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Autumn takes hold and the colours at war cemeteries are now changing, as at the WW2 Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in the Netherlands.

Thirty-seven men represent their comrades who fell on this date. Eight men of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers died in 1914 and are named on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium. Five of them were from Derry.

The WW2 entries reflect the cost to the Royal Ulster Rifles and to the Royal Artillery from Derry and Limavady of liberating Italy.

On this Day – October 21

1914

The Germans bombard and carry out determined assaults at Arras, and on the Yser at Dixmude.

At dawn, on October 21, 1914, the Germans attacked the 2nd Inniskillings at Le Gheer. With the exception of 'D' Company, the Battalion was forced to retire and the village fell into the hands of the Germans.

Early in the afternoon a counter attack by the Inniskillings and Somersets restored the position and well over 100 unwounded prisoners were captured by the Inniskillings alone.

At 10pm they returned to billets in the Belgian village of Ploegsteert (known to British troops as Plug Street), which was situated 8 miles south of Ypres and 3 miles north of Armentieres.

More detail can be found in Ian Beckett's book, Ypres, The First Battle 1914: "In the late afternoon of 21 October the 2nd Inniskilling Fusiliers of 12th Brigade were forced temporarily out of Le Gheer, the situation being restored by the commitment of the 1st Somerset Light Infantry and two companies of the 1st East Lancashire Regiment from

Hunter-Weston's brigade [11th Brigade] and a single company of the 2nd Essex Regiment, though it took until dusk to regain all the lost ground. Lieutenant Colonel R.S. Fox's 38th Brigade, RFA also did sterling work in winning time for a counter-attack to be organised.

Hunter-Weston reported that 'the enemy were mown down and completely bewildered and ran in all directions.' Captain F.S. Bradshaw of the 1st Somerset Light Infantry similarly recorded, 'Did not have to go out last night, but early this morning went out and took the village of Le Gheer...Stayed there all day, had a deuce of a fight, killed a lot of Huns and took about 60 prisoners.' In fact some 130 Germans were captured."

1916

Larne Times -21st October 1916

Church of Ireland chaplains attached to the 36th Ulster Division.

"A photograph from somewhere in France which shows the Church of Ireland chaplains attached to the 36th Ulster Division.

From left to right (sitting on ground) Rev J. Quinn, Rev A. Spence

On chairs:- Rev C.C. Manning, Rev Canon King, Rev E.L.B. Barker

Standing:- Rev R.F. Clifford, Rev F.W. Morris, Rev J.G. Harvey, Rev F. J. Halahan."



The Reverend Alexander Spence M.C. died of wounds on 31st March 1918 after being captured during the Spring Offensive of that year. He was chaplain to the 10th Battalion (The Derrys), Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers when he was captured. He is buried in Roze New British Cemetery, France. Prior to enlistment he was the curate of Christ Church, Londonderry. He is commemorated on the Londonderry war memorial and on a memorial tablet in Christ Church, Londonderry.

Ballymena Weekly Telegraph – 21st October 1916

The awarding of the Military Medal to Rifleman Robert Letters, 12th Battalion (C.A.V.) Royal Irish Rifles was widely reported in the local press.

Ballymena Weekly Telegraph – 21st October 1916

RIFLEMAN LETTERS AWARDED M.M.

“The utmost satisfaction has been caused in Cullybackey and the surrounding district by the announcement of the award of the Military Medal, for gallant conduct to Rifleman Robert Letters R.I.R. , son of Mr Robert Letters, Main Street, Cullybackey, who is himself serving as a bombardier with the R.F.A. at Salonika.

“Rifleman Letters enlisted in the Central Antrim Volunteers on the 17th May 1915 and was subsequently attached to the Trench Mortar Battery, coming through the British advance on 1st July, when his regiment, in common with the rest of the Ulster Division won undying fame.

“Prior to enlisting he was a member of the Cullybackey U.V.F. and was employed in the firm of Haughton and Fraser. This is the first decoration won by a member of the Cullybackey U.V.F. during the war and has caused much satisfaction in the district where Rifleman Letters and his family are held in the highest esteem.”

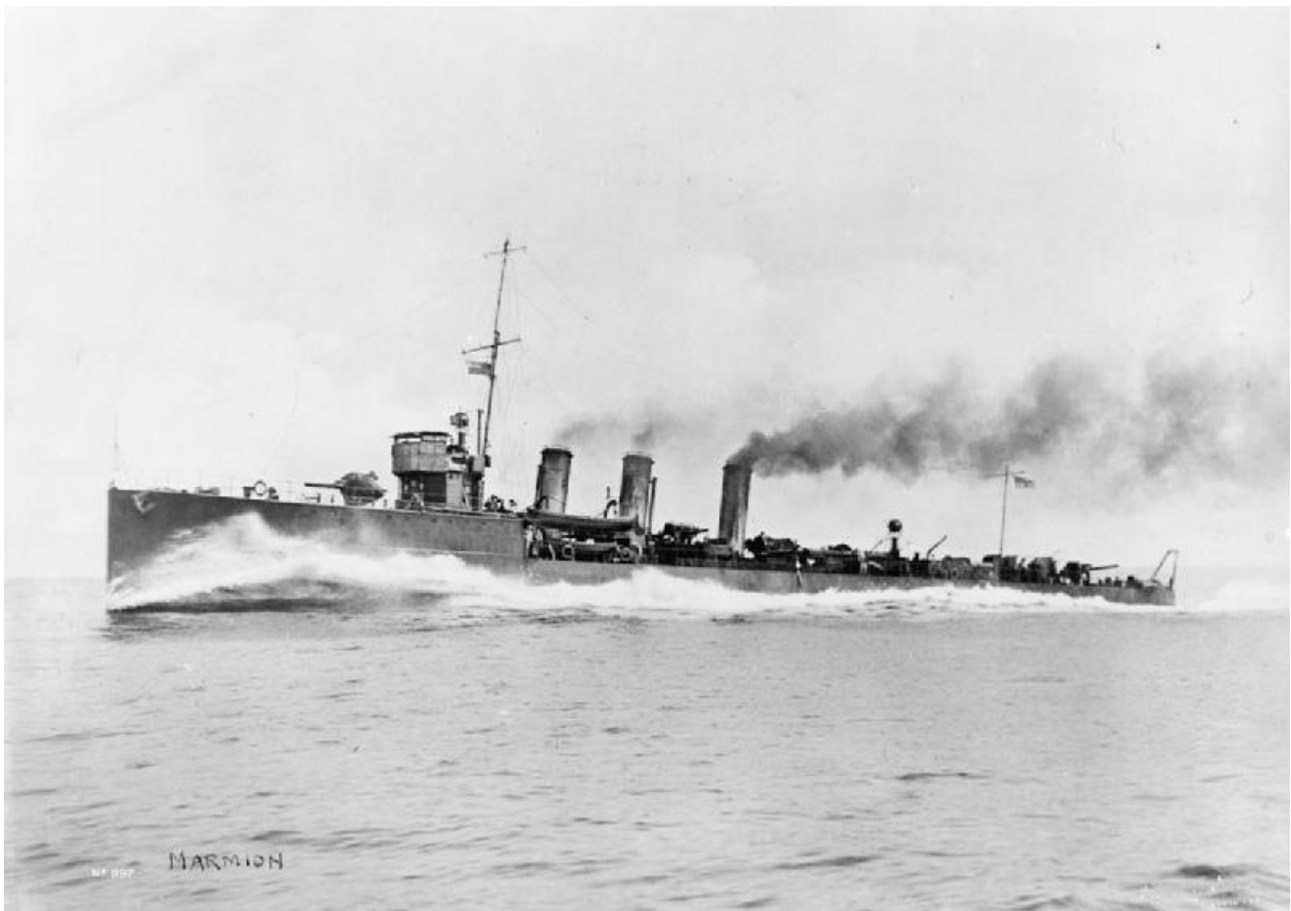
21st October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Rifleman Francis Gourley, 9790, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Ulster Division), died of wounds 27th March, 1918.

Son of Joseph and Jane Gourley nee McKaig, of 31 Winetavern Street, **Belfast**. Deceased was 30 years of age and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial, France. Rifleman Francis Gourley, who has died of wounds, was one of five brothers serving, while the sixth brother-Sergeant Joseph Leo Gourley, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, made the supreme sacrifice on the 22nd March, 1918.

1917

Destroyer HMS Marmion sank with all hands off Lerwick after colliding with HMS Tirade in bad weather. Marmion was escorting a northbound convoy and Tirade a southbound one when the collision occurred



Destroyer HMS Marmion

1918

The Belgian Bill for German damages already nearly 400 million pounds.

1939

The Luftwaffe starts attacks against North Atlantic convoys.

As war heats up with Germany, the British war cabinet holds its first meeting in the underground war room in London.

The Germans start deporting Poles from Posen (Poznan), largest city of western Poland (250,000 people), in their attempt at establishing “pure and Germanic provinces” in Poland.

President Roosevelt establishes an advisory committee on the use of uranium.

1940

Churchill broadcasts to France, ‘Frenchmen rearm your spirits before it is too late.’

1941



Gunboat **HMS Gnat** was torpedoed by German submarine U-79 off the Libyan coast near Bardia. She was a total loss,

but was beached at Alexandria and used as an AA platform until scrapped in 1945

Units of 6th Army capture Stalino in the industrial Donets Basin.

1942

The South Africa Premier, Field-Marshal Smuts, makes a historic speech to both Houses of Parliament saying, 'The stage is set for the last, the offensive stage'.

General Mark Clark lands by sub at Cherchel, Algeria for clandestine meeting with Vichy French in preparation for the upcoming Allied invasion.

WWI ace Eddie Rickenbacker's B-17 ditches in the central Pacific; crew afloat for 24 days.

Congress passes Revenue Act of 1942, which raises \$7 billion in new income taxes and reduces deductions, adding 13 million new taxpayers into the system.

1944

Aachen finally falls to the U.S. First Army, earning the distinction of being the first major city on German soil to be captured by the Allies. Much of the city was destroyed and both sides suffered heavy losses. 12,000 German prisoners had been taken since the 2nd October.

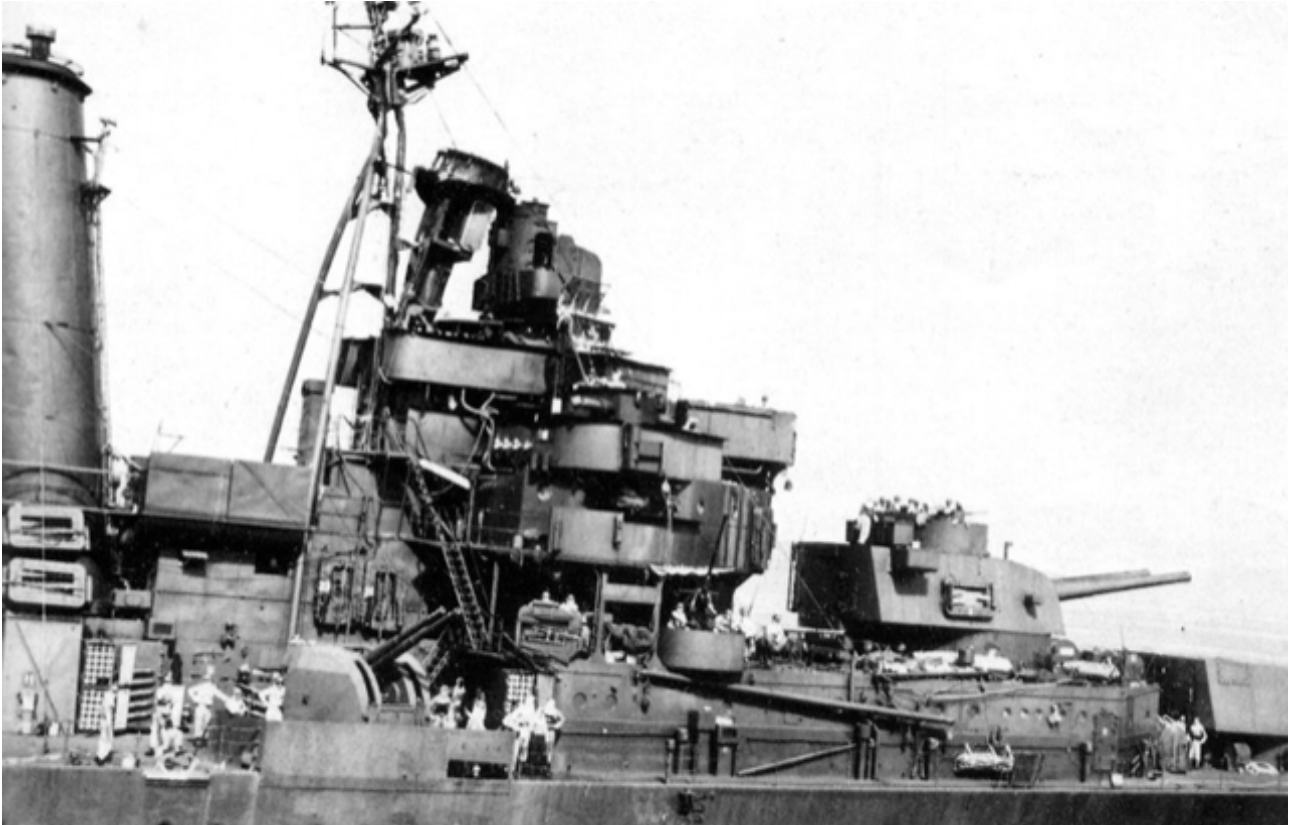
Breskens is captured by the Canadians, but fighting continues for 10 more days in the pocket.

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Operation Pheasant began - a major operation to clear German troops from the province of North Brabant conducted by the Allied 21st Army Group. British, Polish, and Canadian forces liberated major cities such as Tilburg, s-Hertogenbosch, Breda.





HMAS Australia

HMAS Australia was hit by a Japanese aircraft that flew into the foremast. The attack killed 30 personnel, including the Captain. The Australian official history of the war claimed that this was the first kamikaze attack on an Allied ship.

Lt. Frances Slanger killed by German shell in her tent. She is the first American nurse killed in France.

1945

The U-boat pens in Hamburg are blown up by British Engineers using German explosives.



Roll of Honour – October 21

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1914

+AUCHINLECK, Daniel George Harold

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Captain. Died 21/10/1914. Age 37. He came to Winchester College in September 1891 from Twyford School. At Twyford, a lifelong friend described him as a 'quiet personality, though he was a great sportsman' and Daniel was regarded as a 'first class sportsman, an officer and a gentleman'. He played in OTH XV in 1894 and for Lords XI in 1894 and 1895. Daniel left Winchester in the summer of 1895 for Trinity College, Oxford, and then joined the Army three years later, and was gazetted to 1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

He served in the South African War from 1899 to 1901, was promoted to Lieutenant in 1900 and fought throughout the campaign which ended with the Relief of Ladysmith. Three days after arriving with his Regiment in France on 23/08/1914 as part of the British Expeditionary Force, he took part in the Battle of Le Cateau. 2nd Inniskillings saw action again at dawn on 1 September near Verberie, and in the ensuing fortnight of action the Battalion lost six men killed and 66 wounded with 17 missing.

A major German offensive was launched and at dawn on 21/10/1914 German shell-fire began, where, despite heavy casualties, the German army broke through and drove 2nd

Inniskillings back. At some point in this encounter Auchinleck was killed.

Born 18/09/1877, the only son of Major Thomas Auchinleck, JP., DL of Crevenagh, Omagh, County Tyrone and Jane Auchinleck, nee Loxdale, of Grassendale, Liverpool. Andrew and Charlotte Madoline Auchinleck, only daughter of Robert Scott of Bloomhill, Dungannon married in 1902. Strand Military Cemetery, Belgium. Royal United Services Institute Roll of Honour. Winchester College RH

+BALLENTINE, Samuel

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 2nd Btn. Corporal. 9310. Died 21/10/1914. Age 28. Son of Thomas J. and Elizabeth Ballentine, of 83, Willowfield St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium.

+BUCHANAN, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 10589. Died 21/10/1914. Age 23. Son of Rebecca Buchanan, of Drumrainey, Culkey, Enniskillen, and the late James Buchanan. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+DORNAN, Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 7989. Died 21/10/1914. Born in Belfast. Robert enlisted in Dungannon. Ploegsteert Memorial, Berks Cemetery Extension, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium

+FARREN, William James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. "C" Coy. Private. 7139. Died 21/10/1914. Aged 31. Son of the late John and Lettie Farren, of Monellan, Co. Donegal; husband of Mary A.

Farren, of 27, Florence St., Waterside, Londonderry.
Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium

+FREDERICK, Jeremy

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 7451. Died 21/10/1914. Age 32. Son of Robert and Margaret Jeremy, of Hillsborough. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+FRIEL, Charles

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 3134. Died 21/10/1914. Aged 25. Husband of Sarah Donaghy (formerly Friel), of 1, Miller's Close, Bridge St., Londonderry. Strand Ploegsteert Wood New Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium.
Diamond War Memorial

+GILMORE, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 10461. Died 21/10/1914. Age 20. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilmore, of 66, Stanhope St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Wood New Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium.

+GRAHAM, David

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 6809. Died 21/10/1914. Age 32. Born in Greencastle, Belfast on 14/07/1882. Joined 1st Btn. Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers) in Belfast on 24/01/1900. Served during the South African Campaign 1901 - 02, and in India from 1903 - 08. Landed in France on 22/08/1914. Son of John and Mary Anne (nee McMurray) Graham, of 4, Ritchie's Terrace,

Whitehouse. Twin brother of Joshua. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Whitehouse Presbyterian Church RH

+HOLMES, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 7210. Died 21/10/1914. He was the brother and brother-in-law of Margaret and Sergeant A. Greer, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and his sisters resided at 2, Lower Road, Londonderry. Private Holmes went to the Front shortly after the Great War began, and was in all the engagements with his battalion up till the day he was killed.

It is an interesting fact that his younger brother, Private James Holmes, of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who went out with the first draft of the Expeditionary Force, was at the time of his brother's death a wounded prisoner of war. Private James Holmes, who was well known in Londonderry football circles, having played for Court and afterwards for Institute, landed in France on 23/08/1914, and, in a letter written from a hospital in Cambrai on 10/10/1914, to his wife, he mentioned that on the third day he was in France he was wounded in the arm, and a Londonderry colleague, Private Curry, also of the Inniskillings, was wounded on the neck and shoulder. They were taken to a field hospital, and thus fell into the hands of the Germans, who sent Curry on to Germany as a prisoner, but before Private Holmes was sent away those in the hospital were relieved by British troops. Private Holmes' letter was written after this, and he stated that he did not expect that he would be taken to Germany after all, but would probably be taken to England, where he expected he would soon get better. The hospital, however, again fell into

the hands of Germans, and Private Holmes was sent on to the prison camp at Cassel, Germany. Writing from there, on 06/11/1914, to his sister, Mrs McClements, London Street, he stated: 'I am in the best of health, and my arm is nearly all right.' On the outbreak of the Great War both James and Joseph Holmes were reservists, and were connected with the City of Derry U.V.F. Joseph is remembered at Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium

+JEREMY, Frederick

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 7451. Died 21/10/1914. Age 32. He had previously enlisted aged 20 years on 10/06/1902, into 83rd of Foot, Royal Irish Rifles. Born 1882 at Hillsborough, Co. Down to Robert and Margaret Jeremy (nee Kane) of Hillsborough, Co. Down. Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium.

+LAVERY, James Sterling

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Bn. Private. 10097. Died 21/10/1914. Age 24. Born about 1890 in Cookstown. Son of William James Lavery and Ellen Lavery. After leaving school James served his apprenticeship in the offices of Gunnings Factory. He immigrated to Canada where he remained for two years before returning home. James was married to Edith Lavery. He joined the army in Cookstown and trained in Omagh. Soon after the outbreak of hostilities he was sent to Dover, from where he went to France in one of the earliest drafts. Strand Military Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium. Gunnings Factory WM at Cookstown RBL

+LEE, Francis Robert

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 8088. Died 21/10/1914. Age 27. Son of Mrs. Maggie Lee, of Wittenberg Cottage, Drumhaw, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+McDONALD, William B

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 8698. Died of wounds 21/10/1914. 6 Isthmus Street, Woodstock Road, Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Canton Street Mission Hall

+McLEAN Alexander

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 6902. Died 21/10/1914. Born Ballymena, enlisted Coatbridge, lived Edinburgh. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+McMENEMY, David

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 4322. Died 21/10/1914. Age 21. Son of Samuel and M. A. McMenemy, of Tullyhogue, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+McNULTY, Thomas,

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 3843. Died 21/10/1914. Brother of Margaret McCafferty, 111, Foyle Road, Londonderry. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium. Diamond War Memorial.

+MORROW, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 7113. Died 21/10/1914. Age 24. Husband of Margaret Morrow, of 17, Harrison St., Crumlin Rd., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+MULLAN, John

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 7551. Died 21/10/1914. Age 31. Son of Patrick and Margaret Mullan, of Lincoln Avenue, Belfast; husband to Margaret Mullan, of 3, Dawson St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+NEWELL, Joseph

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. A Coy. Private. 9988. Died 21/10/1914. Age 20. Son of Rachel Newell, of North St., Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone, and the late William Newell. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+O'NEILL, Alfred

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 8011. Died 21/10/1914. Age 46. Born Whitehouse. Enlisted Belfast. Brother of Mary E. O'Neill, of 31, Malt St., Belfast and of Adelaide who lived at Albert St., Falls Rd., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+PIGGOTT, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 7332. Died 21/10/1914. Brother of John Piggott, 18, Nailor's Row, Londonderry. Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium, St Columb's Cathedral (Church of Ireland) Memorial to the men

connected to that cathedral who died during the 1914-18 War, Diamond War Memorial.

+SHERMAN, Nelson

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. A Coy. Private. 8495. Died 21/10/1914. Age 26. Son of Mrs. Margaret Sherman, of 6, Madison Avenue East, Strandtown. Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+SMITH, Alec Park

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. B Coy. Private. 8049. Died 21/10/1914. Age 28 Husband of Margaret Jane Nicholl (formerly Smith), of 82, Elizabeth St., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

+SMITH, Samuel R

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 6219. Died 21/10/1914. He had been through the South African campaign, and was following his vocation as a tailor when, as a reservist, he was called-up at the outbreak of war. "He married a little over three years ago, and his widow has the care of two small children. They live in Fountain-street, Downpatrick." Ploegsteert Memorial, Hainaut, Belgium

+SMYTH, P

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8297. Died 21/10/1914. Age 28. Son of Mrs. Catherine Smyth, of 10, New Lodge Place, Belfast. Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, France

1915

+CURRIE, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Rifleman. 17/605. Died 21/10/1915. Born in Tandragee. Disembarked in France 01/10/1915. Vignacourt British Cemetery, France

+LETTS, Bertram Chiene

Royal Army Medical Corps, 13th Casualty Clearing Station. Lieutenant. Died 21/10/1915. Age 27 years old. Fettes Coll, Edinburgh. RBAI. QCB. M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. 1913. Junior House Surgeon, Infirmary, Warrington. Lieutenant RAMC August 1915. In France from 23/09/1915. Son of Dr. E. A. Letts (Professor of Chemistry, Queen's College, Belfast) and Mrs Anne Letts, Nallycultra, Holywood; husband to Kathleen Mabel Whitlet Letts (daughter of the late Lord Provost Whitlet of Perth), of 9, Comely Bank, Perth. They had married on 03/08/1915. Alexandria (Chatby) Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. QUB WM, RBAI WM

1916**+GILMORE, Hugh**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 29168. Died 21/10/1916. Age 23. Born on 25/08/1893 at Ballynalaney, Randalstown. Enlisted Scotland. Son of Patrick Gilmore and Mary (nee McErlain or McErlane), later of Staffordstown, Randalstown. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+HARLEY, James

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 27850. Died 21/10/1916. Age 27. Son of Neil Harley, of Crigatoke, Plumbridge, Co. Tyrone. Thiepval Memorial, France

+MOTHERWELL, John Ernest

Royal Irish Rifles, 3rd Bn. att'd. 9th Bn. The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Captain. Died 21/10/1916. Age 29. Son of David and Catherine Motherwell, of 7, Somerset Terrace, Belfast. Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt, France

1917**+DAVIES, Edward**

Coldstream Guards, 2nd Btn. Private. 16197. Died 21/10/1917. Age 26. Son of Joseph and Mary Davies, of Rednal, Salop; husband of Edith Davies, of 9, Annadale St., Antrim Rd., Belfast. Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium

+FOWLES, Harry

RN. AB. J5055. Died 21/10/1917. Boy service from 28/08/1909. Enrolled 29/09/1911 for 12 years. War service in Blake - Comet and Marmion. Born Ballycastle 29/09/1893. Son of Richard and Emily Fowles, of Ring Bar, Clonakilty, Co. Cork. Plymouth Naval Memorial Panel 21. ADM 188/657/5055

+MORGAN, George

Australian Infantry, A.I.F. 31st Btn. Lance Corporal. 2956A. Military Medal. Died 21/10/1917. Age 27. Emigrated and later enlisted at Queensland. Awarded Military Medal in May 1917. His family lived at Tullylish and later at Lurgan. Son of James and Annie Morgan, of Moygannon, Ballynabraggett,

Lurgan, Ireland. Native of Milford, Armagh. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

1918

+COUSINS, Charles Henry

RAF. Private. 299638. Died 22/10/1918. Age 18. Only son of Henry and J. Elizabeth Cousins. He was born in Lurgan, on 12/12/1900. His father Henry died sometime between 1901 and 1905. His mother remarried around 1905 to William Stewart McClean. The 1911 census records that the family lived at house 3 in Roughan, Augher, County Tyrone. Charles Cousins enlisted in the RAF on 25/09/1918. He was aged 17 and three quarters. Private Cousins served at the RAF School of Technical Training at Halton, Buckinghamshire, England. He died at Central Military Hospital Aylesbury. Aylesbury cemetery, Buckinghamshire

+DANIEL, Ernest

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Lieutenant. 6028. Died 21/10/1918. Aged 34. Daniel, who had been associated with his father in the linen-finishing business at Derryvale prior to the outbreak of war, was the hon. secretary of the Newmill's Unionist Club, and the half company commander of the Newmill's Company, Dungannon Battalion, Ulster Volunteer Force, of which his late father was the company commander. On the outbreak of war he promptly volunteered, and obtained a commission on the 18/05/1915, in the Royal North Downs, and on going to the front was posted to the South Africans with whom he took part in the opening stages of the battle of the Somme on the 1st July, 1916, and sustained shell-shock at

Thiepval. In the following year he was invalided home owing to gas poisoning. Son of Robert and Marion Daniel. Ernest was born in Cheshire about 1884. Robert Daniel, an Englishman, was Justice of the Peace and a Linen Finisher. Robert Daniel's five sons volunteered for service during the present war, and he was the recipient of a congratulatory letter from his Majesty on the subject. (Northern Whig 2nd November 1918). They lived at Farlaugh, Tullyniskane, Tyrone. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Harlebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Dungannon WM, Newmills C of I Parish Church WM

+HENRY, James

Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st/6th Btn. Private. 75289. Died 21/10/1918. Age 22. Son of Mr. and Mrs John Henry, of 13, Vere St., Belfast. Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, France

+JESS, Joseph

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st. Btn. Rifleman. 1567. Died 21/10/1918. Age 29. Born 21/10/1879 at Drumlough. Son of John and Mary Jane Jess (nee Chambers), of 49 Ballykeel, McAdam's Cross Roads, Dromore, Co. Down. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium.

+LOWRY, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 22161. Died 21/10/1918. Age 21. Born Castle St., Antrim. Son of Mrs. Helen Smith, of Riverside, Antrim who married Robert Smith on 09/11/1917 in All Saints Church, Antrim. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium. Antrim WM, All Saints C of I Church RH

+McELRATH, Robert Harper

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Private. 25459. Died 21/10/1918. Age 32. Born in the Shankill area of Belfast. In 1901 he was staying with his uncle Robert Harper at Dungonnell. Son of the late James and Mary McElrath, of "Mill Farm", Aldergrove. Dadizeele New British Cemetery, Belgium. Family headstone I Killead Presbyterian Churchyard.

+REID, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. (Shankill Road UVF). RIR, 14th Btn. Young Citizen Volunteers. Rifleman. 19189. Born 19/02/1895, Missing presumed killed 21/10/1918, only three weeks prior to the Armistice. Arrived France Oct 1915. Killed after serving three years of the war, including Battle of the Somme when at 2200 hrs 01/07/1916 9th RIR had 70 men left standing from Btn strength of 700. The 1st RIR took their objective the following day, 22/10/1916. The 36th Ulster Division fired their last shot the following week. Samuel missed survival by a day. Born 19/02/1895. Youngest of seven children. A Salvationist. A Grocer's Assistant. Numerous other family members served and survived. One of his sisters and her husband, Joseph Hamilton, a Royal Navy Veteran named their son Samuel Reid Hamilton. Residence at 44 Raleigh Street, Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+RICHARDSON, Robert Andrew

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 10986. Died 21/10/1918. Age 19. Son of Mrs. Agnes Moffatt (formerly Richardson), of 236, Matilda St., Belfast, and the late Pte. Robert

Richardson, Imperial Yeomanry. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium

+WILSON, Matthew

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 49783. (Formerly 1003 Royal Irish Rifles). Died 21/10/1918. Born at Ballymena and enlisted in Belfast. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium

1940

+KERR, James Francis Ferguson

RAFVR. Sergeant. 748075. Died 21/10/1940. Aged 21. No.13 OTU. Training as an observer when he died as a result of an aviation accident on board Bristol Blenheim L8871. The other crew on board from No. 13 OTU were Sergeant LH Hillelson and Sergeant AW Dinsmore. All three died in the accident. Son of James and Florence Eda Kerr of Strandtown, Belfast. Dundonald Cemetery. 502 (Ulster) Squadron WM, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

1943

+GILMOUR, James

Royal Artillery. 9 H.A.A. Regt., 25 Bty. Lance Serjeant. 1455996. Died 21/10/1943. Aged 28. Son of James and Matilda Gilmour, of Londonderry. Naples War Cemetery, Italy

+CRAWFORD, Harry James

RAFVR. Sergeant (Navigator). 973264. Died 21/10/1943. Aged 22. 161 Sqdn. Son of Harry and Jean M. Crawford, of

Ballymoney; husband to Mary Crawford, of Cenore, Saskatchewan, Canada. Valenciennes (St Roch) Communal Cemetery, Nord, France

+HAMILTON, Robert Moir

Royal Artillery. 9 H.A.A. Regt. 25 Bty. Lance Bombardier. 1450846. Died 21/10/1943. Age 29. Son of William James Hamilton and Christain A. Hamilton. Naples War Cemetery, Italy

+MARK, James Lyle Douglas

Royal Artillery. 9 H.A.A. Regt., 25 Bty. Bombardier. 1466744. Died 21/10/1943. Aged 27. Son of John Martin Mark and Jeanie Elizabeth Mark, of Limavady. Naples War Cemetery, Italy

+MARTIN, Thomas

RAFVR. Flight Sergeant. 1126214. Died 21/10/1943. Aged 28. 83 Sqdn. Son of James and Jemima Bryson Martin, of Belfast. Runnymede Memorial, Panel 138, Surrey.

+PEOPLES, William Stewart

Royal Artillery. 9 H.A.A. Regt. 25 Bty. Lance Bombardier. 1489361. Died 21/10/1943. Aged 28. Son of George and Elizabeth Peoples, of Londonderry; husband to Margaret Kathleen Peoples, of Waterside, Londonderry. Naples War Cemetery, Italy

1944

+BLAIR, James

Royal Ulster Rifles. 2nd Btn. The London Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 7019574. Died 21/10/1944, in a night attack on Casa Spinello. Aged 21. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Blair, of Larne. Santerno Valley War Cemetery, Italy

+HASKINS, Jack Stanley

Royal Corps of Signals. 73 Constr. Sec. Driver. 5193194. Died 21/10/1944. Aged 22. Son of Frank and Margaret Haskins; husband of Jeanie Haskins, of Ballymena. St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France

+MURPHY, William James

Royal Ulster Rifles. 2nd Bn. The London Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 14437714. Died 21/10/1944 along with eight other men from the London Irish Rifles during an attack on Casa Spinello, south of Monte Spadaro, Italy. Aged 20. Records suggest William was born in Navan, Co. Meath, Ireland. Son of William James Murphy and Marion Murphy, of 31 Union Street, Portadown. Santerno Valley War Cemetery, Italy. Portadown WM

+REA, Edward Douglas

Royal Artillery. 14 Anti-Tank Regt. Major. 64505. MiD. Died 21/10/1944. Aged 29. Son of Thomas Rea, M.A., and of Dora Rea, of Bangor, Co. Down. Cesena War Cemetery, Italy

VETERANS**ALLEN, James**

RN. AB. SS9896. Enrolled 22/10/1918 for 5 and 7 years. Pembroke. Served to 21/10/1923. Joined RFR 22/10/1923. Born Lurgan 23/06/1900. ADM 188/1103/9896

CAMPBELL, Inkerman Collins

RN. Stoker First Class. SS111187. Served 23/08/1911 - 21/10/1919. Joined RFR 22/10/1919. War service in Collingwood, Marlborough, Actaeon, Pembroke, Attentive and Dido. Born Belfast 29/04/1893. ADM 188/1117/111187

SCOTT, George Albert

RNVR. Surgeon - Commander. WW2. MB BCh BAO(1934)
MD(1946) MRCP(1949) FRCP(1971)

George Scott was born at Clover Hill, County Cavan. His father was Richard William Scott, merchant and farmer. His mother, Elizabeth Matilda, was the daughter of William Crawford, also a farmer. When George was still a boy the family were driven from their home by the disturbance of the Irish rebellion.

George was educated at Coleraine Academical Institution and Queen's University, Belfast. Immediately after qualifying he went into general practice in Preston. In 1941 he gave up his practice and joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, reaching the rank of surgeon commander, and at the end of the war returned to Belfast for postgraduate study. He was appointed physician, the first such appointment, to the Moyle Hospital, Larne, in 1950; it was one of the early fruits of the National Health Service.

It is probable that the relatively small population of East Antrim did not give George all the opportunities of which his intellectual vigour could have made so much. Nevertheless, it was he who brought the specialty of internal medicine to East Antrim, and by his work and example transformed practice there to the benefit of its people. For many years he had no assistance other than a house physician, and he was on duty 24 hours a day except when he was on annual leave. He brought to light the silicosis of flint crushers in the area (which ran a rapid course to death), and the pneumoconiosis of bauxite crushers.

He was founder chairman of the Ulster Society of Internal Medicine and it was due to his friendly, sensible and commanding personality that the Society was a success from the beginning. He served in the RAMC Emergency Reserve, being lieutenant colonel in charge of the medical division or 4th General Hospital. He was president of the Larne branch of the British Legion, first chairman of the local branch of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, and an active worker for the Boys' Club.

The rocks of Antrim have long interested geologists, and George became a competent amateur geologist. In his youth he played rugby for his school, University and Ulster - and later played in Preston. He rowed on the River Bann at Coleraine and, later, at Queen's, where he also played the Scottish pipes in the OTC band. In his later years, fishing, golf, bridge and bowls gave him some recreation. After retirement, he cared for his garden and also revealed a remarkable gift for modelling in pottery.

George was a cheerful, kind friend and colleague, of a most firm and upright character, an enlightened physician, a good citizen and a true Ulsterman. In 1936 he married Zillah Elizabeth Todd and they had two sons. Zillah, who survived him, was the constant support of his life and work for nearly fifty happy years. One son, George, became an architect who designed surgery buildings for general practices; the other, Liam, entered general practice in Holywood, County Down. Born 06/06/1911. Died 21/10/1985

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