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**On this day in 1945, Japan unconditionally surrenders to the Allies. The ceremony takes place aboard the American battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. The Second World War, which began exactly six years and one day earlier, is officially over.**

## **On this day - HMS Caroline officer was present at the surrender of the Japanese navy in Tokyo Bay**

**John Edward Robinson. HMS Caroline. RNVR. Commander. OBE. Served 1939-46. Commander of the Ulster Division 1957.**

A Master Mariner, he joined the RNR 1939. He served as Midshipman in HMS Wolfe on the Northern Patrol and Atlantic convoy.

Promoted to Sub - Lieutenant 1940 and to Lieutenant in 1942 when in HMS Hastings. Later in 1942 he was appointed to Captain 'Johnnie' Walker's renowned Second Escort Group as Navigating Officer in HMS Wren, and took part in some of the fiercest anti-submarine actions of the Battle of the Atlantic, before being transferred to the Pacific in 01/1944 as Navigating Officer of the escort carrier HMS Ruler in which capacity he was present at the surrender of the Japanese navy in Tokyo Bay on 02/09/1945.

Demobbed in 04/1946 he joined the Royal Mail Line as a Second Officer.

In 1950 he 'left the sea' and transferred to RNVR, Ulster Division, where he was soon promoted to Lt. Commander and awarded the RNR Decoration. When he assumed command of the Ulster Division in 1957, the post-war transformation of the Naval Reserves was nearly complete with the amalgamation of the RNVR and the RNR. Captain Robson's period of command was one of consolidation.



**Aboard USS Missouri Admiral Fraser signs on behalf of the UK in a ceremony organised by the Royal Navy Liaison Officer, Cdr Le Fanu. Note the wooden chairs, taken from HMS King George V, as US only has metal ones.**

A highlight of that time was the centenary celebrations of the original RNR in 10/1959 when Belfast enjoyed a “Navy Week”.

The frigate HMS Duncan and the submarine HMS Thule visited the port and together with HMS Kilmorey, the Ulster Division’s ship, were open to the public.

The Royal Marine Band of Plymouth Command beat retreat on the lawn at RBAI. An exhibition was held in the Drill Hall

of the OTC at QUB and the celebrations ended with a Centenary Parade through Belfast to St Anne's Cathedral for a Trafalgar Day Thanksgiving Service.

John Robinson was Chairman of the NI Sea Cadet Corps from 1962 - 78. Born 09/09/1920, he was the son of EG Robson. Gilnahirk Road, Belfast. He was educated at Campbell College

## On this Day – September 2

### 1917

German attempts to recover lost positions at Hurtebise (Aisne) reportedly fail.

The Germans attack British advance posts near Havrincourt.

### 1918

CSM Martin Doyle from New Ross, extricated his surrounded company of men, carried wounded officers to safety and singlehandedly took an enemy MG post and prisoners. He was awarded the Victoria Cross. He later joined the IRA as an IO in Clare.

### 1939

Within the area of the Free City of Danzig the Germans began the construction of Stutthof. Max Pauly became its commandant. Between 1939-45 ca. 110k people were imprisoned there. 65k people were killed (incl. 30-32k Poles and 28k Jews). Photo below.





**1940**



Sergeant Josef Frantisek, a Czech flying with No. 303 (Polish) Squadron, claimed his first kill, a Messerschmitt 109. Less than a month later he had claimed 16 more, becoming the top ace in the Battle of Britain.



**1942**

The British Hawker Tempest flew its first successful test flight. The Tempest emerged as one of the most powerful fighters of World War II and was the fastest single-engine propeller-driven aircraft of the war at low altitude.



## 1943

Supermarine Spitfire BM531 PK-V sustained damage en route to Belfast. The Mark V fighter plane was on a transport ferry in the hands of a Polish Pilot. Flight Sergeant Jerzy Malec returned to duty uninjured

## 1944

Holocaust diarist Anne Frank was sent to Auschwitz concentration camp.

The first Allied troops entered Belgium, forces of the 2nd Canadian Division.

The liberation of Belgium seemed imminent until December 16, 1944, when Germany launched the Ardennes offensive.





**1945**



The Empire of Japan signed its official surrender aboard USS Missouri, marking the end of World War II.

**September 2 - North Irish Horse colonel won VC rallying infantry in WW1**





Lieutenant Colonel Richard Annesley West from Co. Fermanagh was on secondment from the North Irish Horse to the Tank Corps. He was killed in action at Courcelles, France, aged 40, on 2 September 1918 when he rallied infantry who had become disorientated in dense fog. He encouraged them with the words - "Stick it, Men; Show Them Fight". For his action he was awarded the Victorious Cross. He was the holder of the DSO & Bar, and the MC.

The "London Gazette" announced that his Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Victoria Cross to the late Lieut-Colonel Richard Annesley West, D.S.O., M.C., North Irish Horse, attached to the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Tank Corps --

"For most conspicuous bravery, leadership, and self-sacrifice.

"During an attack, the infantry having lost their bearings in the dense fog, this officer at once collected and reorganised any men he could find, and led them to their objective in face of heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout the whole

action he displayed the most utter disregard of danger, and the capture of the objective was in a great part due to his initiative and gallantry.



“On a subsequent occasion it was intended that a battalion of light tanks under the command of this officer should exploit the initial infantry and heavy tank attack. He therefore went forward in order to keep in touch with the progress of the battle, and arrived at front line when the enemy were in process of delivering a local counter-attack. The infantry battalion had suffered heavy officer casualties, and its flanks were exposed. Realising that there was a danger of the battalion giving way, he had once rode out in front of them and are extremely heavy machine gun and rifle fire and rallied the men. In spite of the fact that the enemy were close upon him he took charge of the situation and detailed non-commissioned officers to replace officer casualties. He then rode up and down in front of them in face of certain death, encouraging the men and calling to them: "Stick it, men; show them fight; and for God's sake put up a good fight." He fell riddled by machine-gun bullets.

“The magnificent bravery of this very gallant officer at the critical moment inspired the infantry to redoubled efforts, and the hostile attack was defeated”.



Richard West had served during the Boer War as a trooper with the Imperial Yeomanry and remained in South Africa until the outbreak of World War 1. He obtained his first commission in Kitchener's Fighting Scouts. He became a lieutenant in the North Irish Horse on 04/09/1914, and served with that regiment in France and Flanders, being twice mentioned in despatches, first by Viscount

French, and on the second occasion by Sir Douglas Haig. He was seconded for service with the Tank Corps in 1917, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order in the New Year Honours of 1918.

He was husband to Maude E West of 14 Trafalgar Square Chelsea London. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. Augustus George West and Sarah West of White Park, County Fermanagh, and a grandson of the late Rev. W. J. West, M.A., of Ederney, County Fermanagh, and Balix and Legcloghlin, County Tyrone. Born on 26th September, 1878, He married on 16th July, 1909, Maude Ethel, second daughter of Mr. Henry William Cushing. Colonel West's eldest brother, Mr. Erskine Eyre West, Barrister-at-Law (formerly a captain in the Londonderry Royal Garrison Artillery), was Deputy Registrar of the Irish Land Commission. His second brother, Mr. Augustus W. West was an Assistant Land Commissioner. He is buried at Mory Abbey Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais

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- of a portrait of Lt Col HEN Bredin DSO, MC, OC 2 London Irish Rifles in 1944.
- He wrote - "I want to convey to you how much that I feel that my DSO is a tribute to the Inniskilling rather than a matter of personal consideration.
- I should like to thank all these soldiers, who made it so easy for me to deliver the goods" - In the Italian campaign.





## Roll of Honour – September 2

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1914**

**+WEIR, Armour**



Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private 8992. Died 02/09/1914 of wounds. Age 24. On 26/08/1914, Private Weir was wounded and taken as a prisoner of war. Born 28/09/1889. Eldest son of George and Isabella Weir. The oldest of three children, all born in the Moy area. The Weir family lived in the Square in the Moy. George Weir was a boot-maker. Armour was living in Belfast when he enlisted. Son of Mrs. Isabella Weir, of 38, Tyne St., Belfast. Porte-de-Paris Cemetery, Cambrai, France. Moy WM

**1916**

**+BROWN, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. Rifleman. 4731. Died from gas on 02/09/1916. Age 20. He embarked for France from Bordon Camp in October 1915. Born in Lisburn, he lived firstly in Connolly Row. Son of Samuel Brown, of 35, Sprucefield, Lisburn. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

**+DUFF, Guy**

Royal Field Artillery. Captain. Died 02/09/1916. In active service since August, 1914. He was hit by shrapnel in the right shoulder on the 13/07/1916 and died of the wounds. Only son of Mr. Duff, R.M. Captain Guy Duff, was in active service since August, 1914. St. Andrew's Eastern Cemetery, Fifeshire, Scotland.

**+LYNESS, Harold**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 02/09/1916 from gunshot wounds the previous day near Spring Street Trench.. Age 21. RBAI. Eldest son of Joseph

and Jane Lyness, of 88, Fitzroy Avenue, Belfast. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. RBAI WM

**+McCLELLAND, William**

Royal Garrison Artillery. 9th Siege Bty. Gunner. 17361. Died 02/03/1916. Age 29. Son of William and Anna McClelland; husband to Rebecca McClelland of 19, Factory Lane, Lurgan. Peronne Road Cemetery, Maricourt, France France

**+REA, J**

Royal Irish Rifles, 8th Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 11302. Died 02/09/1916. Age 25. Son of James and Elizabeth Rea, of 187, Beersbridge Rd., Belfast. Ration Farm (La Plus Douve) Annexe, Belgium

**+SMITH, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. Rifleman. 3676. Died 02/09/1916. Aged 20. Son of Thomas and the late Julia Smith of Dollingstown, Lurgan. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

**1917**

**+CLARK, William**

Royal Scots. 2nd Btn. Private. 31310. Died 26/09/1917. Age 20. Son of George and Margaret Clark, of Garvaghy, Portglenone, Co. Antrim. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+WRIGHT, R**

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 217th Coy. Serjeant. 17772. Died 02/09/1917. Husband of Martha Wright, of 9, Roxburgh St., Belfast. St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France

## 1918

### **+ALLEN, John**

Canadian Infantry, 54th.Btn. Private. 237438. Died 02/09/1918. Age 44. Emigrated to Canada and on enlistment was living with his wife Ellen at 75 Boulton Ave., Toronto. Their son Samuel enlisted in July 1915 and was also serving in the trenches. John was the son of Samuel and Martha Allen of Greenan, Loughgall, Co. Armagh. Dury Mill British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Salters Grange C of I WM

### **+ARBUCKLE, H H**

Royal Irish Regiment, 2nd Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 02/09/1918. Age 26. Son of the late Hugh and Mrs. Arbuckle, of Londonderry; husband to Mary Helen Arbuckle, of 131, Belmont Rd., Belfast. Queant Road Cemetery, Buissy, France

### **+BALL, David Harris**

Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 28th Btn. Private. 7256. Died 02/09/1918. Age 38. Born at Dromara, Co. Down in about 1880, he was educated at the Belfast Model School and Dublin Training College, and was a teacher by profession. He emigrated to Australia in about 1902 at the age of 22 and lived with his wife Eva Ella and son Hector at Greenbushes, Western Australia where he taught in the local school. Enlisted at Bunbury, W.A. between 02 and 21/03/1917. He entered Blackboy Hill camp for training on the 16/05/1917. Posted to 28 Australian Infantry A.I.F. on 09/01/19, he took his final leave between the 28 and 30/01/1918. Sailed from Freemantle on the R.M.S. Ormond on 13/03/1918 he reached Suez on 04/04/1918. After spending nearly four

weeks at the Australian camp there, he embarked for England from Port Tewfik on the “Ellenga” on 30/04/1918. Arrived at Southampton on 15/05/1918. Left England from Folkestone on 08/08/1918, he landed at Le Havre on the 10/08/1918 leaving there for the front two days later. Arriving with his unit on the 15/08/1918, he went into action on 29/08/1918. He died in action at Mont St. Quentin on 02/09/1918. Son of John and Martha Ball of Mullaughdrin, Dromara Co. Down; husband to Eva E. Ball, of Broomehill, Western Australia. Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, France

### **+BLAIR, Alexander**

North Irish Horse. Private. 71699. Died 02/09/1918. Age 25. Son of Alexander and Mary Blair. Born at Ligoniel, Belfast, the fourth of ten children of commercial clerk Alexander Blair and his English-born wife Mary (nee Clarke). By 1911 he was living with his family at Wellesley Avenue, Belfast and working as a commercial clerk (building). They later lived at 18 Stranmillis Road. Blair enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Antrim between 8 February and 19 April 1916 (regimental number between 2111 and 2147 – later Corps of Hussars No.71699). He was sent to France as a reinforcement for one of the squadrons of the 1st North Irish Horse Regiment between 1916 and 1918.

In February-March 1918 the 1st North Irish Horse was dismounted and re-formed as V Corps' cyclist regiment. They saw action from 21/08/1918 on the Somme front during the Advance to Victory offensive. According to its war diary, from 21 to 31 August it lost two officers wounded, seven other ranks killed, one missing believed killed and 25 wounded.



Blair was probably one of the men wounded at this time. He was evacuated to No.59 Casualty Clearing Station at Varennes but died there on 2 September.

The *Northern Whig* of 8 November 1918 reported that John Blair had donated £50 to the Royal Victoria Hospital in memory of his younger brother Alexander. The following week the paper reported that Private Blair's parents had donated £50 to name a bed "In memory of Alexander Blair, North Irish Horse, Killed in Action 2nd September, 1918." Varennes Military Cemetery, Somme, France

### **+BROWN, James**

NZEF. Otago Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn. Private. 65594. Died 02/09/1918. Son of James Brown and his wife Margaret, of Corkermain(e), Cairncastle, Co. Antrim. James Brown, who said he was born on the 20 February 1879, had been farming in New Zealand for seven/eight years and had his own farm at Otangiwai, Taumarunui, North Island. He enlisted on the 28 July 1917 and his records show that he was 5' 6 ¼ " tall with hazel eyes and black hair. He trained in New Zealand until the 30 December 1917. He went overseas aboard HMNZT 99, Athenic, on the 31 December 1917 from Wellington, disembarked in Glasgow, and marched into No 4 Camp, Larkhall, Salisbury Plain on 26/02/1918. He moved to Sling Camp on the 6 April and went to France in May 1918. He served for a time with the 2nd Entrenching Battalion but moved to the 4th Company, 2nd Otago Battalion on the 28/08/1918. His military career was very short and he was killed in action on 02/09/1918. This was the second phase of the battle of Amiens, the British offensive often taken to be the turning point of the First World War on the Western Front. Brown's only visit

home had been early in May 1918. He was survived by two brothers in New Zealand and two on active service with the New Zealand Force. Bancourt British Cemetery, Baupaume. Cairncastle Presbyterian Church WM

**+CAMPBELL, Alan Robert Sinclair**

Canadian Infantry, 72nd Btn. British Columbia Regiment. Private. 103035. Died 02/09/1918. Born 21/09/1897, Tilchet, Cashmire, North India. Son of Col. Alan James Campbell, DSO, and Mary Grace Montgomery Campbell, Lisvarna, Ballycastle. Vimy Memorial, France. Ballycastle WM, Ramoan Parish Church RH, Ballycastle

**+CASSIDY, William Lindsay**

Canadian Army Medical Corps. 2nd Field Amb. Private. 526924. Died 02/09/1918. Age 28. Born at Urney St., on Shankill Rd., Belfast on 06/10/1889. He enlisted in Montreal on 31/03/1917. He was a theological student living at the Congregational College, 58 Mc Tavish St., Montreal. Son of John and Anna (nee Lindsay) Cassidy, of Ivy Dene, Ballygomartin Rd., Belfast. Quebec Cemetery, Cherisy, France. Ballyclare WM. Kilbride C of I RH

**+CLARKE, James Burford**

South Lancashire Regiment. 4th Btn. att'd. 12th Btn. Somerset Light Infantry. Second Lieutenant. Died 02/09/1918. Age 23. Member of the QU Training Corps 1916. Son of James and Alice Clarke, of "Redwoods," Cockerham Lane, Barnsley. Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, Picardie, France. QUB RH

**+CLARKE, Robert John,**

12th Royal Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 243. Died 02/09/1918. Aged 21. Enlisted Belfast, Born in Randalstown and lived in Taylorstown. Robert was brought up by his grandparents, Charles and Mary Ann Underwood, Groggan, Randalstown. Nieuwkerke Churchyard, Belgium. Grange Presbyterian Church RH.

**+GOURLEY, D**

RMLI. PLY/15688. RM. Battalion. RND. Died 02/09/1918. Age 27. In France from 26/03/1918. Enrolled Belfast 10/06/1912. Born Belfast 09/01/1895. Son of Samuel Gourley, Johnstone St., Wilson St., Belfast. Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Panel 1. ADM 159/157/15688 03

**+DUNLOP, W**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 8723. Died 02/09/1918. Age 29. Son of Mary Dunlop, of 14, Clanmorris St., Belfast. Ste. Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, France

**+FRYER, William John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Lance Corporal. 41089. Died 02/09/1918. Age 27. Son of David and Annie Fryer, of Belfast. Mieuwkerke (Neuve Eglise) Churchyard, Belgium

**+GREER, George**

Canadian Infantry, 75th Btn. Private. 201602. Died. 02/09/1918. Age 28. Born on 10/01/1890 at Tievenagh, Parish of Ardtrea. Son of William and Letitia (nee McIvor) Greer. In 1901 he was living on the family farm at Tamlaght, Coagh. George worked in a hardware shop in Maghera before emigrating to Canada. He and Annie, a Canadian, married in December 1915 and they had one son, George

junior, who was born in 1917. George senior enlisted in the Canadian Infantry in October 1915. During August 1918 the Canadians opened an offensive on the German front lines near the village of Dury and it was during this action that George was killed in action. It is believed that George was killed as they tried to make their way across this open countryside. Cookstown WM, Orritor Presbyterian Church  
RH

### **+GORMAN, Patrick James**

Royal Munster Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 15288. Died 02/09/1918. Age 19. Son of Mary Gorman, of 3, Nailors Row, Londonderry, and the late John Gorman. Vis en Artois Memorial, France

### **+HAWTHORN, Albert A**

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman 2534. Died 02/09/1918. Age 24. Born and resident Magheragall, enlisted Lisburn. (11th Battalion on memorial, spelt Hawthorne on CWGC). Messines Ridge British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

### **+McLEAN, George Hunter**

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 1232. Died 02/09/1918. Age 22. Son of John and Maria McLean, of Clinty Finnan, Armoy. Nieuwkerke (Neuve-Eglise) Churchyard, Belgium

### **+McCOSH, Samuel James**

Canadian Infantry, 46th Btn, (Saskatchewan Regt). Private. 781211. Died 02/09/1918. He lived in Briercrest, Saskatchewan and was a farmer. Born 14/03/1889 at



Knockboy, Broughshane. Son of David McCosh and Lydia Speers who had married in Cloughwater Presbyterian Church on 03/10/1878. The 1901 census shows them at Carncoagh, Glenravel and the 1911 census records them living at Knockboy, Broughshane with ten children. Dury Crucifix Cemetery, France.

**+McGEEHAN, N**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. Private. 40134. Died 02/09/1918. From Londonderry. Londonderry Diamond WM

**+MERRICK, Thomas Barker**

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). 4th Btn. Captain. Died 02/09/1918. Age 25. Born at Larne, Co. Antrim. Son of the Rev. W. B. Merrick and Mary M. Merrick, of Dublin. Born at Larne, Co. Antrim. Vis - en 0 Artois British Cemetery, Haucourt, France

**+MITCHELL, James**

Royal Munster Fusiliers. Private. 5980. Died 02/09/1918. Age 22. Son of James and Margaret Mitchell, of 33, Jonesboro' St., Belfast. Milltown Roman Catholic Cemetery, Belfast

**+MONTGOMERY, S**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 2482. Died 02/09/1918. Husband to R. Montgomery, of 38, Crosby St., Belfast. Lindenhoeck Chalet Military Cemetery, Belgium

**+NICHOLSON, H**

Royal Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 13/16912. transf. to (593777) Labour Corps. Died 02/09/1918. Age 22. Son of James and Agnes Gamble Nicholson. Dromara First Presbyterian Churchyard

## **+SMYTH, W E**

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 11/6805. Died 02/09/1918. Age 21. Son of Samuel and Sarah Smyth, of 2, Railway St., Dunmurry. Le Grand Beaumart British Cemetery, Steenwerck, France

## **+WEST, Richard Annesley**

North Irish Horse, Cdg. 6th Bn. Tank Corps. Lieutenant Colonel. Died 02/09/1918. Age 40. Victoria Cross 21/08/1918, Distinguished Service Order and Bar, Military Cross, Twice Mentioned in Despatches. Served in the South African War. Son of Augustus E. and Sarah West, of Whitepark, Co. Fermanagh; husband to Maude E. West, of 14, Trafalgar Square, Chelsea, London. Mory Abbey Military Cemetery, Mory, France. See article above.

## **+WILSON, Humphrey**

Canadian Infantry. 75th Btn. Lance Corporal. 139710. Died 02/09/1918. Age 28. Humphrey enlisted in Toronto on 22/07/1915. Prior to enlisting, Humphrey was working as a presser. Born on 10/01/1890 in Ballymaguigan, Castledawson where the family lived. His father was a farmer. His mother and his elder brother William were both linen weavers. In 1910, Humphrey emigrated to Canada. Son of William and Mary Wilson, of Ballyrnaguiggan, Magherafelt. Dury Mill British Cemetery, France. Castledawson WM. Woodschapel C of I Parish Church RH

## **+WOODS, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 19831. Died 02/09/1918. Born on 30/11/1892 at Ballygrooby, Drummaul. Son of William John Woods and Jane Richardson, of Daisy

Hill, Feehogue, Randalstown. The couple, both workers in a local mill and both from Randalstown, had married in Drummaul Parish Church on the 13/10/1882. His brother also served. Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery, Belgium

**1940**

**+COBURN, Alfred Robert**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 580946, Died 02/09/1940. Age 24. 40 Sqdn. He was an Observer on Bristol Blenheim L8796 BL-C. The crew took off from RAF Wyton, Cambridgeshire on 01/09/1940. The mission was a bombing raid over Germany. On the return leg of the journey, the Blenheim struck a tree and broke in two. Alfred enlisted in the RAFVR and served as a Wireless Operator before the outbreak of WW2. Before the war, he worked for the Belfast Corporation Gas Department. He married in July 1940. Son of William J Coburn of 10 Roosevelt Street, Belfast. Brother of Cecil Coburn and Eric Coburn. Representatives from the RAF, the YMCA Bible Class, and the Belfast Corporation Gas Department attended the funeral. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina Extension,

**1941**

**+LOUGHRIDGE, Joseph Marshall**

RAFVR. Sergeant (Pilot). 1101874. Died 02/09/1941. 87 Sqdn. He was killed at 23:30 hrs on 2nd September 1941 when the Hurricane IIC Z3576 which he was flying

crashed at Kingsdown QL site in Wiltshire. The aircraft had been tasked with searchlight co-operation and was orbiting the dummy airfield beacon when he had to turn suddenly to avoid collision with another Hurricane . The turn became a spin and he spun into the ground from 500 feet. Son of Thomas and Ellen Loughridge, of Carrickfergus. Carrickfergus (Victoria) cemetery

**1942**

**+CAMPBELL, Thomas McCord**

RAFVR. Sergeant (Wireless Op./Air Gunner). 1111478. Died 02/09/1942. Aged 21. 218 Sqdn. In Short Stirling N3714 HA-Q with RAF 218 (Gold Coast) Squadron. The crew took off on 01/09/1942 from RAF Downham Market, Norfolk on a night-time raid to Saarbrücken, Germany. Pathfinders marked the wrong town, causing the RAF to bomb the small industrial town of Saarlouis. After coming under attack from a Luftwaffe night fighter, the Stirling came down near Sterrebeek, Zaventem, Belgium. Son of Robert John and Jeannie Campbell, of Portrush. Nossegem Communal Cemetery, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium

**+McLARNON, Paul**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 999862. Died 03/09/1942. Aged 22. 11 Operational Training Unit. On board Vickers Wellington DV718 flying with 11 OTU on a cross-country night flying training exercise from RAF Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire. After take-off poor weather was encountered over the Yorkshire Dales with poor visibility, low cloud and heavy rain. Descending over higher ground, the craft came down on Blake Hill, Riggs Moor, Great Whernside, Yorkshire. A fire broke out on impact destroying most of the fuselage.



Another Wellington from the same unit crashed a few miles away on the same exercise. Paul was born in Belfast.  
Milltown Roman Catholic Cemetery

### **+RIDDELL, Alexander**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 6979097. Died 02/09/1942. Age 32. Born in 1911, he was the son of Alexander Riddell and the late Margaret Riddell of Belfast.  
Rangoon War Cemetery, Myanmar

**1943**

### **+NIXON, Francis William**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1134784. Died 02/09/1943. Aged 25. He was a Wireless Operator / Air Gunner with RAF No 11 Operational Training Unit on Vickers Wellington R1451 TX-O. The Mark Ic bomber took off from R.A.F. Westcott, Buckinghamshire, England on a night-time training exercise. It crashed at 2145hrs about 5 miles from the airbase, west of the village of Pyrton, Oxfordshire, England. Son of Robert James Nixon and Emily Jane (née Brady) Nixon of Glasgow; Husband to Mary Elleanor (née Bell) Nixon of Newtownbutler. Galloon (St. Comgall) Church of Ireland Churchyard, Newtownbutler, Co. Fermanagh.

**1944**

### **+WRIGHT, Moses**

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 1st Btn. Private. 3323690. Died 02/09/1944. Aged 31. Son of Frances

Wright, and stepson of George Gibson, of Fintona. Florence War Cemetery, Italy

**1947**

**+HAMILTON, Brian**

RM. PO/X 116179. Died 02/09/1947. Age 23. Son of William and Elizabeth Hamilton, Lisburn. Holy Trinity Roman Catholic cemetery. Lisburn WM

## **VETERANS**

**ARMSTRONG, John Killen**

RNVR. Surgeon Lieutenant Commander. MB QUB 1933  
Obit BMJ 02/09/2000

**MATSON, Frederick**

RN. Died 02/09/1981. Brother of Alex Matson a Leading torpedo man who served in WW2. Served out of Ceylon. Son of Mr. And Mrs. F. Matson, Post Office House, Armagh. St Mark's Church of Ireland Cemetery, Armagh

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Day**

***We will remember them***

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