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**Parachute Regiment colours at Osterbeek, Arnhem, 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary remembrance service in 2004.**

On this day in 1915 “The Witness” a Presbyterian Church newsmagazine reports on the UVF at Clandeboy Camp similar to others at Newcastle and Ballykinlar. In 1915 the Battle of Loos begins, and the London Irish Rifles go over the top. Today we record the record of service of 52 men from NI in both wars and all services.

# On this Day – September 25

**1914**

## **Life in Clandeboys Camp**

The Witness reports - The men from provincial regiments of the U.V.F. are at Clandeboye, East Belfast is at Ballykinlar, and North, South, and West Belfast are at Donard Lodge, Newcastle, and in all there are at present about 10,000 Volunteers under canvas. Clandeboye, which is called the model camp, is situated in the beautiful grounds of Clandeboye demesne, which has been generously placed at the disposal of the military authorities by the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, who has always manifested such a deep and practical interest in the progress and equipment of the Ulster Volunteer Force. That it is an ideal spot both from a utilitarian and health standpoint is apparent to the ordinary civilian. The camp is pitched in the midst of broad fields, which afford every opportunity for extended military exercises. From a spectacular point of view the aspect is equally pleasing. Over 400 of the ordinary military bell tents have been pitched on sloping ground, and the men sleep on straw palliasses on boarded floors. The camp as a whole is represented by a rather superior class of recruit, many of whom have given up good positions and left comfortable homes in order to serve their country. Every possible facility

has been granted by the authorities for the convenience of the recruits. The messing arrangements, one of the most important factors, are completely satisfactory, and the sanitation of the camp is all that could be desired. The catering for the officers' mess is carried out to their entire satisfaction by the Ulster Menu Company, who have a permanent staff resident in camp. A plentiful supply of water, has been laid, and telephone communication with Belfast is at present being established, and will be completed in a few days. The training which the men are undergoing consists principally of drill. Reveille is sounded at 6 a.m., and from then until teatime, with intervals for meals and lectures, the recruits are principally engaged at drill. The interval between teatime and "lights out" at 10 p.m. is devoted, almost entirely to recreation. The camp is daily open to visitors.

The Witness 25/09/1914

## 1915

Allied offensive begins in Loos and Champagne. The British fleet co-operating on the Belgian coast. British attack south of La Basse Canal and five miles of enemy trenches captured, including Hohenzollern Redoubt which is stormed with partial success.

The London Irish Rifles went 'over the top' to begin the Battle of Loos. Major Beresford – blew his whistle & cried "Irish – up and over". As they walked into No-Man's Land, they kicked a football along till they reached the German trenches.

## **Farewell tribute to 2nd Royal Irish Rifles**

**Major General Haldane's farewell tribute to 2nd R Irish Rifles after they lost heavily in the diversionary attack which held the Germans in the Ypres Salient on September 25, 1915**

**Below is a report from contemporary newspaper.**

Ballymena men killed and wounded as Rifles make history

The following text is of Major General Haldane's farewell to the 2nd Btn. Royal Irish Rifles on the occasion of their removal from his command:-

Reference is made in it to the recent advance and the part taken in it by the 2nd Rifles. It was during this glorious action that 2nd Lt. Gordon Caruth was killed and Lt. S. A. Bell was wounded.

General Haldane said: "I have just got the opportunity to say a few words to you before leaving. You are going to a more quiet part of the line and you will be under an Irish General there and perhaps he will understand you better than I do.

"You have a splendid fighting record throughout the campaign, being complimented by Sir John French and General Smith Dorrien in corps orders. The fighting in this part of the line during the last few months has been very severe and this battalion has made history.

"When the history of this campaign is written the name of the 2nd RIR will be written in large print. Your commanding officer, Colonel Weir, has been promoted to a brigade, due largely to the conduct of the battalion on 25th September. Your brigadier was ordered to hold the Germans in the Ypres Salient while the other corps made the attack further south. You attacked the strongest position in the enemy's line.

"We had not enough artillery ammunition in our line to give you more support. The result was that the Germans' hidden machine guns and cleverly laid barbed wire traps were not demolished entirely. All the big gun ammunition was required further south.

"Your clever demonstration in front of this part of the line brought all the enemy's reserves to this point, thereby facilitating the offensive towards Loos. In fact, the enemy were prepared to attack but were half an hour too late. On reading the report, I found that the Royal Irish Rifles notwithstanding the enemy's preparation, not only pierced the German lines but actually held their first line trenches for 24 hours, but on account of the corps on their flanks failing to achieve their object, the battalion was unfortunately obliged to retire to their own lines, having no one in support on their flanks.

"It was a splendid bit of work and proves that Irishmen will always get to the front no matter what obstacles are in their way. On that day you filled the German trenches



with dead with that little weapon, the bayonet, which, when in an Irishman's hand is filled with life itself.

"I am sorry to lose you but one has to bow to higher authority. I suppose you are sorry to say goodbye to this spot? (laughter) The heaviest fighting has always been here so if I ever find myself in difficulties I will always count on the help of your battalion."

In this fighting the 2nd Btn RIR lost 15 officers killed, wounded and missing with a large number of the men suffering similarly.

## 1917

At Ypres the Germans penetrate between Tower Hamlets ridge and Polygon Wood. South-East London is raided by German planes. Reports of 9 killed and 23 injured. German Zeppelins attack the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire coasts injuring 3.

## 1939

More than 1,200 German planes bomb Warsaw. To this day, September 25 is remembered in Poland as "Black Monday."





**1945**

Dutch children pay their respects to the fallen and lay flowers on the graves at Oosterbeek War Cemetery.



# Roll of Honour – September 25

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1915**

**+ANDERSON, John**

Highland Light Infantry, 11<sup>th</sup> Btn. Private. 19636. Died 25/09/15. Volunteered in Glasgow. Son of David, Flushtown, Strabane. Loos Memorial, France

**+ANDERSON, William**

Highland Light Infantry. 12 Btn. Private. 17537. Died 25/09/1915. Born in Dromara, or Dromore, Co. Down, he lived in Lanark. Enlisted at Dunoon, Argyllshire. Loos Memorial, panels 108-112, Pas de Calais, France

**+ANDREWS, Robert Hutchinson**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Formerly North Irish Horse. Second Lieutenant. Died 25/09/1915. Age 27. He was one of the first to enlist after the war began, joining the North Irish Horse on 10/08/1914 (No.994). His profession at the time was civil engineer, and he was living with his family at Fernhill House, Annaclone, Banbridge. He embarked for France on 20/08/1914 with C Squadron, taking part in the retreat from Mons and advance to the Aisne. On 01/09/1915 he was appointed to the rank of trumpeter, and on 28/07/1915 was sent to the officer cadet school at St Omer



for a course of instruction. He was commissioned a month later and posted to the 1st Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. Andrews joined the regiment as it prepared to make a small-scale attack on the German trenches at Bois Grenier. The purpose was to pin down enemy reserves while the main attack took place at Loos that day, 25 September. The officer was killed when a German shell ignited a load of smoke candles brought forward for use in the attack. The Battalion diary for the day includes the following: *C & D Corps were heavily shelled from 4.30am to 3.30pm, but suffered comparatively slight casualties. 2nd Lieut Andrews was killed.* Apart from Andrews, the Battalion lost two officers wounded, 11 other ranks killed, 76 wounded and 15 missing in the day's action. Born in the parish of Ballybrick, near Banbridge, Co. Down, on 04/06/1888, son of farmer David Henry Andrews and his wife Essie (nee Hutchinson). Bois Grenier Communal Cemetery, Nord, France

### **+ARCHDALE, Nicholas James Mervyn**

Cameron Highlanders, 3rd Btn. attd. 5th Btn. Major, Died 25/09/1915. Aged 40. Son of the late Capt. Hugh Montgomery Archdale and Elizabeth Archdale. Served in the South African Campaign. Portora Royal School. Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

### **+ATKINSON, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 5863. Died 25/09/1915. Age 29. Son of the late William and Eliza Atkinson; husband of Margaret Atkinson, of 15, Blaney St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

**+BAILEY, Robert**

Royal Garrison Artillery, 379th Siege Bty. Serjeant. 5376. Died 25/09/1917. Age 36. Husband to Annie Bailey, of 13, St. Kilda St., Ravenhill Rd., Belfast. Served in the South African War. Gaza War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine (including Gaza)

**+BAXTER, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 4974. Died 25/09/1915. Age 21. Son of Margaret Baxter, of 64, Mark St., Lurgan. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

**+BERTIE, John**

Black Watch (Royal Highlanders). 9th Btn. Private. Died 25/09/1915. Age 36. Born in Lisburn, he enlisted at Dundee. Husband of Ellen Bertie, of 4, Parker's Court, King St., Dundee. Loos Memorial, France

**+BOYD, Thomas**

Highland Light Infantry, 10th Btn. Private. 904. Died 25/09/1915. Age 22. Son of Sarah Ann Sharpe, of Kimbolton Cottages, Tandragee. Loos Memorial, France. Tandragee WM

**+BROLLY, Samuel**

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. D Coy. Lance Corporal. 17216. Died 25/09/1915. Age 23. Enlisted Ballymoney. In 1901 Samuel was living in Office St., Whitehouse with his three brothers and a sister. In 1911 Samuel was living in Brick Row, Duncairn, Belfast, and was a mill worker. Son of Robert G. and Ellen Sophia (nee Caldwell) Brolly, of

Balnamore, Ballymoney. The Northern Whig reported that Robert on hearing of Samuel's death enlisted in the RIR. His four sons served. Two died. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Drumreagh Presbyterian Church RH

### **+BURNS, John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6581. Died 25/09/1915. Age 22. Son of Mrs. Ann Burns, of 16, Bell's Row, Newry. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

### **+CARUTH, James Gordon**

Royal Irish Rifles, 5th Btn. attd. 2nd Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 25/09/1915. Age 19. Son of Mr. J. D. and Mrs. C. H. Caruth, of Hougomont, Ballymena. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

### **+CORR, Joseph**

Royal Scots, 2nd Btn. Private. 2849. Died 25/09/1915. Age 34. Native of Lurgan, Husband of Bridget Corr, of 5, Queen St., Partick, Glasgow. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

### **+CUPPLES, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Captain. Died 25/09/1915. Age 20. MCB. Faculty of Medicine 1912 - 14. Member of QUB Training Corps 1913. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cupples, Malone Avenue, Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial. QUB RH

### **+CURLEY, Francis Alfred Joseph**

Royal Engineers. Lieutenant. Died 25/09/1915. Age 24. Belfast Municipal Technical Institute. QUB, B.Sc.,

Engineering, 1912. Member of the QU Training Corps 1910. Gazetted, 1914. Son of Mrs. R. Curley, "Mentmore", Lisburn Rd., Belfast, and the late Alexander Curley. Loos Memorial Panel 4., Pas de Calais, France. QUB RH

### **+DOWNEY, Albert Hill**

The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), 2nd Btn. Lance Serjeant. L/10016. Died 25/09/1915. He was 15 when he enlisted. Born in the military barracks, Armagh about 1887. His parents were Robert and Martha Downey. In 1901 the family was living in Bristol and later at 9 Durham Road, Ealing. Loos Memorial, France

### **+FINLAY, Patrick**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Serjeant. 4756. Died 25/09/1915. Age 37. Served in the South African Campaign. Son of Hugh and Jane Finlay, of Belfast. Served in the South African Campaign. White City Cemetery, Bois-Grenier, France

### **+FINLAY, Thomas**

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 10th Btn. Private. S/ 5965. Died 25/09/1915. Age 25. Son of Thomas Finlay, of Skeagh, Carnalbanagh, Broughshane, Ballymena. Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

### **+FLANAGAN, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 4835. Died 25/09/1915. Age 24. Brother of John Flanagan who died at the Somme 01/07/1916. Son of John and Matilda Flanagan,

of Newry St., Banbridge. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

**+FRY, Frederick Samuel**

Royal Sussex Regiment, 2nd Btn. B Coy. Company Serjeant Major. L/5733. Died 25/09/1915. Age 35. Son of the late Albert Edward and Harriett Annie Fry, of Hartfield, Sussex; husband to Alice Maud Fry, of 4, Dromore St., Cregagh, Belfast. Loos Memorial, France

**+GARTSIDE - TIPPING, Henry Thomas**

Lieutenant Commander. HM Yacht Sanda. Died Isle of Wight 25/09/1915. Age 67. HMS Sanda was in the Dover Patrol, a Trawlers and Minesweeping patrol. Sanda was sunk by German shore batteries off the coast of Zeebrugge, Belgium. "The death of Lieutenant Commander Gartside Tipping, R.N. reported from the front is another of those grave incidents that bring home more intimately to us here in Fermanagh the tragedy of the war. The deceased gentleman was a son of the late Captain Gartside Tipping of Rossferry, near Derrylin, one of Lough Erne's most picturesque residences, afterwards occupied by the Hon. Cyril Ward on his marriage with a daughter of the Earl of Erne. He was a brother of Mrs. Richardson, of Rossfad, with whom profound sympathy will be felt in her bereavement. The family are relatives of the Earl of Erne. The Lieutenant-Commander, although one of the oldest officers actively engaged in the British navy, being 67 years of age, gallantly offered his services on the outbreak of the war. When the present King, then Prince George, was undergoing an early course of naval instruction he was lieutenant on of the Royal yacht. For many years he was inspector of lifeboats in the Irish and West Lancashire



districts, and he was well known at the various lifeboat stations on the Antrim and Down coasts.” - Fermanagh Times 07/10/915. From Rossferry, Belturbet, Co. Fermanagh. Nieupoort Memorial, Nieuwoorts West-Vanderen, Belgium. Southport, Lancashire WM

### **+GORDON, Robert**

Royal Berkshire Regiment, 2nd Btn. 331924. 9793. Died 25/09/1915. Age 38. (Served under the false name of Thomas Sullivan). He had fought in the Second Boer War. Born in Belfast. Moved to Toronto. Enlisted Reading, England. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon, of Riverside, Antrim. White City Cemetery, Bois-Grenier, France. Antrim WM. All Saints C of I, Antrim RH

### **+GRAHAM, Robert John**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 9628. Died 25/09/1915. Age 27. Son of Mrs. Margaret Graham, of 13, Little Charlotte St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+GROGAN, George**

Gordon Highlanders, 9<sup>th</sup> Btn. Private. S/8645. Died 25/09/1915. George Grogan was born in Maghera and employed for a time by William Clark & Sons Ltd, Upperlands. Loos Memorial in Pas-de-Calais, France.

### **+JENKINS, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 2767. Died 25/09/1915. Age 18. Son of Robert and Ann Elizabeth Jenkins, of 1, Ninon St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

**+JONES, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 4938. Died 25/09/1915. Age 21. Son of William Jones, of 7, Carnegie St., Lurgan. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

**+KELLY, Bernard**

Highland Light Infantry, 10th Btn. Private. 8238. Died 25/09/1915. Age 33. Served in the South African Campaign. Eight years' service with Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Nephew of Mrs. Mary Kelly, of 51, Lepper St., Belfast. Loos Memorial, France

**+KELLY, Henry Newton**

33rd Punjabis, Indian Army. Major. Died 25/09/1915. Age 45. Son of Henry Russell and Mary Howard Kelly of Killymeal, Dungannon. Henry's father was a Dublin-born solicitor. His mother was from Dungannon. Henry spent most of his life in the Army and lived in India. Post-du-helm Military Cemetery, La Gorgue, Nord 4, France. Dungannon WM. St Anne's Church of Ireland WM

**+LAVELLE, John**

Highland Light Infantry. 10th Btn. Private. 12874. Died 25/09/1915. Age 25. Son of Charles Lavelle, a farm labourer. He was born in Ballynakelly, Coalisland. Loos Memorial, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas-de-Calais, France. Dungannon WM

**+LAVERTY, Arthur**

Highland Light Infantry, 11th Btn. Private. 19470. Died 25/09/1915. Born Ballymena, enlisted Coatbridge. Son of

Alex Laverty, Hillmount, Cullybackey. Comm. Loos Memorial. Cuningham Memorial, Pres. Church WM.

### **+LESLIE, John**

Seaforth Highlanders. 8th Btn. (Highland Light Infantry). Private. S/2589. Died 25/09/1915. Age 22. John was born on 01/02/1893 in Castledawson. The family moved to Antrim around 1898. His father was a linen weaver. Both John and his sister, like their father, were employed as linen weavers. By 1916 the family have moved back to Castledawson. Son of Robert and Margaret Leslie, of Leitrim, Castledawson, Co. Londonderry. Loos Memorial, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas-de-Calais, France; Castledawson WM



**+MACKAY, James**

Gordon Highlanders, 3rd Btn. att'd. 1st Btn. Lieutenant. Died 25/09/1915. Aged 23. RBAI. Son of W. M. and Jessie Mackay, of 63, Castlereagh St., Belfast. Born at Keiss, Caithness. Sanctuary Wood Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. RBAI WW1 WM. Family memorial, Dundonald Cemetery

**+McCALL, Alfred E**

Black Watch (Royal Highlanders). 9th Btn. Corporal. S/4366. Died 25/09/1915 near Hill 70 during the advance. Born in Keady. In 1901 was living with his family in Crossdened, Keady. By 1911 the family was residing at Bennview, Maryhill, Glasgow. Alfred was employed as a clerk in Hartwood Asylum before he enlisted. Son of Mrs J. McCall, 594 Gairbraid St., Glasgow. Loos Memorial, France

**+McCALL, Robert Alfred**

Cheshire Regiment, 9th. Btn. 2nd. Lieutenant. Died 25/09/1915. Age 23, Seapatricks Parish Church RH, Banbridge

**+McCLOY, Edward**

Seaforth Highlanders. 9th Btn. Private. S/1570. Died 25/09/1915. Age 29. The Evening Times in Scotland reported on 14/10/1915 that Private C Edward McCloy, from New Stevenston, had been killed in action. It is believed Edward McCloy was the son of Thomas and Sarah McCloy. Edward McCloy was born on 10/04/1886 in Gulladuff, near Maghera. Edward McCloy enlisted in Edinburgh, Midlothian,

Scotland. Loos Memorial, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas-de-Calais, France; Castledawson WM

### **+M'CLURG, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 5511. Died 25/09/1915. Age 27. Served 5 years in the 2nd Btn. previous to the Great War, being invalided home from India. Husband to Minnie M'Clurg, of 118, Urney St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

### **+McCRACKEN, David**

Highland Light Infantry, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 9035. Died 25/09/1915. Born on 24/07/1887 at Unshinagh, Dunloy, Co. Antrim. He was the son of James McCracken and Sarah Jane Templeton and he was one of fourteen children. He lived in Uddingston, Lanarkshire and he was a coal miner. He enlisted at Hamilton. He died in an action at Givenchy, north of Arras. Loos Memorial, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas-de-Calais, France.

### **+McCRORY, William**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn. Serjeant. 7501. Died 25/09/1915. He enlisted in Belfast. Born on 15/04/1892 at Tamnaderry, Duneane, Randalstown. Eldest son of William John McCrory, Ballycloghan, Duneane and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hutchinson, Staffordstown, Randalstown. Ypres Memorial (Menin Gate), Belgium.

### **+McGEADY, John**

KOSB. 6<sup>th</sup> Btn. C Coy. Corporal 12488. Died 25/09/1915 at Battles of Loos. Husband to Catherine McGeady, 12 Lecky Rd., Londonderry. Londonderry Diamond WM



**+McGEE, Patrick**

Cameronians (Scottish Rifles). 9<sup>th</sup>. Btn. Private. 7876. Died 25/09/1915. Age 31. He was born in Dungannon about 1884. Son of John and Mary McGee, of 47, Churchill St., Belfast; husband to Margaret Mary McGee, of 58, High St., Kilkenny. Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

**+McGILL, Owen**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 6860. Died 25/09/1915. Age 39. Born in Donaghmore, County Tyrone about 1876. Father of five and husband to Jane of Castlecaulfield town and 21 St James Place, Belfast. He was an insurance agent. His wife Jane was a linen spinner. Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium.  
Dungannon WM

**+McLEAN, Charles**

Highland Light Infantry, 10th Btn. Private. 17479. Died 25/09/1915. Born Antrim. Lived in Airdrie. Enlisted Glasgow. Served as McIlwaine. Husband to Helen. Loos Memorial, France

**+McNEIL, John**

Gordon Highlanders. 1st Btn. Private. S/2753. Died 25/09/1915. Age 35. Son of John and Isabella McNeil. He was born in Cookstown, County Tyrone on 19/12/1879. John was living and working in Cambuslang, Glasgow, when he enlisted with the Gordon Highlanders. Menin Gate, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Cookstown WM

**+MITCHELL, Robert**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 5088. Died 25/09/1915. Age 22. Son of Richard Mitchell, of 24, Clarence St., Ballymena. Menin Gate, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

**+MOAN, James Leo**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8807. Died 25/09/1915. Age 22. Son of Francis Joseph and Mary Jane Moan, of 7, Anderson St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

**+MURDOCK, William**

Black Watch. 9th Btn. Company Sergeant Major. S/3848. Died 25/09/1915. Age 42. Eldest son of Richard and Bess Murdock. He was born on 11/02/1873 in Unagh, Lissan, Cookstown. He was one of eight children. His father was a gamekeeper. His mother was servant and cook. At the outbreak of the First World War William had already served twenty-one years in the British Army. He first saw action in South Africa at the time of the Jameson raid. In July 1914 he retired on a pension and went to live in Edinburgh. When war was declared he was called up. Loos Memorial, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas-de-Calais, France. Cookstown WM, First Cookstown Presbyterian

**+NELSON, Craig**

3rd Brahmans, 1st Bn. attd. 69th Punjabis. Captain. Died 25/09/1915. Age 36. Captain Nelson was educated at Armagh Royal School, and became a subaltern in the 5th Royal Irish Rifles, of which his father was surgeon-major,

and with the 2nd R.I.R., went through the South African campaign [Boer War]. Afterwards he joined the Indian Army. On the outbreak of the war he went to Egypt, and then to the western front. He married Miss Irene Sawyer, daughter of Colonel Sawyer, Indian Army. He left two young sons. Son of the late Surgeon Maj. Edwin Field Nelson; husband of Irene Nelson, of 16, The Close, Norwich. Neuve-Chapelle memorial, Pas de Calais, France

### **+O'LONE, Walter Percy**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Captain. DCM, MiD. Died 25/09/1915. Age 25. Son of John O'Lone, of Loughins, Newtownards, Co. Down; husband to Annie O'Lone, of "Belle Vista," Ballynahinch. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

### **+POWELL, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 5073. Died 25/09/1915. Age 30. Husband of Annie Powell, of 5, Flush Place, Lurgan. Divisional Collecting Post Cemetery and Extension, Belgium

### **+RICE, Walter**

Highland Light Infantry, 10th Btn. Private. 16889. Died 25/09/1915. Age 29. Son of William John Rice, of Scarva Rd., Banbridge, Co. Down, and the late Mrs. Rice. Loos Memorial, France

### **+RITCHIE, George**

Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 1st Btn. Private. S/8351. Died 25/09/1915. Age 34. Son of George and Helen Ritchie, of 64, Carnie St., Arbroath, Forfarshire; husband to Mary

Anna Ritchie, of 91, St. Leonard St., Belfast. Dud Corner Cemetery, Loos, France

### **+ROSS, Kenneth**

Royal Irish Rifles, 4th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 25/09/1915. Age 25. Both Kenneth and his brother Melbourne Ross were killed in action on the same day during the attack on Bellewaarde in Belgium. Born on 01/09/1890 in Cultra. Son of George Harrison Ross and Henrietta Matilda Ross (nee Russ) of Cultra, Co. Down. who were married in 1881 in London. George Harrison Ross was an aerated water manufacturer. Brewing and glass-making feature prominently in the history of the Ross family. Kenneth's grandfather, William Adolphus Ross, founded the *W A Ross & Co Royal Belfast Ginger Ale and Aerated Water Manufacturing Works* in 1879.

Four of their six sons were on active service in the Great War – Melbourne, Harrison, Kenneth and Wason. Their daughter Lorna served as a Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) nurse in Malta and Salonika and, during the Second World War, she served in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF). The Voluntary Aid Detachment was an organisation formed when the British Red Cross Society linked up with the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

George Harrison Ross died on 30/09/1917 (aged 72) knowing that two of his sons, Melbourne and Kenneth, had been killed in action. Rifleman Wason Ross was killed in action some seven months after his father died. Lieutenant Harrison Ross was wounded twice during the Great War, survived and was on active service again during the Second World War.

Kenneth Ross was educated at Portora Royal School in Enniskillen, Eastman's Naval School at Winchester, Queen's University Belfast (entered 1908. He obtained a BSc degree) and London University. Kenneth worked for six months as a Research Chemist at Woolwich Arsenal. One of the articles Kenneth Ross wrote for the Journal of the Chemical Society was co-authored by Cecil Crymble. (Crymble also fought in the war and died in November 1914).

Commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium; Holywood and District War Memorial; Holywood Parish Church of Ireland Church (St Philip & St James); Glencraig Parish Church of Ireland Church (Holy Trinity); Portora Royal School Enniskillen; QUB War Memorial; QUB Book of Remembrance

### **+ROSS, Melbourne**

Royal Irish Rifles, 4th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 25/09/1915. Age 30. With his brother, he joined the Battalion in France on 30/06/1915. Both Melbourne and Kenneth Ross were killed in action on the same day during the attack on Bellewaarde in Belgium. Son of George Harrison Ross and Henrietta Ross, of Cultra, Co. Down. Brother of Second Lieutenant Kenneth Ross (See entry above) and Rifleman Wason Ross. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium; Holywood and District War Memorial; Holywood Parish Church of Ireland Church (St Philip & St James); Glencraig Parish Church of Ireland Church (Holy Trinity); Portora Royal School Enniskillen on the QUB War Memorial and QUB Book of Remembrance. Royal Ulster Yacht Club



**+SCOTT, Albert**

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 10th Btn. Private. S/1752. Died 25 /09/1915. From Larne. Loos Memorial, France

**+SMYTH, Joseph Bammer**

Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), 9th Btn. Lance Corporal. S/6812. Died 25/09/1915. Age 25. An artist. Son of the late Joseph and Isabella Smyth, of 49, Great Patrick St., Belfast. Loos Memorial, France

**+SOMERVILLE, George**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 7087. Died 25/09/1915. Age 18. Son of William and Margaret Somerville, of 99, St. Leonard's St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

**+STEELE, David**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 5543. Died 25/09/1915. Age 30. Husband to Elizabeth Steele, of 4, Rowan St., Belfast. Bois-Grenier Communal Cemetery, France

**+STEVENSON, Hugh**

Highland Light Infantry, 11th Btn. Private. 19861. Died 25/09/1915. Age 31. Husband of Margaret (nee Craig) Stevenson, of 7, Ninth St., Belfast. Loos Memorial, France

**+STEWART, Thomas**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5451. Died 25/09/1915. Age 17. Son of Mrs. Louisa Stewart, of 65, Brownlow St., Shankhill Rd., Belfast, and the late James

Stewart. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

### **+STUART, Andrew John, Viscount**

Royal Scots Fusiliers. 6th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 25/09/1915. Age 34. Eldest son of the 6th Earl Castle Stewart (late of Madras Civil Service) who succeeded to the title in 1914 and Emma Georgiana, Countess Castle Stewart, the youngest daughter of General Arthur Stevens, an Indian mutiny veteran. Loos Memorial, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas-de-Calais, France. Stewartstown Cenotaph. Donaghendry C of I RH

### **+STUART, Daniel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8956. Died 25/09/1915. Age 40. Son of Patrick Stuart; husband of the late Bridget Stuart, of 4, Alexander St., Belfast. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

### **+THOMPSON, Ezekiel**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 4872. Died 25/09/1915. Age 21. Son of Ezekiel and Mary Thompson, of 23, Hamilton St., Lurgan. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

### **+WATTERSON, Marshall**

Highland Light Infantry. 12th Btn. Private. 19892. Died 25/09/1915. Age 21. Born on 29/07/1893 in Aughrim, Ballyronan, Magherafelt. His father was a farm labourer. Marshall, like his younger brother George, was employed as a cloth stacher. In September 1914, one month after war broke out, he enlisted in Glasgow in the Highland Light

Infantry, the same regiment that his younger brother George had joined a few months earlier. Son of William John and Sarah Watterson, of Aughrim, Castledawson. Loos Memorial, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas-de-Calais, France; Castledawson WM

### **+WILLIS, John Henry (Jack)**

London Irish Rifles. Company Quartermaster Sergeant. 219. Died 25/09/1915 in action at the battle of Loos. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth. He is commemorated at the Loos Memorial and on his parents memorial at Dundonald Cemetery, County Down

### **+WOODS, William**

Highland Light Infantry. 10th Btn. Private. 17089. Died 25/09/1915 on the first day of the Battle of Loos in fighting East of Cambrin. The companies were to get out of the trenches simultaneously 40 minutes after zero and all lines move forward. The first objective was Les Briques Trench, The 2nd objective was the German 2nd line trenches, West of Haisnes. "At 0550 hours on 25/09/1915 all companies were in position and the gas cylinders were opened up. There was no breeze and the poisonous gasses hung mostly over our own trenches causing a good deal of alarm to our troops and many men suffered from its effects before going over the parapet".

At 0630 hours the attack was launched, all lines rose out of their trenches simultaneously and advanced under a very heavy machine gun rifle and shell fire. The first line were practically wiped out before they had gone 20yards, the 2nd and 3rd lines lost heavily before they reached their own 1st line. By the time all the 3 first

companies were over, the Battalion had lost 70% of the men who went over the top and about 85% of the officers. At 0645 hours 'C' company advanced about 1/4 hour afterwards and also lost heavily. The survivors of the 10th Battalion got back to their trenches at about 1130 hours and were withdrawn from the Front line trenches. Losses had been horrendous. Private William Woods body was never recovered. From Carrickfergus, St Nicholas' Parish Church Fallen. Loos Memorial, France

## 1916

### **+DALY, John E**

Irish Guards, 1st Btn. Lance Serjeant. 6463. Died 25/09/1916. Age 24. 26 Gloucester St., Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, France

### **+GALWAY, James Leathem**

Canadian Infantry, 31st Bn. Private. 101545. Died 25/09/1916. Age 20. RBAI. Son of J. L. Galway, of Ballinavally, Neills Hill, Belfast, Ireland. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France. RBAI WW1 WM

### **+KILLIPS, William**

Leicestershire Regiment. 9th Btn. Private. 25892. Died 25/09/1916 in the Somme campaign. William left Carrickfergus when he was a young teenager and moved to Stamford in Lincolnshire with his family. On the outbreak of war enlisted with the Leicestershire Regiment. His body was never recovered. He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial.

**+MATCHETT, Harry**

The King's (Liverpool Regiment), 9th Btn. Private. 4499. Died 25/09/1916. Age 20. Came from Russia to enlist. Son of Elizabeth Matchett, of 28, North Ann St., Belfast, and the late William Matchett. Theipval Memorial, France

**+McFADDEN, W**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11<sup>th</sup>. Btn. Lance Corporal. 2250. Died 25/11/1916. Age 20. Born Glarryford 25/05/1894. Member of Boyd Memorial LOL 312, Burnside, and the Order of Ancient Free Garners. Son of James and Margaret McFadden, of Moylena Banks, Muckamore. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Antrim WM. First Antrim Presbyterian Church RH

**+MULLAN, Charles**

Irish Guards, 2nd Btn. Private 9420. Died 25/09/1916. Aged 31. Born 06/10/1885 in Caledon. He was one of at least nine children. By 1901 Charles and the family were living in Belfast. Charles had left school and was working as a labourer. His father had died. By 1911 Charles was working as a hotel porter. Hotel porter pre-war. Son of Charles and Mary Ann Mullan, of 66, Hawthorn St., Belfast. Guards' Cemetery, Lesboeufs, Somme, France

**+MURRAY, Patrick**

Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), 2nd Btn. Private. 12619. Died 25/09/1916 near Vermelles.. Age 37. Enlisted Coatbridge. Native of Greencastle, Londonderry. Son of Constantine and Eliza Murray, of 124, Great George's St., Belfast. Sailly-Labourse Communal Cemetery, France



**+RAINEY, John**

Canadian Infantry. 16<sup>th</sup> Btn. Initially with 43<sup>rd</sup> Btn. (Manitoba Regiment). Private. 420451. Died 25/09/1916. His brother James also died in the war. Member of LOL 2569, Winnipeg, Canada. Son of James and Margaret (nee Lee) Rainey of Leitrim, Randalstown. Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

**+SHIELDS, A**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Private. 26052. Died 25/09/1916. Age 17. Son of Arthur and Jane Shields, of 38, Dunvegan St., Belfast. Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Belgium

**+WALKER, Joseph Henry**

Gloucestershire Regiment, 10th Btn. Lance Corporal. 22436. Died 25/09/1916. Age 26. Son of James Foster Walker and Ellen Walker, of Belfast; husband to Annie Louisa Walker, of 4, Doone Rd., Horfield, Bristol. Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, France

**1917****+BAILEY, Robert**

Royal Garrison Artillery. 379th Siege Bty. Sergeant. 5376. Died 25/09/1917. Age 36. Born on 15/06/1881 in Glenrue, Aughnacloy, he served in the Boer War. He was a Reservist living in Belfast when he was called up. At the time, he was working for Messrs W & G Baird Ltd. Belfast, employed as a

frame maker. Husband to Annie Bailey, of 13, St. Kilda St., Ravenhill Rd., Belfast. Served in the South African War. Gaza War Cemetery. Dungannon WM

**+BRADLEY, Patrick**

Royal Scots. 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 3288. Died 25/09/1917. Born at Kildress, Cookstown. Patrick enlisted in Cookstown. Perth Cemetery (China Wall), Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+CAMPBELL, John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 14097. Died 25/09/1917 at Havrincourt. A cabinet maker, he was born in Richill to Robert and Minnie Campbell. Neuville-Bourjonval British Cemetery, France

**+GILMORE, John**

Highland Light Infantry, 9th (Glasgow Hds.) Btn. Private. 331924. Died 25/09/1917. Age 31. Enlisted Glasgow. Son of Mrs. Mary Ellen Gilmore, of Park St., Ballyclare. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Ballyclare WM

**+HAGAN, Michael**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Private. 30698. Died in action at the Battle of Passchendaele on Sunday 05/08/1917. Son of John and Rosie Hagan. Michael was born in Antrim town about 1881. They lived on the family farm in Megargy, Ballymoghna, County Londonderry. Michael Hagan and Agnes McElroy married on 18/01/1910 in Cookstown. They had at one child, Edward James Hagan. Potijze Chateau Grounds Cemetery, Ypres (leper), West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

**+IRWIN, John**

Royal Field Artillery, 87th Bde. D Bty. Gunner. 31282. Died 25/09/1917. Age 28. Brother of Mr. A Rohinson, of Mile St., Fintona. Locre Hospice Cemetery, Belgium

**+JOHNSTON, W**

Highland Light Infantry, 9th (Glasgow Hds.) Btn. Private. 200349. Died 25/09/1917. Age 25. Son of Robert James and Charlotte Johnston, of Belfast; husband to Elizabeth Johnston, of Church Rd., Lytham, Lancs. Hooze Crater Cemetery, Belgium

**+McGUIGAN, William**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 11103. Died whilst a prisoner of war 25/09/1917. From Armagh where he enlisted. Cologne Southern Cemetery, Germany

**+TURNER, Robert**

Australian Infantry, 54<sup>th</sup> Btn. Corporal. 1842. Died 25/09/1917. Age 26. Drover who enlisted in Liverpool, New South Wales, 24/12/1914. Son of Alexander and Rose Turner, of Cloughmills. Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Belgium. Australian War Memorial

**1918****+HENDERSON, Thomas**

Royal Garrison Artillery. 174th Siege Bty. Formerly 87th, Essex and Suffolk Royal Garrison Artillery. Sergeant. 122422. Military Medal gazetted 13/03/ 1919. Died 25/09/1918. Born 06/04/1889 at Hillsborough, Co Down to

John and Mary Henderson, nee Gordon. Husband to Bessie Mildred Henderson nee Woolard. They married 25/12/1909 at St Michael Church, Ramsey, Essex. In 1911 residing with his wife and daughter at 9 Princess Road, Parkeston, Essex. Jeancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, France

**1919**



**The Avro Lancaster bomber**

### **+CRILLY, John**

Tunnelling Company, Australian Royal Engineers. Died 25/09/1919. Age 58. Born in Dungannon about 1861. John emigrated to Brisbane, Australia. He had served for three years in the Australian Light Horse before enlisting for overseas service on 15/07/1916 at the age of 45. His attestation papers show that he was 5 feet six and three quarter inches tall. He was transferred to France on 15/10/1916. Due to sickness he was transferred from the

Australian Base Hospital in Rouen, France to Middlesex County Hospital, England. It was recommended that he was no longer fit for Military Service. He was sent home to Australia and upon arrival was transferred to hospital from early June 1917 until August 1918. He was discharged from the army on 13/07/1918 and died in hospital in Brisbane. Brisbane General Cemetery also known as Toowong Cemetery, Toowong, Brisbane. Dungannon WM

### **+SMYTH, R**

Royal Irish Rifles, 19th Btn. Rifleman.15/12431. Died 25/09/1919. Age 38. Husband of Maggie Smyth, of 139, Leopold St., Belfast. Shankill Cemetery,Belfast

### **1939**

### **+BENSON, James**

RN. Petty Officer. D-223430. HMS Drake. Died 25/09/1939. Age 53. Husband of Elizabeth Benson, Belfast. Carnmoney Cemetery. Sec. Q. Grave 160.

### **1940**

### **+DOWDS, William James**

RAF (AAF). Aircraftman 1st Class. 816097. Died 25/09/1940. Aged 19. 614 Squadron. Son of Oliver and Jean Dowds of Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

### **1941**

### **+COLLIM, John**

RN. Signaman. C/JX 226557. Died 25/09/1941. Age 19. SS Avoceta. Convoy signaman. Joined RN October 1940. Son

of John and Anna Collim, Hatton Dr., Woodstock Rd. Belfast. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 19/12/1941). Chatham Naval Memorial

### **+DALZELL, Joseph**

Royal Artillery. 2 Lt. A.A. Regt. 5 Bty. Gunner. 1476588. Died of wounds 25/09/1941 in No. 4 Australian General Hospital, Tobruk, Libya. Age 36. He died during the siege of Tobruk, along with three other men from Newtownards - Gunner Samuel Graham 1483918, Bombardier William John McNeilly 7007543, and Gunner James Meredith 1467261.

Joseph (Joe) Dalzell was born on 05/03/1905 in Movilla Street, Newtownards. He was a son of William and Agnes Dalzell (nee Gordon) who were married on 18 /09/1896 in St. Mark's C of I Parish Church, Newtownards. William and Agnes Dalzell (nee Gordon) lived at 60 Movilla Street, Newtownards. They had thirteen children.

Joseph Dalzell worked as a labourer before he joined the Army and he and Ellen McLarty (aged 20, daughter of Duncan McLarty) were married on 14/07/1931 in Newtownards Registrar's Office. They lived at 5 George Street and later 8 Upper Movilla Street, Newtownards and they had three children.

Joeseeph Dalzell's parents-in-law lived at 27 Upper Movilla Street, Newtownards, as did his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Margaret and James Cardy (Royal Navy). His brother-in-law, James Woods, and his nephew, Gordon Woods, were both on active service. Joe's wife Ellen died on 26/11/1985. Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. Newtownards and District WM.



**+DOWDS, William James**

RAF (AAF). Aircraftman 1st Class. 816097. Died 25/09/1940. Aged 19. 614 Squadron. Son of Oliver and Jean Dowds of Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

**+GRAHAM, Samuel**

Royal Artillery. Gunner. 1483918. Died of wounds in No. 4 Australian General Hospital during the siege of Tobruk on 25/09/1941. Aged 32. 5 Bty., 2 Lt. A.A. Regt. Three other men from Newtownards also died that day - Gunner Joseph Dalzell, Gunner James Meredith and Bombardier William John McNeilly. During the Second World War brothers Samuel and William Graham both served with the Royal Artillery and their brother James served with the Royal Ulster Rifles. Their brother George also served. Samuel was the first of the two Graham brothers to die during the Second World War. Samuel was born on 30/01/1909 in Little Francis Street, Newtownards. A son of William and Agnes Graham (nee McCormick). William Graham and Agnes McCormick were married on 03/09/1901 in Ballyblack Presbyterian Church and they had at least seven children. William Graham, died on 26/03/1927. Samuel was a mill worker from Greenwell Street when he and Greta Johnston (aged 18) from Canal Row, Newtownards were married on 03/12/1932 in Newtownards Registrar's Office. Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. Newtownards WM

**+McNEILLY, William John**

Royal Artillery. Bombardier. 7007543. Died 25/09/1941. Aged 39. 5 Bty., 2 Lt. A.A. Regt. Son of William John and Ellen McNeilly, of Newtownards; husband to Margaret

Kathleen McNeilly, of Newtownards. Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. Newtownards WM

**1943**

**+ALLEN, William**

RNR. LS. P/X9691B. DSM. Died 25/09/1943. Age 31. HMS Trawler Franc Trieur was hired for auxilliary patrol May 1940, converted for minesweeping 1941, sunk by E-boat torpedo off Harwich. Son of Joseph and Mary Allen; husband of Pearl Allen, Bellarena, Co. Londonderry. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 79

**+BOYD, James Jackson**

RN. Leading Signalman. D/JX 158635. HMS. Itchen. Died 23/09/1943. Age 21. Joined aged 15. Trained in HMS Caledonia. In Rodney at Narvik and at sinking of the Bismarck. In Hood for North African invasion. Father served with RAF in World War I. An uncle was in US navy. Son of Thomas Henry Boyd and Agnes Boyd, Fort St., Low Rd., Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard late 1943). Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 80. Lisburn WM

**+DICKSON, Thomas**

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 7019627. Died 25/09/1943. Aged 25. Son of James and Eileen Dickson of Bangor; Husband to Elsie Dickson of Bangor. Bangor Cemetery, Co. Down

**1944**

**+LYNAS, Ernest**

AAC. Parachute Regiment, 156th Btn. Lance Corporal. 7043594. Died 25/09/1944 during Operation Berlin, the

evacuation back across the River Rhine toward Nijmegen, Netherlands following Operation Market Garden. Delayed by fog, Lynas and his comrades took off at 1100hrs on 18/09/1944 from R.A.F. Saltby, Leicestershire, England. He landed as part of the second lift serving with 4th Parachute Brigade under General John Hackett. As a young man, Ernest emigrated to Canada with his family in 1927. They had returned to Northern Ireland before the outbreak of the Second World War. Son of Samuel Lynas of Laurelvale, Co. Armagh. Husband to Violet Lynas of 14 Hopefield Terrace, Portadown. Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery, Netherlands. Portadown WM

#### **+MURDOCK, Frederick**

Royal Welch Fusiliers, 6th. Btn. Corporal. 7010813. Died 25/09/1944 in the Battle of Arnhem in Operation Market Garden. Age 33. Born Belfast. Son of Robert Murdock and Margaret Murdock (née Patterson) of Belfast, and husband to Violet Murdock (née Young) of Belfast. Reusel Roman Catholic Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands.

#### **+SUTHERLAND, Robert**

Royal Welch Fusiliers. 6th Btn. Fusilier. 1501058. Died 25/09/1944 during Operation Market Garden. Aged 26. Son of David Sutherland and Bertha Sutherland, and husband of Hannah Sutherland of Ballynahinch, Co. Down. Valkenswaard War Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands

## **VETERANS**

## **BEVERIDGE, Arthur Joseph**

RAMC. Major General. CB. OBE, MC, Norwegian Military Cross, MiD 24/12/1917. Belvedere College Dublin, NUI and QUB. MB, NUI 1915, BCh, BAO, LM, MSc, NUI 1929, PDH, QUB 1926. Arthur, and his identical twin brother James (Jim) O'Shaughnessy Beveridge, RAMC, were matriculated, in 1910, into UCD Medical School (Cecilia Street) and did their clinical training at St Vincent's Hospital. They both joined the Royal College of Surgeons Officer Training Corps. Arthur gained a commission of Lieutenant in the Medical Services (Special Reserve) on 27/07/1914. He mobilized on 19/07/1915, and entered the war in France on 05/06/1916. He was promoted to Captain on 19/01/1916. Arthur's brother Jim died from wounds on 22/11/1917, and the chaplain who was with Jim when he died did not have far to go to break the news to his twin. Arthur had had a premonition that something dreadful was about to happen. He was so grief-stricken that he could not carry on at the front, and was given three months' compassionate leave. He returned to Dublin and spent six weeks shut up alone in his room, speaking to no-one. Arthur returned to the war, he was awarded the Military Cross "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His dressing station was heavily shelled during an engagement, but owing to his determination, courage and initiative, a large number of wounded were attended to and evacuated from the danger zone." He received the General Service Medal and clasp for his service in Iraq during 1919 - 1920. Arthur continued to serve with the Medical Services until he retired on the 21/03/1958. He was promoted Major, 04/01/1918. Lt Colonel, 27/02/1940. Brigadier, 17/08/1947. Major General, 08/11/1951. During this time he served with many different

medical units in various parts of the world, and was awarded the OBE, the Norwegian Military Cross with laurels, and was further mentioned in despatches twice. Born Dublin 21/03/1893. Son of John (Town Clerk of Dublin) and Jane Beveridge. Died Venice 25/09/1959.

### **LUKE, Thomas Davey**

RNVR. Surgeon Lieutenant Commander. Truro Grammar School. QCB, RCS Edin. MB 1894, BCh BAO MD 1908, FRCS Edin 1902. Born 1873 Scorrier, Cornwall. Son of Francis R Luke, Scorrier. Husband to Jane. Died 25/09/1921 Clifton, Bristol

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