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Naval Spitfires

A Fleet Air Arm Supermarine Seafire being refuelled by a petrol bowser at Yeovilton in September 1943. Today's Roll includes a FAA pilot from well known Gosford, Armagh, naval family. Families in Castledawson, Coleraine, Dungannon and Tynan are also represented.

On this day - August 4

Ballymena Observer, October 4, 1918

Mr. John Henry senr., 25 Patrick Place, Harryville, Ballymena, has received notice from the War Office that his son, **Private John Henry**, Machine Gun Corps, has been admitted into hospital in Boulogne, suffering from wounds and severe gas poisoning. This is the second occasion on which Private Henry has been wounded, the first time being on July 31st 1917. He took part in the quelling of the Dublin Rebellion and the latest news is that he is out of danger and is progressing favourably.

Roll of Honour - October 4

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+DORMAN, Albert

Royal Engineers, 54th Coy. Sapper. 25292. Died 04/10/1915. Age 21. Son of Teresa Dorman, of 17, Steen St., Belfast. Bethune Town Cemetery, France

+SANDS, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 5225. Died 04/10/1915. Age 18. Son of William and Margaret Sands, of 26, George St., Lurgan. Warrington Cemetery

1916

+ADAIR, J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Corporal. 15264. Died 04/10/1916. Son of Mr. W. Adair, of 32, Governor Rd., Londonderry. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium. Londonderry Diamond WM

+BYRNE, Thomas Francis

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Private. 29539. Died 04/10/1916. Age 19. Born in Co. Wexford. Son of Richard and Bridget Byrne, of 36, Roe St., Belfast. St Michael's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Sheffield

+LAWSON, Robert George

Canadian Pioneers. 3rd Btn. Private. 138211. Died 04/10/1916. Age 23. Born 23/03/1893, son of William John and Matilda Lawson of Miltown (South Side), Dungannon. He served for one year with the Ulster Volunteers before emigrating to Canada in 1915 where he worked as a grocery packer. He enlisted in Toronto on 09/09/1915. He died of gun shot wounds received in the vicinity of Regina Trench. Etaples Military Cemetery, Etaples, Pas De Calais, France. Dungannon WM

+McMULLEN, Henry

Australian Infantry. 27th Btn. Private. 2395. Died 04/10/1016. Aged 26. Occupation prior to Enlistment: Labourer. Enlisted 24/06/1915, Keswick, South Australia. Embarked: 14-9-1915, Adelaide, South Australia per "Ballarat". Born: Belfast, Ireland. Son of John & Minnie McMullen, 191, Carbon St., Railway Town, Broken Hill, N.S.W. Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm), Belgium. Commemorative Area at Australian War Memorial - Panel 110.

+STEENSON, Samuel

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 13576. Enlisted at Finner Camp, Co. Donegal. Son of Thomas and Sarah Jane Steenson, Kiltybegs, Glaslough, Co. Monaghan. Husband to Elizabeth Steenson, of Tynan. Pond Park Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Dungannon WM

+WOODEND, John Milliken

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 10th Btn. D Coy. Private. 16109. Died 04/10/1916. Age 20. Son of James and Mary Woodend, of Ardreagh, Aghadowey, Co. Londonderry. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium

1917

+ARDIS, James

Devonshire Regiment, 1st Btn. Private. 15046. Died 04/10/1917 of wounds. Born and lived in Antrim. Enlisted in Cardiff. Menin Road South Military Cemetery, Belgium

+BRERETON, Samuel

Yorkshire Regiment, 10th Btn. Private. 36337. Died 04/10/1917. Age 21. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+LINDSAY, W J

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Lance Corporal. 15/811. Died 04/10/1917. Age 22. Son of Hugh C. and Agnes Lindsay, of 41, McCandless St., Belfast. Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, France

+MANN, Leslie Ellis

Australian Infantry, 1st Btn. Private. 6543. Died 04/10/1917. Enlisted at Cootamundra, New South Wales, on 20/05/1916. Embarked on the "Ceramic" at Sydney on 07/10/1916 and arrived at Plymouth, England, on 21/11/1916. Later he proceeded to France, arriving at Etaples on 11/04/1917 and was taken on the strength of the 1st Btn, 21st Reinforcements, on 02/05/1917. He was born about January 1888 in Castledawson, and emigrated to Australia about 1915 where he worked as a farmer prior to enlistment. His father, Mr. Henry Church Mann, lived in Castledawson; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Hanson Mann, moved to Victoria Terrace, Portstewart, after her husband died; and his sister, Mrs. D.H. Christie, lived at Mountpleasant, Coleraine. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

+MITCHELL, Samuel

Australian Infantry. 6th Btn. Private. 4554. Died 04/10/1917. Occupation prior to Enlistment: Labourer. Enlisted: 03/08/1915, Bendigo, Victoria. Embarked: 28/01/1916, Melbourne, Victoria per "Themistocles". Born: Belfast, Ireland. Next of Kin: Sister - Maggie Mitchell, 19 Perth

Street, Belfast, Ireland. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+McCARTHY, William

Northumberland Fusiliers, 12th/13th Btn. Private. 26068. Died 04/10/1917. Age 21. Son of Mrs. Mary McCarthy, of 27, Arran St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+McCULLOUGH, James Alexander

Australian Infantry, 42nd Btn. Sgt. 162. Died 04/10/1917. Aged 20. Son of R. and Isabell McCullough, of Punch's Creek, Millmerran, Queensland. Formerly of Kilgad Cottages, Kells. Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium

+MULLIN, Edward

Australian Infantry. 27 Btn. Corporal. 140. Died 04/10/1917. Aged 37. Occupation prior to Enlistment: Bricklayer. Enlisted: 04/02/1915, Keswick, South Australia. Embarked: 31/05/1915, Adelaide, South Australia per "Geelong". Born: Strabane, Tyrone, Ireland. Son of John and Mary Mullin, Aldgate, South Australia. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial

+PATTON, Edwin Millikin

King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 10th Btn. Private. 38598. Died 04/10/1917. Age 23. Son of Mrs. A. F. Patton, of 34, Lendrick St., Newtownards Rd., Belfast, and the late Samuel Patton. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+STEWART, Albert Lewis

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 22nd Btn. Major. Died 04/10/1917. Age 28. Son of Mrs Stewart of 101 Wellesley

Avenue, Belfast; and the late James Stewart (Solicitor). Hooge Crater Cemetery, Belgium

+WEIR, David

Australian Infantry. 7th Btn. Private.703. Died 04/10/1917. Aged 27. Occupation prior to Enlistment: Labourer. Enlisted: 24-2-1914, Melbourne, Victoria. Embarked: 20-6-1916, Melbourne, Victoria per "Runic". Born: Straid, Gracehill, Ballymena, Ireland. Son of Hugh and Mary Ellen Weir. Husband to Sarah Weir, of Lisnafillan, Galgorm, Ballymena. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Commemorative Area Australian War Memorial - Panel 52

1918

+BURDGE, David

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 14/2736. Died 04/10/1918. Age 19. Son of David and Jane E. Burdge, of 43, Battenberg St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+BRERETON, Samuel

Yorkshire Regiment, 10th Btn. Private. 36337. Died 04/10/1917. Age 21. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+ELLISON, Joseph

Australian Infantry. 22nd Btn. Private. 4699. MM. Died 04/10/1918. Occupation prior to Enlistment: Bricklayer. Enlisted: 31-3-1916, Broadmeadows, Victoria. Embarked: 4-4-1916. Melbourne, Victoria per "Euripides". Born: Newry, Ireland. Son of David Ellison, County Down, Ireland. Templeux-Le-Guerard Communal Cemetery Extension,

Somme, France. Commemorative Area Australian War Memorial - Panel 96

+JOHNSTON, A

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 498. Died 04/10/1918. Age 19. Born on 13/07/1899 in 40 William Street, Newtownards and he was the only surviving son of James and Agnes Johnston (nee Melville) who were married on 16/01/1889 in Newtownards Roman Catholic Church, Born on 13/07/1899 in 40 William Street, Newtownards and he was the only surviving son of James and Agnes Johnston (nee Melville) who were married on 16/01/1889 in Newtownards Roman Catholic Church. In his youth Alfred was a member of 1st Newtownards Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster Hugh Maddock. He enlisted on 05/07/1917 and, after training at Newtownards Camp, went to the Front on 03/04/1918. Alfred was wounded in action on 04/10/1918 during the Allied offensive against all sections of the German line and he died in a dressing station as a result of shrapnel wounds to his right arm and leg. In a letter to Alfred's mother from 110th Field Ambulance the Wesleyan Chaplain, the Rev Ernest Gimblett, expressed his sympathy. He assured her that the doctors had done all they possibly could but they were unable to save him and Alfred died peacefully at 1730 hrs. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+LAVERY, Felix

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 3910. Died 04/10/1918. Age 20. Prior to enlistment Felix had been employed as a weaver. Felix was the brother of Private Charles Lavery killed in action on 10/08/1917. Son of Felix

and Ellen Jane Lavery, of 1, Clara St., Lurgan. Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Poperinge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+McCOUBRIE, T

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 6th Btn. Serjeant. 20826. Died 04/10/1918. Age 37. Husband of Margaret Ballantine (formerly McCoubrie), of Verry Rd., Strabane. Doingt Communal Cemetery Extension, France

+McCULLOUGH, Andrew

Royal Irish Rifles,1st Btn. Rifleman. 405. Died 04/10/1918. Age 21. Step-son of Elizabeth McCullough, of 39, Keswick St. Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+McCULLY, J

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Lance Corporal.1499. Died 04/10/1918. Age 20. Nephew of Sarah McCully, of 19, Bisley St., Belfast. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

+McVEIGH, W

Gloucestershire Regiment, 1st Btn. formerly (25857) Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). Private. 39867. Died 04/10/1918. Age 24. Son of the late Richard and Rebecca McVeigh, of Belfast. Unicorn Cemetery, Vendhuile, France

+MURRAY, J

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 1777. Died 04/10/1918. Age 29. Son of Patrick and Sarah Murray, of

100, Chatham St., Belfast. Templeux-Le-Guerard British Cemetery, France

+NOBLE, W H

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 5089. Died 04/10/1918. Son of Mr. N. Noble, of 11, Clanmorris St., Belfast. Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gouy, France

+THOMPSON, Samuel George

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Rifleman. 18822. Died 04/10/1918. Age 29. Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Thompson, of Castlewellan. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+WILSON, William James

East Surrey Regiment, 12th Btn. Private. 49290. Died 04/10/1918. Age 19. Son of William James and Agnes Wilson, of 96, Dundee St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

1919

+McKENZIE, WJ

Norfolk Regiment. Private. 42028. Died 04/10/1919. (Family Memorial Panel), Dundonald Cemetery

+MACKIN, John

Royal Irish Regiment, 1st Btn. Private. 21118. Died 04/10/1919. Age 40. Had previously served with Royal Irish Regiment, (9962). Son of Thomas and Anne Mackin, Dorsey Cross Roads, Cullyhanna, Co. Armagh. Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey.

1942

+MOORE, Kenneth McGregor

RAFVR. Leading Aircraftman. 1532829. Died 04/10/1942. Age 26. Son of Malcolm McGregor and Agnes Imrie Moore, of Willowfield, Co. Londonderry. Montgomery (Oakwood) Cemetery Annexe, Alabama, USA, which contains 78 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War, all airmen who died while training inthe USA under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. There are also 20 French war graves in the cemetery and two non-war burials.

1943

+DICKIE, Thomas Lynas

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1544971. Died 04/10/1943. Aged 22. 196 Sqdn. Son of Robert and Edith Williams Dickie of Belfast. Knockbreda Cemetery

1944

+ACHESON, Michael Ernest Brabazon

RN. FAA. Sub. Lieutenant. Died 04/10/1944. Age 20. HMS Heron. Killed in flying accident whilst on active service. Born 17/12/1923. Son of Captain Hon. Patrick George Edward Cavendish Acheson and Norah Acheson. Brother of Lieutenant Nicholas Acheson. Gosford, Co. Armagh and Chipstead, Surrey. Yeovilton Churchyard RNAS Extension.

+McFADDEN, John Terence Moore

Royal Ulster Rifles. 1st Btn. Lieutenant. 105619. Died 04/10/1944. as a result of an illness. At the time, he was a prisoner of war at Camp XIB, Bad Fallingbostel, Lower Saxony, Germany. Aged 28. John McFadden attended

Campbell College, Belfast where he played rugby. On leaving school, he worked for Prudential Insurance Service before enlisting in the Artists Rifles and transferring to the airborne 1st Btn, Royal Ulster Rifles. Born on 26/01/1916, he was the son of Dr. Arthur William James McFadden C.B., M.B. and Alice Bristow McFadden (née Spence) of Belfast. Hanover War Cemetery, Germany

1945

+NIXON, Henry James

Pioneer Corps. 53 Coy. Private.13118118. Died as a result of an accident in Germany on 04/10/1945. Age 36. Known as Harry, he was the son of James W. Nixon and Sarah Jane Nixon of Ardkeen, Carnalea, Co. Down, and husband to Ruby Nixon of 14 Beech Street, Belfast. Hamburg Cemetery, Germany.

+SALMON, James Patrick

RN. Sub-Lieutenant. Died 04/10/1945, aged 24, as a result of a road traffic collision in Singapore. Son of Alfred Salmon and Kathleen Salmon of Londonderry. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 90, Hampshire, England.

1946

+BRYDEN, Gordon

Royal Army Service Corps. Driver. T/88872. Died 04/10/1946. Age 42. Son of Gordon and Mary Jane Bryden; husband to Edith Bryden, of Ballymena. Ballymena New Cemetery

VETERANS

GRAHAM, Douglas Leslie

RNVR. Chaplain. Born 04/10/1909. Son of Very Rev GF Graham and Miracle Eileen, nee Odium, Graham. Educated at Portora RS, Enniskillen, Dean's Close School, Cheltenham and TCD. BA 1931. MA 1934. University of Munich. Assistant Master at Eton College, Windsor, 1934. Ordained 1937. Headmaster of Portora RS 1945 - 58. Member of Senate of QUB. Dean Close School, Cheltenham 1958 - 68. Williston Academy, Mass. 1969 -1972. Retired to Kells, Co. Kerry.

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We will remember them

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