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Seven Battle of Britain pilots from a Belfast school

Of the 2917 pilots who were awarded the Battle of Britain clasp for having flown at least one authorised sortie

with an eligible unit of RAF Fighter Command during the relevant period 10 July to 31 October 1940, at least 25 were from or had significant associations with Northern Ireland. Of these at least 7 were Instonians.

+Badger, John Vincent Clarence

Badger was actually born in London on 31 May 1911 but it would appear that, at the time in question his mother just happened to be visiting her husband who was in the Army



there. When her husband left the Army he returned to the family home near Lisburn and the young John was educated at Fountainville Public Elementary School and Royal Belfast Academical Institution (RBAI), Belfast. John joined the RAF in 1928. He initially flew with the Fleet Air Arm but in June 1940, as a Squadron Leader, he transferred to No 43 Squadron at RAF Tangmere and took over command on 9 July. Within a short space of time apparently, he had shot down eight, shared in the destruction of an additional two, damaged a further two and been credited with one 'probable' enemy aircraft shot down. On 30 August 1940, his Hurricane was shot down by Messerschmitt 109s; he baled out but was grievously injured when he landed in trees. He was taken to hospital but eventually died from his injuries on 30 June 1941 and was buried in the churchyard of St Michael and All Angels, Halton in Buckinghamshire.



His decorations consisted of a Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) and a Mention in Despatches (MID).

Corry, Noel Henry

Born on 7 December 1918 and educated at RBAI, Noel joined the RAFVR in 1938 in Belfast and commenced flying training in February 1939 with No 24 E&RFTS, Belfast.

He was called up to

full-time service on the outbreak of war and, with his training completed in May 1940 he converted to Blenheim fighters with an Operational Training Unit. On 8 June he was commissioned as a Pilot Officer and 18 days later was posted to No 25 Squadron at RAF Martlesham Heath to begin operations. His tour of 30 operations completed, he was posted to the Special Duties Flight at No 72 Group, RAF Northolt on 29 January 1941 and this was followed by a succession of postings of an instructional nature. He then requested a return to operational flying, was trained to fly bombers and in mid-1944 joined No 12 Squadron at RAF Wickenby as a Squadron Leader, flying Lancasters. On 8 December 1944 he was awarded the DFC and went on to

complete 24 operations with the Squadron. He also qualified for an AE.

+Haire, John Keatinge

John was born in Belfast on 25 September 1920, one of three children to Sidney and Nora Haire. During the summer of 1939 he enlisted in the RAFVR and in December was sent initially to No 1 Elementary Flying Training School at Hatfield. He completed his operational training in early September 1940 and, in the rank of Sergeant, was posted to No 145 Squadron at Dyce, the squadron being transferred to Tangmere in early October. On 27 October, his Hurricane was damaged in combat with 109s over the Isle of Wight but he managed to ditch it off Bembridge and wade ashore, unhurt. Tragedy came during combat 10 days later when his Hurricane was shot down, on fire. He was seen to turn it away from the village of Arreton before baling out at too low an altitude for his parachute to fully open and he died where he had fallen, close to the village, beside his burning aircraft. Subsequently, his body was brought to Dundonald Cemetery for burial.

Heron, Hugh Michael Turretin

Born in Belfast on 22 November 1915, Heron completed his education at RBAI. He joined the RAF in December 1938 on a short service commission and was posted to No 266 Squadron in the autumn of 1939, flying Fairey Battles. In January 1940, Spitfires were received and they were first in action on 2 June over Dunkirk. On 27 July, Pilot Officer Heron went on a Fighter Navigation course and in September was transferred to No 66 Squadron at RAF Kenley. On 18 September, flying a Spitfire, he was credited as having shared the shooting down of a Junkers 88 and on



the 30th, he claimed the destruction of a Messerschmitt 109. In December 1940, he left No 66 Squadron and spent the remainder of his RAF service as an instructor. Awarded the AFC in September 1945, he left the service in 1946 as a Squadron Leader.

+Ireland, Sydney

Sydney Ireland was born in Belfast on 29 July 1918 and was educated at RBAI. In November 1938, he joined the RAFVR in Belfast on the same day as Noel Corry and

learned to fly as a member of No 24 E&RFTS. Called up in September 1939, he was sent to England in November to continue his training and was eventually posted to No 610 Squadron as a Sergeant (Pilot). On 12 July 1940, when taking part in dog-fighting practice and flying from RAF Biggin Hill, his Spitfire dived into the ground at Titsey Park and he was killed. It is thought he might have lost control when diving through cloud. His body was brought home for interment and is buried in Knockbreda Church of Ireland Churchyard, Belfast.

+McAdam, John

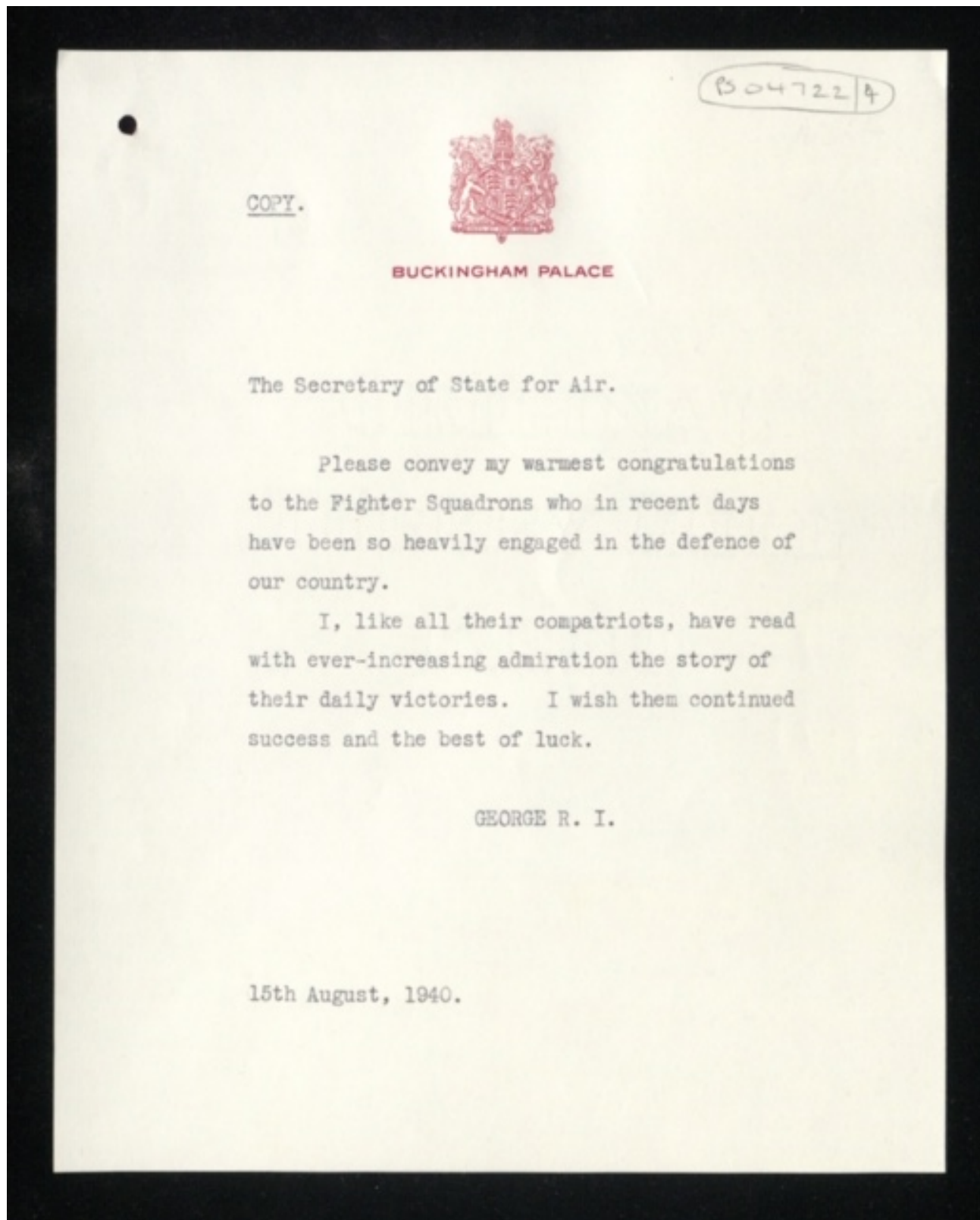
John McAdam was born in Kent to Northern Irish parents, his father being in the Army there but he grew up in Whitehead where he attended the Public Elementary School and subsequently went to RBAI. In April 1939 he joined the RAFVR and learned to fly at No 24 E&RFTS. On being called up in September 1939, he continued his flying training in England and on 22 June 1940 he joined No 41 Squadron at RAF Catterick as a Sergeant (Pilot), having been introduced to the Spitfire only a couple of days earlier. Flying from Hornchurch on 7 September, in engagements with Luftwaffe bombers and their escorting fighters during the course of an air raid on London, John claimed to have shot down three enemy aircraft. However, damage to his Spitfire led to a crash-landing from which he emerged with a few scrapes and bruises. On 23 September, he was shot down during a patrol over Dover, baled out and was rescued from the sea. On 12 October, when taking off on patrol, the engine of his Spitfire went on fire but once again he survived a crash-landing without serious injury. On 25 October, he again claimed to have shot down a Messerschmitt 109 and on the basis of letters to his parents it would appear that he



claimed a fifth on an unspecified date. Tragically, he died on 20 February 1941 while on patrol with other Spitfires over the Dungeness area, the precise circumstances of which are unclear. After the Spitfires were attacked by Messerschmitt 109s, John's Flight Commander subsequently reported seeing him hanging underneath his parachute, apparently unconscious. When his body was recovered from the sea it was discovered he had been hit by cannon shells and fatally wounded. His body was brought home for burial in Ballyharry Cemetery, Islandmagee.

Wright, Robert Ronald

Wright was born in Belfast on 10 April 1917 and educated at RBAI, leaving in 1934. In January 1939 he joined the RAFVR in Belfast and began flying training with No 24 E&RFTS. After being called up in September 1939 he



Message from King George VI - Please convey my warmest congratulations to the Fighter Squadrons who in recent days have been so heavily engaged in the defence of our country.

I , like all their compatriots, have read with ever-increasing admiration the stories of their daily victories. I wish them continued success and the best of luck.

continued his training in England, completing his course on 8 June 1940 when he was sent to an Operational Training Unit, converted onto Blenheim fighters and joined No 248 Squadron at RAF Dyce a fortnight later. He remained with this squadron throughout the Battle of Britain, mostly carrying out long-range sorties to Norway seeking out the expected German invasion fleet.

He was commissioned in January 1941. In October, he went with No 248 Squadron to Malta and then on to Egypt but not long thereafter he was posted back to the UK by sea, via South Africa and the USA!

In February 1942 he re-joined No 248 Squadron which had returned to the UK but in May he began a period of instructing until July 1943 when he returned to operational flying, this time with No 235 Squadron at RAF Leuchars initially, carrying out long-range patrols in Beaufighters initially and Mosquitos subsequently, to protect anti-submarine aircraft of Coastal Command.

During his time with No 235 Squadron, he shot down a Junkers 290 and a Junkers 88, on 16 February 1944 and 9 June 1944, respectively and was awarded a DFC.

He was also stationed at RAF St Angelo with the squadron from 21 February until 27 March 1944. For 10 months in 1945 he was in West Africa, first as a Controller in Air HQ, then in command of a Staging Post and was released from the RAF on 5 December, as a Squadron Leader.

On this Day – September 15

1916



The Scots Guards went 'over the top' on the Somme at Flers-Courcelette. L/Sgt Fred McNess was awarded the Victoria Cross when though wounded in the neck and jaw he continued encouraging his men and throwing bombs till utterly exhausted by loss of blood.

1937

Chamberlain visited Hitler at Berchtesgaden to discuss German demands on Czechoslovakia.



Chamberlain expressed his personal approval for Germany's previous demands for Sudetenland. Hitler promised that no military action would be taken.

1939

The Polish submarine Orzel arrives in Tallinn, Estonia, after escaping the German invasion of Poland.

Gdynia is captured by German forces. A Polish breakout attempt from the Kutno pocket fails.

The Australian Government announces the creation of a 20,000 strong defense force.

Aviator Charles Lindbergh makes his first radio broadcast opposing US involvement in the war.

1940

The climax of the Luftwaffe's daylight raids against the London docks is reached with the Luftwaffe'sÂ biggest raid on London so far. The British originally claim 185 Germans

aircraft shot down, but later revise this to 56 German and 26 RAF planes lost.

In the mid-Atlantic, south-east of Iceland, the Canadian merchant ship Kenordoc is sunk en route to Bristol, England.

1941

The US Navy begins to take over the convoying of British ships as far as Iceland, which seen as an un-neutral act by the German government.

German soldiers attacked in the Champs Elysees in Paris.

Siege of Leningrad begins.

1942

Fierce fighting between German and Soviet forces erupts for possession of Mamayev Kurgan, the strategic hill overlooking Stalingrad.

A Japanese submarine torpedo attack near the Solomon Islands results in the sinking of the Carrier WASP, and damage to the Destroyer O'Brien and Battleship North Carolina.

1943

Mussolini proclaims his return to power and re-establishes fascism in northern Italy. The Axis is resumed and the death penalty introduced for all Italians carrying arms in German occupied areas.

The Chinese government announces that the Japanese have offered to pull out of China, except for Manchuria and

Formosa, but only if the Chinese will switch their support to the axis.

The Australian 7th and 9th Divisions capture Lae in New Guinea after very heavy fighting.

1944

Twenty-seven RAF Lancaster bombers from an airfield in Northern Russia pound the Battleship Tirpitz with 12,000lb Tall Boy' bombs in Kaa Fjord, Norway, scoring a direct hit through the Tirpitz's forecastle and burst deep in her hull.

The U.S. First Army reaches the Siegfried Line, to the East of Aachen and less than 40 miles west of Bonn. Maastricht and Eysden in southern Holland liberated. The US First Army occupies Nancy.

All the V bomb launch sites are neutralized in southern Holland.

The Germans start a new flying bomb campaign, launching them from aircraft over Holland.

The Red Army achieves a breakthrough at Narva.

US Marines land on Peleliu Island in the Pacific, but suffer 1,100 casualties trying to establish a shallow beachhead.

Allied forces from Operation Dragoon (landings in southern France) transferred from Mediterranean Theater of Operations (MTO) to European Theater of Operations (ETO).

1945

The fifth anniversary of the Battle of Britain, sees 300 RAF aircraft fly over London.

In the newspapers

The Witness 15/01/1915

R.I.C. VOLUNTEERS - Departure from Belfast

On Tuesday the thirty-five members of the Belfast city force of the R.I.C. who have been accepted for service with the Irish Guards left the Great Northern Railway Company's terminus, Great Victoria Street, for Dublin by the ten o'clock train, and were given a hearty send-off not only by their old comrades, but also by a large number of the general public. The men paraded at Glenravel Street Barracks at nine o'clock, and were there joined by some 250 of their colleagues on the force; and, headed by four members of the troop of horse police and the bands of the 5th Battalion R.I.R. and the R.I.C., set out for the railway station, where a large crowd of people had congregated. As the train, moved out of there hearty cheers were given by those on the platform, and were lustily responded to by the men in the train. Last night the volunteers were entertained at a smoking concert held in the Musgrave Street Barracks.



Roll of Honour – September 15

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1914

+BROWN, David

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8877. Died 15/09/1914. Age 23. years old. Son of Mrs. Sarah J. Murphy, of 35, Winchester St., Belfast. La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France

+CASSIDY, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 8980. Died 15/09/1914. Age 26. Son of John and Mary Jane Cassidy, of 101, Ardilea St., Oldpark Rd., Belfast. La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France

+CASTLES, William

1st Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Sergeant. 5983. Died 15/09/1914. Age 33. Son of the late Benjamin and Rose Castles, of Aughacommon, Lurgan. La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France

+CRAWFORD, Archibald

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 10050. Died 15/09/1914. Age 18. Son of Joseph Crawford, of Carnfinton,

Rasharkin. La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France

+GREEN, George

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 7031. Died 15/09/1914. Age 28. Son of the late Charles and Jane Green; husband of Ellen McKissack (formerly Green), of 9, Paris St., Belfast. Vailly British Cemetery, France

+LYNESS, David Andrew

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. A Coy. Company Serjeant Major. 4588. Died 15/09/1914. Age 34. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Son of William and Margaret Lyness (Stepmother), of 29, Carlisle St., Belfast; husband of Helena Lyness, of 158, New Lodge Rd., Belfast. La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial, France

+MARTIN, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 2nd Btn. Private. 8240. Died 15/09/1914. Age 33. Thomas was the first Lurgan man to be killed in WW1. Son of Hamilton Martin and Martha Martin, of Drumgask, Lurgan. Vally British Cemetery, France. Lurgan WM

+McALEA, Bernard

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7598. Died 15/09/1914. Age 28. Son of Bernard and Jane McAlea, of 5, Cranford St., Belfast; husband to Mary A. McAlea, of 118, New Lodge Rd., Belfast. La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial, France

+McCULLOUGH, Francis

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8739. Died 15/09/1914. Age 24. Son of William James and Annie McCullough, of 42, Downing St., Belfast; husband to Catherine McCullough, of 42, Cavour St., Belfast. La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France

+MOORE, William Moore

North Irish Horse. Private. 511. Died 15/09/1914. Born at Balteagh, Co. Londonderry. He enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Limavady in April or May 1910 (No.511). On 20/08/1914 he embarked for France with the North Irish Horse, seeing action in the retreat from Mons and the Advance to the Aisne.

William Moore was born on 22/05/1892 at Drumgavenny, Balteagh, near Limavady, the third of fourteen children of bootmaker (later poultry dealer) Thomas Moore and his wife Rebecca (née Mackey). By the time of the 1911 Census he was living at Coolessan, Limavady, with his parents and seven of his siblings and working as a domestic labourer. Soon after, he moved to Scotland, where he worked as a miner. On 27/12/1912 he married Elizabeth McGuire in the United Free Church Manse in Burnbank, Hamilton. Less than a month after William Moore's death, his wife gave birth to their first child, Jane.

On or soon after 15 September, Moore and two other men of C Squadron, Sergeant George Hicks and Private Harry Scott, were on patrol near the Aisne River, the far side of which was held by the Germans. According to fellow Horseman Corporal Fred Lindsay:

“... they were sent on patrol as far as a ford in the river which, unknown to us, was held by a German force with a machine gun. When the three reached the ford they found a British officer dead across his motor-car and some of his men dead around the car. They were about to dismount to investigate when the machine-gun fired upon them, instantly killing the two troopers. Sergeant Hicks escaped on Moore's horse, his own being shot under him.” (*Northern Whig*, 13 February 1915).

Moore and Scott were listed as missing, presumed dead. They were the regiment's second and third fatalities of the war. Their bodies were never recovered. They are now commemorated on the La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

+SCOTT, Henry St George Layard Scott

North Irish Horse. 963. Died 15/09/1914. Born in 1886 or 1887 at Carndonagh, Inishowen, County Donegal, the last of three children of millowner and farmer John Scott and his wife Catherine.

Scott enlisted in the North Irish Horse or its predecessor the North of Ireland Imperial Yeomanry at some time after 1903. By 1911 he had risen to the rank of sergeant, but he left the regiment soon after.

Between 7 and 9 September 1914, soon after the outbreak of war, Scott re-enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Londonderry (No.963). He embarked for France with C Squadron on 20 August, seeing action on the retreat from Mons and advance to the Aisne. (See entry for Moore, William above). Both men were initially listed as missing but their death was later accepted. Whether Scott died that day,

or of wounds later on, is not entirely clear. According to a report in the *Londonderry Sentinel*:

Rev. Joseph Northey, Belfast (uncle of the late Trooper Scott, North Irish Horse, Hollymount, Carndonagh, has received the following letter from Lieutenant-General Rev. J. R. Simms, D.D., Presbyterian chaplain to the forces:-- "I am deeply grieved from my heart to tell you that your worst fears for your dear laddie are more than realised. The only official information that has reached us as yet is that he was found lying dead. If anything further is heard I will certainly let you know as soon as I can. Meanwhile will you please express to his poor father my heartfelt sympathy, and accept the same for yourself. We are living in trying and testing times."

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission gives his date of death as 8 October 1914. However it is generally accepted it is more likely that he died with Private Moore on 15 September, and that their bodies were not recovered until 8 October, when they were buried in the Chassemy-Conde Road area. That burial place, however, was subsequently lost or forgotten, and Private Scott is now commemorated on the La Ferte-sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

1915

+McCALLISTER, H

Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn. Rifleman. 11404. Died 15/09/1915. Age 44. (Served as McAllister). Son of James and Sarah McCallister, of Downpatrick. St Margaret Churchyard, Down

+MILLS, Frederick James Greer

RMLI. Private. PLY/16454. Plymouth Btn. RND. Died 15/09/1915. Age 22. Enlisted Belfast 27/10/13. Plymouth Battalion at Dunkirk and Defence of Antwerp 19/09/1914 - 12/10/1914. MEF 06/02/1915 - 15/09/1915. 15/07/1915 Awarded Cert. by GOC RND for Courageous & Gallant Conduct in the Field. A Railway Signaller. Born Belfast 08/04/1894. Son of John and Annie Mills, Culloden Cottages, Marino, Holywood. 1914 Star and clasp issued to father 14/07/1921. Pink Farm Cemetery, Helles. IMR states he died in Alexandria of wounds received at Gallipoli. Holy Trinity, Glencraig Parish, WM, IMR

+SANDS, Peter

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 8225. Died 15/09/1915. Age 27. Husband of Elizabeth Sands, of 74, Abyssinia St., Belfast. Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Fleurbaix Chyd. France

1916

+ADDY, Beresford

Canadian Infantry. 27th Btn. (Manitoba Regiment). Private. 71566. Aged 23. Died 15/09/1916. Born on 06/08/1894 in the townland of Tullyhommon, Co Fermanagh. At attestation he declared that he was born on 06/08/1893 in Pettigo, Co Fermanagh. Beresford Addy was the youngest son of the Rev William Addy (born in Co Cavan) and Sarah Jane Addy (nee Forde, sometimes Ford, born in Co Fermanagh) who were married under special licence in the bride's residence on 15/06/1886 – according to the rites of the Methodist

Church. The Rev William Addy from Lisbellaw was a son of William Addy, a farmer. Sarah Jane Forde from Bundoran was a daughter of Baptiste Forde, a farmer. The Rev William Addy was a Methodist Clergyman and he and Sarah Jane had at least ten children. The Rev William Addy ministered in several Methodist churches in Ireland, including Glastry Methodist Church, and he died on 20/12/1923. Beresford Addy attended Methodist College, Belfast and before moving to Canada he worked as an apprentice to the pharmaceutical chemist in Connor's of Hill Street, Newry. Beresford was the youngest of three Addy brothers who served with the Canadian Forces. He enlisted in Winnipeg Manitoba on 28/10/1914, he declared that he was a carpenter and he cited his father as his next-of-kin. He stated his father's address to be Epworth Lodge, Fintona, Co Tyrone. His death was reported in the *Newtownards Chronicle* and the family's Glastry connection highlighted. At the time of Beresford Addy's death one of his sisters was a teacher in Dungannon Royal School. Vimy Memorial, France. Methodist College Belfast RH

+BELL, Henry

Irish Guards, 2nd Btn. Private. 8628. Died 15/09/1916. Age 19. Son of Robert John and Margaret Ann Bell, of 50, McClure St., Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+BROWN, Thomas

Royal Scots Fusiliers, 6th/7th Btn. Private. 6749. Died 15/09/1916. Age 33. Son of Thomas Kerr, of 7, Ritchie St., Belfast, and the late Agnes Kerr. Thiepval Memorial, France

+CARTON, Hugh

Irish Guards, 1st Btn. Serjeant. MM. 3132. Died 15/09/1916. Aged 29. The attack on the village of Flers on the 15/09/1916 claimed the lives of many servicemen. The story of two, Lieutenant Greer and Sergeant Carton, is a clear example of the commitment and bravery for which the Ulster Division and the Irish Brigade became renowned. Lieutenant Greer had been seriously wounded the previous year, but in the months since then he was decorated for bravery and fought at the Somme. On the 15 September he led his men once more into battle. What followed was told to 'The Chronicle', 28/04/1917, by Private Joseph Doherty of Seacon, another local Irish Guard who showed outstanding courage and fortunately survived: "The Coldstreams led the attack, the 'Micks' [Irish Guards] followed, and the supports were the Scots Guards and the Grenadiers....Lieutenant Greer led us to the second line of trenches. He had a revolver in one hand and a stick in the other, and he rushed in front pointing his stick towards the enemy and shouting at us to 'Come on'. It was between the trenches he got hit on the head, and fell. He gave his revolver to Quartermaster-Sergeant Hugh Carton, and told him to 'Carry on'. Carton then told us to follow him, and that we did, right into the German third line. It was pretty hot there, I can tell you. Our N.C.O. then asked for ten volunteers to go out and make a barricade in order to bomb the Germans in case of a counter-attack. As a Ballymoney man, I did not hesitate. It was during the erection of the barricade that Sergeant Carton got knocked out with shrapnel in the head. Three of us bandaged him as well we could, but he died about three minutes after he got it. There were only four now left out of the ten, so we had to retire to the trench. Another officer was

coming out at the time and got wounded. I tried to pull him in but that was the time when I got it with shrapnel, a bullet going right through my leg above the ankle and shrapnel in my thigh and stomach...It was six in the evening when I got to the dressing station....and was sent right away to 'Blighty'...". Son of Robert Carton, of Kirkhills, Ballymoney. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France. Dervock PCI RH. Carncullagh Presbyterian Church

+CASEY, Patrick

Scots Guards, 1st Btn. 'B' Coy. Guardsman. 10495. Died 15/09/1916. Age 23. Born 1893 Ballycastle. Son of Hugh and Mary Casey. Guards Cemetery, Lesbeoufs.

+CRAIG, Thomas

Scots Guards, 1st Btn. Private. 11745. Died 15/09/1916. Native of Larne. Bernafay Wood British Cemetery, Montauban, France. Larne WM

+FERGUSON, William

Irish Guards, 2nd Btn. Private. 7480. Died 15/09/1916. Age 20. Son of Mrs. Ezena Malcolm, of 74, Burnaby St., Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, France

+FORSYTHE, William Robert

Highland Light Infantry, 10th/11th Btn. Lance Corporal. 19414. Died 15/09/1916. Age 26. Son of the late William George and Sarah Jane Forsythe, of Belfast. Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, France

+GIRVAN, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 8429. Died between 15/09/1916 and 16/09/1916. Age 35. Son of John and Annie Girvan, of Derryadd, Lurgan; husband to Martha Girvan, of Kernan, Portadown. Vlamertinghe Military Cemetery, Belgium

+HAZLETT, Joseph Bamford

Otago Regiment, N.Z.E.F. Otago Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. 8/3623. Died 15/09/1916 in action at the Somme. Age 28. Joseph Hazlett was born the son of Samuel and Nancy Hazlett. He was born on 23/09/1887. He was one of eight surviving children of a total of twelve. They were a farming family from Moneydig, County Londonderry. Joseph emigrated to New Zealand. Prior to enlisting he lived in an area known as Forty Trees. He enlisted in October 1915 at Trentham Military Camp, near Wellington. Recorded in "Forgotten Heroes of Kilrea, 1914 - 18." Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial, Longueval, Somme, France

+HULL, R

N.Z.E.F. Otago Regiment, 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 8/3821. Died 15/09/1916. Age 34. Born Dundessert, Killed on 07/09/1882. Enlisted on 06/09/1915 in Trentham, New Zealand. He had previously served with the Central Battery, Dunedin. Son of John and Catherine (nee Mulholland) Hull, of Dundesert, Crumlin, Co. Antrim. Dernancourt Communal Cemetery, France. Crumlin WM. Crumlin Presbyterian Church RH

+HULL, Reginald

London Regiment, 1st/6th Btn. (City of London Rifles). Lance Corporal. 3205. Died 15/09/1916 on the Somme. Son of James and Hester Hull, he was born in County Tyrone. In

1901 he was living with his family in Drumbee Beg, Kileen, Armagh. In 1911 he was working as a draper's assistant and living with his family in Belfast. His brother John Allingham Hull died serving with the London Rifles on 22/02/1918. Theipval Memorial, France

+JONES, John Horden

London Regiment (Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles). 15th Btn. Private. 4123. Died 15/09/1916. Age 21. Born at Belfast. Son of John M. and Mary E. Jones (nee Horden), of 165, Inderwick Rd., Hornsey, London. Cerisy-Gailly French Cemetery, France

+KIRKPATRICK, John Parker

Canadian Mounted Rifles, 5th Btn. Company Sergeant Major. 110300. Died 15/09/1916. "He had brought in two wounded men and was in the act of bringing in the third when he was killed instantly" - Belfast News Letter 16/10/1916. Born in Crumlin, Co. Antrim, on 13/07/1875. He enlisted in Montreal on 04/02/1915 having served previously with the Imperial Yeomany, 17th. Btn. He had worked as a salesman. Son of Arthur and Janette (nee Parker) Kirkpatrick, of Crumlin. Husband to Violet who lived in Canada. Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Family headstone, Glenavy Parish Church.

+LOWRY, William Henry Dunn

New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 1st/3rd (The Earl of Liverpool's Own). Rifleman. 23/197. Died 15/09/1916 in the battle for Flers-Courcelette. This was part of the on-going struggle on the Somme front and the first time the Kiwi's had gone to battle with tanks in support. By 1430 hours the casualties

were horrific. Sometime that afternoon Harry Lowry died. He joined the thousands of other young men whose bodies were never found. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial near where he fell. He had emigrated and later enlisted at Waitangi, Auckland. He was the 27-year-old son of William James and Sarah Lowry, of Cloughcor, Bready. Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial, Longueval, Somme, France. 2nd Donaghedy Presbyterian Church RH

+MacLAUGHLIN, James Bernard

Otago Regiment, N.Z.E.F. 2nd Btn. Private. 23/1754. Died 15/09/1916. He survived Gallipoli. Son of Daniel and Mary MacLaughlin, of Breezemount, Coleraine. Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial. Coleraine WM

+MacLURG, William

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment). Lance Corporal. 475368. Died 15/09/1916. Age 19. Born in Ardstraw, County Armagh. Educated at Royal School, Dungannon. Son of the Rev. A. MacLurg and Mrs. N. N. MacLurg, of The Manse, Sligo, Ireland. Vimy Memorial, Arras, Pas de Calais, France. RSD memorial book.

+MARTIN, James

Canadian Infantry. 27th. Private. 460848. Died 15/09/1916. Age 36. Born 1886 to John and Hessy Martin, of The Lodge, Drumaness, Ballynahinch, Co. Down. Vimy Memorial, France

+McCOMBE, John Robert

Canadian Infantry, 18th Btn (Western Ontario Regt).
Corporal. 53364. Died 15/09/1916. Age 35. Worked as a
post boy. Emigrated to Canada. Enlisted 02/11/1914. Son of
Robert and Jane McCombe, of Tullyvernon, Clogher, Co.
Tyrone. Vimy Memorial, France. Clogher WM

+McMINN, Thomas

New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 4th Btn. Rifleman. 26/195. Died
15/09/1916. Age 28. Enlisted 15/10/1915. Son of Mrs. M. J.
McMinn, Crossdernet Rock, Dungannon. His brother
Jeremiah also served with the NZEF and survived the war.
Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial, Longuevalle,
Somme, France.

+MacNAGHTEN, Arthur Douglas

Rifle Brigade Brigade. 8th Btn. 2nd Lieutenant. Died
15/09/1916. Aged 19. 2nd Lieutenant Sir Arthur Douglas
MacNaghten was born in Bushmills 25/01/1897. Son of the
late Hon. Sir E. C. MacNaghten, 5th Bart., K.C., D.L., of
Dundarave, Bushmills and the Hon. Lady MacNaghten of
Berkshire. Educated: Wellington College and Trinity College,
Cambridge. Brother of 2nd Lieutenant Sir Edward Harry
MacNaghten 6th Bart. 1st Battalion Black Watch attached to
12th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. Killed in Action 01/07/1916.
Aged 20 Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval, France.
Commemorated in Dunluce Parish Church

+MOORE, Francis Wright

London Regiment, 2nd Btn. (Royal Fusiliers). Lance
Corporal. 2264. Died 15/09/1916. Age 34. Born Cottontown,
Mallusk on 27/06/1882. Enlisted London. Prior to enlisting
he worked for Whiteley's, London. Son of William Moore, of

Cottonmount, Co. Antrim. His next of kin was his cousin Agnes Higginson, Donegall Rd., Belfast. Gove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, France

+MOORE, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn. Rifleman. 6/2577. Died 15/09/1916. Age 18. Son of Margaret Moore, of 18, Clonavon Rd., Ballymena, Co. Antrim, and the late Andrew Moore. Struma Military Cemetery, Greece

+MORROW, William Edward

Royal Fusiliers. 26th Btn. Private. 23028. Died 15/09/1916. Age 21. Son of Robert and Jane Morrow, of Bolusty, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh. Thiepval Memorial, France. Londonderry Diamond WM

+QUIGLEY, Samuel Andrew

Irish Guards, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 3631. Died 15/09/1916 at Battle of Flers–Courcelette on the Somme. His brother John (19699) died on the opening day of the Somme Offensive on 01/07/1916 19699, with 'A' Company 10th (Service) Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, (Derry Volunteers). Son of Robina Quigley, of Bogagh, New Buildings, Co. Derry, and the late James Quigley. Both brothers are commemorated on Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France. Lower Cumber Presbyterian Church RH, The "Last Post Memorial" 1st Battalion North Derry U.V.F. Memorial, Glendermott Parish Church, Londonderry.

+RAINEY, J

Canadian Infantry, 27th Btn. Private. 71838. Died 15/09/1916. Age 32. Native of Belfast. Son of James and

Margaret Rainey, of Glencoe, Dunmurry, Co. Antrim.
Courcelette British Cemetery, France.

+SCOTT, Robert Henry

Canadian Infantry, 28th Btn. Private. 74281. Died 15/09/1916. Age 42. He had also served in the 60th Rifles (Moose Jaw) previously. He was born in either Ballymena or Belfast. B.A. (Royal University of Ireland), probably in Law. Robert Scott emigrated to Canada. Son of William and Matilda Scott, of McKee's Terrace, Dungannon Vimy Memorial, Arras, Pas de Calais, France. Second Presbyterian Church, Dungannon RH

+WHITE, William

Irish Guards, 1st Btn. Private. 8192. Died 15/09/1916. Brother of Robert, Royal Irish Rifles (7896), who died 10/08/1917. Son of Samuel White, Knockboy, Broughshane. Thiepval Memorial, France

1917

+DEVLIN, William John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 4th Btn. Private. 28901. Died 15/09/1917. Aged 18. Son of Mrs. Annie Lucy, of Derryscobe, Letterbreen, Co. Fermanagh, and the late Samuel Devlin. Rossorry C of I churchyard

+GOLDSWORTHY, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 17727. Died 15/09/1917. Age 20. Born Irish Gate, Carrickfergus in 1897. John was the son of John and Margaret Goldsworthy of Irish Quarter South, Carrickfergus – he was brother to Thomas,

Henry, Edith, Margaret, Ethel and Doris. Prior to the war John worked with his father as a labourer to a bricklayer in the town. The entire family were members of St Nicholas Church of Ireland. Sergeant Herbert 'Bertie' Hamilton writing home furnishes some particulars of the way in which Rifleman Goldsworthy met his death. He writes "I am very sorry to say John Goldsworthy has been killed. He was asleep in a small dug-out with another chap when a trench mortar fell between his dug-out and one two of our officers were in. The officers escaped but are shell shocked and were buried in muck. The other chap with John was not buried so deep and he was got out in time but is badly bruised. John was dead when he was got out. I think it was suffocation and shock that killed him, it must have been instantaneous. Everything was done to get him dug out at once, but alas he was dead when got out. Poor chap, very sorry I was to look at him, not a mark on him. It has upset us all for we all thought him the best of company." Sergeant Hamilton was also a Carrickfergus man, within 3 months he too would be killed at the front. His commanding officer Captain T S Adamson in a letters written to his parents says - "Dear Mr and Mrs Goldsworthy – It is with feelings of deepest sympathy that I have to write to inform you of the death of your son in action yesterday, (14/9/17). I have known him since the very early days when the Division was formed, he then being in my platoon, and I always looked on him as one of my smartest and best soldiers. He was always most cheerful, bright and willing so I can readily understand how heavy this blow is to you both. You can, however, look back with melancholy pleasure to the fact that he volunteered to defend the best ideals of our homeland against a cruel and tyrannous enemy. I had just made him one of my orderlies. I am asked by all the officers, N.C.O's

and men of the company to tender you their most sincere sympathy." Hermies British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. St Nicholas Church of Ireland WM Bell Tower

+HANLAN, David

RN. Leading Seaman. 206086. SS Ravensworth. Drowned following collision at sea. Died 15/09/1917. Age 36. Enrolled 05/09/1899 for 12 years. Served to 26/06/1905. Joined RFR 27/06/1905. Re-enrolled to serve to 04/09/1916. Served 13/07/1916 - 15/09/1917. War service in Leviathan, Victory, Iron Duke. Excellent and President II. Born Belfast 05/09/1881. Son of David and Ellen Hanlan; husband to Lillie Jane Hanlan, Cross St., Holyhead. Ballantrae Parish Churchyard. ADM 188/359/206086

+SHANNON, John Francis

Irish Guards, 1st Btn. Private. 3327. Died 15/09/1917. Age 29. Native of Bawnboy, Co. Cavan. Son of Thomas Shannon, of 21, Calvin St., Belfast. Canada Farm Cemetery, Belgium

1918

+LEGG, Charles

Royal Engineers. 203rd Field Company. Second Lieutenant. Died 15/09/1918. Age 24. Educated at RBAI and QUB. Charles Legg was listed as a 17-year-old undergraduate at QUB in the 1911 Ireland Census. He was a member of the UOTC and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1914. He enlisted in June 1915, receiving his commission with the Royal Engineers in January 1917 and was serving as a Second Lieutenant with the 203rd Field Company, Royal

Engineers when he died in a riding accident on 15/09/1918. In a statement, Lt Tate of the Royal Engineers said, "2nd Lt Legg and I were riding from the Company Camp to the CRE's office at Bavinchove on duty and when crossing a field, Lt Legg's horse bolted with him and he was thrown against a tree. Captain Lavington RAMC and his orderly were riding with me at the time and attended to Lt Legg after the accident until the arrival of the ambulance which was immediately sent for. The doctors did all they could but he died from a fracture of the ribs on the right side with internal injuries accompanied by severe shock". Legg Park in Carrickfergus was built on the site of CM Legg's boatyard and is dedicated to the memory of Charles Legg. Charles Legg Drive in the Victoria Road area of Carrickfergus is also named after him. He is buried in the Arneke British Cemetery in France. First Carrickfergus Presbyterian Church PCI - RH. RBAI WM

1940

Battle of Britain - these from Northern Ireland served

15th September is Battle of Britain Day. Around 28 Ulstermen flew with the Royal Air Force in the Battle of Britain. Of these 7 were killed in the battle with a further 11 being killed before the end of the War.

Records show that, including Ground Crew, a total of 72 men and women from Northern Ireland died during the Battle of Britain.

On 26/07/2010 Flight Lieutenant Harry Clarke died aged 92 and the last of our Battle of Britain heroes.

Harry had attended school on the Ballygomartin Road in Belfast and joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in July 1939, prior to the outbreak of War, aged 22. The holder of the Air Efficiency Award he flew with 610 Squadron in Spitfire DW-D.

+Sergeant S Ireland - killed July 12, 1940
+Sergeant J.B Thompson - killed July 31, 1940
+Squadron Leader A.D.J Lovell - killed August 17, 1945
+Pilot Officer D Whitley - killed August 28, 1940
+Pilot Officer A.W.V Green - killed September 11, 1940
+Sergeant S.A Fenemore - killed October 15, 1940
+Pilot Officer M.I.D Green - killed October 20, 1940
+Wing Commander J.V.C Badger - killed June 30, 1941
Wing Commander K.W MacKenzie - survived the war
Squadron Leader W.W McConnell - survived the war
+Sergeant V.H Skillen - killed March 11, 1941
+Sergeant J.K Haire - killed November 6, 1940
+Sub Lieutenant W Beggs - killed November 15, 1942
Flight Lieutenant M Cameron - survived the war
+Sergeant T.C.E Berkley - killed June 14, 1941
Air Vice Marshal F.D Hughes - survived the war
Squadron Leader N.H Corry - survived the war
Flight Lieutenant H.R Clark - survived the war
Squadron Leader R.R Wright - survived the war
+Sergeant J McCann - killed February 20, 1941
+Wing Commander FV Beamish - went missing in action on a patrol over the English Channel 28 March 1942.
+Sergeant J McAdam - killed February 20, 1941

+Pilot Officer CR Montgomery - killed August 14, 1941

1941

+BRISCOE, John David Mervyn

RN. Lieutenant. HMS Heron. Died 15/09/1941. Age 23. Son of Edward and Helen Briscoe, Newcastle. Husband to Eve Briscoe. East Chinnock (St Mary) Churchyard. St John's Parish Church RH, Newcastle

+MAXWELL, John Harold

RAFVR. Aircraftman 1st Class. 1063559. Died 15/09/1941. Aged 31. 968 Balloon Squadron. Son of T. J. Maxwell and Abigail Maxwell of Kircubbin. Kircubbin Presbyterian Churchyard

1942

+WATSON, Ernest

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1073521. Died 15/09/1942. Aged 32. 218 Squadron, He took off from RAF Downham Market, Norfolk, England on Short Stirling N3725 HA-D at 1955hrs on 14/09/1942. The mission with R.A.F. 218 (Gold Coast) Squadron was a night-time bombing raid on Wilhelmshaven, Germany. It was the 31st such mission for the Short Brothers built plane, known as Mamprusi. Each bomber in 218 Squadron had a name that referenced the peoples and places of the Gold Coast. On its return, the bomber suffered the loss of the outer starboard engine over the target. Pilot Officer Frankcombe nursed the stricken plane homewards. The inner starboard engine also failed on the approach to landing. This caused the plane to spin while attempting to

land. It came down at 00:55hrs at Brandon, one mile east of Stoke Ferry, Norfolk, England. A total of 6 crew members died as a result of the incident and a further 2 sustained injuries. Son of William and Maria Watson; Nephew of Ellen Robinson of Bangor. Bangor Cemetery

1943

+BRADLEY, Eugene

Reconnaissance Corps, 18th (5th Bn. The Loyal Regt.) Regt. Trooper. 3859146. Died 15/09/1943. Aged 23. Son of James and Catherine Bradley, of Omagh. Singapore Memorial, Singapore

+HOLLYWOOD, David Francis Apperson

RNVR. Sub-Lieutenant (A). FAA 794 Squadron. Died 15/09/1942. Aged 20. RNAS Dale/HMS Goldcrest in Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. 'Frank' was flying a Sea Hurricane of 794 Squadron from the RNAS airfield at Dale in Wales when the engine caught fire on taking off on an exercise. He force landed the aircraft which over-ran into an adjoining field and caught fire, killing him. Campbell College, QUB OTC. Transferred to University Air Squadron. Born 21/03/1923. Son of David Hollywood and Eileen Hollywood of Bangor. Frank's brother AJ Hollywood also served in the Fleet Air Arm. Two of their uncles, James Hollywood and Arthur Hollywood from Belfast, Co. Antrim both died on the first day of The Battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916. Campbell College. Bangor New Cemetery, Section 7Q. First Bangor Presbyterian Church WM, Campbell College WM, QUB WM

+SMYTH, John Reginald Walter

Royal Artillery. Gunner. 872147. Died 15/09/1943. Aged 23. 7 Coast Regt. died as a Japanese Prisoner of War forced to work on the Thailand - Burma Railway. Son of John and Mary Smyth, of Waterside, Londonderry. Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Saeng Chuto Road, Kanchanaburi, Thailand. Family memorial Carnmoney Cemetery

+SWANN, John White

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1131447. Died 05/09/1943. Aged 31. 107 Squadron, Son of Andrew and Jeannie Swann; Husband to Rosetta Brown Swann of Glenarm. Glenarm New Cemetery

1944

+SHIELDS, Joseph

Royal Scots. 8th Btn. Private. 6978374. Died 15/09/1944 in the fierce fighting associated with the crossing of the Meuse-Escaut Canal during the first three weeks of September 1944. Age 27. Son of John and Mary Jane Shields, of Upperlands, Co. Londonderry. Kasterlee War Cemetery, Kasterlee, Antwerp, Belgium

+SMITH, Marjorie Mary

Auxiliary Territorial Service. Private. W/52292. Died 15/09/1944. Aged 21. Daughter of Matthew and Margaret Smith, of Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery

Remembering also -

In 2007 **Major General Sir Jeremy Moore, Royal Marines**, died aged 79. The British Land Commander during the Falklands War

who received the Argentine surrender. He was also the third generation of his family to win the Military Cross.

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