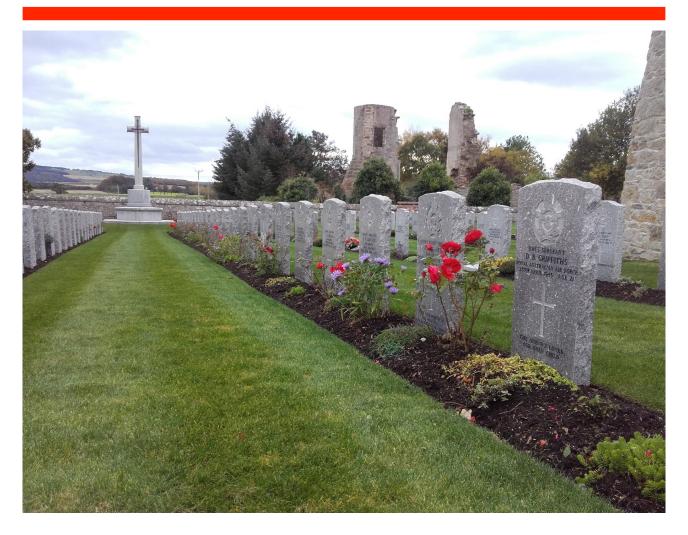


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On this Day - October 25

1914

General Sir C. Douglas, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Great Britain, dies [Appointed April 6, 1914.] Vermelles is reoccupied by the Germans.

1916

"First Offensive Battle" of Verdun begins. Fort Douaumont recaptured by French force.

1917



Ypres, Belgium - Australians on the way to take up a front line position in the Ypres Sector. The ruins of Ypres, including the Cloth Hall, can be seen in the background.

25th October 1918 Northern Whig Ulster Division Rank & File Fatality

Sergeant James Roulston M.M., 15986, 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, formerly of the 10th battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, died of wounds received in action 5th October, 1918. Son of David S. and Mary Roulston, of Glen Lower, Ramelton, Letterkenny, County Donegal. Deceased was approximately 26 years of age and is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Sergeant James Roulston was previously wounded at the battle of Cambrai and was later captured and taken prisoner of war during the battle of St. Quentin but he escaped and returned to the Inniskillings being attached to the 1st battalion, he was again wounded on 1st October and subsequently died of those wounds on the 5th.

1918 Ballymena Observer, October 25, 1918

Temporary Captain, the Hon. R. W. H. O'Neill, to be temporary Major from 1st May 1918. Major O'Neill is the younger and only surviving son of Lord and Lady O'Neill, Shane's Castle, Co. Antrim. He was returned unopposed for the parliamentary division of Mid-Antrim, after the death in action of his brother, Captain The Hon. Arthur O'Neill, MP, of the Life Guards. He went to the western front with the Ulster Division in 1915 and was appointed a Deputy Judge Advocate General in another theatre of war on February 19th 1916.

Battle of the Selle ends.

Kirkuk (Mesopotamia) again taken by British forces.

1939

U-boats sink four more British ships.

1940

While bombing Chungking, China, Japanese bombs accidentally almost hit US embassy and US gunboat Tutuila, causing an international incident.

Benjamin O. Davis Sr, becomes the first black general in the US Army.

1941



The minelayer, HMS Latona was bombed and sunk whilst supporting forces at Tobruk. 19 Officers and Men of the

minelayer are named on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Latona, carrying 1,000 Polish troops, was hit in the engine room by a bomb from a Junkers Ju 87. This started a fire which soon raged out of control. The destroyers Hero and Encounter came alongside to assist and evacuated most of the troops and crew. Latona remained afloat for a further two hours, before the after magazine exploded, sinking the ship. 7 soldiers were killed. She was launched on 20/08/1940 as a fast minelayer. Latona was commissioned on 04/05/1941 but never served in her intended primary role, instead being used in the Mediterranean to deliver stores and supplies to the allied armies and garrisons at Tobruk and Cyprus.

1941

US condemns Nazi practice of killing innocent civilians in reprisal for partisan activities.

1942

Germans capture two more streets in Stalingrad with severe losses. The last German offensive in the Caucasus begins.

Montgomery switches the attack to the North. Rommel breaks off his sick leave to take charge of the critical situation in which the axis forces now find themselves.

German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel returns to Battle of El Alamein in Egypt after medical treatment in Germany.

On Guadalcanal, Japanese attack Lunga perimeter and at the Matanikau River, but are repulsed.

1943

British Typhoon fighter-bombers of No. 181 Squadron RAF



used rockets for the first time during an attack at Caen, France. The target was hit, three aircraft were shot down, including that of the squadron commander Frank Jensen

Burma-Siam "Death Railway" completed by Allied POWs and natives (93,000 killed in its construction). Japanese withdraw from Finschhafen area of New Guinea.

1944

Russians troops take the German base of Kirkenes in Norway. The Red Army completes its capture of Transylvania in northwestern Romania.

The Japanese are defeated in the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the world's largest sea engagement. From this point on, the depleted Japanese Navy increasingly resorts to the suicidal attacks of Kamikaze fighters. By the end of the war, Japan will have sent an estimated 2,257 aircraft. "The only weapon I feared in the war," Adm. Halsey will say later.

Roll of Honour - October 25

Representing their comrades who died on this day

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+ELLIOTT, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 9004. Died 25/10/1914. Age 41. Son of James and Alice Elliott; husband to M. L. Elliott, of 12, Pitt St., Belfast. Caberet-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, France

+FOLEY, Robert James

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7180. Died 26/10/1914. Age 29. Son of Patrick and Mary Ellen Foley, of 59, Servia St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+JAMIESON, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 7554. Died 25/10/1914. Age 26. Lance Corporal Jamieson was killed at the battle of La Bassee. On the day of his death the 2nd Irish Rifles were involved in hand-to-hand fighting at Neuve Chapelle, a village of France four miles north of La Bassee and eight-and-a-half miles south west of Armentieres, lying

slightly south of the Armentieres-Bethune road. Turning to the pages of James W. Taylor's book, "The 2nd Royal Irish Rifles in the Great War", we discover the actions of the 2nd Rifles on the day of Lance Corporal Jamieson's death:

"The Germans succeeded in establishing themselves in the houses near the left flanks of the trenches and, on the morning of the 25th, rushed the end trench. They succeeded in capturing the remaining field gun there but only got to fire one round before it overturned, the recoil action having been purposely sabotaged by the British gunners. With the remains of B Coy in reserve, many having replaced casualties in the firing line, and a platoon of the Lincolns, the enemy was eventually driven out but the trench could not be reoccupied as the British artillery was shelling it and the rear ground.

"The War Diary noted: 'In fact this day our artillery shelled the trenches held by this battalion causing several casualties and it was some time before they could be stopped as the telephone line was cut by shell fire and orderlies took a long time getting back. The enemy's bombardment this day was more severe and our casualties heavy. The two machine guns were put out of action, the water jackets being damaged by rifle fire."

Robert Jamieson was born at Derry and enlisted at Belfast. He was the son of George Jamieson, and husband to Margaret Jamieson, 25, Heather Street, Crumlin Road, Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

+McCANN, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. A Coy. Corporal. 8845. Died 25/10/1914. Age 25. Son of the late John McCann, of 42, Greenville Rd., Bloomfield, Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+REA, Vivian Trevor Tighe

Royal Irish Rifles, 4th Btn. attd. 2nd Btn. Lieutenant. Died 25/10/1914. Age 23. Born in Mendoza, Argentina in August of 1891. An only son, his father was a steamship broker and the Vice Consul in Belfast for the Netherlands and Argentina. He was educated at Campbell College Belfast from 1905-1908, where he held a scholarship before going to Queens University, and then Trinity College Dublin where he studied for ordination. In a change of career he enlisted in the Royal Irish Rifles attaining the rank of Lieutenant in 1913. On 25/10/1914, Lt Rea was severely wounded in the front line. He was removed to a chateau behind the lines where the Battalion medical facilities were, but succumbed to his wounds. He was buried in the grounds of the chateau, but that same night the Germans heavily shelled the area setting the chateau on fire and destroying it. His remains were exhumed and identified in 1921, and re-buried in the Guards Cemetery (Windy Corner) Cuinchy a short distance from Neuve Chapelle. Lt Rea was also a leading light in the nascent Boy Scouts movement, being scoutmaster of the Bangor Troop and Honorary Secretary of the Ulster Scout Council. In a mark of appreciation a stained glass memorial window was erected in his memory at St Comgall's Church of Ireland, Bangor. Guards Cemetery (Windy Corner) Cuinchy, France. St Comgall's Church of Ireland, Bangor, Memorial window. Campbell College WM North of Ireland Football Club Roll of Honour

1915

+DAVIDSON, Andrew

Seaforth Highlanders. 8th Btn.Private. S/3716. Died 25/10/1915. Aged 33. Born Ballymena. Son of Mr. Davidson, Mid Shirva Farm, Twechar. Wife and two children at Tintock. Loos Memorial, Pas De Calais, France

1916

+HUSTON, G E

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.10th Btn. Lance Corporal. 15619. Died 25/10/1916. Age 19. Son of Archibald and Annie Huston, of 3, Abbey St., Coleraine, Co. Londonderry. Pond Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+McGEAGH, James

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Btn. Rifleman. 7003. Died 25/10/1916. Age 19. Son of Sarah and the late Ambrose McGeagh, of 46, Euston St., Belfast. Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, France

+STRINGER, J

Royal Irish Regiment, 6th Btn. Private. 2242. Died 25/10/1916. Son of Mr. T. Stringer, of 96, Maryville St., Belfast. La Laiterie Military Cemetery, Belgium

1917

+CLARKE, Robert

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 20768. Died 25/10/1917 in No. 43 Casualty Clearing Station from blood poisoning. Age 19. Robert was born at Ballygalley, Cairncastle on the 29/06/1898 and was educated at Larne Grammar School. He joined the Mechanical Transport on the 18/10/1916 but transferred from London to Edinburgh Training School in January 1917. He was sent to join the Royal Dublin Fusiliers at Cork in April 1917 and subsequently served with the British Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from September 1917. The 9th Battalion, were part of the 48th Brigade, 16th Division, and were involved in the Flanders Offensive (3rd Battle of Ypres) from 7th June - 10th November 1917 and it was presumably something that happened on that battlefield that led to infection and his demise. Robert was the eldest son of the late Rev. Samuel Boyce Clarke, and Mrs Mary Carmichael Clarke, nee Roberts, formerly of The Manse, Brookfield, Cairncastle, Co. Antrim. The Rev. S B Clarke, had died on 01/07/1915. Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas de Calais, France. Cairncastle Presbytertian Church WM Larne GS RH

1918

+BOYD, Thomas Moffatt

RAMC. Lieutenant. Died 25/10/1918. Friends' School, Lisburn. QUB. He was a Queen's rugby left three-quarter. He graduated M.B., B.Ch. and B.A.O. in 1917. After qualifying he took a temporary commission as a lieutenant in the RAMC. He entered the war in East Africa on 09/10/1917. Thomas died of dysentery whilst still on active

service there 25/10/1918. Born Ballybay. He was the son of Francis Boyd, JP, Clonevin Pk., Lisburn. A brass tablet mounted on oak was erected to him in Ballybay Presbyterian Church. Lumbo British Cemetery, Mozambique.

+GRANT, John

Royal Irish Rifles. Rifleman. 778. Wounded and repatriated. Died 25/10/1918 in Lord Derby War Hospital, Winwick, Warrington. Aged 28. Enlisted in Downpatrick in 6th (Service) Btn Royal Irish Rifles. 6th Btn was formed at Dublin in August 1914. September 1914 to Fermoy in 29th Brigade, 10th Irish Division. February 1915 to the Curragh. May 1915 to Hackwood Park, Basingstoke, England. 07/07/1915 sailed from Liverpool (via Alexandria) to Mudros, Greece. Arrived 26/07/15. 05/08/1915 landed at Anzac Cove, took part in Gallipoli campaign. 29/09/15 returned to Mudros. October 1915 to Salonika. Served in Greece and Macedonia. September 1917 to Egypt and Palestine. On 15/05/18 the 6th Royal Irish Rifles were disbanded at Deir En Nidham, north-east of Ludd, Egypt and he was killed in a skirmish in his way home. John Grant was born 10/11/1888 in Mullaghbane Co Armagh. He lived in Dromara and worked as a farm labourer for Clinghan. His CWGC headstone is at Leitrim Chapel near Castlewellan and bears his regimental crest and motto.

+GRAY, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 192. Died 25/10/1918. Husband to Nancy Gray, of Culduff, Ballymoney. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium.

+HALLIGAN, Thomas William Hogg

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. B Coy. Private. 14335, Died 25/10/1918. Age 28. His brother Robert, same battalion, also died of wounds 10/12/1916. Son of Robert and Jane Halligan, of Loughgall, Co. Armagh. Duhallw ADS Cemetery, Belgium

+HAMILTON, Joseph

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. Company Serjeant Major. 14271. Died 25/10/1918. Age 26. Husband of the late S. Hamilton, of 50, Victoria St., Lurgan. Harelbeke New British Cemetery, Harelbeke, Belgium

+JONES, Hubert Victor Edward

Royal Irish Rifles,12th Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 25/10/1918. Age 25. Son of Mary Jones, of 28, Bedeque St., Belfast, and the late Hugh Jones. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium. Crumlin Road Methodist Church WM, Belfast

+KERR, A

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 15072. Died 25/10/1918. Age 24. Son of Elizabeth Kerr, of 28, Linview St., Grosvenor Rd., Belfast, and the late Robert Kerr. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium

+McALLISTER, Jospeh

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. Private. 27558. Died 25/10/1918. Age 21. Son of William and Matilda McAllister, of 92, Argyle St., Shankhill Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+McCLURE, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman.11/19639. Died 25/10/1918. Age 28. He worked as a gardener at Shanes Castle and was a member of Murrays Temperance LOL 201. He is named on the first list of Antrim Ulster Volunteers to join the 11th RIR. William was born in Blackrock, Co. Dublin and resided at 42 Spamount Street, Belfast. Son of William McClure and the late Mrs Catherine McClure of Kingstown, Dublin. His brother James served with the 5th Lancers. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium. Antrim District Orange Order WM.

+McGUIRE, George Cruise

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. A Coy. Private. 20136. Died 25/10/1918. Age 29. Son of the late James and Ellen McGuire, of Londonderry. Ingoyghem Military Cemetery, Belgium

+McILREE, Henry

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman.13191. Died 25/10/1918. Age 25. Born in Ballymena. Enlisted Belfast. Son of Mr. and Mrs. McIlree, of 60, Dundela St., Strandtown, Belfast. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium.

+McVEIGH, Michael

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th Btn. 41456. Died 25/10/1918. Age 28. Son of Annie McVeigh, of 51, Great James St., Londonderry, and the late Thomas McVeigh. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium

+PENNELL, George

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. C Coy. Private. 42531. Died 25/10/1918. Age 19. Son of Thomas and Mary Pennell, of Pernau St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+SEMPLE, Thomas

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private.19306. Died 25/10/1918. Age 23. Son of William and Margaret Semple, of Killen, Castlederg, Co. Tyrone. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+SHANNON, George Moorhead

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 9th (North Irish Horse) Btn. C Coy. Private. 41428. Died 25/10/1918. Age 25. Son of Francis and Rebecca Shannon, of Belfast. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, Belgium

+SLOAN, Samuel Fisher

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Corporal. 18781. Died 25/10/1918. Age 23 years old. Son of the late Samuel C. and Sarah Sloan; husband to Mrs. Sloan, of 11, Meadow St., Larne. McGarel Cemetery, Larne

+WHITE, W

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 7th/8th Btn. Private. 31422. Died 25/10/1918. Age 20. Son of Thomas and Matilda White, of Londonderry. La Kreule Military Cemetery, Hazebrouck, France

1940

+LOGUE, Joseph

Royal Artillery. 8th HAA Regt. 1467308. Died 25/10/1940. Aged 19. Son of Joseph and Catherine Maria Logue, of Belfast. Enghien (Edingen) Communal Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium. Regimental RH, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

1941

+McSTAY, John Dominic

Royal Army Ordnance Corps, 4 Base Ordnance Depot. Lance Serjeant. 7010863. Died 25/10/1941. Aged 31. Son of Peter McStay, and of Elizabeth McStay, of Lisburn. Alamein Memorial, Egypt

1942

+BRADBURY, Graham Charles

Rifle Brigade,1st Btn. Serjeant. 6913264. MM. Died 25/10/1942. Aged 26. Son of Charles and Ellen A. Bradbury; husband of Elizabeth Bradbury, of Lenaderg, Banbridge. Alamein Memorial, Egypt

1943

+KING, William Robert

RAFVR. Flying Officer (Pilot). 117500. Died 25/10/1943. Aged 21. 181 Sqdn. Son of William Robert and Martha King, of Newry. Bayeux War Cemetery, Calvados, France

1944

+CAIRNS, James

Royal Ulster Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7015467. Died 25/10/1944. Age 26. Son of Hugh and Sarah Cairns;

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husband of Agnes Cairns, of Ligoniel. Gent City Cemetery, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+SMITH, James

Border Regiment, 1st (Airborne) Btn. Warrant Officer Class II (C.S.M.). MM. 3593710. Died 25/10/1944. Aged 38. Son of James and Ellen Smith; husband to Elizabeth Smith, of Derrylin. Co. Fermanagh. Gent City Cemetery, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium

1945

+PARKINSON, William Lister

Royal Corps of Signals. Lance Serjeant. 2321355, Died 25/10/1945. Age 34. He had been attached to the Royal Ulster Rifles in Armagh. He later served in India. He had been demobbed earlier in the war and died in hospital in Scotland. Son of David and Catherine Lister Parkinson, of Edinburgh; husband to Martha Georgina Bryans Parkinson, of Albert Cottage, Barrack Hill, Armagh. Piershill Cemetery, Edinburgh.

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William ('Bill') St. Clair Symmers, (born 16/08/1917 died. 25/10/2000) was known throughout the world of medicine and pathology for his erudition, eclectic editing and Edwardian eccentricity. Symmers' parents had met in Cairo. His father held the government chair of pathology. His mother, Marion Macredle, was Australian. Professor W. St. C. Symmers Snr moved to the Musgrave chair of pathology of the Queen's College, Belfast, in 1904. The College acquired University status in 1908.

Bill Symmers was educated at RBAI - the Royal Belfast Academical Institution - where he demonstrated a precocious aptitude for languages. He entered the Queen's University of Belfast in 1934, graduating with honours in 1939. During his student years, he travelled widely within the pre-war German republic. Later, he served as house surgeon to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, before joining the Royal Navy in 1940. The service took him to Scotland, to North Africa, and to the Atlantic and Pacific zones of hostilities. He married Jean Noble Wright in 1941.

Symmers became a demonstrator in pathology at Guy's Hospital in 1946, then senior assistant and consultant at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. In 1948 he was appointed senior lecturer in pathology at the University of Birmingham, where he was respected for the generous use of his time in teaching postgraduates who had returned from the Armed Forces, but feared as a punctilious, demanding and authoritarian consultant. In 1953, he accepted the chair of pathology at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, later playing an important part in the translation of this hospital and medical school to Fulham Palace Road before his retirement in 1982.

Even before the publication of the second edition of *Systemic pathology*, Symmers had shown a penchant for world travel, advising foreign states on behalf of government agencies. His versatile knowledge and his facility with languages led to an international demand for his services as British Council lecturer. He was as well known in Brazil and Melbourne as in London and Belfast. Symmers' *forte* was a pre-occupation with rare diseases, particularly those of fungal origin, and with lymphoid and connective tissue disorders.

Symmers was a very private man. He revelled in anecdotes from his student and wartime days. In his later years, he recounted these tales when offered the slightest encouragement. In one favourite story, he told how, walking through the Bavarian woods in 1936, whistling a theme from *Rosenkavalier*, he chanced on the elderly Richard Strauss. That evening Frau Strauss asked Symmers to join them on a visit to a nearby castle. Seated round a table, he was introduced to a man he recognised as Adolf Hitler.

In another anecdote that drew attention to his fluent German, he described how, during the 1942 to 1943 Mediterranean naval campaign, he was sent ashore to intercede on behalf of a badly wounded British prisoner. The German commander insisted that the wounded man be sent to a prison camp. But a German general passed by and ordered that, because of his wounds, the prisoner be released to the British. The senior officer was Erwin Rommel.

After his wife's death, Symmers moved to the ancient Royal Burgh of Peebles, in the Scottish Borders. Acknowledgment - D L Gardner

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