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Ranville CWGC Cemetery where there are WW2 graves of RUR

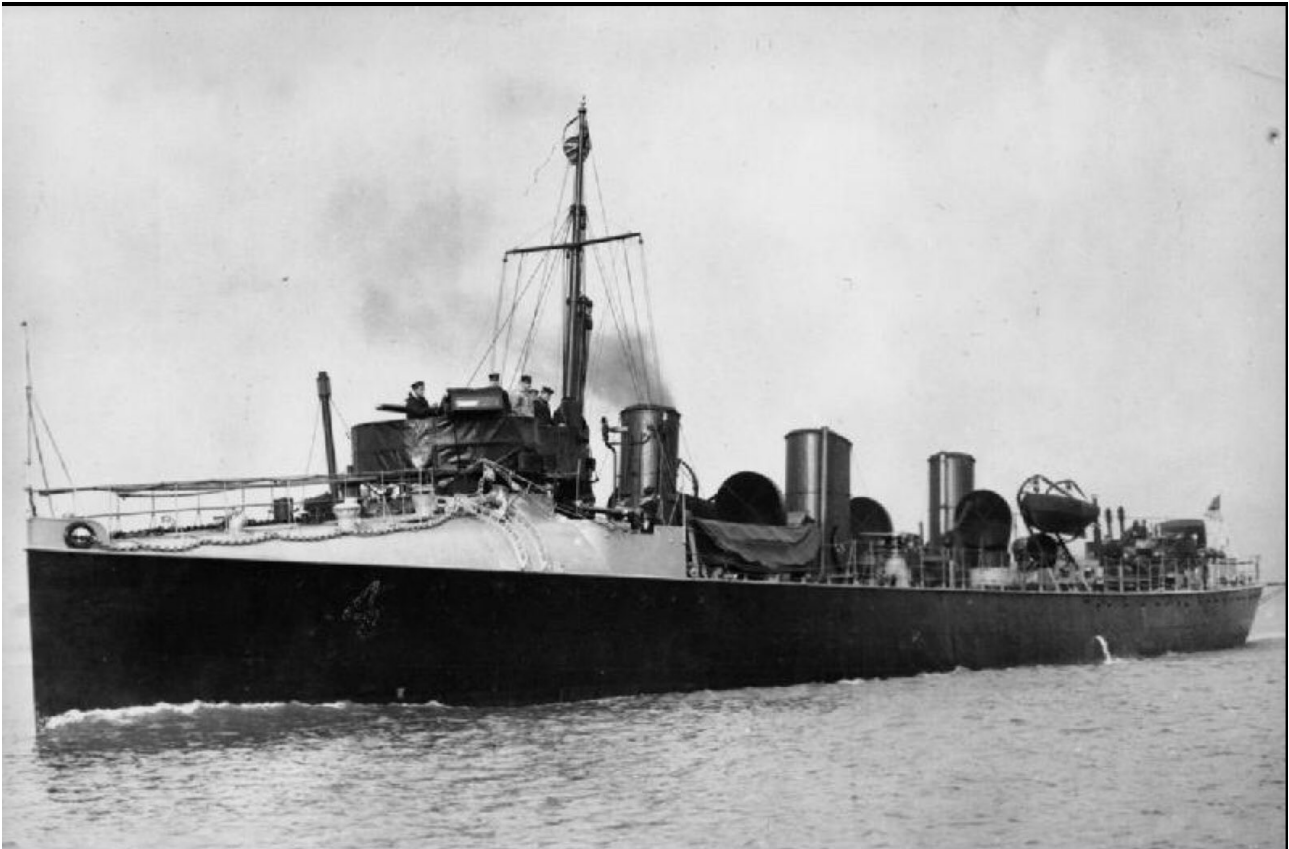
War's end for Ulster Division

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On this Day – October 26

1916



HMS Flirt

On the night of 26 October 1916 ten destroyers from the German Flanders flotilla, based at Zeebrugge, carried out their first raid into the channel. During the raid they sank the transport *Queen* and the destroyers *Nubian* and *Flirt*.

Richard Doyle from Newry was lost in *Flirt*. He had served in the ship at Jutland.

1917

The positions of the British from Passchendaele to Poelcapelle are much improved.

Brazil is declared in a state of War with Germany.

1918

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1939

Germany annexes former Polish areas of Upper Silesia, West Prussia, Pomerania, Poznan, Ciechanow, Danzig, and part of Lodz; all the rest of German-occupied Poland to come under the "General Government." Forced labor decree issued for Polish Jews aged 14 to 60.

1940

Prototype NA-73X, later known as the P-51 Mustang, flew its first successful test flight. Mustang pilots claimed to have destroyed 4,950 enemy aircraft during WWII. The Mustang remained in service with some air forces until the 1980s.

Photo below



P-51 Mustang.

London has longest air raid to date as a Catholic orphanage is among the buildings hit. British claim 41 German planes shot down in the past week against 21 British. The total German losses over Britain since the war began are put at a staggering 2,762 against Britain's 780.

Ministry of Food subsidises fish and chip shops to encourage potato consumption.

The Italians protest to the Greeks about their 'non-neutral' attitude towards Italy.

1942

Vickers Wellington bombers of No. 38 Squadron sink the Tergesteia tanker off the port of Tobruk, thereby depriving Rommel of much needed fuel. A few days later he decided to retreat. A pursuing General Montgomery wrote a thank you letter to No. 38 Squadron.

The Eighth Army begins re-grouping its divisions at El Alamein for the final breakout, and take Kidney Ridge.

Center and Eastern Task Forces depart Britain for Torch landings in Oran and Algiers, Algeria.

850 Jews are arrested in Norway.

Battle of Santa Cruz, with US forces attacking the large Japanese supporting fleet near Guadalcanal and shooting down 100 aircraft, damaging two carriers, a battleship and three cruisers. U.S. Navy aircraft carrier Hornet is heavily damaged during the Battle of Santa Cruz.

The USS South Dakota knocks down twenty-six Japanese planes during the Battle of Santa Cruz, setting the record for the most enemy planes downed in one day.

The First American Red Cross Clubmobiles begin service to US troops in Britain.

1943

The RAF launches a heavy night raid against Stuttgart, while the US 8th Air Force, in its greatest effort to date, delivers a devastating daylight attack on Bremen.

A hospital ship arrives in Liverpool with 790 wounded POW's aboard, repatriated from Germany.

A feint landing on Choisseul in the Solomon's is conducted by US forces. Meanwhile Treasury Island is occupied.

Emperor Hirohito states his country's situation is now "truly grave."

1944

Men of the 2nd King's Shropshire Light Infantry resting and their battalion war diary for 26 October 1944 which states



(SHEET 9)

WAR DIARY
XXX

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Delete heading not required)

Unit: 2nd Bn K.S.L.I.
Commanding Officer: Lt-Col. C.G.M. ATT.
(G.S.E.)

Month and Year: October 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	20	0900	Tks and Sp. A Tk guns shot up known enemy pens to encourage them.
	20		Bn relieved by R.U.R., relief being completed by 1400 hrs.
			Bn to rest in vicinity near (N.E. of OVERLOOK) with one coy fed in Sandunes to EAST in Sp of M.G. pla.
			Men all under cover of scotti
Scotti	20/10		Bn cleaned up and cleaned and repaired weapons. - Fwd coy relieved every other day.
	26		Bn relieved E YOUNG in area ST SERVATIUS Hosp and Eastern portions of VERNAY.
			Relief completed by 2000 hrs without incident.
Vernay			Local protection patrols.
			Some shelling and sniping.
	27		Enemy shelling and Mortar fire intermittent all the time.
			Patrols sent out at night to try and pin point enemy.

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the Royal Ulster Rifles relieved them by 1400 hrs. 2 Kings would rest at Overloon, Netherlands. RUR had casualties in this area.

The Battle of Leyte Gulf concludes with a decisive US victory, despite heavy Japanese kamikaze attacks; this battle marks the virtual collapse of the Japanese Navy.



Japanese fighter ace Hiroyoshi Nishizawa died after being shot down in a Nakajima Ki-49 bomber by two American F6F Hellcat fighter aircraft. Nishizawa died as a passenger. He claimed to have had 102 aerial victories.



Quievrain Communal Cemetery

In 1914, the Belgian Red Cross established a hospital, taken over later by the Germans, at Quievrain. The



Commonwealth plot in the communal cemetery was begun in November 1918, and after the Armistice the graves of prisoners of war buried by the Germans elsewhere in the cemetery were moved into it. The cemetery now contains 43 Commonwealth burials of the First World War.

The majority of graves are from 2 Btn. Canadian Mounted Rifles. There are three from the Royal Air Force, 98 Sqdn.

Quievrain Communal Cemetery is located 20 km west of Mons on a road leading from the N51 which connects Mons to Quievrain and on to Valenciennes.



Roll of Honour – October 26

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1914

+BELL, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7842. Died 26/10/1914. Age 35 years old. Son of Mrs. Sarah Trimble, of 31, Connswater St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+CONNOR, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. C Coy. Rifleman. 8484. Died 26/10/1914. Age 26. Son of Hugh Connor; husband of Mary Ann Connor, of 9, Bullocks Court, Bridge St., Lisburn. Le Touret Memorial, France

+CREE, Henry Greer

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 10011. Died 26/10/1914. Age 20. Son of Henry and Hannah Jane Cree, of 52, Chadolly St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+DALY, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Lance Serjeant. 9719. Died 26/10/1914. Age 25. Born in Peshawar, India. A Roman

Catholic chaplain wrote to his parents testifying to his bravery and the short time between injury and death. The chaplain had said mass for John and conducted his funeral. An account is in the Armagh Guardian of 13/12/1914. Son of William and Brigid Daly, of 31, Barrack Hill, Armagh. Houplines Communal Cemetery Extension, France

+EASTON, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 9258. Died 26/10/1914. Age 36. Son of the late William and Sarah Easton, of Belfast; husband of the late Rose Ann Easton. Le Touret Memorial, France

+FIDDIS, James

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7037. Died 26/10/1914. Age 29. Son of Samuel and Mary Jane Fiddis, of 8, New Row, Enniskillen. Le Touret Memorial, France

+FOLEY, Robert James

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7180. Died 26/10/1914. Age 29. Patrick had been at the front for just over two months before his death. Son of Patrick and Mary Ellen Foley, of 59, Servia St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+HENRY, James

Royal Irish Rifles, "C" Coy. 2nd Btn. Corporal. 6954. Died 26/10/1914. Aged 29. Member of Downpatrick Orange Lodge 359. Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Henry, of Downpatrick. Sainghin-en-Weppes Communal Cemetery, Nord, France

+LIVINGSTONE, James

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Bn. C Coy. Private. 11317. Died 26/10/1914. Age 21. Son of John and E. Livingstone, of 119, Hill St., Lurgan. Houplines Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

+LYNAR, E

Royal Army Medical Corps, 16th Field Amb. Private. 15019. Died 26/10/1914. Age 41. Son of Alfred Lynar; husband of Hannah Carson (formerly Lynar), of 23, Clarendon Avenue, Bloomfield, Belfast. Born Belfast. Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, France

+McALINDEN, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6826. Died 26/10/1914. Son of Henry and Rose McAlinden, of Derrytagh North, Lurgan. Le Touret Memorial, France

+McMULLAN, Francis

6th Dragoons (Inniskilling), A Sqdn. Private. 4964. Died 26/10/1914. Age 29. Born in Ballyearl, Ballylinney on 04/07/1885. Enlisted Belfast 15/09/1902. The Dragoons were stationed at Marlborough Barracks, Dublin. He and his wife married in North Strand C of I Church on 12/12/1905. Son of Francis, a postmaster, and Jeanette McMullan, of Monkstown, Belfast; husband of Alice McMullan, of 5, Dunne St., North Strand, Dublin. Larch Wood (Railway Cutting) Cemetery, Belgium

[Part of Portsmouth Naval Memorial showing panels bearing the names of men who have no known grave - Next page](#)



+O'RAWE, John

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 6932. Died 26/10/1914 at Neuve Chapelle. Age 28. Born in Milltown, Kilbegs, Co. Antrim on 11/02/1887. A member of Leeds City Police. (Served as McGrath), Son of Patrick and Susan O'Rawe; husband to Margaret O'Rawe, of 10, Brusna Cottages, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, France

+PARTRIDGE, Patrick

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8972. Died 26/10/1914. Age 38. Served in the South African Campaign. Had lived in Belfast and in Bessbrook for a short time.

Husband to Ellen Partridge, of 4, High St., Bessbrook, Co. Armagh. Le Touret Memorial, France

+PRITCHARD, W J

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. Rifleman. 19171. Died 26/10/1914. Son of W. and Mrs. Pritchard, of Ballywalter. Greyabbey Cemetery

+SCOTT, Matthew

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8400. Died 26/10/1914. Age 21. Son of Matthew and Mary Scott; husband of Jane McCrory (formerly Scott), of 21, Gertrude St., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+SHANKS, John

Royal Irish Rifles. 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 7775. Died 26/10/1914. Age 28. Brother of Mrs. A. Graham, of 11, Hills Avenue, Sydenham, Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France. Sydenham WM, East Belfast

+SPRATT, Samuel

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Lance Corporal. 8185. Died 26/10/1914. Age 23. Husband of Elizabeth Spratt, of 30, Lecale St., Donegall Rd., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

+SPRATT, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 8058. Died 26/10/1914. Age 24. Son of William John and Martha Spratt, of 24, Whitestar St., Newtownards Rd., Belfast. Le Touret Memorial, France

1915

+BLACKLAY, F P

Canadian Infantry, 16th Btn. Private. A/21065. Died 26/10/1915. Age 23. Son of James and Jane G. Blacklay, of 13, Marlborough St., Londonderry. La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery, Belgium

+JOHNSTON, J

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 1st Btn. Private. 20186. Died 26/10/1915. Age 32. Son of Mrs. Mary Jane Johnston, of 2, Lower Ken St., Portrush. Alexandria (Chatby) Military and Memorial Cemetery, Egypt

1916

+BOYLE, Albert Milton

North Irish Horse. Private. 303. Died 26/10/1916. Age 29. He enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Portadown on 05/03/1909 (No.303). On 17/06/1911 the *Portadown News* reported that: "Portadown has had three members of the North Irish Horse, whose headquarters are at Belfast, selected to attend at the Coronation. This is very creditable to the Portadown men, as there are only twenty-four chosen to represent the regiment. These local men are – Corporal T Medcalfe, Seagoe; Trooper C. Wilson, Drumnagoon; and Trooper M. Boyle, Drumcree".

On 17/08/1914 Boyle embarked for France with A Squadron, seeing action in the Retreat from Mons and Advance to the Aisne.

In March 1915 a fellow North Irish Horseman, Isaac Walker of Seagoe, wrote the following letter to the Reverend J.E. Archer, which was published in the Portadown News on 13 March:

“I arrived back here all right, and am going on just as usual, I am sending you a little cutting from the paper which concerns us. Other voluntary regiments claim to be under fire first. It is contradicted and explained, that we were the first to be under fire. I and Walter Vaughan were the ones out of Seagoe Parish who were with the N.I.H. on the retirement from Mons. Milton Boyle, of Drumcree Parish, and William Morton, of Ardmore Parish, were also with us. So there were only four from Portadown serving with the N.I.H. I am glad to say we are all safe and sound yet. We had a Church service today, but I did not get to it. Everyone likes to attend, but we can't all get. I think this is all at present. Thanking you for your kindness. I only wish this war was over till we all get back”. (From Richard Edgar, *A Call to Arms, Portadown in the Great War*)

In the same month Private Boyle became ill and was hospitalised, first at St Omer and then Rouen. He was suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. On 13/07/1915 he was shipped home, to the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, and soon after to the Peamount Sanatorium, Hazelhatch, Dublin. A medical board found that he was no longer physically fit for war service and he was discharged with a pension on 08/09/1915.

Boyle was born Drumcree, Portadown, County Armagh, on 18/06/1887, the sixth of eight children of farmer James Boyle and his wife Margaret (nee Woodhouse). Drumcree C of I Churchyard. Portadown WM

+DEVLIN, William

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 6th Btn. att'd. 5th Btn. Private. 7469. Died 26/10/1916. Age 38. Son of Samuel and Bella Devlin, of Belfast; husband to Annie Devlin, of 48, Irwin St., Belfast. Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece

+DOYLE, Richard James

RNR. Stoker. 9110S. Age 16. Served in HMS Flirt at Jutland. Died 26/10/1916. Son of Thomas and Ellen (nee O'Hare) Doyle, Newry. Plymouth Naval Memorial

+O'NEILL, John

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Bn. Rifleman. 11108. Died 26/10/1916. Also served as John Walls. His brother Anthony also fell. Son of Hugh and Jane O'Neill, of 3, King's Court, Lancaster St., Belfast. His brother Anthony also fell. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+McCANN, John

Canadian Engineers. Sapper. 2829. Died 26/10/1916. Aged 36. Son of Felix and Margaret McCann, of Aughocommon, Lurgan. Husband to Margaret McCann, 58, Humbert St., Toronto. Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto, Ontario

+McKINLEY, Hugh

Royal Irish Rifles, 1st Bn. Rifleman. 9220. Died 26/10/1916. Aged 24. Born 31/05/1892 in the Bloomfield area of Belfast. His father died when Hugh was about 3 years old and his mother re-married a couple of years later, to a Print Compositor called Joseph Young. They lived at 'Wynella' 117 Cregagh Road, Belfast. Two of Hugh's half-sisters were baptised at Cregagh Presbyterian Church – these are

among the first entries in the Cregagh Church baptismal register. Theipval Memorial, Somme, France

+WARING, J

Royal Irish Rifles. 11th Btn. D Coy. Rifleman. 11/2255. Died 26/10/1916. Age 38. Brother of Mary Waring, of Copeland, Donaghadee. Calais Southern Cemetery, France

+WATSON, Thomas

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Btn. Lance Corporal. 9117. Died 26/10/1916. Son of David Watson, of Mossvale, Dromore, Co. Down. Thiepval Memorial, France

1917

+BELL, Victor Nelson

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 41254. Formerly North Irish Horse. Died 26/10/1917. Age 20. Born on 29/04/1897 at 4 Marlborough Avenue, Londonderry, son of post-office clerk Robert Bell and his wife Maggie Elizabeth Bell (nee Hanna), the first of five brothers (a sister died days after being born). In 1911 the family was living at Westland Avenue, Londonderry. Soon after, Bell began work as a clerk in the shipping office of G & J Burns. On 07/09/1914 he enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Londonderry (No.1154), aged 17. He embarked for France on 19/01/1915 with a reinforcement draft and was posted to C Squadron. In June 1916 C Squadron joined with F Squadron and the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons Service Squadron to form the 2nd North Irish Horse Regiment, serving as corps cavalry to X Corps until August the following year. In September 1917

Bell's regiment was dismounted and most of its officers and men transferred to the 9th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers. Bell, with the majority of the regiment, was transferred on 20 September (with a new number – 41254) and joined the battalion at Ruyaulcourt, near Cambrai, five days later. On 26 October at Havrincourt Wood a fighting patrol was sent to drive the enemy from a disputed position at Wigan Copse, which they achieved with a charge which put the enemy to flight. However the clash cost one man killed and another injured. The dead man was Private Bell. Son of Robert and Margaret Elizabeth Bell, of 11, Westland Avenue, Londonderry. Enlisted Sept., 1914. Neuville-Bourjonval British Cemetery, France

+COLTON, Terence

Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st/4th Bn. Private. 204474. Died 26/10/1917. Aged 23. Son of James and Mary Colton, of Minneveigh, Dungannon. It is possible he was working as a miner before enlisting. Poelcapelle British Cemetery, Ypres, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. St Calvary War Memorial, St. Michael's R.C. Church, Esh Laude near Durham

+DAVIN, William Maurice

Canadian Infantry, 47th Btn. Private. 629592. Died 26/10/1917 at Passchendaele, France. Age 23. Enlisted on 03/10/1915 in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada. Born in Londonderry on 19/04/1893. Educated at Foyle College. Son of George and Elizabeth Davin, of 21, Aubrey St., Londonderry. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium; Foyle College Londonderry WM; Maple Ridge Cenotaph, British Columbia, Canada

+GIRVAN, Frederick William

Devonshire Regiment, 8th Btn. Captain. Died 26/10/1917. Age 24. Born Kilbride 23/05/1893. Joined QUB OTC 30/04/1915. He was a teacher at Lynn Memorial School, living at 7 Woodland Ave., Belfast. Son of Robert and Isabella Girvan, of 115, Cavehill Rd., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Family headstone Carnmoney Cof I graveyard, Duncairn Gardens Methodist Church RH, Queen's University WM

+HAWTHORN, Joseph Andrew

Northumberland Fusiliers, 1st/5th Btn. Lance Serjeant. 240284. Died 26/10/1917. Enlisted at Forest Hall, Northumberland. Brother of John Hawthorn (18065) who died at the Battle of Langemarck. Born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He lived at Tullyherron, Mount Norris, Co. Armagh with the McElroy family for whom he worked. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+HILL, Leonard

RMLI. Private. Signaller. PLY/1335(S). 2nd RM Battalion. RND. Died 26/10/1917. Age 22. Enlisted 03/01/1916; Draft for BEF (Signaller) 16/04/1917, joined 2nd Royal Marine Battalion 03/06/1917-26/10/1917. A Clerk. Son of Charles Edward and Annie Hill, Donaghadee Rd., Bangor. Tyne Cot Memorial. Bangor Purple Star LOL No. 677 RH. First Bangor - PCI RH

+JACKSON, Samuel James

The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, 2nd/5th Bn. Formerly Army Service Corps. Private. 28610. Died 26/10/1917. Aged 26. Son of James and Rose Anne Jackson, of 24, Arkwright

St., Belfast; husband to Jane Jackson (nee Hanna), of Drumreagh, Ballymoney. Links with Larne. Tynecot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+KERR, Robert John

Canadian Infantry, 43rd Btn. Machine Gun Section. Private. 461137. Died 26/10/1917 south of Passchendaele. He had been at the front since April 1916. Younger brother of James Kerr of Keady and Rev Ephraim Kerr, Laurencetown, Halifax. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium

+LEHANE, Cecil James

Devonshire Regiment. 8th Btn. Private. 23975. Died 26/10/1917. Age 33. Husband to Selina Lehane, of 112, Gransham Rd., Bangor, Co. Down. Buried or commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+McGRATH, David

Canadian Infantry, 43rd Btn. Private. 859477. Died 26/10/1917. Age 26. He was admitted to hospital in France when he was shot on 28/06/1917. Shortly after returning to duty he was notified as missing and recorded as having died on 26/10/1917. He was working as a farmer in Elgin, Manitoba, when he enlisted in the Cameron Highlanders of Canada on 06/12/1915. Born 08/04/1893 at Moneycarrie, Coleraine. He was a linen yarn worker in Muckamore. He was a member of the Orange Order and of Lough's Followers' RBP 318, Burnside. Son of David and Maggie (nee Moore) McGrath, of 47, Abby View, Muckamore, Co. Antrim. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Muckamore

Presbyterian Church RH. Muckamore Orange Hall WM.
Elgin WM, Canada

+McINTEE, Charles

RMLI. Private. 647(S). Plymouth Division. 2nd RM Battalion
RND. Died 26/10/1917. Age 25. Deal Battalion MEF
28/02/1915 - 23/08/1915. Invalided to UK 09/10/1915 ; Draft
for BEF at Base Depot 25/09/1916 - 06/01/1917 to RFC as
Aerial Gunner on probation, rejoined 2nd Royal Marine
Battalion 26/02/1917 - 27/04/1917. Rejoined 2nd Royal
Marine Battalion 14/08/1917-26/10/1917. Served as Patrick
Joseph McCarty. Born Kirkham 06/10/1891. Son of Edward
and Mary McIntee, Park St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial,
West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. ADM 159/176/647

+PARK, William J

Canadian Infantry. 58th Btn. Private. 681645. Died
26/10/1917 at Passchendaele. Age 32. Emigrated to
Canada. Prior to enlisting he was a motorman on Toronto
Suburban Railway. His brother Robert Park fought in the
Royal Irish Fusiliers and died near Kemmel on 19/04/1918
and is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial. Son of John
Park JP, and Margaret Park, Grange, Magherafelt; husband
to Isobel Annie Park, Minesing, Ontario. Ypres (Menin Gate)
Memorial, Belgium. Castledawson WM, Curran Presbyterian
Church RH, Curran Masonic Lodge No 532 RH

+REID, George Christoper

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 9th Btn. Private. 41529. Formerly of the
2nd North Irish Horse, Inniskilling Dragoons Sqd. Died
26/10/1917. Age 32. Private Thomas Dickinson of

Galashiels and Private John Dunn of Hackney also of 2nd NIH , Inniskilling Dragoons Sqd. died in the same incident near Ruyaulcourt. It was a bloody introduction to life in the trenches. Son of William and Elizabeth Reid, of Farnaconnell, Boho, Enniskillen. Neuville-Bourjonval British Cemetery, France

+ROLLINS, George

Gordon Highlanders, 2nd Btn. Private. 292658. Died 26/10/1917. Age 29. Son of Alexander and Margaret Anne Rollins, of 18, Brennan St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

+SIMMS, John Sibbald

London Regiment (Rangers), 2/12 Btn. Captain. 1048. Died 26/10/1917. John Simms was the last Old Cambellian to be killed in the Third Battle of Ypres. He was at Campbell College. Belfast, from September 1908 to December 1912. Son of S. H. and M. F. S. Simms, of Newtownards. Duhallow ADS Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

1918

+ANDERSON, William

Royal Irish Rifles. 15th Btn. Formerly of the North Irish Horse. Second Lieutenant. Died 20/10/1918. Age 23. William enlisted in the North Irish Horse at Antrim on 02/06/1915 (No.1659, later Corps of Hussars No.71488). He was promoted to the rank of lance corporal on 30/12/1915 and corporal on 10/03/1916.

On 29 /06/1916 he embarked for France, where he was posted to E Squadron, 1st North Irish Horse Regiment.

Apart from some months invalided home with eczema, he remained with the regiment until July 1917, when he left for officer training. He joined the No.7 Officer Cadet Battalion at Fermoy on 07/09/1917 and was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant on 30 January the following year. Second Lieutenant Anderson was initially posted to the 20th (Reserve) Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. Later in the year he was posted to the Rifles' 15th Battalion, joining it at the front in August.

He was hit by machine-gun fire on 20/10/1918 as his battalion pushed across the Deerlyck-Waereghem road towards the Gaverbeek, in Belgium, after taking charge of his company when its commander had been hit. His remains were buried south of Evangelieboom, together with eight others, mostly men of the Royal Irish Rifles. After the war their bodies were exhumed for reburial, but by then it had become impossible to separately identify them. They were therefore reburied together at Harlebeke New British Cemetery. William Anderson was born on 15/01/1895 at Greenisland, Carrickfergus, the third of five children of tea taster John Anderson and his wife Robina (nee Johnstone). He served a five year apprenticeship at the Belfast firm of Mitchell Brothers before being engaged in the tea trade business with Mr James Feeney, Ulster Street. Harlebeke New British Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

+ARMSTRONG, W A

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Second Lieutenant. Died 26/10/1918. Kilskeery C of I Churchyard, Co. Tyrone

+BARCLAY, George

Middlesex Regiment. att'd. 19th Bn. London Regiment.
Private. G/53857. Military Medal. Died 26/10/1918. Age 19.
Son of Mrs. Alice Barclay, of Mountain Lodge, Adaroyle,
Newry. Estaires Communal Cemetery and Extension, France.
Jonesborough Presbyterian Church WM

+CALDWELL, Herbert

Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Btn. Rifleman. 101. Died 26/10/1918.
Age 19. Native of Enniskillen. Son of Hugh G. and Ellen
McMullan Caldwell, of The Hall Bakery, Ballyshannon, Co.
Donegal. Native of Enniskillen. Brookwood Military
Cemetery, Surrey

+DARLING. John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 4th Btn. att'd. 9th Btn. Second
Lieutenant. Military Cross with Bar. Died 26/10/1918. Age
20. On 24/03/1918 4th Royal Irish took part in an attempt to
capture the village of Villeselve. For his actions that day
Jack was awarded a Military Cross. His citation stated -
"Awarded for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at
Villeselve on 24th March 1918. Although twice wounded in
the course of the day, the officer refused to leave his men,
and with his platoon rendered a great service to covering a
retirement and re-establishing the line". On 11/10/1918 the
4th Btn were positioned at Hill 41 near Dadizeele, about 10
miles east of Ypres. At dawn that day Jack formed up his
men at Twig Farm and at 1000 under cover of a barrage and
smoke screen they attacked Goldflake Farm. For his actions
that day Jack was awarded a Bar to his MC. His citation
read - "For having at Hill 41 near Dadizeele, on 11th
October 1918, while in charge of two platoons which
attacked a strongly-held farm, with great skill and courage

held the party, captured the farm with 14 prisoners and 3 machine-guns, and killed about 10 of the enemy. He rushed a post that was giving trouble, thus averting many casualties. His cheerfulness and coolness throughout the day inspired all ranks. When the enemy counter-attacked, he kept the garrison under complete control, firing point-blank into the enemy en masse. He held on until nearly surrounded, then skillfully withdrew his party, still fighting.”

He was wounded by a shell on the morning of the 25th October and died the following day at a casualty clearing station. Seven soldiers from his platoon were killed and 37 wounded in the attack. Jack's MC and Bar were presented to his father on 11th July 1919. Jack entered Portora Royal School in 1911. He was the last Portoran to die in the war, the Armistice being declared less than three weeks after his death. Born in Henry St., Enniskillen. Son of James and Mary E. Darling, of Erne View, Enniskillen. Kezelberg Military Cemetery, Belgium

+FLEMING, Robert John Neilus

East Lancashire Regiment 2nd Btn. Private. 8772.

26/10/1918. Age 31. Son of John and Mary Fleming, of Lurgan. Husband to Ethel Fleming, of 4, Woollens Brook, Hertford. Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, France

+MULHOLLAND, Daniel

Canadian Infantry, 87th Btn. Private. 696633. Died

26/10/1918. Aged 22. Coleraine 21/01/1896. Son of William John and Frances Mulholland, Castlevue Terrace, Coleraine. Lived Alberta, Canada. Enlisted Medicine Hat, Alberta 03/04/1916. Denain Communal Cemetery. Irish Society School, Coleraine RH and 1st Coleraine Presbyterian Church RH

+NIXON, Harold Perceval

Wiltshire Regiment, 6th (Wiltshire Yeomanry) Btn. Second Lieutenant. Died 26/10/1918. Age 22 years old. Son of Alexander and Annie Nixon, of 12, Hopefield Avenue, Belfast. Warcoing Churchyard, Belgium

+WALKER, Howard Percival T

Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), 36th Btn. Lance Corporal. 17807. Died 26/10/1918. Age 28. Enlisted with the Royal Irish Fusiliers and later transferred to MGC. Son of Thomas and Georgina Walker, of Ballytyrone, Loughgall, Co. Armagh. Ingoyghem Military Cemetery, Belgium

+WILSON, Thomas

Royal Garrison Artillery, 1st/1st Essex Bty. Gunner. 40176. Died 26/10/1918. Age 23. Son of Thomas and Isabella Wilson, of 46, Thorndale Avenue, Belfast. Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension, France

1919

+MILLS, Robert

Royal Irish Fusiliers. Private. 41087. Died 26/10/1919. Fivemiletown Church of Ireland Churchyard, County Tyrone

1942

+WILLETT, Joseph Stuart

RNVR. FAA. 789 Squadron. Sub Lieutenant (A). Died 26/10/1942. Age 22. HMS Malagas. The role of the squadron, then based at Wingfield, Cape Town, was to provide facilities such as target towing in support of naval units. During a night mission of some kind, his aircraft, a

Fairey Albacore, collided with a similar machine. The other aircraft landed safely but Joseph's crashed close to the airfield, killing all three crew on board. Son of Rudolph Stuart Willett and Mabel Wiles Willett, Dhu-Varren, Portrush. Simon's Town (Dido Valley) Cemetery

1943

+ADDIS, Anthony

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 5391179. Died 26/10/1943. Aged 28. Son of Thomas Addis and of Elizabeth Addis (nee Watson), of Belfast. Bari War Cemetery, Italy

+CUSSELL, Henry

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1st Btn. Fusilier. 7018898. Died 26/10/1943. Aged 18. Son of Fred and Sarah Cussell, of Newcastle, Co. Down, Northern Ireland. Cassino Memorial, Italy

+LECKEY, Thomas

RAFVR. 160 Sqdn. Flight Sergeant. 1023458. Died 26/10/1943. Aged 23. Consolidated Liberator FL926 took off from Sigiriya Airfield, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) at 0544hrs. The crew last made contact while over the Nicobar Islands. The presumption was that Mitsubishi Zeroes of the Imperial Japanese Navy's No. 331 Kokutai engaged with the R.A.F. Bomber. Son of David Leckey and Ann Jane Leckey of Belfast. Singapore Memorial, Singapore

1944

+HETHERINGTON, William James

RAF. Sergeant. 546224. Died 26/10/1944. Aged 24. 60 Sqdn. Son of William James Hetherington and Elizabeth

Hetherington from Londonderry. Brother of Sergeant David Heatherington RAF who died 28/06/1944. William Snr had served during WW1 and joined the Ulster Home Guard during WW2. Kirkee War Cemetery, Southeast of Mumbai, India.

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