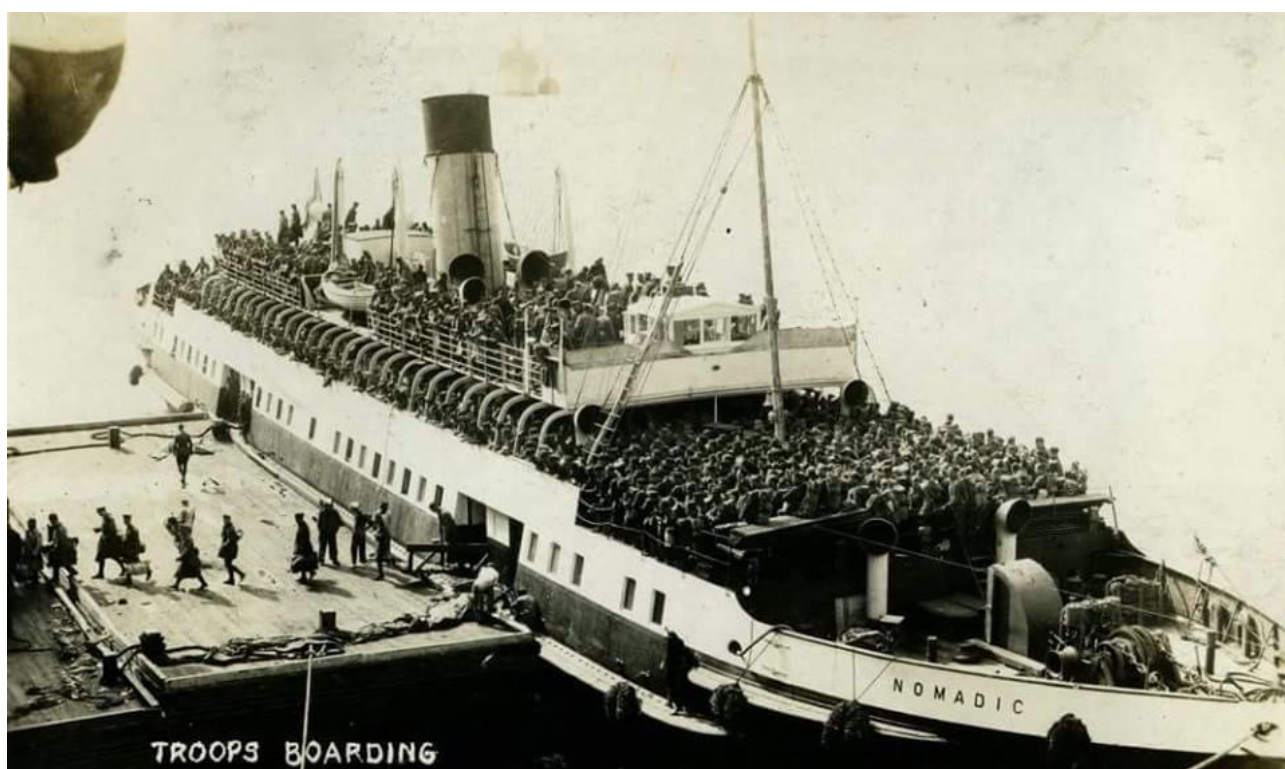




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## **Belfast tourist attraction was a wartime troop ship**

**The SS Nomadic is now one of Belfast's most important tourist attractions, but this photograph shows her in a very different role - being used as a troop ship in June 1940 during the evacuation of Cherbourg.**

Later the Nomadic was used as a floating restaurant moored on the banks of the Siene in Paris, before being brought back to Belfast to be fully refurbished as the only

remaining White Star Line vessel afloat today, having been launched at Harland & Wolff on 25 April 1911, just a month before RMS Titanic.

## On this day – August 27

### 1914

It was in Ligny-en-Cambrésis that Lieutenant William Malcolm Chisholm was killed on August 27, 1914. Wounded the day before, he died of serious injuries despite treatment in the church. He was the first Australian soldier to fall in World War I. He is buried in the military square of the municipal cemetery. Not far from there lies his mother who wanted to be buried in France alongside her son.

### 1939



Hitler ramps up the war rhetoric. "Danzig & the Polish Corridor must return to Germany," he declares.

Britain and France try to persuade Poland to negotiate with Germany, but she refuses.

## **1940**

Raids continue on London, Midlands, Southwest England and Wales.

Armed merchant-cruiser Dunvegan Castle sunk by U46 off Ireland.

President Roosevelt authorizes call into service of Army Reserve and National Guard for 12 months.

## **1941**

British government takes over railways for the duration of the war, paying £43m per annum in compensation to private operators.

Army Group North captures Tallinn, the capital of Estonia.

The Iranian government under Ali Furughi orders a cease-fire.

The Prime Minister of Japan, Fumimaro Konoye, issues an invitation for a meeting with President Roosevelt.

American volunteer William Dunn with RAF No. 71 Squadron becomes first US ace.

## **1942**

The Red Army launches counterattacks from the Leningrad pocket against Schluesselburg and the Volkhov front, while the Red Army's offensive on the Moscow front continues.

Zhukov is appointed Stalin's First Deputy Commissar for defense.

## 1943

McCOMB, Malcolm Patrick, RN. AB. Reported missing after the fall of Singapore. Confirmed as a Japanese prisoner of war. Son of Mr and Mrs Hugh McComb, Alfred St., Ballymena. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 27/08/1943).

Brenden Bracken, the British Minister of Information, makes the first ministerial statement on Hess since May 1941 and says 'Hess came to find British Quislings to overthrow Churchill', 'a Nazi of very low mentality' who 'babbled like an excited schoolboy'.

## 1944

The Canadians cross the Seine around Rouen. The remaining 1,800 Germans at Toulon surrender as the French claim a total of 17,000 captured for just 2,700 French casualties.

The British 8th Army renews its offensive North on Italy's eastern coast. Slowed by rain and mud, the British attack toward the Gothic Line at Pesaro, just north of the Foglia river.

Russians take Galati in eastern Romania.

The RAF pounds the Ruhr oil refineries, their first large-scale daylight action over Germany. More than 1,000 U.S. B-17s and B-24s attack airdromes at Anklam, Grossenbrode, Neubrandenburg and Parow, Luftwaffe experimental facilities at Peenemunde and Rechlin, aircraft components factories at Lubeck, Rostock, Schwerin, and

Wismar, an oil-industry target at Politz and several targets of opportunity in Germany. 18 heavy bombers are lost. The last Chindits are evacuated from behind Japanese lines in Burma.

## 1945

One of the greatest international armadas ever assembled, enters the Bay of Sagami, Tokyo. B-29 Superfortress bombers begin to drop supplies into Allied prisoner of war camps in China.

# Roll of Honour – August 27

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

## 1914

### **+DUNLOP, John Gunning Moore**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 27/08/1914. Age 28. Born on 14/12/1885. Charterhouse School, Godalming, Surrey, and Caius College, Cambridge. MA. He received his commission from Cambridge University Officers Training Corps in September 1910. He was gazetted to the Special Reserve of Officers for the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in June 1911. He was deployed to France with 2nd Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers, disembarking at

**Tyne Cot cemetery and memorial in Belgium**





Boulogne on 22/08/1914. He was killed in action five days later near Clary during the Battle of Mons. Son of Archibald Dunlop, M.D., Holywood, Co. Down. Honnechy British Cemetery, France. Holywood WM. Holywood Parish Church

**+MAGEE, Joseph**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 10316. Died 27/08/1914. Born and lived in Randalstown. Enlisted Dublin. His uncle Patrick was his next of kin. La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, France

**+McSHANE, Robert**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 8751. Died 27/08/1914. Born in Dungannon. Enlisted in Armagh. Esnes Communal Cemetery, Cambrai, Nord, France. Dungannon WM, Brantry C of I RH

**+NEILL, George**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. A Coy. Private 10772. Died

27/08/1914. Aged 20. Son of George and Mary Jane Neill, of Portadown. Honnechy British Cemetery, Nord, France

**+SMYTH, James**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 7641. Died 26/08/1914. Age 37. Son of James and Barbara Smyth, of 68, Louisa St., Belfast. Lesdain Churchyard, France

**+WALKER, R**

Army Service Corps. H.T. att'd. 14th Inf. Brigade. Private. T/32628. Died 27/08/1914. Age 27. Son of Thomas Walker, of 33, Mossvale St., Belfast. Angre Communal Cemetery, Belgium

**1915**

**+McDOWELL, P**

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 22050. Died 27/08/1915. Age 31. Son of Robert and Mary McDowell; husband of Maria McDowell, of 64, Conway St., Belfast. Green Hill Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

**1916**

**+BIRNIE, R**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 25597. Died 27/08/1916. Cambrin Churchyard Extension, France/  
Londonderry Diamond WM

**+BUTLER, Frank**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Garrison Btn. Lance Corporal. G/639. Died 27/08/1916. Born Whiteabbey on 05/09/1882. Lived in Greencastle. Enlisted Belfast having previously

served with the Connaught Rangers (6740). He died in Colaba, India. Son of Henry and Catherine (nee Warwick) Butler. Francis and Mary Catherine Byrne married on 25/12/1909 in Greencastle Roman Catholic Church, Belfast. Burial at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Colaba, India. Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial, India.

### **+MONTGOMERY, Joseph**

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Btn. Rifleman. 14/15509. Died 27/08/1916. Age 39. Born in Ballyvesey on 14/06/1876. He worked for linen merchants, Dunseath & Sons, of James St., South, Belfast. He was a member of the UVF and of the Imperial Temperance LOL 929. Son of Andrew and Agnes (nee Greer) Montgomery, of Ballyvesey, Carnmoney, Belfast; husband to Elizabeth Montgomery, of 64, Braemar St., Broadway, Belfast. They had four children. St Quentin Cabaret Military Cemetery, Belgium. Family headstone in Mallusk Cemetery

### **+WALKER, James**

East Lancashire Regiment, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 10479. Died 27/08/1916. Age 23. Son of John and Mary Walker, of 32, Mayo St., Belfast. Vermelles British Cemetery, France

**1917**

### **+O'KANE, Francis**

Seaforth Highlanders, 8th Btn. Private. S/3488. Died 27/08/1917. An apprentice riveter, he enrolled in Clydebank, Scotland. He was a native of Randalstown. Son of Patrick and Sarah (nee O'Brien) O'Kane who in 1901 were living in Main Street, Randalstown. Francis and Isabella Burns married in St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Duntocher.



They had two children. Tyne Cot Memorial. West-Vlaanderlen, Belgium

### **+SCOTT, Thomas**

Middlesex Regiment, 13th Btn. Private. G/52344. Died 27/08/1917. Age 40. Son of Thomas and Ellen Scott, of 54, Lawnbrook Avenue, Belfast; husband of Margaretta Scott, of 91, Lawnbrook Avenue, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**1918**

### **+COBAIN, Henry**

The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), 6th Btn. Private. 206121. Died 27/08/1918. Age 29. Henry was working in the North of England when he enlisted at Chopwell, County Durham, joining the Durham Light Infantry and subsequently transferred to the 6th Battalion East Kent Regiment (The Buffs). On 27/08/1918 the 6th East Kent's were given the objective of taking the east edge of Trones Wood, east of the town of Albert. Captain L. P. Figgis and 10 men were killed in the action, including Henry Cobain. Son of Joseph and Sarah Cobain, Dunnisk, Pomeroy. Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt, France.

### **+CURRY, Nathaniel**

Royal Field Artillery, 27th Div. Ammunition Col. Gunner. 78667. Died 27/08/1918, age 24, in U.V.F Hospital, Clifton Street, Belfast with lumbar puncture caused by mustard gas. He was born on 23/09/1894 in Shankill, Belfast. Son of John Henry & Eliza-Ann (nee Millar) Curry of 6 Aberdeen Street, Belfast. His brother Edward served in the Cyclist Corps. Carnmoney Cemetery

### **+MAGUIRE, Daniel Jospeh**

Canadian Infantry. 22nd Btn. C Coy. Private. 3155269. Died 27/08/1918. Age 25. From Markethill. In 1911 Daniel (18) was living at Linden St., Falls Rd., Belfast. He emigrated to Canada where he enlisted in November 1916. Son of John Maguire, of 8, Lucknow St., Belfast, Ireland, and the late Mary McCorry Maguire. Quebec Cemetery, Cherisy, France

### **+O'NEIL, Patrick**

Canadian Infantry, 24th Btn. Private. 3080100. Died 27/08/1918 seriously wounded during the taking of Wancourt by the Canadian Corps. Age 34. Born on 26/05/1882 in Coagh. Patrick O'Neill spent seven years with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers before emigrating to America. Patrick was living with his wife Fannie at 62 Essex Street, Andover, Massachusetts, U.S.A. He was working as a labourer. Patrick travelled to Canada and enlisted in Montreal on 03/10/1917. Son of Edward and Sarah O'Neil. Wancourt British Cemetery, France. Coagh WM

### **+WILSON, Alexander Gordon**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 12th Btn. attd. 13th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 27 /08/1918. Age 27. Son of Alexander and Elizabeth Wilson, of 14, Ebrington Terrace, Londonderry. Nieppe-Bois (Rue du Bois) British Cemetery, Vieux-Berquin

## **1920**

### **+DAVIS, Joy**

Royal Army Service Corps. RSM. Died 27/08/1920. Born in Belfast about 1884. He attended Drumglass National School. He joined the army but his term of enlistment



**The Dido Valley Naval Cemetery, Simon's Town, which is maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission South Africa.**

ceased before WW1. He was husband to Ciceley. They had two children and lived in Belfast. He died of wounds received in the war and was interred in Sydney Memorial, Rookwood, Sydney, Australia. Dungannon WM.

**1941**

**+HUNTER, Stanley Seymour**

Royal Artillery.11 Battery, 3rd (Ulster) Searchlight Regiment.11 Battery (SR). Later 4th (Ulster) LAA Regiment RA (SR).Sergeant. 1468569. Died 27/09/1941, aged 27. Son of Moses and Mary Hunter of Lisburn. Blaris Old Burial Ground

**+MENARY, Henry**

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant (Pilot). 748613. D F M. Died 27/08/1941. 22 Sqdn. Old Churchyard Cemetery, Isles of Scilly. 502 (Ulster) Squadron WM, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

**1943**

**+STIMPSON, Cornelius Charles**

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Corporal. 3075. Died 27/08/1943 as a prisoner of war. Born in England. Son of Charles and Sarah Stimpson. By 1911 the family was living in Magherafelt. Cornelius was husband to Margaret Isobel Stimpson. He served with the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and was taken prisoner at Christmas 1941. Stanley Military Cemetery, Stanley, Hong Kong. Rainey Endowed School RH

**1944**

**+BELL, James**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1796420. Died 27/08/1944. Aged 20. 97 Sqdn. Son of John and Kathleen Bell, of Doagh, Co. Antrim. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 224

**+EDGINGTON, Wilfred John**

Worcestershire Regiment, 1st Btn. Private. 6203386. Died 27/08/1944. Age 23. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgington; husband of Marcia Margarita Edgington, of Strabane. Vernon (Vernonnet) Communal Cemetery, France



**+McDOWELL, Charles**

Royal Engineers. 1049 Port Operating Coy. Sapper.  
2199774. Died 27/08/1944. Age 40. Son of Charles and  
Sarah Jane McDowell, of Londonderry; husband to Sarah  
McDowell, of Londonderry. Bayeux War Cemetery, France

**+RUSH, Patrick Joseph**

Wiltshire Regiment, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 5569722,  
Died 27/08/1944. Son of Alice Rush. Coalisland Roman  
Catholic Cemetery, Brackaville, Dungannon WM

**VETERANS**

**CRAIG, David Donald**

RN. Surgeon - Commander (D). RN 1933. Campbell  
College. TCD BA 1928. BDentSc 1929. TCD Pink 1st VIII.  
Born 27/08/1906. Son of David Craig, Queen St.,  
Londonderry.

**CROMEY, George Ernest**

RAFVR. Flt/Lt (M) Chaplain. A Presbyterian minister who on  
a Lion's tour of South Africa was charged with the task  
impossible of keeping Blair Mayne out of trouble. Born  
Ahoghill, Balymena 08/05/1913. BA BD 1931 QUB. Played  
rugby at fly-half for Ireland and Great Britain. Test debit was  
versus England at Twickenham 13/02/1937. Final was  
versus Wales at Belfast on 11/03/1939. Husband to  
Margaret. Father of Roger, David, Martin, Rachel, Christine  
and Peter who pre-deceased him. Died 27/09/2006,  
peacefully at a nursing home, Garvagh. Ballyweaney  
Presbyterian Church

**HAYCOCK, Terence G C**

RAF. DFM. MCB. Born 27/08/1919. Son of Thomas Haycock, Skegoneill Ave., Belfast.

### **HIGGINSON, Harold James**

RNVR. Lieutenant - Commander. Born 27/08/1911. Son of J. Higginson, Adelaide Park, Belfast. Campbell College 2094. Director, Messrs. John Higginson & Co., Belfast. Postwar Glenmakieran, Craigavad, Co. Down. Died 08/1974.

### **HILL, Matthew George**

Australian Forces. 5th company, 15th Battery, Field Artillery Brigade. Gunner. 7589.

He was the son of Thomas Hill and Annie Eliza (nee McNair) Hill of Castletown, Ballynure. Matthew George Hill left London on 17th February 1910 with his brother Thomas. They took a ship called the SS Otway (which, incidentally, was blown up by the Germans during WW1) and landed in Sydney, some 43 days later. Two of his other brothers had gone to Australia almost exactly one year previously. He worked as a farm hand. He joined up in Liverpool, New South Wales on 12/08/1915 and landed in Marseilles on 25/03/1916. He was wounded in battle on the left thigh on 16/04/1917 and was taken on the following day to Grayingwell War Hospital in England. He returned to battle in France in August 1917 and fought there until he returned to England on leave in October 1918.

Matthew George Hill was finally discharged from the Army on 04/08/1919 in Australia where he lived for the rest of his life as a bachelor. He died, aged 96, on 27/08/1989 at a home for old soldiers. He is named on Ballynure PCI RH

**JOHNSTON, Robert Alexander**

RAMC. Captain. Served WW1. QCB. RCSI. LLM 1900, RCPI, RCSI. Born 1868. Son of Francis Johnston, Ballykinlar. Husband to Nellie. Died 27/08/1960

## Every Day is a Remembrance Day

***We will remember them***

## A Famous Inniskilling Drum

**Derryman's interesting story - from the Londonderry Sentinel, Saturday, August 27, 1932**

The strange and romantic adventures of the famous drum of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers during the Great War, mentioned by Captain J. H. R. Yardley, D.S.O., M.C., in an article in last evening's 'Belfast Telegraph' on memories of the Battle of Le Cateau, August 26th, 1914, has a feature which will be of much local interest, in that the drummer who last played the drum, and who handed it over to a Frenchwoman at Le Cateau, was a Derryman, Drummer S. Kydd, now of Fountain Street, who himself survived some marvellous and unparalleled experiences as a British Tommy in hiding behind the German lines.

Drummer Kydd, who was only a lad of 16 when the Battle of Le Cateau took place eighteen years ago yesterday, had a

remarkable story to tell a 'Sentinel' representative who visited him at the Sailors' Rest, where he spends his evenings, being now a seaman at present out of regular employment.

Drummer Kydd, it may be mentioned, joined the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in 1911, and at the outbreak of the Great War he was serving as an ammunition-carrier.

In conversation with our representative,

Drummer Kydd said as soon as he read the article by Captain Yardley he knew immediately that the drum referred to was the one which he had handed over to a Frenchwoman on the Retreat from Mons eighteen years ago that day. He was able to recall the happenings of that



The War Office authorities have written Mr. and Mrs. Kydd, 53 Bennett Street, Derry, confirming the death of their son, Drummer Samuel Kydd, aged 19, who had been posted as missing since 26th August, 1914, a fortnight after he landed in Flanders with the British Expeditionary Force. Drummer Kydd joined the 2nd Inniskillings four years ago. Two of his brothers are presently with the flag.



memorable day at Le Cateau, when as a mule ammunition-carrier he found that things were rather awkward for him with both the ammunition and the drum to attend to on an occasion like then. Coming along the road outside the village of Esnes he saw a country woman standing beside a barn, and on the spur of the moment he decided to hand the drum over to her, and so ease matters. Of course, young Kydd, could not explain things, but the good woman, who was one of a number of excited country people wondering what was going to happen them, took the drum.

‘At the time,’ said Drummer Kydd, ‘I thought she would throw it aside or burn it. I did not know what she would do with it. I never thought then that she would have kept it so faithfully. It must have been, indeed, a secret hiding-place where she kept it, as the Germans were continually on the look out for anything of the sort.’

The Germans were in possession afterwards, but the Frenchwoman kept the drum safely concealed, probably having buried it.

The drum was handed over to a Canadian regiment, who took over the village and collected all the belongings of British regiments. The Frenchwoman at once delivered up the drum, which was given back to the 2nd Inniskillings, who treasured it for its romantic associations, and when the battalion was disbanded in 1924 the drum was handed over to the Museum of the Royal United Services Institution at Whitehall.

It is interesting to know that Drummer Kydd’s name was inscribed on the skin of the drum, which, after its restoration

to the battalion, was stored up with the plate and silver of the battalion.

Drummer Kydd was later reported killed. He had been in hiding for three years in St Quentin as an escaped prisoner, and was later sentenced to be shot as a spy, but was reprieved, being an Irishman, and was released in January 1919, from a German prison, rejoining his battalion later. For some years past he has been a seaman.

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