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Stump Road Cemetery

The village of Grandcourt was reached by men of the 36th (Ulster) Division on the 1st July 1916, but it could not be held. It was occupied by the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division on the 7th February 1917, after a series of local attacks begun

in November 1916. Stump Road Cemetery was made by the 7th Buffs in the following month. There are now over 250, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. Of these, over one-fifth are unidentified (mostly 18th Division men). All fell in the period July 1916 to February 1917. The Cemetery covers an area of 399 square metres and is enclosed by a low wall.

On this Day – October 6



1901

Queen Alexandra, wife of King Edward VII, became patron of the Naval Nursing Service which was renamed in her honour shortly after and the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service - QARNNS - still serve the Royal Navy around the world today.



1914

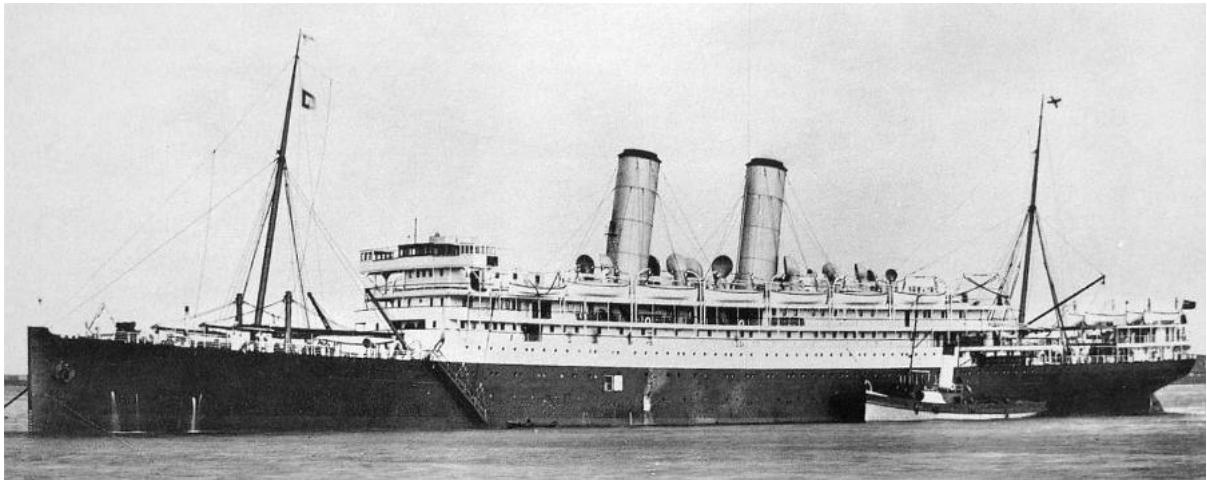
A 22-year-old Frenchman named Louis Quenault (right) becomes the first aviator in history to shoot down an enemy aircraft.



1915

The paddle steamer Brighton Queen, a seaside pleasure steamer taken over by the Admiralty in 1914, struck a mine

laid by German submarine UC-5 off Nieuwpoort, Belgium, and sank with the loss of 8 men.



1918

Armed merchant cruiser HMS Otranto (ex SS Otranto, Orient Steam Navigation Co), in service as as troopship, was wrecked on reefs off Islay after colliding with HMS Kashmir during a storm. Death toll estimated at 470, including 357 US soldiers.



1939

The last operational Polish unit surrendered after the four-day Battle of Kock near Lublin, marking the end of the

September Campaign. German and Soviet forces gained full control over Poland. Poland never formally surrendered.

1943

1 RlrF at Temoli, Italy: 1130 Btn advances to the attack. 1250 The first objective was reached. 1310 Advance continues. A number of casualties were incurred by persistent & accurate mortar fire, which had increased in intensity. 1400 Btn attack on two company front. H Coy on right. E Coy left. Objectives - Cemetery and high ground to the West. These were taken in 30 minutes. 1515 Main objectives reached. 1530 Bn HQ moved forward to the Railway Station & preparations for German counter attack were made.



Brigadier Russell at Termoli: "Our Tank support was the Three Rivers Battalion of the Canadian Brigade. They were first class and went in with great dash. After the action, they

and the Faughs had a mutual back slapping competition, each stating the other was the best of its kind..”

Roll of Honour – October 6

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1915

+BOYD, J

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7141. Died 06/10/1915. Husband of Isabella Evans (formerly Boyd), of 97, Fountain St., Londonderry. Londonderry City Cemetery

+BOYD, William

Irish Guards. 2nd Btn. L/Sgt. 6453. Died 06/10/1915. Severely wounded by shell fire in the attack that followed during the Battle of Loos. He was taken to hospital in Dieppe, but he died of his wounds. William was born about 1887 near Pomeroy. Son of John David and Eliza Boyd. His father was a farmer. Janval Cemetery, Dieppe. Cookstown WM

+THORNBURY, James

Rifle Brigade, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6057. Died 06/10/1915. Age 26. Son of the late James and Agnes Thornbury, of Belfast. Y Farm Military Cemetery, Bois-Grenier, France

1916



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+IRVINE, William Joseph

Seaforth Highlanders, 1st/4th Btn. Private. 3693. Died 06 October 1916. Age 26. Husband of Sarah Irvine, of 1, Sydney St., Belfast. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France

+McCLURE, Hugh Beggs

Royal Engineers, 150th Field Company. Sapper. 64264. Died 06/10/1916. Aged 30. Husband to the late Maude McClure, Larne. Pond Farm Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

1917

+CHARLES, John James Percival

Royal Army Medical Corps, Lieutenant/temporary Captain, attached to 1st/1st Hertfordshire Regiment. He was 'Mentioned in Dispatches' and was awarded the Military Cross. Died 06/10/1917 of wounds received during the Third Battle of Ypres. Aged 33. His parents, Professor John James and Mrs. Harrietta Madeline (nee Godfrey) Charles, lived at the Crescent, Portstewart; previously they lived in Cork. Professor Charles and his wife were married in Agherton Parish Church on 01/07/1873. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, France. Portstewart WM, Agherton Parish Church's WM and RH, Family Plaque in the Church, Ireland's Memorial Record.

+PERRIS, Charles Hind

Army Service Corps. 1st Coy. 7th Div. Train. Staff Serjeant. S4/045458. Died 06/10/1917. Age 37. Son of George Henry and Annie Perris, of Manchester; husband of Margaret Perris, of 22, Powerscourt St., Belfast. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

1918

+CURRAN, Hugh

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 5th Btn. transf. to (487592) Labour Corps. Private. 22312. Died 06/10/1918. Age 29. (Served as Simpson). Son of Mrs. Margaret McKean Curran, of Rushfield, Carrigans, Londonderry. Glasgow Western Necropolis

+EDMONDS, Edwin Edmond

RN. AB. SS/3266. HMS Otranto. Died 06/10/1918. Age 27. Drowned through collision and wreck of vessel off Isle of Islay. Born 30/06/1891 Ballywalton, County Down. Son of William Edmonds, Roden St., Belfast. Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 28. Family Memorial Dundonald Cemetery. IMR. ADM 188/1097/3266

+McDONALD, James Alexander

Australian Infantry. 59th Btn. Private. 1687. Died 06/10/1918. Aged 39. Born Belfast, Ireland. Occupation prior to Enlistment: Carpenter. Enlisted 03/08/1915, Melbourne, Victoria. Embarked 01/05/1916, Melbourne, Victoria, per "Port Lincoln". Son of Thomas and Margaret McDonald. Husband to Martha McDonald, of 10, Winllan Avenue, West Shore, Llandudno, Wales. Tincourt New British Cemetery, Somme, France. Australian WM

+McKENNA, P J

Royal Field Artillery, 115th Bde. Gunner. 119411. Died 06/10/1918. Age 23. Son of James and Susan McKenna, of 26, Peel St., Belfast. Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece

+McMURRAY, William Daniel

Canadian Expeditionary Force. 48th Highland Regiment. Sergeant. 192008. Died 06/10/1918. Born Templepatrick 29/12/1886. He and Hannah Campbell married in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. William emigrated to Canada and Hannah followed later in the year. They had three children.

He died in Toronto having been discharged from service the previous year. His brother George died serving with the Canadian infantry. St John's Norway Cemetery, Toronto.
Lylehill Presbyterian Church, Templepatrick, RH

+MEEKE, Samuel

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 42492. Died 06/10/1918. Age 19. Born at Ahoghill. Son of John and Margaret Meeke, of Slatt, Ballymena. Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Belgium.

+MORRISON, Alexander Thompson

RMLI. Corporal. PO/16397. MM. 1st RM Battalion, RND. Died 06/10/1918. Age 24. Awarded the MM - Logeast Wood 21/08/1918, Lance Corporal 1st Royal Marine Battalion) London Gazette 11/02/1919. Enlisted Belfast 13/08/1912 ; Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 05/12/1915 per HMT Northlands arrived Alexandria 17/12/1915. Appointed Paid Lance Corporal 03/02/1917, promoted Acting Corporal 20/01/1918. Born Stirling 12/07/1895. Son of James and Emily Morrison, My Lady's Rd., Belfast. St John's Church, (C of I), Laganbank Rd., Belfast. Hermies Hill British Cemetery, Pas de Calais. IMR. Papers misfiled at ADM/157/2705

+PATTEN, Albert Victor

Royal Engineers, 4th Field Survey Coy. Sapper. 244605. Died 06/10/1918. Age 25. Son of Frederick Thomas and Priscilla Charlotte Patten, of "Sunnyside", Belfast Rd., Carrickfergus. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium

+WHITLEY, George Whitley

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 42394, formerly 22479 Royal Irish Rifles, Died 06/10/1918 of wounds in the Australian Casualty Clearing Station. Age 30. Husband to Elizabeth Whitley of 52 Canmore Street, Belfast. Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, Belgium. (22nd October 1918 Northern Whig).

+REA, W

Royal Army Medical Corps. 63rd Gen. Hosp. Private. 145229. Died 06/10/1918. Age 43. Son of Charles and Elizabeth Rea; husband of Hannah Rea, of 12, Windsor St., Belfast. Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece

1940

+YOUNG, Charles Henry

RAFVR. Aircraftman 2nd Class. 949726. Died 06/10/1940. Aged 21. Son of William Henry and Thirza Jane Young, Larne. Cardiff Western Cemetery, Glamorganshire

+McCLUSKEY, Francis Anthony

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant. Died 06/10/1942. Aged 20. RCAF 405 (Vancouver) Squadron. Born 01/07/1922, He was the son of Francis Anthony McCluskey Senior, a Flight Sergeant with the Royal Air Force in World War One. McCluskey Senior had enlisted again at the outbreak of World War Two. Known as Frankie to his family and friends, McCluskey Junior left the family home in 1938 aged 16-years-old. He joined the Royal Air Force and was a qualified air gunner by the time World War Two broke out in September 1939.

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1943

+DALLIMORE, Clifford Stephen

RAFVR. Flying Officer (Pilot). 125494. Died 06/10/1943. Aged 24. Faculty of Medicine 1938 - 1941 QUB. Son of Samuel Thomas Dallimore and Margaret Dallimore, of Newport; husband to Eva Margaret Priscilla Dallimore, of Newport. Malpas (St Mary's) Churchyard, Monmouthshire. QUB RH

+JENKINS, William

London Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 7020240. Date 06/10/1943. Age 24. Son of Samuel and Sarah Jenkins, of Waterside, Londonderry. Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy

1944

+KERNOHAN, George

RAFVR. Sergeant. Died 06/10/1944. Age 22. 159 Sqdn. Foster Parents at Castletown, Ahoghill. No known grave. Commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Col. 436.



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+MARTIN, Hugh Cecil

RAFVR. 355 Sqdn. Sergeant. 1796212. Died 06/10/1944. MCB. Born 22/10/1922. Son of Mrs Martin, Carryduff, Co. Down. Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand

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VETERAN

TAYLOR, Patricia

WRNS. MCB. Born 06/10/1918. Daughter of William Taylor, Brookvale Ave., Belfast

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