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## North Irish remembered at Ploegsteert

**The British WW1 Memorial at Ploegsteert was inaugurated In June 1931. It consists of a quite impressive circular temple supported by columns and guarded by two stone lions. The number 11,447 is engraved on it.**

The Ploegsteert Memorial commemorates 11,447 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South African forces

who died in this sector during the First World War and have no known grave. The memorial serves the area from the line Caestre-Dranoutre-Warneton to the north, to Haverskerque-Estaires-Fournes to the south, including the towns of Hazebrouck, Merville, Bailleul and Armentieres, the Forest of Nieppe, and Ploegsteert Wood. The original intention had been to erect the memorial in Lille.

Most of those commemorated by the memorial did not die in major offensives, such as those which took place around Ypres to the north, or Loos to the south. Most were killed in the course of the day-to-day trench warfare which characterised this part of the line, or in small scale set engagements, usually carried out in support of the major attacks taking place elsewhere. In today's Roll of Honour the names of five named at Ploegsteert who died in conflict on this day in 1918 are recalled.

## On this Day – September 4



**1917** - Menin Road Ypres ( Ieper ) Belgium.



## 1937 - Irish veterans pilgrimage to Lourdes

On the Anniversary of the official end of WW2 it is interesting to reflect on this wonderful image from Capuchin Archives, Ireland of Irish WW1 veterans on a visit to Lourdes in 1937. The photograph forms part of the personal papers of **Fr. Ignatius Collins OFM Cap.** (1885-1961), an Irish Capuchin friar who served as a military chaplain during WW1. Fr. Ignatius subsequently published a description of the International Veterans' pilgrimage to Lourdes in the 'Father Mathew Record', nos. 11 & 12 (Nov.- Dec. 1936), pp 630-33. Unfortunately, the names of the veterans in the photograph are not given but the image does appear in the article and it is captioned.



They carried a tricolour and Union Jack and prayed for Peace and reconciliation, not least between Britain and Ireland.

Their peace would be shattered 3 years later when Hitler invaded Poland and Britain and France went to war in Poland's defence.



## 1939

A formation of 10 Bristol Blenheim bombers strike the German fleet anchored at Wilhelmshaven. It's the first British air raid of the Second World War. Five of the planes are lost.

## 1941

Finnish forces begin the offensive into East Karelia, part of the Continuation War against the Soviet Union



RAF crest and eagle above the gateway portico and the Per Ardua ad Astra Star above the central tower at the Air Forces Memorial, Runnymede Memorial, Surrey - a memorial dedicated to some 20,456 men and women from air forces of the British Empire who were lost in air and other operations during WW2.

## **Ian Borley of Armagh amongst first fatalities of RAF in WW2**

Flight Sergeant Ian Edward Maitland Borley was born in Rathmines, Dublin and lived in Armagh. He was among the first RAF fatalities in World War Two. He was 30 years old.

Flight Sergeant Borley (365199) was one of the first Royal Air Force fatalities of World War Two. He died while flying

with RAF 9 Squadron on 4th September 1939, on one of the war's first raids on Germany, against shipping at Brunsbuettel at the mouth of the Kiel Canal.

Vickers Wellington L4268 took off from RAF Honington, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk at 1605hrs on the second day of the war.

## **The RAF attack German Shipping**

The mission was to attack German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at the mouth of the Kiel Canal. The target was under low cloud cover. The raid was a failure. Both German ships escaped undamaged.

A Luftwaffe BE109 shot down Vickers Wellington L4268 off the German coast. All five crew members died in the crash as the plane went down in the waters.

Also killed were:

- Observer Flight Sergeant George Miller (580160)
- Wireless Operator / Air Gunner Corporal George William Park (524855)
- Wireless Operator / Air Gunner Leading Aircraftman Harry Dore (531093)
- Air Gunner Aircraftman 2nd Class Robert Henderson (618765)

Newspapers at the time did not list Borley among the Royal Air Force's first losses. The Royal Air Force listed the men as missing presumed dead.

## Luftwaffe Claims

The Luftwaffe shot down another Vickers Wellington of RAF 9 Squadron on the same raid. The time for both planes going down was 1815hrs. Feldwebel Alfred Held and Feldwebel Hans Troitzsch claimed the two Wellington Bombers. The Luftwaffe credited Held with their first victory of the war.

*With the rest of the Staffel still quite a way behind me, I already had the Englishman in my sights. I fired my first rounds into the aircraft, but the rear gunner gave as good as he got. Time and again we flashed past each other, machine-guns hammering and engines howling. We had strayed far out over the Jade Bight when the Englishman dived to gain more speed and escape my fire. I forced the Tommy lower and lower and suddenly a long flame shot out from the left side of the bomber. It seemed to be out of control and wallowing about. One final burst was enough. The aircraft dropped its nose and fell. I circled to follow its descent, but already there was just a burning pile of debris in the water which disappeared a few seconds later.*

*Feldwebel Alfred Held.*

*We were off the Elbe estuary when I noticed the three Englishmen far below me, very low over the water. When we got nearer I recognised them as twin-engined Wellington bombers. Two immediately made for the low-lying clouds and disappeared. The third was right in front of my guns and I closed in to 100 metres to be certain of hitting him. At 50 metres his port wing broke off and a flame shot from the fuselage. By the time the bomber was engulfed in flames I was only 20 metres behind him. The burning tail broke away*





*and streaked past just above my head. I had to dive to avoid the flames and continued to follow the bomber down. It dropped some 400 metres into the sea where it quickly disappeared, leaving just a slick of oil.*

*Feldwebel Hans Troitzsch.*

Born on 23rd March 1909 in Rathmines, Dublin, he was the son of Frederick W Borley and Annie Borley. His father was a sergeant with the Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's) in The Great War. His mother Annie was from Edinburgh. The family lived in Armagh before the outbreak of the First World War. While Ian Edward Maitland Borley and his twin brother were born in Dublin, their younger sister was born in Co. Armagh in 1911. Borley married Bessie Jean Marshall of Axbridge near Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset in the summer of 1935. His name is on Panel 1 of the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey, United Kingdom.



# Roll of Honour – September 4

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1914**

**+GIBSON, George Alexander**

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 2nd Btn. Private. Died 04/09/1914. Age 27. George Gibson was born in Bootle, Lancashire about 1887. He enlisted in Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland. He was living in Bellaghy at the time. Son of James and Esther Gibson, of 71, Chancellor St., Partick, Glasgow; husband to Helen McCarroll Gibson. Le Cateau Communal Cemetery, France. Castledawson WM

**+HANNIGAN, Thomas Gilbert**

Irish Guards. 1st Btn. Serjeant. 2969. Died 04/09/1914. Age 25. Son of George and Hariett Hannigan, of 42, Fitzroy Avenue, Ormeau Rd., Belfast. Guards Grave, Villers Cotterets Forest, France

**+MAGEE, William John**

Irish Guards. 1<sup>st</sup> Btn. Private 3139. Died 04/09/1914. Aged 29. Son of Thomas and Annie (nee Trotter) Magee, 11 George's St., Portadown. Guards Grave, Villers Citterets Forest, Aisne, France

**+McGUIRK, C**

Irish Guards, 1st Btn. Private. 2873. Died 04/09/1914. Age 25. Son of John F. McGuirk, of 17, Arizona St., Belfast. Guards Grave, Villers Cotterets Forest, France

**+MILLAR, George**

Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 8th Btn. Serjeant. 35603. Died 04/09/1914. Age 31. Son of Mrs. A. Millar, of 7, Innes Place. Belfast. Dorian Military Cemetery, Greece.

**1915**

**+HUTCHINSON, William James Henry**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. Private. 11824. Died 04/09/1915. James was born 31/05/1893 in Richhill. His father moved to Glasgow and James with his sister Mary lived with their widowed aunt, Mary Hewitt at Ballynahinch, Richhill. They were farmers and members of the Congregationalist Church. He served in Gallipoli and died in Malta. Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta

**1916**

**+HARRIS, Thomas**

Canadian Infantry, 13th Bn. A Coy. Private. 132092. Died 04/09/1916. Age 26. Born Moneymore 28/10/1889. Emigrated to Canada. He enlisted in Montreal on 10/08/1915. He gave his next of kin as his younger brother, Allen Harris, who was also living in Montreal. Thomas gave his occupation as 'driver'. He was 25 years old. Son of

George Harris, and Agnes Harris (nee Allen). of Northern Ireland. London Cemetery and Extension, Longueval, France

**+LYONS, William Barry**

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Lieutenant. Died 04/09/1916. Age 29. Abbeville Communal Cemetery, France

**+McGOWAN, Hugh**

Royal Munster Fusiliers. 8th Btn. Private. 4189. Died 04/09/1916. Age 30. Son of Thomas and Mary McGowan, of Anderston, Glasgow; husband to Mary McGowan, of Atlantic Buildings, 45, Foyle St., Londonderry. Theipval Memorial, France. Londonderry Diamond WM

**+ROBB, Terence**

8th Royal Irish Fusiliers. Lance Corporal. 20908. Died 04/09/1916. Born 26/07/1883 at Maghereagh, Drummaul, Randalstown, son of Hugh and Nancy (nee Wilson) Robb. Terence and Elizabeth Fitzpatrick married on 04/11/1905 in Randalstown Roman Catholic Church. They had six children. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

**+SHARKEY, E**

Leinster Regiment, 7th Btn. Corporal. 2945. Died 04/09/1916. Age 28. Husband to Amelia Sharkey, of 8, Colligan St., Belfast. Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, France

**1917**



**+O'NEILL, Joseph**

Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 6<sup>th</sup> Btn. Sergeant. 35605. Died 04/09/1917. Aged 25. Son of Bernard and Catherine O'Neill, 16 Kilmain St., Lurgan. Dorian Military Cemetery, Greece

**+MILLAR, George**

Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 8th Btn. Serjeant. 35603. Died 04/09/1917. Age 31. Son of Mrs. A. Millar, of 7, Innes Place. Belfast. Dorian Military Cemetery, Greece

**1918**

**+BROOMFIELD, Samuel**

Royal Irish Fusiliers (Armagh Volunteers). Private. 28687. Died 04/09/1918 near Hill 63 south of Ypres.. He enlisted on 27/09/1917, and went to France in April of 1918. Second son of Mr. S. J. Broomfield, Moneyquin, Armagh. He was a prominent member of Armagh " Nimshi " Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templers, and was also identified with Crosskeys Loyal Orange Lodge No. 88. At the time of his enlistment he was in the employment of Mr. W. J. Lennox, Market Street, where he served his apprenticeship in the drapery business. (Northern Whig 16/10/1918). Ploegsteert Memorial, in Berks Cemetery Extension, near Ypres, Hainaut province, Belgium.

**+CARSON, James**

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 1/45546. Died 04/09/1918. Age 24. Son of John and Isabella Carson; husband to Margaret Carson of Belfast. Carnmoney Cemetery

**+LAVERTY, Bernard**

Leinster Regiment, 2nd Btn. Formerly of Connaught Rangers. Private. 18174. Died 04/09/1918. Age 18. Born on 28.10/1899 in Clonoe, Coalisland. One of three children of Charles and Catherine Lavery, of Annaghoboe, Coalisland. Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut province, Belgium

**+McCAUGHAN, G**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Corporal. 16692. Died 04/09/1918. Age 27. Son of William and Lizzie McCaughan, of Drumdonagh, Stranocum, Co. Antrim. Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery, Belgium

**+McNAYE, John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. Private. 27798. Died 04/09/1918. Age 35. Was living with the Davidson family in Killylea in both 1901 and 1911 (Census). He left his effects to Mrs Davidson. Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Belgium

**+MISKIMMON, Samuel**

Hampshire Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. 23691. Died 04/09/1918. Age 26. Son of Mary Ann McCourt (formerly Miskimmon), of 17, Singleton St., Belfast, and the late Jonathan Miskimmon. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

**+MORTON, Robert**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. Serjeant. 18064. Died 04/09/1918 during the attack on Hill 63 near Wulverghem in Flanders. His brothers William and Edward

were also killed during the war. Enlisted February 1915. One of seven children. Son of Robert and Martha Morton formerly from Co. Cavan but who were living in Armagh by 1911. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+PEARSON, John**

Canterbury Regiment, N.Z.E.F. 2nd Btn. Serjeant. 21162. Died 04/09/1918 of wounds at 172<sup>nd</sup> Field Amnulance. Age 32. Son of John and Susan Pearson, of Drummanmore, Armagh. It seems the whole family emigrated and John (Jnr) served with the police before enlisting in NZ forces. Bancourt British Cemetery, France

### **+PINKERTON, Samuel Alexander**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion. Private. 41133. Died 04/09/1918. He enlisted in the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons Service Squadron at Londonderry between 16 and 20/11/1914 (No. UD/158). He embarked for France with his squadron on 06/10/1915. At the time they were serving as divisional cavalry to the 36th (Ulster) Division.

In June 1916 the Inniskilling Squadron came together with C and F Squadrons of the North Irish Horse to form the 2nd North Irish Horse Regiment, serving as corps cavalry to X Corps until September 1917 when the regiment was dismounted and most of its men transferred to the infantry. After a brief period of training at the 36th (Ulster) Division's Infantry Base Depot at Harfleur, Pinkerton was transferred to the Royal Irish Fusiliers on 20 September and soon after was posted to the 9th (Service) Battalion – renamed the 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion. He was issued regimental



number 41133. He probably saw action with the battalion during the Battle of Cambrai in November and December 1917 and perhaps also during the retreat from St Quentin from 21 to 28 March 1918.

On 4 September 1918 the 9th Battalion took part in an attack south of Wulverghem on the Ypres front. The 9th Battalion casualties for the day were four officers wounded, and 17 other ranks killed, 67 wounded and 11 missing. Private Pinkerton was one of those killed.

Samuel Alexander Pinkerton was born on 07/03/1887 at Crossballycormick, Cumber, County Londonderry, the fourth and last child of land agent, clerk and farmer John Pinkerton and his American-born wife Mary Eliza (nee Acheson). He was educated at Foyle College and grew up on the family farm. As he has no known grave he is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut province, Belgium.

### **+SCOTT, Thomas**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. D Coy. Serjeant. 27798. Military Medal. Died 04/09/1918. Age 21. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Scott, of Derryhaw, Tynan, Co. Armagh. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

### **+SMYTH, Hugh**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion. Lance Corporal. 14696. Died 04/09/1918. Age 21. Son of Hugh and Maria Smyth, of Lisnally Cottage, Armagh. Ploegsteert Memorial, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut province, Belgium. Mall Presbyterian Church, Armagh RH

**+TIMBEY, William Fairburn**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion.  
Private. 18332. Died 04/09/1918. Son of John and Eliza  
Jane Timbey, of 18, Athol St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial,  
Comines-Warneton, Hainaut province, Belgium.

**+WELLS, Joseph**

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman.1501. Died  
04/09/1918. Age 34. Husband of Margaret Wells, of 102,  
Hillman St., Belfast. Aulnoye Communal Cemetery, France

**1939**

**+BORLEY, Edward Maitland**

RAF. Flight Sergeant. 365199. Died 04/09/1939. Age 30.  
Flight Sergeant Borley was one of the first RAF fatalities of  
WW Two. He died while flying with RAF 9 Squadron on one  
of the war's first raids on Germany, against shipping at  
Brunsbuettel at the mouth of the Kiel Canal. Vickers  
Wellington L4268 took off from RAF Honington, Bury St  
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The mission was to attack German battleships Scharnhorst  
and Gneisenau at the mouth of the Kiel Canal. The target  
was under low cloud cover. The raid was a failure. Both  
German ships escaped undamaged. A Luftwaffe BE109 shot  
down Vickers Wellington L4268 off the German coast. All  
five crew members died in the crash as the plane went  
down in the waters. Born in Rathmines, Dublin he later lived  
in Armagh. Son of Frederick and Annie Borley; husband to

Jean Borley, of Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.  
Runnymede Memorial

## 1940

### **+LOGAN, David Alexander**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Fusilier. 6977060. Died 04/09/1940 in a military hospital in England. Age 33. Cause of death was wounds received during the Dunkirk withdrawal. Born on 15/08/1906, he was the son of James Logan and the late Charlotte Elizabeth Christina Logan (née Fraser) of Belfast and husband to Hannah Logan of 102 Brookmount Street, Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina Extension

## 1941

### **+MORROW, Martin McAuley**

Royal Army Medical Corps. Major. 75589. Died 04/09/1941. Age 29. M.B., B.A.O., B.Ch. QUB. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrow; husband to Joan Elizabeth Morrow, of Bentworth, Hampshire. Khayat Beach War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine (including Gaza)

## 1942

### **+GRAY, William Forbes**

RAFVR. 97 Sqdn. Sergeant. 1111477. Died 04/09/1942 over Bremen. MCB. Born 10/01/1921. Son of John W Gray, York Rd., Belfast. Becklingen War Cemetery, Germany

## 1943



### **+HAMILTON, Charles Lambert**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1085741. Died 04/09/1943. Age 22. 100 Sqn. He was on board Avro Lancaster JA969. He flew with RAF 100 Squadron as part of Bomber Command in raids over Germany. Son of Alexander H Hamilton and Agnes Hamilton of Belfast. Runnymede Memorial, Surrey

### **+McKEAG, Robert**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1522883. Died 04/09/1943. Aged 21. 50 Sqn. He was an air gunner on a Lancaster Bomber conducting a night raid over Berlin. Robert was the youngest son of Robert McKeag and Agnes C McKeag. Robert Jr was baptised at St Martin's Parish Church, East Belfast. Known to family and friends as Bobby, his elder siblings were Henry, Lily, and Mary. 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Charlottenburg, Berlin, Germany

## **1944**

### **+O'NEILL, John**

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 1st Btn. Private. 3327269. Died 04/09/1944. Aged 33. He was husband to Elizabeth O'Neill of Portadown. Florence War Cemetery, Florence, Italy. Portadown WM

## **VETERANS**

**Major-General James Herbert Samuel Majury CB MBE**  
**26 June 1921 – 4 September 1996**

The following is an extract based on the tribute written by [Major General Corran Purdon](#) that appeared in the 1995 -

1996 edition of 'Blackthorn, The Journal of The Royal Irish Regiment'.

James was born in Antrim, on 26 June 1921, to the Reverend Doctor Matthew Majury and his wife Florence, nee Stuart.

He went to school at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution ('Inst') and Ballymena Academy. He excelled in Athletics and Rugby, getting a trial for Ulster Schools at Rugby Football.

He enlisted in The Royal Ulster Rifles in the Summer of 1940 and did his training at The RUR Infantry Training Centre, Ballymena. He was commissioned from 168 OCTU into The Royal Ulster Rifles on his twentieth birthday.

After a short time with the Regiment's 2nd Battalion, James went out to the Indian Army with a batch of Royal Ulster Rifles 2nd Lieutenants, and, on arrival, was attached to the 15th Punjab Regiment.

From 1943 to 1947 he was seconded to the South Waziristan Scouts on active operations on the North West Frontier. During his time in India he became ADC to General Le Fleming.

In 1947 James had joined the 1st Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles at Ballykinler.

The Battalion moved to Colchester, and in 1950 sailed to Korea to form part of 29 Infantry Brigade in the Korean War. The Battalion was quickly involved in operations, and on 1 January 1951 was holding a defensive position in mountainous country.

A Platoon of B Company, holding a feature called Hill 195, was overwhelmed by a mass attack of the enemy. James's skilful handling of the Battalion Mortars brought devastating fire to bear on the enemy, enabling a counterattack by Ivor Daniel and his platoon to regain the position. By now the enemy were attacking in increasingly heavy numbers, and that night the Battalion rearguard were being attacked by wave after wave of Chinese. The acting CO was killed, James and his Mortar Platoon Oxford carrier was cut off, and heavily involved in bitter hand-to-hand fighting. Corporal, now Major, Joe Lavery, James's signals NCO at the time, tells how James fought with his fists, laying out a number of enemy before he was overpowered by sheer weight of numbers.

[\[Battle of Chaegunghyon \(Happy Valley\)\]](#)

During the long march of the Allied prisoners of war to their prisoner of war camps, in temperatures of 40° below zero, wearing inadequate winter uniforms and boots some of whose soles fell off the uppers, James's large, cheerful presence raised morale, and inspired confidence. In the prison camp, the Padre of the Gloucestershire Regiment was frequently placed in 'The Pit' for punishment, for holding religious services and prayer meetings. When this happened, and later when the prisoners were separated into two camps, James and Joe Ryal stepped in immediately to continue the services. No bibles or prayer books were allowed, but James remembered a number of prayers taught him by his father. These were written down on rice paper, made into a prayer book which was kept concealed, and later presented to James in tribute to his courageous Christian leadership.

When peace was signed, the wounded were the first to be repatriated. Then came those who had not given too much trouble to their captors. Those who had laughed at their captors' attempts at political indoctrination, and those who had led them in their opposition, were kept to the end. Among the last, if not THE last, was James, who has so inspired his fellow captives.

When it came to the turnout this final hard core to be repatriated, and they were collecting their gear to move, Padre Davies of the Gloucesters took with him the rough wooden cross made in the camp. The Chinese would not let him have it, saying it was camp property. "Right", said James, "We stay here until you let us take it". Such was his personality that everyone belonging to the various United Nations Allies, and including Muslim Turks, sat down, and refused to move until the symbol of the Christian faith had been handed to Padre Davies. The cross is now in the Royal Army Chaplains' Department Museum, at the Defence Academy site at Shrivenham. Typical of James's charismatic leadership, courage, and faith. On his return to England his gallant and distinguished services were recognised by the award of a Mention in Despatches.

Footnote - The compiler of Remembrance Ni was present when the people of Antrim and district formed a very large crowd on the main street of the town at the distinctive exit from his father's church and made a presentation to their returned hero. In the course of the compiler's church appointments he had the good fortune to have the aforementioned Joe Lavery as a parishioner, and as Dean in Belfast Cathedral the privileged responsibility of ensuring James Majury's legacy was preserved and shared.



## **ETTIE, George Albert Edward**

**RN. CPO. HMS Belfast.** Born 04/07/1910 Gosport, Hampshire, and raised in England. He made Belfast his home when posted to HMS Belfast in 1938 and married there in 1939. He was in HMS Belfast when she hit a mine in Scotland and was subsequently posted to the top secret, anti-submarine base in St. Johns, Newfoundland in 1941. He had been specially selected to run all of the maintenance and training at the anti-submarine base for which he was awarded the British Empire Medal which was personally presented to him by the King at Holyrood House, Edinburgh. He, and the men under him, were not expected to see combat while at HMCS Avalon but his next in command was credited with sinking a U-boat and George believes that he also sank one, but it could not be confirmed so he never got credit for it. (Note by his son Ken Ettie). **Died Belfast 04/09/1962.**

## **NICHOLL, John**

John Nicholl was from Ballymena and aged about 19/20 years old when he joined up in Belfast on 04/09/1939. He was initially with Royal Army Service Corps as a Despatch Rider and according to documents held by his family he and his mates were on the last boats to leave Dunkirk. They were all told to take off their uniforms, strap their helmet and rifles to their back along with their boots and then swim out to one of the boats which picked them up. Later he served under Field Marshal Montgomery as a Tank Driver and Desert Rat at El Alamein in the Royal Tank Regiment. His medals include the France and Germany Star, Italy Star, Africa Star and Dunkirk Medal,

## **STEWART, William**

MO Denton Red Cross Hospital 1914 - 18. Lieutenant and MO, 4th Manchester Vol Btn. Ballynahinch Intermediate School. QCB. MD 1887, MCh. Lecturer to St John's Amb Assoc from 1903. Knight of Grand Order of St John of Jerusalem, 1944. Born 1865, Dromara. Son of Hugh Stewart. Died 04/09/1944



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