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Full military honours for Sandes Home pioneer

Eva Maguire was born at Ballinderry, County Antrim, in 1873, the 6th of 7 children of rector Rev. Edward Maguire, who later became Dean of Down.

Eva was educated at Victoria College, Belfast, and then attended the Royal University, Belfast, where she received an honours degree and gold medal in modern languages. With the experience of conducting a men's bible class in Bangor behind her, she took up a teaching post in India. In 1898, inspired by the work of Elise Sandes, Eva became Superintendent of the Sandes Soldiers' Home in Quetta. This post began a 70-year career devoted to the spiritual and material welfare of British and Irish soldiers in many parts of the world.

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In 1902 Eva suffered a serious illness and was invalided home to Ireland, where she rejoined Elise Sandes and visited Florence Nightingale. Eva became Elise Sandes' 2nd in command at the Sandes Home headquarters at the Curragh Camp in Kildare. She was witness to the Curragh Incident in 1914, when the 3rd Cavalry Brigade under Brigadier Gough refused to obey the order to march on the North. During the First World War, the Curragh Camp was a hive of activity as thousands of soldiers were trained for military service abroad, and Eva played a key organisational role in the Sandes Home, providing spiritual support and material comforts for soldiers as they prepared to go to war.

On the Partition of Ireland in 1922, Eva followed Elise Sandes north to Ballykinlar, where a new enlarged Home was constructed at the military Camp. When Elise Sandes died in August 1934, Eva became Superintendent of the Sandes Homes, and in 1939 she was awarded the CBE by George VI at Buckingham Palace. During the Second World War, Eva again turned her efforts towards looking after



The comrades above have been stood down until next year

soldiers in time of war, when US and Belgian troops joined British troops at the Camp, preparing for service in North Africa and Europe. She welcomed them with open arms, organised films for them, and on Sunday evenings often

addressed her Christian message to 1000 men at a time, often as they were preparing to leave the Camp.

Full military honours, GOC NI, band of 1st King's Regiment and ceremonial gun carriage

Even towards the end of her life, Eva left her rooms on the upper floor of the Sandes Home and went swimming every day in the Irish Sea. When she died in 1967, she was buried at Tyrella Church of Ireland graveyard, next to her mentor Elise Sandes, with full military honours. The funeral was headed by Lt-General Sir Ian Harris GOC NI Command, and Chief of Staff Brigadier A J Dyball. Preceded by the full band of 1st King's Regiment with muffled drums, the ceremonial gun carriage bearing her coffin was drawn by 8 senior NCOs and escorted by 96 men and two officers. Services at the Sandes Home and at the graveside were conducted by the Rector of Tyrella, Rev R L Hutchinson. Eva Maguire was a worthy successor of Elise Sandes, who said of her: 'No daughter could have been better to me.' Eva Maguire passed away on 27th October, in 1967. (1873-1967)

Acknowledgment - The History Hut, Ballykinlar

Battle of the Ancre

British wounded and Royal Army Medical Corp staff at a Dressing Station in Aveluy Wood, north of Albert, Somme. 13 November 1916.

The last act of the Somme offensive took place in the Ancre sector from 13 to 19 November. The operation went ahead, despite repeated postponements, largely because it was hoped that a late British success might

create a favourable impression at the inter-Allied conference at Chantilly on 15 November.

In dreadful conditions, the Fifth Army, as Gough's Reserve Army was now called, attacked astride the River Ancre, north of Thiepval, to reduce the German salient between Serre and the Albert-Bapaume road. The 51st (Highland) Division took Beaumont-Hamel and the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division entered Beaucourt, but the village of Serre stayed in German hands.

Since 1 July, the British had seized a strip of territory 6 miles (10km) deep by 20 miles long (32km) yet were still 3 miles (5km) from Bapaume and the French, further south, had stopped short of Péronne.

Although the Germans were weakened, the Allies failed to achieve all of their objectives and the war was to continue for another two years. Over a million men from both sides became casualties in the long and bitter struggle on the Somme in 1916. But the Somme was a strategic necessity fought to meet the needs of an international alliance and British commanders learned difficult but important lessons that would contribute to eventual Allied victory in 1918.
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On this Day – November 13

1916

Remembering today the Battle of the Ancre 13th -18th November 1916.

The Battle of the Ancre was the last of the big British attacks of the Battle of the Somme. It involved the British Fifth Army and the German 1st Army.

At the Battle of the Ancre the British capture St. Pierre Divion (south of Ancre) and Beaumont Hamel (north of Ancre) and nearly 4,000 German prisoners.

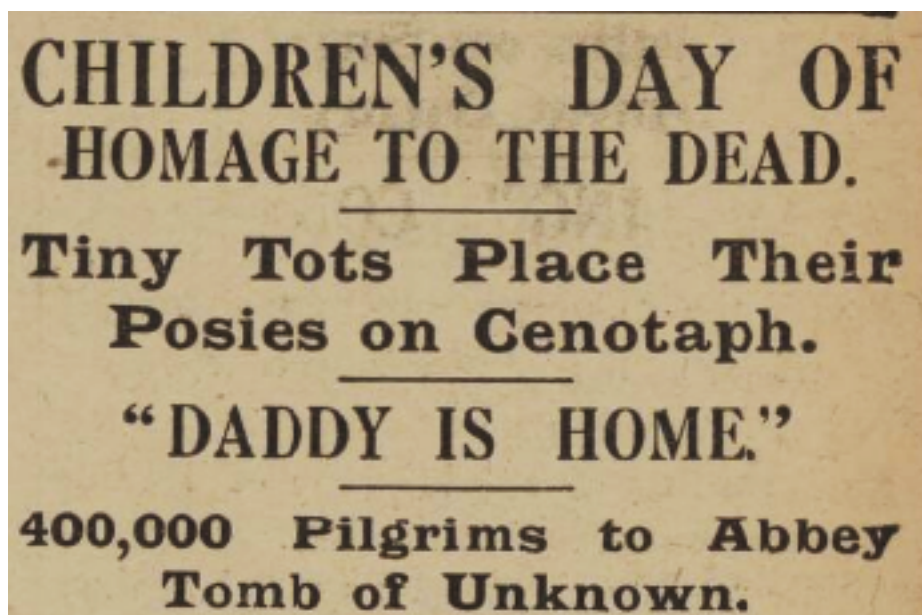
1917

Concentrated shelling of Ypres and the Passchendaele salient by the Germans, which are followed up by infantry attacks.

1918

The German cruiser "Konigsberg" sails with plenipotentiaries of "Workmen's and Soldiers' Council" of the German Fleet to meet representatives of the British Admiralty.

1920



The 'children's day' for visiting the Cenotaph. In the afternoon, the queue - four deep - stretched back a mile and a half.

1939

HMS Blanche struck a mine and sank off the Thames Estuary. She was the first Royal Naval destroyer lost in the war. Two German supply ships are scuttled when cornered by the Royal Navy.

German bombers attacked British territory for the first time, with a bombing raid on the Shetland Islands. No serious damage was done.

1941

Temperature near Moscow drops to -80°F (-22.2°C).

President Roosevelt announces the arming of American merchant vessels carrying Lend-Lease cargo to Britain. The US Congress and Senate, vote by a small majority to repeal the 1939 Neutrality Act.

British aircraft carrier Ark Royal is torpedoed off Gibraltar by U-81 and later sinks.

1942

The Eighth Army captures Tobruk and Montgomery says: 'We have completely smashed the German and Italian armies'.

First sea battle off Guadalcanal in the Pacific begins in confusion.

1944

German troops evacuate Skopje in Yugoslavia.

Free French forces under General Leclerc attack from Alsace towards the upper Rhine.

General de Gaulle is elected head of the provisional French government.

Roll of Honour – November 13

Representing their comrades who died on this day

1914

+MARTIN, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd Btn. Rifleman. 9963. Died 13/11/1914. Age 20. Son of Alexander Martin, of 218, Castlereagh Rd., Belfast. Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France

+THOMAS, Walter

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Private. 4013. Died 13/11/1914. Age 19. Son of Mary Buchanan, of 42, Miller St., Londonderry. Strand Military Cemetery, Belgium

1915

+GILLESPIE, Townley Sherwood

North Irish Horse. Private. 1636. Died 13/11/1915 in the Military Hospital, Belfast. Age 27. Enlisted in the North Irish

Horse at Antrim on 28 or 29/05/1915. Born on 18/12/1888 at 30 Hillman Street, Belfast, the first of five children of clerk William Henry Gillespie and his wife Sarah (nee Sherwood). By 1911 he was living with his family at 175 Albertbridge Road, Belfast, and working as a shop assistant. Son of William Henry and Sarah E. Gillespie, of 52, Haddington Gardens, Belfast. Belfast City Cemetery

+LORIMER, William

Royal Irish Rifles, 14th Btn. Rifleman. 18054. Died 13/11/1915 from pneumonia. Age 24. Son of William and Maggie Lorimer, of Belfast; husband of Mary Lorimer, of 106, Mount Collyer Avenue, Belfast. Beauval Communal Cemetery, France

+McLAUGHLIN, William

Royal Engineers, 7th Field Coy. 2nd Corporal. 18393. Died 13/11/1915. Age 27. Son of William and Elizabeth McLaughlin, of St. Johnston, near Strabane, Londonderry. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France

1916

+ARNOLD, William

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Serjeant. 25225. Died 13/11/1916. Age 31. Son of William and Emma Arnold, of 11, Easton Crescent, Cliftonville, Belfast. Born at Diamond, Donegal. Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, France

+DALLAS, Edward Reid

Royal Dublin Fusiliers. 10th Btn. Private. 25601. Died 13/11/1916. Age 29. As the Battle of the Somme drew to a

close on the 18/11/1916, there were men from Coleraine and district on the front line, just as there had been since the opening day on the 1st of July. Two of the last Coleraine men to die were serving with the 10th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Edward Dallas and William McGrath enlisted together in January 1916. Prior to enlisting Eddie Dallas, of Church Street, was the principal of Boghill National School, while William McGrath, of New Row, worked in his family's butcher shop in Church Street. Both men were staunch supporters of Alexandra Football Club. In November 1916, two local men wrote home saying that Eddie Dallas was missing. He was officially listed as missing by the War Office, but his anxious family's hopes were dashed when his cheque book was returned by a Middlesex officer, saying "it was taken off the holder who had fallen in action." In February 1917, Eddie's father received official notification of his son's death. William 'Mac' McGrath was seriously injured in the same action that his friend was killed in. He was taken to the Liverpool Merchant's Mobile Hospital in Etaples, where he died. The matron wrote "on Monday night, 13th inst, he was brought to the hospital badly wounded in the chest, and died in a few hours; and that he would be buried in a little graveyard where already very many British soldiers lie – a quiet, peaceful spot in the middle of a wood, and within sound of the sea." Private Edward Reid Dallas remains were interred in Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel. Private William McGrath was 26 years of age when he died on 14/11/1916. He is interred in Etaples Military Cemetery.

+EDMONDS, William Barnewall

RMLI. Private. CH/483(S). 1st RM Battalion RND. Chatham Division. Died of wounds 13/11/1916. Age 28. Enlisted Belfast 02/11/1914. Born Dublin 01/09/1889. Son of William Edmonds, Roden St., Belfast. Varennes Military Cemetery. Family Memorial Dundonald Cemetery. IMR. ADM 159/143/483

+FISHER, John

RMLI. Private. PLY/12264. 1st RM Bn RND. Plymouth Division. Died 13/11/1916. Age 30. Enlisted Belfast 16/09/1903. Pre-war served in Donegal and Aboukir, Gibraltar and Malta. Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 16/02/16 per HMT Olympic and arrived Mudros 24/02/16. B Company. Born Belfast 22/06/1886. Son of Mrs. Isabella Fisher, Baltic Avenue, Belfast. Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 1A. IMR. ADM 159/151/12264

+FULLERTON, James Archer

Royal Field Artillery, 45th Bde. 1st Bty. Gunner. L/35892. Died 13/11/1916. Nephew of Annie Turner, of 19, Evolina St., Belfast. Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, France

+GAMBLE, Thomas

RNVR. AB. Clyde Z/4951. Anson Btn. RND. Died 13/11/1916. Age 20. Enlisted 03/06/1915. Draft for MEF (Bomber) 25/10/1915, joined Anson Battalion 22/11/1915 - 19/12/1915. GSW right arm, rejoined Anson Battalion 26/01/1916 - 13/11/1916. No record of contemporaneous burial (body recovered post-war). An apprentice Plater. Born Coleraine 18/6/1896. Son of Thomas Gamble, Second Ave.,

Clydebank, Glasgow. Cayeux Cemetery, France. Coleraine WM. ADM339

+GRAHAM, William J

RMLI. Private. RND. France. Died 13/11/1916. Embarked Royal Marine Brigade 05/12/1915 per HMT Northlands" arrived Alexandria 17/12/1915. Parents lived in Snugville St., Belfast. IMR. ADM/171

+HANNON, Malachy

RNVR. RND. Able Seaman. Hawk Battalion. Died 13/11/1916. Age 23. Enlisted 12/04/1915. Served with Hawk Battalion (RND) from 21/09/1915 to 18/11/1915 in Gallipoli, where he was injured. Rejoined Hawk Battalion on the 09/12/1916. Listed as missing, killed in action on 13/12/1916. Drafted to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force on 09/09/1915, he served with Hawk Battalion RND from 21/09/1915 to 18/11/1915 in Gallipoli, when he was injured. He received shrapnel wounds to the right side of his face and shoulder and was subsequently hospitalised in Malta. He rejoined Hawk Battalion at Mudros on the island of Limnos, in the Aegean Sea on 09/02/1916. Labourer. Born 14/06/1893. Son of James Hannon, Railway Cottage, Stewartstown and later of Grove Park St., New City Road, Glasgow. Thiepval Memorial MR 21. Stewartstown WM. ADM/171

+MACKIE, John Alexander

Gordon Highlanders 1st/4th Battalion. Private. 4552. Died 13/11/1916. Larne. Y Ravine Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, France

+McCORD, William

Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 1st/8th Btn. Private. 3450. Died 13/11/1916. He was born on the 13/07/1898 at Cullybackey and he was the second son of Thomas McCord and Elizabeth Adger. The couple, labourer Thomas from Corbally and Elizabeth from Moneydollagh, had married in Ballymena Register Office on the 5 October 1894. They were living in Cullybackey village in 1901 and 1911 and said at the latter date that they had had nine children; seven were alive in 1911 - Joseph (16), William (13), Emily Fleming (12), Elizabeth (10), John (6), Robert (5) and James (1). William had worked for William Young of Finaghy but he had moved to Larne with his parents before the Great War. He was employed at Drumalis House and was one of the Dowager Lady Smiley's staff when he enlisted. CWGC give his parents' address was 17, Newington Avenue, Larne. His will of July 1916 leaves his effects to his mother at 19 Herbert Avenue, Larne. Maily Wood Cemetery, France. Cuninghame Memorial Presbyterian Church, Cullybackey, Gardenmore Presbyterian Church, Larne.

+McGAHEY, JOHN

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Bn. Private. 15897. Died 13/11/1917. Aged 22. Son of Andrew McGahey, of Ballycastle. Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt

+McKISACK, Lawrence Hill Wilson

5th Royal Irish Lancers, attached Royal Flying Corps. Lieutenant. Died 13/11/1916. Age 23. Marlborough College, Dublin. An apprentice in the linen trade. Joined Training Corps 29/01/1912. and was promoted from Cadet to Second Lieutenant (on probation) on 22/01/1915. He served with

the Royal Garrison Artillery and the Royal Engineers. He was with 12 Reconnaissance Squadron (RS) flying out of RFC Thetford (Snarehill) aboard a Maurice Farman Shorthorn A2500 aircraft which side-slipped in a steep banking manoeuvre and crashed in the Thetford area. The Maurice Farman Shorthorn French aircraft was used as a reconnaissance aeroplane and light bomber. Son of Dr Henry Lawrence McKisack MD (born in Carrickfergus) and Emily McKisack (nee Matier), College Square East, Belfast and University Road, Belfast. Dr Henry Lawrence McKisack MD was physician to the Ulster Volunteer Force. Lawrence is commemorated on the Credence Table in Helen's Bay Church of Ireland Parish Church. Belfast City Cemetery.

+McNAIR, Donald

Seaforth Highlanders, 1st/5th Bn. Private. 4206. Died 13/11/1916. Age 24. Son of John and Margaret McNair, of 10, Ferguson Drive, Strandtown, Belfast. Hawthorn Ridge Cemetery No 1, Auchonvillers, France

+McNALLY, Thomas John

East Yorkshire Regiment, 13th Btn. Private. 13/455. Died 13/11/1916. Age 22. In 1911 he was employed as a draper's apprentice and living with his mother in English Street, Armagh. By 1914 he was living in Hull and working as a tram conductor. He enlisted November 1914 and disembarked in Egypt in December 1915. He died in France. Son of Martina Long, of 4, Parkend St., Belfast. Euston Road Cemetery, Colincamps, France

+MOODY, Thomas James

Royal Irish Rifles, 9th Btn. Lance-Corporal. 17/1332. Died 13/11/1916 at his residence Irish-street, Downpatrick. Husband to Jeanie Moody, and eldest son of Matthew Moody, Queen-street, Coleraine. A native of Coleraine, he was employed at Messrs. Hastings's monumental works, [who made the Downpatrick War Memorial] when, in July, 1915, he enlisted. After training at Newcastle, he was sent to France with a draft, but fourteen months' campaigning undermined his health. Down Cathedral Old Cemetery.

+MULHERON, Patrick Joseph

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 10th Btn. Private. 25968. Died 13/11/1916. Age 21. Brother of Private John James Mulheron, 10th Btn, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Died 20/11/1916. Son of James and Mary Mulheron, 30 Lower Bennett St., Londonderry. Boulogne Eastern Cemetery

+MUNN, J

Royal Fusiliers, 7th Btn. Private. PS/9060. Died 13/11/1916. Age 21. Born at Belfast. Son of Lucretia Munn, of Dunkirk Ward Avenue, Bangor, Co. Down, and the late James Munn. Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, France

+QUINN, Henry

RMLI. Private. PLY/17909. 1st RM Btn. RND. Died 13/11/1916. Age 19. Embarked RM Brigade 16/02/1916 per HMT Olympic and arrived Mudros 24/02/1916. Brother of Mrs. A. Foy, Thomas St., Newry. Theipval Memorial. ADM/171

+ROBINSON, William Wadham

Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 10th Bn. Private. 25300. Died

13/11/1916. Aged 41. Educated at Strabane Academy and Wirral College, Cheshire, Robinson joined the Belfast Banking Company and served in Strabane, Portadown and Newry branches. By 1911, Robinson is boarding in house 13, Francis St., Newtownards, He is described as a Bank Cashier and may have been working in that area. Son of James and Rose Robinson, of Strabane. Ancre British Cemetery, Beaumont-Hamel, Somme, France

+SCOTT, Thomas

RMLI. Private. CH/225/S.1st RM Battalion (Chatham). Died 13/11/1916. Enlisted 15/09/1914. In RM Brigade 05/12/1914 - 13/11/1916. 1st RM Battalion MEF 06/02/1915-18/09/1915. Illness. Rejoined 1st RM Battalion 11/11/1915-13/11/1916. Born Mallusk 08/11/1885. Son of James and Agnes (nee Robinson) Scott, HydePark, Mallusk. Brother of James Scott, RN Engine room artificer, who died in HMS Recruit 01/05/1915. Theipval Memorial Pier and Face 1A. Carnmoney Parish Church WM. Royal British Legion, HydePark Branch RH. ADM 159/143/225

+SLOAN, John

RMLI. 177737. Plymouth Division. 2nd RM Battalion, RND. Died 13/11/1916. Age 20. Served in Gallipoli and France. Son of Mrs Jane Sloan, Ballycarry St. Belfast. Theipval Memorial, Pier and Face 1. ADM/171

+SMYTH, Henry

Seaforth Highlanders, 1st/5th Btn. Private. 4499. Died 13/11/1916. Age 19. Born at Rathbeg, Donegore. Enlisted Belfast. Son of Charles and Agnes Smyth, of Carnmoney Village, Co. Antrim. Theipval Memorial, France. Courcelles-

au-Bois Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.
Carnmoney Presbyterian Church RH

+TURLEY, Francis Joseph

East Yorkshire Regiment, 13th Btn. B Coy. Corporal. 13/745.
Died 13/11/1916. Age 34. Son of Robert and Eliza Turley, of
Belfast; husband of Florence May Turley, of 11, Pelham
Terrace, Beaumont St., Hull. Queen's Cemetery, Puisieux,
France

1917

+COURTNEY, Robert

Royal Irish Rifles, 20th Btn. Private. 20/40. Died 13/11/1917.
Age 21. Robert was born on the 14/02/1896 at Limnaharry,
Ahoghill and was the son of textile labourer Robert Courtney
and his wife Elizabeth Ervine. Prior to enlistment Robert was
a grocery assistant.

Robert was a member of the North End Unionist Club and
on the 28th of September 1912 he signed the Ulster Solemn
League and Covenant at the Ballymena Town Hall.

He enlisted in the 13th Btn (1st County Down Volunteers)
Royal Irish Rifles on 19/11/1915. Later he would be
transferred to the 20th Btn Royal Irish Rifles.

Robert suffered a Gun Shot Wound to the chest on the first
of July on the opening day of the Somme Offensive and was
discharged on the 24/05/1917. His Silver War Badge
number was 111384. The officer who completed Robert
Courtney's discharge papers wrote "A very good man,
served his country well and suffered in health in
consequence".

He had been assessed by a medical board on 05/05/1917 and the board's report stated that he had tuberculosis and was not fit to be discharged from hospital.

Son of Robert and Elizabeth Courtney, of High St., Ballymena. Brookside Presbyterian Churchyard, Ahoghill. Ballymena 1914-1918 WM. West Church Presbyterian Church RH.

+McELROY, E

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 1st/5th Btn. Serjeant. 3/6439. Died 13/11/1917. Age 38. Native of Belfast. Served in the South African War. Son of John and Ann McElroy; husband of Mrs. McElroy, of 25, Orr St., Bridgton, Glasgow. Deir el Belah War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine (including Gaza)

+McGAHEY, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, 2nd Btn. Private. 15897. Died 13/11/1917. Age 22. Son of Andrew McGahey, of Ballycastle. Kantara War Cemetery, Egypt

1918

+HIGGINS, William

Royal Engineers, Inland Waterways and Docks. Lance Corporal. WR/303573. Died 13/11/1918. Aged 26. Son of the late Thomas Higgins and Emily Higgins, of 11, Waterloo Rd., Larne. Bangalore (Hosur Road) Cemetery, India

1919

+MULLEN, John

Royal Irish Fusiliers, Depot. Private. 18303. Died 13/11/1919. He served overseas and was awarded the British War and Victory medals. St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Armagh.

1940

+BAXTER, William

Royal Ulster Rifles. 7th Btn. Rifleman. 7019617. Died 13/11/1940. Age 22. Son of James and Sarah Baxter, Glenravel. Newtowncrommelin Presbyterian Churchyard

+HURST, William John

HMS Caroline. RNVR. Sub - Lieutenant. HMS Decoy. Died 13/11/1940. Aged 22. On the outbreak of war was appointed to HMS Decoy and was killed while serving in her at Alexandria when she was struck by an enemy bombing raid. Born 04/06/1918. Son of Charles Benjamin and Marjorie Hurst, Strandtown, Belfast. Campbell College 2484. BA Christ's College (Cantab.). Charles was the founder of Charles Hurst Automobiles. William's grave was visited by two officers of HMS Caroline, Captain RP Pim and Lieutenant - Commander JE Sayers. Alexandria (Chatsby) Naval Memorial Cemetery. Campbell College WM

1945

+GALLAGHER, Charles

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. 2nd Btn. Corporal. 6979832. Died 13/11/1945. Aged 23. Born in Derry. Son of Mr and Mrs Gallagher, 8 Brandywell Avenue, Derry. Londonderry City Cemetery

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BEAMISH, George Robert

RAF. Air Marshal. Sir. KCB, CBE. A senior commander in the Royal Air Force from the Second World War to his retirement in the late 1950s.

Prior to World War II, whilst Beamish was in the RAF, he was a keen rugby union player, playing for Leicester and being capped 26 times for Ireland and was selected for the 1930 British and Irish Lions tour. He was also the chairman of the RAF Rugby Union and an Air Force rugby selector.

Born in Dunmanaway, Ireland, 29/04/1905. His father a principal school teacher became an inspector of schools in the north of Ireland. The family moved to Castlerock. George and his three younger brothers Victor, Charles and Cecil attended the Coleraine Academical Institution. All were accomplished sportsmen and went on to join the RAF. Cecil was also capped by Ireland.

George attended RAF College, Cranwell as a flight cadet. He was commissioned in late 1924 and posted as a pilot on 100 Sqdn. He was made Flight Commander of 45 Sqdn in 1934 and in 1936 became a Sqdn Leader.

After attending RAF Staff College in 1937 he was attached to the Air Staff. In 1939 he was made Senior Operations Officer for Palestine and Transjordan. On 17 May 1941 he was appointed senior RAF officer on Crete overseeing the reception of units after their withdrawal from Greece. To aid him in this task he was allocated two RAF squadrons from Egypt, 30 and 205 to bolster the fighters already stationed

on the island. But following the German invasion of Crete this action turned into the defence of the island. Unable to convince the Army Commander of the need to defeat the invaders from the air, the island fell and Beamish ordered the RAF squadrons to withdraw to Egypt on 19 May. Beamish remained on Crete to assist General Freyberg, both men escaping the island aboard a Sunderland in late May. He was then appointed Senior Air Staff Officer first at Western Desert Air Force, then at North African Tactical Air Forces and then at Second Tactical Air Force before progressing to the roles of Air Officer Commanding No 44 Group and then No 45 Group.

After the war he became President of the RAF Selection Board and then Director of Weapons at the Air Ministry in 1947. He went on to be Commandant of the Royal Air Force College Cranwell in 1949, Air Officer Commanding, Air Headquarters, Iraq in 1950 and Director-General of Personnel in 1952. His last appointments were as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief at Transport Command in 1954 and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief at Technical Training Command in 1955. In 1955, Beamish was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath. He retired in 1958. In 1962 he was made High Sheriff of County Londonderry.

George Beamish is also credited with getting the green of Ireland represented in the kit currently worn by the British & Irish Lions. On the 1930 tour to New Zealand, of which he was a member, the tourists wore what was by then the standard blue jerseys. These themselves caused some controversy because the New Zealand side, by then already synonymous with the appellation "All Blacks", had an all

black kit that clashed with the Lions' blue. After much reluctance and debate, but having to defer to the rugby custom of accommodating guests, New Zealand agreed to change for the Tests and the All Blacks became the All Whites for the first time. Also on that tour, a delegation led by George Beamish expressed their displeasure at the fact that whilst the blue of Scotland, white of England and red of Wales were represented in the strip there was no green for Ireland. A green flash was added to the socks, which from 1938 became a green turnover and that has remained a feature of the strip ever since. George died 13/11/1967.

(Acknowledgments - Wickapaedia and local sources)

COOKE, Victor Alexander

RN. Lieutenant (E). Baron Cooke of Islandreagh, OBE, DL. Appointed Lieutenant (E) 1940. Served 1940 - 46. Marlborough, Trinity College, Cambridge. He was President of the Belfast Branch of the Burma Star Association. Member of Senate for Northern Ireland 1960 - 68. He was registered as a Chartered Engineer (C.Eng). He was a director of Northern Ireland Airports, 1970 - 1985. He was a director of Harland & Wolff Ltd between 1970 and 1987. He was chairman of Henry R Ayton Ltd, Belfast, 1970 - 1989. He was invested as a Officer, Order of the British Empire in 1981. He was created Baron Cooke of Islandreagh, of Islandreagh in the County of Antrim on 11/08/1992. He was invested as a Fellow, Institute of Mechanical Engineering (F.I.Mech.E.). He lived at Islandreagh House, Dunadry. Born on 18/10/1920. Husband to Alison Sheila Casement, daughter of Maj.- Gen. Francis Casement and Mabel Frances Harrison. Died 13/11/2007.

McDANIEL, Dominic Hugh

RNVR. Cdr. 'Mac' born 25/11/1912. BSc 1935 QUB. He trained as a civil engineer and served in the Navy in WW2. He later worked abroad in the oil industry. Died Greater London, England, 13/11/1967. Aged 54. Milltown Cemetery, Belfast

WILSON, David

RN. AB. SS6817. HMS Abdiel Jutland. Served 18/12/1915 - 27/01/1921. War service in Pembroke, Waterhen and Campania. Born Coleraine 13/11/1897. ADM 188/1100/6817

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