on 20/05/1902. Ballyclare New Cemetery.  
Ballyclare WM

**+KANE, Johnston**

Royal Munster Fusiliers. 7th Btn. Private. 5324.  
Died 22/08/1916. Aged 23. Twice wounded. Son of a family  
of four serving sons. Leslie, Sandy and Taylor survived the  
war. They served in Scottish Regiments. Johnston was born  
at Billy, Bushmills on 07/09/1893. Son of Daniel and Sarah  
Kane (nee Nicholl), of Billy, Bushmills. They married in Billy  
Parish Church on 16/11/1883. Lambeth Road Military  
Cemetery, Salonika, Greece; Commemorated in Billy Parish  
Church

**+JOHNSTON, Alexander**

Royal Irish Rifles, 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11009. Died  
22/08/1916. Age 42. Born in Lisburn, he lived in Belfast,  
enlisted at Lisburn. Helles Memorial, Turkey (including  
Gallipoli)

**+LENNOX, J**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 1925. Died  
22/08/1916. Age 24. Son of James and Sarah Lennox, of  
Edward St., Harryville, Ballymena. Etretat Churchyard,  
France

**1917**

**+CURRIE, James Graham**

Royal Army Medical Corps, 109th Field Amb. Private.  
54553. Died 22/08/1917. Age 31. Son of Thomas H. Currie,



of Belfast; husband of Mary Ellen Currie, of 74,  
Northumberland St., Belfast. Wimereux Communal  
Cemetery, France

**+FEIGHAN, Michael James**

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 49 Company. Private. 73523.  
Died 22/08/1917. Age 24. Born in Coatbridge, Lanark, he  
lived in Dunmurry, enlisted at Newry and served in the RIrF  
(5863) before being transferred to 49 Company MGC(I).  
Son of William and Mary Ann Feighan of Scotland and  
husband of Rose Feighan of 48 Frederick Street,  
Bessbrook. Mendinghem Military Cemetery, Poperinghe,  
Belgium

**+MARKS, Robert**

Royal Scots. 13th Btn. Private. 376427. Died 22/08/1917 at  
Passchendaele. Age 20. Son of Thomas and Eliza J.Marks,  
of Darkley, Keady, Co. Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+McKAY, F**

Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 1st/6th Btn. Serjeant.  
242657. Died 22/08/1917. Age 22. Son of Francis McKay, of  
25, Plevna St., Belfast. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery,  
Belgium

**+SWEENEY, A**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 11th Btn. Private. 20281. Died  
22/08/1917. Son of Mrs. Mary Sweeney, of 10, Sugar House  
Lane, Londonderry. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

**1918**

### **+FULTON, J J**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 15525. Died 22/08/1918. Age 23. Son of Mrs. Matilda Fulton, of 13, Kennedy St., Londonderry. Bertenacre Military Cemetery, Fletre, France

### **+HILL, James Smyth**

Royal Engineers. Inland Waterways and Docks. Sapper. WR/323640. Died 22/08/1918 in Canterbury Hospital. Age 23. Born in Burnside, Kilbride, on 03/09/1893. He enlisted in Glasgow, having previously served with the Royal Scots Fusiliers (21011). He lived in Dalmuir, Dumbaronshire. He was the son of Thomas and Catherine (nee Smith/Smyth) Hill. Brother to Lizzie Todd. Canterbury Cemetery, Kent. Ballyclare WM. Kilbride C of I RH

### **+MARKS, Robert**

Royal Scots, 13th Btn. Private. 376427. Died 22/08/1918. Age 20. Son of Thomas and Eliza J.Marks, of Darkley, Keady, Co. Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

### **+MEENAN, Thomas**

Leinster Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. 18356. Died 22/08/1918. He enlisted in Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland. Thomas was a Private with the Connaught Rangers (No 6982) for a time. He was born in Kilrea. Son of James and Jane Meenan; husband to Sarah Meenan, of 44, Castlebank Street, Partick, Glasgow. The spelling of the surname is almost always Mennain except with the CWGC, who spelt it Meenan. La Kreule Military Cemetery, Hazebrouck. Kilrea WM

**+McCARROLL, Alexander**

Royal Irish Rifles. 16th Btn. Rifleman. 17/615. Died 22/08/1917. Age 36. Husband to Christina McCarroll, of 43, Hopewell St., Belfast. Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France

**+McGAHEY, Andrew**

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. Rifleman. 982. Died 22/08/1917. Age 20. Native of Ballinlea, Co. Antrim. Son of Henry and Nancy McGahey, of Main St., Bushmills. Etaples Military Cemetery, France

**+MILLIGAN, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 143. Died 22/08/1918. Age 21 years old. Son of Samuel Milligan, of 21, Outram St., Ormeau Rd., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

**+PATON, Norman Giles**

RNVR. Sub-Lieutenant. HMML No. 403. Died 22/08/1918. Age 32. Commissioned 05/1918. Killed whilst an attempt was made by bomb disposal operatives to salvage a German torpedo which had run aground in Brunswick Bay, north of Whitby. The torpedo exploded and four depth charges aboard Paton's launch also exploded igniting fuel tanks. MCB 1900 - 03. Before the war he was in the linen business with his father. Eldest son of John and Maggie Paton, Ardmore, Seaforth Rd., Bangor. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 31. Family memorial Bangor New cemetery. Bangor WM. Bangor RBL plaque. Trinity

Presbyterian Church Bangor WM. MCB WM. Arthur Square,  
Masonic Lodge, Belfast RH, IMR

### **+SCOTT, Hugh Cecil**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance-Corporal. 10186. Died 22/08/1918. Age 22. He was wounded and captured by the enemy. He was the second son of Lance-Corporal Hugh Scott, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and Isabella Scott nee Bates of 10 Lakestone Street, Lisburn, County Antrim. (late of Drumconnor House, Inver, County Donegal). His brother, Private Arthur Scott, was killed in action in November, 1917, while another brother Private Percy Scott, was wounded in March, 1916. His father was still on active service with the Ulster Division. Vevey (St. Martin'S) Cemetery, Switzerland.

**1920**

### **+BLACKSTOCK, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 23893. Died 22/08/1920. Age 19. Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq

**1940**

### **+CHAMBERS, Hunter**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 632993. Died 22/08/1940. Aged 19. 144 Sqdn. Son of Hunter and Sarah J. Chambers, of Belfast. Runnymede Memorial. 502 (Ulster) Squadron WM, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

### **+OVER, Frank Howard**

RAF. Leading Aircraftman. 551639. Died 22/08/1940. 139 Sqd. Son of Frank Howard Over And Grace Emily Over, of Belfast. Heverlee War Cemetery, Belgium



## **+THOMPSON, William Oscar**

RM. Constable in RM Police. Died 22/08/1940 in a drowning accident at Rosyth. Served with Royal Field Artillery in WW1. Re-enlisted May 1940. Son of a sergeant in the Royal Irish Constabulary. Husband to Margaret Thompson, Railwayview St., Bangor. Douglas Bank cemetery, Rosyth.

**1941**

## **+McCARTNEY, Michael**

Royal Artillery. 2 HAA Regiment. 20 Bty. Gunner.1490086. Died 22/08/1941. Age 26. Gnr McCartney was originally a member of 24 Bty of 9th (Londonderry) HAA Regiment RA (SR). After its arrival in Alexandria in November 1939, 9th Regiment took over the AA defence of Alexandria harbour (HMS Nile) and the FAA aerodrome at Dekheila (HMS Grebe). It also took under command an AA battery of Royal Marine Artillery and 20 AA Battery which was unregimented at the time. Later 5 HAA Bty Royal Malta Artillery also came under command of 9th Regiment. Following the decision to send a British force to Greece, 20 HAA Battery was designated as part of that force. It was reinforced from 8 to 12 guns and volunteers were called for from 24 and 26 HAA Batteries (25 HAA Battery was in Sudan) as a result of which 34 gunners from those batteries transferred to 20 Bty. They served in Greece, were evacuated to Crete and then from Crete to Alexandria where they were accommodated in Londonderry Camp. Many of them made the journey back to Alexandria on board HMS Ajax, of River Plate fame. Michael McCartney was one who didn't return. Son of Charles and Elizabeth McCartney, of Limavady, Co. Londonderry,

Nicosia War Cemetery, Cyprus. 9th Regiment Memorial in St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry

**1942**

**+ORR, Cecil John Barrington**

RAF. Sergeant (Wireless Op./Air Gunner). 611827. Died 22/08/1942. Aged 22. 202 Sqdn. Son of Robert Alexander Pollexfen Orr and Anna Elizabeth Orr, of Omagh. Gibraltar (North Front) Cemetery, Gibraltar

**+MOORE, William James**

Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Gunner. P/8696. Died 22/08/1945. Aged 58. Husband of Elizabeth Moore, of Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Ottawa (Pinecrest) Cemetery, Ontario, Canada

**1943**

**+STEVENSON, Edward Payne**

Royal Artillery. 396 Coast Bty. Serjeant. 833800. Died 22/08/1943. Aged 29. He enlisted 1936. Had also served with commandos. There other brothers served - Sgt Harry Stevenson, North Irish Horse, Craftsman Bertie in REME and Gordon in RAF. Their father Edward enlisted in 1906 and was a PoW in WW1. The figure for the Boer War Memorial on the Mall, Armagh was modelled on him. Son of Mr and Mrs Edward Stevenson, Folly Lane, Armagh. Brookwood 1939 - 45 Memorial, Surrey, England

**1944**

**+CORRIGAN, Patrick**

RN. Ordinary Seaman. D/JX 649460. Died 22/08/1944. HMS Bickerton. Son of Mr & Mrs Corrigan, Bridge St., Hilden, Lisburn. Member of Lisburn Boys' Club. Employed at Wm Barbour & Sons, Hilden, pre- enrolling. (Lisburn Standard 08/09/1944). Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 88

**+JOHNSTON, Eric Francis**

Royal Ulster Rifles. 1st Btn. Major. 66181. Died 22/08/1944 at Deauville hit by shrapnel. Age 29. Educated at Campbell College and RMA Sandhurst. He was commissioned into the RUR on 06/01/1937. He served in Palestine and the North-West Frontier prior to WW2. Commanded C Company as of 08/07/1944. Son of Mr and Mrs Frank Johnston of Ballagh Lodge, Newcastle, County Down. Tourgeville War Cemetery, Calvados, France

**+STEVENSON, William F**

Reconnaissance Corps, R.A.C., 49th (West Riding) Regt. Trooper. 7021336. Died 22/08/1944. Age 22. Son of Margaret Stevenson, and stepson of Frederick Withers, of Lurgan. St. John's Church of Ireland WM, Moira. St Desir War Cemetery, 4 kilometres west of Lisieux, Calvados, France

**1945**

**+MOORE, William James**

Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Gunner. P/8696. Died 22/08/1945. Aged 58. Husband of Elizabeth Moore, of Coleraine, NI. Ottawa (Pinecrest) Cemetery, Ontario, Canada

**1946**

**+JEFFREY, William**

RAFVR. Leading Aircraftman. 1485789. Died 22/08/1946. Age 23. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Jeffrey, Belfast; Husband to Vera Elsie Jeffrey of St. Andrews, Suffolk. Dundonald Cemetery

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**BLACK, James Knowles**

RNVR. Surgeon - Lieutenant. 1942 - 45. Permanent RNVR (Merseyside Division). MB BCh BAO, QUB 1941. Born 22/08/1915. Died 11/1978. Son of Rev A Pattison Black, Cliftonville Ave., Belfast. Campbell College 2112.

**NESBITT, Claire Emily**

WRNS. MCB. Born 22/08/1911. Daughter of John A Nesbitt, Downpatrick. Married Walter J Johnston 1939. Bank of Ireland. Downpatrick

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