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In 1945 visit to NI Eisenhower pays tributes to Ulster's three Field Marshal

On 23/24 1945, General Eisenhower returned to Northern Ireland where he received the Freedom of Belfast and a Doctorate of Law from Queen's University.

As part of the ceremony, Eisenhower addressed the audience speaking of the war, the connections between

Ulster and the United States of America, and the importance of educational institutions.

During his brief stop on his arrival at Bishops court Airfield, he paid tribute to “three of the greatest soldiers of this war”. Those three, all products of Ulster; Field Marshal Sir Alan Brooke, Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery, and Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander.

“They are all my friends and I count myself very lucky to have known them”.

Photo - Photo: General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe at the airfield at Long Kesh, Co. Down at the end of his visit to Ulster on 24th August 1945. (PRONI photo)

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

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

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

For his bravery, Cpl Donaghy was presented with a gold watch by Colonel Macrory, but as there were other reasons

connected with the incident (possibly due to Colonel Macrory's possession of documents which could have been valuable to the enemy if captured), no citation for a bravery award was submitted.

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

On this day – August 24

Joseph Coulter Military Medal

For his role during the battalion's attack north of Bailleul on
24 August 1918



Private [Joseph Coulter](#)  (UD/150; RIF 41530)
Serving with the 9th (NIH) Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers
(London Gazette 24 January 1919)

1940

Belfast Weekly Telegraph 24/08/1940

DUFFY, John Alexander

FAA. Air Mechanic. 22 years old. One of the 25 survivors from HMS Glorious. Home after many weeks in hospital suffering from exposure. His father lost his life serving in RN in WW1. Sister serving in ATS. Mackey St., Belfast.

USS Constitution named symbolic flagship of US Fleet at Boston.

Medical journal The Lancet publishes first study by Howard Florey and Ernest Chain about penicillin.

The Luftwaffe begins a new phase in its offensive by sending over a higher proportion of fighters to bombers, in an effort to keep losses down. The unofficial start of the Blitz on London begins with a lost formation of German bombers mistakenly dropping their bombs over the capital, damaging St. Giles and Cripplegate.

The German battleship Bismarck is commissioned.

1941

Russians counter-attack in the Gomel sector. Heavy Romanian losses around Odessa.

Churchill broadcasts and warns Japan that its aggression must stop.

The U.S. government declares the cosmetics industry nonessential, and the metal and plastic used for lipstick containers and compacts are earmarked for military use.

1942

The Russians launch a new offensive in Leningrad area. Stalin orders that the city of Stalingrad is to be held at all costs and sends Marshal Zhukov to supervise its defense.

Battle joined in the Eastern Solomons with the Japanese trying to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal. US forces



beat off the Japanese Combined Fleet sinking the carrier Ryujo, but suffering damage to the carrier Enterprise.

1943

Soviet forces recaptured Kharkov, permanently, the city changed hands four times between 1941-43. The Soviet victory led to the retreat of the German forces in Ukraine behind the Dnieper River.

A blanket of smoke covers Berlin to a height of 20,000ft. The first estimates put German dead at 5,860 after the over night raid.

Himmler, becomes the Minister of the Interior.

1944

American forces liberate the city of Cannes, part of the Allied invasion in Southern France, Operation Dragoon.



The Germans stage comeback in Paris, with fierce fighting reported. Bordeaux is evacuated by German troops who occupy fortified bunker positions on the Gironde west of the city.

Malinovsky and Tolbukhin link up to encircle 20 divisions of the German 6th and 8th Army's in the area of Kishinev in Romania.



Roll of Honour – August 24

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1914

+LUCAS, Ernest Lionel

Cheshire Regiment. Private. 8649. Died 24/08/1914.
Audregnies Communal Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium.
Dungannon WM

+McCOURT, Bernard

RN. Leading Seaman. 213672. HMS Collingwood. Died
24/08/1914. Age 30. Boy service from 15/01/1901. Enrolled
15/05/1902 for 12 years. In Collingwood 21/04/1911 -
24/08/1914. Born Dunsford, County Down 15/05/1884. Son
of Patrick and Ann McCourt, Ardtole, Ardglass. Haslar Royal
Naval Cemetery, Hampshire. ADM 188/374/213672

+McLERNON, Robert

Royal Irish Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. 6968. Died 24/08/1914.
Born in Lisburn where he lived on the Low Road, he enlisted
at Glasgow. St. Symphorien Military Cemetery, Belgium

1915

+PEARCE, William Nelson

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 2897. Died
24/08/1915. Age 21. Son of William and Mary Ann Pearce,

of 68, Carnan St., Shankhill Rd., Belfast. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

+PEEL, Tomas Alfred

Royal Army Medical Corps, attd. 5th Bn. Dorsetshire Regiment. Lieutenant. Mentioned in Despatches. MB BS. Died 24/08/1915. Thomas (who was generally known as T.A.P.) was educated at the Armagh Royal School, before entering the medical school of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. After about a year he went on to Newcastle-on-Tyne, and finally graduated M.B., B.S. in 1911 in the University of Durham. After leaving the university Thomas became house-surgeon at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport. He then went to the Stafford General Infirmary, where he remained for some months before moving onto the North Stafford Infirmary at Stoke. On 10/10/1914, he was gazetted as temporary Lieutenant in the R.A.M.C., and was attached as medical officer to the 5th Bn. Dorset Regiment. He was mortally wounded by a Turkish sniper on 19t/08/1915, while recovering wounded near Dead Man's House, Suvla. He was evacuated to Mudros on the Greek island of Lemnos, where he died of his wounds. Youngest son of Joshua (a solicitor) and Mary Peel, English St., Armagh. East Mudros Military Cemetery, Greece

1916 HMS DUKE OF ALBANY

The Duke of Albany, an armed boarding steamer, was torpedoed. Duke of Albany was built for the joint Lancashire Yorkshire Railway/London North Western Railway, Fleetwood-Belfast service in 1907, the last of the classic Fleetwood Dukes. Her career as a front line steamer was short, since she was superseded by the two turbine Dukes

in 1909. She then ran mainly relief and extra services. In 1916 she was torpedoed and sunk off the Orkneys, whilst acting as an Armed Boarding Vessel (HMS Duke of Albany - pennant number M.11). Armed Boarding Vessels were used to stop and inspect neutral ships to ensure they were not assisting Germany's war effort. Since this entailed remaining stationary, it placed them at great risk of U-boat attack).

+CARSON, Thomas

RN. Greaser. HMS Duke of Albany. Died 24/08/1916. Aged 20. Westbourne, Onslow Gds., Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 20. IMR

+RAMAGE, George Norris

RNR. Commander. RD. HMS Duke of Albany. Died 24 - 25/08/1916. Age 45 years. George Norris Ramage is Gazetted as Sub-Lieutenant, Royal Naval Reserve, to be promoted to Lieutenant, dated 22/08/1903. Royal Naval Reserve Officers Decoration (RD) 06/04/1916. Son of William and Jane Ramage, Westruther, Berwickshire. Husband to Annie Amelia Ramage, "Bromsgrove," Bloomfield, Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 18. Strandtown WM. IMR

1916

+ADRIAN, William Kearns

Leicester Regiment. 2nd Lieutenant. Royal Irish Regiment. 5th Bn. Attached 1st Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. Died 24/08/1916. Age 20. Draper's apprentice in Barclay & Crawford's general drapers shop in Church Street, Ballymena. Educated at Belfast Model School and RBAI. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1915. William was single and living at 25 University Avenue in September 1915, when accepted for a

commission with the 5th Royal Irish Rifles. He departed for the front on 10/07/1916, being transferred to the 1st Royal Irish Rifles 8 days later. He was killed in action on 24/08/1916, near Vermelles, Pas de Calais. The War Diary states the following, "In the 'Quarries' Sector. At about 10.50pm, the enemy attempted to enter the 'Northern Crater'. Bombs were thrown opposite Boyau (trench) 98 to distract their attention. A party of between 20 and 30 of the enemy attempted to raid the crater. They were discovered when within 20 yards of the crater, rapid fire was opened and bombs were thrown. The enemy scattered and were seen to carry some of their men back. 2nd Lt Adrain and 1 OR killed, 14 OR wounded Battalion subsequently withdrawn to brigadier reserve in Curley Crescent." The Irish Life of 24/11/1916 reported that "he met his death while heroically helping to dig out men who had been buried in the debris when their trench was hit." Born 27/01/1896. Son of Robert and Jane Adrain, Ballyclare and University Avenue, Belfast,.His funeral was conducted by Rev J K Hamilton, Presbyterian Chaplain (late of Helen's Bay).

A letter, sent from his commanding officer to William's widowed mother, Jane, recorded that "One of the small trenches was hit and the men inside it buried. Your son went to help digging them out as they were buried in the debris and succeeded in getting them out, but, as he was coming back he saw another trench mortar coming over and ran for shelter in a mine shaft which got a direct hit and he was buried. We dug him out with all speed, but he must have been killed instantaneously.

"During the short time he was here, he was very popular with his men and had the makings of a promising soldier. I deeply regret his loss and wish to add my most sincere

sympathy in the very great loss you have sustained, and wish to add that he was performing a gallant deed when his death occurred.” Vermelles British Cemetery Pas de Calais, France. First Ballymena Presbyterian Church RH, Family memorial, Ballynure

+CARSON, Robert

Royal Garrison Artillery, 139th Heavy Bty. Major. Died 24/08/1916. Age 37. Son of William and Isabella Carson, of Carnalea; husband to Helen B. Carson, of Broadwater, East Malling, Kent. Martinsart British Cemetery, France

+HUTCHINSON, James Johnston

Royal Canadian Regiment. B Coy. Private. 477446. Died 24/09/1916 in the Ypres Salient. Age 35. The Armagh Gazette of 26/08/1916 reported that he had been dangerously injured. In 1901 James (19) was working in Milford as an apprentice mechanic. He emigrated to Canada where he worked as a janitor before enlisting in August 1915. Son of Thomas and Annie Hutchinson, of Milford, Armagh. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

+McCLURE, Henry A

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. 36th (Ulster) Division. Rifleman. 17/772. Died 24/08/1916 from wounds from artillery shell fire. Previously injured in the attack on the 1st July 1916 and had only recently returned to the Battalion. Danoutre Military Cemetery, Belgium

+McCOUBREY, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles. 16th Btn. Rifleman. 71. Died 24/08/1916 in King Georges Hospital, London, from wounds received in action in France. Husband to Catherine McCoubrey, and

brother of Elizabeth McKelvey, Bridge-street, Downpatrick. He was a member of LOL No.1898. Down Cathedral New Cemetery, Downpatrick.

+McGIBBEN, J

Royal Field Artillery, 34th Bty. 38th Bde. Driver. 46917. Died 24/08/1916. Age 27. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond McGibben, of Belfast; husband of Sarah McGibben, of 6, Pembroke St., Belfast. Flat Iron Copse Cemetery, Mametz, France

1917

+FORREST, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 28121. Died 18/08/1917. Grand nephew of George Forrest of Pound Lane, Limavady. Three sons of George enlisted during WW1 - Edward Forrest, 3rd Btn Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Robert Forrest of the London Regiment was awarded the Military Medal for outstanding bravery; John Forrest served in 30 Btn London Regiment. In total eleven Forrest men [all related] from the Limavady area enlisted, a remarkably high figure for such a small clan with one fatality recorded. The Northern Constitution of 12/10/1912 records a death entry for George Forrest at his residence Protestant Street, Limavady on the 5 th inst. In the St Mary's Catholic register, Limavady the burial details, record his death on 06/10/1912: "George Forrest of Pound Lane, father of James Forrest, postman, of Pound Lane, last rites Fr. McGlade, burial Roe Mill [St. Canice's] graveyard'. George Forrest was received into the Church upon reception of the sacrament of the Last Rites." Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

+HUGHES, Leslie James

Canadian Mounted Rifles, 5th Btn. Private. 139603. Died 24/08/1917. Age 28. Son of Mr. Fred P. Hughes, of 2027, Canyon Drive, Hollywood, California, and the late Mrs. Mary E. Hughes. Formerly of The Grey House, Deramore Pk South, Belfast. Vimy Memorial, France

+McCANN, Robert

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 24623. Died 24/08/1917. Age 19. Son of William and Annie McCann of Armagh. Lahana Military Cemetery, Greece

+PONISE, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Private. 20868. Died 24/08/1917. Served on the North-West Frontier and in the South African Campaign. Husband of Mary Ann Ponise, of 27, Jetty St., Belfast. Milltown Roman Catholic Cemetery, Belfast

1918

+BLACK, Hugh Clarke

Otago Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. Died 24/08/1918. Born on 20/04/1881 at Ballintemple, Garvagh, Co Londonderry, the son of farmer Hugh Black and his wife Mary Jane Wilson. Miss M A Black, sister, of Gortfad, Garvagh, County Derry, Ireland was listed as his next of kin. (CWGC say he was the son of Hugh Black, of Gortfad, Ganagh (sic), Co. Derry, Ireland, and the late Mary Jane Black. His inclusion on the Ballymena War Memorial is a mistake, Gortfad, Portglenone being confused with Gortfad, Garvagh (Ballintemple and Gortfad are contiguous townlands). Beaulencourt British Cemetery, Ligny-Thillois, France

+CAMLIN, Alfred

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Lance Corporal. 14091. Died 24/08/1918. The Armagh Gazette reported in October 1918 that he had died of wounds or in action. He had been wounded twice before. One of 7 sons who had joined the colours. Son of George Camlin of 36 Lonsdale St, Armagh. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. St Mark's C of I Parish Church WW1 WM

+O'BOYLE, Michael

South Wales Borderers, 10th Btn. Private. 38693. Died 24/08/1918. Age 20. Native of Belfast. Son of John and Mary O'Boyle, of 78, Alfred St., Wavertree, Liverpool. Native of Belfast. Franvillers Communal Cemetery, France

+WALLS, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th/8th Btn. Private. 24260. Died 24/08/1918. Age 29. Born at Ballyrogully, Loup, Moneymore, County Londonderry. Robert enlisted in Moneymore and served during most of the battles of the First World War after the spring of 1916. Robert spent another year with the Battalion before his death. Son of Bridget Walls, of Moneymore, Co. Derry, and the late John Walls. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Moneymore WM

Photo next page - Formally owned by the Royal Navy, Kalkara (Capuccini) Naval Cemetery is the largest CWGC maintained site on Malta. Over 2,500 burials include 351 Commonwealth WW1 casualties and 694 from WW2. There are also 137 non Commonwealth Forces graves.



1919

+HILL, Arthur

Royal Irish Rifles,
9th Btn. Company
Serjeant Major.
9/16552. Died
24/08/1919.

Mrs. Hill, 89,
Enfield Street,
widow of Company
Sergeant Major,
Arthur Hill, of the
West Belfast
Volunteers, who

before the war was prominently identified with the Forth River Football and Cricket Clubs and the Ligoniel Football Club, has received the following letter from Captain Montgomery, his company commander,-

“It is with grief that I write to tell your of the death of your husband. He was killed between the B and C lines during the advance on 1st July, 1916, when most gallantly leading his company. He set an example of coolness and leading that day which difficult will be difficult to surpass. Within the first minute and a half after we deployed all his company officers, myself included, were hit. To his undying honour be

it said that after I called to him (being half-stunned) with a bullet through my helmet) to carry on,' he obeyed the order, just like he has always obeyed every order he received from me during the eight months we have been together, at once and cheerfully and with the greatest coolness. What was left of the company got up and followed him like heroes. He had them away at least two minutes before I was fit to stand on my feet and follow after them. I shall never forget the sight of him, as cool as if he were on a church parade at home. He did much to bring about the feat of arms his battalion performed that day, a performance not likely to be ever surpassed or even equalled."

Admin Note: A great article, but unfortunately for CSM Hill who was not killed but survived that awful day, he was hit in the side with bullet wounds resulting in him being captured and taken as a Prisoner of war. After the war CSM Hill was put on Class "Z" Reserve, 27/05/1919. Sadly CSM Hill would pass away 3 months later in the Ulster Volunteer Force Hospital and was buried with full military honours at Belfast City Cemetery.

Son of the late Arthur and Ann J. Hill; husband to Alice Hill, of 89, Enfield St., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

1940 HMS PENZANCE

+HUTCHINSON, John

RN. Leading Cook. C/MX 51002. Date of Death: 24/08/1940. Age: 26. HMS Penzance. Ship torpedoed. Son of John and Marion Hutchinson, Londonderry. (Derry Standard 16/09/1940). Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 39

+SEEDS, James

RN. Leading Stoker. D/KX 86575. Died 24/08/1940. Age 25. HMS Penzance. Before joining up, worked in Greeves' Mill, Belfast. Father served as a sergeant in Rifles in WW1. Son of James and Hannah Seeds, Givenchy Terrace, Stockman's Lane, Belfast. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 40

1940

+McCONNELL, William James

RN. Air Mechanic (L) 2nd Class. S/FX. 964. Died 24/08/1940. Aged 20. H.M.S. Vernon. Son of David McConnell, and of Elizabeth McConnell, of Belfast. Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery, Hampshire

1941

+EVANS, Thomas Glyndwr

1/5th Battalion, Welch Regiment. Serjeant. 3957965. Died 24/08/1941. Age 27. Son of David Alfred and Elizabeth Evans and husband to Isabel Evans, of Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery.

1943

+GREEN, Vernon Guy

RAF. 77 Sqdn. 551444. Died 24/08/1943. Age 22. Son of Major Leonard William and Mary Green. Berlin War Cemetery. Memorial Lisburn Cemetery

+MOORE, James Stirling

Royal Air Force. Pilot Officer. 156433. Died 24/08/1943. Age 33. From Belfast. Family and friends knew him as Stirling. As a young man, Stirling was a talented amateur footballer. His name features in the publication '75 Years of the Northern Amateur Football League'. His blossoming football career ended during the 1938-1939 season through both injury and the outbreak of WW2.

Serving in 78 Squadron Pilot Officer Moore was the Navigator in Peter "Bunny" Bunclark's crew. Captain Bunclark was the most experienced in the Squadron, and nearing the end of his second tour. He had won a Distinguished Flying Medal on his first and was on his way to a Distinguished Flying Cross.

On 03/07/1943, Bunclark crash-landed Halifax JD203 near 30 Acres Barn, Ashted, Surrey, England. The plane had lost two engines on the same wing making it impossible to control. The Halifaxes took off just after 2300 from RAF Brighton in East Yorkshire bound for a night raid on Cologne. Their outward route took measures to avoid anti-aircraft fire as they joined hundreds of other planes on the mission. The mission was successful. Bunclark's crew dropped bombs and reported a concentration of fires in Cologne. Their luck changed on the return journey.

Flak hit the plane as the enemy opened fire on the Halifax. The gunfire took out the first engine and caused damage to the second. While on the journey back to England, this engine also stopped working. The plane steered to one side making it difficult for the crew to navigate to an airfield on

the south coast. The crew jettisoned all unnecessary equipment over the sea to lighten the load.

With the lights of London fast approaching, James Stirling Moore baled out. All other crew members apart from the pilot and first engineer joined him in his escape. Bunclark and Matthews forced a crash landing and walked away uninjured.

Pilot Officer Moore's luck was to turn less than two months later. On 24/08/1943 Halifax Bomber JD310 EY-Z was shot down over Klosterfelde, north of Berlin, Germany. Wireless Operator Pilot Officer VA Robins was the crew's sole survivor. After the war, he traveled to Belfast to visit Moore's mother and other family members.

24/08/1943 was what was called a "maximum effort" night. The men of R.A.F. 78 Squadron were bound for a night raid on Berlin. James Stirling Moore's fellow crewmen had considerable experience in these missions. Bunclark was nearing completion of his second tour and Robins was on his 30th mission with C Flight.

The crew sat on the grass awaiting transport to the planes. They were dispersed on pans either side of the airfield at R.A.F. Brighton, Selby, Yorkshire, England. The buildings were either Nissen huts or round canvas tents that resembled igloos. As they reached the plane, the crew were designated "Z Zebra". The journey to Berlin took longer than usual, perhaps due to a route avoiding enemy fire. Over the north of the German capital, Halifax JD310 came under attack.

Fighter dead astern. 88 breaking port below. Turn port go.

The German JU88 fired on the Halifax taking out an engine. Port outer engine on fire, Engineer. I've lost the ailerons. Standby to bale out.

Navigator James Stirling Moore was among the first to bale out. He jettisoned the hatch before donning his parachute causing the curtain to billow back into Wireless Operator Robins' area.

Pilot Officer Robins was the only survivor of JD310. As he landed and heard the drone of planes he wondered if he had baled out too soon. Stashing his parachute, he set off on foot although he could barely walk having injured his legs. There was little time to deploy a parachute as the plane was already on the way down. It was several months later that Pilot Officer Robins learned of the fate of James Sterling Moore, Peter Bunclark, and the rest of the crew.

While based at Brighton in 1943, Pilot Officer Moore was "stepping out" with Mary Tinning who was in the W.A.A.F. She had visited the Moore family in Belfast and kept in touch after his tragic death. Mary came from Scotland but moved to London after the war and married Sid Stanford in 1952. She still spoke of Pilot Officer Moore and her time in the war. He was the son of Thomas Moore and Miriam R. Moore of Belfast. Pilot Officer James Stirling Moore's grave is in the 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Charlottenburg, Berlin, Germany.

1944

+FEENEY, Charles

Royal Ulster Rifles, 1st (Airborne) Btn. Rifleman. 6984231. Military Medal. Died 24/08/1944. Age 22. Awarded the



Military Medal for bravery under fire on 07/06/1944 at St Honorine. Charles was with "B" Company which was taking part in an attack of St. Honorine des-Pertes, which was one of the landing sites on D Day. When the attack began his platoon advanced about 28 metres into a wood and quickly became pinned down by German snipers but Feeney, with disregard for his own safety and to cover his platoon as it moved forward,

constantly exposed himself to mortar fire by the enemy in order to throw 77 grenades where they would do most good. For 365 metres he continued to throw the grenades through the wood and open country dodging the heavy fire. As the platoon moved forward inspired by Feeney's courage and coolness, he stayed behind to help a wounded man. For this heroic, unselfish act, Rifleman Charles Feeney was awarded the Military Medal. He was presented with his medal by General Montgomery at Division Head Quarters. Another soldier, Rifleman Gilliland also received the Military Medal. On the 24/08/1944 Feeney was with a reconnaissance patrol and sadly drowned in the River

Touques. Trouville Communal Cemetery, Calvados, France.
Banbridge WM

+FLETCHER, Dennis George

Devonshire Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. 2387089. Died 24/07/1944. Age 27. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fletcher; husband of Mary Fletcher, of Moneymore. Bayeux Memorial, France

+GEPP, George Golding

RN. Sick Berth Attendant. D/MX 553308. Died 24/08/1944 of wounds received in action. Age 35. HM LST 404. Son of Frederick George and Elizabeth Gepp, Euterpe St., Donegall Rd., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 08/09/1944). Belfast City Cemetery.

+O'HANLON, James Patrick Joseph, Guardsman, Irish Guards, Service Number 2723994. Age 23. 24/07/1944, buried at Bayeux Cemetery France. Son of Patrick and Mary Anne O'Hanlon; husband of Kathleen O'Hanlon, of Bessbrook, Co. Armagh.

+THORNBERRY, Edward Windsor

RNVR. FAA.1842 Squadron. Sub-Lieutenant (A). Died 24/08/1944. Age 21. HMS Formidable. Flying a Vought F4U-1A Corsair from HMS Formidable during the attack on the battleship Tirpitz when he was shot down and killed over Alten Fjord. Son of Joseph G. and Agnes E. Thornberry, Mullaghglass, and Kilkeel. Med, QUB 1941. Lee-on-Solent Memorial, Bay 5. Bessbrook WM. QUB WM

1946

+FENNER, David

RNVR. HMS
Terror. AB. P/JX
698455. Died
24/08/1946. Age
22. Son of David
and Mary Jane
Fenner, of
Belfast. Rangoon
War Cemetery,
Myanmar



The Rev William H Hutchison

VETERANS

HENSHAW, John

RN. Temporary
Leading
Seaman. P/
JX.227898.

DSM. Citation:

"For courage, resolution and skill in a successful attack on an enemy convoy while serving in H.M.S. Jervis". Second Supplement to The London Gazette of 20/08/1943, Issue 36143, dated 24/08/1943. Brother of Desmond RN. FAA. who died 15/12/1941 in air crash. MCB. Arts 1946 QUB. Born 05/08/1920. Son of Joseph Henshaw, Whitehead. Post war Art teacher, Dunlambert Secondary School. Cable Rd., Whitehead

HUTCHINSON, William Holmes

**Rev. William Holmes Hutchison, R. Army
Chapl. Dept., attd. 1st Bn. R. Irish Rf.**

Under heavy machine-gun and shell fire during the operations south of Dadizeele on October 2nd, 1918, he helped to evacuate, and rendered first-aid to the wounded, with complete disregard for personal safety. He assisted to carry two seriously-wounded men from the front line to the regimental aid post, a distance of about one kilometre. He returned to the front line and continued dressing the wounded under heavy fire. His gallantry and conspicuous conduct during the entire operation were marked by all ranks.

Royal Army Chaplains department, attached 1st Royal Irish Rifles and Minister of Cunningham Memorial Presbyterian Church, Cullybackey.

Born in Dublin in 1882, Mr Hutchinson received his early education there. Moving to Belfast he had a business career for some years in the firm of Gregg and Phoenix . He experienced a call to be a minister and entered Queen's College, Belfast where he graduated with a B.A. in 1904.

He took his divinity course at Assembly's College, Belfast. Mr Hutchinson was licensed by the Belfast Presbytery on May 26, 1908 and was for some time assistant to Rev Dr Charles Davy in Fisherwick Presbyterian Church.

In 1910, he was ordained as minister of Cunningham Memorial Church , Cullybackey.

“He volunteered early in the war serving as a despatch rider at the front for two years. In February of 1917 he accepted a

chaplaincy and returned to active service". (Ballymena Observer, September 27, 1918)

As a chaplain he was attached to 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. He was awarded the Military Cross. "Under heavy machine-gun and shell fire during the operations south of Dadizeele on October 2nd, 1918, he helped to evacuate and render first-aid to the wounded, with complete disregard for personal safety. He assisted to carry two seriously-wounded men from the front line to the regimental aid post, a distance of about one kilometre. He returned to the front line and continued dressing the wounded under heavy fire. His gallantry and conspicuous conduct during the entire operation were marked by all ranks". (The London Gazette, 29 July 1919).

The local newspaper reported that he was wounded on October 20th, 1918."He was gassed a few weeks ago and on recovery paid a visit home when he preached in the Cuninghame pulpit." (Ballymena Observer, October 18, 1918).

At the conclusion of the war, Mr Hutchinson returned to Cullybackey, where he completed a ministry of 22 years, before accepting a call to Ballywillan (Portrush) in 1932. On July 20, 1938 Rev Hutchinson married Dr Isobel Alexander, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs Robert Alexander, of Crossreagh House, Portrush. Dr Alexander had been an elder of Ballywillan Presbyterian Church for some years, and is described as having been a very witty person with beautiful red hair. Dr Alexander was Schools Medical Officer for North Antrim at the time of her marriage.

During the Second World War when servicemen came home on leave, the Rev and Mrs Hutchinson invited them to the manse for supper. Having served during the First World War, Rev Hutchinson would have been aware of the many problems which men had to face.

He died on August 24, 1953, aged 72 and after 44 years of ordained ministry.

MARSHALL, James

RN. Stoker I. K4030. Enrolled 24/08/1909 for 12 years. War service in Duke of Edinburgh, Pembroke II, St. George, Shannon and Hannibal. Served to 13/03/1920. Born Killyleagh 26/06/1891. ADM 188/875/4030

MURRAY, Hugh James

RN. Stoker I. K33817. Enrolled 07/06/1916 for hostilities. Victory II and Monarch. Demobbed 12/02/1919. Born Portaferry 24/08/1883. ADM 188/934/33817

DUFFY, John Alexander

FAA. Air Mechanic. 22 years old. One of the 25 survivors from HMS Glorious. Home after many weeks in hospital suffering from exposure. His father lost his life serving in RN in WW1. Sister serving in ATS. Mackey St., Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 24/08/1940).

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