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Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

A village called Dadizeele

Fourteen remembered on today's Roll are named in the war cemetery at the village of Dadizele in Belgium. They are



The Basilica of Our Lady in the centre of Dadizele, was heavily shelled in the First World War, and damaged again during the Second. **Now rebuilt** so you'd never know the difference.

from the Royal Irish Fusiliers 9th Battalion who fell in one of the fiercest engagements leading to the end of the war.

Dadizeele is 16 km east of Ypres on a road to Menin.

The village of Dadizeele (now Dadizele) was in German hands for much of the First World War until reached by the 36th (Ulster) Division, and taken by the 9th (Scottish) Division, on 29 September 1918. Severe fighting followed on 1 October, at Hill 41, a little south of the village.



The safebox containing the register with the names of those buried and seat.

Dadizeele New British Cemetery is in fact an extension of the communal cemetery. It was made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from other burial grounds and from the battlefields of 1918, although there are a few 1914 graves.



On this Day - October 1

1939

In Germany, Karl Dönitz promoted to rear admiral and commander of the submarines.

British men between 20 and 22 are now liable for conscription.

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill during a radio broadcast described the Soviet Union as "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma".

German troops enter the devastated city of Warsaw. The Polish garrison on the Hel Peninsula surrenders to the Germans after repeated attacks.

1940

Japanese occupy British concessionary island off Wei-haiwei, China.

Petrol rationing is introduced in Australia.

1941

The House of Commons votes for the third £1,000M war credit of year.

The Soviet-British-US conference in Moscow concludes with a protocol being signed committing Britain and the USA to

supply Russia with 400 aircraft immediately and 500 aircraft per month until the 30th June.

1942

There-after the protocol would be renewable annually. Further, both countries undertook to deliver 41,000 tons of Aluminium immediately and 6,000 tons of rubber and 1,500 tons of tin per month. Food and medical supply's were also included.

1943

The allies capture Naples, although the Germans thoroughly demolish its harbour facilities. Hitler orders a defense of Italy to the South of Rome.

The Australian Government releases men from the army and munitions industry for reallocation within the Australian war effort.

1944

The U.S. First Army begins the siege Aachen, Germany.

The Finnish Army makes an assault landing against German held Tornio, in Gulf of Bothnia.

Monte Battaglia in the Gothic Line is captured by the U.S. Fifth Army after a 4-day battle. The Red Army crosses the Danube into Yugoslavia.

A Secret Hungarian delegation arrives in Moscow to sign an armistice with the Russians.

Canadian forces open campaign to clear the Scheldt Estuary around port of Antwerp, Belgium.

1946

Twelve Nazi war criminals are sentenced to be hanged at Nuremberg trials—Karl Donitz, Hermann Goring, Alfred Jodl, Hans Frank, Wilhelm Frick, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, Wilhelm Keitel, Joachin von Ribbentrop, Fritz Saukel, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Julius Streicher, and Alfred Rosenberg.

Roll of Honour - October 1

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1914

+COMBE, Samuel Barbour

North Irish Horse, Lieutenant. Died 01/10/1914. Age 34. 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.

Trooper Robert McIlwaine of Lurgan was a member of the company of the North Irish Horse, which was commanded by Captain S. B. Combe. Lurgan Mail on 12/12/1914 reported - "Trooper McIlwaine states that the North Irish Horse and the 19th Hussars had been in the habit of doing duty by turns close to the enemy's lines, and on the 29th September it was the North Irish Horsemen's turn. On that day before setting out Captain Combe got a message from headquarters directing him to try and ascertain if the village

of Conday, on the opposite side of the Aisne, had been evacuated by the enemy. Conday Fort, it may be pointed out, was on the heights over the village, and was one of the enemy's strongholds. Captain Combe accordingly set forth, accompanied by his orderly (Trooper Norman Darling, son of Dr Darling, Lurgan) on a reconnoitring expedition at about 12:45 p.m., and as the project was fraught with danger he gave express orders that if he had not returned by 2:30 p.m., no search party should be sent out for him, as he would probably have been "done for." Before crossing the bridge over the Aisne, into the portion of country formerly held by Germans, Captain Combe dismounted and handing over his horse to his orderly, proceeded by himself on foot, but was never again seen by his orderly or any of the other men. As the evening wore on, his men became anxious, and Trooper McIlwaine and Trooper Greer volunteered to go out in search of him. They approached within a short distance of Conday, when they observed a machine gun in one of the houses. They opened fire, which was returned with interest, but recognising under the circumstances that the futility of their search, the reluctantly rode back and rejoined their company. Meanwhile Trooper Darling had also gone in search of his officer, but his efforts were equally fruitless, and he returned to his comrades at about 9 o'clock, and informed them that he feared Captain Combe must be either captured or shot. It subsequently came to the troop's knowledge that their officer had been shot before he would surrender to the enemy".

Samuel Barbour (Barrie) Combe, of Donaghcloney, County Down, was born at Malone Park, Belfast, on 20/01/880, third son of engineer Abram Combe and his wife Emilie Caroline (nee Nicholson) Combe. 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 12/03/1906 he and Mary Theresa Waring married. Mary was a sister of North Irish Horse officer Holt Waring. They had two children, Thomas Waring Barrie and Ruric Desmond. Le Touret Memorial

1915

+ARMSTRONG, Charles Arthur

Northumberland Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. Lieutenant Colonel. Died 01/10/1915. Aged 42. RMC Sandhurst. Commissioned Lieutenant 10/10/1894. Served as Adjutant of QUB Training Corps from 1913 until outbreak of war. Only son of Major General Charles Armstrong. Husband of Evelyn Denison Armstrong. Vermelles British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

+BAYNE, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 3022. Died 01/10/1915. Age 30. He went with his Battalion to Gallipoli where he was seriously wounded and was sent back to England for hospital treatment. His condition gradually deteriorated and he died from his wounds. He resided in Orritor Street, Cookstown with his wife Catherine (nee Rooney) prior to active service. He had previously been employed at Gunning's factory. Derryloran Chapel Hill RC Graveyard, Cookstown. Gunnings Factory WM at Cookstown RBL

+BROWN, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6389. Died 01/10/1915. Age 26. James Brown was a Reservist who was recalled at the outbreak of the Great War. Before that

he worked in Morrow's posting establishment in Bangor. He was wounded in action on 25/09/1915. Both of his legs were badly injured, the right leg so seriously that it had to be amputated. He died in Hooge Hospital. Son of William and Jennie Brown, of 68, Abbey St., Bangor, Co. Down. Le Touquet - Paris Plage Communal Cemetery, France. Born on 25/04/1889 in East Street, Newtownards (from church records) and he was baptised in First Newtownards Presbyterian Church. He was a son of William and Jane (Jennie, sometimes Jeannie) Brown (nee Robinson). They had eight children. The Brown family lived at 1 Price's Lane, Newtownards and in Frances Street. Newtownards before moving to 68 Abbey Street, Bangor. Le Touquet - Paris Plage Communal Cemetery, France. Newtownards and District WM; Bangor and District WM; in Strean Presbyterian Church Newtownards; on the Royal British Legion (Bangor Branch) Memorial Plague and in the Comrades of the Great War (Bangor Branch) Album in North Down Museum.

1916

+DOUGLAS, Robert Patrick

Australia. AIF. Private. 197, 1124, 1171A. Died 01/10/1916. Aged 26. Enlisted at Kensington 3/9/194 with 1st Btn with Service No. 197. Did not leave Australia with AIF. Reenlisted at Rosehill 28/10/1914 with 1st Btn with Service No. 1124. Embarked 22/12/1914. Returned to Australia 26/5/1915. Re-embarked 10/8/1915 with 14th Btn. Service No. 2487 and later 1171. Born: Bangor, Ireland. Son of James and Annie Douglas. Next of Kin: Sister - Mary Bell, 19 Laganview Street, Bridgend, Belfast. Ridge Wood Military Cemetery, Belgium. Commemorative Area Australian War Memorial

+MORGAN, Michael

South Lancashire Regiment, 8th Btn. Private. 15556. Died 01/10/1916 on the Somme. Enlisted Birkenhead. Son of John and Mary A. Morgan, of Levelamore, Lislea, Newry. Theipval Memorial, France

1917

+CAMPBELL, William

Cameron Highlanders.1st Bn. Private. S/17401. Died 01/10/1917 at home. Age 28. Born in Lisburn, he lived in Mossend, Glasgow. He enlisted at Hamilton, Lanarkshire. Son of Margaret and Thomas Campbell; husband to Margaret Campbell, of 28, Beechwood Gardens, Calder Rd., Mossend, Lanarkshire. Bothwell (Bellshill) Cemetery, Lanarkshire, Scotland

+GILLESPIE, Victor Allan

Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment). Private. 487408. Treated at 8th Canadian Field Ambulance and transferred the same day to 42nd Casualty Clearing Station and died later that day of his wounds on 01/10/1917. Age 27. Enlisted 14/12/1915 at Montreal, Canada. Occupation, bank clerk, aged 25 years and 5 months. Previously served with 35th Alberta Light Horse. He embarked aged 21 on 12/06/1912 from Bristol Port bound Montreal, Canada on S.S. Royal George. Embarked Canada on S.S. Olympic 01/04/1916 disembarked al Liverpool 13/04/1916 and taken to Canadian Camp at West Sandling, near Folkestone, Kent. Posted to France 17/07/1917. He was sick with mumps 05/04/1917, admitted to 9th General Hospital, same day transferred to 7th

General Hospital both at St Omer. Discharged fit for duty 23/04/1917. Born 03/08/1890 in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh to Joseph Scott and Mary Ann Gillespie, nee Rogers of Annahilt, Hillsborough later of Garney, Sligo, Ireland. Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

+NIXON, Herbert William

36th Battalion Australian Infantry. Sergeant. 27. Died 01/10/1917. Born: Antrim, Ireland. Next of Kin: Brother - Thomas Harper Nixon, Wanganui, New Zealand. Enlisted: 14/12/1915, Liverpool, N.S.W. Occupation prior to Enlistment: Engineer. Embarked: 13/05/1916, Sydney, N.S.W. per "Beltana". Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

+STEWART, George

Australian Infantry. 46th Btn. Private. Died 01/10/1917. Aged 38. Previously 30th Btn. A.I.F. Private. 2978. Embarked: 17/11/1916, Sydney, N.S.W. per "Port Napier". Discharged medically unfit 30/02/1916. Served in Imperial Army for 12 years 32 days and 167 Days 30th Battalion A.I.F. (discharged medically unfit). Re-Enlisted: 18/09/1916, Newcastle, New South Wales. Born: Belfast, Ireland. Son of George and Martha Stewart. Husband to Martha Maria Stewart, of 13, Gosford Rd., Adamstown, New South Wales. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium, Commemorative Area Australian War Memorial

+YOUNG, Archie

Australian Tunnelling Corps. 1st Coy. Sapper. 330. Died 01/10/1917. Occupation prior to Enlistment: Labourer. Enlisted: 02/11/1915, Toowoomba, Queensland. Embarked: 20/02/1916, Sydney, N.S.W. per "Ulysses". Born: Derry, Ireland. Son of John Young, 39 Marsh Road,

Middlesborough, England. The Huts Cemetery, Belgium. Commemorative Area Australian War Memorial

+WRIGHT, Samuel

Royal Field Artillery. 186th Bde. D Bty. Gunner. 100664. Died 01/10/1917. Age 19. Son of the late Samuel and Mary Wright, of 10, Glencollyer St., Belfast. La Clytte Military Cemetery, Belgium

1918

+AGAR, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. A Coy. Rifleman. 17/789. Died 01/10/1918. Age 26. Son of Margaret Agar, of 81, Northbrook St., Lisburn Rd., Belfast, and the late Andrew Agar. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+BLACKWOOD, Samuel David

Canadian Infantry, 43rd Btn. Private. 652024. Died 01/10/1918 near Cambrai. In 1901 he was living with his parents at Ballinrea, Newtownhamilton. The family emigrated to Canada. His brother John Thomas Blackwood also died serving with Canadian forces (13/06/1916). Mill Switch British Cemetery, Tilloy-Lez-Cambrai, France

+BOOMER, Walter Charter

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. Captain. Military Cross. Died 01/10/1918. Age 27. Son of Richard Walter and Jane Armstrong Boomer, of Knockmore Cottage, Lisburn. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+BRADSHAW, Thomas Henry

Royal Irish Rifles,15th Btn., previously of the 10th Btn. Lance-Corporal. 10/4319. Died of wounds 01/10/1918. Age 34. Son of Thomas Henry and Catherine Bradshaw nee Devlin; Husband of Martha Bradshaw nee Hyles, of 25 Scott Street, Belfast. Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Belgium. 19/10/1918 Northern Whig

+COULTER, Joseph

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (Inniskilling Dragoons) Btn. Private. 41530. Died Between 01/10/1918 and 07/10/1918. Age 24 years old. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Coulter of Mullaghfad, Cooneen, Fivemiletown. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+DOGHERTY, Patrick

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 28897. Died 01/10/1918. Age 20. Son of John and Elizabeth Dogherty, of 44, Conway St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+DONNAN, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 42411. Died 01/10/1918. Age 38. Son of Francis Donnan, of 6, Henryville St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+DOUGLAS, William John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 25189. Died 01/10/1918. Age 19. Son of John and Alice Douglas, of 42, Theodore St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+DUNDAS, William Henry

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse)Btn. Private 41399, formerly Trooper. 620. Died 01/10/1918. He enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Ballyshannon on 02/10/1911. He embarked for France on 20/08/1914 with C Squadron, seeing action on the retreat from Mons and advance to the Aisne. At this time he was incorrectly reported as having been killed. According to the *Belfast News-Letter* of 11 September:

Our Enniskillen correspondent writes:— Two deaths while on active service are reported in the "C" (Enniskillen) Squadron of the North Irish Horse — Trooper Dundas, Tabaugh, Derrygonnelly, and Trooper D. Wallace, Florencecourt. Both were troopers in the Enniskillen Horse, U.V.F.

In June 1916 C Squadron came together with F Squadron and the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons Service Squadron 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, Dundas 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 41399. He may have seen action with the battalion at the Battle of Cambrai in November and December 1917.

On 08/01/1918 Dundas was posted to the 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers, where he joined C Company. He was reported as wounded following the German spring offensive in March and April 1918.

On 01/10/1918, having just returned from a fortnight's leave, Dundas joined the 1st Battalion's attack on Hill 41 in Belgium.

The regimental war diary records - "Orders were received that the Battalion was to attack Hill 41 at 6.15 a.m. from the West and if successful to exploit the advance on a line running N. of Coutrai. Time was very limited but a hasty moonlight reconnaissance was made and "C" & "D" Coys. ... were moved into an assembly position with "A" Coy. in support. The assault was covered by 2 batteries of Field Guns and Coys. moved forward to the attack at Zero hour. Heavy resistance was encountered on the Hill by M.G. and Trench Mortar fire but Twig Farm was captured with 23 prisoners and a line established N. & S. of this point. The support Coy. "A" Coy. ... was moved up to reinforce the attack, but casualties were so heavy that further progress could not be made. At 11.30 a.m. the enemy made a determined counter-attack on this line, but was driven off by our fire. Consolidation was proceeded with and a definite line was established. At 6.40 p.m. the enemy again counterattacked after a very [...] artillery and M.G. preparation and endeavoured to re-capture Twig Farm. "C" Coy. were holding this post and succeeded in driving off the enemy after a severe fight in which many further casualties were sustained." Trooper Dundas was one of the men killed that day.

Born at Drumcrow, Church Hill, County Fermanagh, the second of six children of farmer Edward Dundas and his wife Margaret (nee Johnston). His mother died when he was

just 15 and by 1911 he was living with his father and four siblings on the family farm at Drumcrow West when he enlisted. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+FERSON, James

Canadian Machine Gun Corps 4th Btn. Private. 237471. Died 01/10/1918. Born 04/09/1889, son of William Ferson of Drumnacross, Cookstown. He emigrated to Canada as a teenager and found work as a tramway conductor in Toronto. He enlisted in Toronto on 10th April 1916 and was described as being five feet four and three quarter inches tall, with blue eyes, brown hair and a fresh complexion. He was not married. At Easter 1918 he was home on leave in Cookstown recovering from being gassed in an attack by the enemy. He was killed in action by a machine gun bullet through the heart as he was getting his own machine gun into action. Canada Cemetery, Tilloy-les-Cambrai, Nord, France. Kildress C of I Parish WM

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+GARDINER, George

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 42418. Died 01/10/1918. Aged 19. Son of Thomas and Sarah Gardiner, of 35, Circular Rd., Larne. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+GOULD, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 201. Died 01/10/1918. Born Charlemont, Co. Armagh. In 1911 he was working as an apprentice plumber and living at 13 Excise St., Belfast. His effects went to an aunt, Susan. Son of Mr. M. Gould, of 48, Devonshire St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+GLENCROSS, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman.14708. Died 01/10/1918. Age 26. Son of David and Mary Glencross, of 119, Brookmount St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+GRAHAM, William Rennie

Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's). Lieutenant. Died 01/10/1918. Age 26. Member of the Training Corps 1916. Enlisted as a Private on 04/10/1916. Commissioned 28/02/1917 joining the 10th Battalion on 03/04/1917. On 16/06/1917, he transferred to the 9th (North Irish Horse) Battalion and was posted to D Company. He was posted to the 1st Battalion on 14/06/1918 and was badly wounded during the attacks on Hill 41 near Dadizeele on 01/10/1918 and died on his way to the dressing station. Lieutenant William Graham was originally buried in Mansard Farm Cemetery in Dadizeele, but was re-interred in Dadizeele

New British Cemetery in Flanders (Belgium) in 1920. William Rennie Graham was born on 16/05/1892 in Newry, the eldest child of John and Elizabeth Graham, later of 43 Malone Avenue, Belfast. After attending RBAI and QUB, he worked for the Vinolia Manufacturing Company in Belfast. However, the 1911 Ireland Census Return records his occupation as "Apprentice, Linen Manufacturing" and the newspaper reports of his death record that he was working or Thomas Somerset and Company before he enlisted. The June 1917 edition of the Central Presbyterian Association magazine reported the marriage of William Rennie Graham to Miss Kathleen M. Prenter on 23/04/1917. Husband to Kathleen Graham, Fitzroy Avenue, Belfast. Dadizeele New

British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, RBAI WM, Fitzroy Avenue Presbyterian Church War Memorial plaque, PCI RH.

+HALLIDAY, George

Royal Irish Rifles,12th Btn. Corporal. 1357. Died 01/10/1918. Age 25. Son of David and Mrs. Mary J. Halliday, of Crankey, Jerrettspass, Co. Armagh. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+HILL, James

Royal Irish Fusiliers,1st Btn. formerly 3rd Btn.Royal Irish Rifles. Private. 42425. Died 01/10/1918. Age 24. Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, of 18, St. Kilda St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+KERNAGHAN, John

Royal Irish Fusilers, 9th. Btn. Temporary Second Lieutenant. Previously Sergeant (11/19583), Royal Irish Rifles. Died 01/10/1918. He worked as a clerk in York Street Flax Spinning Company. Member of the UVF. He played cricket for Muckamore. Brother of James (11/19584) who died on 21/03/1918. Son of William and Fanny Kernaghan. He and Lily Marshall married in Great Victoria Street Presbyterian Church on 05/07/1918. His wife lived later at 11 Walnut St., Belfast. Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Belgium. Antrim WM. St Jude's C of I Parish Church, Muckamore WM

+LOGUE, Phillip

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 10565. Died 01/10/1918. Age 22. Son of Edward Logue, of 160, Lecky Rd., Londonderry. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+McALEER, Andrew

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 42433. Died 01/10/1918. Age 24. Son of Edward McAleer, of Ballyhottie, Omagh, Co. Tyrone; husband of Annie McAleer (nee Brennan), of Arthur, Ontario, Canada. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+McCARRON, William

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 49979. Died 01/10/1918. Age 37. Son of Charles and the late Eliza McCarron, of Ballywoodock; husband of Annie Tosh (formerly McCarron) of Ballywoodock, Castlerock, Londonderry. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+McCLEERY, Robert

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Corporal. 8260. Died 01/10/1918. Brother of Miss Jennie McCleery, of Monkstown, Whiteabbey, Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Jordanstown Parish Church RH

+McCULLOUGH, Henry

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 23231. Died 01/10/1918. Son of Mr. J. McCullough, of Avenue Rd., Lurgan. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+MOAN, William John

Auckland Infantry Regiment, 1st Btn. Private. 54919. Died 01/10/1918. Age 48. Born about 1870, son of Mr. W. J. and

Mrs. Catrin Moan of Aughnacloy, Co. Tyrone. He emigrated to New Zealand. Before enlisting William worked as a gardener. He named his next of kin as his mother, still living in Aughnacloy. After training, he embarked from Wellington on 14th July 1917. Anneux British Cemetery, Anneux, Nord, France.

+MORRISON, Robert

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 42398. Died 01/10/1918. Age 20. Son of Joseph and Annie Morrison, of 118, Riga St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+MURDOCK, James Gabriel

Royal Irish Rifles, H.Q. Coy. 2nd Btn. Rifleman.19706. Died 01/10/1918. Age 24. Son of William James Murdock, of Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+MURPHY, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 01/10/1918. Age 22. Son of Clarke and Martha Murphy, of Ballymoney. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+NEVILLE, Robert

Alberta Regiment (Canadian Infantry). Private. 433137. Died 01/10/1918. Age 26. Born in County Tyrone on 03/07/1893, son of James and Helena Neville. The 1911 census shows Robert as 17. He is working on his father's farm. The family lived at Moygashel, Dungannon. Robert emigrated to Canada where he worked as a farmer. He enlisted on 06/05/1915 at Edmonton, aged 22. He was single and gives

his next of kin as his father. Etaples Military Cemetery, Etaples, Pas De Calais, France. Dungannon WM

+O'NEILL, Anthony

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 22346. Died 01/10/1918. Age 15. (Served as John Thomas O'Neill). Son of Hugh and Jane O'Neill, of 3, King's Court, Lancaster St., Belfast. His brother John also fell. Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Belgium

+PATTERSON, David

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 19166. Died 01/10/1918. Age 20. Son of William and Agnes Patterson, of Lisnamulligan, Hilltown, Rathfriland. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+REGAN, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles. 12th Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 488. Died 01/10/1918. Age 19. Born at Gordonhall, Grey Abbey. Son of Thomas Henry and Harret Regan, of Bowtown, Grey Abbey, Co. Down. Born at Gordonhall, Grey Abbey. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+SHERLOCK, Robert

N.Z.E.F. Wellington Regiment. 2nd Btn. Private. 45926. Died 01/10/1918. Born in Belfast 22/08/1886. Emigrated to New Zealand 04/07/1912. Worked as a gardener. Enlisted at Masterton, New Zealand on 04/01/1917. Son of William and Mary Sherlock, of Crumlin, Co. Antrim. Flesquieres Hill British Cemetery, France. Crumlin WM. Antrim WM. St Catherine's C of I Killead WM

+STONE, Erik Edward

Canadian Infantry 1st Btn. Private. 2355927. Died 01/10/1918. Age 36. Son of John Harris Stone and Olivia Mary Stone; husband to Mabel Stone, of Dickinson, Galveston Co., Texas, U.S.A. Born at Larne, Ireland. Haynecourt British Cemetery, France

+THOMPSON, Ernest

Manchester Regiment, 2nd Btn formerly Royal Army Service Corps. Private 53079. Died 01/10/1918. Age 29. Born 1889 at Shankill, Belfast to Anna Thompson, of 2A, Bedeque Street, Belfast. Joncourt East British Cemetery, France. Crumlin Road Methodist Church WM, Belfast

+WATSON, James

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 49874. Died 01/10/1918. Age 20. Son of Mrs. J. Watson, of 40, Gertrude St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

1940

+McKEE, Joseph

RN. Stoker 1st Class. D/KX 79944. Died 01/10/1940. Aged 28. HM Submarine Thunderbolt. Formerley named HMS Thetis, she commenced sea trials on 04/03/1939. She sank during trials on 01/06/1939 with the loss of 99 lives. She was salvaged, repaired and recommissioned as HMS Thunderbolt serving in the Atlantic and Mediterranean theatres until she was lost with all hands on 14/03/1943. Son of Joseph and Annie McKee; husband to Edith McKee,

of Richhill. Kilmore (St Aidan) C of I Churchyard, Co. Armagh

1942

+BOYCE, Samuel John

Royal Artillery. 965 Defence Bty. Lance Bombardier. 1063039. Died Between 01/10/1942 and 02/10/1942. Aged 40. He was a prisoner of war on Japanese ship Lisbon Maru when it came under attack from U.S.S. Grouper off the coast of Shanghai, China. The vessel sank resulting in the deaths of 828 people. Lance Bombardier Boyce had 27 years' service. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Boyce of Bridge Street, Portadown. Two sisters resident in Portadown - Mrs David McMullen, 95 Bridge St., and Mrs Charles Hegan, 40 Union St. Sai Wan Memorial, China, (including Hong Kong). Portadown WM

+MORRISON, Edward

Middlesex Regiment, 1st Btn. Private. 6213567. Died 01-02/10/1942 SS Lisbon Maru. Age 23. He was a Prisoner of War, captured by Japanese Forces in Hong Kong on 25/12/1941. Starting at 0700hrs on 01/10/1942, U.S. Submarine Grouper fired 6 torpedoes at SS Lisbon Maru around 6 miles off the Chinese coast. Of these, 5 missed the target but a single torpedo impacted the stern. The 7,053-ton vessel was transporting British and Canadian Prisoners of War from Shamshuipo Prisoner of War Camp, Hong Kong to Japan. The American Military was not aware of the Prisoners on board and attacked the unmarked, heavily armed vessel with 778 Japanese Military personnel on deck. A Japanese Freighter Toyukuni Maru came

alongside the damaged Lisbon Maru rescuing Japanese troops but no Prisoners of War. It began to tow the stricken vessel towards Shanghai, China but Lisbon Maru began to sink by the stern. The prisoners on board endured horrific conditions before and following the attack. As the vessel began to sink, prisoners in Hold No. 3 were already underwater. Japanese troops shot some prisoners who broke free, others swam toward the Toyukuni Maru. As they climbed ropes, Japanese troops on board kicked them back into the water. Eventually, most surviving Prisoners of War made it back to Shanghai, China on Japanese vessels. Some who swam in the opposite direction found refuge and rescue at the hands of Chinese fishermen. A total of 846 Prisoners of War died when S.S. Lisbon Maru went down including 154 of the Middlesex Regiment. News of Edward's presumed death reached the press in Northern Ireland in October 1944. Edward was the son of James Morrison and Lucy Morrison of Saintfield, Co. Down. Sister Miss Cassie Morrison of Downpatrick Street, Saintfield, had received news of her brother's internment in July 1942. Edward Morrison has no known grave. He is named on the Sai Wan Memorial, Hong Kong.

See also **+CALVERT**, **Hans** RN. Signalman. 02/10/1942.

+SHAW, James Douglas

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant. 1068083. Died 01/10/1942. Age 29. 51 Sqdn. Son of David and Alice Shaw, Belfast. Runnymede Memorial, Surrey

1943

+CUTHBERTSON, Mary Rose

WAAF. Leading Aircraftwoman. 2097144. Died 01/10/1943. Belfast City Cemetery, Glenalina

1944

+SIMPSON, James

RAFVR. Aircraftsman (2nd Class). 1905744. Died 01/10/1944. Age 20. Son of James and Elizabeth Simpson, Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery

1945

+KENNEDY, Robert

Royal Scots, 7/9th Btn. Private. 14770652. Died 01/10/1945. Age 31. Seriously wounded during the Rhine Crossing, His battalion was part of the 51st Highland Division. He was airlifted to hospital in England but died from his wounds. Son of William and Margaret Kennedy of Ballinahonemore, Armagh; husband to Marion Kennedy, of Lancaster. Skerton C of E Cemetery, Lancashire

VETERANS

FRENCH, Herbert

RN. Survived HMS Rajputana being torpedoed by U - boat in N Atlantic 13/04/1941. One of 277 rescued four hours after the ship went down with a loss of 40 men. Herbert was in his third year of service. Two weeks later his twin brother Albert, age 26, who had been in the navy a year was killed in HMS Diamond when the destroyer was sunk by German

air attack south of Greece in the eastern Mediterranean. There were no survivors. D 01/10/1996. Son of John and Agnes French, Randalstown.

MATCHETT, William Thomas

Royal Irish Fusiliers. Private. 24447. William from Clonmacate townland, Co. Armagh enlisted in the Royal Irish Fusiliers in June 1916 - two months after his sixteenth birthday. He was posted to the Regiment's 9th (Service) Bn. in October 1916 at Ploegsteert, Belgium and saw action with them until January 1917 when his age was discovered and he was sent home. Undeterred, he enlisted in the 20th (Reserve) Bn. Royal Irish Rifles in June 1917 and remained with them on Home Service until demobilised in Feb 1919. He then enlisted in the Royal Army Service Corps as a Driver and through five periods of engagement served with them until October 1945, serving in the final push into Germany in WWII. Discharged in 1945 after over 22 years remarkable service.

McGUGAN, William James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.10th Battalion (the Derrys), Private. 18542. He volunteered for active service in September 1914 (aged about 19 years); before enlisting he was a member of the Portstewart Company, Coleraine Battalion, North Derry Regiment, Ulster Volunteer Force. The Derrys trained at Finner Camp, County Donegal, and Seaford, Sussex, and arrived at the Western Front in October 1915. William was wounded during the Battle of the Somme (July 1916) and again on 27/03/1918 when it was necessary to amputate his right leg. His parents, Mr. Andrew

McGugan (a driver of Portstewart Tram) and Mrs. Margaret (nee Harkin) McGugan, lived on Main Street, Portstewart. Private William John McGugan was his uncle. William died in October 1968 and was buried in the churchyard of St. Guaire's Parish Church, Aghadowey. He is commemorated on the Roll of Honour in Agherton Parish Church.

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