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Guillemont and Ginchy liberated by Irishmen in 1916

The 16th Irish Division rose to prominence on 3 September 1916 with battles in Guillemont and Ginchy.



The Division consisted of a range of units, including the Royal Irish Rifles, Connaught Rangers, Dublin Fusiliers and Munster Fusiliers.

About 4,300 men from the division were killed or wounded in the clashes,

which lead to the successful capture of the two villages of Guillemont and Ginchy from German soldiers.

A total of 19,240 British troops were killed within 24 hours, and almost a tenth of those who died that first day were from the 36th Ulster Division.

The 16th Irish Division contained many members of the National Volunteers, which had been formed in 1913 to support Home Rule in Ireland.

National Party leader and MP John Redmond had encouraged them to join. The 6th Royal Irish Regiment had 300 volunteers from County Londonderry, while the 6th Connaught Rangers included about 500 men from west Belfast.

At the end of August 1916, the division had moved from Loos down to the Somme sector.

The attack on 3 September had been postponed several times, partly because of bad weather, but at 06:00 local time, a bombardment commenced.



The defence of Guillemont by the Germans was judged by the British official history as the finest of the whole war. By the time the Irish arrived there in August 1916,

the place was a ghastly spectacle. The German author Ernst Junger, who fought there, remembered years later that you could know the outlines of the village by the colour of the soil which was white after the buildings had been ground to powder.

The assaults on Guillemont and Ginchy resulted in a brutal casualty rate - about 4,300 men killed or wounded in a six-day period.

The losses were felt even more keenly given the nature and make up of the 16th Division.

They had been volunteers who, in many cases, came from the same streets, worked alongside each other or attended the same church.

For those who survived the Battle of the Somme, and the remaining two years of the war, the Ireland to which they returned was very different to that which they left.

Historian Eamon Phoenix commented, "The nationalist soldiers who came back in 1919 had been cheered on as they left, but in post-1916 Ireland, they were marginalised and ignored, spat upon, airbrushed out of history."

Thomas Hughes from Castleblaney Co Monaghan, won the Victoria Cross at the Battle of Guillemont, one of two Irish men to do so.



VC awarded to Private Thomas Hughes, 6th Battalion, The Connaught Rangers, for his actions at Guillemont, 3 September 1916

Thomas Hughes (1885-1942) was from Corravoo near Castleblaney in County Monaghan. He won the Victoria Cross (VC) on the Somme at Guillemont. Having been wounded in an attack, Hughes returned to the firing line



after having his wounds dressed. Seeing a hostile machine gun, he dashed out in front of his company, shot the gunner and captured the gun as well as bringing back four German prisoners.

Hughes received his VC from the King at an investiture in Hyde Park, London on 2 June 1917. He also received the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Allied Victory Medal. Hughes later achieved the rank of corporal. He died in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan on 8 January 1942, aged 56.

Citation

For most conspicuous bravery and determination. He was wounded in an attack, but returned at once to the firing line after having his wounds dressed. Later, seeing a hostile machine-gun, he dashed out in front of his company, shot the gunner, and single-handed captured the gun. Though again wounded, he brought back three or four prisoners.

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On this Day – September 3

1914

The Germans begin to cross the Marne.

1915

Lisburn newspaper's report of death of Private William Stevenson

Stevenson was an old soldier, “who saw much hard and severe foreign service before many of Kitchener’s new army were born”, he had fought against the Dervishes in Egypt and the Boers in Southern Africa.

He had volunteered for the Camel Corps during “the trouble” in the Sudan in 1898 and took part in the charge of the 21st Lancers at Omdurman in which Winston Churchill was involved. Subsequently posted to India he was invalided home but rejoined the army in 1899 on the outbreak of the Boer War where he served with the RIR.

Wounded and invalided home again, “he completed his term of engagement on the Special Reserve”. He lived at Piper Hill, and 4 Hill Street, Lisburn and enlisted for a third time in 1914, even though, “the army had no claim whatever on him ... conveniently forgetting the date of his birth”. Serving once again with the RIR, he was posted to the sixth Battalion (11244) which was sent to Gallipoli as part of the 10th Division.

On the 3 September 1915, the Standard (a Lisburn paper) reported that, “News [had come] to hand ... of [his] death from wounds, at the Dardanelles”. The following week they reported that “mystery surrounds [his] fate or whereabouts” and that, “no confirmation or denial has so far been obtained from the War Office ... Should any of his pals see this paragraph, by communicating whatever they know to his brother ... they would relieve a great deal of anxiety”.

He was the brother of James Stevenson of 4 Hill Street, Lisburn and had another brother, Andrew, serving with the Rifles. Two other brothers, John and James, worked in Coulsons, a weaving firm in Lisburn?

Note - There is no record in the IMR of a William Stephenson or Stevenson being killed in the Dardanelles. The CWGC and WOCL have two but neither is from the Lisburn area or in the RIR. The obvious conclusion is that he survived. However, another possibility is that he may have been serving under an assumed name because he was over-age when he enlisted.

1916

We remember the actions of the 16th (Irish) Division in the Battle of the Somme. The Battles of Guillemont and Ginchy took place from the 3rd to 9th September 1916. The Battle of Guillemont begins on this day 1916. Following the first day of the Battle of the Somme, the British offensive had continued and the campaign became a battle of attrition, symbolic of the First World War.

The Roll of Honour for today in 1916 reflects the service of people from what became Northern Ireland with regiments

from elsewhere in Ireland. There are the names of 14 from Londonderry.



The Ancre at Hamel: OTD in 1916 the men of the South Downs battalions of the Royal Sussex Regiment suffered heavy losses on the Somme. More than 70% of the men in this photo became casualties that day.

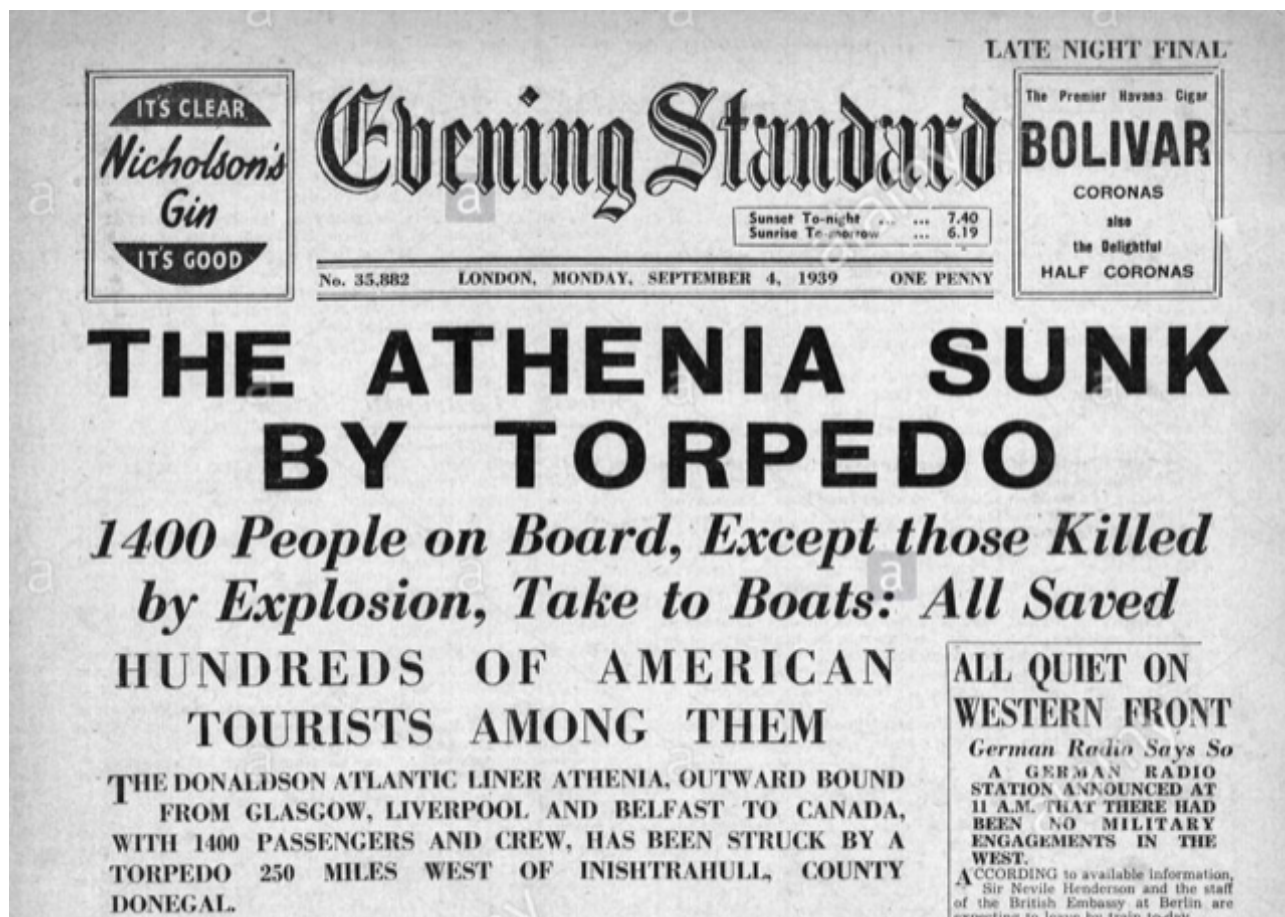
1918

The End of the Battle of the Scarpe

1939

World War II: Britain declares war on Germany after invasion of Poland. France follows 6 hours later quickly joined by Australia, New Zealand, South Africa & Canada

Between Tory Island, Co Donegal, and Rockall in the Atlantic Ocean, the SS Athenia was sunk, the first attack on



a British ship by Nazi Germany. 430 of its survivors were rescued and brought to Galway by the Knute Nelson.

1941



The victims of the first mass killing experiment with Zyklon B were some 600 Soviet soldiers (they were not prisoners of Auschwitz camp) and 250 Polish prisoners selected from the camp infirmary who were basically non-Jewish.

1943

The Allied invasion of mainland Italy began during the Second World War.

Following on from Allied victory in North Africa, the British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill proposed an invasion of Italy. He correctly predicted that support for the war in Italy was declining and that they could be knocked out of the war, removing Italian influence in the Mediterranean.

Throughout the summer of 1943, the Allies successfully invaded Sicily, though the Axis forces based there retreated in good order, ready to continue the fighting. The planned invasion led to Italy signing an armistice, which was made public five days later and Rome was spared from a major allied bombing campaign.

Over the next two weeks, large scale amphibious landings, primarily at Salerno, Calabria and Taranto were met with fierce resistance and counter attacks and it took two weeks for the Allies to establish beach heads and gain control of Southern Italy.

Though the Germans were now without Allies in Italy and fighting in a foreign, hostile country, they fought from well established defensive lines and continued the war until May 1945, costing the Allies more than 300,000 casualties of which nearly a quarter were British.

Roll of Honour – September 3

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+BLACKWOOD, J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 5th Btn. Private.12201. Died 03/09/1915. Age 22. Son of Elizabeth and the late James Blackwood; husband to M. J. Blackwood, of 27, Ashdale St., Belfast. Green Hill Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey

+HAMILL, Shepherd

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. Private. 3795. Died 03/09/1915 in the Military Hospital, Belfast, from pericarditis and heart failure. Age 16. He had been training in Sleaford, Suffolk. Born in Taylorstown, Ballyscullion, on 17/05/1899. He enlisted in Randalstown. Son of John and Agnes (nee Nicholl) Hamill, of Taylorstown, Toomebridge, Co. Antrim. Also his brother Alexander Hamill died 21/04/1916. They share the same grave at Grange Corner Presbyterian Churchyard. Grange Presbyterian Church RH. Headstone reads ... Privates Shepherd and Alex Hamill ... Both died at home.

+SMYTH, Irvine Johnston

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 03/09/1915. Age 23. Enlisted in 6th Btn. Black Watch. Son of William Henry and Mary J. R. Smyth, of The Manse, Green Rd., Knock, Belfast. Green Hill Cemetery, Turkey (including Gallipoli)

1916

+BREEN, J

Leinster Regiment, 7th Btn. Private. 1483. Died 03/09/1916. Age 25. Husband to Mary Breen, of 5, Bow St., Belfast. Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, France.

+BROWN, Robert J

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn, D Coy. Private. 2371. Died 03/09/1916 Guillemont. Age 23. Born Templemore, County Londonderry. Employed at Watt's Distillery before enlisting in 1914. Son of Robert Brown, 6, Fulton Place, Derry. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France. Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

On the fourth anniversary of the death of Private Brown, his father, brothers, and sisters had the following in memoriam lines placed in a Derry newspaper:-

‘In far foreign fields from Derry Columbcille
Lie soldiers and chiefs of the Irish Brigade.’

+CAMPBELL, James

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn, D Coy. Private. 2676. Died 03/09/1916 Guillemont. Age 30. Son of James Campbell. Husband of Rebecca Campbell, 16, Lower Road,

Londonderry. Deceased formerly resided in Quarry Street.
Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France.
Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

+CARLIN, Joseph

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn, C Coy. Private. 2387. Died
03/09/1916 Guillemont. Age 30. Enlisted Derry. Son of
James and Margaret Carlin, Waterside, Derry. Husband of
Mary Carlin, 6, Meehan's Row / 14, Margaret Street,
Waterside, Derry. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing,
Somme, France. Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

+CONWAY, James

Connaught Rangers, 6th Btn. C Coy. Private. 3923. Died
03/09/1916. Age 21. Son of John and Margaret Conway, of
Belfast. A.I.F. Burial Ground, Flers, France

+DARRAGH, Thomas

Connaught Rangers, 6th Btn. Private. 3731. Died
03/09/1916. Thomas was the husband of Sarah Jane
Darragh of Chapel Street, Cookstown. Prior to joining the
army he worked in Cookstown as a builder's labourer and
was well known in local football circles having played for
both Cookstown and Derryloran Football Clubs. He joined
the army soon after the outbreak of hostilities and had been
in action for many months and was wounded in May 1916.
The 6th Battalion made their advance on the village of
Guillemont on 3rd September 1916, and suffered heavily,
losing fifty-one men, including Private Thomas Darragh and
Lieutenant Colonel J.S.M. Lennox-Conyngham. Thiepval
Memorial, France. Cookstown WM

+ELLIOTT, JOSEPH

Leinster Regiment, 2nd Btn. B Coy. Private. 3285. Died 03/09/1916. Aged 35. One of nine in the Battalion to die on this day. Son of William Elliott, of 35, Leeson St., Belfast; husband to Susan McCallan (formerly Elliott), of 41, Sultan St., Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+FERRIS, William

Connaught Rangers, 6th Btn. Private. 4414. Died 03/09/1916. Born Randalstown. Lived in Belfast and enlisted there. William and his wife Maude married in Holy Trinity C of I on 15/12/1912 and resided at Silvio street, Belfast. Maude later lived in Randalstown. They had two children. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

+GRAHAM, Hugh

Black Watch. 1st. Btn. Private. S/8493. Died 03/09/1916. Aged 28. Son of Joseph and Mary Graham, of 31, Dromore St., Banbridge. Seapatricks Parish Church RH, Banbridge. Thiepval Memorial, France

+KAVANAGH, James

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Private. 11068. Died 03/09/1916 Guillemont. Age 17. Enlisted Clonmel, County Tipperary. Son of Patrick and Margaret (Maggie) Kavanagh, 4, Harvey Street, Derry. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France. Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

+LENOX-CONYNGHAM, John Staples Molesworth

Connaught Rangers, 6th Btn. Lieutenant Colonel. Died 03/09/1916 Guillemont. Age 55. Third son of Sir William F.

Lenox-Conyngham, K.C.B., honorary colonel of the Londonderry Militia, and High Sheriff of the county of Londonderry. Lieutenant Colonel John Lenox-Conyngham was a member of a well-known county Derry family, which had been settled at Spring Hill, Moneymore, since the beginning of the seventeenth century.

He entered the army in January 1881, and was promoted to the rank of captain in December 1889. He attained field rank in July 1900, and was appointed second in command of his battalion – the 2nd Connaught Rangers – in February 1906. He retired on half pay in January 1912, but promptly volunteered for service on the opening of the Great War, being gazetted commanding officer of a service battalion of his old regiment.

He was one of four brothers who served in WW1, the others being Lieutenant Colonel W.A. Lenox-Conyngham (commanding a Carnarvon and Anglesey Territorial Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers), Colonel G.P. Lenox-Conyngham (Royal Engineers), and Lieutenant Colonel H.M. Lenox-Conyngham, F.R.C.V.S., Army Veterinary Corps, who was mentioned in despatches in 1915 by Field Marshall Viscount French. One of Lieutenant Colonel John Lenox-Conyngham's nephews, Lieutenant Commander J. Lenox-Conyngham Clark, R.N., was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order in recognition of his services with a destroyer flotilla during operations at the Dardanelles.

Lieutenant Colonel John Lenox-Conyngham married in 1891 Violet, second daughter of Mr Henry Beveridge Donaldson, of Melbourne. The Lenox-Conyngham family was

descended from William Cunningham, a Scottish Protestant, who was settled in the townland of Ballindrum, in which Spring Hill was situated, in 1609, and from James Lenox, M.P. for Derry, who won distinction during the famous siege of that city.

+LYNCH, John

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Private. 2330. Died 03/09/1916 Guillemont. Age 49. Husband to Mrs Mary Lynch, 6, Nelson Street, Derry. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France. Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

+McBRINN, J C

Royal Irish Regiment, 5th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 03/09/1916. Son of Mrs. M. E. McBrinn, of 2, Roseleigh St., Belfast. Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, France

+McCARTAN, Francis

Connaught Rangers, 6th Btn. Private. 4746. Died 03/09/1916. Age 23. Son of Hugh and Bridget McCartan, of 3, Smith St., Belfast. Bernafay Wood British Cemetery, Montauban, France

+McDONALD, Alexander

Royal Irish Regiment. 6th Btn. Private. 3586. Died 03/09/1916. Aged 21. Son of William and Lizzie McDonald. He was born 29/07/1895 in Kilrea. The family lived in Coleraine Street. Alexander's father appears to have died in

Kilrea on 22/11/1901, aged 45. Theipval Memorial, France.
Kilrea WM

+McGILLION, Henry

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Lance Corporal. 2476. Died 03/09/1916 Guillemont. Age 19. Enlisted Derry. Previous to volunteering, Harry McGillion was employed in Hughes' Soap Factory. A brother, Sergeant F. E. McGillion, was gassed in 1918, and spent time recovering in Meath Hospital, Dublin. Sergeant F. E. McGillion was only eighteen years of age at the time, and was promoted from corporal to sergeant on the battlefield. At a meeting of the Derry branch of the Brick and Stonelayer's Society, held on Friday, 22/09/1916, a vote of condolence was passed with the secretary, Mr H. McGillion, on the death of his son, killed in France. Son of Mr Harry McGillion (possibly died on 17/03/1920), 1, Stable Lane, Bishop's Gate / 23, Laburnum Terrace, Derry. Stepson of Sarah McGillion. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France. Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

+McGINNEY, Patrick Joseph

Connaught Rangers, 6th Btn. Private. 2408. Died 03/09/1916. Age 23. Son of Mrs. Mary E. McGinney, of 34, Balham St., Belfast. Deville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, France

+McMONAGLE, Charles

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Private. 2482. Died 03/09/1916 Guillemont. Age 33. Enlisted Londonderry. Father of Charles McMonagle, 7, Joseph Street,

Londonderry. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France. Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

+McNULTY, James

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Private. 3438. Died 03/09/1916. Age 25. Son of Mrs Rachel McNulty, Ardground, Killaloo, Londonderry. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France.

+MEE, Ernest Campbell

1st/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). Lieutenant. Killed at the taking of Thiepval on 03/09/1916., after considerable service on the Western Front. Age 25. Ernest Mee was one of a number of young Derry men who heard the call of 'King and Country' when in far Western Canada. He resigned his position in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, came home from Canada at his own expense, and joined up early in 1915. The Derry Standard newspaper, at the beginning of April 1915, reported that he had been appointed temporary second lieutenant in the 11th Service Battalion of the West Riding (Yorkshire) Regiment. One of his brother officers, writing home at the time of his death, said the last order he heard him give, although wounded, was, 'Go on lads; I will follow.' Ernest Mee's father, Mr William Henry Mee, J.P., was the son of a very old and respected Derry man, and, in addition to being secretary of the Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, had an important flour agency connection. He also carried on the business of an auctioneer, and died, at the age of fifty-nine, at his home, Cooleen, Buncrana, on 13/08/1920, after having an apoplectic seizure several days before. Son of Lottie Jane (died on 02/05/1949, aged 82), Derry and Buncrana. Educated at Foyle College. Member of

Carlisle Road Methodist Church. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France. Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

+MILLER, William

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Private. 4149. Died 03/09/1916. Age 17. Enlisted Derry. He had been in France since December 1915. At the time of his death, his father was serving with the Royal Irish Regiment in France. He also had two brothers with the colours, but one had been discharged owing to wounds received at the landing of Suvla Bay. Son of Mrs Jane Miller, 14, Orchard Lane / 22, Cross Street, Waterside, Derry. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France. Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

+McDONALD, Alexander

Royal Irish Regiment. 6th Btn. Private. 3586. Died 03/09/1916. Aged 21. Son of William and Lizzie McDonald. He was born 29/07/1895 in Kilrea. The family lived in Coleraine Street. Alexander's father appears to have died in Kilrea on 22/11/1901, aged 45. Thiepval Memorial, France. Kilrea WM

+McGILLION, Henry

Royal Irish Regiment. 6th Btn. Lance Corporal. 2476. Died 03/09/1916. Step-son of Sarah McGillion, 22 Laburnum Terrace, Londonderry. Londonderry Diamond WM

+McGINNEY, Patrick Joseph

Connaught Rangers, 6th Btn. Private. 2408. Died 03/09/1916. Age 23. Son of Mrs. Mary E. McGinney, of 34,

Balham St., Belfast. Deville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, France

+McMONAGLE, Charles

Royal Irish Regiment. 6th Btn. Private. 2482. Died 03 / 09/1916. Age 33. Father of Charles McMonagle, of 7, Joseph St., Londonderry. Thiepval Memorial, France. Thiepval Memorial, France. Londonderry Diamond WM

+MILLER, William

Royal Irish Regiment. 6th Btn. Private. 4149. Died 03/09/1916. Age 17. Son of William and Jane Miller, of 14, Orchard Lane, Londonderry. Thiepval Memorial, France. Londonderry Diamond WM

+MURPHY, Peter

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 6040. Died 03/09/1916. Age 21. Son of James and Lizzie Murphy, of 22, Mary St., Newry. Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece

+MURPHY, Robert

2nd Bn. Leinster Regiment. Private. 2730. Died 03/09/1916. Son of John and Jane nee McKinley, Murphy, Eglish Cottage, Glenshesk, Ballycastle. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Ballycastle WM.

+MURRAY, Daniel

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Private. 5211. Died 03/09/1916. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France.

+MURRAY, Joseph

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Private. 9715. Died 03/09/1916. Age 25. Son of William and Sarah Murray, of Shamrock St., Belfast; husband to Mary Murray, of Sallins Rd., Naas, Co. Kildare. Thiepval Memorial, France

+PHELAN, Patrick

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Private. 2543. Died 03/09/1916. Born Templemore, County Londonderry. Resident of the Bogside. Enlisted Derry. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France. Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

+ROSS, Robert Simmie

King's Own Scottish Borderers. 9th.Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 03/09/1916. Age 25. Commissioned on 14/06/1915. Prior to that he had spent nine months as a Private in the Calcutta Scottish Volunteers. Faculty of Medicine QUB 1908 - 1912. Campbell College. Born 11/12/1891. Son of George and Helena Berry Ross, Crescent, Kirkliston Dr., Bloomfield, later resident at Fountainhall Rd., Aberdeen. Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, Somme, France

+SNEDDON, James

Black Watch. 1st.Btn.Private. S/11962. Died 03/09/1916. Thiepval Memorial, France. Seapatricks Parish Church RH, Banbridge

+SURGENOR, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 2539. Awarded the Ulster Divisional Certificate for Gallantry and Good Service. Gassed on the 1st September, he died of

wounds on 03/09/1916. Age 26. Son of Thomas and Margaret (nee Carson) Surgenor. Born in Killycurry, Portglenone on 05/03/1890. The farming family lived at Grange Corner, Taylorstown. James Surgenor was a section commander in the Ulster Volunteer Force. He enlisted in Lisburn around September 1914, at the start of the war. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Grange Presbyterian Church RH Randalstown Memorial Garden Plaque. Grange Presbyterian Church RH

+WATSON, William Samuel

Royal Irish Regiment. 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 8492. Died 03/09/1916. Born 15/10/1895 to Samuel and Sarah Jane nee Larmour of 19 Rotterdam Street, Belfast. In 1901 residing with his parents and siblings at 18 Baltic Street, Pottinger. In 1911 his parents were residing at 1 Ashdale Street, Pottinger, Co.Down. Later the family moved to Hillsborough. His brother Thomas also fell in WW1. Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Hillsborough WM

+YOUNG, Thomas

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Lance Sergeant. 2674. Died 03/09/1916. Age 43. Son of John and Elizabeth Young, 5, Cross Street, Rosemount, Derry. Husband to Mrs Elizabeth Young, 24, Donegal Street, Rosemount, Derry. Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme, France. Diamond War Memorial, Londonderry

On the first anniversary of the death of Lance Sergeant Young, his sorrowing wife, Elizabeth, and six children, had the following in memoriam lines inserted in a Derry newspaper:-

‘The silent grief that’s in the soul

No human eye can trace,
For many a broken heart lies hid
Behind a smiling face.
You are gone, but not forgotten,
And as dawns another year,
In my lonely hours of thinking,
Thoughts of you are ever near.'

On the third anniversary of the death of Thomas Young, his wife and children placed the following in memoriam lines in a Derry newspaper:-

'The cherished memory of one so dear
Is oft' recalled with many a tear;
But memory fills the vacant place
And keeps him ever near.'

On the fourth anniversary of Thomas Young's death, his wife and six children had the following in memoriam sentiments inserted in a Derry newspaper:-

'Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for him.
May the heavenly winds blow softly
Over that low and hallowed spot;
Though the sea divide your grave from us
You will never be forgot.
These are days of remembrance to all,
These are days so sad to recall.'

1917

+BOYD, George

RN. Stoker 1st Class. SS/107749. HMS Pembroke. Died 03/09/1917. Born Belfast 01/05/1890. Cultra Street, Belfast.

Newington - PCI RH. Gillingham (Woodlands) Cemetery,
Kent. ADM 188/1113/107749

+CAIRNS, Albert

RN. Stoker 1st Class. SS112841. HMS Pembroke. Died
03/09/1917 result of an air raid on Chatham. Aged 23. Born
Belfast 22/10/1893. Son of Wilson and Maria Cairns,
Beechnut St., Old Park Rd., Belfast. Gillingham
(Woodlands) Cemetery, Kent. IMR. ADM 188/1118/112841

+FRAME, William Allen

Royal Field Artillery, 74th Bde. A Bty. Bombardier. 38816.
Died 03/09/1917. Age 19. Son of James and the late Sarah
Frame, of 110, Agnes St., Belfast. Canada Farm Cemetery,
Belgium

+MORRISON, Douglas St George

Royal Field Artillery, attached to an Anti-aircraft Bty.
Lieutenant. Died 03/09/1917. Son of Robert Douglas
Morrison (County Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary) and
Henrietta Maria Langrishe (nee St. George) Morrison, of
"Dunsona," 28, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast. Of Co.
Roscommon. Achiet-Le-Grand Communal Cemetery
Extension, France

1918

+BATEMAN, Reginald John Godfrey

Canadian Infantry, 46th Btn. Captain. Died 03/09/1918. Age
34. Resident of Enniskillen. Portora Royal School 1899 -
02. Played for first XV 1899 - 1900. M.A., Sen. Mod.,

Stewart School, Trinity College (Dublin). Professor of English, University, Saskatoon. Son of Godfrey Bateman, LL.D., and Frances Emily Bateman, of 14, Adelaide St., Kingstown, Co. Dublin. Vimy Memorial, France. Portora RH

+EPPLESTON, James Henry

Machine Gun Corps, 55th Btn. Private. 31385. Died 03/09/1918. Age 34. Son of William and Mary Eppleston, of 19, Southwell St., Belfast. Pernes British Cemetery, France

+McCOOL, Michael Bernadine

Canadian Infantry. 46th Btn. Private. 911379. Died 03/09/1918. Age 22. Son of Mary and the late William McCool, of Culmore, Derry. Brother of William McCool, Strand Rd., Londonderry. Ligny-St Floochel British Cemetery, Averdoingt. France. Londonderry Diamond WM

+ROBINSON, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Lance Corporal. 12/18691. Died 03/09/1918. Larne WM

+SEMPEY, Alexander Todd

Canadian Infantry, 46th Btn. Company Quartermaster Sergeant. 426407. Died 03/09/1918. Age 26. Born in Cross, Ballyclug on 05/06/1888. Enlisted on 03/01/1915 in Regina, Saskatchewan where he was a resident. He had previously served for 6 years with the Royal Irish Rifles, 3rd Btn. Son of James and Ellen (nee Craig) Sempey. Husband to Blanche (nee Edgeler) Sempey, of "Coombelea," Shottermill, Surrey.

Windmill British Cemetery, Monchy-Le-Preux, France.
Ballyclare WM. Kilbride C of I RH

+SPRATT, J

Highland Light Infantry, 1st/5th Btn. (City of Glasgow)
Battalion (Territorial). Private. 201341. Died 03/09/1918. Age
27. Born about 1891 in Dundee, Scotland. James was living
in Glasgow when he enlisted. Son of George and Margaret
Spratt, of Chapple St., Cookstown, Co. Tyrone. Mons
(Bergen) Communal Cemetery, Belgium. Cookstown WM

+YOUNG, Thomas

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 29466. Died
03/09/1918. Age 23 years old. Son of Thomas and Violet
Young, of 77, St. Leonard's St., Newtownards Rd., Belfast.
Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France

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

1942

+GILROY, Oliver

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Fusilier. 6978778. Died 03/09/1942. Age 24. He had been a prisoner of war in Burma since 15/02/1942. Son of Rose Gilroy, of Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh. Rangoon War Cemetery, Rangoon, Myanmar

+McLARNON, Paul

RAFVR. Sergeant. 999862. Died 03/09/1942. Age 22. RAF No 11 Operational Training Unit. He was a Rear Gunner on Vickers Wellington DV718 on a cross-country night flying training exercise. The crew took off from R.A.F. Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire, England. The Wellington bomber traveled north running into poor weather over the Yorkshire Dales. Visibility was poor and the crew lost their bearings in low cloud and heavy rain. Descending to a lower level, the crew found themselves over high ground, coming down on Blake Hill, Riggs Moor, Great Whernside, Yorkshire. A fire broke out on impact destroying most of the Wellington's fuselage. Born in Belfast. Milltown Cemetery, Belfast

+McNEILL, James

Royal Artillery. 9 H.A.A. Regt. 26 Bty. Gunner. 1458568. Died 03/09/1942. Aged 23. Limavady. Beirut War Cemetery. Lebanese Republic. Derry Cathedral WM

+ROGERS, Francis

RAF. Pilot Officer. 49589. Twice Mentioned In Despatches. Died 03/09/1942. Aged 29. 218 Squadron, Son of Frank Rogers of Newry; Husband to Ethne Doreen Joyce Rogers

of Paignton, Devon. Newry Old Chapel Roman Catholic Cemetery

1943

+WARKE, Samuel Graham

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1482490. Died 03/09/1943. 612 Sqdn. Son of Alfred and Margretta Mary Warke, of Ballybogey, Co. Antrim. Runnymede Memorial, Surrey

1944

+MAHOOD, William

RN. Chief Petty Officer. D/214442. Died on 03/09/ 1944. Aged 60. HMS Raleigh. Son of Robert and Mary Mahood of Belfast; Husband to Mary Alice Mahood of Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina

VETERANS

+COYLE, Henry

RN. AB. J49359. HMS Glowworm. Died 03/09/1920. Drowning at Novisad. Aged 21. Boy service from 29/01/1916. Enrolled 11/03/1917 for 12 years. War service in Impregnable, Pembroke I and Apollo. In Glowworm from 23/03/1920. Born Waterside, Londonderry 11/03/1899. Son of John and Sarah Jane Coyle, Strabane Old Rd., Londonderry. Londonderry Masonic Lodge. ADM 188/745/49359

MITCHELL, Arthur Brownlow

RAMC. Lt Colonel. OBE. MC. Blue Coat School, Dublin. RBAI. QCB MB 1890, FRCSI 1900. Surgeon RVH 1893 -

1930. Born 1865. Son of Walter and Alice Mitchell, Portadown. Husband to 1, Agnes and 2, Mable. Father of Arthur Gorman Mitchell. Died 03/09/1942, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

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