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**The first
North Irish
Horse
officer
killed in
WW1**

**Lieutenant
Barrie Combe
was the first
North Irish
Horse officer
killed in the
war on
30/09/1914.**

Combe, of
Donaghcloney,
County Down,
was born at

Malone Park, Belfast, on 20/01/1880, third son of engineer Abram Combe and his wife Emilie Caroline Combe (nee Nicholson).



Educated at Rugby and in France, Combe was a member of the Ulster Club and the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, and was Master of the County Down Staghounds.

On 12 March 1906 he married Mary Theresa Waring, sister of North Irish Horse officer Holt Waring. They had two children, Thomas Waring Barrie and Ruric Desmond.

Combe was commissioned as a second lieutenant on 20/10/1909 and posted to the North Irish Horse. On 22/04/1913 he was promoted to lieutenant.

He embarked for France with C Squadron of the North Irish Horse on 12/08/1914, seeing action in the retreat from Mons

and the advance to the Aisne in August and September that year.



Combe inspecting his troop of the North Irish Horse in August 1914

On 30 September, Combe and his troop were taking their turn at a farmhouse observation post overlooking the enemy lines on the Aisne. Soon after midday Combe was ordered to ascertain whether the Germans had evacuated Condé village, which sat on the far side of the bridge, in the shadow of Condé Fort. Combe had led a scout troop of the North Irish Horse while in Ireland, and was therefore well equipped for the task.

He set out with one man, Private Norman Darling, telling his Sergeant that no search party should be sent out if he did not return. Passing through the line of piquets, they rode to within 200 yards of the bridge. He then left Darling and two horses under cover in a sandpit and went on on foot, well aware that this area was swept by artillery and rifle fire from the German position on the higher land on the other side of

Combe with his fellow officers at Chateau Dhuizy on 24 September 1914.

Standing left to right

Combe, Stewart-Richardson, Massereene.

Richard Annesley West, is the man wearing a slouch hat (a prized souvenir, a German cavalryman's helmet).



the river, and presented little cover. After a couple of hours Darling became concerned and, leaving the horses, went in search of his officer. He made his way to the bridge by dusk and hunted up and down the river bank but finding no trace, returned to the outpost. Privates McIlwaine and Greer volunteered to search for Combe, but met with no success.

Hopes were held that Combe had been captured. His commanding officer, Lord Massereene, wrote to Combe's wife:

“All the facts I have been able to ascertain point to your husband having been taken prisoner by the Germans, especially as the man who was with him and who was left behind in the sand-pit only about 300 yards from the bridge is positive that he heard no shots fired. ...

“I am more sorry than I can say at the loss which I and my squadron have sustained at the disappearance of your husband, who is a most capable officer in every way, and greatly liked by every one.

“I cannot help thinking that your husband has been captured and is now on his way to Berlin.”

Richard Irwin wrote home “I am very sorry that Lieutenant Combe has been captured. Of course he will be all right, but we will miss him, for he was loved by everyone of us.

He was a gentleman and every inch a soldier.” Robert Sterling wrote: “We lost one of our own officers a few days ago – Lieut. S. B. Combe. He was out reconnoitring, and never returned. He is now posted amongst the missing.

We all hope the worst has not happened, as Mr. Combe was very popular throughout the whole squadron.”

However his fellow officer Richard West feared the worst:

“6.30 P.M. received word that Barry had gone out with 1 man to find out if Condé was still occupied at 1.20 PM & had not returned. Sgt Irwin returned with troop 8.30 no news of B – Condé occupied by Germans. Darling returned 9.30 with B horse having waited in sandpit 200 yds from Condé bridge till dark. B had advanced alone on foot to reconnoitre – evidently walked into German outpost and either shot or captured. afraid he would stand poor chance as he had flat nosed bullets.”

Later however, news of his fate came to his family via a German officer, Ottakar Vollert, who wrote through neutral channels:

“Will you drop a few lines to Mrs. Combe, widow of the lieutenant of the North Irish Horse, who was shot by us when approaching our position most bravely. We buried him near the Castle of Conde, and have made a nice cross with the words ‘Pro Patria’ and name. He was a brave soldier. War is most terrible, and it seems that there is no end of it. Let us hope that it will ultimately clear the atmosphere.”

Barrie Combe was the first North Irish Horse officer killed in the war. The location of his burial near Condé Castle was soon forgotten. He is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France, Panel 1.

Acknowledgment - The North Irish Horse in the Great War.

On this Day – September 30

1916

Thiepval ridge occupied, but parts of Schwaben Redoubt show stiff resistance.

Irish Independent - 30th September 1916

Writing of **Pte. R. Quigg**, 12th Batt R I Rifles (of Bushmills), Sir E. Carson says – “ His splendid services to King and country, his exemplary courage, and unflinching bravery has won glory and undying honour, not only to himself but for his

whole country, and especially for Ulster. I recall with pride that he was a member of the U.V.F.”

1918

The Belgians take Dixmude. On this day in 1918, the Allies smash through Germany’s ‘Hindenburg Line’. Within 43 days, WW1 will be over.

1938

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returns to the UK following a meeting with Hitler. “I believe it is peace for our time. Go home and get a nice quiet sleep.” Hitler announced that the Sudetenland was his last territorial claim in Europe.

1941

German Army Group Centre begin the advance to Moscow, called Operation Taifun (Typhoon). Moscow would never be reached, the German advance halted some 30-25 km away from the capital.

1943

The US Navy commissioned USS “The Sullivans” in honour of the five Sullivan brothers who lost their lives when their ship USS Juneau was sunk by a Japanese sub at Guadalcanal in November 1942. The Sullivans were from Iowa.



Roll of Honour – September 30

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1914

+COMBE, Samuel Barbour

North Irish Horse. Lieutenant. Died 30/09/1914. (Barrie) Combe, of Donaghcloney, County Down, was born at Malone Park, Belfast, on 20/01/1880, third son of engineer Abram Combe and his wife Emilie Caroline Combe (nee Nicholson). Husband to Mary Theresa Waring, sister of North Irish Horse officer Holt Waring. They had two children, Thomas Waring Barrie and Ruric Desmond. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. See article above

+HEANEY. John

East Lancashire Regiment. 1Btn. Private 9416. Died 30/09/1914. Age 25. Eldest son of Robert and Sarah Heaney. Born on 31/05/1889 in the Aughavey area of County Fermanagh into a large family. The family lived in Fivemiletown for a period of years between 1894 and 1898 and then moved to Belfast. His father was a quay labourer. It seems John enlisted around 1907. Porte-de-Paris Cemetery, Cambrai, Nord, France

+RUTHERFORD, Thomas

Royal Field Artillery. 24th Brigade, 112th Battery. Gunner. 75752. Died 30/09/1914. Age 18. Born in Caledon about 1896. Son of Thomas and Jane Rutherford. Vailly British Cemetery, Vailly-sur-Aisne, Aisne, France. The village of

Vailly-sur-Aisne was the point at which the 3rd Division crossed the river Aisne on 13 and 14/09/1914 during the Allied advance from the Marne. Dungannon WM

1915

+BURKE, John

Irish Guards 2nd Btn. Private. 6039. Died 30/09/1915. Age 21. Son of Michael and Nora Burke, of 81, North St., Lurgan. Loos Memorial, France

+DOCHERTY, Patrick

Royal Scots Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 16702. Died 30/09/1915. Born Kircubbin. Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France

+SCOTT, Frederick,

Northumberland Fusiliers, 12th Btn. Signaller. 20098 Died 30/09/1915, of wounds received in France. Aged 21. Prior to enlisting he was employed by the Belfast Co-Operative Society, York Street. His parents, Robert and Abigail Scott, resided at 45, Spencer Street, Belfast. Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Belfast Co-Operative WM

+GILMOUR, Bryce M

Irish Guards, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 6770. Died 30/09/1915. Age 21. Bryce Gilmour was a son of Bryce and Ida Gilmour. Bryce Matthew Gilmour was born in Roscommon about 1894. He was one of ten children, seven

surviving. His father was in the Royal Irish Constabulary. The family moved around a lot. They lived in Ballymoney. Young Bryce Gilmour also joined the Royal Irish Constabulary in Cookstown. Loos Memorial, Loos-en-Gohelle, Pas-de-Calais, Cookstown WM. Second Presbyterian Cookstown

+McCARTNEY, Andrew

Welsh Regiment. 8th Btn. Private. 12733. Died 30/09/1915. Age 50. Born about 1865 in Ballymena. Son of Robert McCartney who was was living in Portglenone at the time; husband to Maggie Ross McCartney. Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt

+McNEVISON, Edward

East Surrey Regiment. 8th Btn. Private. 28224. Died 30/09/1916. Age 22. Brother of Fred Nevison who died in service 14/08/1917. Son of John and Ellen McNevison, of 4, Greenhaw Terrace, Londonderry. Brother of Fred NevTincourt New British Cemetery, France. Londonderry Diamond WM

+SCOTT, Frederick

Northumberland Fusiliers, 12th Btn. Private. 20098. Died 30/09/1915. Age 21. Son of Robert and Abigail Scott, of 45, Spencer St., Belfast. Lapugnoy Military Cemetery, France

1916

+HAYES, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 10593. Died 30/09/1916. Son of James and Sarah Hayes, of 48, Carson St., Larne. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+LOVE, George

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 7245. Died 30/09/1916. Age 34. Brother of Sergeant William Love, Royal Irish Rifles, who died 10/05/1919. Son of Robert James and Rachel Love, of Scotch St., Downpatrick. Puchevillers British Cemetery, France

+SIMPSON, James

Auckland Regiment, 1st Btn. Private. 10072. Died 30/09/1916. Son of Robert and Ann Simpson, of Greenland Terrace, Larne. Caterpillar Valley (New Zealand) Memorial, Somme, France

+THOMPSON, Joseph

Irish Guards, 2nd Btn. Private. 7039. Died 30/09/1916. Husband of Eliza Jane Thompson, of 81, Solway St., Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, France

+WATTERSON, Walter George

Canadian Infantry, 20th Btn. Private. 405715. Died 30/09/1916. Age 41. Born 29/06/1874 at Ballynasollus, Cookstown, son of Joseph Watterson and Barbara Jane Watterson (nee Scott). In March 1897 Walter married Tillie Barnes in Belfast. George worked as a Cementer/Labourer. By 1903 he had emigrated to Canada. He was listed as a Labourer and was bound for Toronto. His wife followed him later arriving in January 1904. By 1911 they were living in

Cobalt, Ontario. He was listed as working as a miner. He enlisted in Niagara. Vimy Memorial, Arras, Pas de Calais, France. Cookstown WM

+WEBB, Joseph

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. B Coy. Lance Corporal. 11/559. Died 30/09/1916. Age 21. Son of John Webb, of 2, Richardson's Row, Hilden, Lisburn, and the late Annie Webb. Ration Farm (La Plus Douvre) Annexe, Belgium

+WOODEND, Thomas James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 23567. Died 30/09/1916. Son of Robert John and Matilda Woodend. He was born on 20/11/1892 in Castledawson. He was one of at least nine children. The family lived in Castledawson. His father was an engine man and a beetler. Thomas was a labourer. Son of Mrs. M. Woodend, of Castledawson, Co. Londonderry. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium. Castledawson WM. Castledawson LOL 96

1917

+MacLEAN, James Acheson

Royal Field Artillery. 148 (Howitzer) Brigade, D Bty. Lieutenant. Military Cross. Died 20/09/1917. Age 31. On the night of 30/09/1917, MacLean, two other officers and an NCO were killed near Wytschaete when attempting to control a fire in a gun pit. The regimental diary for that day reads:

“Enemy artillery quiet during the day but showed considerable activity during the night a bulk of fire being



directed on battery areas. At D Bty two 10.5 cm shells set fire to the camouflage of one of the gunpits & caused the charges to explode. In spite of the danger owing to the risk of the shells in the gun pit also exploding, the officers at the battery

with Sgt Berry succeeded in putting out the fire & saved the position, but not before a serious explosion occurred which caused the deaths of 2Lts E.E. Bradshaw, J.A. Maclean MC & A.K. Green & of Sgt Berry”.

Before the war MacLean worked as a bank clerk for the Belfast Banking Company, first in the Londonderry Branch "where he was a popular figure in hockey and football circles", and then at Sligo.

On 8 October 1914 he enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Belfast (No.1295). He was promoted to lance corporal on 1 June 1915.

The following month MacLean applied for a commission in the Royal Field Artillery. He was made a 2nd lieutenant on 9 August 1915 and soon after was posted to 151 (Howitzer) Brigade. He embarked for France with his brigade on 29 November 1915. On 21 May 1916 MacLean's battery transferred to 150 (Howitzer) Brigade.

In September 1916 MacLean was awarded a Military Cross. The citation reads:



“For conspicuous gallantry in action. He attempted to save a wounded gunner from a burning gunpit, and successfully saved the gun. During an attack he led two platoons of another unit over the parapet, and handed them over to their officer, who was rallying his men in the open. On another occasion he fought a single howitzer with great determination for seven days under heavy shell fire, although himself wounded”. He was granted ten days leave in December to attend a ceremony at Buckingham Palace where he was presented his award by His Majesty the King.

On his return to the front MacLean was posted to D Battery of 148 (Howitzer) Brigade. He was promoted to lieutenant on 1 July 1917.

James MacLean was born on 22/12/1885 at The Park, Bushmills, County Antrim, son of farmer John MacLean and his wife Martha Ann (nee Acheson). Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

1918

+ABERCROMBIE, William James

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. Private. 41507. Died 30/09/1918. Age 30. Son of Emily Brownlee (formerly Abercrombie), of Deerines, Florencecourt, Co. Fermanagh. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+ALLEN, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 19110. Died 30/09/1918. Age 22. Son of John and Helen Allen, of Coole, Castleroe, Coleraine. Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Belgium

+BOND, William James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 15327. Died 30/09/1918. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. L.M.S. Railway Company WM

+DEVINE, Rodger

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. Private. 43285. Died 30/09/1918. Age 34 years old. Son of Mrs.

Bridget Devine, of Meenachirin, Castlederg. Dadizelle New British Cemetery, Belgium

+DIXON, Thomas George

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 24019. Died 30/09/1918. Age 20. Son of William and Mary J. Dixon. of 67, Delhi St., Belfast. Duhallow ADS Cemetery, Belgium

+GOAN, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2 Btn. Private. 29098. Died 30/09/1918. Age 20. Son of Thomas and Maggie Anne Goan. He was born in Castlederg. Like his father, James worked on a farm. Enlisted in Omagh while he was still living in Castlederg. According to the local newspaper, his parents had moved and were living at Mill Street, Caledon. Haringhe Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Dungannon WM

+GRAHAM, James Lawson

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Lieutenant. Died 30/09/1918. Age 27. Member of the Training Corps 1915. A sister Edith served in France with the Nursing Corps. An obelisk commemorating James Lawson was erected at the Boardmills Second Presbyterian Church by his uncle Dr. James Graham. Dr. Graham who was Belfast Coroner from 1905 until his death in 1932 travelled to the church's Remembrance Service from his home in Helens Bay every year, paying homage to his nephew by laying a wreath on the Memorial. A letter detailing the circumstances surrounding James' death was sent to his father by army Chaplain Rev. W G. Murphy. The chaplain wrote: "Your son fell in action on the morning of Sunday September 29. We

moved up to the attack and it was as he was leading his company forward very gallantly he fell mortally wounded by a machine gun bullet. He was one of the best among our officers and a very good man personally. We all loved him and feel a great sense of loss. His body was sent back to be buried well behind our lines which were pushing forward at this time. He helped and helped most signally to win an advance that will be memorable in this division and will do much to hasten the end of the war.” Lieutenant Graham’s Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel R.S. Knox said he died “the most gallant death a soldier could die, leading his company in the forefront of the advance. He was liked exceedingly by his men with whom he was always on the best of terms and had the rare gift of inspiring confidence in them,” the Lieutenant Colonel concluded. Son of Samuel J. and Agnes Graham, of Maple Vale, Boardmills, Co. Down. Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 70 - 72, Second Boardmills Presbyterian Church memorial

+HALL, Francis Henry

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Battalion attached 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion. Second Lieutenant. Died 30/09/1918 at Vijwegen near Ypres. Age 25. Born 23/08/1893 at Glenanne. B.A. 1914. Was a teacher before enlistment. Son of John and Margaret Hall (nee Lytle), Glenanne, Co. Armagh. Dadizeele New British Cemetery. QUB RH

+HAYES, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 10593. Died 30/09/1918. Age 19. Son of James and Sarah Hayes, of 48, Carson St., Larne. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+HOLMES, Albert

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 2742. Died 30/09/1918. Age 22. Native of Oldbury, Worcs. Son of John and Mary Holmes, of 9, Southport St., Belfast. Native of Oldbury, Worcs. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+IRWIN, David John

Border Regiment, 1st Btn. Private. 29052. Died 30/09/1918. Age 20. Son of Mrs. John Irwin, of The Cottages, Helen's Bay, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+JOHNSTON, G

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Lance Corporal. 25155. Died 30/09/1918. Husband of Mrs. J. E. Johnston, of 20, Walton St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+JONES, George

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7506. Died 30/09/1918. Age 20. Son of Ernest J. and Mary E. Jones, of 52, Lower Water St., Newry. Dadizelle New British Cemetery, Belgium

+KANE, John

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 20346. Died 30/09/1918. Age 18. Son of John and Catherine Kane, of Main St., Castlederg, Co. Tyrone. Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Belgium

+MAGILL, Robert

RN. Stoker 1st Class. 301487. HMS Seagull. Died 30/09/1918. Age 33. One of three brothers who served in the war. "Formerly a hackler in Messrs. Sinton's mill, and a footballer, cricketer, and sprinter of more than local note, James Magill has given up his post in Eaton's big store, Toronto, and joined the 9th battalion of artillery now in training there. His brother Robert, a sapper in the Canadian engineers, is in France, and another brother, Robert, is a stoker on HMS Seagull, while the youngest brother, Thomas, has been five times refused by recruiters on account of a crooked knee. Robert Magill, the local postman, has reason to be proud of these four sons". Son of Robert and Rebecca Magill, Irish St., Killyleagh. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 28. Killyleagh WM. Killyleagh - PCI RH

+McCONNELL, W

Royal Irish Rifles, 16th Btn. Rifleman. 239. Died 30/09/1918. Brother of Miss E. McConnell, of Castlevew, Lisburn. Dadizelle New British Cemetery, Belgium

+McDOWELL, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 1073. Died 30/09/1918. Age 21. Son of John and Margaret A. McDowell, of 15, Tennyson St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+McILROY, Alfred Henry

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 14512. Died 30/09/1918. At the time of his death Private McIlroy had served with the army for four and a half years. Alfred and his brother James who served with the 9th Royal Irish Fusiliers were both wounded during the battle of the Somme, Alfred received wounds to the neck, arm, hand and leg. He was treated for these wounds at Stretford Hospital, Manchester, England. His brother James had his wounds treated at a military hospital in France. Son of Mr. J. McIlroy, of 45, Avenue Rd., Lurgan. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+McILWAINE, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Rifleman. 19649. Died 30/09/1918. Age 25. Born Templepatrick 25/07/1893. Enlisted in Antrim. Member of the UVF. His brother John Fulton McIlwaine died on 06/06/1916 serving with 28th Btn Canadian Infantry. Son of Jane (nee Fulton) McIlwaine, of Templepatrick, and the late Andrew McIlwaine. Dadizelle New British Cemetery, Belgium. Loanends Presbyterian Church RH. Midland Railway Company, Belfast WM. Antrim Town WM

+NOBLE, S

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 11256. Died 30/09/1918. Age 27. Son of James and Margret Noble, of Killeaton, Dunmurry. Dadizelle New British Cemetery, Belgium

+OWENS, Peter

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 4241.
Died 30/09/1918. Age 21. Son of Charles and Ellen Owens,
of 181, Foster's Terrace, Londonderry. Haringhe
(Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Belgium

+RENTOUL, James Lawrence

RAMC. 91st Field Amb. Private. 129116. Died 30/09/1918.
Aged 33. QUB, BA 1906. Served 1914 - 18. Born Darlington
1886. Son of the Rev. R. W. R. and Mrs. Rentoul (nee
Wylie) of Clonmel, Co. Tipperary; husband to Agnes Rentoul
(nee Moore), of " Fircroft," Hawthornden Rd., Knock, Co.
Down. One of seven RAMC privates whose remains were
interred at La Baraque British Cemetery, Bellenglise, Aisne,
France

+SAUNDERS, John Albert

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 6065. Died 30/09/1918.
Age 21. Son of John and Sarah (nee Martin) Saunders, of
127, Old Park Rd., Belfast. His brother, Harry, served with
14th Btn Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn Royal Irish Rifles and 1st
Btn Royal Irish Fusiliers and was discharged to Class Z
Reserve on 27/01/1919. Dadizeele New British Cemetery,
Belgium. Cliftonville Presbyterian Church RH

+STOREY, David

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 19781. Died
30/09/1918. Aged 24. Born on 06/06/1894 at Aughalish,
Drummaul, Randalstown. Son of Joseph Storey and Isabella
nee Craig. As a widow Isabella later lived at Feehogue,
Randalstown. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

1940

+HANNA, Robert Charles

RAF(AAF). Sergeant (Pilot). 816023. Died 03/09/1940. Age 23. 254 Sqdn. Robert was flying Bristol Blenheim IV, N3529 of No 254 Squadron when it crashed near Dyce after colliding with N3608 of the same unit. Son of Robert and Mary Hanna, of Belfast. Knockbreda Cemetery

1941

+McMULLAN, Cecil Brian

RAFVR. Sergeant. 948818. Died 30/09/1941. Aged 24. 58 Sqdn. B.A., Hons. (Dublin). Son of Andrew and Margaret McMullan, of Belfast. Runnymede Memorial, Surrey. 502 (Ulster) Squadron WM, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

VETERANS

BARKER, Dawson Dewing

Machine Gun Corps. QUB, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., 1925. West African Medical Service, 1928-30. Campbell College. Born 30/09/1897, son of J. E. Barker, Cyprus Park, Bloomfield, Belfast.

DUNCAN, Alexander

RAMC. Captain. Moneymore Intermediate School. QCB 1888. Served 1914 - 18. Gallipoli. Born 1869. Son of William

ad Eliza Duncan, Killyfaddy, Magherafelt. Husband to Elizabeth. Died 30/09/1933, Waveney Rd., Ballymena

McBURNEY, T

The London Gazette of 16th January 1919 carried the following - 19613 **Sgt. T .McBurney** 12th Bn. R. Ir. Rif (Randalstown)

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership near Dadizeele on **30th September 1918**. He attacked a farm held by machine-guns with his platoon inflicting many casualties and capturing 25 prisoners and a machine gun. Later he held the farm against a strong counter-attack after both his flanks were driven in.

McGUIGAN, John

RN. AB. J84492. Boy service from 01/01/1918. Enrolled 30/09/1918 for 12 years. War service in Powerful and Centurion. Served to 24/08/1928. Born Coleraine 30/09/1900. ADM 188/815/84492

MOLONY, Graham Albert

Graham Albert Molony, Service Number T 160066 was from Stoke On Trent and served with the Royal Army Service Corps. Part of his Training took place in Tandragee where he met his wife-to-be.

As a member of 250 (Airborne) Light Composite Company, Royal Army Service Corps he served in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

On D-day Graham was in reserve in England. On 18/09/1944 he flew in a Horsa glider from Tarrant Rushton, near Blandford in Dorset to Arnhem where he got as far as the railway bridge.

By the end of the battle he was in the grounds of the Hartenstein Hotel where he had dug his foxhole close to the tennis court in which German Prisoners were being kept.

Mortars were exploding in the trees shrapnel was flying everywhere and he eventually got back across the river in a small boat crewed by 2 Canadians.

What was left of his unit was amalgamated with others and later sent to Norway to take the surrender of the Germans there.

His left hand was injured in hand to hand fighting in Italy and the injury gave him trouble in later life.

After the war and being demobbed he returned to Tandragee and married his sweetheart! They had a small farm and worked for the Ulster Transport Authority as well as serving with the Territorial Army.

He lived to after the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem and passed away with heart failure on 30th Sept. 1994.

WATSON, Charles

Rifleman.18/385, 11th (Service) battalion Royal Irish Rifles (South Antrim Volunteers) and Pte M/396407 Army Service Corps, and his brother Rfm John Watson 12/6187 12th (Service) battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Central Antrim

Volunteers). From Gilmore Street, Ballymena, the brothers both worked at Braidwater Spinning Mill in the town prior to enlisting. Charles enlisted in July 1915 and joined 11th Bn. on the Western Front in early 1916. Slightly wounded on 1 July 1916, he was more seriously wounded at the Battle of Langemarck, August 1917. Following recuperation, he was posted to a Mechanical Transport unit of the Army Service Corps in January 1918, remaining with them until after the Armistice. It is possible that he served with the Army of Occupation in Til transferred to Class Z Army Reserve in September 1919.

WATSON, John

Rifleman. 12/6187 12th (Service) battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Central Antrim Volunteers). Enlisted in May 1915 and embarked for the Western Front with 12th Bn. in October of that year. He served with the battalion throughout the war and was captured along with many of his comrades on the opening day of the German Spring Offensive, 21 March 1918. He remained a prisoner of war until after the Armistice, when he was repatriated. He was discharged from the Army on 30 November 1918 with the Silver War Badge as, 'no longer fit for military service' a note indicating that this was due to debility and starvation as the result of his time as a PoW.

WHITESIDE, David G

RN. Served 5 years during war. Lived Portadown. Engineer with BT. Migrated to Glastonbury, CT., USA. Husband to Margaret. Born 1917. Died 30/09/2003, Age 86. Buried Manchester, CT.

Published by Hartford Courant on Sep. 30, 2003 - David G. Whiteside, 86, of Glastonbury, formerly of Portadown, County Armagh, N. Ireland, son of the late Edward and Lizzie (Prentice) Whiteside and husband of the late Margaret (Sergeant) Whiteside, died Sunday, (September 28, 2003) at home in Glastonbury. He served in the British Navy for five years during World War II, retired as an engineer from the Northern Ireland Telephone Company, and came to Glastonbury in 1976. David was a talented artist and was a former member of the Manchester and Glastonbury Art Guilds.

He leaves his cousin, Mary Lou Prentice of Glastonbury with whom he made his home; his son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Elizabeth Whiteside; granddaughters, Sharon Walker, Laura Crowe, Joanne and Grace Whiteside; two great-grandsons Joshua and Samuel Walker; and a great-granddaughter, Emaline Crowe, all of Northern Ireland; a sister-in-law Jessie Prentice of Worcester, MA; a niece Nancy Ohman and a nephew Wesley Prentice both of Massachusetts. He was predeceased by his brother Edward Prentice and two sisters, Margaret and Lily Whiteside.

.Every day is a Remembrance Day

We will remember them

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