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## **Rededication of the Queen's University War Memorial after WW2**



Today is the anniversary of the rededication of the Queen's University War Memorial by the then Vice Chancellor, Field-Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke, in 1950 marking the addition of the names of the fallen in World War II to those of the Great War. Above - one of the panels added to the memorial.

## Peronne Communal Cemetery

**In an extension to the cemetery, 1,595 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War are buried or commemorated**

Peronne, in the Somme region, was taken by the German on 24 September 1914. On 18 March 1917, the 40th and 48th Divisions captured the town, but it was recovered by the Germans on the 23rd March 1918. It changed hands for





the last time on 1 September 1918, when it was taken by the 2nd Australian Division

The cemetery extension was begun by the 48th (South Midland) Division in March 1917, used by the Germans in 1918, and resumed by Australian units in September 1918. At the Armistice it contained 177 graves, now in Plots I and II. It was then enlarged when graves were brought in from the battlefields north and east of Peronne and from the following small cemeteries in the area :-

AIZECOURT-LE-HAUT CHURCHYARD EXTENSION, which contained the graves of 18 soldiers from the United Kingdom and two from South Africa who fell in March 1918.

CARTIGNY COMMUNAL CEMETERY AND GERMAN EXTENSION, which contained the graves of 5,250 German

soldiers, two from the United Kingdom and one from Australia.

COPSE TRENCH CEMETERY, ALLAINES, between Allaines and Moislains. Here were buried 64 soldiers from the United Kingdom (mainly 14th Black Watch and 12th Somerset Light Infantry) who fell in September 1918.

DRIENCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, on the South side of the village, made by the 74th (Yeomanry) Division in September 1918, and contained the graves of 20 soldiers from the United Kingdom.

LIERAMONT COMMUNAL CEMETERY GERMAN EXTENSION, in which 63 soldiers from the United Kingdom were buried by the Germans in 1916-1918 and by the 58th (London) Division in September 1918.

MADAME MILITARY CEMETERY, Clery-sur-Somme (the origin of this name is uncertain, but the Germans had a "Maidan Trench" opposite), near the road to Bouchavesnes, where 56 soldiers from the United Kingdom (mainly 33rd Division) were buried in January-March 1917 (Three of these were moved to Serre Road Cemetery No.2, Beaumont-Hamel, and 53 to Peronne).

MOISLAINS BRITISH CEMETERY, a little South-West of the village, contained the graves of 54 soldiers of the 47th (London) Division who fell in September 1918

MOISLAINS CHURCHYARD, which contained the graves of three soldiers from the United Kingdom and one from Canada.

MOISLAINS GERMAN HOSPITAL CEMETERY, at the North-East end of the village, contained the graves of 38



soldiers of the Empire, who fell in 1917 and 1918, and 281 Germans.

TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE GERMAN CEMETERY, on the East side of the village, contained the graves of 34 soldiers from the United Kingdom. Of these 33 were buried by their comrades in September 1918.

VAUX WOOD BRITISH CEMETERY, VAUX-SUR-SOMME, within Eastern edge of the wood. Here were buried, in September 1918, 25 soldiers from the United Kingdom (mainly of the London Regiment).

There are now 1,595 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in the extension. 224 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to seven casualties known or believed to be





buried among them, and ten buried in other cemeteries whose graves could not be found. The extension also contains five Second World War burials. There are 97 German war graves, 68 being unidentified.

The adjoining communal cemetery contains the grave of one airman of the First World War, killed in August 1914.

The extension was designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield.

## On this Day – November 10

## **1914**

The Germans take Dixmude and St Eloi.

## **1917**

Canadian troops make successful attacks along the ridge north and north-west of Passchendaele.

## **1918**



On the day before the armistice was signed the Paddle Minesweeper HMS Ascot became the last Royal Navy vessel to be lost in WW1 when she was torpedoed by UB-67 off the Farne Islands with the loss of 51 men including the CO Lieutenant Donald MacDonald, RN Reserve from Stornaway.

## **1940**

A torpedo bomber raid cripples the Italian fleet at Taranto, Italy.

## **1941**

Churchill's Mansion House Speech: Tells Japan that war on US means war on Britain. The Japanese Foreign Minister says their aim is to make the US and UK retreat from East

Asia.

US Army updates uniform regulations: the Parsons field jacket and M1 steel helmet are added.

First US-escorted troop convoy, WS-12X, sails from Halifax, Nova Scotia, for India via Cape Town with 20,000 British troops.

## **1942**

The Americans capture Oran. Petain takes command of all Vichy forces. British successes in Egypt continue with the capture of Sidi Barrani.

Admiral Jean Darlan orders French forces in North Africa to cease resistance to the Anglo-American forces.

In a daring raid in Morocco, destroyer USS Dallas steams up Wadi Sebou under the Kasbah, and takes Port Lyautey Airfield.

Victories in North Africa lead Churchill to proclaim, "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."



Movie premiere of Road to Morocco, starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, and Dorothy Lamour.

President Roosevelt announces the breaking-off of diplomatic relations with Vichy France.

## 1943

The Red Army achieves a breakthrough near Gomel in Byelorussia.

## 1944

Nazi occupation forces in the Netherlands began a two-day roundup of 52,000 men between 17 and 40 years old are



arrested in Rotterdam to be sent to Germany for forced labour. Some 25,000 Dutch forced labourers lost their lives during the war.

V-2 rockets continue to hit Britain, at the rate of about eight a day.

Allied forces launched Operation Clipper, an offensive to reduce the Geilenkirchen salient. The Allies recognized the government of Albanian partisan leader Enver Hoxha.

The American ammunition ship Mount Hood exploded and sank at Seeadler Harbor, Manus, Admiralty Islands with the loss of all 350 crew.

## Roll of Honour – November 10

*Representing their comrades who died on this day*

**1914**

**+ALLAN, John**

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 2nd Btn. Private. 7769. Died 10/11/1914. Aged 31. Native of Coleraine. Married with three children, he lived in Port Glasgow and enlisted in Greenock. Son of Samuel and Catherine Cameron Allan, Ballycairn, Coleraine. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

**+GREEN, Edward**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 4282. Died 10/11/1914. Age 18. Son of Edward and Ellen Green, of 16, Spinner St., Falls Rd., Belfast. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

## **+MAGEE, H**

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. D Coy. Private. 10318. Died 10/11/1914. Age 20. Son of James and Elizabeth Magee, of 13, Frere St., Belfast. Bailleul Communal Cemetery, Nord, France

## **+ROBB, John Hamilton**

RMLI. Lieutenant. HMS Sutlej. Died, accidental drowning Queenstown, Cork, 10/11/1914. Age 20. A report in Portadown News states that a tender capsized with the loss of two men. Son of Hamilton and Elizabeth Robb, Bridge St., Portadown. Lurgan College WM. Portadown WM

## **+STORMONTH, Alexander**

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 2nd Btn. D Coy. Private. 10203. Died 10/11/1914. Age 28. Son of Thomas and Margaret Stormonth, of 16, Grove St., Belfast; husband to Margaret Cowan Stormonth, of 17 Stanners St., Greenock. Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium

## **+WIGSTON, W**

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 9209. Died 10/11/1914. Age 29. Husband of Sarah Jane Wigston, of 33, Bradford St., Belfast. Poperinghe Old Military Cemetery, Belgium

## **1916**

## **+BENNET, Trevor Moutray**

Royal Irish Rifles. 10th Battalion, attached Royal Flying Corps. 70th Sqn, MC. Died 10/11/1916 during aerial combat,



aged 19. Trevor was the son of James Bennet, a retired banker, of 1 Chlorine Place, University Road, Belfast, and Catherine Adeline Bennet. He was born on 5th February 1897 in Belavon, Belmont, Belfast. Before Inst, he attended Methodist College, Belfast. He was working in the linen trade, and joined the Ulster Volunteer Force in 1913, followed by the Ulster Division on its formation. He was gazetted to Second lieutenant on 22nd September 1914 and promoted to Lieutenant the following year, serving in France and Flanders from October 1915. He took part in the advance on Thiepval on 1st July 1916, and before becoming attached to the RFC in September, he was awarded the Military Cross. The citation, published in the London Gazette on 20th October 1916, reads as follows – “For conspicuous gallantry in action when his platoon suffered heavy casualties, he rallied all available men and got them forward into the enemy’s lines’ Later, when put in charge of an attack, he reached his objective, consolidated it and held it against repeated bombing attacks.”

He was killed in aerial combat on 10/11/1916 while flying a Fienvillers Sopwith 1½ Strutter. Lt Morton Allport of the RFC was also killed in the incident. The plane came down behind the German lines. Major Laurence, RFC, wrote “he was just the sort of fellow we want. He had taken very quickly to the work, and had made a very keen and good observer. He was always so cheery and willing too, and we shall all miss him very much. He was a fine brave boy, and I shall always think of him with admiration.” Captain Vancour, RFC wrote, “it was a frightful blow to us all when your son went down, for he was the most popular in the mess, and we all thought a great deal of him. He was always so cheery and full of life and such a plucky little fellow. Major Gordon, 2nd in

command, 10th Royal Irish Rifles, after the fighting at Thiepval, wrote "Under the most difficult circumstances and murderous fire, he behaved with coolness and gallantry for two whole days and nights, in spite of his being the only officer left in the company. I am sure you will feel proud of him, as we all do." He was originally buried where he was found, to the southeast of Bapaume, in a spot described as "a few yards west of the Rocquigny-Le-Mesnil road and a few yards north of the railway, close to the point where the railway cuts the road." Hermies Hill British Cemetery, Pas De Calais, France. RBAI WM

### **+CARLTON, David**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Bn. Rifleman. 12/19425. Died 10/11/1916. Age 30. Husband of Mary Carlton, of Tullygowan, Gracehill, Ballymena. La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery, Belgium

### **+CRAIG, William John**

Royal Irish Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Corporal. 9975. Died 10/11/1916. Age 24. Son of William and Elizabeth Craig, of 195, Upper Meadow St., Belfast. Salonika (Lembet Road) Military Cemetery, Greece

### **+DONNELLY, Joseph**

RNAS. Petty Officer. F/9833. Armoured Car Division. HMS President II. Died 11/06/1916. Age 28. Accidentally drowned in Russia. Son of Thomas and Margaret Donnelly, Alexander Park Avenue, Belfast. Formerly from Castledawson. Buried Rostov [Bratski] Cemetery. Haidar Pasha Memorial, Turkey

### **+EWART, Henry**

Royal Irish Rifles, 11th Btn. (108th Brigade). Rifleman. 19482. Died 10/11/1916. Age 21. Prisoner of war. Henry Ewart was born in Creggan and lived with his parents James and Nancy Ewart of 51 Spencer Street, Belfast. He worked as a general labourer. He is on a list of Muckamore UVF men to join the 11th Btn. RIR. La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery Belgium. Antrim District Orange Order WM, Muckamore Diamond LOL 1422 WM.

### **+LAVERTY, William John**

Royal Irish Rifles. 1st Garrison Btn. Rifleman. G/949. Died 10/11/1916. Age 47. Husband of Minnie Ann Laverty, of 36, Willow Bank Gardens, Antrim Rd., Belfast. Cawnpore Cantonment New Cemetery, India

## **1917**

### **+BEGGS, THOMAS**

Canadian Infantry, 5th Btn. Private. 888318. Died 10/11/1917. Born in Ballyeaston on 30/01/1881. Enlisted in Tisdale, Saskatchewan, Canada on 31/03/1916. He worked as a farmer. Son of the late Thomas and Sarah (nee Adams) Beggs, 26 Cogry Square, Doagh. Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium. Ballyclare WM. Kilbride Presbyterian Church RH

### **+LEMON, William John**

Royal Munster Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. A Coy. Private. 5323. Died 10/11/1917. Age 24. Son of Thomas Wesley Lemon and



Ellen Lemon, of 311, North Queen St., Belfast. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+MULLAN, David Waldo**

Royal Munster Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 5120. Died 10/11/1917. Age 33. Son of the late Andrew Mullan, M.D., and Mrs. Mullan, of Ballymena. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**+O'HARA, Charles**

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 10013. Died 10/11/1917. Age 33. Son of John and Elizabeth O'Hara, of 12, Getty St., Belfast. Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine (including Gaza)

**+WRIGHT, George Harold**

Canadian Infantry 8th Btn. Lance Corporal. 186283. Died 10/11/1917. Age 20. Son of Richard and Mary Wright, of Lurgan. Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium

**1918**

**+CURRY Walter**

Canadian Infantry, 19th Btn. Private. 2537338. Died 10/11/1918. Born on 1st July 1894 in Aughnacloy. Son of George and Mary Jane Curry of Carricklongfield, Aughnacloy. Walter emigrated to Toronto, Canada, where he lived at 81 Shelbourne Street and worked as a truck driver. He had already spent 2 years with the C.A.M.C. before he re-enlisted on 07/06/1917 at Toronto. Framieres Communal Cemetery, Hainaut, Belgium. Dungannon WM

### **+HILL, Robert Henry**

North Irish Horse. Lance Corporal. 71255. Died 10/11/1918. Age 21. Son of Robt. Henry and Mary Jane Hill, of Londonderry. Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport, France

### **+IRVINE, Robert Charles**

RAMC. Major. 63rd Field Amb. Mentioned in Despatches. Died 10/11/1918 of influenza at Le Treport. Age 34. QCB 1907. MB 1913. Lieutenant RAMC November 1914, Captain Nov 1915, Major Jan 1918. In Mesopotamia from 20/10/1914. Invalided home June 1916. France 63 F Ambulance. Born 1885. Son of Robert and Sarah Irvine, Clontibret, Co Monaghan. Husband to Mary C. Irvine, of 19, Livingstone Place, Edinburgh. Mont Huon Cemetery, Le Treport, Seine-Maritime, France

### **+McCANN, Henry**

Royal Irish Rifles. 13th Btn. Rifleman. 18201. transf. to (592718) Labour Corps. 592718. Died 10/11/1918. Age 24. Born on 10/03/1895 in Poleglass, Dunmurry. Son of William and Isabella McCann, of Glenraig, Craigavad, Co. Down. The McCann family lived in Poleglass, Dunmurry; Craigavad; Eversleigh Street, Belfast and Glenmachan Road, Belfast. Aghalee Cemetery, Co. Antrim; Holywood and District WM; Glenraig C of I Parish Church (Holy Trinity) RH

### **+McCLELLAND, A**

Army Service Corps. 4th Div. Train. 4th Horse Transport Coy. Driver. T4/038840. Died 10/11/1918. Age 28. Husband

of Mary McClelland, of 23, Jennymount Terrace, Belfast.  
Cambrai East Military Cemetery, France

**+MULHOLLAND, John**

Royal Engineers Railway Operating Div. Sapper. WR/  
267216. Died 10/11/1918. Aged 23. Son of Patrick and  
Susan Mulholland, of Lurgan; Husband to Mary McConaghy  
Mulholland, of 69, Church Walk, Lurgan. St Pol British  
Cemetery, St Pol-sur-Ternoise, France

**1941**

**+MARTIN, John Dunwoody**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 777914. Died 10/11/1941. Aged 31.  
B.Sc. Forestry (Edin.). Son of John Dunwoody and Margaret  
Martin, Banbridge; Husband to Elizabeth Martin, Banbridge.  
Bulawayo (Athlone) Cemetery, Zimbabwe

**+WILGAR-ROBINSON, Hugh Vincent**

RAFVR. Pilot Officer (Pilot). 63492. Died 09 - 10/11/1941.  
Aged 30. 9 Sqdn. He was flying Wellington III aircraft X3280  
on a mission with 9 Squadron from RAF Honington. The  
target was Hamburg however the aircraft was hit by flak or  
attacked by enemy fighter aircraft and crashed off Vlieland  
with the loss of all six Crew. Younger son of Hugh and Annie  
Wilgar-Robinson, of Belfast. Remains washed ashore and  
rest in Vlieland General Cemetery, Friesland, Netherlands.  
Family memorial at Holy Trinity Ballylesson. QUB WM

**1942**



**+McCORMICK, Cecil Samuel**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1065798. Died 10/11/1942. Aged 22. 40 Sqn. Son of Samuel and Agnes McCormick, Strandtown, Belfast. Heliopolis War Cemetery, Egypt.

**+McMANUS, Hugh**

RAFVR. Sergeant. 1123740. Died 10/11/1942. Age 22. 107 Sqn. He was the pilot of Douglas Boston III Z2164. The crew took off from R.A.F. Great Massingham, Fakenham, Norfolk, England to bomb German merchant vessel Neumark docked in Le Havre, France. The ship was not in port and McManus' plane collided with Douglas Boston III AL284 over the target area. Both planes plunged into the English Channel. Son of Patrick and Elizabeth McManus, of Magherafelt. Runnymede Memorial, Surrey, England

**+STUART, David Andrew Noel**

Royal Armoured Corps. Lieutenant. 232729. Died 10/11/1942. Son of Arthur Stuart, 7th Earl Castle Stewart, He was born on 07/10/1921 in England. He was the eldest of four sons and as such held the title of Viscount and heir to the title of Earl of Castle Stewart. He went to Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge. He joined the squadron of 11th Hussars in July 1942. He was killed in action on North Africa. Alamein Memorial, Alexandria, Column 19. Stewartstown WM, Stewartstown C of I RH

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**BENNETT, David**

RNVR. Surgeon Lieutenant Cdr. Navy List 10/11/1939. MB QUB 1936

**CLARK, Henry Roland**

RNVR. Sub. Lieutenant. Born 03/08/1923. Son of Commander Roland Arbuthnot Clark, RN OBE, and Norah Clark, Largantogher, Co. Londonderry. Husband to Betty Clark (nee Stewart Moore). Parents of Charles and Stella Norah. Post war - Farmer and agriculturalist, Wellington, New Zealand. Died 10/11/2004

**KIRK, Thomas Sinclair**

Hospital Ship Britannic. Surgeon. RBAI. QUB from 1866. BA 1889. MB 1893. BCh BAO. Served 1914 – 18. Born 1869. Son of Henry Kirk, Belfast. Husband to Constance. Died 10/11/1940 Belfast

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