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Bangor Commando doctor killed on Dieppe raid

Samuel David Corry was born on 2 October 1913 in Victoria Avenue, Newtownards and he was the second son of Samuel and Anna Corry (nee Stoupe) of 14 Victoria Avenue, Newtownards and later Bangor, Co. Down, Barry Niblock writes.

Samuel Corry Senior owned a hemstitching factory and he and Anna Stoupe were married on 12 August 1908 in Wesley Centenary Methodist Church, Bangor. Samuel Corry from 42 James Street, Newtownards was a son of David Corry, an embroidery agent. Anna Stoupe from Frances Street, Newtownards was a daughter of Robert Stoupe, a merchant.

Later Samuel Corry Senior was awarded the OBE.

Samuel David Corry's elder brother, Robert (Bob) Corry, was born on 21 March 1910 in Victoria Avenue, Newtownards and his younger brother, Joseph Stoupe (Stoupe) Corry, who was born on 22 April 1916, served with the Royal Artillery during the Second World War. Another brother, David, was born on 16 November 1919, also in Victoria Avenue, Newtownards.

Samuel David Corry attended the Model School, Newtownards and then the Royal Belfast Academical Institution (RBAI) from 1926 until 1932. He studied medicine at Queen's University Belfast and played rugby for the university team. After qualifying as a doctor, Samuel was appointed to the medical staff of the Down Infirmary. He was an all-round athlete winning both junior and senior inter-provincial honours in rugby and, while he was at Queen's, he won the light-heavyweight university boxing championship of Ireland. He was also a keen golfer and cricketer.

Dr Samuel David Corry joined the Army shortly after the outbreak of war and he was with the Monmouthshire Regiment when he volunteered for the Special Service Battalion which fought in Norway. At the end of the



Field Marshall Sir William Slim - left

Norwegian campaign in 1940 he was attached to the Commandos and took part in several raids against German positions including the Norwegian Lofoten Islands, Vaagso Island and Port Maaloy.

Unselfishness, as far as you are concerned means simply this – you will put first the honour and interests of your country and your regiment; next you will put the safety, well-being and comfort of your men; and last – and last all the time – you will put your own interest, your own safety, your own comfort.

It was reported in the 3 April 1942 *Supplement to the London Gazette* that he had been Mentioned In Despatches 'in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in successful

combined operations against the enemy at Vaagso and Maaloy'.

Dr Samuel David Corry (No. 119736) was posted as missing in action after the raid on the German-occupied port of Dieppe in France which began at 5.00 am on 19 August 1942. There were very heavy casualties that day and later it was officially confirmed that Captain Samuel David Corry had died of wounds sustained during the fighting.

Captain Samuel David Corry (No. 119736) was buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen and there is an inscription on his CWGC headstone:

HE SAVED OTHERS

HIMSELF HE COULD NOT SAVE

Captain Samuel David Corry (No. 119736) is commemorated on Newtownards and District War Memorial; in RBAI; in QUB and on the family grave headstone in Movilla Cemetery Newtownards.

His mother Anna died on 23 September 1965 (aged 83) and his father Samuel died on 23 March 1972 (aged 90). His brother, Joseph Stoupe Corry, died on 26 July 2006.

On Sunday 2 September 2011 a commemorative church service was held in Baronscourt Parish Church of Ireland Church in County Tyrone to dedicate a plaque to the memory of the eighteen scouts from 74th Belfast (RBAI) Scout Group who lost their lives in the Second World War, many of whom had camped on the Baronscourt Estate in the years immediately before the outbreak of hostilities. The plaque commemorated the seventieth anniversary of the first building of a memorial cairn by RBAI scouts on the nearby hill known as Bessy Bell.

In addition to Captain Samuel David Corry the plaque bears the names of Warrant Officer Samuel Nicholl Beckett, Sergeant Sydney Ireland and and Bombardier Francis Eric Sheals.

From Barry Niblock's "The War Dead of North Down & Ards" web site.

On this day - August 28

1914



Over 50 Royal Navy ships and submarines raided the German Navy at the first Battle of the Heligoland Bight. In an action planned by Commodores Reginald Tyrewhitt and Roger Keyes the British succeeded and sank four ships restricting German Fleet activity in North Sea

**28th August 1918 Northern Whig
Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality**

**Rifleman/Signaller Edward Mooney, 14/7525, B' Company
14th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, formerly of the 10th
Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action 23rd March,
1918. Son of the late James Mooney and Mary Mooney nee**

Shanks, 112 Walmar Street, Belfast. Deceased was 22 years of age and is buried in Ham British Cemetery, Muille-Villette, France. Note: Although Edward is recorded as killed with the 14th R.I.R. he was more than likely attached to a Regular battalion or the 22nd Entrenching battalion, as the 14th was disbanded in February 1918.

1922

Michael Collins' funeral was held in Dublin. It was reported that half a million people attended, from both the Pro and Anti-Treaty camps. His funeral procession from the Pro-Cathedral to Glasnevin Cemetery was many miles long.
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1940

Vichy French radio announces that laws protecting Jews in France have been dropped.

After the ‘voluntary dissolution of all political parties’, President Konoye of Japan announces structure to ‘unite the total energies of the state and people.’

Luftwaffe makes first night bombing raid over Britain. RAF bombs

Berlin, killing ten, the first Germans killed by bombing in Berlin.

USS American Legion arrives in New York carrying Crown Princess Martha of Norway and a Swedish Bofors 40-mm naval antiaircraft gun to be considered by the US Navy.

1941

The German U-boat U-570 is captured by the British and renamed Graph.

German occupation forces in France round up and imprison hundreds of French citizens after an assassination attempt on pro-German politician Pierre Laval. Laval has been shot at a rally in Versailles, where he is recruiting Frenchmen to fight alongside Germans on the Russian front.

Menzies resigns as Prime Minister of Australia and is replaced by McFadden, who under pressure from his political opposition demands from the British, the relief of the 9th Australian Division from Tobruk in Libya.

After demands from the Australian Prime Minister, the British agree to relieve the remainder of the 9th Australian Division from Tobruk.

1942

A massive RAF raid against Nuremberg is launched, killing 4,000 civilians and destroying over 10,000 houses.

Germans break through South west of Stalingrad but are held to the north.

A Japanese seaplane catapulted from submarine I-25 and drops firebombs on forests in Oregon, USA.

Japanese daylight attempt to reinforce Guadalcanal fails due to US air attack; they turn to nighttime missions, dubbed the “Tokyo Express” by the Americans.

First school for WAVES officers opens at Smith College in Northampton, MA (USS Northampton); 125 women are commissioned in “fast-track” one-month course.

Off Haiti, US PBY Catalina and Canadian corvette Oakville capture German sub U-94, but sub sinks; this loss will lead the Germans to withdraw Type VII U-boats from Caribbean and Gulf.

1943

The Danish government refuse a German ultimatum, as the sabotage campaign reaches a crescendo.

The Bulgarian King, Boris III dies under mysterious circumstances.

1944

U.S. troops cross the Marne and take Meaux, 30 miles East of Paris. The last German garrison at Marseilles surrenders to the French, who take 37,000 prisoners for 4,000 French casualties.

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The British 36th Division takes Pinbaw, in northern Burma, during a monsoon advance from Mogaung.

1945

The Japanese sign the surrender agreement in Rangoon.

B29s drop supplies to Allied POWs in China.

Chinese communist leader Mao Tse-Tung arrives in Chunking to confer with Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-Shek in a futile effort to avert civil war.

First US troops arrive in Japan: 24 C-47 cargo planes land unopposed at Atsugi Field outside Tokyo with 150 troops of the US 11th Airborne to establish an air base.

1990



A defiant Saddam Hussein ignores demands from the international community to withdraw from Kuwait and instead declares the tiny Gulf state Iraq's 19th province

Roll of Honour – August 28

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+BLACKER, Hugh

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Lance Corporal.15780. Died 28/08/1915. Hugh volunteered his service to the regiment close to the end of 1913 and while fighting at the front he was dangerously wounded and was returned to Netley Hospital near Southampton in England for treatment. However, on the 28/08/1915, Hugh Blacker succumbed to his injuries and his remains were conveyed back home to Portadown where he was laid to rest in Portadown R.C. Cemetery, Garvaghy Road, and some of his fellow soldiers attended to pay their respects. The Netley Hospital where Hugh passed away was opened in 1863 and Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone, underneath which she placed the plans of the hospital, the first Victoria Cross, a Crimean medal and some coins from the age. At the ceremonial arrival a gun salute was fired but unfortunately one gun prematurely killing two sailors and injuring others. It was largest military hospital capable of treating 1,000 men and later expanded to treat 2,500 patients. The magnificent building was used to treat Crimean soldiers, WW1 soldiers as well as WW2 when about 68,000 casualties were treated. By the late 1950's the hospital began to fall into disuse and a fire in 1963 destroying much of the building. In 1966 the building was demolished and the time capsule laid by



The Australian National Memorial rises within the Military Cemetery of Villers-Bretonneux. It is one of the last Great War Memorials to be erected (1938) in France and it commemorates the Australian soldiers who fought in France and in Belgium during the Great War. The 10 762 names listed there, are those of Australian soldiers who died in France during WWI and appear to not have a grave. They are arranged by battalion, rank and alphabetical order.

Queen Victoria was discovered. The area where the hospital stood in now a park and is open to the public, and the only building saved is the hospital chapel and is now a Grade 2 listed building. Son of the late Henry Blacker and Annie Murphy of John Street, Portadown, his wife. Drumcree Roman Catholic Churchyard

+FOSTER, Crawford

South Lancashire Regiment, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 6853. Died 28/08/1915. Age 27. Son of Robert and Maria Foster, of 13, Rutland St., Belfast. Brandhoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

+KILPATRICK, William Boyd

Connaught Rangers, 5th Btn. Private, 4476. Died 28/08/1915. Aged 25. Served in Gallipoli, was wounded in the shoulder in 1915. Born Portstewart. Son of Mr. Robert and Mrs. Eliza (nee Boyd) Kilpatrick, lived at Tullaghmurry, Portstewart. Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Portstewart WM, Portstewart Presbyterian Church WM, PCI RH. IMR

+O'RORKE, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 8851. Died 28/08/1915. Age 19. Son of Catherine O'Rorke, of 18, Osman St., Belfast, and the late Francis O'Rorke. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+WILLIAMS, Charles Beasley

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. A Coy. Died 28/08/1915. Age 20. Born 29/10/1894. Enrolled 07/08/1914. Foyle College. Divinity Student, Trinity College, Dublin. TCD OTC. Four brothers served. Brother of James Alfred Williams, 7th Btn, who died 06/09/1916. Age 18. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams, of "The Willows," Northland Rd., Londonderry. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

1916

+COOPER, Herbert

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Bn. Rifleman. 17/1690. Died 28/08/1916. Age 22. Nephew of Margaret Browne, of Newcastle, Co. Down. St Quentin Cabaret Military Cemetery, France. Newcastle WM

+COOPER, Robert Harper

Australian Infantry. 1st Bn. AIF. Private. 3954. Died 28/08/1916. Feloniously killed. Age 21. Son of the late William John Cooper, Atkinson's Ave., Portadown. Brother of Thomas Sproule Cooper, Belfast. Etaples Military Cemetery, Etaples, Nord Pas de Calais, France. Australian War Memorial

+McCAGHERTY, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Bn. Rifleman. 5452. Died 28/08/1916. Age 24. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth McCagherty, of Cochrane's Hill, Laurel Vale, Tandragee. Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers-La-Boiselle, France

+NOLAN, Archie

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 1st Bn. formerly 10th Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Lance Corporal. 18391. Died 28/08/1916. Age 21. Brother of Mrs. Jennie Graves, of 144, Donegall Avenue, Belfast. and Mrs Kathleen Guilfayle of 26 Abert Place, East Dublin. Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France

+RUSSELL, William James

Royal Irish Rifles, 10th Bn. Rifleman. 17/729. Died 28/08/1916. Age 21. Son of Andrew and Elizabeth E.



The Australian National Memorial and Military Cemetery of Villers-Bretonneux.

Russell (nee Moore), of Belfast. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

1918

+JOHNSTON, Roland Ivan

Royal Irish Rifles, 3rd Btn. attd. 2nd Btn. Second Lieutenant. He had previously been a Sapper with the Royal Engineers (2425 and 496485). Died 28/08/1918. Age 31. He was commissioned to the Royal Irish Rifles on 29/05/1917. He died from back wounds incurred on 24/08/1918. Born Jordanstown 21/09/1885. Educated at Loretto School,

Edinburgh for just over a year, and then at Marlborough College, England. He was a member of Freemasons Lodge 7 (Acacia), Belfast, and then Lodge 282 (Harmonie) Carrickfergus. He is named in the Irish Motor Directory for 1911-12 as a car owner living at Jennymount Mills, Belfast. Son of Samuel Johnston, a flax mill owner, and Agnes Cowan (nee Barbour) Johnston, of Dalriada, Whiteabbey, Co. Antrim; husband to Susan May Johnston, of "The Quoile," Downpatrick, Co. Down. Before the war they had lived briefly in Canada. Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, France. Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club RH, Royal Belfast Golf Club RH, North of Ireland Cricket Club RH

+MATEER, J

Royal Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 19668. transf. to (188249, Pte. 222nd Divisional Employment Coy. Labour Corps. Died 28/08/1918. Age 30. Born at Belfast. Son of the late John and Mary Mateer; husband to Annie Mateer, of 51, Clementine St., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

+McCLOSKEY, J J

Irish Guards. 1st Btn. Private. 6167. Died 28/08/1918. Husband to Lily McCloskey, Laburnum Tce., Londonderry. Mory Street Military Cemetery, St Lager, France. Londonderry Diamond WM

1941

+DIXON, Thomas Alexander

RAFVR. Leading Aircraftman (U/T Observer). 1119294. Died 28/08/1941. Aged 20. Son of Arthur W. Dixon and Lydia Dixon, of Dungannon. Drumcoo Cemetery. Dungannon WM

+MacDONALD, William Moody

RAF. Pilot Officer. 102146. Died 28/08/1941. Aged 20. In early August 1941 he was home on leave three weeks before his death. He enlisted in the RAF in 1940, joining from the Queen's University Belfast Officer Training Corps. He was a pilot under instruction with 58 Operational Training Unit, RAF. He was flying in Miles Master T8581 alongside Flight Lieutenant Bogdan Grzeszczak of the Polish Air Force. The plane took off from RAF Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, Scotland. MacDonald and Grzeszczak were practising dogfight manoeuvres when the plane spun out of control. It crashed to the ground a mile south of Maddieston, Stirlingshire, Scotland, and burned out killing both men. His father Robert MacDonald was the Headmaster of Bangor Central Public Elementary School and it was there that Billy began his education. Then, Bangor Grammar School from 1933 until 1937, and Regent House Grammar School, Newtownards from 1937 until 1938. He studied Engineering at university. At school and university, he was a keen sportsman, playing rugby and taking part in athletics events. He was also a member of 1st Bangor Boys' Brigade. On 01/10/1941, William's mother Sara MacDonald unveiled a memorial plaque at what was then known as the "Cripples' Institute Home" at Stricklands, Bangor. Pupils of Bangor Central School raised funds for a cot in his memory. Youngest son of Robert and Sara MacDonald of 47 Bryansburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down. Billy McDonald's

funeral to Bangor Cemetery on 31/08/1941 was described in the Press as 'one of the largest seen in Bangor'. The services in the house and at the graveside were conducted by the Rev Dr Currie and the Rev A.E. Bothwick, RAF. Bangor Cemetery. Bangor WM, Bangor Grammar School RH, Regent House RH, QUB WM

1942

+McCARTNEY, Herbert Sydney

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1354651. Died 28/08/1942. Aged 24. 35 Sqdn. Son of John Joseph and Harriet I. McCartney, Belfast. Montcornet Military Cemetery, France

+QUINN, John

RN. AB. D/J 27783. Died 28/08/1942. HMS Hecla. Buried at sea. 28 years' service. Served in WW1 in River Clyde when she landed the Anzacs at Sulva Bay, Gallipoli and at Battle of Jutland. Two brothers serving in the army. Son of William Quinn, Bannview Terrace, Gilford. Brother resident Abingdon St., Donegall Rd., Belfast. Husband of I. Quinn, Tottenham, Middlesex. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 18/09/1942). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 66. Gilford WM. St Paul's Parish Church, Gilford RH

+WEIR, George Ferrier

Indian Army. Special List of Quartermasters. Lieutenant. EC/ 4619. Died 28/08/1942 of illness. Age 49. Born at Toberhead, Desertmartin. He enlisted in September 1914 and served in WW1. After the war he remained in India and married. He re-enlisted shortly after WW2 started. Son of David and Rachel Weir; husband to Mollie Elizabeth Weir. Delhi War Cemetery, India. Castledawson WM

1943

+KILDEA, Robert Michael

RAFVR. Flying Officer. 118092. Died on 28/08/1943. Aged 25. 86 Sqdn. Son of William T. Kildea and Mina Kildea of Belfast; Husband of Ellen P. Kildea and father of Michael of Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery. 502 (Ulster) Squadron WM, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

+STOCKDALE, Thomas Norman

RAF. Pilot Officer. 52486. Died 28/08/1943 when Bristol Beaufighter LZ156 crashed in Argyllshire in Scotland. Aged 21. Son of Thomas and Hanna Stocksdale of Bangor. Dundonald Cemetery

+VALLEY, Robert

Manchester Regiment. 1st Btn. Private. 3526953. Died 28/08/1943. Age 27. Son of William and Susannah Valley, of Belfast. Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery, Myanmar

1944

+CRAIG, Alexander Spence

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers attd. King's Own Scottish Borderers. Captain. 100910. Died 15/05/1944. Aged 23. Son of James and Louisa Florence Craig, of Knock, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Imphal War Cemetery. QUB RH

+McGLADDERY, Norman

RAFVR. Aircraftman 1st Class. 1109886. Died 28/08/1944. Aged 34. Son of W. G. and Selina Mcgladdery, Newry. Singapore Memorial, Column 440, Singapore

1945

+HELLARD, Samuel Charles

RAF. Flight Lieutenant. 50377. Mentioned in Despatches. Died

28/08/1945. Aged 38. Son of Edward W. Hellard, and of Mary Hellard, of Dungannon; husband to Muriel J. E. Hellard, of Norwich. Celle War Cemetery, Niedersachsen, Germany

+TILFORD, Stanley Gerald

RAFVR. Aircraftman 2nd Class. 3036459. Died 28/08/1945. Age 18. RAFVR Officer Cadet RAFPE 1944 QUB. Son of George and Blanche Annie Tilford, of Farnham, Surrey. Jeanfield and Wellshill Cemetery, Perth.

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AINLEY, John Francis

RN. Surgeon Captain. CBE, London Gazette 11/12/1945. Temporary Surgeon Lieutenant, Navy List 28/08/1919. MB QUB 1917.

BOAL, Jackson Grahame

RN. Surgeon, Royal Navy, 1912. Surgeon Captain, 1935. Served in 1st and 2nd World Wars. "Surgeon J. G. Boal RN, of Ballymena, has recently been transferred from HMS Termeraire to the new swift destroyer, HMS Lightfoot. This is one of the very latest boats. Surgeon Boal was home this week on a few days' visit to his friends in Ballymena." - Ballymena Observer 9/10/1914. In 1915 he was serving on HMS Lightfoot. Born 03/05/1886. Died 28/08/1958, age 72. Son of Hugh and Hessie Boal, Audley Terr., Ballymena. MO Eastbourne College. Campbell College 542. West Church, Ballymena - PCI RH

CLARK, Locksley

RNVR. Lieut. B 09/03/1893, son of John S Clarke, Redholme, Craigavon. D 28/07/1934. Campbell College 727.

MILLER, Raymond

RNVR Surg. MB 1943 QUB. MCB. Born 28/08/1917. Son of Henry Miller, Coalislland. Postwar Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada

TUGHAN, Victor Denis

RAFVR AC2 RAFPE 1943 QUB. Born 11/03/1926 - Belfast. Son of Samuel Victor Tughan and Ethel nee Entrican Tughan. Died 28/08/2005 - Cupar, Fife, Scotland

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