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Hollywood brothers in arms

Two brothers are named on Holywood War Memorial. Lieutenant Theo Caldwell completed two year's training with the QUB OTC. He then served in banks in Belfast and London and was commissioned in the Royal Fusiliers. He was awarded the Military Cross. He died

on this day in 1916. His brother Lieutenant Walter H Calwell who was working in Canada returned to serve with the Royal Irish Rifles. He was killed on the 27/08/1918.

On this Day – October 7

1914

At Antwerp the evacuation begins with the Germans forcing the passage of the Scheldt, and threatening the retreat of the Allies.

1916

The Sprig of Shillelagh: The Journal of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, October 7, 1916.

C.S.M. W. McGahey has volunteered and proceeded to France. He is a magistrate and town councillor for Derry city, and the eldest of six soldier sons of Mrs McGahey, Derry – five serving with the Inniskillings and one with the Canadians. One brother was severely wounded in the course of the big advance on 1st July, and one with the Canadians is believed to have been killed at Neuve Chapelle. This W.O. took part in the Dublin Rebellion, and was mentioned for bravery in rallying the troops under heavy fire, and volunteering to go with Father Bowain to get food for the starving refugees in the Pro. Cathedral, Marlborough Street, and for accompanying Father Doherty to attend wounded civilians...'

(St Mary's Church, known also as St Mary's Pro-Cathedral or simply the Pro-Cathedral, the Chapel in Marlborough Street or the Pro, is a pro-cathedral and the episcopal seat of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland.)

1917

German Submarine U.293, interned at Cadiz, escapes from Spain. Enquiry ordered by the Spanish Prime Minister.



1943

Japanese Rear Admiral Sakaibara, commander on the island of Wake, orders the execution of 98 American civilian workers, claiming they were trying to make radio contact with US forces after the island was hit by US airstrikes.

1944

Inmates at Auschwitz mutiny and burn down one of the death camp's crematoriums. Nazi guards kill 450 in the ensuing crack down.



Glageon Communal Cemetery

The village of Glageon is about 56 kilometres east of Cambrai. It was in German occupation during practically the whole of World War 1. The Communal Cemetery was used for the burial of German soldiers and Allied prisoners from September, 1914, to August, 1918; the Extension was then begun, and was used until the following October.

The German, American and Italian and a number of French graves have now been removed from both burial grounds; but the British and Russian graves remain. There are now over 300, 1914-18 war casualties commemorated in this site. The Communal Cemetery contains 111 identified Russian Soldiers and 58 from the UK who were prisoners of war. The extension contains 287 identified CWGC soldiers.

Roll of Honour – October 7

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1916

+CALWELL, Theophilus Legate

Royal Fusiliers. 9th Bn. Lieutenant. MC. Died 07/10/1916. Aged 23. Born on 30/05/1892 in Shore Street, Holywood. Son of Walter and Rebecca Busby Calwell (nee Perry) who were married on 08/01/1875 in First Holywood Presbyterian Church. Walter Calwell, a clerk from Belfast, was a son of John Calwell, a factory manager. Rebecca Perry from Cultra was a daughter of James Perry, a farmer. Theophilus attended Holywood Parochial National School from 1905 to 1907 and he was a member of the Queen's University Belfast Officers' Training Corps from 25/10/1910 to 1912. He worked as a clerk in the Belfast Banking Company before he took up an appointment with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in London. In 1914 he obtained a commission in the Royal Fusiliers, in May 1916 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and in the 25 August 1916 edition of the London Gazette it is recorded that he had been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action:

‘He set a fine example and led with great dash, being one of the first into the enemy's trenches where he accounted for many of the enemy. After pursuing the enemy, he went down a deep dug-out with only one companion and

captured two officers and twenty men'. Brother of Lieutenant Walter Henry Calwell.

Almost two years later, Theo Calwell's brother, Walter Henry Calwell also lost his life. Henry had lived in Canada at the outbreak of WW1 and was a superintendent of Sewer Works before he enlisted on the 11/11/1914 into the 5th Battalion, (attd to the 2nd Battalion) Royal Irish Rifles. Lt Walter H Calwell was killed on the 27/08/1918 and was buried in Arneke British Cemetery. Walter is remembered on the Canadian Roll of Honour, the Holywood War Memorial and the 1st Presbyterian Church in Holywood, Co. Down. Sadly their father Walter Calwell, died on the 1st November 1918 a short time after the death of his son Theophilus. M.C.

Theo is remembered at Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France; Holywood and District WM; First Holywood Presbyterian Church; Sullivan Upper School Holywood; on the Queen's University Belfast WM; Queen's University Belfast Book of Remembrance.

+DAVEY, William Edwin

Royal Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 9485. Died 07/10/1916. Age 22 years old. His brother recorded that William was lost on the battlefield, never seen or heard of again after 'going over the top' at Gueudecourt on the 07/10/1916 where two Divisions were virtually wiped out before the position was taken from the Germans. Williams's father was minister at St Enoch's (Belfast) when he was born. He was one of three brothers to attend Campbell College. The other two were Charles (OC 819) and James (OC 729). William came in to Campbell in 1907. Son of the Rev. Charles Davey, D.D., and

Margaret Davey, of 3, College Park, Belfast. Theipval Memorial, France

+FLANAGAN, Robert

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 30th Coy. Private. 48743. Died 07/10/1916. Age 33. Son of Michael and Mary Jane Flanagan, of 59, McDonnell St. Belfast. Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece

+GILLESPIE, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 13th Btn. Rifleman. 20/128. Died 07/10/1916. Pre-war he worked as a pastry baker and lived with his widowed father and sister Margaret. His brother Thomas Gillespie also died in the war. Another brother was serving in Salonika. Born Richhill. Son of James and Elizabeth Gillespie of Callan St., Armagh. Husband to Agnes (nee Trimble) of Lonsdale St., Armagh. She lost two brothers in the war. La Plus Douvre Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+ROBINSON, Arthur Gunning

Royal Fusiliers. 8 Btn. Private. PS/10184. Died 07/10/1916. He was admitted to BRA on 01/09/1909 from St James's N S and matriculated in June 1914. QUB, Medicine, 1914-15. Born 17/09/1897, son of bookkeeper John J and Margaret H Robinson, 47 Cliftonville Road, Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, France. St James's Church, Belfast, WM, QUB Book of Remembrance

+MAJOR, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 12/845. Died 07/10/1916. Born Syringa St., Shankill Road, Belfast. He

signed the Ulster Covenant in 1912. He later enlisted with the 14th (YCV) Btn. He had an address, 2 Cloughfern, Whiteabbey. Son of Samuel, a tailor, and Margaret (nee Dickey) Major. Samuel died in 1899. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium. Whiteabbey Presbyterian Church RH

+McDONALD, R

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. 25906. Died 07/10/1916. Age 28. Son of Thomas Edward and Annie McDonald, of 15, Third St., Shankhill Rd., Belfast. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

+SHEVLIN, J

Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn. Rifleman. 10757. Died 07/06/1916. Age 24. Son of Patrick and Teresa Shevlin, of 1, Upper Edward St., Newry. Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece

1917

+ERVINE, Ernest

Royal Irish Rifles. 8th Btn. Rifleman. 18/1176. Died 07/10/1917. Age 21. Son of Robert and Margaret Jane Ervine, of Linenhall St., Banbridge. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Seapatricks C of I Parish WM, Banbridge

+GILLILAND, J

Royal Irish Rifles. 8th Btn. Rifleman. 17/1471. Died 07/06/1917. Husband of Mrs. Gilliland, of 7, Crossland St., Belfast. Lone Tree Cemetery, Belgium



Glageon Communal Cemetery

+HALL, William Francis

Manchester Regiment, 20th Bn. Died 07/10/1917. Member of the QUB Training Corps 1914 - 16. Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. QUB WM

+NICHOLS, Herbert Spencer

Royal Engineers, 126th Field Coy. Sapper. 548799. Died 07/10/1917. Age 26. Son of John J. Nichols; husband of E. M. Downie (formerly Nichols), of 13, Keswick St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

1918

+BRADY, Patrick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th.Btn. Private. 28735. Died 07/10/1918. Age 33. Born at Killyfast, Randalstown, the son



of John of Portlee/Ballynamullan. His wife Margaret lived at Staffordstown, Randalstown. The Irish census of 1911 shows Patrick Brady, 35 and a farmer, and his wife Margaret (37) living at Gillistown, Ballyscullion with their four children: James Henry, 9 and born in the USA, Hugh Francis, 7 and born in the USA, Rose Ann, 4 and born in the USA, and Mary Ellen, 2 and born in Co. Antrim. Bellicourt British Cemetery, France.

+COULTER, Joseph

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (Inniskilling Dragoons) Btn. Private.41530. MM. Died between 01/10/1918 and 07/09/1918. Age 24. Private Coulter was previously with the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons (Service Squadron), Service No. 150, and 2nd Regiment of the North Irish Horse before joining the Royal Irish Fusiliers. He was born in Fivemiletown about 1894. The 1901 census records Joseph

as 7 years old. The family is living at Mullaghfad, Fermanagh. Thomas Coulter is a farmer. The 1911 census records Joseph as 17 years old. He is working on his father's farm. He is still living with the family at Mullaghfad, Fermanagh. Joseph Coulter enlisted in Fivemiletown. Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Coulter of Mullaghfad, Cooneen, Fivemiletown. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Moorslede, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Fivemiletown WM

+DORIS, Thomas George

United States Army. Private. Died 07/10/1918 . Age 25. Born 28/04/1893, the son of Michael Doris and Maryann Doris (nee Corr), of Farsnagh Coagh. Thomas immigrated to the United States and settled in Milford, Connecticut. He served with the American Expeditionary Force in France and was killed in action during the Muese Argonne Offensive. His remains were returned home to the "Old Cross", Ardboe, where his body is interred in the Doris Family plot at the Old Cross Abbey and Cemetery, Ardboe, County Tyrone. Coagh WM

+ERVINE, Ernest

Royal Irish Rifles. 8th Btn. Rifleman. 18/1176. Died 07/10/1917. Age 21. Son of Robert and Margaret Jane Ervine, of Linenhall St., Banbridge. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. Seapattrick Parish Church RH, Banbridge

+LAVERY, James Edward

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 21933. Died 07/10/1918. Age 34 Son of Joseph and Mary Lavery, of 31, Lagan St., Belfast. Vis-en-Artois Memorial, France

+McGIBBON, Michael

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 10352. Died 07/10/1918. Age 22. Son of William and Catherine McGibbon (nee Crossen), of Kinnego, Lurgan, Co. Armagh. Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium

+ROBINSON, Arthur Gunning

Royal Fusiliers, 8th Btn. Private. PS/10184. Died 07/10/1916. Age 19. Son of John J. and Margaret H. Robinson, of 43, Cliftonville Rd., Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, France

+WEIR, Joseph

Australian Pioneers, 3rd. Btn. Private. 6107A. Died 07/10/1918. Age 20. Enrolled in 1916. Native of Co. Armagh. Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Weir from Cornamucklagh, Portadown. His father died around 1910 and the family moved to Australia. St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France

+YOUNG, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Rifleman. 1196. Died 07/10/1918. Age 21 years old. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Young, of 11, Beresford St., Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

1940

+PEARSON, Patrick

Royal Tank Regiment, R.A.C. Lance Corporal. Died 07/10/1940 Son of Patrick Pearson and of Mary Pearson (nee) Heatherington; husband to Brigid Pearson, of

Ballygawley. Garvaghey Roman Catholic Churchyard,
Ballygawley, Tyrone. Dungannon

1942

+ADAIR, James Sinclair

Royal Ulster Rifles. 6th Btn. Lieutenant. 127083. Died 07/10/1942. Age 52. Son of Henry Thomas Adair and Elizabeth Adair; husband of Jane Elizabeth Adair, of Donaghadee, Co. Down. His brother Thomas died at Gallipoli 22/08/1915 and his son Thomas, age 20, RAF also died on service 13/02/1942. Glenalina Extn. Belfast City Cemetery

+MULCAHY, Michael Desmond

RN. Able Seaman. D/JX 143657. Date of Death: 07/10/1942. Age: 24. HMS Tamar. Enlisted in 1936 at 16 years of age. He had six years' service, two on the China station. Became a Japanese Prisoner of war at Hong Kong in December 1941 and was sent to Japanese mainland on Japanese ship Lisbon Maru. This was sunk and although he survived he died of dysentery on the Japanese ship She Maru and was buried at sea. Son of William and Sarah Mulcahy, Queen St., Newry. (Belfast Weekly Telegraph 28/08/1942). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 66

1945

+McWILLIAMS, Joseph

Royal Air Force. Aircraftman 1st Class. 632181. Died 07/10/1945. Age 27. Son of Bernard and Margaret McWilliams, of Draperstown, Co. Londonderry. Rennes Eastern Communal Cemetery, France

1947

+WHITTAKER, Robert

RNPS. Leading Cook. LT/MX 94696. HMS Tango. Died 07/10/1947. Age 24. Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Whittaker, of Ballymena. Ballymena New Cemetery

VETERANS

BUNTING, William John

RN. Stoker First Class. SS120870. Late RNR. HMS Queen Elizabeth. Demobbed 07/10/1919. Born Larne 31/08/1878. ADM 188/1126/120870

MILLAR, Samuel Porter

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Squadron Leader WW2. Born 1914. Graduated in medicine at QUB 1940. After serving in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, Sam Millar entered general practice in Newtownards in 1947. He was instrumental in the foundation of the early group practices in the 1960s. He retired from general practice in 1974, then working as a medical officer in the Eastern Health and Social Services Board until 1979. He served on the Gardens Committee of the National Trust for Northern Ireland for many years. Died from a heart attack on 07/10/2005. Predeceased in 2004 by his wife of 63 years. Survived by three children.

RENTON, Ronald (Ron) Ernest Renton

Ron was born on the 10/10/1921 at the station family hospital in Karachi. He was the son of Eileen and Albert Renton who were married in London in 1915. Albert was a

Staff Sergeant in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Albert served throughout WW1 and died abroad in 1943 serving in WW2.

Ron enlisted on the first of July 1936 with the Royal Artillery. He saw service in India as a Lance Bombardier artificer with the 130th Field Regiment, 316 (Kilmarnock) Battery. He then transferred to the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) in 1944 with whom he stayed throughout the rest of his army career attaining WO1.

After the war Ron stayed in the army and in 1949 was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM). From 1955 until 1958 he served in Hong Kong and in 1961, he left the army after 25 years and 108 days of service with "Exemplary Military Conduct".

In December 1941 he and Miriam Knight were married.

After his army service he worked at Michelin, Broughshane. He was a staunch member of the Burma Star Association and widely known in the Ballymena area selling poppies on the run up to Remembrance.

Renton October 7th 2016 (peacefully) at Prospect Private Nursing Home,

Ronald Ernest Renton B.E.M. late of 18 Oaklands, Cullybackey, died peacefully at a nursing home in the village on 07/10/2016. He was survived by his daughter Sandra and son Malcolm.

Every day is a Remembrance Day

We will remember them

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