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From battlefield to pulpit

On 5th Oct 1943, the Irish Brigade embarked on a "peaceful" Italian cruise from Barletta to Termoli where they landed under artillery fire - 61 days later, they would be relieved by Canadian forces at the Moro River. The veteran

remembered today was awarded a Military Cross serving with Royal Irish Rifles. After the war he became a Presbyterian minister, serving in Randalstown and with other congregations. Photo - V Beach cemetery, Helles, Gallipoli.

On this Day – October 5

1915

The British attack north of Loos and the French attack in Champagne are both indecisive.

1918

The end of the second Battle of Cambrai and the Battle of St. Quentin.

1942

Patrick Macnee joined the Royal Navy as an Ordinary Seaman, he was transferred to the Officer Corps the following year. He left in 1946 as a Lieutenant, after service in Motor Torpedo Boats and went on to become an iconic actor, most famous as Steed in The Avengers

1943

38 Irish Brigade. 1 RIrF at Temoli

0745 Bttn main party embarked at Barletta in 3 LCIs under command of Lt-Col BH Butler DSO, Major Proctor & Major Wood. 0930 Ships leave harbour. 2010 LCIs reach Termoli harbour having had a smooth voyage. Enemy shells are landing in the town.

Of the three men who commanded the Faughs' LCIs en route to Termoli, Lt Col Beauchamp Butler DSO, Major Paddy Proctor & Major Tommy Wood, none survived to see the relief of 78th Division by 1st Canadian Division before the Moro river crossing.

Paddy Proctor earned the MC during the seizure of the San Giacomo ridge overlooking Termoli but was killed, as were all his platoon commanders, by a mortar bomb that fell among them as he held an O Group for the attack on the final ridge before San Salvo on the night of 27 October. It was on that same night that Beauchamp Butler was killed as he was encouraging his troops in the attack. Tommy Wood MC was killed during the crossing of the Feltrino river at the beginning of December.

Beauchamp Butler, commissioned in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, was married in Clogher Cathedral before the war. He was described by Brigadier Nelson Russell, commanding the Irish Brigade, as 'one of the best commanding officers' the Faughs had ever had. The level of that compliment may be gauged by the fact that Nelson Russell was also a Faugh.



Roll of Honour – October 5

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1914

+GIBB, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Private. 12269. Died 05/10/1914. Age 29. Reported in a Belfast newspaper as having been the second person to die in the 36th Ulster Division, he had taken ill while in military training at Ballykinlar camp Co Down, and succumbed to illness at Downpatrick hospital. He enlisted from the U.V.F. and joined (North Belfast Volunteers 15th Batt R.Ir.Rif). Son of Alexander and Mary Gibb. 20 Mountcollyer Street Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast

1915

+McNEICE, Joseph Wilson

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 5115. Died 05/10/1915. Age 22. Son of Joshua and Isabella McNeice, of Lurgan. Shankill Cemetery, Lurgan

+MULLHERON, Joseph

Cheshire Regiment, 2nd Btn. Private. 11950. Died 05/10/1915. Age 24. Son of John and Sarah Mullheron, of

The Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium. commemorates 11,392 servicemen of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in this sector during the First World War and have no known grave. 36, Kilmoor St., Ballymacarrett, Belfast. Loos Memorial, France

1916

+BROWN, James

Army Service Corps. 20th Field Bakery. Private. S2/SR/0427. Died 05/10/1916. From Larne. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France

+HAYES, S

Royal Irish Rifles. 10th Btn. B Coy. Rifleman. 14867. Died 05/10/1916. Age 21. Son of Agnes Collins (formerly Hayes), of 23, Hatfield St., Belfast, and the late Samuel Hayes. St Quentin Cabaret Military Cemetery, Belgium

+MOORE, John Henry

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 26103. Died 05/10/1916. Age 31. Son of Henry and Agnes Moore, of Belfast. Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Belgium

1917

+CARMICHAEL, William

Canadian Infantry, 10th Bn. Private. 905194. Died 05/10/1917. From Larne. Aix-Noulette Communal Cemetery Extension, Pas de Calais, France

+LOVE, Henry Alexander

Australian Infantry. 41st Btn. Private. 1055. Died 05/10/1917. Age 26. Born in Clogher, County Tyrone about



[The Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium.](#)

March 1888. The family emmmigrated to Australia before 1911. Son of William and Emily Love, of Camira Creek, New South Wales. Henry enlisted on 31/12/1915 in Lismore, New South Wales with the Australian Infantry. He embarked from Sydney on 17/05/1916. He disembarked at Devonport, England on 20t/07/1916. On the 29/10/1916 he proceededoverseas with the 41st battalion. Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+MacKEOWN, John Harold

Connaught Rangers, 5th Btn. attd. 1st Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 05/10/1917. Age 22. QUB OTC. Son of Capt. John MacKeown and Mrs. MacKeown, of Muldersley Lodge, Island Magee, Co. Antrim. Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq

+SMYTH, Frederick John

Royal Irish Rifles, A Coy, 7th.Btn. Rifleman. 7053. Died 05/10/1917. Age 26. Born in Dungannon, Co Tyrone about 1891, son of Fredrick and Elizabeth Smyth. The family lived in Beersbridge Road, Belfast. His mother was a widow. He enlisted in Holywood, Co Down. Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas de Calais, France

1918

+GREER, Charles

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 49744. Died 04/10/1918. Age 19. Son of Charles Greer, of 4, Wallace Row, Ravenhill Rd., Belfast. Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Belgium

+HAY, William Stevenson Brown

RAMC, attd. 53rd Bde. Royal Field Artillery. Captain. MiD. Died 05/10/1918 near Ypres. MCB. QUB MB, BCh, 1914. Demonstrator in Anatomy QUB. Gazetted 1915 and attd. 110th Field Ambulance 36th (Ulster) Div. Lieutenant RAMC June 1915, Captain June 1917. Served in France and Flanders from 05/10/1915 including the Battle of Theipval 1916, Messines Ridge 1917, and Cambrai Nov 1917. Born

1891. Son of George C. and Mary F. Hay, of 9, Cameron St., Belfast. Potijze Burial Ground. QUB RH

+LAVERY, Felix

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 3910. Died 04/10/1918. Age 20. Son of Felix and Ellen Jane Lavery, of



1, Clara St., Lurgan. Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Belgium

+McKNIGHT, William Richard

Canterbury Regiment, 2nd Btn. (New Zealand Army). Private. 30271. Died 05/10/1918 at Le Cateau. Age 27. Born on 09/05/1891 in Fivemiletown, son of Thomas and Margaret McKnight. William McKnight emigrated to New Zealand. Before enlisting, he worked as an iron monger for a Mr Darragh in Fielding, New Zealand. . He was 27 years old. Private John McKnight, who also hailed from Fivemiletown, also had parents called Thomas and Margaret. It is very possible that these two were brothers. Grevillers (New Zealand) Memorial Bapaume, Pas-de-Calais, France. Fivemiletown WM, Fivemiletown Methodist Church RH

+McMULLAN, William

9th Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers. Private. 42464. Died 05/10/1918. Aged 20. Son of John and Nancy McMullan, 9 Poor Row, Ballycastle. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+NELSON, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 3036. Died 05/10/1918. Husband of S. E. Nelson, of 12, Brookfield St., Belfast. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

+SHERIDAN, James

Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Private. 21956. Died 05/10/1918. Age 26. Son of James and Mary Sheridan. Thomas Sheridan, James' brother, also died in the war on 12/10/1915. Doingt Communal Cemetery Extension, Peronne, Somme, France. Dungannon WM

+THOMPSON, S

Royal Irish Rifles, 15th Btn. Rifleman. 10/16015. Died 05/10/1918. Son of Mr. J. Thompson, of 56, Constance St., Belfast. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+TORRENS, Hugh

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 1st-5th Btns. Private. 202742. Died 05/10/1918. Age 31. Born on 13/01/1887 in Fivemiletown, County Tyrone. The 1901 census lists Hugh as age 14, boarding at house 10 in Sess, Cole, County Tyrone. He was still at school. Hugh Torrens moved to live in Scotland. He enlisted in Stirling, Scotland. Husband to Mrs M J Torrens of 2 Falcon Place, Greenhill Road, Paisley. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinghe, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. Fivemiletown WM

+WILLIS, Thomas Bell

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 6220. Died 05/10/1918. Age 20. Brother of Mrs. G. Allen, of 22, Rosewood St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

1940

+CAMPBELL, John

HMS Caroline. RNVR. Signalman. P/UD/X 1224. HM Trawler Kingston Sapphire. Died 05/10/1940. Aged 22. Brother served with RAF. Son of John and Alice Campbell, Silvergrove St., Belfast. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 44

1941

+GIFFIN, Archibald

RN. Able Seaman. D/JX 243308. Died 05/10/1941. Age 18. Enlisted in January 1941. At his time of death, he served from the land base pool at HMS President III an accounting base for DEMS - Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships. Archibald was in S.S. Thistlegorm, one of those DEMS vessels. It left Glasgow, Scotland on 02/06/1941 bound for Alexandria, Egypt. The ship carried Bedford Trucks, Universal Carrier Armoured Vehicles, Norton and BSA Motorcycles. It also transported Bren Guns, rifles, radio equipment, and ammunition. Also on board were two L.M.S. Stanier Class 8F locomotives and railway wagons for Egyptian National Railways. The ship's crew commanded by Captain William Ellis included 9 Royal Navy men to operate anti-aircraft and machine guns. They sailed in convoy via Cape Town, South Africa where they refuelled. From there,

they followed the east coast of Africa into the Red Sea. On the journey, HMS Carlisle joined S.S. Thistlegorm. These vessels moored at 'Safe Anchorage F' off the coast of Egypt in September 1941. The Luftwaffe carried out searches for troopships in the area and on 05/10/1941, a Heinkel HE111 located 'Safe Anchorage F'. It dropped 2 bombs on S.S. Thistlegorm. Both struck Hold 4 near the stern at around 0130hrs on 06/10/1941. The explosion detonated other ammunition killing 9 men on board. Of these, 4 were crew members and 5 were Royal Navy gunners. H.M.S. Carlisle picked up survivors from the blast. Born 28/08/1923, son of Francis and Mary Giffin, Moat Rd., Ballymena. Archibald's older brother served in the Royal Air Force. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 47

1942

+GARRETT, Frederic Theodore

South Staffordshire Regiment. 7th Btn. Captain. Died 05/10/1942. Age 28. Son of Percival Albion Garrett and Winifred Florence Garrett, of Woldingham, Surrey. Drumcoo Cemetery, Dungannon

+GRACEY, James

RAFVR. Sergeant (Radio/Observer). 1544964. Died 05/10/1942. Aged 25. B.A. 1938, H.Dip. Ed. 1939 QUB. Son of James and Elizabeth J. Gracey. Lurgan Cemetery. Lurgan WM. QUB RH

1943

+IVES, Alfred James

Reconnaissance Corps, 56th Regt. Trooper. 7015303. Died 05/10/1943. Age 36. Before enlisting initially with the Royal Ulster Rifles he had served as butler to the Knight of Glynn, Limerick, and as footman to Lord Dunleath of Ballywalter, Co. Down. Son of Harry and Emily Elizabeth Ives; husband to Kathleen Margaret (nee Magee) Ives, of Callan St., Armagh. Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy

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. His sister was serving with the WAAF. He was predeceased by his brother, the Honourable Lieutenant Nicholas Archibald Edward Acheson RN (HMS Hereward) who died when his ship was sunk in May 1941. His father had commanded HMS Inflexible during WW1. Born 17/12/1923. Son of Captain Hon. Patrick George Edward Cavendish Acheson and Norah Acheson. Gosford, Co. Armagh and Chipstead, Surrey. A memorial service was held in Mullabrack Parish Church, Co. Armagh. Yeovilton Churchyard RNAS Extension.

VETERANS

JACKSON, Culbertson

Lieutenant Culbertson Jackson, MC, was born in 1893 and was studying for a science degree at QUB when the Great War started. He enlisted as a private in the Royal Army Medical Corps, being posted to France in October 1915, but received a commission in the 11th (South Antrim) Battalion,

Royal Irish Rifles, on 16/07/1916. He was wounded in the left shoulder and thigh in April 1918 and was awarded the Military Cross in September 1918.

After the war, he followed his father and paternal grandfather (whose entire ministry from 1855 to 1887 was spent at Sligo Presbyterian Church) into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. He held the charge at Sligo from 1922 until 1926, when he resigned to accept a call from Randalstown Presbyterian Church.

He later was installed in Crescent Presbyterian Church on 30/10/1930 and remained there until he retired on 31/01/1962. He died on 05/10/1977. His son, William Moffatt Jackson, also entered the ordained ministry.

POOLMAN, Peter Charles Nesbitt

RAF F/O RAFPE 1943 QUB. Born 30/12/1925. At Tarbes, Departement des Hautes-Pyrénées, Midi-Pyrénées, France
Died 05/10/2017 (aged 91). St Thomas a'Becket Churchyard, Warblington, Havant Borough, Hampshire, England

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